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Submitted photo
The gazebo at Nornay Park is decorated for the holiday season. A dedicated Nornay Park Committee decorate the gazebo every Christmas.

New Town Administrator attends first Select Board meeting

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall introduced Tammy Martin, Barre's new Town Administrator at the Monday, Dec. 18 meeting.

The Town Administrator said she met with employees and department heads. She reported a few flood issues in the Henry Woods Building. Chair Marshall said Town Administrator Martin has been meeting with the finance team as well.

Liquor license transfer

The Select Board held a public hearing for the transfer of the liquor license from Dominic's Inc., doing business as Barre Mill Restaurant to Mile 61 Tavern with Jason Pietrzak, manager. They unanimously approved the license transfer and now it goes to the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for their approval.

Select Board reports

Select Board Vice Chair John Dixon discussed a digital equity grant and to have other towns

involved in the grant in an effort to receive funding. Select Board member Mark Regienus said he received reports from residents about road flooding caused by Monday's storm. He said Loring Road had some overhanging tree branches, which needed to be trimmed.

The board talked about upgrading the town website to include a reporting option for residents. Select Board Marshall said there are Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning issues in almost all of the town owned buildings including the Henry Woods Building. She said the town did not have anyone in charge of plants and facilities and said there was a possibility of sharing some services with the Quabbin Regional School District, which does have such a department. She said the people, who work in these buildings, deserve to have heat or to not work in an excessively hot office.

Elevator inspection

Chair Marshall said the elevator in the Henry Woods Building

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Hazard mitigation plan discussed at public hearing

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – A public hearing was held for the town's hazard mitigation plan.

This sort of plan is carried out every five years to identify hazardous activities in the town of Hardwick and what impacts they entail. Providing a clear understanding of hazard mitigation is Jamie Caplan Consulting, LLC.

The presentation started with a question and answer segment to get a general idea of the audience in attendance during the public hearing and get an understanding of the town of Hardwick. Jamie Caplan Consulting is an emergency management service and provides and develops emergency management solutions for communities facing all forms of disaster.

Going over hazard mitigation, it is essential to help inform a town who may encounter different phases of disaster and provide resources to minimize the outcomes of those impactful disasters. Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risks to life and property from hazardous events. These actions are to minimize risk to people, property and the environment.

Part of the plan is to build a community profile, provide hazard information and risk assessments, identify community capabilities, find mitigation strategies and plan implementation and maintenance.

There are many benefits to hazard mitigation planning. The plan can provide cost effective actions, build partnerships, increase awareness of hazardous risks, communication and more importantly save lives and money.

The planning process begins around September and ends around April of the following year and must be submitted to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for approval. During the public hearing, there was a lot of community engagement to help Jamie Caplan Consulting to look back and gather information and review other plans currently in place for the town of Hardwick.

Other plans to bring into consideration include a state hazard plan, municipal vulnerability preparedness plan, economic development plan, a housing plan, and a master plan.

When asked, attendees of the public hearing addressed current concerns in the community of Hardwick. The most concerned risks in Hardwick are storms, power outages, windstorms, flooding, fallen trees, winter storms and water contamination.

Jamie Caplan Consulting mentioned other hazardous risks that are very common throughout the year. Extreme temperatures, drought, earthquakes, tropical storms, invasive species, landslides, tornadoes, wildfires and brush fires.

To protect the community and residents of these risks, the emergency service asked residents of Hardwick what some of their critical facilities are. These are structures of communities to

'The Old Woman's Cat'



Jake enjoys looking outside from the comfort of his warm home.

Author publishes children's book about adventurous cat

By Paula Ouimette
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BARRE – Ever since she was a child, Alice Lesak has had a love for animals, and from the day she was born, her house has always had at least a dog or cat in it.

She has also always had a love for writing and storytelling, often joining together with her best friend in grade school to pen a number of tales.

"I have written stories since I was a little girl," Lesak said.

Lesak has recently published her book, "The Old Woman's Cat", a children's book based on the adventures of her cat, Jake, and his animals friends.

Lesak got Jake and his

brother Jet as kittens after the passing of her 20 year old cat. The nearly identical brothers will be turning 7 years old on New Year's Day.

"They were going to be house-cats," Lesak said of Jake and Jet. "But they were probably 3 months old when they figured out the dog door."

One day, Lesak was informed by her neighbor that her large black cat, Jake, was outside playing with a baby fox. She wrote to one of her friends about the strange budding friendship between Jake and the fox, and her friend encouraged her to make this the subject of a book.

"I took an afternoon to write it," Lesak said of the book, which was then illustrated by Stephanie Koller. Lesak is already thinking about writing her next book.

Jake and Jet are joined by Lesak's dogs, Katie and Max. Together, the group enjoys walks around Lesak's quiet neighbor-

The Old Woman's Cat



By Alice Lesak
Illustrated by Stephanie Koller

Submitted Photos

Barre author Alice Lesak has recently published "The Old Woman's Cat", a delightful children's book detailing the adventures of Jake the cat and friends.

hood.

"These cats have been walking with us for four or five years," Lesak said

It was during one of these walks this past spring that Lesak witnessed firsthand Jake's interactions with the fox.

"Jake ran into the woods one day, I heard yowling," she said. "Jake came out after the fox all fluffed up, chasing the fox."

Lesak said a lot of "The Old Woman's Cat" is fictional, but a few of the events that transpire in the book were inspired by things Jake actually did.

While this is her first published book, it is the second book she's written, with the first still in the process of being illustrated. That book was inspired by her friend who lives on a nearby farm and has a house cat and a barn cat.

"I wondered if they ever talk-

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Paula Grandpre Wood presents 'Letters to Ancestors'

HARDWICK – Author Paula Grandpre Wood presents "Letters to Ancestors" on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 1:30 p.m. at Paige Memorial Library 87 Petersham Road.

Space is limited and registration is recommended by emailing director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6704.

Grandpre Wood's book "The Long Walk Home with the Ceinture Fléchée: The Arrow Sash", invites readers to walk in the steps of real people with real joys and terrible heartache as they make the fateful decision to leave behind everything they knew in La Rochelle, France and begin life anew in New France.

After serving indentureships, they began families, and some of her ancestors were caught up in the Acadian Dispersal. In the more recent past her ancestors immigrated once again, this time to the U.S.

Through genealogical research of Grandpre Wood's ancestors that was gifted to her by a family member, she learned the bare facts of the many generations of her forbears' lives.

One day these ancestors began speaking to her heart. She responded by delving into the broader story of the times they lived through. She began writing a series of letters to specific grandparents, asking them unanswerable questions and telling them how she longed to know them better.

Her family's Ceinture Fléchée (Arrow Sash) has been passed down through six generations. The Sash binds the various parts of Grandpre Wood's story into a coherent whole.

Undertaking a quest to bring the

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News of the Towns



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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.

Bridget Lachance celebrates 80th birthday



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Bridget (Bullard) Lachance (Bullard) celebrated her 80th birthday on Aug. 29 at a surprise party held at American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre.

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Christmas Services and Masses



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Barre Congregational Church

30 Park St.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent Service at 9:30 a.m.
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Family Christmas Eve Service at 7 a.m. Sue Musnicki, coordinating
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 11 p.m.
Rev. Charlie Page, preaching and choir singing

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

St. Joseph's Chapel, 29 South St. and St. Thomas-a-Becket Church, 398 Vernon Avenue
Saturday, Dec. 23
Mass at 4 p.m. in St. Joseph's Chapel
Sunday, Dec. 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Thomas-a-Becket Church
Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. in St. Thomas-a-Becket Church
Christmas Eve by Candlelight at 10 p.m. in St. Joseph's Chapel
Monday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Thomas-a-Becket Church

HUBBARDSTON

Evangelical Church of Hubbardston

2 Williamsville Road
Sunday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Day Service at 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve buffet meal will be served at 12:30 p.m. following the service
Family Christmas movie will be shown after lunch at 2 p.m.

First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, On the Common

Sunday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m.

OAKHAM

Oakham Congregational Church

4 Coldbrook Road
Sunday, Dec. 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent Service at 10 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

First Unitarian Parish

1 Common St.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Candlelight Service and Collection for Food Pantry at 4 p.m.

Most Holy Trinity Maronite Monastery

67 Dugway Road
Sunday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Mass at 8 p.m.

Orthodox Congregational Church

21 North Main St.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Classic Carols and Lessons Services and Collection for Food Pantry at 9 p.m. and at 11:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church

18 North St.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Mass at 6 p.m.

St. Scholastica's Priory and St. Mary's Monastery

271 North Main St.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Vespers at 4:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Vigils at 10 p.m.
Midnight Mass at midnight

RUTLAND

First Congregational Church of Rutland

264 Main St.
Saturday, Dec. 23
Service at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church

258 Main St.
Saturday, Dec. 23
Fourth Sunday of Advent at 5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Mass at 4 p.m. with Christmas Pageant
Christmas Eve Mass at 10 p.m. with adult choir
Monday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 a.m.

SOUTH BARRE

New Life Assembly of God

60 Main St.
Thursday, Dec. 21
Carols and Communion Service from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Christmas Service from 10:30 a.m.-noon

Historical Society selling 250th commemorative ornaments

The Barre Historical Society and Museum Bicenquingenary (250th) commemorative ornament has arrived just in time for Holiday Gift Giving.

Ornaments are \$20 each, and packaged as shown, with a silver cord attached for hanging. The back of the box offers a short history and the mission statement too. PayPal is accepted. Shirts are still available for \$35. After the New Year shipping will be available at an additional cost.

The Historical Society is open Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon to purchase ornaments or tee shirts.

To make other arrangements to purchase these items, people should call 978-355-4978 or Kay Potter Flick at 978-257-0890.



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Hubbardston



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Evangelical Church holds Christmas Eve service and buffet

On Christmas Eve Day, Dec. 24 the Evangelical Church of Hubbardston, 2 Williamsville Road, will celebrate our Savior's birth at a Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. An early Christmas Eve buffet meal will be served after the service at 12:30 p.m. A family Christmas movie will be offered after lunch at 2 p.m. All are welcome to come to the service, the meal, the movie or all three. If someone needs transportation, they can call Mary at 774-502-9181.

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.

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..

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. 25. 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 – Christmas Day No meal served
TUESDAY – Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Chicken Milano, wild rice, roasted broccoli and carrots, pear crisp, diet = pears, pumpkin bread

THURSDAY – Salisbury stick with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, birthday cake, diet = half piece, sandwich roll

FRIDAY – Potato crunch fish, lemon seasoned rice, roasted California vegetables, Ambrosia, pumpkin bread, tartar sauce

*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.

