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## May Festival celebrates the spring season



Cultural Council members Cate Barkoskie and Karen Erikson ran the free plant swap. People in the community donated plants from their garden, as well as houseplants, for the May Festival. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE)

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – The May Festival hosted by the Haston Free Public Library returned under sunny skies without a hint of rain.

Vendors set up in front of the Library and the Congregational Church, offering a

variety of handcrafted items including home décor, jewelry, woodcrafts, candles, photography, books, tag sale items, children’s activities and more.

Homemade bread, ice cream and other treats kept hungry shoppers fed and entertain-

ment was provided by a street performance from “Willy Wonka the Musical”, a concert in the Church by the High School band and other performers.

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## Farmer Matt goes to the dogs (in a good way)

By Richard Murphy  
Correspondent

**NEW BRAINTREE** – Canine/human relations have always been fraught with some danger even though our relationship goes back tens of thousands of years.

We have been together for many millennia, well before the domestication of horses and cattle.

Indeed, we may ask, did we domesticate the dog or did the pooch domesticate us?

For most of our history together, the relationship has been symbiotic.

Dogs would herd or guard stock. They would retrieve that which had been hunted, and would be cared for and rewarded.

As time went on, the specialization would lead to the division of dogs into numerous breeds, each with a purpose, from a lap dog to the huge Saint Bernard.

Though even today, dogs are still used for the purpose of the breed, people keep dogs for whom they do not have a job,



Farmer Matt checks his dogs, Rolly and Klaus. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY)

just because they like them.

Generally speaking, it goes well enough with man and beast living together without a problem. However, that is not universal.

Maybe training a dog is a way to ensure amity between our two species. To that end, there is Canine Good Citizen

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## Recreation Committee hosts spring bonfire

By Dallas Gagnon  
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**STURBRIDGE** – Friends and family gathered on the common, decked out in face paint, glow stick halos and smiles for Sturbridge’s annual town bonfire.

The event was made possible by the efforts of the Sturbridge Recreation Committee.

While the fire itself was a main attraction, many attendees stood in line waiting for specialty hot dogs offered by The Dogfather food truck of

Worcester, as well as hot, quick food by Roadside Delights of Charlton and caffeinated beverages by Sturbridge Coffee Roasters.

Some attendees could be seen dancing or lounging in lawn chairs listening to live music performed by the Sunshine and Blue Skies band.

They played a variety of music for the crowd, including a few classic swing style tunes, a couple jazzy numbers and even some soft rock such as Fleetwood Mac covers.

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## A Saturday in the sun

## Town Wide Yard Sale does well for the Rescue Squad

By Richard Murphy  
Correspondent

It was advertised that the rain date for the West Brookfield Town Wide Yard Sale would be the next day. Such caution was reasonable as the cycle of weather we were in may not have been a monsoon, but it was dreary to say the least.

Then Saturday arrived and it was sunny, and as it progressed, pleasantly warm. It bid fair to be the best day of the current year so far.

At the official starting time of 9 a.m. at 31 West Main

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Paige and David, new residents in town, participated in the yard sale to benefit the West Brookfield Rescue Squad. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY)

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# 'Glass, Metal & Stone' showcases jewelry makers

By Paula Ouimette  
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WEST BROOKFIELD – Mother's Day is just around the corner, and the latest show at West Brookfield Art & Frame features handcrafted jewelry that would make the perfect gift for someone special in your life.

"Glass, Metal & Stone" opened last Saturday with a reception honoring jewelry makers Cassandra Goldwater, Cathe Palo and Jennifer Geldard.

The trio of artists displayed a variety of necklaces, bracelets, beads, pins and brooches.

Goldwater said she usually works with stones and semiprecious gems. She had taken a jewelry making class when she was 16, but didn't pick it up again until over three decades later.

It was landscape jasper that really caught Goldwater's eye and inspired her to start making jewelry about 10 years ago.

"It's really what got me into it," she said.

One of the pieces she is most proud of is her Hawaiian shirt ring.

"This has a lot of different techniques...gold has been fused to it," she said, adding that it's all about texture.

Another one of her pieces is a brooch made with "found items" including ball bearings and parts from inside of a watch.

Her favorite piece is made with shibuichi, an alloy made from silver and copper. When heated, it gets a texture and a patina.

"That was very thrilling. To make the material and to make something with it," Goldwater said.

She uses a saw to carve details into her pieces, with can take anywhere from one to six hours to complete.

Palo also works with metal, but primarily with sterling silver.

Like Goldwater, she took a jewelry making class in high school and decided to revisit the art alongside her son, who was 16 at the time.

Palo said she enjoys working with gold, as it is easy to work with, but she loves making big, bold pieces of sterling



Cathe Palo displays some of her sterling silver bracelets and necklaces.



