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Rainy days and rainbows

Sportsmen's Club hosts annual fishing derby

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Despite the wet weather, young anglers and their families tested their lines and their luck at the annual fishing derby hosted by the Sportsmen's Club at Town Forest Park.

Youth ranging from toddlers to teenagers tried to catch one of 150 rainbow trout stocked in the pond, hoping to win a prize.

The fishing derby has been around for many decades, and has been held at various ponds in town, and even in New

Braintree, before settling at Town Forest Park.

After prizes were awarded to the winners, members of the Senior Center and others dropped their hooks to try and catch a fish.

Members of the North Brookfield Police Association kept derby goers well fed, with free donuts, chips, hot dogs and beverages. They also raffled off a Weber grill.

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Dexter Briggs and Eleanor Briggs, (shown with their dad Steve and dogs), were big winners at the fishing derby. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE)

Wings of Song sails our 'Blue Boat Home'

By Paula Quimette
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Get ready to set sail as Wings of Song embarks on a musical journey on a "Blue Boat Home" with three multi-media performances meant to bring awareness to climate change.

Led by Music Director Nym Cooke, the 40-member community chorus will perform songs spanning decades, cultures and genres, accompanied by a backdrop of images and readings of poignant texts.

The images projected in a slideshow are both beautiful

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Tim Loftus, left, provides rhythm guitar and flute accompaniment and Brooks Milgate, right, plays piano. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE)

A Sunday on the Quinebaug

Sturbridge Lions Club hosts All American River Race

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

STURBRIDGE – This past Sunday was the second post-pandemic Sturbridge Lions All American River Race.

It had something in common with last year, that would be cold, cloudy weather, with occasional drizzle this year. As previously, the entrants were in good spirits despite overcast skies.

The Lions, in yellow windbreakers, came together early at Turners Field next to the Quinebaug River, which is the stream the race runs on. At the same time, the communication team, members of the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club or QVARC, would assemble in front of the Lincoln House

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A happy couple embraces at the finish. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY)



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Howland retires from Select Board

By Eric Troy
Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE – Select Board members, citizens, and others gathered at the Town Hall to discuss upcoming events, town budgets, the Hardwick/Ravine Road project, and more.

Hardwick and Ravine roads

At the April 24 meeting, property easements for improvements to New Braintree's Hardwick and Ravine roads were unanimously approved by Select Board members and property owners. The project aims to improve both Ravine Road and Hardwick Road.

Broadband

A recent broadband bill for the town has tallied in at approximately \$300,000. The town budget currently has \$106,000 to put toward the bill with funding from the commonwealth. The remainder of the bill can be paid over a period of two decades at a rate of \$24,000 annually.

Town officials opted to use the allocated funds to decrease the total bill from \$300,000 to \$194,000, which will be paid incrementally until paid off.

Grade School boiler

Improvements to the New Braintree Grade School are underway. An estimate for the replacement of the building's boiler tallied ranged from \$50,000-\$60,000.

The burner for the building's heating system is operational and will not be replaced.

The town budget currently has \$44,000 allocated to the replacement of the boiler at the School and will supplement the difference in cost with further budgetary adjustments.

Police report

Town Police reports cited eight arrests, 27 citations, and three crashes occurring from April 10-24. Additionally, a state grant has enabled the placement of a radar detector on Prouty Road.

The radar detector will collect data regarding vehicle speeds, which will be monitored and screened three times per year over the next three years to ascertain changes in drivers' speed to fulfill state grant requirements.

The New Braintree Police Department also announced it will be hosting a chicken barbeque on Friday, May 5 at noon at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club, 2626 South Barre Road, Wheelwright.

The Police Department is seeking to fill a detective role on the force; interested parties can learn more about the role by calling the Police Department at 413-477-6708.

Highway report

Officials from the Highway Department stated that street sweeping will be occurring in the coming weeks, that brakes have been updated on the fleet's small trucks, and that an application for a grant to improve roadways has been submitted.

If approved, the \$116,000 grant would enable improvements of Old Turnpike Road, including regrading and paving, which the department hopes to take care of this summer.

Roof repairs

Updates to Glidden Hall continue, bringing the project nearer to completion. Select Board members say the building should be in use again on May 1.

Improvements have included repairs to

the building's roof and supporting trusses, insulation, phone system, heat and air conditioning, and more.

Howland retires

After more than two decades of service to the Town of New Braintree, Selectmen C. William Howland is retiring from his post on the Select Board. His contributions to the community and efforts to improve the town will be missed.

Town Officials, residents, and fellow Select Board members thanked Howland for his persistent dedication and contributions to the community. He was awarded a certificate of achievement for his contributions from fellow Select Board members.

Roadside flowers

An additional item of discussion was the planting of daffodils along New Braintree roadsides. The project will be discussed with the New Braintree Revitalization Committee.

Members of the community present at the Select Board meeting asked individuals to refrain from picking the daffodils currently along the roadside.



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New Braintree Library holds story times

NEW BRAINTREE – Story time will be held Mondays, May 8 and May 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive.

The May 8 program will feature "The Pencil" by Allan Ahlberg and Bruce Ingman. The May 22 program will feature "Piglet Comes Home" by Melis-

sa Shapiro, DMV. This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. Parental supervision is required.

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

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Pride event, drag performance to be held without Board approval

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen rescinded a decision to give approval for the Rural Justice Network’s Small Town Pride festival, to be held June 24.

At an earlier meeting, the Board had approved the event in its entirety, including having drag performance, but this section of the event was rescinded at a meeting held on April 11.

On April 25, the Board revisited approval of the event again.

Chair Jason Petraitis said the Board will first vote to rescind the request to approve the Small Town Pride event (without the drag performance); then vote to approve it with the drag performance.

Petraitis said this was likely the last time the Board would vote on the event, which he said was a “polarizing topic.”

Following the unanimous rescission of the April 11 approval, both Petraitis and Vice-Chair John Tripp abstained from the vote to approve the event with drag performance, which failed to pass. Clerk Elizabeth “Brooke” Canada was the sole Board member to cast a vote, which was in favor of approving the event.

Petraitis said the RJN could still hold its event on the common despite not getting the Board’s approval, as it is a free, open common.

“The Board is not required to give you permission to have your event on the common,” Petraitis said.

This means the Small Town Pride event will still take place as planned on June 24 with the drag performance.

Petraitis read a statement from Town Counsel, which “strongly recommend-

ed” the Board include the drag performance. Town Counsel referenced a letter from American Civil Liberties Union Foundation Attorney Ruth A. Bourquin which stated that the removal of drag performance “violates free expression rights.”

Town Counsel stated in a letter to the Board that the ACLU, “has filed numerous lawsuits against the commonwealth, cities and towns, in federal court over free speech and other constitutional claims,” and legal costs can run into tens of thousands of dollars.

Town Counsel stated that it was his opinion that the “imminently threatened” threshold for a lawsuit against the town had been met.

A resident shared concerns about allowing the drag performance.

“If we can’t stand up to this assault on our children, especially on our young male children, what kind of people are we?” she said.

She said she disagrees with Town Counsel’s opinion that the ACLU will sue the town if the drag performance isn’t allowed.

Another resident said nobody is being made to attend the Small Town Pride festival.

“If you don’t want to go, you don’t go,” he said.

Event organizers and supporters in attendance at the meetings said Small Town Pride is a “fun, feel-good, family friendly event that’s about bringing our community together.”

“Drag performance has been a hallmark of the queer community and an outlet for members to express themselves openly and joyously for decades. The RJN does not intend to have any drag performance on June 24 that’s going to be provocative or inappropriate for children and families... We are really

hopeful that we can move ahead with this in the most inclusive Small Town Pride possible in June, including with drag performances,” RJN President Tashena Marie said.