Andrew Headstrom exhibits paintings at library

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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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.
 Board of Health – Jan. 8 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.
 9/11 Memorial Development Committee – Jan. 10 at 5 p.m.
 Library Trustees – 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.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Planning Board – Dec. 26 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.
 Board of Selectmen – Jan. 8 and Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Jan. 10 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Jan. 10 at 4 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Jan. 22 at 3 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – Dec. 21 and Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Planning Board – Dec. 27 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Jan. 2, 16 and 30 at 6 p.m.
 Finance Committee – Jan. 3 at 6 p.m.
 Parks and Recreation – Jan. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Capital Improvement Planning – Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM.

Select Board – Dec. 26, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.
 Finance Committee – Jan. 3 at 6 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM.

Board of Health – Dec. 21 at 6 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.
 Cemetery Commission – Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Jan. 8 at 10 a.m.
 Board of Assessors – Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

RUTLAND

Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 1 p.m.
 Economic Development Commission – Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing – Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Department lights the way for Santa



Santa Claus visited with children in all of Hardwick's villages, alongside members of Hardwick Fire Department.

HARDWICK – Members of Hardwick Fire Department rolled out of the station with lights flashing, blasting “Jingle Bells” on Engine 1’s horn this past Sunday, visiting children in all of the town’s villages.

Families lined the streets waving to the jolly elf as he rode around the Common, through Wheelwright and Gilbertville, before jetting back to the North Pole to prepare for his busiest night of the year. With the help of the town’s firefighters, Santa Claus passed out bags full of candy to the children.



Fire Chief Raymond Walker leads the way for Santa Claus for the last time before his retirement at the end of this month.



The Grinch waves to children as he passes through Gilbertville.



Santa Claus waves from the top of Engine 1.



Zoi Gaumont, 10, waits to see Santa Claus.

Oakham

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Penpal letters due Jan. 3

Senior received he second student penpal letters. Their response letters are due back by Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024. They should put them in the box located by the back door of the Fobes Memorial Library.

OHA lottery tickets

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.

Senior center activities

On Wednesday, Dec. 27 the film “Simon Birch” will be shown at 12:30 p.m. in the Senior Center located in the lower level of the Town Hall. The center is closed Monday, Dec. 25, but it will be open from Tuesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 29.

Ongoing activities include Zumba Gold Monday from 10:30-11:15 a.m., Wii Bowling Tuesdays: from 10-11 a.m., cards and cribbage on Tuesdays beginning at 1 p.m., coffee Wednesdays and social hour from 9-11:45 a.m. and BBC Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. which includes crafts and BBC miniseries. FUNctional Fitness Fridays is held at 10:30 a.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree.

Meal site

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

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Editorial deadline reminder

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

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By Russell Gloor

I'm 65 and working; can I collect ex-spouse benefits?

Dear Rusty
I turned 65 earlier this year and I still work full time.

I was divorced four years ago after 38 years of marriage, but my ex-husband has been collecting Social Security for at least 10 years now. Can I start collecting Social Security and still work full time? And can I collect my ex-husband's amount if it is more than mine and what is the best way to achieve this? When I went to my local SSA office, they said they had no way of knowing that.

Signed Working Divorcee

Dear Working Divorcee

Although you are eligible to claim Social Security at age 65, because you are working full time you may wish to wait a bit longer to do so. That's because Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects benefits before Full Retirement Age and you have not yet reached yours.

The earnings test imposes a limit on how much you can earn before SS takes away some of your benefits. If you exceed the annual earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024), Social Security will want back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit and you will need to repay that, usually by having future benefits withheld. If you significantly exceed the limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 years and 8 months.

So, if your earnings from working will significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, which changes yearly, it's likely that your wisest move would be to wait longer to claim your Social Security. As a bonus for doing so, your monthly payment will have grown and will be higher when you claim later. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach FRA.

Regarding benefits from your ex-husband, you cannot collect his instead of yours. What you may be able to do, when you claim your own benefit, is to get an additional amount, which brings your monthly payment up to 50% of his. In order for that to happen, you would need to satisfy the following criteria:

You are not currently married.

The personal benefit you are entitled to at your FRA must be less than 50% of your ex-husband's FRA entitlement.

If the above are true, when you claim your own SS retirement benefit you will also get a "spousal boost" to bring your payment up to what you're entitled to as an ex-spouse. The amount of the spousal boost, if you claim Social Security at your FRA, will be the difference between half of his FRA entitlement and your FRA entitlement. If you claim your benefit before your FRA, not only will your own benefit be reduced for claiming early, but the amount of your spousal boost will also be reduced. Benefits claimed before FRA are always reduced.

Whenever you decide to claim Social Security, you will be automatically deemed to be filing for benefits from your ex-husband as well (you shouldn't need to apply separately). You've already satisfied the basic criteria of at least 10 years married to get benefits from an ex-spouse and, if you satisfy the above criteria as well, you will be entitled to a spousal boost when you claim.

But your current earnings from working full time will likely affect your eligibility to collect Social Security benefits at this time, so waiting until your full retirement age to claim may be your best choice.

If you will only slightly exceed the annual earnings limit you can consider claiming earlier, as long as you are comfortable with receiving a permanently reduced amount, and the prospect of not getting benefits for a number of months if you exceed the earnings limit, the number of months you will go without benefits depends on how much you exceed the limit by.

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NEWS & FEATURES

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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The tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014 in Hubbardston has been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. The rate had been set at \$14.52 per thousand dollars of valuation. The new rate represents an increase of \$.88 from last year's rate. The actual third quarter tax bill will be mailed on or before Jan. 1 and will be due on or before Monday, Feb. 3.

The state announces grant funds through the Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior SAFE programs for fiscal year 2014. Rutland received a SAFE grant of \$5,086 and senior SAFE Grant of \$2,818. Seniors are the most vulnerable of populations at risk of fire related deaths.

The Oakham Parks and Recreation has built an ice skating rink on Wright Field. It is available for use on a self-serve basis. The condition of the ice will vary over the course of the winter. If the ice is not completely frozen, people should stay off until weather permits. People might Laos need to bring a shovel depending on snow-fall. The committee asks people to skate safely and have fun.

25 years (Dec. 24, 1998)

Oakham Selectmen met newly appointed Finance Committee member Daniel Haynes at the Monday, Dec. 21 meeting. Town Moderator Jeff Young recently appointed Haynes of Bullard Road and David Richards of East Hill Road to fill vacancies on the Finance Committee. Richards was unable to make the meeting. Also present were Finance Committee members Larry Biro, Marna Mucha and William Specker. This committee will be sending out letter to all departments, boards, committees and offices about the fiscal year 2000 budget.

Winners of the Barre Business Association's Christmas house decorating contest have been announced. The best overall and grand prize winners were Bonnie J. Jenson and Robert P. Bruso

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LOOK BACK Boys and Girls State - 1966



File photo
Margorie Jordan and Ward Brown are shown with Boys and Girls States Richard Cummings, John Flint, David Spinney and Nancy Cummings at Post 2 Veterans Day dinner Nov. 11, 1966.

of Williamsville Road. Their prize was a \$100 check. In the Traditional category were: firs, Grandview Terrace Association on Ruggles Lane; second, Paul Dumanoskis; third was a tie between the Serra Family and Nina Marcinowski and fourth, Wendy and Pat Miers.

The Fire Chief Study Committee has recommended Barre consider making the Fire Chief's position full-time. Spokesman James Malley and the committee reviewed job descriptions Warren and Rutland had prepared for their full-time chief. The towns are similar in size to Barre. The members of the committee also reviewed information form nearby Hubbardston, which has a part-time chief.

38 years (Dec. 26, 1985)

A new fee schedule for writing and building inspection was unanimously approved Dec. 16 by the Barre Board of Selectmen. The new fees went into effect with the vote. For new home (residential), there will be a fee of \$10 per square foot. There will be no plan review charge and no occupancy permit fee. For simple residential alterations and

additions there will be \$15 fee for construction costs up to \$5,000. For commercial/industrial building there will be a fee of \$3 per thousand of estimated construction cost.

Airman Marianne King, daughter of William G. And Victoria A. King of Barre, has graduated from the aircraft armament systems specialist at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. The course provides instruction for students to load nuclear and non-nuclear munitions, explosives and propellant devices on aircraft. During the 13 week course, students were also instructed to maintain, install, modify and repair aircraft bombs and rockets. King is scheduled to serve at Castle Air Force Base in California.

Gov. Michael S. Dukakis presented a Massachusetts Citation for Outstanding Performance to the former coordinator of the Division of Law Enforcement Hunter Safety Program, Gordon Smith of Sunrise Avenue, Barre. The award was presented at the "Pride in Performance" awards dinner in Boston held in early December. Smith works for over 39 years with the state the last five of which were spent with the hunter safety program.

Guest Column



Cookies made with a familiar herb

This weekend was supposed to be the weekend when all four of us partook in a cookie-making marathon.

Usually, we start baking right after Thanksgiving, but this year the kids were involved in a play, then a concert, and alas, there was no time. We started out strong yesterday and then I began to feel a little funny.

By midafternoon I was definitely under the weather and that was it for my cookie-making. We got two batches in before I left the kitchen.

One is an almond covered thumb print, and the second is a coriander cookie – one of my all-time favorites. It must have been a favorite to a few other folks along the line because the recipe dates back to the early 19th century!

I tried them for the first time at Old Sturbridge Village's Christmas by Candlelight some years back and making them has been a tradition in our house ever since. Why don't we take this opportunity to learn about a very versatile plant.

Most gardeners already know that Coriander (Coriandrum sativum) is one of the few herbs that goes by two different names depending on the part of the plant used.

Its foliage, known as Cilantro, is used fresh in a number of culinary delights. When the plant goes to seed, known as Coriander, it can be used in that stage as well, eaten whole, crushed or powdered.

I liken cilantro to being the "marigold" of the herb world. Either you love the smell/taste of it or you hate it.

I, for one, immensely dislike it and if given the chance to pick it out of my salsa I will certainly do it! Even in a restaurant.

I found it interesting to learn that some people possess a genetically predisposed aversion to it, according to studies by Charles J. Wysocki of the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia. To me it has a bitter taste that I have a hard time describing beyond that. Dirty? Soil-like?

Most people that do dislike it have a similar lack of descriptive ability; they just can't put their finger on it, but they don't like the taste...or the smell of it. It's funny that when my oldest daughter received her Ancestry DNA results, she was shown not to possess the genetic aversion. Well, she didn't get that from me.

Cilantro is often used in salsa and other Mexican, Asian and Italian dishes including curries, sauces, salads and soups. If you prefer to grow the plant more for its greens and less for its seeds, manage it as you would spinach.

Sow seeds in the ground in the cool of the season and in succession every two weeks. It dislikes being transplanted but doesn't mind pot culture.

Harvest greens rather aggressively – about one-third of the plant at a time. Just like spinach, there are slow-to-bolt varieties to choose from such as aptly named "Slow Bolt" and "Longstanding". Cilantro's

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Jane McCauley decided to take this week off from writing her Serenity Hill column. She wishes her readers a Merry Christmas.



By Ellenor Downer

Sandhill cranes



Rick Hendra of Oakham took this photo of sandhill cranes foraging in a field on Stone's Road in Oakham.