Jennifer Geldard displays her lampwork beads at West Brookfield Art & Frame. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE)

silver jewelry.

She heats up the silver until she can bend it into the desired shape, whatever that may be.

"You really have no idea what you'll get until you're done," Palo said.

Palo also works with copper and enjoys making mokume gane by fusing it with sterling silver. She said she takes 16 pieces of copper and silver and heats and rolls it until you can see the layers of metal.

Mokume gane looks similar to wood grain, or even tiger stripes.

"It's a Korean technique used to make swords," Palo said.

Geldard works with glass and a torch to create lampwork beads.

The glass is melted and wrapped around a rod starting with a single color. The glass is twisted and shaped.

Geldard especially likes to create birds.

"You can just sort of draw with it. It looks like paint, but it's just glass," she said.

Geldard has been making lampwork for about 30 years now and owns her own bead shop in Concord.

"I started by buying artist's beads and then I started making them at my kitchen table," she said.

Creating lampwork, can take anywhere from 20 minutes to 20 years, Geldard said. Simple beads, like spacers, are quick and easy, while others can take hours.

"There's a lot of learning involved," she said.

Geldard loves to teach the art of lampwork, and has traveled all over Europe to do so. Now, she's preparing to teach in Austin, Texas.

### About "Glass, Metal & Stone"

This exhibit will be on display for the month of May at West Brookfield Art & Frame, located at 10 East Main St.

Gallery hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Other shows include "Colors of Nature" opening June 2 with plein air painters Joanne Talbot Quinn and Vanessa Varjian; "For the Love of Color" opening Sept. 8 with Susan Tilton Pecora and Cruger Johnson Phillips; "Lucky Girl" opening Oct. 13 with Jennifer Geldard; and "Small Works Show" opening Nov. 17 with all 22 gallery artists.

All opening receptions are held from 5-7 p.m. on their listed dates.

For more information about West Brookfield Art & Frame, or upcoming shows, follow them on Facebook, visit [www.westbrookfieldartandframe.com](http://www.westbrookfieldartandframe.com), email [yafacceber@hotmail.com](mailto:yafacceber@hotmail.com), call 508-753-8604 or stop by during open hours.



This bead was made by Cathe Palo, and features a fusion of copper and silver called mokume gane.

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Cassandra Goldwater displays her necklaces made with stones and semiprecious gems.

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# QRSD preschool holds registration

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional School District offers integrated preschool programs at each of its elementary schools in Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree for Oakham and New Braintree students and Ruggles Lane Elementary School in Barre.

The preschool offers an integrated preschool opportunity where students of all abilities are able to learn and grow together. It is a tuition-free, space-limited program offered to students, who reside in the five district towns of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham.

The preschool program follows the Quabbin academic calendar. Students must be 3-5 years old at the beginning of the program and may remain in the program through age 5. If a child does not meet the age eligibility requirement for kindergarten, they are eligible for preschool.

Transportation is the responsibility of the family.

The preschools will each have two sessions. The morning program is in session from 9-11:30 a.m. and the afternoon program is in session from 12:30-3 p.m. The time for the New Braintree/Oakham students is 9:15-11:45 a.m. and 12:15-2:45 p.m. to allow parent pick up at each school. During this time, children will have opportunities to develop their language, social, emotional, physical and academic skills.

Registration is now open and is ongoing throughout the year. In order to be placed on the waitlist, parents and guardians must complete the first four pages of the registration

packet and provide proof of residency/occupancy/identification (forms available on the Quabbin website) and a copy of each child's birth certificate.

All registration forms should be sent to Diana Sanelli by either fax 978-355-6756, email to dsanelli@qrsd.org or mail or drop off at Quabbin Regional Educational Support Center, 872 South St., Barre.

Notification of acceptance will begin on June 5; at that time,

the remaining required paperwork will need to be completed. In the event, the school district has more students than available slots, a lottery process will be used to select students for the preschool program.

Parents and guardians may call either Diana Sanelli at 978-355-2055 or Shelly St. George, Preschool Coordinator at 413-477-6351.



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## Mid spring questions for the Garden Lady

**L**isa, who has a beautiful daffodil collection in Palmer, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: “I planted a Rugosa rose bush that has encroached on a planting of ‘Barrett Browning’ Daffodils. For the first year in over a decade, I had no blossoms at all! I want to move them out of the way of the rose bush but I don’t know if it is the right time or not. Can I lift and divide them now or should I wait?”

Thank you for your question! It is the perfect time to move your daffodils!

One thing to keep in mind, however, is that the bulbs will likely be in the ground deeper than you think. I actually use a spade when I have to dig mine up, so that is it a straight, up and down slice.

I start four or five inches all the way around the clump and then carefully lift it out entirely, foliage intact.