Some residents expressed concerns for the safety of the people at the event, due to opposition and how far this story has spread through mainstream media.

An event supporter said the town’s Police Department is “top notch” and will protect and serve in the event anything happens.

“North Brookfield is a peaceful good town, people help each other, and nobody is going to hurt each other,” she said.

Resignation

Dennis Kelly submitted his resignation from the Cultural Council, stating he does not have the time to dedicate to the position that it deserves.

“Dennis has been an asset to the town with his input and volunteerism,” Petraitis said.

Annual town meeting

The annual town meeting warrant has 22 articles, which range from standard articles to ones addressing an earth removal and filling bylaw, special legislation to extend the age limitation for fire chief and deputy fire chief, electronic voting, as well as making mail-in voting as an option at all municipal elections.

Article 22 will see if voters will support a new flag and seal for the commonwealth.

The annual town meeting will be held on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m., following the special town meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Veterans conference

Veterans’ Service Officer Holly Kularski requested permission to register for the Massachusetts Veterans’ Service Officers Association Summer Conference from June 11-15 in Hyannis, using

money from the Veterans Other Expense account. The account has a balance of \$2,286.34.

The cost of the conference ranges from \$752.24 for three nights to \$902.24 for four nights.

The Board approved covering the cost of four nights and Tripp thanked Kularski for all she does for the town’s veterans.

Water main flushing

The Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout town through May 19 to remove sediment buildup. It may cause temporary discoloration of water, which could stain laundry.

Flushing will occur from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The daily schedule is posted on the Department’s Facebook page.

For more information, call 508-867-0207.

Town Collector update

Only \$700 of \$7.2 million in real estate taxes committed remains uncollected. Tripp thanked Town Collector Lisa Taylor for her diligence and commitment, as well as those who paid their taxes.

Church tag sale is May 6

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A tag sale at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be plants, puzzles, books, clothes, kid’s stuff, kitchen and household items, treasures, and more. Name your own price.

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April showers make for great transplanting weather

It was a lot of fun to take advantage of the overcast days this week to get some transplanting done.

Do you wonder why it is advantageous to undertake this task when it is cloudy, or even drizzling out? If your guess has to do with less stress on the plants, you are right on target.

Read on for more about what kept me busy and why!!

I hope I am smarting up some when it comes to homegrown seedlings. This year, instead of growing 300 tomato plants (yes, I was a little kooky last year) I downsized to just under 70.

Still enough for me to share but not so many that we have to have a brigade to get the many trays into the house each night that temperatures dip in my unheated greenhouse.

The tomato seeds were sown in the third week or March and were transplanted into 6 packs the second week of April.

Recently, they started to show signs that they were ready to be potted into bigger containers. Height was one give-away. Secondly, was a root ball that was pretty filled out but not quite root bound (roots swirling in a tight mass).

I lifted each plant from the cell of its 6-pack and positioned the plant on the bottom of a 4" pot and filled in with new potting soil.

Tomatoes are unique in that they will make roots up the stem.

After all the transplanting was done, I gave them a drink or fish emulsion/seaweed fertilizer to lessen any shock and provide them with a good boost.

Because it was overcast, I was able to do this right in the greenhouse and keep them in there without worry that the sun or heat would be too much for plants that recently had their roots disturbed.

On occasion, when I've been forced to get transplanting done during a sunny stretch, I would immediately water the plants then place the trays of plants in the shade to recover for at least a day or two.

Now, a mention on temperature. Cloudy is one thing, and today with my greenhouse doors closed, 50 degrees outdoors meant a few degrees warmer inside.

I would not keep tomato plants outside if temperatures were colder than fifty or they will start to show signs of distress. They are much happier at 55 to 60 degrees.

So, for the next couple of weeks, (gasp) in and out they will go each day.

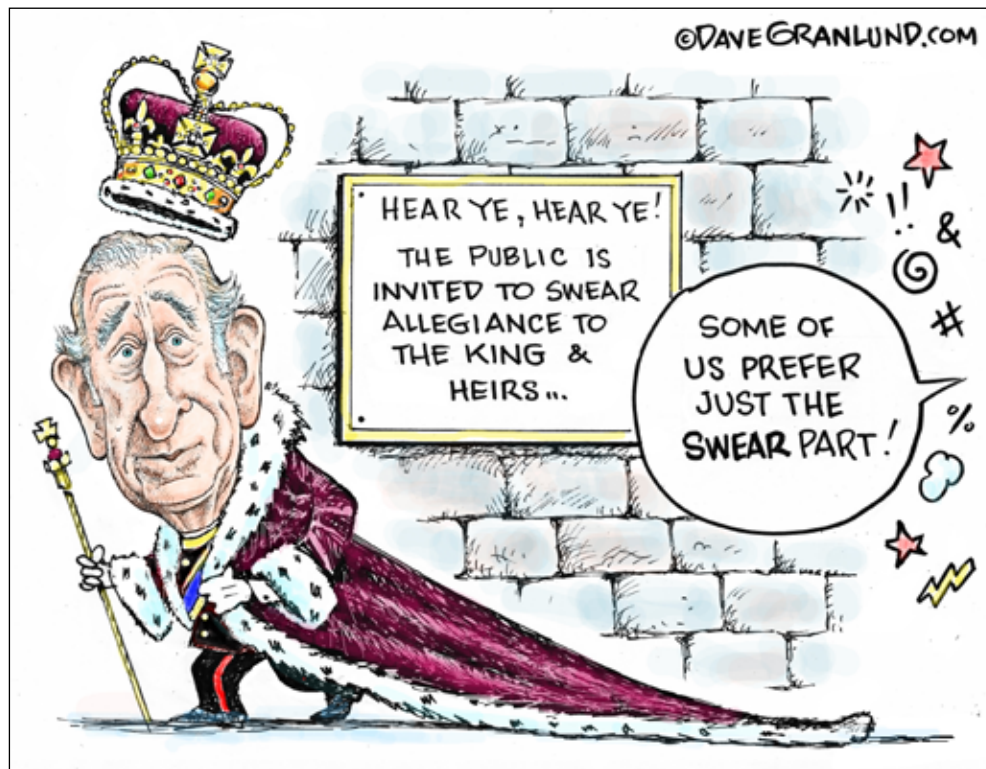
Without a greenhouse would mean moving them around your windows to catch the sun, or placing them back under the grow lights until temperatures moderate. At least I am not moving 300 this year.

Overcast skies were also helpful when it came time to re-do one of my perennial borders. I did a soil test on this particular garden last year and followed the recommendations to increase nitrogen (blood meal) and potassium (wood ashes).

It is neat that the wood ashes do double duty to get the pH a little higher as well.

Once the amendments were mixed in, I began lifting plants from the old garden, dividing them up and replanting them in the new garden. Some of the plants were overgrown, hence the need for division.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Second Chance Animal Services thanks supporters

I am writing on behalf of everyone at Second Chance Animal Services to express our gratitude and appreciation for the overwhelming support we received during the 24th Annual Second Chance Dinner Auction.

This event was a resounding success, and it would not have been possible without the generosity and dedication of our supporters.

The auction was held to raise funds to provide veterinary care for our shelter pets. With the help of our community, we were able to raise a record-breaking amount that will go directly towards providing care for the animals under our care.

We are particularly grateful to our sponsors including Tito's Handmade Vodka and Joe Campisi, as well as all the auction item donors, and volunteers who made this event possible. Your contributions helped us ex-

ceed our fundraising goals and bring awareness to our mission.

The generosity shown by our community is a testament to the importance of animal welfare and highlights the significant role that animals play in our lives. We could not have achieved this success without the support of our community.

