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Board receives concept design for Rail Trail project

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Brandon Avery presented engineering plans to the Board of Selectmen regarding a project to extend the Rail Trail to South Common Street, through the former Aztec Industries property.

A design concept was drafted by Fuss & O'Neill using grant funding secured by Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and Administrative Assistant Ashley Barre.

In addition to the trail extension, the project includes the creation of a pocket park and additional parking spaces.

At the board's Feb. 13 meeting, Avery said the East Quab-

bin Land Trust has volunteered to assist the town with getting grants to support the project and the Parks and Recreation Committee will also help with the project and oversee it once complete.

Avery said those involved with the project met with the Department of Environmental Protection and soil sampling at the Aztec Industries property

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Blooms and bacon at the West Brookfield Winter Market



Robyn Scott of Blair House Blooms offered fresh flowers for Valentine's Day. TURLEY PHOTO BY RICHARD MURPHY

Editor's note: The Quaboag Current will regularly feature a spotlight story on different farmers market vendors. Learn about the people that bring food and locally sourced items to your community.

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, was clear as a bright sun shone across the West Brookfield Common.

Across the street in the First Congregational Church, the Winter Farmers Market was in session, which is its own form of sunshine.

In the hall, the first vendor on the right was Robyn Scott, impresario of Blair House Blooms. On what is traditionally a day of flowers (well, maybe chocolate too) she had inundated her corner of the market with tulips of different hues.

The Blair House Blooms
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Old Sturbridge Academy features first craft fair

Proceeds to help fund eighth grade field trip to Washington, D.C.

By Ryan Drago
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STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Academy held its first craft fair this past weekend, with over 50 vendors from various states setting up shop to benefit the students at the charter school located at Old Sturbridge Village.

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Camp Read-a-Lot kicks off with fun and games

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Elementary School hosted its annual Camp Read-a-Lot, a kick-off to February break; and lots of fun for students, teachers and staff.

The school opened various classrooms for a day of literature-themed fun to enhance team building and English Language Arts skills for all students at the elementary school.

The day began with a pancake breakfast hosted by the North Brookfield PTO, and then students walked through the halls to various stations.

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Third graders designed a special book cover for a story they listened to. TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

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Trinity Church welcomes Fanfare Brass Ensemble Feb. 25

WARE – Fanfare Brass Ensemble will perform a benefit concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.

The ensemble will present a concert of classical and light popular music. To hear a

sample of their music, visit <http://premierentertains.com/fanfare%20main%20page.html>.

This concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds to benefit North Brookfield school's food pantry.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Ware Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



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Brookfield Democrats to elect delegates to state convention

BROOKFIELD – Democrats in Brookfield will meet on Saturday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Brookfield Town Hall to elect two delegates and an alternate to represent the town at the 2024 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

“For those interested in the 2024 elections, your local caucus is a great way to learn about the political process and meet candidates and activists at the grass-

roots level,” said Brookfield Democratic Town Committee Chair Danielle Kane in a press release.

All registered and preregistered Democrats in Brookfield who are at least 16 years old by Feb. 15, 2024, are eligible to vote and run for the seats. Youth (ages 16-35), people with disabilities, people of color, veterans, members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates at the caucus are en-

couraged to apply for add-on seats by visiting massdems.org/massdems-convention.

The convention, which will vote to endorse its U.S. Senate candidate and to amend the party’s charter, will be held June 1 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

For more information about this and future events, please visit brookfielddtc.org or email brookfielddtc@gmail.com.

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More questions for the Garden Lady

Eleanor wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady regarding amaryllis bulbs: "I have three bulbs from last year that have been hibernating and now they are in the sun and have produced long green leaves but no buds. I read it somewhere that if you let them dry out, no more water, but keep them in the sun they will send out buds, but I cannot find where I read that. I hope it is true...so I can still get flowers this year before I have to repeat the whole process (by putting them back in dormant condition in August for a few weeks). I do have one more bulb from last year that did give me a flower...but these other three ones are not showing me any prospects. Can you help?"

Without seeing your bulbs and the foliage, my best guess would be that they will likely not flower this year. What leads me to that conclusion is that one other bulb you have already flowered.

If they were on the same timeline, then probably the other bulbs did not have enough strength to send up a flower stalk. I would not let them dry out, but continue to water and fertilize monthly so that the foliage will grow strong, and be able to make enough energy for blooms next year, after a period of dormancy in the fall.

I know this is upsetting after all of your hard work. Re-bloom is often an experiment.

Sadly, sometimes it happens and sometimes it doesn't. It may not be anything you did wrong – it could be that the one bulb that did flower was a bigger bulb to begin with or was from healthier stock initially.

Meredith, who gardens in Wilbraham, posed this question to the Garden Lady: "As I look at all of the seed packets strewn before me, what your best advice would be for starting seeds indoors?"

Ah-hah! I have been itching to talk about this, so your timing is perfect.

Although we are excited to get the season started, the biggest mistake people make is starting seeds too early. Always research the varieties you want to grow in a good seed catalog.

Johnny's Selected Seed and Fedco come to mind as having great advice on how many weeks prior to the last frost seeds should be sown. For example, tomato seeds should be planted indoors the last week of March or first week of April.

Although that seems late (we want to do it now), we don't want root bound transplants come May.