Usually, it is pretty easy to tease the bulbs apart by hand, separating them by size. The biggest ones I replant at the same depth they were planted prior, with ground level at the point where the foliage turns pale.

The general rule of thumb for distance from one another is twice the width of the bulb apart. This can vary depending on the variety.

A sprinkling of balanced fertilizer mixed in with the soil in the planting hole and thorough watering will get them off to a great start, hopefully with flowers for many years to come!

A question about sowing annual flowers came in from Melinda, who is introducing her young daughters to flower gardening. “I have never had much luck planting flower seeds directly in the ground. Either the rain washes them away or they come up too close. Is it too late to start a few easy flowers indoors?”

I love that you are sharing your love of gardening with your children! My mom did that with me and it shaped my career path, for sure.

I would so eagerly anticipate planting our garden every year! (Happy Mother’s Day, mom!) Certainly it isn’t too late to get a head start. I would recommend sowing easy to handle annuals, plants like zinnia, marigold, calendula and bachelor’s button.

They don’t take long to germinate and would be a handleable size by the end of the month, ready to be moved into the garden after the danger of frost has passed.

Generally, I fill up six-packs with moist potting soil and press two seeds per pack into the soil and cover slightly.

I like to keep them warm to start, but once the seeds sprout, I try to have them outside for most of the time, so that they don’t get too leggy in the house. If both seeds sprout, I’ll separate them at planting time.

One variety that does not need to be started indoors is the sunflower, if you try, usually the plants will end up spindly and tall and difficult to transplant. Simply sow these in place, thinning to at least a foot apart.

My friend would always allow the seeds to mature on the plant and let them fall where they may, creating a colorful and eye-catching vegetable patch!

*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.*



## Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance

# Save a life with a spray

By Annie Balogh  
Guest columnist

The United States has had an opioid use epidemic for decades. In 2021, 107,622 people died from an overdose in the United States, with approximately three in four of these deaths involving an opioid.

Like most communities across the commonwealth, the opioid overdose epidemic affects us locally and we need a community-wide response.

Most overdoses are caused by opioids, a class of drug that includes heroin, Oxycotin, and fentanyl. Opioid users are at risk for an overdose death because opioids can severely slow or stop breathing. Fortunately, we have an effective tool to combat opioid overdoses – naloxone. And Massachusetts allows anyone (not just doctors or EMTs) to administer it.

What is naloxone? Naloxone is an FDA-approved medication that reverses an opioid overdose. It temporarily interrupts the effect of opioids in the body and allows a person to breathe again. It’s commonly used as a nasal spray, though sometimes healthcare providers have an injectable version. The brand name for naloxone is Narcan.

Who might benefit from having naloxone? Naloxone is not only useful for persons with opioid use disorder, but also for households where opioids are prescribed and:

- The prescription is for a chronic or high dose of an opioid;
- A sedative such as a benzodiazepine or gabapentin has been concurrently prescribed;
- The person has poorly controlled respiratory disease such as obstructive sleep apnea or COPD;
- The person has kidney or liver disease;
- Someone has a friend or family member who has opioid use disorder.

Where can I get naloxone? Naloxone is available “without a prescription” in all Massachusetts pharmacies under a state-wide standing order. To get it, just ask your pharmacist. Often, naloxone can be billed to your insurance and provided either free of charge or for a nominal copay.

Naloxone kits can be found for free from community resources, including the Ware (413-967-3571) and Belchertown (413-323-6685) Police Departments, Recovery Center of Hope (413-277-5117), Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance (413-207-7840), and Tapestry (413- 586-2539). These kits may be provided to family members, friends, and any individual that is interested in keeping this medica-

tion on hand. Recent Baystate emergency room data showed that almost one in three overdose patients received naloxone from a bystander prior to the arrival of emergency medical services.

Can I get in trouble for using naloxone? Can I hurt someone by accident? Massachusetts’s Good Samaritan Law protects people who, in good faith, provide help to people in emergency situations. Naloxone is also incredibly safe. If used as prescribed, it can’t hurt someone who is overdosing on opioids or even another substance. If you think someone is overdosing from opioids, but they are actually very drunk or are experiencing another type of reaction such as a diabetic emergency, administering naloxone won’t hurt them.

How do I separate fact from fiction when it comes to naloxone? There is unfortunately a lot of misinformation spread about naloxone. Some important facts to remember, which are based on scientific research, are:

- Naloxone does not encourage substance users to take more drugs or riskier drugs. Some studies have even shown that naloxone results in a decreased use of opioids. Naloxone does not make people more violent. While the most common side effects include confusion and disorientation, it is rare for someone to become combative.
- Research has shown that first responders are not administering naloxone to the same people repeatedly as most people with an overdose do not have repeated events.
- Naloxone does not prevent substance users from seeking treatment. Surviving a near-death experience may, in fact, encourage individuals to begin on the path of recovery. Recovery is possible and in fact the norm. Naloxone can provide an effective bridge to get there.