In his email, he wrote, "I took this picture this morning (Sunday, Dec. 17) about halfway up Stone Road. Their call was so loud it startled me from 50 yards away. And they were large, but oddly colored."

The sandhill crane is a tall bird about 45 inches, gray colored with a dark red patch on the forehead and a black bill. They have staining of feathers on their back and tail caused by the iron rich soil on its beak when it preens feathers. The immature crane lacks the red patch and has an orange bill. It also may have more rust colored feathers on the back and tail.

The sandhill crane summers on prairies and tundra and during winter feed on agricultural fields and roost in shallow water. For several years now, Hardwick had a pair of nesting sandhill cranes, who successfully raised chicks.

The female lays one to three olive eggs with dark marks in a mound like nest of marsh plants, grasses

and weeds either placed on the ground or shallow water. Courtship displays are seen during migration and involve graceful jumps off the ground in a dancing manner.

Many years ago, Richard Jankauskas, saw some in a field on South Street in Barre. He commented about a pair jumping up and down and dancing.

Their voice is a low pitched "karoo, karoo, karoo." Rick Hendra mentioned their call in his email printed above.

Bird count

A Brimfield resident, who visits ponds in Warren, Brimfield, Holland and Sturbridge with his wife listed birds seen on Dec. 8. They included 210 Canada geese, 93 mallards, 70 hooded mergansers, three black ducks, two pied-billed grebes, one great blue heron, one bald eagle, two crows, one white-breasted nuthatch, two black-capped chickadees, three bluebirds, four house finches, one goldfinch, six white-throated sparrows, six dark-eyed juncos and three cardinals.

He also emailed in late November, "I checked the ponds in Warren and there were 14 hooded mergansers very actively feeding and a very cold looking great blue heron that looked like it was not enjoying the 36 degree temperature.

Christmas bird count

For over 120 years the Audubon Society has been doing a Christmas bird count and this year is no different. People can participate in an organized count or just do one on their own in their backyard.

Decline in bird numbers

I received an email on Wednesday, Nov. 29 from a long time birder. He said, "[I] regularly feed them but have noticed a steep drop off of the number and type of birds since around September. Right now we have a loyal troop of blue jays and that's about it. Usually we have copious amounts of starlings, chickadees, grackles, crows, titmice, cardinals, juncos, etc."

He said he asked many people about this phenomena and "they have noticed the same thing but can't explain it either. We are all aware of some birds heading South but the sheer volume has dropped dramatically."

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

Twinkling lights brighten up the history of Christmas

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

STURBRIDGE — The history of Christmas in America was brought to life in a wonderful show of twinkling lights and all sorts of things to explore during Old Sturbridge Village's Christmas by Candlelight.

The annual event showcases the way Christmas traditions have moved through history and is held late November until the end of December.

Visitors to the Village could enjoy a hayride and Christmas carols, hot chocolate and cookies, a magic show, historical Christmas story readings, and more.

They could also admire the gingerbread house entries and vote for the best one, and walk the trail around the pond and through the covered bridge to see the path of lighted Christmas trees.

Everyone who came to the event got to learn something new about the history of Christmas in New England (fun fact- we didn't even celebrate it at all here until the 19th-century)

Christmas and its many traditions span generations, cultures, and histories. It's a time of remembering our families, and here in America, our melting pot of cultures.

Whether Puerto Rican, Polish, German, African, or English, there are countless ways and traditions that are a part of the Christmas season, and all deserve to be incorporated and learned about.



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
A path of beautifully lit pine trees leads the way around the pond.



A beautiful scene depicting the many cultures of America and how they display the nativity.

Family and friends can get together and spend time at Old Sturbridge Village learning about all of this and more.

Christmas by Candlelight will be held Fridays, Dec. 22 and 29; Saturdays, Dec. 23 and 30; Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28. Arrival times are scheduled for 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on each of those days.

Old Sturbridge Village is open rain or shine.

For more information about Christmas by Candlelight and other opportunities to experience the Village during the holiday season, visit www.osv.org. Reservations are recommended as this event sells out quickly.

A winter village scene is displayed.



Haston Free Public Library lists January events

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., announces upcoming events for the month of January.

Shibori fabric dyeing

A Shibori fabric dyeing workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9.

Shibori is a Japanese manual resist dyeing technique. The resulting patterns are often emblematic of Japan's appreciation of the beauty of imperfection.

Space is limited; registration is required along with

a \$5 fee for supplies.

Food for Thought

Dave Brown will be continuing his program "Food for Thought" at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12. He will explain his research into the relationship between diet and brain health.

Bigfoot researcher

Come hear TV personality and Leominster native Ronny LeBlanc at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, as he regales the audience with tales of Bigfoot in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

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flowers are edible, and they attract lots of beneficial insects such as lady beetles, parasitic wasps and syrphid flies.

Coriander seeds, on the other hand, have a pleasant (at least to me) fragrance once dried. The scent is easier to pin-point too; nutty and spicy (ever so slightly) come to mind.

Coriander seed is also well known in various ethnic cuisines and is a favorite in spice blends, curry being the most popular. It is also used in the making of a number of distilled spirits, herbal liqueurs and Christmas cookies as I have come to find out and favor!

The Herb Society noted that during World War II coriander seeds were coated in white or pink sugar and thrown from carnival wagons, earning the name "confettions" or "confetti." When the seeds were replaced

by balls of colored paper the name confetti stuck.

Take this one to your next game of Cruise Ship Trivia!

It is easy to harvest the seeds. Simply let the heads dry to brown right on the plant. Clip them and place inside a paper bag; as they dry further, they will open, and the seeds will pop out.

Even if you are only interested in harvesting the seeds, multiple plantings (or a big garden patch) are necessary to get a decent-sized harvest. Let a few drop their seeds and you will be blessed with a few self-sown plants next spring.

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

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failed a recent inspection due to a recent legislative upgrade. The issue would be fixed. The elevator company would also be looking at some water issues in the elevator. Estimated cost of the upgrade is from \$5,000 to \$12,000.

License renewals

The Select Board approved the annual liquor license renewal for Pie Town LLC on Common Street as well as renewal of common victualer license, entertainment and automatic amusement for Pie Town LLC. The Board also approved the Motor Vehicle Class II license renewal for BC Auto on Winter Street.

Skating rink

The Select Board approved the purchase of a new liner for

the skating rink. Richard Stevens said the old liner dates from 1997 and has holes in it. The Board approved the purchase of the liner using American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The Board also approved the placing of the rink on town owned property from January to March. It will be in the same location as previous years on South Common.

Traffic Control

The Board approved the request of Police Chief James Sabourin to add the following names to the Traffic Control list: Hogan Pollier, Kris Morandi, Jason Vaillancourt and Randy Horne.

Town Farm Road pipe

A Town Farm Road resident attended the meeting to discuss fixing a water drainage problem on the road caused in part by a pipe that is located on his proper-

ty. He said in the winter, the water freezes and causes a safety issue. Select Board Chair Marshall said the board would have KP Law search the deed further back than the owner's search to see if the town did have an easement on the property. The owner's search did not find a record of such an easement. She said if they find no easement, she will ask them if the town needs to remove the pipe.

Other business

The Select Board discussed the MassDepartment of Transportation plan for bridge replacement on Valley Road. The plan decided for no sidewalk on the road as the road currently does not have a sidewalk and has little pedestrian traffic. This would allow for a wider road at the bridge, which is used as a truck route following the redesign of the Barre Common area.

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The Christ of Christmas

The following text ranks among my favorites to consider at Christmas:

Isaiah 9:6-7a (NIV)

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

What does this selection reveal about the nature and work of Christ?

1) Eternal King

This text identifies the kingship of Christ. Isaiah proclaimed that He would have governance thrust upon Him, presiding over a righteous, just and eternal kingdom. Verse 7 adds that He would be of the house of David, in fulfillment of a divine promise made centuries beforehand (cf. 2 Sam. 7).

Thus, as David had ushered in a golden age for the people of God in antiquity, so the Messiah would usher in a kingdom of greater glory—a kingdom without end. This reign, initiated by Jesus at His First Advent, will be forever established at His Second.

2) Wonderful Counselor

This text identifies Christ as our Wonderful Counselor. A counselor is one who offers sound guidance and insight; a trusted voice who directs by speaking truth and wisdom to the issues of life. In the offering of such elements, Jesus is "Wonderful" in that He is without equal.

When He speaks, He does so as the fount of all knowledge, wisdom and truth (cf. John 14:6). Who better to hearken unto than Jesus? Why give yourself to a lesser voice when He is yet available?

3) Mighty God

This text identifies Christ as the Mighty God. The Bible speaks plainly to His deity:

John 1:1, 14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

What is the import of this truth? It reveals that God is not some distant or disinterested being. Rather, He took it upon Himself, in love, to become a man that man might find restoration to God. This is the mystery and the wonder of the Christmas story: the majesty of the Lord Himself wrapped in flesh (cf. Phil. 2:5-11).

Scripture also speaks plain-

ly to His divine power. The life, ministry, death and resurrection of Christ all testify to the workings of His power, and said power is yet at work. To what degree do you regard Him as One able to work on the behalf of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose?

4) Everlasting Father

This passage posits Christ as our Everlasting Father. This title puzzles many because the Bible so often presents Jesus as the Son of God. Therefore, we almost never consider Him through a paternal lens. Yet this is precisely how Isaiah portrayed Him! What does it mean that He is our "Everlasting Father?"

Firstly, Christ, as King, possesses a fatherly responsibility toward those under His care. In ancient times, kings were viewed as fathers to their respective nations, as it was their task to protect and provide for their people. Similarly, Jesus has taken it upon Himself to ensure ultimate protection and provision for His own, assuming a fatherly role in kind. This function will only expand upon His Return, when He takes possession of the kingdoms of the earth.

Secondly, He is our Everlasting Father in that He has become the Head or Source of a new race of redeemed humanity (cf. Rom. 5). What do we inherit from our earthly father, Adam? Both guilt and a nature inclined unto sin. What do we inherit from Jesus, the founder of a new race? Righteousness (i.e., right-standing) before God and a new heart!

5) Prince of Peace

This passage posits the peace-bringing work of Christ. You see, those who know peace with God through Him (Rom. 5:1) can know the peace of God despite earthly affliction and event. Jesus declared, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27).

Moreover, the day will come when this broken world will know peace. History is the unbroken record of the failure of human government, yet the King shall come to inaugurate an abiding global accord. Isaiah speaks to the wonder of that day:

Isaiah 2:2-4

2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

3 and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 He [i.e., Christ] shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Merry Christmas and thank you for reading this edition. Please reach out to me as needed 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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Dec. 17, 2023: A Pastoral Message by Pastor Margaret Keyser via Zoom from South Africa Third Sunday of Advent

"The Lord has done great things."

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

Scripture Reading:

Luke 1 v 46 -55 I.