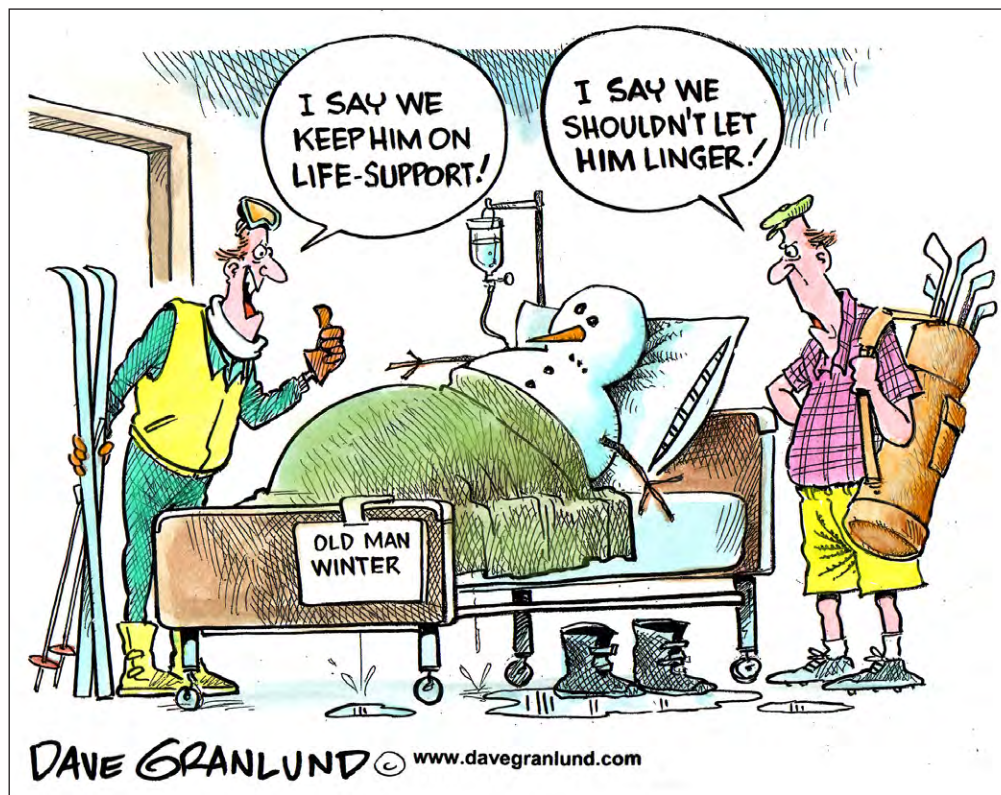
While average household temps will still result in seeds sprouting, bottom heat by use of heat mats will aid in germination because it will keep the seed bed a constant temperature.

Plants usually suffer without enough light – placing seedlings in the window usually results in seedlings that stretch to the sun. A simple shop light with fluorescent bulbs set a couple of inches above growing plants works out great.

Think about the soil you are using, too.

A soilless mix is far superior to regular potting soil or garden soil. It's milled a little finer, and is made to be well-drained weed and pathogen free.

Moistening it to the consistency of a wrung out sponge before use is perfect. Don't bury small seeds too deep. Tiny seed should



in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

I received an email from a Brimfield resident who counted 36 plus American goldfinch in his yard during a snow storm; and the next day he saw about a dozen.

I also had about 20 plus goldfinch eating on the ground under my feeder. I had seen two or three mixed in with juncos and sparrows from time to time, but not this many.

In winter, they are found in flocks that wander in search of food.

The American goldfinch is five inches long and the male during breeding season has a bright yellow body and black cap, wings and tail. The wings also have white bars.

The female is yellowish, green overall with black wings and tail.

In winter, the male looks more like the female with a yellowish brown, yellowish wash on the face and chin and black wings with white wing bars. The female in winter is grayish brown with a little yellow and dark brown wings with white wing bars.

Goldfinch feed on the ground, on weed stalks, thistles and foliage. At feeders, they prefer hulled sunflowers and thistle (Niger) seeds.

The female lays three to seven light, blue eggs in a nest of strands from weeds and vines, downy elements from wind-dispersed seeds such as thistles bound with caterpillar webbing placed in a shrub or tree.

Bluebirds
A flock of about eight male and female bluebirds continue to come to my raisin suet cake and the feeder with mealworms. I fill it once or twice during the day as I enjoy watching them as I work at my desk.

During the snow on Tuesday, they visited the mealworm feeder and suet feeder frequently. The blue against the white snow was almost as striking as the red of the cardinal against fresh snow.

Bald eagles

I received a photo of a pair of bald eagles taken by a Palmer resident at Forest Lake in Palmer. They were in the top of a pine tree by the lake.

Brimfield birds
A Brimfield resident sends emails of the birds in his yard on a regular basis. He said, "One day last week a Carolina wren showed up for a day. The warm brown coloration of the bird caught my eye when I glanced out at the feeders. It was feeding on the suet cakes and the 'log' made of suet, berries and mealworms."

He counted 36 plus goldfinch in the yard during a snow storm. The next day there were over a dozen still about. Usually it is three or four goldfinch that show up.

He shared an email from a friend in Belchertown, "We had a female redwing at the seed trays today. It's unusual to get one here this early. We also had four bluebirds show up and munch on the suet. They seem to make a visit when the weather is crappy."

The Belchertown resident also said, "We're inundated with goldfinch. The thistle seed bag is covered with them. I had to fill the hearts feeder three times today due to the numbers of goldfinch around."

The Brimfield resident reported a large number of juncos, four white-throated sparrows and come house finch. He said, "A pileated woodpecker did a fly by the other day. That is how we most often see then although a few years ago a male was coming to our suet feeders. The female came close to the feeders but never feed that I saw." His wife drove past Wheeler Pond in town and was surprised to see the pond was not completely frozen and that there were two pair of hooded mergansers on the pond.

Birds on Feb. 13
The Brimfield resident observed 10 species of birds in his yard during the snow on Tuesday, Feb. 13. He counted five mourning doves, one downy woodpecker, one hairy woodpecker, two black-capped chickadees, three tufted titmice, two house finches, one American goldfish and 80 dark-eyed juncos.

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.



American Goldfinch winter plumage

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Zonta to celebrate 'Women Making a Difference' March 11

LUDLOW – On March 11 at the Ludlow Country Club, Zonta Club of the Quaboag Valley will celebrate Women Making a Difference in honor of International Women's Day.

Each year in March, the global community recognizes women for their achievements regardless of national, ethnic, linguistic, economic or political divisions. The Zonta International community also celebrates Zonta Rose Day, a time to reflect and give tribute to the women who have empowered us.

In this spirit, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley proudly announces its Women Making a Difference Award dinner on March 11 at the Ludlow Country Club. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., with the program to follow. Pay at the door for the buffet (\$28) or pay online. Details at www.zontaqv.org/women

As the theme of this year's International Women's celebration is Inspire Inclusion, the club has chosen a keynote speaker who has spearheaded numer-

ous initiatives to address the inequities experienced by many populations in western Massachusetts, and four women leaders in the community deserving of recognition for exemplifying the ideals of Zonta and inspiring inclusion in their day-to-day work and volunteer efforts.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Christina Royal - Zonta's 2023 Women of the Year for her commitment to equity and equality. She will be awarded the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley's first Honorary Member status.