Keeping naloxone on hand can be compared to keeping a fire extinguisher in the house when you have a fireplace. You hope to never have to use it, but it is there in case you do.

Annie Balogh Pharm.D., is a PGY-1 Pharmacy resident at Baystate Medical Center.

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# Quaboag Regional Middle High School lists honor roll

WARREN – Quaboag Regional Middle High School announced the third quarter honor roll for the 2022-2023 school year.

## Grade 12, 1st Honors

Olivia Bagg, Arianna Belen, Jakob Bond, Phoebe Clowes, Preston Clowes, Paige Dion, Declan Flood, Andrew Gagnon, Josephine Landon, Adrik Matys, Bryan Para, Cody Perron, Jolie Pytel, Lucy Sanelli, Hayley Southwick and Margaret Stevens

## Grade 12, 2nd Honors

Brandon Allen, Brendan Burke, Elizabeth Czaja, Katelyn Fountain, Rachel Gagnon, Alexandra Garand, Kiara Gauthier, Madison Gray, Grace Hannah, Madelynn Huard, Noah LaFlamme, Gage Lane, Summer Mageau, Hannah Manzano, Rebecca Martin, Ariana Masterjohn, Kadin Milligan, Victoria Morgan, Kade Osgood, Gabriel Paquette, Angelina Paradis, Chase Potvin, Isabelle Russell, Charles Schwenker, Megan Shea, Samantha Tetreault and Ryan Wilson.

## Grade 12, 3rd Honors

Veronica Beauregard, Luisa Feeney, Lee Morse, Joseph Novak, Wylliam Pennington-Russell, Carl Quilitzsch and Dylan Segatore.

## Grade 11, 1st Honors

Ethan Araujo, Camrin Bolduc, Isabelle Burgess, Zachary Carlson, Antonio Congelos, Olivia Dumas, Ryan Fernandez, Chloe Fredette, Cameron Giroux, Bella Grover, Jason Houle, Ayla Iwaniec, Christian Judd, Dawson Kelly, Kendall LaRiviere, Paige Leach, Abigail Long, Rachel McGrath, Ryan Miner, Hanna

Nemeroff, Laura Orne, Asya Osei-Opoku, Lily Potvin, Hunter Regan, Thomas Robidoux, Kenady Sloan, Riley Sloan, Owen Stevens, Alina Taro and Matthew Tiberii.

## Grade 11, 2nd Honors

Mason Blount, Aeron Bridges, Matthew Carter, Evelyn Doe, Aidan Flood, Rowan Flood, Amber Gagnon, Lily Gianfriddo, Laine Hatstat, Jessica Kupstas, Evan Long, Aiden McManaman, Dennis Pease, Aurora Powers, Jacob Routhier, Joseph Standrowicz and Patrick Toomey.

## Grade 11, 3rd Honors

Emily Cieslak, Jenna Duff, Alexander Hayes, Emma LaFleche, Joshua Lucier, Riley Patchen, Alexander Russo and Allen Winders.

## Grade 10, 1st Honors

Isabelle Aberle, Juliette Boos, Jacque Boulais, Lila Bradley, Skylar Cook, Elise Kopec, Dante Martino, Norah McElroy, Erin McGrath, Matthew Miller, Nora Pennington-Russell, Norah Schwenker, Parker Tunley, Sebastian Veliz-Baldizon and Makenna Williams.

## Grade 10, 2nd Honors

Aviendha Andreoli, MacKenzie Archambault, Caysyn Carpenter, Samuel Carrasco, Dylan Cummings, Allison Duszlak, Michael Enetzels, Izaiah Flores, Emily Hubbel, Abigail Jolin, Blake Merrill, Selina Mohamed, Alessa Parks, Cassidy Pelland, Katelynn Swistak, Elizabeth Tetlow, Richard Tracy, Sydney Tracy, Hart Waz and Kandace Wilcox.

## Grade 10, 3rd Honors

Parker Chaffee, Makenzie Chaplin, Emily Ford, Joshua Leaming, Alexie Morrison, Joseph Reynolds, Brasen Sauriol, Liam Smith, Caydence Tetreault and Nina Vorobiova.

## Grade 9, 1st Honors

Madic Andreoli, Juliana Augusto, Madelyn Bagg, Brennan Doe, Kadin Dufault, Gianna Lindsey, William Lopes, Reece Miner, Olive Moulton, Madeline Potvin, Jason Read, Genevieve Regan, Makayla Savoie and Kyle Withers.