Introduction: To feel joy inside is often the result of something we accomplished, good news we received, or having the people around us who make us feel happy. Joy is also the feeling we get when we have what we need, when we feel healthy and safe and even when we are able to do the things we have been hoping for.

Then, there are people among us who are just always joyful. They have a spark in their eyes, and they lift our spirits. They are the happy people whom we love to gravitate towards.

II. Good news of Joy came into this world

The birth of Jesus is indeed an historic event of joy, and His life and ministry an example of Good News for the world. The prophets proclaimed it, and the Song of Mary brings it to a climax when she exclaimed to Elizabeth her joy about what God has done for her.

She sings about God's grace and amazing gift to the world through her, and then she sings about what His coming means for the whole world. As a young woman from Nazareth, a small town of farmers in the hills of Galilee, she grew up with modest circumstances and saw herself as a humble servant of God. She received a visit from the angel Gabriel earlier in this chapter, announcing that she will carry a child, through the work of the Holy Spirit and He would be the Son of God.

What shock initially, but what joy to become the mother of Jesus. She must have been filled with the power of God's Spirit before she was able to sing this beautiful and powerful song of the Magnificat.

Her message from verse 50 –

55 is about how the Son of God will usher in a new era, and a new exodus. He will bring a message of equality for all people.

He will speak about God's love for all people, and how God does not ignore the lowly and the humble. They are the ones who fear God, to whom He will bring change, peace, and justice. He will meet the needs of the poor, the hungry, and the prisoners. They who fear God will become the instruments in the hands of God, not the ones who think about themselves only, who only have their self-interests at heart.

Her message has a greater political impact, because it speaks about how God brought down those who have become arrogant and brought down rulers from their thrones, and has lifted up the humble, filled the hungry with good things but sent the rich away, and helped Israel to remember to be merciful.

III. Conclusion

This is a message of joy coming from the mother of Jesus. It is a song from the heart because it was given to her by the Spirit of God. It is a powerful message about her Son who will bring freedom for the poor and the oppressed, a message that is a challenge to those who have allowed the poor and oppressed to remain poor and oppressed.

Joy to the world therefore is not just a message of superficial happiness, but a message of transforming the circumstances of those who cannot do it themselves. The Son of God will introduce a new world of compassion where there is joy because the people of God will have peace of mind, because they feel safe, and have enough to eat. They do not have to worry constantly about their struggling existence, but they are being taken care of, receiving the compassion, and understanding of those around them.

Ultimately then, joy is when we all can look each other in the eyes and not feel the guilt of having too much, or feeling safe when the other is not, and it is when we can all rejoice in the Birth of the Son of God who came to save the world from itself, and who stood in the Temple in Luke 4 v 18 - 19 announcing the ministry He would embark on, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. May the message of Christ bring us all that inner joy this Advent season and may God grant us the gift of being instruments of that joy, by being the way God wants us to be, and by spreading that message of joy the way God wants us to.

Amen

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

Second Chance issues urgent appeal for support

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services is shattering all previous records in their mission to help pets live better lives.

The nonprofit expects that by year's end, they will have helped over 48,000 animals passing last year's record of 44,000. While this may seem a reason for celebration, the increasing need for help is deeply concerning for the nonprofit. Second Chance is committed to meet the great demand for programs and services for animals as economic pressures contribute to stagnant donation levels.

CEO Sheryl Blancato said, "With less than a month remaining in the year, we know that we have broken old records, helping more pets than ever before. This is wonderful news, but we are bracing ourselves for a tremendous challenge in the new year. The economy has truly taken a toll on pets in 2023 and has erased so much progress for shelters across the country. We expect this trend to continue in 2024."

Blancato highlighted the financial pressures faced by pet owners who are struggling to care for their pets. "At our four veterinary hospitals, more pet owners are relying on subsidized rates than ever before. Meanwhile, across the country, shelters are reaching capacity. Second Chance is taking in as many pets from other shelters as possible to save countless lives, but our space is being limited due to an increase in surrenders from local pet owners."

The economy has also taken a toll on donors, who still want to help but may have less means to do so. Nonprofits throughout the US are reporting that donations are flat or declining.

Second Chance remains steadfast in its commitment to pets in need and they are calling upon animal lovers to join them in the fight against pet suffering. Supporters are urged to make a donation online by visiting www.secondchanceanimals.org/give-love or by mail to Second Chance, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

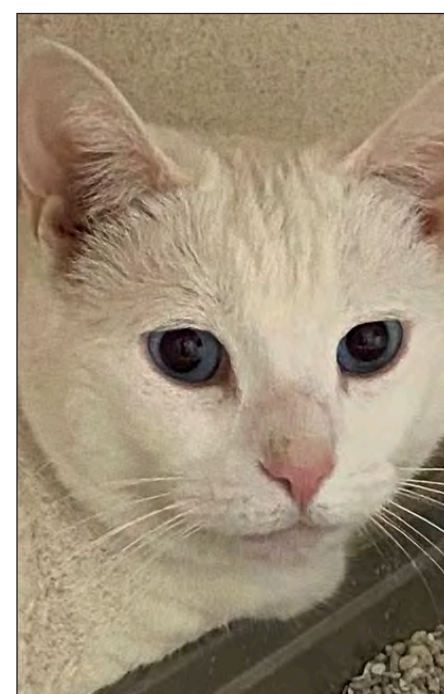
Blancato emphasized, "The need is great. Your contribution, big or small, will directly impact our ability to provide vital care, prevent unnecessary suffering, and keep families together."

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. Subsidized rates are provided to underserved communities to ensure access to care for all pets in need.

Second Chance helps over 48,000 pets live better lives through full-service veterinary care, spay/neuter services, adoption services, community and educational outreach programs, training and a pet food pantry. For more information, people may visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

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Submitted photo

Seven-year-old Sapphire, who came to Second Chance when her owner passed away, is one of the many cats waiting for a home.

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respond and recover in emergency situations.

These critical facilities include fire stations, police stations, schools, utilities departments and water treatment plants. For Hardwick, the residents rely on their municipal office building, fire station, police station and elementary school as an emergency shelter.

According to the public, there are greater impacts to worry about when it comes to risk and how to resolve them.

Residents of Hardwick addressed flooding as a hazard with great impact. Floods cause damage to buildings, roads, and

property. Mitigation actions are essential to have and reduce current and future vulnerabilities.

Discussing how to mitigate risk, the Hardwick residents shared some opinions on how to handle certain risks. Tree removal was one mitigation mentioned for any potential tree damage that may cause destruction to residences with high population of surrounding trees.

Run off systems were mentioned to avoid any mass flooding that can cause damage to residences, roads and other buildings.

A public meeting will be held sometime in March of 2024 and will address more about the hazard mitigation plan. The plan will then be reviewed for approval in April.

Petersham Interfaith Committee announces Christmas Eve services

PETERSHAM –The Petersham Interfaith Committee announces the services on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at all five locations in town.

They include: Candlelight Service and collection for Food Pantry at First Unitarian Parish, 1 Common St. at 4 p.m.; Vespers St. Scholastica's Priory and St.

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

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

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ed," Lesak said of her friend's cats. "Would they ever want to trade places?"

Lesak herself thought about what it would be like to live a different life from the one she was living, and she has never shied away from taking chances and trying something new.

By the time she was 26, Lesak had become a minister, but she found herself wanting a change.

The "Star Wars" films were at their peak and Lesak decided she would follow in filmmaker George Lucas' footsteps and attend the University of Southern California. There she earned her master's degree in professional writing.

Having mostly worked on screenplays, Lesak always wanted to write books. She also felt a deep longing to leave the city, and return to the countryside, just like her home state of Pennsylvania.

"I wanted to move back here," Lesak said of the east coast. She sent letter after letter seeking work, but never got a response back.

At this time, she was working for the Los Angeles County Bar Association, handling complaints filed against attorneys. In the heart of south central during the Rodney King riots, Lesak remembers seeing helicopters flying around while people in the community struggled with the violence and chaos of the time.

"The morning when it started, I looked out the window and saw



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Alice Lesak gives treats to her dogs Max and Katie.

a boy holding pieces of ashes in his hand...my mother went out and hugged him," Lesak said. "At that point, we decided to move."

Having just officiated a funeral service for her colleague's life partner, Lesak realized a cross-country move would be easier through the church.

"By then I'm 36, still ordained," Lesak said,

Lesak began applying to churches located within a circle on map she drew between Worcester and Springfield. A church located within that circle received her application and reached out.

"I got a call from the Tri-Parish Community Church, right there, dead center in my circle I drew," Lesak said.

Lesak started her 12-year jour-

ney with Tri-Parish Community Church on Veterans Day of 1992.

"Massachusetts is home," Lesak said. "Being here in the woods, the Swift River is just a mile down the road...I'm done, I'm happy."

While leading the congregation at Tri-Parish Community Church, Lesak also worked on her therapy degree, eventually working for Valley Human Services, where she enjoyed connecting with people in the community until her retirement.

Now, when she isn't writing books, Lesak is enjoying her time with Jake, Jet, Katie and Max, and traveling with them by camper to her home state to visit with her brother.

"You are not alone when you're with animals," Lesak said. "This is the happiest time of my life."



Submitted Photos

Jake cools off in the birdbath.



Jake gets ready to take a walk around the neighborhood.

"The Old Woman's Cat" can be purchased through Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Make sure to search for both the title and "By Alice Lesak," or "Illustrated by Stephanie Koller."



Katie and Max enjoy snuggling.



Jake and Katie enjoy some quality time together.

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family's heirloom to each ancestor's grave, she discovered one ancestor after the next. With each discovery, she wrapped the tombstones with the family's Sash.

While learning and then writing about her nine-times grandparents she walked the Long Trail in Vermont, discovering parts of herself she had never known existed. Along with her growing sense of closeness with these ancestors, she found her way back to the Catholic Church. Every step of her journey, she knew her ancestors were praying for her.

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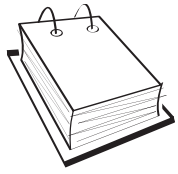
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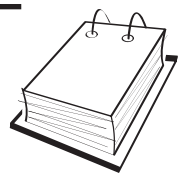
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, DEC. 21

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

CAROLS AND COMMUNION SERVICE will be held today from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., South Barre. The service features Christ-centered carols, a message and Communion.

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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

PIONEER VALLEY BRASS QUINTET HOLIDAY PROGRAM will be held at the Athol Congregational Church, Athol today at 4 p.m. It is the 806th musical program sponsored by the First Universalist Parish of North Dana. Two members

set up a trust fund to ensure the memory of the parish would be kept alive. The Pioneer Valley Brass includes Steve Babineau and Dick Tandy, trumpets; Tabitha Greenlees, horn; Susan Lemei, tuba and Dana Tandy, trombone.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held from 10:30 a.m.-noon at New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., South Barre.

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@town-of-barre.com or by signing up at either the Barre Senior Center or Grand View Terrace. Snow date is Sunday, Jan. 21.