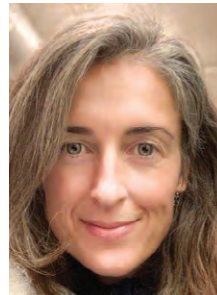
Honorees include Lisa Bakowski-Raising the bar for self-advocacy, self-awareness and self-empowerment of women and children; Andrea Bordenca, working with organizations com-



Dr. Christina Royal SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Charlotte Chartier Cote



Lisa Bakowski



Andrea Bordenca



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mitted to equity, engagement and positive mental health; Charlotte Chartier Cote, creating positive change in dental practices and owner of Cote Cattle Company; and Roxanna Harper RN, MSN, empowering staff and families to provide exceptional home health, hospice and palliative care.

A donation of \$500 will be made by Zonta in each honoree's name to a cause of their choice.

The public is invited to join Zonta in celebrating these women. Please RSVP by March 7 by emailing info@ZontaQV.

org.

About Zonta Club

Since 1919, Zonta has been working to create a more equitable future for women and girls. Members believe that fostering a diverse and inclusive global community is a powerful platform to bring about the social change needed to make our vision for gender equality a reality.

For more information visit Zonta.org or email info@zontaqv.org. Join them in building a better world for women and girls.

Library to hold children's theater workshop

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library will be offering a free theater workshop titled Theater Games for Tweens on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m.

The program, presented by Little Spark Theater, is aimed at children ages 8-12. Learn the basics of improv and get some energy out while doing it.

Ali Coes from Little Spark Theater will help kids explore the basics of improvisation and acting through high energy games. This class promotes creativity, quick thinking, problem solving, and confidence.

Coes founded Little Spark Theater to ensure that all children have access to theater education. She is a certified theater teacher, English teacher, and theatrical director, with 13 years of experience in traditional classroom settings.

In addition to tween programs, she also offers creative drama classes for children as young as 2 years old.

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

QVARC offers amateur radio exam on Feb. 27

WEST BROOKFIELD – Would you like to get on the air? Now could be your chance.

On Saturday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Senior Center, Volunteer Examiners will administer

an exam that will get you started to be licensed as a radio amateur by the FCC.

For more info, check out the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club website at <https://qvarc.com/>.

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simply be pushed into the soil surface and not covered.

Hardening off the seedlings you grew before planting them in the ground is very important. Start acclimatizing them to the great outdoors slowly, first by putting them in the shade for a few hours, working up to full sun over the course of a week's time.

By taking my advice into account, you will be well on your way to growing

healthy seedlings indoors.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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.

The Southbridge Softball league is now enrolling teams and players for the 2024 season.

Games are played at Henry Street Field (located off Rt. 169) in Southbridge.

We have 3 levels of Mens Leagues (A, B & C) that play weeknights starting @ 6:30 PM, a Mens JB draft league (for players age 39 by Sept. 30th) that plays Sunday AM starting at 9 AM and a COED league (5 & 5) that plays Sat & Sun evenings starting @ 6 PM. The potential for a Women's league or a weekday COED league (6 & 4) exists depending on the number of teams we receive – a minimum of 4 teams would be required for either to be considered.

THE FEES FOR 2024 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$425 team roster fee and a \$125 forfeit fee for a total of \$550.
If your roster is turned in on or before 3/5 the fee is \$550.
If your roster is turned in between 3/5 + 3/12, the fee is \$600.

No rosters will be accepted after 3/12/24.

Player fees for 2024 will be \$55 and a \$5 additional fee will be charged to those players playing on (2) or more teams.

Please email info@southbridgesoftball.org or check out our Southbridge Softball Association Facebook page for more information.

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Guest Speaker:
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Exhibitors: Fly rod builders, fly fishing/material vendors, Mass State and Wildlife experts, other related exhibitors, and WMFF member demonstrating fly tying.

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Valentine Gala

Fundraising event benefited Stone Church Cultural Center

By Paula Ouimette
Editor
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HARDWICK – The day Kat McCrohon drove by the Trinitarian Congregational Church in Gilbertville; it was love at first sight.

With its breathtaking stonework and architecture, she knew preserving this building was essential not only to the village where it is located, but to the region as a whole.

McCrohon has been part of the Friends of the Stone Church for several years now, helping to create fundraising events to continue the group's mission to preserve the church and its character, but also to breathe new life into it as it becomes a mecca for arts and culture.

Although it is not their first gala event, this was the first year the Friends decided to host a Valentine themed gala, and this time at Hardwick's newest

restaurant, Hardwick Crossing Country Club on Feb. 3.

Housed in the club's large banquet hall overlooking the snow-covered greens, supporters of the Stone Church enjoyed a social hour and appetizers before a buffet dinner, while they browsed the countless silent auction items that spanned the length of the hall.

Donated by businesses, artisans and community members, the silent auction items ranged from gift certificates for services, to wood-turned bowls and pottery, to one-of-a-kind pieces of art.

The live auction, led by Barre's own Paul Varney, included chances to get away both locally and somewhere tropical. Lucky bidders will be able to take their loved ones for a two-night stay to the Sugar Maple Trailside Inn along the rail trail in Florence, to Great Wolf Lodge indoor water park in Fitchburg or to Villa Camilla on Grace Bay Beach in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Is-

lands.

Varney revealed that the gala just happened to fall on his birthday and that he "couldn't get a bigger party than this."

The purpose of the gala was to continue to raise funds for the Stone Church's preservation work that began in 2019.

"We felt like a lot of people would come to this event," McCrohon said. "It's important to save this historical place."

Stonemason Ken Hall of the Joseph Gnazzo Company, Inc. has been at the Stone Church since the start of the project to secure the steeple, which is now in phase four.

Built using Monson granite, this Tudor Gothic style church was designed by noted Worcester architect Elbridge Boyden; who also designed Mechanics Hall in Worcester, the Hubbardston Public Library and the Congregational Church

in Brookfield. The Stone Church's tower is the only one of three such towers of Boyden's still standing.

Hall has been a stone mason for 16 years, and primarily works to restore churches and military forts.

"It truly never ends," Hall said of the preservation work. "The scope of the project is to stabilize the steeple."