## Grade 9, 2nd Honors

Jaylin Bailey, Shelby Bridges, Jacob Cacace, Kenadi Chenevert, Greigh Cloward, Gretchen Conn, Isaac Cowher, Emma Dion, Gabriela Feeney, Serenitee Gagnon, Briana Hawk, Landon Hogan, Evangeline Iwaniec, Morgan Lakota, Mia Letendre, Brayden Lopato, Jackson McGarry, Haylee Nash, Kaitlyn Nault, Lilly Nimt, Jacob Plante, Gabrielle Riendeau, Madison

Sears, Grace Smart, Jack Stevens, Kaleb VanKleeef, Dietrich Vogel, Elijah Wilhelm and Camden Williams.

## Grade 9, 3rd Honors

Emma Astrella, Michael Atkins, Rylie Barton, Isabelle Bellizzi, Connor Burgess, Evan Chickering, Chelsea Duszlak, Emily Nelson, Camden Olivo, Madison Schreier and Jacob Toomey.

## Grade 8, 1st Honors

Logan Baldwin, Devlyn Bridges, Sierra Brote, Ava Cassavant, Hunter Dodson, Haylee Dumont, Brielle Gerulaitis, Riley Gray, Josephine Hescock, Lexi Kelly, Lucian Kerkow, Emma Landine, Katie Manzano, Amarie Martino, Lyndie Miller, Kasey Narov, Olivia Petersen, Persephone Piermarini, Caden Prinsen, Asher Sargent, Brea Sauriol, Hunter Sherman, Gavin Williams and Connor Yurkunas.

## Grade 8, 2nd Honors

Cameron Bennett, Riley Black, Jaiden Butler, Megan Clark, Cameron Collis, Scott Garrand, James Kozyra, Eric McAnuff, Sophia Paolucci, Leo Paquette, Mallory Piazza, Logan Schoff, Amber Sullivan, Brielle Sullivan, Jasmine White and Kristian White.

## Grade 8, 3rd Honors

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## Grade 7, 1st Honors

Anthony Araujo, Violet Atwood, Jack Beall, Alexander Bishop, Yesenia Carrasco, Allie Choquette, Cadence Cieslak, Olivia Iwaniec, Bryann Lussier, Isabelle Manzano, Liliana McIsaac, Emma Nault, Jonas Rossi, Maeve Smith, Connor Snay, Logan Spring, Caroline Stevens and Natalia Veliz-Baldizon.

## Grade 7, 2nd Honors

Maci Astrella, Elizabeth Bennington, Travis Bigda, Andrew Boudreau, Harper Bradley, Liam Bray, David Chaplin, Julie Chenier, Trevor Contacos, Olivia Hebert, Austin Letourneau, Alyssa Lussier, Aydan Marsh, Hunter Oldenburg, Victoria Paradis, Emily Robidoux, Isabella Santos, Payton Schreier and Theodore Sexton.

## Grade 7, 3rd Honors

Mackenzie Bennett, Lincoln Brown, Riley Corder, Robert Menard, Woodman Moulton, Kourtney Nichols, Kaydan O'Connell, Hannah Pytel and Buddy Stocks.

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ty-based interventions. This study is currently taking place in New York, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Ohio, both rural and urban areas. Belchertown and Ware have been grouped together as one of the rural communities in Massachusetts. A coalition across both towns comprised of law enforcement, medical professionals, advocacy groups, pharmacists, harm reduction and substance use specialists, local leaders and policy makers, public health officials, families of loved ones with Opioid Use Disorder, people with lived experience, etc. has developed proposals around Medications for Opioid Use Disorder, Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution and Safer Prescribing that they are now working to implement into the communities.

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# - community -

## Tri-Parish Church to hold plant and bake sale

HARDWICK – The Tri-Parish Community Church announces their 17th Annual Plant and Bake Sale, on the Hardwick Common, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.

This popular East Quabbin area event will feature traditional, favorite and connoisseur perennials, plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants and herbs in time for spring planting. There is a wonderful va-

riety in plants offered through Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Stillman's Farm of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm of New Braintree, as well as Howe's Farm of New Braintree, Tracie's Greenhouse of Ware, the Hardwick Farmers Co-op of Hardwick and private gardens.

The popular baked potato buffet is returning and a delicious assortment of home-baked desserts and

bread will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine.

The church is also seeking vendors for their annual Tag and Craft sale to coincide with the Plant and Bake Sale. Spaces on the Common will be offered for \$35 each.

Applications may be obtained by emailing Marguerite at mcrevier1.mc@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6942. Vendors should reserve their space early.

### YARD SALE | FROM PAGE 1

Street, the historic house that was the print and bookshop of Isaiah Thomas from 1794 to 1813, the Town Wide Yard Sale can be said to have begun.

31 West Main is the residence of Jennifa Frediani and family. Frediani was, for all intents and purposes, the impresario of the event. It would be a day of paying it forward.