Where is this?



This week's mystery photo is from Petersham. 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. 25. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, James Laramee, Evelyn Luukko and Philip Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the electronic sign in front of the Oakham Town Hall, Coldbrook Road, Oakham.

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Serving Ware for over a century

Mary Lane Hospital's history memorialized on T-shirts

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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WARE – Remembering a great location in the town of Ware, Mary Lane Hospital has served the community for over 100 years, from 1909-2021.

Mary Lane Hospital was founded in 1909 by the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association. This association was formed by a group of women who were residents of Ware at the time.

The original facility located at 96 South St., accommodated 12 patients and living quarters for the nursing staff.

The name of Mary Lane was introduced in 1924 when a 25-bed unit was added to the now Wetherby portion of the hospital. A local manufacturer by the name of Lewis N. Gilbert has donated his home and grounds to the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association.

In accordance with his will, the hospital was named after Gilbert's wife, Mary Lane.

Over the course of its operation, three wings have been added to the original building that currently makes up the complex. The Storrs Wing was completed back in 1948. The Gilbert Wing was next and completed in 1961. The Davis Wing was introduced in 1972. A fourth floor was added to the Davis Wing in 1987.

Thanks to the donations of the Storrs, Wetherby, Gilbert, Schoonmaker, Davis and Siarkeiwicz families Mary Lane Hospital had progressed into its existing hospital campus, which



Polli McCrystal, left and Julie Bullock, right, are providing the T-shirts. The cost is \$19 per T-shirt and sizes range from small to XXXL.

is managed by Baystate Health. In 1995, the hospital underwent renovations on its first floor and then introduced an ambulatory care center, auxiliary gift shop and medical office building.

There was a moment of celebration in the hospital's history as Baystate Mary Lane Hospital celebrated their 100th anniversary throughout the year of 2009. This anniversary marked 100 years of dedicated service to the community.

At this point, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital was a 31-bed community-based hospital offering a wide spectrum of services including 24 hour emergency services, orthopedics, inpatient and outpatient surgical care, intensive care, pediatrics, women's health services and a digestive health

program. The Ware hospital has served residents of Hampshire, Hampden and Worcester Counties.

For employment, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital had over 400 employees, including 94 nurses and volunteers. More than 200 active, consulting and courtesy medical/dental staff including physician specialists in family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, anesthesiology, allergy, cardiology, emergency medicine, radiology, hospital medicine, orthopedic and general surgery.

Building the Hospital
Lewis Gilbert passed away in 1919, but he donated his South Street home and property to the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association. In addition, Gilbert left \$500,000 in trust to endow

the hospital.

In memory of his beloved wife, the hospital would forever be known as Mary Lane Hospital.

Gilbert's will stated that with his endowment he wished to allow the WVNHA to "suitably and more effectively care for the sick especially for the town of Ware and the village of Gilbertville."

The WVNHA would then provide hospital grounds and buildings where the sick may properly be cared for at a reasonable charge.

On March 31, 1920, the board of directors of the WVNHA accepted the legacies and benefits donated in Gilbert's will and authorized the association to take steps into carrying out Gilbert's wish to build Mary Lane Hospital



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The Ware Historical Society had made these T-shirts with an image of Mary Lane Hospital in the center.

on his property using the donated funds.

In 1922, Gilbert's home on South Street was demolished and H.P. Cummings was engaged to construct a new state-of-the-art hospital. The new hospital building was completed in September of 1924.

One year later in 1925, the WVNHA board voted to change the name of the association to the Mary Lane Hospital Association in honor of Mary Lane Gilbert.

The future of Mary Lane Hospital

In January 2021, Baystate Health announced they will close the Mary Lane outpatient center by 2023. Mary Lane Hospital served the town of Ware and neighboring communities for over 100 years.

Its history and story began with the generosity of the Gilbert Family and the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association.

To remember this great institution, the Ware Historical Society made T-shirts with an image of Mary Lane Hospital displayed on the front. KM Graphics printed these excellent quality T-shirts and are symbols of remembering a unique piece of history of the town of Ware.

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SPORTS



Brianna Whitelaw takes a three-point shot.

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Panthers' offense coasts to second straight win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—The Quabbin girls' varsity basketball team won the first two games of the regular season at home. They also held each opponent to fewer than ten points, which is something that doesn't happen very often at the varsity level.

Quabbin began the 2023-24 season with a 59-8 non-league home win against Worcester Tech on December 11. Two nights later, the Lady Panthers coasted to a 51-9 victory over the Narragansett Warriors in another non-league home contest.

Evan Barringer, who's the Lady Panthers head coach, was very happy with his team performance in the two home games, but he knows his team will be playing some very challenging games down the road.

"We do play in one of the toughest girls' basketball leagues in Central Mass and we're going to be playing some challenging games," Barringer said. "We lost our season opening game on the

road the past two years, so it feels nice to win our first two home games of this season. We just need to keep improving in every game that we play."

The Lady Panthers, who have qualified for the Division 3 state tournament the past two years, are members of the Mid-Wach C League. They were scheduled to play their first league game at Hudson High School, who are the defending Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association's (CMADA) Class B champions, last Friday night.

"We're going to have a massive test at Hudson on Friday night," Barringer said. "They're the defending Central Mass. Class B champions and they're also the team to beat in our division this year. We're looking forward to playing them. Facing the quality teams in our league will also help improve our power rankings for the state tournament."

While the Lady Panthers scored more than 50 points in their first two games, they also played very

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Mag Doyle gets the layup after a steal.



Hannah Baxter grabs the rebound.

Panthers suffer first loss

BARRE – Last Friday night, Quabbin boys basketball fell to Hudson 49-41. The Panthers were led by Kyle Clark with 19 points. The Panthers are out to a 2-1 start this year.



Luke Salvatore takes a quick jump shot.

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Kyle Clark brings down a rebound.



Jacoby Dilling guards against the pass.



Rickey Jenoure works the ball up the court.



Jaxon Warburton goes in for a layup.

Pioneers offense too much for Lions

PALMER – Last Friday night, Pathfinder boys basketball prevailed over visiting Ludlow 70-48. One of the big keys was a big second quarter for Pathfinder as well as great defense by the Pioneers in the final frame holding the Lions to just four points. Pathfinder was led by Hunter Griswold with 22 points followed by Richie Gula with 20 points. Seth Mitchell added 10 points for the Pioneers. While Ludlow got points from eight different players, it was not enough to combat Pathfinder's high scorers. Stephen Goodreau had 13 points to lead the Lions.



Adrien Moskowitz pushes a pass to his teammate.



Seth Mitchell goes for a midrange shot.

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Trevor Allard reaches out for a long layup.



Hunter Griswold takes a shot under pressure.



Richie Gula drives toward the hoop.



William Burke goes quickly for a pin at 138 pounds.

Pioneers place sixth in tournament

HOLYOKE – Last Saturday, Pathfinder wrestling had an excellent day at the Knight-Hawk Classic at Holyoke High School. The Pioneers had an individual champion as well as three runners-up in the event.

The Pioneers finished sixth overall with 120 points. William Burke won his bracket at 138 pounds and Taran Prak (113), Bruno Medionero (144), and Dominic Jarry (165) all placed second in the tournament.



Francis Meade goes for a leg takedown in a 175-pound match.



Dominic Jarry tries to get creative and grab a pin.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Sports

Railers fall short to Thunder

GLEN FALLS, NY – The Worcester Railers HC (8-11-2-2, 20pts) fell short to the Adirondack Thunder 13-6-2-1, 29pts, on Saturday night by the final score of 4-1 in front of 3,841 fans for their Teddy Bear Night at the Cool Insuring Arena. The Thunder extended their win streak to 4 games. The Railers will head back home to face the Trois-Rivières Lions at 5:05 pm on Friday, December 23rd, as one of their three “Home for the Holidays” matchups.

The Thunder scored the first three goals of the game as Patrick Grasso (10th) and Nico Blachman (2nd, 3rd) put Adirondack ahead 3-0 after two. Joey Cipollone tallied his first professional goal on a tip-in out in front before Ryan Smith (11th) gave the Thunder back their three goal lead, and delivered the game’s final score of 4-1.

The first period saw a lot of physicality which led to a total of 24 minutes in penalties. It all started with a Rock ‘Em Sock

‘Em fight toward center ice with Railers forward Jake Schultz (0-0-0) and Adirondack defenseman Darian Skeoch (0-1-1). Adirondack let the teddy bears fly early in the period after an odd-man rush goal by Patrick Grasso (1-0-1). Grasso received a pass by Grant Jozefek (0-1-1) from across the slot, moving left to right, to beat Henrik Tikkanen on his high glove side. The next goal didn’t come until the 16th minute when the Thunder Forward Ryan Smith (1-2-3) placed a low shot on net from in-between the dots on the rush to give a rebound opportunity to Forward Nico Blachman (2-0-2) and beat the outstretched blocker of Henrik Tikkanen. The Thunder lead the period in shots on goal 13-5.

The second period was a lot quieter compared to the first. Henrik Tikkanen made a lot of high-quality saves throughout the period. Blachman and the Thunder would break through, however. After a failed offensive zone entry by the Railers, Adirondack’s

Forward Erik Middendorf (0-1-1) entered the right half of the Railers’ defensive zone slowly and stopped at the top of the circle. He found Blachman crashing towards the net late and blasted it past Henrik Tikkanen’s low blocker side from the high slot to make it a 3-0 game with 4:37 left in the period. The Thunder led the period with shots on goal 9-8.

The Railers finally got on the board early in the third period after a blast from the left point by Ryan Verrier (0-1-1) that was then deflected in the slot by Joey Cipollone (1-0-1) for his first professional goal. The Thunder would capitalize on a breakaway opportunity in the middle of the third after Colin Felix’s (0-1-1) minor penalty expired. Felix passed the puck up to the speedy Ryan Smith who elevated the puck upstairs where it hit the crossbar, hit a Railers back-checker, and inadvertently ended up in the back of the net to make it 4-1 Thunder. The Thunder led the period in shots on goal 11-9.

T-Birds suffer 1-0 shutout against Bears

HERSHEY, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (14-9-2-0) could not solve the top-ranked defense in the AHL, as the Hershey Bears (22-6-0-0) skated off with a narrow 1-0 triumph on Sunday inside Giant Center.

The battle of the Eastern Conference’s two best defensive teams lived up to that billing in the opening 20 minutes, as neither Springfield’s Malcolm Subban nor Hershey’s Hunter Shepard showed nerves in their goal crease. Subban had a trio of high-danger denials off odd-man rushes, including a right-pad kick out on a Jimmy Huntington breakaway. Shepard had his own sterling saves, including a point-blank snapper from Kean Washkurak.

The biggest fireworks of the period came in the form of mits

dropping between former T-Bird Dylan McIlrath and Sam Bitten less than four minutes into the action. The early scrap between two of the toughest customers in the AHL added a big boost to both benches but ultimately did not lead to either team cracking into the scoresheet in the first 20 minutes.