To do this, Hall and crew are installing 32 anchors that will secure the exterior to interior steel plates, sealing cracks and reconstructing the interior floor.

"It's designed to be strong, but also allow for a little bit of movement," Hall said.

Phillip Warbasse, the project architect for the Friends, said work on the steeple will resume in warmer weather.

"It's a fascinating process," Warbasse said.

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Auctioneer Paul Varney started the live auction at the Friends of the Stone Church's Valentine Gala held at Hardwick Crossing Country Club on Feb. 3. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE



Paul Varney handed an auction item to the winning bidder.



Dozens of silent auction items spanned the banquet hall, including this dried flower wreath provided by Hartman's Herb Farm.



The silent auction contained items that would make any Valentine's Day celebration memorable.



Clothing and artwork were also included in the silent auction.



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Emcee of the gala was Friends Vice-President Cheryl Wolfe, who gave a recap of the group's progress since its formation, when pieces of the steeple were actually falling off.

"Today, we are well over halfway done," Wolfe said. The Friends now own the church, following a deed transfer early last year, and the addition of a handicapped accessible ramp has opened the church's doors to all.

Wolfe thanked the gala committee, along with musician Paul Provost, who performed throughout the event, and Hardwick Crossing's staff. She also thanked Mary and Phillip Warbasse for their expertise in grant writing and architecture, respectively.

Thanks to Mary, the Friends offer a "robust music program" and have received over \$200,000 in grant funding, Wolfe said.

Wolfe then addressed those in attendance and thanked them for their continued support over the years.

Upcoming events

The Friends of the Stone Church will be hosting a number of events throughout the upcoming year, including "Piano Magic" with pianist Diana Fanning on Saturday, March 9 at 3 p.m. This event is sponsored by Barbara Boothman Grofic and Laura Boothman Stamm.

On Saturday, April 6 at 7 p.m. organist Peter Kranski returns to accompany the silent film comedy, "Speedy" from 1928, starring Harold Lloyd with appearances by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

Pianist and Avery-Fisher prize winner Mackenzie Melemed will also return with "My Two Homes" on Saturday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

The Friends will also host two free Sunday concerts on the lawn with the Weir River Concert Band and the Weir River Jazz Ensemble in June.

For more information about the Friends, or to help support their preservation work, visit www.friendsofstonechurch.org or mail donations to Friends of the Stone Church, Inc., 283 Main St., P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

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Federated Church offers new adult study groups

STURBRIDGE – The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale will host a five-week study group focused on spiritual practices, led by the Rev. David Cote. Based on Adam Hamilton's book, "The Walk. Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life," the sessions are open to adults interested in learning more about Christian living.

The morning study group will meet from 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. on Thursdays from Feb. 22 to March

21. An evening group will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesdays from Feb. 21 to March 20.

Both groups will gather in the Rainbow Room on the second floor of the church at 8 Maple St.

The book may be purchased for \$14 at the church. The study groups are open to the public.

For more information, contact the church office by calling 774-304-1021 or emailing churchoffice@sturfed.org.

Federated Church announces 2024 Lenten services schedule

STURBRIDGE –The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale has announced its 2024 schedule of Lenten services.

Services will be held at the church located at 8 Maple St. and the community is welcome to attend, according to the Rev. David W. Cote who will officiate the services.

From Feb. 25 through March 10, services will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, which is currently doubling as the Sturbridge Senior Center. Starting March 17, the church will move services back to the newly refurbished Sanctuary.

On Good Friday, at noon, March 29, the congregation will join the community in an ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St. Anne's Shrine, 16 Church St., Fiskdale.

"On Easter Sunday, the community is invited to join us at 6 a.m. as we celebrate with a special sunrise service at the church's original Meeting House at Old Sturbridge Village," said Cote. "Following the sunrise

service, we will return to the current Federated Church Meeting House sanctuary for our 9:30 a.m. Easter morning service."

The Sunrise Service at Old Sturbridge Village will begin promptly at 6 a.m. Area residents who wish to attend are advised to enter the Meeting House by way of the security gate at the top of the parking lot, dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy walking shoes.

Food and drink are not permitted, except for bottled water. The village will not be open for touring during this event and restrooms will not be available.

The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale joyfully celebrates Christ's presence and God's grace in our lives.

Community members are welcome and invited to join in worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Services are also live-streamed on the church's Facebook page. For more information, call 774-304-1021 or visit sturfed.org.

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is scheduled to be completed in the spring.

Parks and Rec. survey

Avery shared a survey from the Parks and Recreation Committee that will be available to residents, to determine their vision for the common. He said this includes what they would like for upgrades, and potential future uses.

“With the new Open Space Plan approved and community survey in hand, the committee can move forward with plans for improvement of the common,” Avery said. “The com-

mittee is very much interested in having community input, not just what members of the committee envision.

Avery said improvements to the common are determined by the funding that is available. Having the completed Open Space and Recreation Plan and survey results will improve the town’s grant eligibility.

The survey will be available online at northbrookfield.net and at locations throughout town including the Town Offices, Haston Free Public Library and more.

Main Street parking concerns

Retail business owners shared concerns about downtown parking, saying that people are taking up parking spaces all day, limiting access for customers visiting their stores.

“We’re very concerned that our customers aren’t going to be able to get there and that’s going to put our store in jeopardy,” one business owner said.

The business owners suggested creating time-limited parking spaces, which would help to keep spaces open for retail customers.

Board of Selectmen Chair

Jason Petraitis said the board will have to meet with the Highway Department and possibly look at a study to come up with any changes.

He said town employees have been directed to park their vehicles in front of the Town House.

Petraitis said the board will take these concerns into consideration, and look into ways to make the downtown parking situation better for all.

Common concerns

Avery said vehicles have been driving from Sinclair Avenue onto the common, creating

ruts and damaging the field. He asked if the town could place barriers to prevent this from continuing.

A chain with a lock could block access, but still be removed if emergency access is needed on the common.

Avery’s request will be reviewed by the town’s Safety Committee.

Grant for turnout gear

Fire Chief Darin Anderson said the Fire Department was awarded a \$12,417 grant to purchase three sets of turnout gear. The board voted to accept the grant.

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“A variety of different crafts are offered,” David Burris, Dean of Old Sturbridge Academy said of the craft fair.