The yard in front of the house was a well-organized display of merchandise that might do with a new home. The inventory to the left was pay what you thought reasonable or could afford and the proceeds were all for the rescue squad.

As one moved to the right, there were different goods such as a rack of clothing and tables of crockery of different types, all shiny and in good order.

Frediani provided me with a map of the participants for the day. There were a lot of them, so the best one could hope to do by the 3 p.m. finish would be to see a representative sample.

To that end, she suggested I visit Susan at 37 East Main just up the street on the right.

37 East Main Street is one of those beautiful old houses across the street from the Common which itself

complements the residences. Susan had been working with Frediani to make the day a success and both were fulsome in praise of each other.

Susan, with husband Bud and two sons are relatively new, but enthusiastic town residents. The family moved here from Washington, D.C.

One can imagine that the change in culture must have been huge, however Susan is adjusting well. She loves opening the door, walking out and seeing the common. To illustrate how different the change is, she sometimes says to herself is this Brigadoon?

Still, she performed her yard sale duties flawlessly.

Continuing East, on the right from 67 to 73 Main the cars were parked bumper to bumper, and the ample front yards were packed with goods for sale.

Indeed, with the amount of inventory and shoppers, it looked like a mini-Brimfield. At one of the houses was Bill Jenkins', a local history expert. Evidencing that was one of his tables with historic maps of the town.

From Main, it was time to travel to near the end of Long Hill Road.

John Loughlin's place was the southernmost yard sale venue of the day. Now, the traffic was not as constant as downtown, but it was a decent amount, and who needs a horde tramping through anyway.

With Loughlin was his son Josh and Kate. It was good to see them as Josh had been my son's classmate and John his Little League coach.

Heading back into town, at 57 Central Street was Josh Butcher and Debbie Courtemanche. At their place was a table that brought back memories.

Too many decades ago, baseball trading cards had been a big part of my life, so to see his display resonated with me.

Interestingly, Butcher deals in the cards. As to my collection, all tucked away somewhere, it is tempting to see what they are worth.

No one, however, can have my Ted Williams. You will have to pry my cold dead hands off of it...or best offer.

Amanda, the only other vendor on Central Street, was enjoying the day with a friend as visitors came by.

Then it was off to the west and Old Warren Road. At #12 were David, recently an archivist at Woods Hole and Paige whose caretaker he is.

Among the items on sale was an interesting printing press with its type. It was all so heavy that one had to be in shape to contemplate purchasing it.

I had thought that 12 Old Warren was the western most entrant, but looking at the map, I realized that there was someone out at 25 Whispering Pine Drive way off. There, Amanda told me it was the house of Rory Campbell, her father-in-law and it was unique in



The Loughlins are located at the southern end of town.

that they had a whole table of power equipment as well as the usual yard sale fare.

Back to 31 West Main for the scheduled closing time of 3 p.m. Though I doubt there was anyone going to prosecute those who kept at it overtime.

Frediani seemed to have had a good day and was in good spirits.

All donations went to the Squad and the donation items had been eliminated so it was a good day for the rescue team.

After counting the donations, Frediani was able to present the Rescue Squad with a check for \$917.85.

Frediani was, as she put it, in her "wheelhouse," that could be more or less like the French term, métier which could mean where you're supposed to be. That would describe Frediani and the West Brookfield Town Wide Yard Sale.

Well, if that is where she is supposed to be, let us hope the 2024 West Brookfield Town Wide Yard Sale sees her back at her post.



Our reporter found trading card heaven on Central Street.



Jennifa Frediani and her family. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY)

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# - community -

## C4R lists upcoming events

Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council has a busy schedule of spring events including paddles and volunteer opportunities.

For more information, visit [www.c4rivers.org](http://www.c4rivers.org).

### Landing work

On Saturday May 13, from 9-11 a.m., C4R will work on refinements to the landing at Ware River Park in Gilbertville, Route 32, just north of the village. If you're interested in helping, email

Keith at [chicopeewatershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopeewatershed@gmail.com).

### Ribbon cutting and opening day paddle

Saturday, May 27 at 9 a.m. will be the opening day paddle and ribbon cutting to "launch" C4R's new Blue Trail, the Lower Ware River Blue Trail. Paddlers will travel from Robbins Road in Ware to Bennett Street in Palmer along 8.5 miles of river (about 2.5 hours).

This is quick, smooth water with one minor drop. Bring your own boat.

Please RSVP by email to Keith at [chicopeewatershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopeewatershed@gmail.com)

### Other events

An inaugural paddle of the Upper Ware River Blue Trail will be held Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m. at Old Furnace, Hardwick to Ware River Park, Gilbertville.

People can also paddle the Upper Chicopee River Blue Trail on Saturday, June 17.