As difficult as it was for the teams to establish in the first, it became even more difficult in a second period that saw only seven combined shots between the two teams, with Subban stopping four Hershey attempts and Shepard blocking three Springfield offerings, forcing the scoreless draw into a final period.

The game gave every indication that the first goal would be pivotal, and at 5:31 of the third, Pierrick Dube finally got on the board for

the Bears, blasting a slapper that glanced off Subban’s left shoulder and squeaked across the line just moments before a T-Birds defender could get to the goal line to save it.

The winger’s 14th of the season proved to be the only tally, as Springfield could not dent Shepard the rest of the way. Former Bear Jakub Vrana had perhaps the best chance to tie the game on a one-timer from the right circle, but Shepard slid from right to left to deny the chance, and Springfield succumbed to their first shutout defeat of the season.

The two teams will have a grudge match on Friday night inside the MassMutual Center as the T-Birds begin a seven-game homestand. Puck drop on Friday is set for 7:05 p.m. for another Deuces Wild Friday.

Shenette declares for modifieds tour

WORCESTER – Driving the No. 8, John-Michael Shenette will chase the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Rookie of the Year honors in 2024. When the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour begins a 16-race schedule in February at New Smyrna Speedway in Florida, Shenette plans to be in attendance. It will be the first race in his quest to compete in a majority of the races on the schedule to chase the prestigious award.

Formerly based in Thompson, Connecticut, Shenette is the CEO of Eighty-Two Services, a General Contractor located in Concord, North Carolina. The team, Eighty-Two Autosport, will also contest additional SMART Modified Tour and Open Modified events when available in 2024.

Shenette made his debut on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour at Langley Speedway in 2023 and finished 12th. He also compet-

ed in events at North-Wilkesboro Speedway and Martinsville Speedway prior to the end of the season.

“We’re excited for 2024,” John-Michael Shenette said. “Last year was about putting a car on the track. We struggled with a mechanical issue that plagued us at all three events and prevented us from logging laps. All-in-all, it was a good year - we were able to build a great group, add a second car and square away all the bits and pieces that it takes to run. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is the best of the best in modified racing, if not NASCAR as a whole. Our team is ready for the challenge. Chasing the prestigious Rookie of the Year award is on our bucket list, but we’re also looking for consistency and to chase our first career win in Modified in 2024.”

Shenette was born in Worcester, and started racing at 7-years-old at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park’s “Little T” track in Connecticut. He’s raced on and off his entire life - running in the Pro Stocks, Thompson Modifieds, PASS Super Late Models, ARTS Trucks, Karts and now Tour-Type Modifieds 30 years later.

Shenette and his NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour team, led by crew chief Scott Morin and car chief Stephen Robinson, will open the 2024 season at New Smyrna Speedway on Saturday, February 10, as NASCAR opens their 76th season of racing. For more information on the team, fans are encouraged to follow the team on Facebook on their new page, Eighty-Two Autosport, for the latest news and information, including race day updates.

Education

Matching grant of \$40,000 towards scholarship drive

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville has been blessed with a pledge of \$40,000 in matching funds toward the school’s 2024/2025 scholarship drive.

The benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has supported the school in this initiative since its inception in 2016. The Scholarship Drive will run from Dec. 15 through March 15, 2024.

Last year, the scholarship drive raised a total of \$36,000 including the matching funds. The fund reduced the tuition for each of the school’s 86 students by about \$450.

This year, the School Board is considering implementing a crisis fund with some of the proceeds, in addition to a fund for general assistance. Tuition rates will be set for the 2024/2025 school year after the drive ends in March.

Father Richard A. Lembo, Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, is happy that the benefactor is once again offering such a generous match.

“There are overwhelming demands on families today. Being able to give some assistance to those who wish to provide a Catholic education for their children is important. We thank those who gave generously to last year’s scholarship drive, and we hope that they will consider giving again.



Angles watch over the shepherds during last year’s Nativity pageant performed by students at St. Aloysius Catholic School.

Besides providing these children with a top notch education, you are helping to build a foundation for their Catholic faith, something that will grow and sustain them during their lifetime,” Lembo said in a press release.

St. Aloysius Catholic School’s unique mission includes operating in a family-centered environment that provides Faith Formation, innovative academics, and a commitment to the local community. The school serves students in preschool through grade eight.

For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to

make a tax deductible donation that will be matched dollar for dollar to the Scholarship Fund please visit www.staloyuscs.com.

Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line. Donations to the Scholarship Fund received prior to March 15 will help reduce tuition rates for the 2024/2025 school year.

For more information email Roberta McQuaid, at rmcquaid@staloyuscschool.com or call the school at 413-477-1268.

St. Aloysius Catholic School lists honor roll

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville lists students named to the first trimester honor roll.

Honors
Hannah LaRoche, Sophia Adams and Christopher Rice.

FSU holds registration for ALFA classes

FITCHBURG – Registration opened Tuesday, Dec. 12 for Fitchburg State University’s Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area spring courses, with offerings that will include a deep dive into the promise and perils of artificial intelligence, an introduction to impressionism, a look at the history of Japan and discussion of contemporary Irish film.

Several events are also planned to celebrate ALFA’s 20th anniversary, including art shows on campus and at the Fitchburg Art Museum and a “Love of Learning Day” celebration in May.

There are dozens of classes on the calendar, with the full program viewable by visiting online at fitchburgstate.edu/alfa.

ALFA is a lifelong learning institute that serves adult learners in Fitchburg and the surrounding communities. ALFA is sponsored by the School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education at Fitchburg State in collaboration with volunteer members of the community. It offers non-credit daytime classes, trips, special events and a free speaker series.

ALFA students are encouraged to volunteer and participate in program leadership and development, as well as social and recreational activities. Most courses are \$45 and free for students over age 90. A limited number of scholarships are available.

The season will also feature a

five-part series on artificial intelligence, including a look at the societal implications of ChatGPT, the question of AI’s consciousness, and the role that AI could play in the future of healthcare as well as exploration of outer space. Other multi-part series will explore the geography, history and culture of Africa, as well as an “armchair adventure” exploring the art and culture of the local area.

The ALFA Salon will continue this spring, a free discussion group every other week during the term wherein presenters lead engaging discussions on a variety of topics that will include AI, defending the freedom to read, equine-assisted therapy and a look at the causes and impact of the recent writers’ and actors’ strikes.

The spring courses include fitness classes, nature hikes, and group trips. People may view the course listing and register online by visiting marketplace.fitchburgstate.edu/alfa.

ALFA is always on the lookout for new instructors and new subject matter to share with its students. Anyone with a specialty that they think others would be interested in should contact the program directors at alfa@fitchburgstate.edu for details about becoming an ALFA instructor. Also, direct any questions to the ALFA office at 978-665-3706, or email at alfa@fitchburgstate.edu.

FSU receives grant for dual enrollment programs

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University recently received a \$40,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to support its dual enrollment program, expanding opportunities for local high school students to take credit-bearing, college-level courses.

Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll announced the grant award this week in a letter to Fitchburg State President Richard S. Lapidus.

“We want to thank you for your commitment to increasing college participation through dual enrollment activities, particularly for low-income, underrepresented, and first-generation college students,” the award letter stated. “Through this funding and your continued support, we hope to expand access to great educational opportunities for every student in the Commonwealth.”

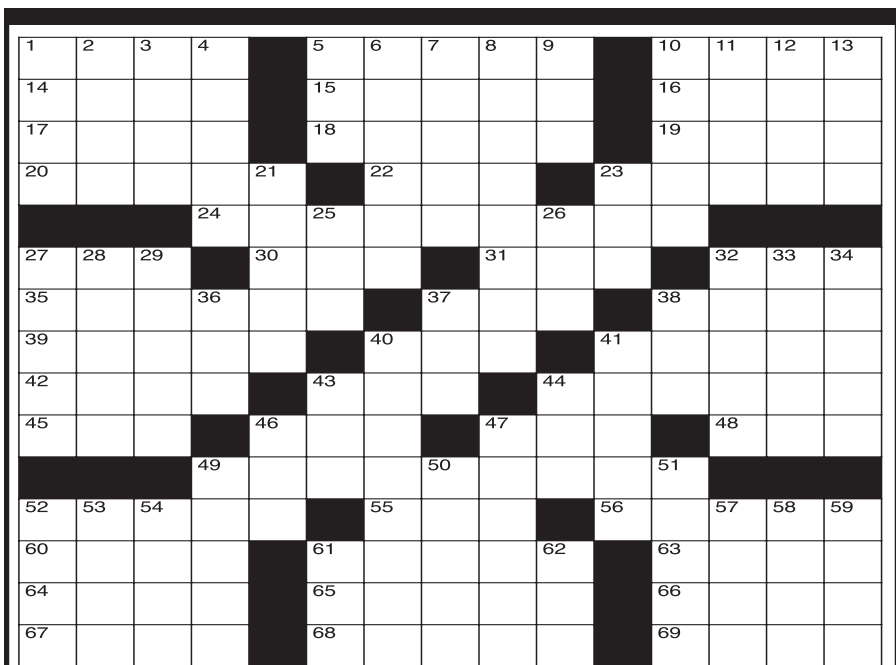
“This Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership grant will provide transformative experiences for 75 high school students, and we are grateful for the state support to continue and expand these opportunities,” President Lapidus said. “We know this program opens doors for students by letting them

experience college-level coursework while still in high school, and helps them get started on realizing their educational aspirations.”

The CDEP program provides opportunities for high school students to take college-level courses and earn credit toward high school completion and their future college degrees. Additionally, CDEP eases the transition from high school to college, allows students to get a head start on their college careers, and provides meaningful and challenging academic experiences to qualified students who otherwise may not have access to an early college experience. The primary objective of CDEP is to increase the population of high school graduates who are college ready.