On behalf of Second Chance Animal Services, I extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us during the 24th Annual Second Chance Animal Services Dinner Auction. Your contributions are appreciated more than words can express.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Doray
Chief Development Officer
Second Chance Animal Services



It is almost May and this is the month ruby-throated hummingbirds usually return to this area.

Some people already put out nectar feeders in anticipation of their return. I will usually see the males first, then the females.

The ruby-throated hummingbird is the only hummingbird found in Eastern North America.

These birds are only 3 1/2 inches long and are green. The male has a black head, iridescent red throat, which may appear black and a white breast and belly.

The female is green with a whitish throat and underbelly. Eyes and bills are black.

Hummingbirds eat flower nectar, insects, spiders and sap from sapsucker drilled holes. They come to hummingbird feeders.

In spring, the male defends a territory of about 1/4 acre.

In dive displays, he flies in a U shape, rising about 10 to 20 feet on both sides. It resembles the swinging of a pendulum.

After mating, the female lays two white eggs in cup shaped nest of plant down, bud scales, covered with lichens, bound with spider's silk and placed on a small, horizontal limb.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds, both

male and female, near migration, will temporarily defend a food source such as nectar feeders. They migrate 600 miles across the Gulf of Mexico, having stored enough food to make the crossing.

Hummingbirds make varied chips and twittering noises. Their wings make a whirring or humming noise, which is how they got their name.

When I refill a nectar feeder and return to hang it out, I often hear their humming wings, or I will see them perched on a nearby branch.

Nectar

I mix 1/4 cup white sugar to 1 cup water. The mixture should be brought to a boil to ensure all the sugar dissolves and to eliminate bacteria.



Male ruby-throated hummingbird

Cool the mixture before setting it out.

It also can be kept in the refrigerator for about a week. It is important to keep nectar feeders clean and change the mixture frequently.

I prefer the nectar feeders that have a moat on top to fill with water to deter ants.

I have several larger birds, who drink

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Cemetery project continues for second year

JustServe organizes volunteers to document gravestones

By Paula Ouimette
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WARREN – A group of people joined together at Pine Grove Cemetery on Earth Day to continue a documentation project that started last spring.

Using the BillionGraves app, volunteers carefully cleaned and wet gravestones in order to take photos using the app. The app records both the GPS location of the gravestone, as well as the

inscription on it.

Pine Grove Cemetery dates back to 1746, and began as just one acre. Over the centuries it has been added onto several times, and now covers 25 acres.

Its one of three cemeteries undergoing this documentation, with the others being in Pittsfield and West Springfield.

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints have led the effort both years, organized through JustServe.

JustServe is a service provided by the Church, and is a resource to connect any nonprofit or organization to volunteers without any cost or obligation.

“It’s a gift to the community,” JustServe Lead Administrator Zana Hatch



Elder Thulin (left) and Elder Barribal (right) document gravestones with Cemetery Commissioner Cynthia Baxter. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE)



Elder Barribal, right, cleans and wets a gravestone so Elder Thulin can take a photo of it using the BillionGraves phone app.

said.

According to the JustServe.org website, the resource can be used by organizations to post service opportunities and publicize their needs and it also connects volunteers to service opportunities.

“The mission is helping people connect with their ancestors,” Hatch said of the documentation project. “With the BillionGraves app, it has the GPS capability and can connect people from all over the world using the website familysearch.org.”

Despite cool and windy weather, 16 volunteers took part in the project, including members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in North Brookfield, residents, and even people from out of state.

Elder Thulin and Elder Barribal are based out of Manchester, New Hampshire but have traveled all over New England for 17 months.

For more information about JustServe or to find a volunteer opportunity, visit JustServe.org.

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- 13. Not behind
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- 15. Japanese ankle sock
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- 17. Japanese industrial city
- 18. People of southern Ghana
- 19. Particular designs
- 21. Device fitted to something
- 22. Infections
- 23. Pirates' preferred alcohol
- 24. Expression of sympathy
- 25. Rock guitarist's tool
- 28. Neither
- 29. Ancient city of Egypt
- 31. You ___ what you sow
- 33. Ruined
- 36. Narrations

- 38. Body art (slang)
- 39. Fencing sword
- 41. Apartment buildings
- 44. Type of missile
- 45. Fathers
- 46. Extremely high frequency
- 48. Type of school
- 49. Incorrect letters
- 51. Two-year-old sheep
- 52. Nasty manner
- 54. One who accepts a bet
- 56. Indian prince
- 60. Asian country
- 61. Rhythmic patterns in Indian music
- 62. "Uncle Buck" actress
- 63. Detailed criteria
- 64. Son of Shem
- 65. Talked wildly
- 66. Discount
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- 1. Actor Damon

- 2. A call used to greet someone
- 3. Part-time employee
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- 8. 23rd star in a constellation
- 9. Northern grouse
- 10. Monetary unit of Bangladesh
- 11. Manila hemp
- 12. Unites muscle to bone
- 14. Makes deep cuts in
- 17. 18-year period between eclipses
- 20. Member of a people inhabiting southern Benin
- 21. Synthetic rubbers
- 23. Unwelcome rodent
- 25. Expression of creative skill
- 26. Some is red
- 27. Seems less in impressive

- 29. Harry Kane's team
- 30. Gland secretion
- 32. Action of feeling sorrow
- 34. Disallow
- 35. Deceptive movement
- 37. More dried-up
- 40. Crimson
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- 50. Sheep breed
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BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

The Belchertown Public School District is now accepting applications for the following School Choice openings for the 2023-2024 school year:

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Grade 3	4	Grade 9	5
Grade 4	4	Grade 10	5
Grade 5	1		

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The application and guidelines can be downloaded at **www.belchertownps.org** or picked up at 14 Maple St., Belchertown, MA 01007.

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School security and resource officer discussed

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – School Committee member Matt Grant said he thinks they need to look at school security as a whole, including if having a school resource officer would be beneficial.

Concerns about central office security as well as upgrades to the cameras were discussed at the School Committee's April 24 meeting.

Vice-Chair Ronald Ryel said he would like to see a report about security weaknesses by next month.

"It would be good to have a prepared document," he said.

Interim Superintendent Tim McCormick said he has talked to Police Chief Mark Smith about applying for a grant to fund an SRO to be split between both schools.

"I think a shared SRO would be affordable for the district," he said. "I just want to give a lot of appreciation to our Police Department. I think they do a great job working with our staff and our students."

He credited the Police Department for working with school staff and students, as well as conducting ALICE Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) to prepare for active shooter situations.

McCormick said they all take school safety very seriously, and that the possibility of pursuing this grant is another option they can look into.

School Committee members stressed the importance of the SRO building a relationship with students and being a support.

Recognitions

Chair Timothy Canada recognized Grant for his time on the Committee. Grant did not seek re-election for this term.

"I want to thank Matt for the work he's done in his time here on the School Committee," Canada said.

McCormick recognized first grade teacher Michael Shelburne for organizing the Earth Day event. Elementary School Principal Sarah Priestley also recognized Shelburne, and thanked the Police Department for donating 43 bicycle helmets during the event.

McCormick thanked Student Council Advisor Caitlin Malone and the Student Council for organizing the Lip Sync event, which has been a longtime tradition in North Brookfield.

He also congratulated Student Council member Jake Standrowicz for his successful campaign to run for secretary of Central Massachusetts student councils.

"He's been one of biggest leaders in this school for the past couple years," McCormick said.

Student Council report

Student Council representative Olivia Giangrande said there has been a lot going on this month.

The spring conference in Hyannis was attended by

Student Council members, where they campaigned for Standrowicz's position as secretary, attended a workshop and voted for new regional executive board members.

"We are very proud to announce that Jake won the election," she said.

Standrowicz campaigned against seven other students.

Before April vacation, the Student Council hosted spirit week and the Lip Sync contest. The Class of 2024 won the Lip Sync contest for the second year in a row.