The craft fair was a fundraiser for a class field trip for the eighth grade at Old Sturbridge Academy class, helping to reduce the costs for students as they travel to Washington, D.C.

According to Burris, the goal is to offer to-to-three craft fairs annually to help with stu-

dent activities. Old Sturbridge Academy also hosts fundraising events such as movie nights and spaghetti dinners.

Burris said he appreciates the great partnership the school has with Old Sturbridge Village. The partnership between Old Sturbridge Academy and Old Sturbridge Village continues to offer fun adventures and learning experiences for guests who come from all walks of life.



Soaps by B-Organic come in a myriad of flavors.



Thimble and Sword feature historically inspired creations by Tristan Archibald who is based out of New Hampshire. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO



Fidget toys were available at the Thimble and Sword table.



Crafts all around featuring decorative plates, jewelry, dreamcatchers and brooms.



Candles and wax melts were available at the craft fair.



Organic Produce Bags are used for storage and to help reduce food waste.

SPORTS

Seniors carry Cougars to win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN—Winning a game on senior night is always extra special.

The seven seniors listed on the Quaboag boys' varsity basketball roster celebrated a 60-35 senior night victory over the Advanced Math & Science Academy Eagles in a non-league home contest, last Wednesday. It was the first ever meeting on the hardwood between the two teams.

"I've had some good senior night victories in the past, but it's a pretty good feeling winning in tonight's game," said longtime Cougars head coach Chris Reilly, who's planning on returning to the sideline next

year. "We played very well tonight, especially defensively."

The Cougars seniors, who were honored before the opening tipoff, are Bryce Douglas, Ryan Fernandez, Evan Long, Tom Robidoux, Charles Smith, Owen Stevens, and Matt Tiberii.

"All of us played on the same AAU basketball team when we were nine years old," Long said. "We've been teammates during the past ten years, which has been very special."

The trio of Smith, Douglas, and Robidoux, who are normally reserve players, were standing on the court at the start of last Wednesday's game with Tiberii and Fernandez.

"Tommy Robidoux, Charles

Smith, and Bryce Douglas were in the starting line-up for the first time this season," Reilly said. "Our three normal starters volunteered to give up their spots for them. All the seniors are great kids."

Stevens and Long entered the game for the first time in the middle of the first quarter.

The Cougars captains are Douglas, Fernandez, Long, Stevens, and Tiberii.

"The five captains have been around here forever," Reilly said. "All of them would've probably been members of the varsity team for four years. We didn't play any games when they were freshmen because of Covid. The seniors really don't want this season to come to an end."

Long, who's planning on joining the Nichols College men's soccer next fall, scored a game-high 17 points on senior night.

Long made back-to-back field goals, which gave his team a 13-4 lead with two minutes left in the first quarter. He also scored 11 more points during the third quarter, as the Cougars built a commanding 48-21 lead.

"My teammates are always encouraging me to shoot the ball and I finally did it in tonight's game. Everyone has been very positive this year," Long said. "I've been a member of the varsity basketball team for three years and it has been a lot of fun being teammates with these guys."

Long will be wrapping up his varsity athletic career as a member of the boys' tennis team this spring.

"I started at second singles last year," he said. "I'll probably be moving up to first singles this year. I really enjoy playing tennis."

The Cougars never trailed against the Eagles (8-10). They outscored the visitors from Marlborough, 18-1, during the third quarter and coasted home.

"The third quarter has been our weakness this season, but we outscored them, 18-1," Long said. "We came out flying at the start of the second half."

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Panthers take regular season finale



Riley Bassett attempts to hold on to the ball. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

BARRE – Last Wednesday night, the Quabbin Regional High School girls basketball team finished up the regular season with a 41-21 win over Belchertown. The Panthers were in command of the game for the entirety, and had a commanding 28-14 lead at halftime. The Panthers were led by Riley Bassett and Meaghan Doyle with 12 points each. Coming up, the Panthers, who finished at 14-4, had the Clark Tournament and state tournaments both to participate in.



Meaghan Doyle eyes the hoop as she goes for a mid-range shot.



Mia Ducos goes for a layup under pressure.



Abby Rogowski goes for a put-back under pressure.



Brianna Whitelaw goes for a shot.

Pioneers win finale

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder girls basketball defeated Sci-Tech for the second time this season, winning 59-41 at home in a game that was also their regular season finale. The Pioneers have made the state tournament at 10-6, but did not make Western Mass. and were scheduled for nonplay-off games earlier this week. In the win over Sci-Tech, Greenly Lagimoniere had 16 points while Victoria Stephens had 11 points. Addison Doktor added 10 points to the win. The state tournament begins next week.



Victoria Stephens heads up for a shot. TURLEY PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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Athlete of the Month

NAME: Sophie Webb
SCHOOL: Tantasqua

In a regular season win for Tantasqua over Longmeadow this month, Webb helped out with 17 points to lead the Warriors.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.



Warriors score upset in Clark tourney

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

DUDLEY—The Tantasqua boys' basketball team had won only one game at the Clark Tournament during the past 44 years.

After losing to Grafton High School in last year's Large School quarterfinal game, the Warriors certainly didn't want to lose in the same round again this season.

The sixth-seeded Warriors, who scored the first 16 points of the contest, coasted to an 80-47 upset victory over the third-seeded Westborough Rangers before a large crowd inside the Shepherd Hill Regional gymnasium, last Saturday afternoon.

"Last year, we were eligible to play in the Clark Tournament for the first time in many years and we lost in the quarterfinals," said Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion. "One of our goals coming into this season was to win the first Clark game, so we could go play a game on the Clark University basketball court. The kids were really focused, and they played very well at the start of today's game. I'm very proud of them."

While the Warriors (12-8) made their 14th appearance in the Clark Tournament, the Rangers (13-6) have played in the Clark a total of 54 times. They've won the Small School Championship title once and they've won eight Large School Championships.

The last time that Tantasqua, who has never won a championship title, won a game at the Clark Tournament was in the 1980 quarterfinals. They defeated Clinton High School, 62-56, before losing to Oxford High School, 53-51, in the semifinals.

Not very many basketball teams at any level could play as well as the Warriors did during the first eight minutes of last Saturday's quarterfinal game.

"We played very well both offensively and defensively in the first quarter," said Dion, who played in the Clark tournament several times during his high school career at David Prouty. "We held them to only five points in that quarter. I believe it's the first time that we've done that this season."