In the 2022-23 academic year, the CDEP program at Fitchburg State supported 117 students in earning 276 academic credits. Including Fitchburg State’s Early College program, 340 high school students completed 1,020 credits last year. Fitchburg State’s primary partners in the program are the Athol High School, Clinton High School, the Fitchburg Public

See FSU ENROLLMENT, page 14



CLUES ACROSS

1. Droops
5. Subatomic particle
10. Not in danger
14. Nursemaid
15. Black band worn in mourning
16. Long song in opera
17. Edible seed of a Philippine tree
18. Chicago political family
19. Pursues pleasure from one place to another
20. Appetizer
22. Hill (Celtic)
23. Simple shoe
24. Songs to one you love
27. Secret activities
30. Upset
31. Popular hot drink
32. Body art (slang)
35. Fired
37. Blood relation
38. Identical
39. Porticos
40. Partner to cheese
41. Type of sword

42. Enough (archaic)
43. Surface layer of ground
44. Cotton fabric woven like satin
45. Choose for a post
46. Father
47. Tell on
48. Indian title of respect
49. Fonts
52. Fencing sword
55. Mock
56. Vaccine developer
60. Atmosphere surrounding a person or place
61. Tail with a short taint
63. Chinese temple
64. Invests in little enterprises
65. Popular cut of meat
66. Charity
67. Iron-containing compound
68. River in Northern Europe
69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Exhausts
2. Genus of fish related to gars
3. Impudent behavior
4. Adherents to Islam
5. They come after A
6. Spoke
7. Room to receive guests
8. About opera
9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Dog’s name
13. Opposite of west
21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
23. Ocean
25. Cool!
26. Young woman about to enter society
27. One from central Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. A way to serve ice cream

32. Emaciation
33. Escort aircraft carrier
34. Italian city
36. Mythical settler of Kansas
37. Unhappy
38. High schoolers’ test
40. Measured in pace
41. Satisfies
43. Gullible person
44. Enclosed space
46. Substance used to color something
47. Shirt type
49. Discover by investigation
50. ...Castell, makers of pens
51. Semitic Sun god
52. Grads wear one
53. French river
54. Part of a cap
57. Digestive fluid
58. Metrical foot
59. Body part
61. Very fast airplane
62. Supplement with difficulty

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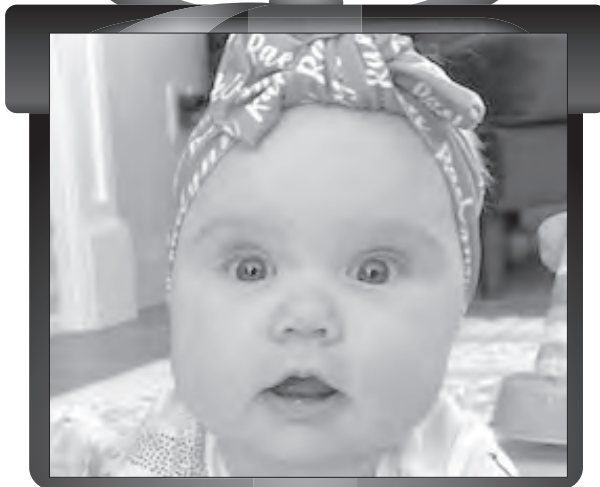
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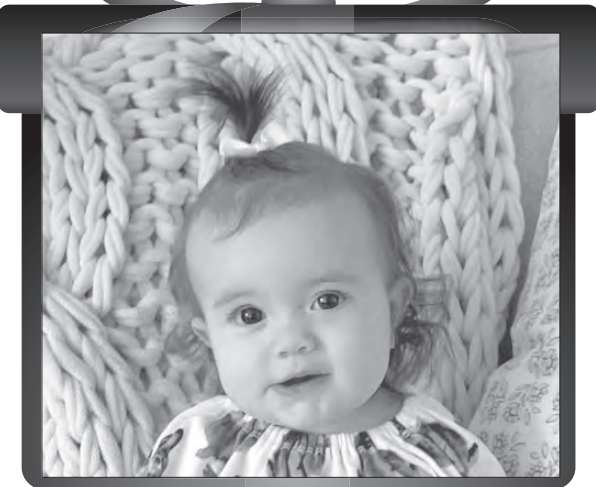
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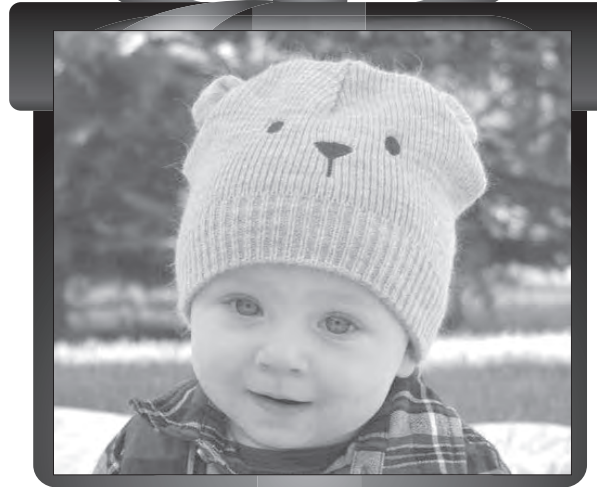
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well defensively.

"This is by far the best defensive team that we've had since I've been coaching here," Barringer added. "We made it very difficult on a very good Narragansett team in tonight's game. We put a lot of pressure on them, especially during the first quarter. We raced out to an early 9-0 lead, and we never stopped after that."

One of the Lady Panthers key defensive players is junior Brooke Austin.

"Brooke Austin is the first player off the bench and she's becoming a defensive force for us," Barringer said. "Her defense has been inspiring and it's been awesome to see. We also want her to rebound the ball. She's a very good athlete."

Austin, who's one of the six returning varsity basketball players, was the first-year goalkeeper

for the Lady Panthers soccer team this past fall.

Four Quabbin players reached double figures in the season opening victory against Worcester Tech.

Senior Briana Whitelaw, who's a three-point threat, led the way with 15 points. Freshman Abigail Rogowski, who's a three-sport varsity athlete, and sophomore Mia Ducos each scored 11 points, while senior Meg Doyle checked in with 10 points.

Ducos, who joined the varsity squad as an eighth grader, is the point guard and she runs the show offensively.

"Mia is a very good passer and she's been making very good decisions as our point guard so far this season," Barringer said. "None of the players really care how many points they score in a game. They just want to keep winning."

Ducos scored five of her seven points against Narragansett during the first half.

The only two Lady Panthers players to score ten or more points against the Warriors were senior Hannah Baxter and Doyle, who's a fourth year varsity basketball player. The duo each finished with a game-high of 13 points.

Baxter, who's a center, scored a career-high 18 points at Clinton last year. She made five inside field goals against Narragansett (0-2).

"Hannah was the most improved player on our basketball team last year," Barringer said. "She's continuing this season where she left off. It's been a lot of fun to watch her improve as a basketball player."

Doyle, who's a guard, is another fun player to watch play for Quabbin. She scored most of her points on fastbreak lay-ups following steals.

"Meg is one of the best athletes that I've seen in the 23 years that I've been teaching and coaching at Quabbin," Barringer said. "She's

also a very good softball player."

The trio of Rogowski, Whitelaw, and senior Riley Bassett scored five points apiece in the Lady Panthers second home victory of the regular season.

All four of the Quabbin seniors are captains.

Rounding out the varsity roster are junior's Maykayla Kingsbury, Ana Dunn, and Leanne Leger, who did an outstanding job of singing the National Anthem.

"Leanne has sung the National Anthem at our two home games, and she just did a spectacular job," Barringer said. "It's what high school sports is all about. We're a fun team to watch play and it should be a very exciting season. I just love coaching this year's team."

The Lady Panthers were scheduled to host league rival Clinton on Tuesday night. Their next home game will be against Oakmont Regional on December 27.



Leanna Leger drives the baseline on her way to the hoop.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Dec. 3
12:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, West Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:43 p.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, Town Farm Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Dec. 4
3:40 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist
6:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
6:19 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist
8:04 p.m. Bleeding Non-traumatic, Old Dana Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Dec. 5
10:37 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Mutual Aid Transport
12:36 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

11:05 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Summer Street, Negative Contact

Wednesday, Dec. 6
7:46 p.m. Police – Abandoned Vehicle/Parking, Common Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Dec. 7
2:20 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Mechanic Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Summer Street, Referred to Other Agency
2:45 p.m. Suspicious Package/Letter, Marsh Road, Officer Took Call
5:06 p.m. Police – Vandalism, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
6:03 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Dec. 8
12:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Arm Pain, Gauthier Road,

Transported to Hospital
10:26 a.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Hubbardston Road, Officer Advised
1:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Peach Street, Transported to Hospital
3:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Mutual Aid Assist
3:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, School North Street, Mutual Aid Transport
6:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
8:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
11:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Pleasant Street, No Fire Service Necessary

Saturday, Dec. 9
5:05 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gilbert Road, Information Taken
5:26 p.m. Keep the Peace, Old Dana Road, Peace Restored

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Dec. 3
3:09 a.m. By-Law Violation, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
4:05 a.m. By-Law Violation, Prouty Lane, Citation Issued
4:56 a.m. By-Law Violation, Grizzly Drive, Written Warning
5 a.m. By-Law Violation, Grizzly Drive, Written Warning
5:05 a.m. By-Law Violation, Grizzly Drive, Citation Issued
8:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Breathing Difficulty, Cheryl Ann Drive, Transported to Hospital
9:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
10:14 a.m. Complaint, Cheryl Ann Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
5:26 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Mutual Aid Assist
10:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
11:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

Monday, Dec. 4
12:09 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
9:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Grizzly Drive, Transported to Hospital
11:55 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Paxton Road, Message Delivered
12:40 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Wachusett Street, Information Taken
4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
4:45 p.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5 p.m. Traffic Enforcement, Watson Lane, Citation Issued
6:18 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist
6:54 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Dec. 5
3:12 a.m. By-Law Violation, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
8:17 a.m. Trees in Wires (Not on Ground, Intervale Road, Message Delivered
3:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Finn Park Road, Transported to Hospital

4:06 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Main Street, Negative Contact
4:56 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
5:17 p.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, Hillside Road, Investigation (On-Going)
8:14 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Verbal Warning

Wednesday, Dec. 6
5:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Lift Assist/Bed Adjust, Sassawanna Road, Public Assist
11:51 a.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Inwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
2:07 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party
2:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Lift Assist, Maple Avenue, No Transport Required
3:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
4:53 p.m. Police – Suspicious/Vehicle, Bigelow Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Sassawanna Road, Transported to Hospital
5:41 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Campbell Street, Officer Advised
7:44 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Simon Davis Drive, Officer Advised

4:42 a.m. By-Law Violation, Brunelle Drive, Written Warning
8:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
11:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Stroke (CVA), Forest Hill Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
3:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street Citation Issued
3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
4:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
4:18 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pommogussett Road, Animal Returned to Owner
5:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, No Fire Service Necessary
11:54 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, East County Road, Information Taken

Saturday, Dec. 9
3:33 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Glenwood Road, Animal Returned to Owner
4:52 a.m. By-Law Violation, Michael Drive, Written Warning
8:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Sanders Road, Public Assist
8:32 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
10:29 a.m. Police – Abandoned Vehicle/Parking, Finn Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:19 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Kenwood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
2:29 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Paddock Road, Investigated
2:38 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Hickory Drive, Report Filed
3:34 p.m. Unattended Death, Clealand Circle, Report Filed
7:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
7:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Mink, Victoria Judith, 28, Worcester
Charges: Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Headlights, Fail Dim
11:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman's Road, Citation Issued
11:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Dec. 3
1:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Welfare Check, Old Princeton Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, Dec. 4
3:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Abdominal/Back Pain, Barre Road, Mutual Aid Transported
3:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Worcester, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Dec. 5
3:10 a.m. Police Investigations, Georgie Lane, Located/Found
3:19 p.m. Public Assist, Elm Street, Public Assist