### Volunteer opportunities

C4R is looking for trail stewards. These are folks who would adopt a trail segment or launch site and help keep an eye on it, keep it clean, clear, report any issues, etc.

C4R also needs volunteers to grab river samples for water quality sampling of the Ware River on Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. in June through early September.

If you're interested, email Keith at [chicopeewatershed@gmail.com](mailto:chicopeewatershed@gmail.com).

### DOGS | FROM PAGE 1

certification, a 10-skill test that teaches good manners to dogs and responsible dog ownership to their owners.

There is also Farm Dog Certification.

"Your dog responds well to commands at home and in public, but how would he respond in a farm environment?"

That is why there is the Farm Dog Certified test that involves a dog performing a series of 12 exercises typical for a farm environment "such as being in close proximity to livestock (who are always penned to avoid any altercations); jumping and staying on hay/straw bales; walking on unusual terrain; and jumping over logs."

No herding is involved. Rather, the goal is to assess aptitude as a working farm dog by exhibiting self-control, confidence and trust in owner or handler.

So where does one go to take the test. This past Sunday one could have gone to New Braintree. Up the hill on West Brookfield Road is Farmer Matt's spread.

Farmer Matt is known for the lovely Angus he raises, but on Sunday the day was given over to certifying dogs.

Any AKC registered dog was welcome to run the course for certification. The course was being run under the auspices of the American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.

Up until Sunday, I had never met a Tervuren. Though dogs of other breeds were there for the test, the Terv, with striking appearance was the star of the day.

There was a lot to learn, much would be explained to me by Jeff whom I met with his Terv, Surfer Dude (yup, it's a Beach Boys reference).



Jeff and his dog Surfer Dude. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY)

Is the dog safe around the farm? Does the dog get distracted? There are a number of exercises and the dog has to pass them all.

There is jumping on a hay bale. The handler instructs the dog on a lead to jump on the bale and the dog can sit or stand until the judge tells the handler to let the dog jump off.

Another test is maintaining self-control walking by a farm animal.

The dog has to walk around a number of objects through a prescribed pattern. The dog and handler should go around farm equipment and a passive stranger sitting along the way. Again, this is a demonstration of self-control.

At one point, there will be banging going on and the dog has to not be distracted by that as well as the loud noise of a leaf blower.

Another dog will have to pass by the dog being tested without that dog being distracted.

The dog being tested must remain calm as the handler leaves him to feed a farm animal.

The handler examines the dog for any plant material, debris or objects that the dog may have



Things are looking up for Beverly Westerveld, president, show chair and noisemaker.

collected while working on the farm, placing the dog on a table or bale and looking him over.

There are other tests for the animal to prove self-control.

And those tests were ongoing on the lovely, sunny Sunday.

Starting in the morning, the first Judge, Roo Grubis took dogs and handlers through their exercises. After Roo, Trish Libby took over and did the same as the day went on, and all dogs passed.

Farmer Matt took two of his though the course together. Rolly, a Springer Spaniel, and Klaus, a French Bulldog passed easily.

The Teurven folks did a good job on the day including show chair Bonnie Skelton who served as noise maker on one of the exercises.

It was a pleasant time in New Braintree, just up the hill from the Brookfields. All the people thought it a great day to take their dogs for a test.

Surely, all the dogs thought it a fine day to take their people to be examined.



A Blue Heeler named Blue.

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**BONFIRE | FROM PAGE 1**

Children participated in craft tables as offered by local vendor Escape the Pike, of Sturbridge and face painting.

Others brought a football to throw back and forth with relatives and friends while the night was still young.

Vendors such as The Thrifty Gypsy of Sturbridge offered a taste of local businesses, providing sweets such as fudge while Greater Good Brewing of Worcester provided a variety of craft beers for adults to enjoy by the fire.

For residents looking to participate in more events offered by the Recreation Committee, the Spring Free Fun Series kicks off this weekend, May 13, with Functional Fitness with Flow Fitness on the common starting at 9 a.m.

Other free and upcoming events include a guided trail walk with Friends of Sturbridge Trails, May 20, another guided trail walk, June 3, introduction to pickleball, May 27 and spin class with GLOWcycle June 10.



Community members can be seen gathered by the fire, partaking in the night's festivities. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DALLAS GAGNON)



Sophia, Amy and Chase Robidoux listened to live music and sat by the fire.



Olivia, Rylie and Brynn smile as they show off their face paintings.



Local business owner Rose Caranci and son Matt Caranci selling "O'fudgealicious" fudge and other goodies at the bonfire.



Sturbridge Recreation Committee members Kadion Phillips and Josh Cottone promote a series of upcoming recreation events and activities.



[Dog] Acacia, Squid, Maggie, Pippi and Nathan Stovall sitting on the common with friends and family.