The duo of senior Jack Rapose and junior Elijah Webb combined to score 11 of the Warriors' 21 first quarter points.

"We really thought this game was going to come down to the wire," Rapose said. "We played outstanding in the first quarter, and this is a huge win for us."

The other ten first quarter points were scored by senior Bryce Tessier, sophomore Sam Pieczynski, and junior Adam Howe, who hit a jumper in the lane giving his team a 21-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"Before the start of the game, coach Dion told us that we needed to start the game strong and that's exactly what we did," McGrath said. "We just came out firing and we've never scored that many

points in a game before today. We're now looking forward to playing in the semifinals at Clark. I've been there in the past as a fan and it's a great atmosphere. It's going to be awesome playing a game on that court."

Howe, who's a captain with Tessier, Rapose, and senior Colm McGrath, was sidelined most of the regular season with an injury. He played in his first game of the season at Leicester, which was a 69-36 victory on February 12. He scored seven points against the Rangers.

"It's awesome having Adam back on the court again," Dion said. "He was one of our starters last year and he's a captain this year. This was the third game of the season."

Webb, who made a total of four 3-pointers, finished the contest with a game-high 20 points.

Rapose was the only other double digit scorer for Tantasqua in the quarterfinal victory with 17 points.

McGrath just missed reaching double digits, as he finished the game with nine points.

Tessier chipped in with seven points. Junior James Sciaraffa added three points.

Both teams scored 16 points during the second quarter and the Warriors held a 37-21 halftime advantage.

The Warriors began the third quarter with an impressive 20-2 run, which pretty much ended any hope the Rangers might've had of making a second half comeback.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Webb from the right and left corners gave the Warriors a 47-21 lead with 5:36 left in the third quarter.

After Westborough made a pair of free throws, Tantasqua reeled off ten more points.

McGrath capped off the run with an old fashion three point play.

All the Warrior's starters were sitting on the bench for most of the final quarter.

Junior Will Ehrhard, junior Teo Vazquez, sophomore Logan Arrastia (4 points), junior Noah Wotton (4 points) junior Chace Fredette, junior Max Cohen, and freshman Sean Allen, who are the Warriors reserve players, managed to keep the lead above 30 points in the fourth quarter.

"It was nice to get the reserve players some experience in a tournament game," Dion said. "All of those guys always work very hard at practice, and they deserved an opportunity to play in a game."

The following night, the Warriors defeated seventh-seeded Oakmont, 52-30, in the semifinals, which was held at the Kneller Athletic Center located in the middle of the Clark University campus.

The Warriors will be making another trip to Worcester to play in the Clark Large School finals against either top-seeded Shepherd Hill or fourth-seeded Millbury on Friday night.

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Stevens, who holds several school records as a member of the outdoor track & field team, scored 10 of his 14 points on senior night during the first half.

"We really needed to win tonight's game," Stevens said. "Everyone played very well and we're peaking at the right time."

Stevens, who's still in the process of making his college decision, main two events during the track season is the long jump and the high jump.

"I enjoy competing in the long jump the most because it's very simple and it's a lot of fun," Stevens said. "The high jump is a little more technical and it's a lot more difficult. My older sister, Maggie, got me interested in track when I was younger."

As a junior, Stevens competed in the New Balance Nationals, which was held at Franklin Field located on the University of Pennsylvania campus. He'll be competing at the Nike Indoor Nationals, which will be held at the Armory in New York City, in March.

"I'm really looking forward to competing in the high jump at the Nike Indoor Nationals," he said. "I'm hoping to get a medal at that meet."

Fernandez and Tiberii finished the contest with 11 and 12 points respectively.

The duo will be pitchers on the Cougars varsity baseball team this spring. They were also members of the golf team last fall.

Smith joined the varsity hoop team a year ago. He scored his first career points in a varsity game on a lay-up late in the fourth quarter.

Robidoux, who's a first-year member of the team, made a free throw late in the game, which was also his first point at the varsity level.

"Charlie has a great attitude, and he always works very hard at practice," Reilly said. "Tommy had never played basketball before this season, but he also helped us out at practice every day."

The home victory improved the Cougars overall record to 7-10, which kept their hopes of qualifying for the Division 4 state tournament alive for a couple more days.

Quaboag suffered a 65-55 loss at Main South last Friday night, which officially ended their state tournament dreams.

The Cougars were scheduled to play a non-playoff home game against Bay Path on Monday afternoon before wrapping up the season at Blackstone Valley Tech on Wednesday morning.

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Pioneers win finale

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Desiree Croteau sends a pass away. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Brianna Beynor goes after the tipoff.



Greenly Lagimoniere looks to go for a layup.



Addison Doktor takes the free throw.

Miracle League to receive Doyle Award

SPRINGFIELD – The Miracle League of Western Massachusetts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing inclusive baseball opportunities for individuals with disabilities, have been selected as the recipient of the Ryan Doyle Courage Award by the Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Ryan Doyle Courage Award, named in honor of the late Ryan Doyle, a courageous young athlete who battled cancer, recognizes individuals or organizations that demonstrate exceptional courage, resilience, and dedication to the sport of baseball in Western Massachusetts. The Miracle League of Western Massachusetts was chosen for their unwavering commitment to creating an inclusive environment where all individuals, regardless of ability, can experience the joy of playing baseball.

Founded in 2015, the Miracle League of Western Massachusetts has been providing accessible baseball programs for children and adults with disabilities. Through their adaptive facilities and volunteer support, they ensure that every player has the opportunity to participate in America's favorite pastime. The or-

ganization has positively impacted the lives of countless individuals, fostering camaraderie, self-confidence, and a sense of belonging within the community.

The Miracle League of Western Massachusetts will be formally presented with the Ryan Doyle Courage Award at the Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony on March 7th 6pm at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow. This event brings together Western Mass baseball legends, enthusiasts, community leaders, and former MLB players to celebrate the accomplishments of the inductees.

For more information about the Miracle League of Western Massachusetts, their inclusive baseball programs and to volunteer, please visit <https://miracleleaguewestma.com/> or contact Brian Feeley at brian@miracleleaguewestma.com.

To Learn more about Ryan's story: Please visit the Ryan Doyle Foundation at <https://rd26.org/>.