Giangrande thanked all class advisors and judges. She also thanked their chairs for all of their hard work planning the event.

"They were a big help in making that day a success," she said.

The Student Council is now preparing for Teacher Appreciation Week, which is May 8-12.

The Junior Conference with sixth graders will be held May 16. The Student Council will be running workshops and energizers and teaching sixth graders about how Student Council runs.

"This is a great opportunity for sixth graders to get a taste of the way Student Council runs our events, and how larger-scale Student Council events are run," Giangrande said.

She said the Student Council continues to sell concessions outside during softball games.

Giangrande encouraged people to follow the Student Council on social media and attend its meetings.

Exit survey

Canada presented a draft exit survey to give to fam-

ilies leaving the district. He said it will be electronic, and take a minimum of five minutes to complete.

Canada said he expects to have the final version done by the next meeting.

Donations

The School Committee accepted a \$200 donation from Shutterfly/Lifetouch for school photos; just over \$1,500 from Reading for Education for the Elementary School; and six computer monitors and over nine rolling chairs.

2023-2024 school calendar

The School Committee approved the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

McCormick said they went from four to three professional development days. There will still be four half days.

The school year would start for teachers on Aug. 28 and 29, and students would return to school Aug. 30.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the last day of school without snow days would be June 12, and with five snow days it would be June 20. The last day will be a half day.

Transportation bid

McCormick said the school district's current transportation provider, AA Transportation, was the only bidder. He said they were able to spread the contract over five years.

The Committee approved the contract.

Recycling program

McCormick said the schools received \$4,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds from the Board of Health to re-start their recycling program.

GARDEN | FROM PAGE 4

Using a sharp shovel, I simply sliced them down the middle of the clump and if needed, divided the halves into quarters. Now lots of roots were severed in the process, so cloudy skies and the rain that followed really helped to settle the plants into their new locale without shock.

The garden is a collection of plants that butterflies love. I have a butterfly bush in the corner that is 3 years old. That one really frigid night we had where temperatures dipped into the negative double digits killed off top growth, but I am hopeful that growth will return from the crown.

Hopefully, I will see that over the next two to three weeks. What did you accomplish over these cloudy days?

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.

BACKYARD | FROM PAGE 4

water from the moat. I even have downy woodpeckers that drink nectar.

Nesting bluebirds

A Belchertown resident said he saw a nesting pair of bluebirds in his yard, so he built a bluebird house and now the pair call the bird house home. He succeeded in his quest to attract bluebirds to his yard.

Pileated woodpeckers

The Belchertown resident also has pileated woodpeckers at his feeders. I often hear pileated woodpeckers calling or hammering away on a tree, but I rarely see one.

The other day, I heard the call and looked up to see one fly from my yard to the woods across the street.

Ospreys

I received an email this week. The writer visited the site in Wilbraham where osprey had nested previously. He said, "I saw two osprey at a nest on a light pole. I don't think they are incubation eggs because one bird

brought a stick to the nest while I was there and both birds left the nest which I don't think would happen if incubation had started."

He said for anyone wanting to go see this nest the best place to view the nest is from the Wilbraham Senior Center parking lot and park on the side of the lot facing the playing fields. There are stick nests on three light poles.

He said, "The nest I saw the birds at was the right most light pole as viewed from the Wilbraham Senior Center." I think I will take a road trip to Wilbraham.

Other birds

An Oakham couple saw the first grackle of the year last week. I had a male goldfinch in bright yellow plumage perched on my feeder pole recently.

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.

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Sportsmen's Club hosts annual fishing derby



Landon Milner, shown with his dad Justin, won a new fishing net for his catch at the annual fishing derby at Town Forest Park. (Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)



Nathan Ward won a new fishing pole.



Eleanor Briggs shows off her rainbow trout-themed tackle box that she won.



Grace Flamand and her brother Matthew Flamand (shown with parents Jamie and Julie) were both prizes winners.



Shown from left are fishing derby participants Nathan Ward, Jayden Garvin, Olivia Ward and Andrew Ward.



Jamie Flamand pulls in a fish after the derby ended.



Members of the North Brookfield Police Association raffled off this grill and gave away hot dogs, snacks and drinks to derby participants. Shown from left are Sergeant David Churchey, Patrolman Jeff Martin and Patrolman Mark Sawyer.

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RIVER RACE | FROM PAGE 1

(formerly Country Curtains) to go over any details, take a group photo and move out to their assigned positions.

The Citizens Emergency Response Teams of Sturbridge and Charlton were present in force to direct traffic at Turners Field and at the finish as well. CERT are volunteers who serve under police supervision.

The Lions were ready to sign up the entrants. Soon they started arriving with canoes and kayaks.

The Quinebaug is not the most placid of streams, but neither is it a rushing torrent. There is a dam west of the starting point for the race and the evening before, it was opened.

The stream was at flood mid-morning. Entrants would have to paddle with vigor in the maelstrom.

The field to the right started to sprout kayaks and canoes of different makes and styles. It was first come first serve for the numbers that would determine the order of the race.

There were 43 registrants who signed up.

That was a nice increase over last year, but not as much as years ago. Still, it was welcome and may there be more in the future.

Many, but not all wore helmets, and some would have GoPro cameras mounted on hard hats. The tiny camera allows one to film the race while proceeding along the river.

The video can be streamed in real time to friends and relatives and/or recorded.

There is no prescribed uniform of the day and attire differed among the entrants. Like last year there were a couple of crafts with crews attired in costumes.

This time, a mom and son team were dressed as M&Ms, and a couple of young men were garbed as bananas. All four knew each other through Scouts and were the most colorful of all the contestants.

The starting time of 11:01 arrived and boat #1 listened to the count down and duly took off when he heard the word "go." The canoe was a trim serious looking craft, and it moved out sharply, being paddled strenuously by the solo crew member.

From then on, boats would enter the water once every minute until the last craft was on its way.

There was a small bit of confusion as two registered boats 11 and 12 did not show up. The crisis was solved by just moving up another two.



The Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club served as the communications team. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY)

Number 13 went in correctly, but went over in the drink. Surely the superstitious are feeling vindicated.

Amateur radio licensee (or "ham") KC1RDH, Deb would call on her hand-held radio to Ken Rozzen, KB1HXO, her husband who would relay the info to the other hams along the route to watch for problems. Other than a few paddlers who overturned, there were none. Ken and Deb were assisted by another Ham, Tim Graves, KC1RZE.

After the last boat took off, sweeper canoes went in the water. Their task was to make sure nothing had happened in that some contestants had been left behind.

Again, this year, no reported problems.

Time to say goodbye to Turners Field as the scene of action shifted to the Westville Dam Recreation Area where the boats started arriving at the landing.

There the Lions tent was set up with a board at the back to record finishers as they arrived. The Corps of Engineers had a presence and Sturbridge Boy Scouts handled traffic.

The boats continued to arrive until all had finished. The winners in the Two Person Racing Canoe were Andrew Tenbusch and Skip Conant.

The winner in the category of Two Man Recreational Canoe was the team of Lucas Savoy and Elisha Jameson.

The victors in Mixed Recreational Canoe would be Amy Thornton and Mark Risinger while JR/SR Recreational Canoe honors went to Ian and Craig Wall.

Rick Howard took honors for One Man Recreational Canoe again this year and in the Masters, or those over 45 years of age, Pete Bradley and Katie Cook came in first.

In the Long Category, Jerry Madore was victorious while Keith Duggan won the short.

The bump up in participation was encouraging, and as usual, the racers seemed to enjoy the event, even the two who capsized while yelling loudly. With a little luck, they will be back next year in 2024 and bring more entrants with them.