Wednesday, Dec. 6
12:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
3:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff, Transported to Hospital
3:57 p.m. Public Assist, Old Princeton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
6:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
6:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
9:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Report Filed

Thursday, Dec. 7
10:48 a.m. Police – Abandoned Vehicle/Parking, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

12:46 p.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Administration Complete
1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
1:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
1:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Honkonen, Sheryl, 67, Sturbridge
Charges: Inspection/Sticker, No, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
2:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
2:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
4:29 p.m. Public Assist, Courtesy Transport, Public Assist
4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
6:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Vomiting/Mucus, Ragged Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Dec. 8
12:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Worcester Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Arntsen, Christian, 56, Athol
Charges: Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posed Limit, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
5:58 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Ragged Hill Road, Vehicle Towed
11:22 a.m. Police – Assault and Battery, Gardner Road, Peace Restored
1:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued
3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
3:54 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Report Filed
4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning
4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
7:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Stroke (CVA), Madison Way, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Dec. 9
9:21 a.m. Out-of-Town Booking – Barre, Mutual Aid Assist
3:30 p.m. Police – Assault and Battery, Main Street, Report Filed
4:02 p.m. Keep the Peace, Plum Tree Lane, Peace Restored
8:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Grimes Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Dec. 4
12:09 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
9:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Grizzly Drive, Transported to Hospital
11:55 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Paxton Road, Message Delivered
12:40 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Wachusett Street, Information Taken
4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed
4:45 p.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5 p.m. Traffic Enforcement, Watson Lane, Citation Issued
6:18 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist
6:54 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Dec. 5
3:12 a.m. By-Law Violation, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
8:17 a.m. Trees in Wires (Not on Ground, Intervale Road, Message Delivered
3:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Finn Park Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Dec. 6
5:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Lift Assist/Bed Adjust, Sassawanna Road, Public Assist
11:51 a.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Inwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
2:07 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party
2:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Lift Assist, Maple Avenue, No Transport Required
3:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
4:53 p.m. Police – Suspicious/Vehicle, Bigelow Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Sassawanna Road, Transported to Hospital
5:41 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Campbell Street, Officer Advised
7:44 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Simon Davis Drive, Officer Advised

Thursday, Dec. 7
10:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Sick/Unknown, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
1:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls Road, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
2:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Altered Mental Status, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
2:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
4:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
5:54 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact

Friday, Dec. 8
2:18 a.m. By-Law Violation, Briarwood Road, Written Warning
3:05 a.m. By-Law Violation, Hickory Drive, Written Warning
4:08 a.m. By-Law Violation, Valley View Circle, Written Warning
4:26 a.m. By-Law Violation, Brunelle Drive, Written Warning

Saturday, Dec. 9
3:33 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Glenwood Road, Animal Returned to Owner
4:52 a.m. By-Law Violation, Michael Drive, Written Warning
8:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Sanders Road, Public Assist
8:32 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
10:29 a.m. Police – Abandoned Vehicle/Parking, Finn Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:19 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Kenwood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
2:29 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Paddock Road, Investigated
2:38 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Hickory Drive, Report Filed
3:34 p.m. Unattended Death, Clealand Circle, Report Filed
7:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
7:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Mink, Victoria Judith, 28, Worcester
Charges: Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Headlights, Fail Dim
11:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman's Road, Citation Issued
11:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Dec. 3
2:57 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Forest Hill Road, Negative Contact

Monday, Dec. 4
8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
3:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Dec. 5
10:08 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Winchendon, Officer Took Call
10:36 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Winchendon, Arrest(s)

Made
Arrest: Moreau, Shawn, 36, Winchendon
Charges: All Other Offenses
4:56 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Scott Road, Officer Spoke to Party
9:58 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Officer Advised

Wednesday, Dec. 6
1:31 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Barre Road, Report Filed
5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Thursday, Dec. 7
9:17 a.m. Court Duty, Oakham Police Department, Court Duty
10:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Services, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
1:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Services, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
6:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield, Written Warning

Saturday, Dec. 9
8:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Sanders Road, Public Assist

New legislation introduced to help prevent pipeline disasters

WASHINGTON— Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety and a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, today introduced the Penalizing and Improving Prevention of Emergencies Act. This legislation would close loopholes and lift barriers so the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration can better protect communities from pipeline acci-

dents and disasters and ensure companies are held accountable for wrongdoing. The introduction falls on the anniversary of the Merrimack Valley gas explosions on Sept. 13, 2018, which resulted in the death of 18-year-old Leonel Rondon, dozens of injuries, damage to more than 100 structures, and thousands of homes left without natural gas service for months.

"It's been five years since the Columbia Gas explosions devastated the communities of Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover. The Merrimack Valley is still healing. The family of Leonel Rondon is still grieving," said Markey. "We must continue making progress by

delivering stronger protections and allowing our federal regulators to make swift, effective safety standards. Federal regulators should have all the tools they need to hold bad actors accountable-not be held hostage by industry interests." Last month, Markey applauded PHMSA's announcement of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to improve safety requirements for natural gas distribution pipelines. In 2020, Markey's Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act, which was cosponsored by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and led by Rep. Lori Trahan (MA-03) and Rep. Seth Moulton (MA-08 in the House, became law and strengthened emergency response and safety standards for natural gas distribution pipelines.

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Girl Scouts chief executive officer stepping down

HOLYOKE— Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts announced that the nonprofit organization's Chief Executive Officer, Pattie Hallberg, is stepping down at the end of 2023. Pattie's decision to leave the Girl Scouts will bring to a close a remarkable 16 years of service to GSCWM.

"Pattie's legacy at Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts is nothing short of extraordinary," says Nicole Messier, GSCWM Board President. "Her leadership has been instrumental in shaping the organization into what it is today. We are profoundly grateful for her unwavering dedication, expertise, and vision, which have empowered countless girls

and women to embrace their potential. As we embark on this transition, we remain steadfast to upholding the values and mission that Pattie has championed throughout her tenure. The GSCWM board is committed to finding a worthy successor who will carry on Pattie's legacy and uphold our mission to nurture the future female leaders of tomorrow."

"It has been my honor and a sincere privilege to lead Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts, an organization dedicated to the development of a girl's personal leadership journey. I am proud of the organization we are today and the impact we've made, working with thousands of fabulous girls and

adults to further the Girl Scout mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place," said Hallberg. "Our sustainability through a global pandemic and our current growth both in membership and revenue represents the collective effort of an incredibly talented staff, a dedicated board of directors, generous funding partners, and an innovative and dedicated membership. I couldn't be more excited about what's next for this important organization."

The GSCWM board will oversee the process to choose Pattie's successor. The board of directors has engaged the search firm, Find Good People (FGP) to assist with the transition.

Fidelity Bank honors local non-profits with '\$20K Community Giveaway

LEOMINSTER – As part of a year-long celebration recognizing 20 years of Fidelity Bank's LifeDesign banking approach of providing clarity, confidence and care, the bank recently awarded \$20,000 in grants to help local non-profit organizations get where they want to be through its "\$20K Community Giveaway" program.

As part of the program, local non-profits were nominated by the bank's clients and the community for a chance at winning one of five awards from Fidelity Bank, totaling \$20,000. The winners were determined by the highest number of votes received.

Of the 12 local non-profits nominated for the program, five received the most votes:

- First Place (\$10,000 grant): Needham Education Foundation
- Second Place (\$5,000 grant): Winchendon Community Action Council
- Third Place (\$3,000 grant): Second Chance Animal Services
- Runners-Up (\$1,000 grant

each): Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, The Virginia Thurston Healing Garden

"We are so excited and honored to take the top spot in Fidelity Bank's \$20K Community Giveaway," said Sarah Winig, administrative director, Needham Education Foundation. "These funds will be immensely helpful, particularly this year as we are embarking on a collaboration with the Needham Public Schools to bring transformative change to the district through equity-centered professional learning for their educators and administrators, in addition to the grants we fund for innovative educational programs in the schools."

The finalists included Abby's House, Centro Celeste, Fab 5, Ginny's Helping Hand, Listening Wellness Center, Montachusett Veteran's Outreach Center, NEADS World Class Service Dogs, Needham Education Foundation, Second Chance Animal Services, the Virginia

Thurston Healing Garden, Why Me & Sherry's House and Winchendon Community Action Council.

"As we continue to celebrate our 20th year of providing the LifeDesign promise to those we serve, we wanted to continue our mission of giving back to those in our community. Many thanks to our clients and community for sharing their thoughts and voting for their favorite non-profits, allowing us to learn more about the organizations they hold closest to their hearts," said Ed Manzi, Jr., chairman and CEO, Fidelity Bank. "We have a very caring community and the show of support for all 12 finalists is heartwarming. We are honored to do our part to support their work."

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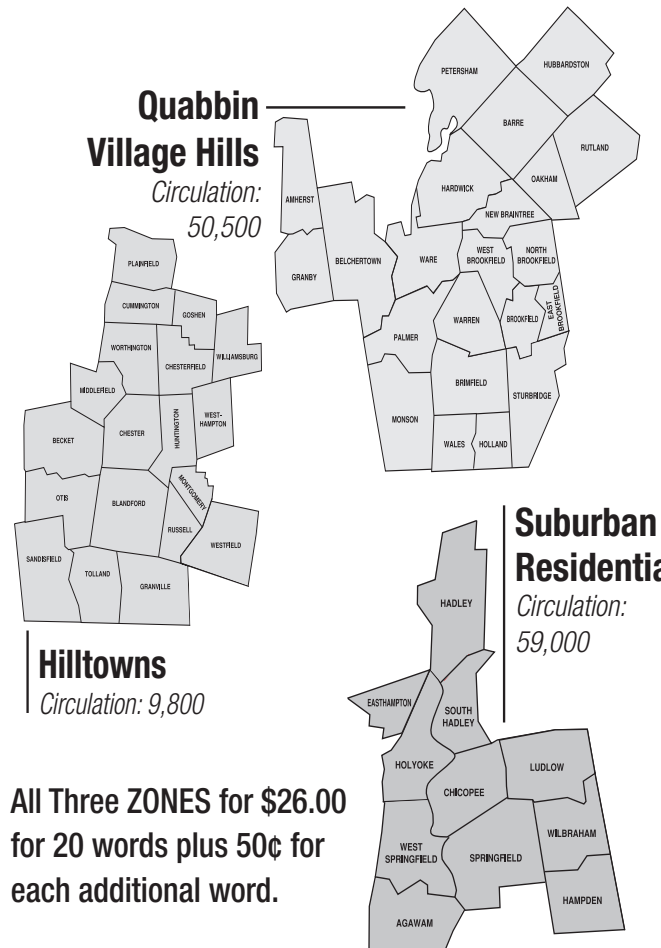
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The Petitioner requests that: **Katherine R.**

Lathrop of Barre, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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