For tickets to attend the induction dinner on March 7th please go to www.valleybluesox.com or email WMassHOF@valleybluesox.com

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The Farm46 family is a regular vendor at the West Brookfield Winter Farmers Market. TURLEY PHOTO BY RICHARD MURPHY

operation is in West Brookfield just down the street on West Main when, not in the Farmers Market.

So, how did the tulip business begin?

Like many residents, Scott is not a native. She grew up in Holden and went to Mount Holyoke College.

Driving her to college and traveling through West Brookfield, her mom and dad fell in love with the town and moved here. Scott, too, became a townie. It's happened to a lot of us.

So, there you are, living in a lovely spot. What to do? Well, you could buy a packet of tulip seeds, toss 'em on the ground in the backyard, et voilà, you are in the flower biz.

Nope. Nothing so lovely comes without a journey of effort and Scott's is a story of that.

One might say that it begins in Austria, but that is pushing it, though there is a connection.

The story of the von Trapp family and their escape from Austria before World War II and settling in Vermont is well known, as is the famous movie of the adventure, "The Sound of Music".

Well, later generations of that clan have not been idle. A great-granddaughter of the Baron has a tulip farm where one can learn that discipline.

Emily von Trapp teaches the craft; and Scott saw photos and went to Vermont to learn from von Trapp at what she describes as a beautiful farm.

Scott will be coming to most of the rest of the Winter Markets which end March 13. You can keep up with what she is doing on her Facebook or Instagram page at Blair House Blooms.

Farm46

At the corner of the hall, between The Bread Box and Kelly Homestead Apiary is the table of Farm46. At the market it is known mostly for pork products, but there is also chicken and eggs.

Farm46 is a family affair as Rich Laba was there with wife Amy and daughters Madison and Charlotte. Madison and Charlotte were keeping mom busy so we mostly spoke with Rich and learned of the odyssey that brought him to farming.

Rich has been interested in food for a long time especially higher end aspects of different varieties such as Japanese cuisine.

What was the progression to the operation in Charlton?

Rich read "You Can Farm" by Joel Salatin and began after that. Salatin is known for his writing and speaking on the subject of entrepreneurial farming.

Rich would not have been the first to have drawn inspiration from Salatin's work.

Certainly, he drew lessons from the book, but probably most important were the words "Start now."

Rich started farming on lake property in Shrewsbury and then moved to Charlton. There he found a mentor, David Sears, who helped guide the process. Sears provided Rich with his start of four piglets, six weeks old.

The breed of pigs that Farm46 raises are Berkshires. They are a heritage breed going back 300 years.

The young pigs, as they grow, are constrained by electric fencing within which they are easily kept.

Rich houses the piglets in mobile structures that are moved as pasture changes. They are always outside rooting on the ground and in the woods, which is what they naturally do, unlike factory farmed meat. Thus, the product is delicious, marbled and healthy.

Farm46 will be at the West Brookfield Winter Farmers Market through March 1h. In the summer they are at the Charlton Farmers Market, on Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. on the Common.

You can keep in touch at the website, <http://farm-46ma.com/>, and on Facebook.

WHOA draws Scouts to Moses for winter adventure

RUSSELL – Scouts from near and far enjoyed a variety of winter adventures and activities for Woronoco Heights Outdoor Adventures held at the Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation on Birch Hill Road.

Offering blacksmithing, disc golf, geocaching, ice fishing, It's All Things Birds, orienteering, a sugar shack hike and more, Scouts and their leaders had plenty of fun, skills-based and team-building activities to participate in this past Saturday.

In the Blacksmith Shop, Scouts learned how to forge a J-hook with the guidance of Dana Dupuis of Heroic Wolves Forge.

For It's All Things Birds, Scouts learned about feeding, housing and observing wild birds. Scouts recorded any birds observed and identified at the reservation's birdfeeder for the Great American Backyard Bird Count that

was held Feb. 17-20.

Scouts enjoyed the reservation's 9-hole disc golf course, and searched for seven geocache locations.

Using compasses, Scouts honed their orienteering skills, getting both instruction and practice.

A hike to the Top O' The Hill Maple sugar shack in neighboring Blandford followed in the footsteps of General Henry Knox, who passed through the area in the winter of 1775-1776 to deliver artillery from Fort Ticonderoga to General George Washington in Cambridge.

The next WHOA event is scheduled for Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This program is open to anyone ages 5 and up, whether they are a Scout or not.

For more information about WHOA, visit 413WHOA.org.



Robert Kidd, a longtime staffer at Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation in Russell, shares the history of the peak located on Chips Norcross' property in Blandford with Scouts from Haverhill Troop 24. Scouts hiked up the peak to visit Top O' The Hill Maple sugar shack during the second of three Woronoco Heights Outdoor Adventures held during the winter. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE



Chuck Andrews of Top O' The Hill Maple explains the difference between various maple trees.



Dana Dupuis of Heroic Wolves Forge in Russell taught Scouts how to create J-hooks in the Blacksmith Shop.



A Scout from Troop 161 of Sturbridge demonstrated how to use a depth finder to set the length of the fishing line on the tip-up.



A Scout from Troop 161 of Sturbridge used an auger to drill holes through the ice during the ice fishing activity.



Scouts from Troop 7281 of Ware and Troop 161 of Sturbridge worked together to drill a hole through the ice.



Scouts hammered a nail into the shape of a "J."



Cub Scouts from Pack 168 of Monson enjoyed ice fishing.

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Camp Read-a-Lot kicks off with fun and games

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The North Brookfield Fire Department teaches about fire safety to some fifth graders. TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS



Kindergartners worked together to balance eggs on spoons.



Students enjoy Book Bingo with the reading specialist, Clementine McNamara.



Sixth grade students enjoyed hula-hooping in the gym.

Ware River Nature Club's annual dinner meeting Feb. 25

PETERSHAM – Ware River Nature Club will hold its Annual Dinner Meeting & Silent Auction at Harvard Forest, on Sunday, Feb. 25 from noon-5 p.m.

The Club is celebrating its 12th year of providing nature education programs, field trips, and wildlife conservation opportunities to people in the Ware River region. Club activities are open to all who have an interest in natural history and the environment.