Lions Club members staffed the command tent at the Sturbridge Lions All American River Race this past Sunday.



Mother and son of the M&M team were ready to race.



The Community Emergency Response Team assisted at the event.



Boats start to arrive for the race.



The Banana Boys were ready to go.



There was wild water at the spillway.

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SPORTS

Panthers defeat Narragansett



Lily Carlson sticks the landing in the long jump. PHOTOS BY RAY DUFFY



Bella Smith crosses the finish line in the 4 by 400 meter relay.

BARRE – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quabbin girls track defeated visiting Narragansett 101-42. The Panthers had an overwhelming showing with Marilyn Giese, Natalia Marchand, and Bella Smith all scoring double individual wins for Quabbin. Giese took the javelin and 100 meter, Marchand took the high jump and 200 meter, and Smith captured wins in the triple jump and 400 meter.



Kaeliana Boucher has her debut as a pole vaulter.



Angelina Feliciano hands the baton to Liberty Osowski in the 4 by 400 meter relay.

Church pitches well in Quaboag loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHARLTON — Quaboag senior Nate Church pitched an outstanding game in a one run loss at Tantasqua last May. The righthander put together another dazzling performance on the mound in a non-league game at Bay Path last Friday afternoon, but once again the Cougars wound up one run short.

With one-out in the bottom of the eighth inning, sophomore Jacob Delvalle, who was Bay Path's starting pitcher, blasted a run scoring double to left field, as the Minutemen celebrated a 3-2 walk off victory.

"Nate pitched an incredible game today," said Quaboag head coach Brian Guimond. "He didn't allow an earned run for the first 7 1/3 innings. He pitched a similar type of game at Tantasqua last year, but this was probably his best overall performance. He gave up three earned runs in the Tantasqua game and he only allowed one earned run in today's game."

Church, who retired 16 consecutive Bay Path batters, threw close to 115 pitches, which is the maximum number of pitches a pitcher is allowed to throw in a varsity game. He allowed three runs (one earned) on just three base hits. He also walked two and recorded six strikeouts.

The Cougars played a baseball game at Bay Path, which sits atop Muggett Hill in Charlton, for the first time since Guimond has been coaching the varsity team.

When the two teams faced each other last April in Warren, it wasn't a very close affair as the Minutemen posted a 15-4 win.

With a little bit of luck, Quaboag (3-5), who defeated David Prouty and Southbridge last week, could've entered May with an above .500 record. They also lost a one run home game to Oxford, 5-4, on April 11.

"There are games on your schedule you think that you can win. There are a few oth-

Unified track competes



Tyler Gregory at the long jump while his coach looks on.



Luke Salvatore cheers for Ryan Morin as he crosses the finish line. PHOTOS BY RAY DUFFY



Chad Plouffe finishes the 440 meter.

BARRE – For the second season, Quabbin is hosting Unified boys and girls track. Last week, the Panthers were in action. Quabbin will be hosting the league meet later this month.

- sports -

Pioneers fall in five to Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—Several members of the Pathfinder Tech varsity baseball team played for the Ware junior varsity team when they were in the seventh and eighth grades.

When the crosstown rivals battled each other at historic Memorial Field, it wasn't a very memorable homecoming game for the Pioneers players who reside in Ware.

The Indians, who overcame an early 2-0 deficit, scored nine runs in the fourth inning leading to a 13-2 non-league victory on Saturday, April 22. The only meeting of the regular season between the two squads ended after 4 ½ innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"I've known the Pathfinder players from Ware since they were little kids. They played on our j.v. team when they were in the seventh and eighth grades," said longtime Ware varsity baseball coach Scott Slattery. "We do wish that they were playing for our baseball team this year, but they decided to go to Pathfinder for the vocations."

The Pathfinder Tech players, who live in Ware, are sophomore third baseman Trevor Millet, senior first baseman Jesse Cygan, and sophomore lefthander Tim Russell, who was the Pioneers starting pitcher against Ware.

The home victory improved the Indians overall season record to 5-2.

"I've never lost to Pathfinder in baseball since I've been the varsity coach," Slattery added. "We've been getting better in every game that we've played this season."

Six of the nine batters in the Indians batting order scored two runs.

The benefactor of the run support was junior righthander John Mumper, who was the winning pitcher for Ware. He allowed two runs on two base hits. He struck out ten batters and didn't

issue any walks in 4 2/3 innings. The only reason why Mumper didn't pitch a complete game was because of the pitch count rule.

"We took John out at 70 pitches because he only needs three days rest before making his next start," Slattery said. "If he threw over 70 pitches, he would need four days of rest and he wouldn't be able to pitch in the game at Palmer on Wednesday night."

Mumper left the game with two outs and two strikes on a batter in the top of the fifth inning. Freshman righthander Kyle Kaczuwka threw a first pitch strike, which ended the ballgame.

"I wish that I could've pitched the whole game, but I'm just happy that we got the win," Mumper said. "We fell behind in the first inning, but I settled down after that."

The Pioneers (5-3), who were missing four starters, took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning with a little bit of help from the Indians defense.

With one-out in the frame, Millet hit a flyball, which was misplayed by the leftfielder, and he wound up at third base. Then Russell hit a moon shot to right field for a triple. Millet scored easily and Russell also came home on the play following a throwing error.

Mumper retired the next two batters on a ground ball and a strikeout.

Pathfinder only had two more base runners during their final four at-bats. Freshman catcher Jarret Skowyra singled to center with one-out in the third before being thrown out trying to steal second by junior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis. Sophomore shortstop Brayden Mega was hit-by-a-pitch with two outs in the fourth.

Ware took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

Mumper reached base leading off the frame following a throwing error by the shortstop. Then his younger brother, Jason, who's a sophomore right fielder,

drew a walk. After the next batter hit a pop-up caught by Russell, Kyle Kaczuwka, who started at first base, and his older brother Nathan, who's a sophomore third baseman, tied the score with back-to-back RBI singles. Then a bunt hit by senior leftfielder Owen Welsh scored the go-ahead run.

Two innings later, the Indians scored a controversial run.

Sutkaitis lined a base hit into left with one-out in the third. He tried stretching it into a triple but was initially called out by the home plate umpire after being tagged by Millet. Because the Pathfinder second baseman had interfered with Sutkaitis at second base, the base umpire called obstruction and he was safe at third base.

"I've never seen that called in a game before tonight," said Pathfinder head coach Paul Bouthiller. "My second baseman was just covering second base and the runner ran into him. It was a bad call by the umpire. We just didn't play very well after that."

Sutkaitis scored on a wild pitch that sailed to the backstop giving the home team a 4-0 lead.

The Indians put the game out of reach by scoring nine runs in the following inning.

The two biggest hits of that frame were two run singles by John Mumper and freshman shortstop Brady Guimond.

The Cougars are scheduled to make a visit to Memorial Field on May 17.

Nathan Kaczuwka also contributed



Zander Auffrey makes the catch in right. PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

with an RBI single during Ware's fourth inning rally. Kyle Kaczuwka had a sacrifice fly. The Indians other three runs scored on two wild pitches and a throwing error.



Jarrett Skowyra slides into second.



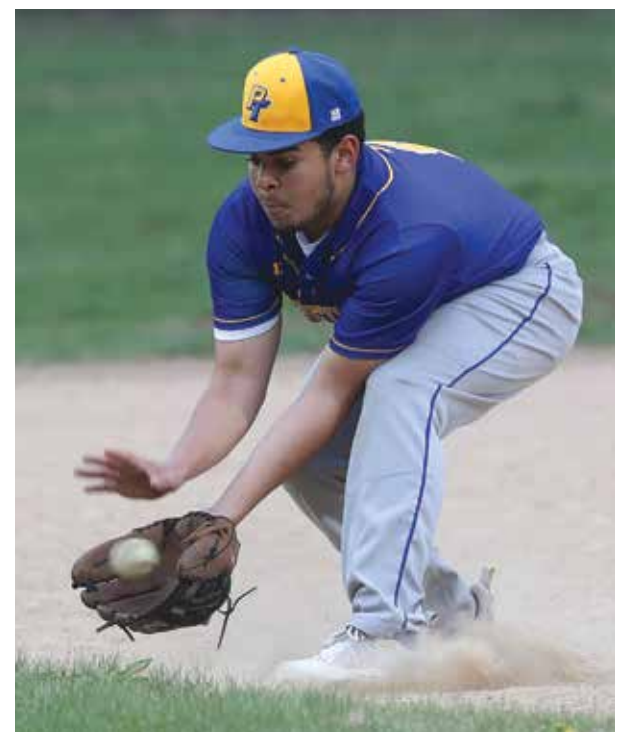
Ethan Nompoggi slides into third base.



Tim Russell pitches for the Pioneers.



Hunter Griswold smothers a ground ball.



Tage Valliere fields a slow roller.

- community -

Quaboag students recognized for accomplishments

By Dallas Gagnon
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WARREN – Student Council members Arianna Belen and Gage Lane recognize student accomplishments throughout the school at the School Committee's April 24 meeting.

Fifty students attended the Europe trip and were granted an opportunity to visit Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France while learning about other cultures and historical sights.

"It was very fun [I] had a great time," said Lane.

He said his favorite part was visiting the Eiffel Tower.

One committee member asked what Lane's experience was visiting a concentration camp.

Lane said it was "very intense to just take it in... you can just feel the history behind it. It was cool in a way but also very terrifying."

An eighth-grade student presented a PowerPoint highlighting the experiences the eighth graders shared on their four-day Washington D.C. trip.

Principal Stephen Duff said "our kids were phenomenal...Our tour guides said they really haven't had a group of kids that have responded so well under these circumstances.

"Our kids were attentive, polite and respectful," he said.

Students visited landmarks and his-

torical monuments such as the Washington Monument, the World War II monument, the John F. Kennedy burial site and the Holocaust museum.

Duff said there were some students who had visited the Holocaust museum as eighth graders and are now in eleventh grade visiting the concentration camps in Germany.

"You go into the Holocaust museum in Washington D.C. and it's very moving and overwhelming but to try and compare a concentration camp to the Holocaust were two very different emotional feelings," said Duff.

The students of the eighth-grade trip also visited the U.S capitol building and met with state Congressman Richard Neal.

Student recognitions

Hunter Sherman won first place in the annual eighth grade science fair a few weeks ago.

Students were required to develop a hypothesis, conduct experiments and come to a conclusion.

Sherman's project was based on aerodynamics and explored "what wing style produced the most lift."

He designed three different models, all with different distances between the lowest and highest leading point on the wings. Sherman said he believed the largest wing would produce the most lift at a low speed.

"I produced a wind tunnel, and I found all the scale speeds to the size of

the wing itself...I went through every speed my wind tunnel could produce and marked down what I got for the lift," said Sherman. He then compared them and found the averages.

Sherman's hypothesis was proven correct.

One School Committee member was also a judge at the science fair and said, "this was by far, the best presentation I saw."

Sherman advanced to compete at Black Stone Valley Tech.

Although Sherman said he wants to be a CNC machinist, he said he chose this project because he wanted to win.

Another honorable mention noted included Bella Grover's recognition in a publication as a rising track star.

Antonio Congelos was also recognized for landing an internship with state Rep. Todd Smola after traveling to the State House in Boston on March 31.

Fire academy students

The Warren Fire Department and West Brookfield Fire Department partnered together to provide students access to their 100-foot ladder trucks, as well as teach students how to use the bucket to save victims.

Five Quaboag Regional High School students will be sworn in as volunteer firefighters this year.

Student events

The seniors are counting down the days until graduation, with only 24 left.

The junior class is preparing for their junior dinner dance and are selling tickets for \$85.

A carwash fundraiser for the boost-

er club will take place Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with air fresheners and raffle baskets for sale.

It will cost \$10 per car and \$15 per SUV or truck.

There will also be a cornhole tournament on May 6 at the school from 3-5 p.m. All high schoolers are welcome.

Grant report

Chris Desjardins of TMS, Inc. presented a grant report before the School Committee.

"The grants are being spent out... pretty much all of the requisitions I've improved over the last couple of weeks have been granted out so that's a good thing," he said.

Desjardins addressed a negative grant balance as presented in the report, stating there is \$24,000 encumbered at this time.

Another contribution to the negative balance could be caused by the fact that there is a multi-year grant.

"A lot of times they pay a person from a grant in year one and they don't expect to pay them in year two," said Desjardins.

He said at the end of the year when the grant is over, he will transfer the negative amount to a different grant which will "basically take care of issue."

One Committee member pointed out the grant allocation from fiscal year 23 "came to a grand total of \$3,063,720... that's quite an accomplishment for Madeline [Smola]."

"I applaud her for a lot of hard work," they said.

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er games on the schedule that you need to play well in order to win," Guimond said. "This was one of the games that we needed to play well in to win. We do have some talented players on this year's team, but we just have to put it all together now."

Despite finishing last week with a below .500 record, the Cougars were ranked 12th in the inaugural MIAA Division 5 power rankings. Oxford is the top ranked team in Division 5, while Bay Path (8-2), which is a vocational school, is ranked fifth in the Division 4 power rankings. The top 32 teams in each Division automatically qualify for the statewide baseball tournament, which is scheduled to begin on June 2. All the other baseball teams who finish the regular season with a .500 or better record will also qualify for the state tournament.

Things didn't start off very well for the visiting team in last Friday's contest, as they committed four errors during the first three innings.

After a two base throwing error and wild pitch put a runner on third base, Bay Path took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning following a sacrifice fly by senior first baseman Matt Rousakos.

The home team had a chance to score another run during the opening frame, but Quaboag junior shortstop Matt Tibberri did make an outstanding fielding play on a groundball behind second base before throwing a strike to junior first baseman Ryan Fernandez for the final out of the inning.

The Minutemen added another run two innings later with the help of another miscue made by the Cougars defense.

This time, senior shortstop Zack Fritze hit a grounder to third, but he wound up standing at second base following another two base throwing error. Fritze crossed the plate when Delvalle hit a single into center field, which was the first base hit of the game given up by Church.

Even though the Minutemen held a 2-0 lead, they did strand four runners in scoring position during the first three innings, which kept the Cougars within striking distance. They also had another tagged out at the plate by senior catcher Brendan Burke, who's planning to play college football at W.P.I. next fall.

Delvalle, who's a righty, dominated on the mound during the first four innings. He allowed just three singles and had nine strikeouts without issuing a walk. He was replaced by junior righty Nolan Libby before the start of the fifth inning.

The Cougars put together a two out rally in that frame.

Following back-to-back singles by junior right fielder Thomas Robidoux and senior centerfielder Drew Martinez, senior second baseman Chase Potvin, who went 4-for-4 in the road game, hit a flyball double to left field which brought home both runners.

"Chase had a very big game at the plate today," Guimond said. "At the beginning of the season, he was hitting the ball hard, but was getting no results. He has been getting some good results during our past couple of games, which is nice to see."

After Potvin advanced to third base on a wild pitch, the Cougars faithful supporters, who were sitting behind the backstop, thought he had scored the go-ahead run on another wild pitch. However, Fernandez was hit by a pitch and Potvin was sent back to third base.

It wound up being a big play in the game, as the next batter struck out ending the Cougars rally.

Church, who set down the final three batters of the third inning, retired the side in order in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh innings. He also retired the first batter in the bottom of the eighth on a groundout to second before Zack Fritze doubled to right and scored the game winning run on Delvalle's double.