Besides providing guests with a hot catered meal and the opportunity to gather with fellow nature and wildlife enthusiasts, the meeting will feature two guest speakers who will talk about different aspects of animal migration.

Dr. Cory Elowe of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, will describe some research that shows the incredible ways that migratory birds seasonally change their bodies to allow them to make the perilous trip from their wintering grounds to their breeding grounds and back.

How a relatively small number of

fish species known as diadromous species traverse both freshwater and marine environments to feed, grow, and reproduce will be the subject of a second presentation by Dr. Alex Haro of the S.O. Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center, Turners Falls.

Attendees will have an opportunity to bid on a selection of nature and science books, original wildlife art work, and many other unique items by taking part in the ongoing fundraiser silent auction. "Armchair" bidders who cannot attend the meeting are welcome to view the auction items online and place absentee bids.

Participants need not be members to attend the meeting (entire meeting or speakers only) or take part in the auction. Information about the Club, meeting reservations, and the auction may be found on the Club's website www.ware-rivernatureclub.org.

For more information contact ware-rivernatureclub@yahoo.com or 413 967-4737.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Golf scores
- 5. Shock therapy
- 8. Ballplayer's tool
- 11. Quench one's thirst
- 13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- 14. Every one of two or more things
- 15. Member of Muslim people
- 16. Play
- 17. Type of cheese
- 18. Type of lounge chair
- 20. ___ King Cole, musician
- 21. Fellows
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Georgia rockers
- 32. Cryptocurrency
- 33. Narrow path

- along a slope
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Joyousness
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
- 50. Sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
- 63. Extremity
- 64. Post

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pacific Standard Time
- 2. Protruding ridge on

- nematodes
- 3. Indian king
- 4. Type of milk
- 5. One who brings home the bacon
- 6. More comprehensible
- 7. Connected with sense of touch
- 8. Red mineral
- 9. Breezed through
- 10. Therefore
- 12. Supplement with difficulty
- 14. Early kingdom of Syria
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Domesticated animal
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Snakelike fish
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Economically-minded aircraft

- 34. When you hope to get somewhere
- 35. Tease
- 36. Actress Gretchen
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Consume
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Improved something
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 47. Fix
- 48. Evergreen tree genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Major C. European river
- 54. Long, narrow strap
- 58. Male parent

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During the weeks of Feb. 5-18, the East Brookfield Police Department responded to 370 building/property checks, 188 directed area patrols, 27 traffic controls, 21 radar assignments, 16 emergency 911 calls, three complaints, three scams, one fire/illegal burn, three citizen assists, six assist other agencies, one animal call and 42 motor vehicle stops in the town of East Brookfield.

Monday, Feb. 5

8:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Feb. 6

12:16 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Stone Road, No Action Required
1:02 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Adams Road, Investigated
3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Po-dunk Road, Citation Issued
4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation Issued
5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
7:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation Issued
7:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation Issued
9:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Wednesday, Feb. 7

11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation issued
12:45 p.m. Scam, Lashaway Drive Circle, Officer Handled

Thursday, Feb. 8

6:05 a.m. 911 Carbon Monoxide Alarm, North Brookfield Road, Investigated
12:36 p.m. Complaint, Connie Mack Drive, Report Taken
1:08 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Blaine Avenue, Transported to Hospital
4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
8:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Criminal Complaint
9:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
10:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued

Friday, Feb. 9

3:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Blaine Avenue, Transported to Hospital
5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
6:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, Feb. 10

9:54 a.m. 911 Assist Citizen, High Rocks Road, Transported to Hospital
4:33 p.m. Radar, East Main Street, Citation Issued
4:56 p.m. Directed/Area Patrol, Harrington Street, Citation Issued

Monday, Feb. 12

10:55 a.m. Hazardous Incident, East Main Street, Removed Hazard

2:23 p.m. 911 Trespass, Blaine Avenue, Report Taken

8:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Feb. 13

1:42 a.m. 911 Gunshots, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact
8:58 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, East Main Street, Transported to Hospital
4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
5:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
7:50 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, East Main Street, Arrest(s) Made

Wednesday, Feb. 14

1:39 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Young Road, Report Taken
10:09 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, West Main Street, Services Rendered

Thursday, Feb. 15

7:42 a.m. Safety Hazard, Route 40, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
10:11 a.m. 911 Misdial, East Main Street, Officer Handled
12:15 p.m. Identity Theft, Connie Mack Drive, Report Taken
4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
5:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
7 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
8:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued

Friday, Feb. 16

8:16 a.m. Assist Citizen, Pleasant Street, Dispatch Handled
1:26 p.m. Scam, Park Street, Report Taken
3:53 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Blaine Avenue, Negative Contact
4:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, Connie Mack Drive, Dispatch Handled
7:16 p.m. Complaint, Harrington Street, Officer Handled
8:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
11:22 p.m. Scam, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled

Saturday, Feb. 17

11:06 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Harrington Street, Transported to Hospital
1:35 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Blaine Avenue, Transported to Hospital
3:29 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Wildwood Road, Transported to Hospital
5:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Written Warning
5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Po-dunk Road, Citation Issued
9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued

Sunday, Feb. 18

5:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
5:26 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Wildwood Road, Transported to Hospital
6:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued

New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of Feb. 5-19, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 36 building/property checks, 60 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, nine radar assignments, four emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one fire, one complaint, four motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle investigation, five animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

11:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Feb. 7

11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Utley Road, Officer Handled
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

Thursday, Feb. 8

9:48 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Friday, Feb. 9

10:14 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Out of Town, Dispatch Handled
3:13 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Saturday, Feb. 10

11 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital
12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed
4:28 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Invest-

igation, West Brookfield Road, Unknown Outcome

Sunday, Feb. 11

3:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Monday, Feb. 12

2:21 p.m. Assist Citizen, West Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Feb. 14

11:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
5:04 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, West Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Feb. 15

4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued
5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Friday, Feb. 16

1:08 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Feb. 17

9:56 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
8 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled

Sunday, Feb. 18

12:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Road, Citation Issued

WPI announces fall 2023 Dean's List

WORCESTER – Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces the fall 2023 Dean's List.

Local students making Dean's list are Gavin Burkhardt of North Brookfield, class of 2025 biology and biotechnology and environmental and sustainability studies and Frederick Smith of New Braintree, class of 2026 civil engineer-

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