It was a disappointing ending to an exciting ballgame for the Cougars.

Joshua Hyde Public Library lists May events

STURBRIDGE – The Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main St., lists upcoming events and programs for the month of May.

For more information or registration, visit sturbridgelibrary.org, call 508-347-2512 or email sturbridgejhl@cwmars.org.

Afternoon book discussion

Afternoon book discussion for adults will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 1 p.m.

The book is "The Narrowboat Summer" by Anne Youngson. Books may be picked up at the library.

No registration required.

Guided meditation

Guided meditation for adults with Sylvia Murphy will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at 6:15 p.m. Meditations for relaxation and healing to assist you in releasing stress and anxiety. PinkHippy.org is a nonprofit charitable organization.

Registration is required. Please call or text 508-304-3463 to reserve your space.

Spring story times

Story times will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:45 a.m. Drop-in for stories, songs, rhymes, and a take and make craft.

Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. No registration necessary.

LEGO Club

LEGO Club will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. Suitable for chil-

dren ages 5 and up with an adult caregiver.

Registration is required.

Virtual program with Susan Tran

In the Newsroom with Susan Tran will be held virtually on Monday, May 15 at 5 p.m.

Tran, on-air reporter for NBC10Boston/NECN will be discussing her experiences in TV media, especially as an Asian American woman, and how local news varies from national news both in perception and reality.

Registration required.

Puzzle swap

A community puzzle swap will be held on Tuesday, May 16 from 3-7 p.m.

Puzzles of all sizes will be available. Bring your own and take one home.

Puzzles will be collected prior to or on the day of the swap. Tables will be set up for people to work on puzzles cooperatively during this time.

Armchair Travelers

Armchair Travelers Book Discussion will be held on Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

The book is "The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams. Books may be picked up at the library.

No registration required.

Friends book sale

The Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library will hold a books sale on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. near the Common in conjunction with the Garden Club.



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and sad, showing views of Earth, along with endangered and extinct animals. The slideshow is run by 15-year-old Bella.

While views on climate change differ (even within the chorus), all agree that Earth needs to be cared for.

"It is good to acknowledge that we're scared about what's happening with the climate," Cooke said. "We don't have to agree but we still work together."

The performance is named after the theme song, "Blue Boat Home" by Peter Mayer and comes from the line "and the Earth is my blue boat home."

"Blue Boat Home" will be a mix of chorale pieces, vocal solos and audience sing-alongs.

Joining the chorus is Tim Loftus on rhythm guitar and flute and Brooks Milgate providing piano accompaniment.

"Brooks is a key part of the success of our sound," Cooke said.

Loftus plays a Native American-style flute, and was inspired by Choctaw music to write his own tune.

"We have several Native American songs, including a Navajo round," Cooke said.

There's also a blend of pop music by Neil Young, John Lennon and Elton John, as well as folk music by Pete Seeger, Jean Ritchie and even some rhythm and blues by Marvin Gaye.

The performance begins and ends with Mayer's "Blue Boat Home", and it also features original pieces written by chorus members.

Terry McGinty of Warren wrote "The Shadows", which is an elegy for extinct and endangered species.

"It's not only our species being affected by this [climate change]," Cooke said. "We're all in this together."

The second piece was written by Donna Dufresne of Pomfret, Connecticut.

Cooke said Dufresne is a singer/songwriter and actually wrote this piece three years ago when Wings of Song first planned to premiere the perfor-



Music Director Nym Cooke directs the 40-member chorus, Wings of Song. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE)

mance.

She presented "Wake Up" to Cooke, who made a chorale arrangement of it.

"It's powerful," he said.

Cooke said "Blue Boat Home" is made in a framework to respect and celebrate Earth.

"The whole program is about honoring a planet...our only home," he said.

Using his love of music to bring awareness to climate change, just seems natural for Cooke, who has been immersed in music his entire life.

"I grew up in a household surrounded by music" Cooke said.

Both of his parents were classically trained, and his father was a composer.

While his youthful musical interests were more focused on rebellion and rock and roll, Cooke dedicated his professional career to the early New England sacred chorale music of the 1770s-1820s.

"You had literally hundreds of self-taught composers teaching singing schools. Teaching young people to sing and read music," Cooke said.

These singing schools turned into supply for church choirs and were run only by men, Cooke said, although he will continue searching for women composers.

"I'm looking all the time," he said, These composer arranged songs in four-parts like traditional chorale music, but with more of a folk-like feel.

"They started writing by instinct," Cooke said.

The songs were written with tenor carrying the melody, before adding in the bass, soprano, and lastly, alto.

"They didn't test them out," Cooke said of the arrangements. "That's what give the music a cool flavor...it's linear."

Unlike the choirs that sang those early composers' pieces, Wings of Song has had three years to test out "Blue Boat Home" as they had originally prepared to perform it at this time back in 2020, but were unable to due to the pandemic.

"My hope is this will raise people's awareness, and encourage them to do a little bit more for the planet," Cooke said.

About 'Blue Boat Home'

People will have three opportunities to experience "Blue Boat Home," with the first being on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel, 16 Church St., Fiskdale.

The second will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (the "Hill Church") in Woodstock, Connecticut.

The final concert will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m., in the audi-

torium of the Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley. Students at the school, under the direction of music teacher Becky Bussiere, have been learning sing-along melodies to join the chorus during the concert.

A special feature of that concert will be some brief remarks delivered by Massachusetts's "Climate Chief," Melissa Hoffer, who was appointed to her newly created position by Gov. Maura Healey on the Governor's first day in office.

Admission to all the performances is free, and people are invited to make a freewill offering at intermission.

All concert venues are handicap accessible. Doors will open half an hour before each concert; in Fiskdale and Woodstock, Connecticut, people are advised to arrive early in order to be sure of a seat.

Anyone wishing for more information on these concerts or on joining Wings of Song, whose fall rehearsal season begins Monday, Sept. 11, is encouraged to email Cooke at nymcooke@gmail.com, or President Carol Curtin at carolcurtin77@gmail.com.

A portion of what is collected during the concerts will be donated to a leading organization working to combat climate change. After the concerts, the chorus will announce the amount of its donation, and the recipient.

"Blue Boat Home" is supported in part by a grant from the Sturbridge Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Poster artwork for "Blue Boat Home" was designed by chorus member Cindy Young.

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A slideshow projects images related to climate change during the performance.

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Annual May Festival 'Celebrating Spring' is May 6

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The annual May Festival "Celebrating Spring" will take place at the Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., and on the lawn of the First Congregational Church on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Local farms, nurseries, crafters of all kinds, and local businesses and organizations will sell their products and share information about their services.

Local musicians will perform, and free door prizes will be awarded. The family-oriented festival will also offer a variety of activities for children on the church lawn.

An art show, featuring area artists and photographers and sponsored by The Friends of the Town House, will be held at the church's Fellowship Hall.

The North Brookfield Fire Department will hold an open house during festival hours at Fire Department headquarters, 56 School St.

A free plant swap, on the library lawn and sponsored by the North Brookfield Cultural Council, will allow gardeners to share annual and perennial plants.

All plants are free, and everyone is welcome to participate, whether or not you have plants to donate. Plants can be dropped off at the library on May 6 beginning at 9 a.m. Expand your garden without breaking the bank.

For more information about the May Festival, call the Haston Library at 508-867-0208.

Memorial car show planned for June 24

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club will be hosting the 2nd Annual Tim Morin Memorial Car Show on Saturday, June 24 at 20 Boynton Road.

Registration is from 8:30-11:30 a.m., with plaques awarded at 1:30 p.m.

Donation is \$15 per show vehicle. Spectators are free.

Lunch, cash bar and 50/50 raffle will be available. Music will be provided by DJ Bruce Marshall.

For show information, call Gary at 508-450-8643.

Shift to half-day preschool fails to pass

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Director of Student Services Dr. Kirsten Esposito said the preschool program is required to have an appropriate number of available slots for eligible children ages 3-4 years old.

She said looking at data and student needs, a shift back to four half-day classrooms was necessary to serve more students.

"This allows us to serve more of the students in our community," she told School Committee members at their April 24 meeting.

The half-day program would create 28 slots for students with individualized education programs and 32 for students not on IEPs.

For public school programs like North Brookfield's, which integrate children with and without disabilities, the class size cannot exceed 20 students with one teacher and one aide, with no more than five students with disabilities. If the number of students with disabilities is

six or seven, then the class size cannot exceed 15 student with the same level of staffing.

Shifting to half-days would allow more students to enroll in the preschool program by creating more classrooms.

"We're able to really service a greater amount of students in our community...we're able to absorb new students as they move into the community and that's really important because it allows us to have flexibility with our classrooms," Esposito said.

Elementary School Principal Sarah Priestley said students are found eligible for the preschool program throughout the school year, and this shift will allow them to keep slots open for those students.

"As kids are identified through our Child Find, that does happen," Esposito said.

Priestley said the half-day model is one they have used before, and they have the need again to shift back to better serve their students.

She said another option they are exploring is having one full-day classroom with two half-day classrooms.

Priestley said their preschool teachers are also special education teachers, and this causes them to be out of the classroom frequently for testing.

"It's a very unique role," she said.

With the half-day model, students would attend preschool for four days instead of five, and the fifth day would allow the teacher to conduct testing and IEP evaluations.

Interim Superintendent Tim McCormick said this is a model that many other districts use.

Vice-Chair Ronald Ryel questioned why the School Committee was just hearing about the need for this change.

"We are the representatives of the parents and the community, and for us not to hear this until a parent came up and signed up a kid, I think it's completely and totally inappropriate," he said. "Now this may very well be what is in the best interest for our students, but I don't understand that."

Ryel made a motion to keep the preschool program the way it currently is, which was seconded.

Chair Timothy Canada said

Ryel's motion, if it passes, could prevent a large number of students from attending the program.

"If we hamstringing them by holding them to that, then now we have potentially a classroom of students that can't come into this school," Canada said.

Esposito said with the current model, they have 21 special education slots and 20 students, and they are in the middle of conducting evaluations. Priestley said this would only leave one open special education slot.

Ryel said they should finish the evaluations before coming to the School Committee in May to decide on this change.

"Now that I'm aware of it, I'm not willing to make a decision tonight that's different than what we already have in place," he said.

Canada made a friendly amendment to Ryel's motion, to revisit the decision in 30 days if the preschool enrollment numbers increased after evaluations.

The motion passed 3-2.

Canada said they will add the half-day preschool discussion to the agenda for May's Committee meeting.

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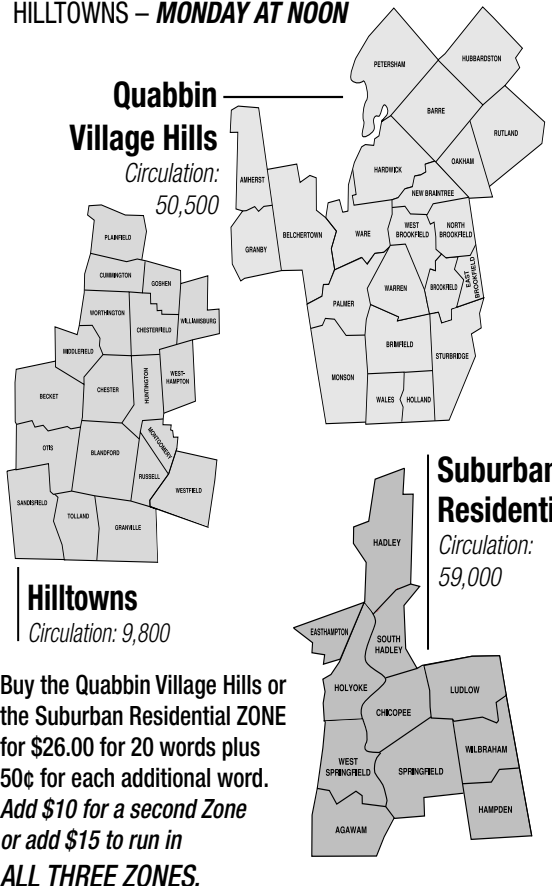
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Chamber bowling event rolls a strike

By Marcelo Gusmao
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Teams wait their turn to bowl. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MARCELO GUSMAO)

PALMER – Members of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce met last month at Diamond Junction Bowling, North Main St., for a casual dinner and some friendly competition.

A dinner of stuffed shells and meatballs was provided by Apollo 1 Pizza. TJ's Pop offered gourmet popcorn samples and Easthampton Cider Project had a hard cider tasting.

The Chamber exists to promote economic growth and tourism across the 15 towns it serves. The Chamber advocates for policies to develop the community, and to advance the interests of its members.

According to the Chamber's website, the "Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce offers more than just networking opportunities. We help our business community from the smallest entrepreneurs to the largest corporations."

The Chamber offers training and seminars to help small businesses improve and expand, and boost business visibility throughout the region.

For more information about the Chamber, visit qhma.com.



Bowlers competed for the top score. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MARCELO GUSMAO)



Diamond Junction Manager Kristen Havens greeted members. (COURTESY PHOTO)



TJ's Pop brought gourmet popcorn. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Chamber members enjoy social outings throughout the year. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MARCELO GUSMAO)



Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce members enjoyed a night of bowling at Diamond Junction Bowling. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MARCELO GUSMAO)



Jan McCoy, right, talks with Andrew Surprise. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MARCELO GUSMAO)

Photo and essay contest deadline is May 17

BROOKFIELD – In honor of Brookfield's 350th Anniversary, the Brookfield Cultural Council is sponsoring an essay contest and a photo contest for children in grades kindergarten through sixth that live in town.

Essay Contest

For children in grades kindergarten through third, the topic is "What I Like About Living in Brookfield". For children in grades fourth through sixth, the topic is "A Historic Walk through Brookfield"

Photo Contest

The theme for the photo contest for children in grades kindergarten through third is "My Favorite Place in Brookfield" and the theme for grades fourth through sixth is "Historic Brookfield."

Photos must be taken by the child and must be 5 by 7 inches. No filters.

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General rules

Child must do the project on their own, without adult help. Children must live in Brookfield, and can attend public, private, or home school to participate.

Include a cover page with the child's name and grade. Do not put the child's name directly on submission.

All entries must be submitted by May 17.

If the child attends Brookfield Elementary School, submit an entry to the main office. If child attends private or homeschool, please contact Jeanne Lytle by calling 508-867-6705 for submission or with any questions

Only one entry per contest per child please.

Winners will be announced at Theatre and Art in the Park on June 9.

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of April 24-May 1, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 10 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, two traffic controls, five radar assignments, one brush fire, one fraud, one citizen assist, six emergency 911 calls, two burglaries/breaking and entering, one investigation, one safety hazard, three animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, April 24

4:28 p.m. Fraud, Mara Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, April 25

4:53 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Barre Road, Services Rendered
9:22 a.m. Fire/Brush, Ware Road, Extinguished
10:06 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

10:53 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, April 26

11:36 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Out of Town, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, April 27

10:14 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Investigated
11:40 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, April 28

5:03 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Worcester Road, Report Taken
8:12 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Letendre Lane, Report Taken
1:54 p.m. Investigation, Worcester Road, Officer Handled
4:50 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, April 30

12:56 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Barre Road, Officer Handled

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