# SPORTS

## Warriors suffer tough loss against West Side

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

FISKDALE—When the MIAA power rankings were released for the first time this spring, Tantasqua Regional was the top ranked baseball team in Division 3.

Tantasqua, who entered the month of May with a 9-1 overall record, suffered an 11-4

non-league home loss to West Springfield, last Monday afternoon, May 1.

“There is a lot of pressure on us because we’re one of the top baseball teams in Division 3,” said Tantasqua head coach Jon Leroux. “Almost every team that we’ve faced so far this season have pitched their ace pitcher. We weren’t ready to go at the start of today’s game.”

The Terriers were leading 7-0 before the Warriors batted for the first time in the bottom of the first inning.

“We had one bad inning, but we just kept battling back,” Leroux added. “We definitely didn’t want to be mercy by them.”

One bright spot for the Warriors was senior shortstop Devin Krochmalnyckj who hit

a solo home run over the left field fence with one-out in the second inning.

The other seniors listed on the Warriors varsity baseball roster are Henry Blake, Ryan Kelly, Aubyn Phillips, and Steven Parent.

“The seniors have done a great job for us during the past couple of years,” Leroux said. “They’re the leaders of this

year’s team.”

The Warriors entered the statewide tournament a year ago as the 23rd seed with a 14-4 record. After defeating Boston Latin Academy, 5-1 in a preliminary round home game before losing at Newburyport, 4-1, in the round of 32. Newburyport lost to Austin Prep in the Division 3 state finals.

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## Pathfinder handed loss by Pope Francis



Greenly Lagimoniere makes the catch in center. PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

PALMER – Last Thursday afternoon, Pope Francis gave Pathfinder another defeat 16-1. Pope beat Pathfinder earlier this season also. The Pioneers are now 5-3 on the season with a lot of games still remaining on their schedule.



Emma Cehvalier pitches for the Pioneers.



Olivia Ward squeezes an out in left.



Jen Kinney fields a grounder.



Megan Bly catches an out at first.

## Mustangs net first win in OT



Brayden Pratt sprints up the field after making a recovery. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

MONSON – After a 3-3 first half, the teams went to 5-5 in regulation, and an overtime goal sealed the first win of the season for Monson High School boys lacrosse. The Mustangs triumphed 6-5 over Central. Monson, which co-ops with Pathfinder, is now 1-11 this season.



Aiden Colon maneuvers around a defender.



Josiah Lee picks up the loose ball in a lot of traffic.



Players from both teams vie for the ball

## - sports -

## Pioneers U19, U15 take part in tournament

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Two girls soccer teams representing the Western United Pioneers had the opportunity to compete in the third annual USL Academy Cup, which was held at the Tournament Sportsplex in Tampa Bay, Florida, from March 30-April 2.

It was the first time that the Western United Pioneers participated in the event.

"The tournament was run very well, and it was a great experience for our girls," said Joe Ferrara, who's the Director of Soccer Operations for the Western United Pioneers. "I've received a lot of positive feedback from both the parents and the players."

The Western United Pioneers U19 and U15 soccer teams took part in this year's Academy Cup matches because the Western Mass. Pioneers, which is a semi-pro men's team, is a member of the USL (United Soccer League).

"The USL Academy is a youth platform for professional teams within in the USL system," said Ferrara, who's also the Pioneers General Manag-

er. "Having the Pioneers gives us the rights to have the USL Academy teams."

Federico Molinari coached both the U19 and the U15 teams at the USL Academy Cup. He has been coaching the Pioneers men's soccer team for the past ten years. He's also the club's Director of Coaching.

"It was a great experience coaching the two soccer teams. The players worked very hard at the Academy Cup," Molinari said. "It was also the first time that we combined two age groups together. We really didn't know how the other teams down there were going to be, but both of our teams competed very well against them."

The U-19 girls' team, which was made up of players born in 2006 and 2007, finished with a 1-2-1 record.

"Players who were born in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 were eligible to play for the U19 team," Ferrara said. "Our U19 team was one of youngest teams down there. We played mostly against 05 players. Our club currently doesn't have a 05 team and the majority of the 04 players are in college and they would be ineligible to play in the tournament."

The U19 team lost their first two matches 1-0 against teams from West Virginia and Tennessee.

"We hit the post three times in our first two games," Molinari said. "The other team had a shot hit off the post, but the ball went into the net."

After playing a 1-1 tie against a team from Miami, Florida, the Western United Pioneers finished the tournament by posting a 4-3 victory over a team from New Jersey.

"Overall, the U19 team had a very good showing," Ferrara added. "We played against older teams from the south, who have been playing together for a few years. Our two teams only had five or six training sessions."

Twelve of the U19 players attend a high school located in the region.

Those players are Mia Carvalho (Ludlow), Sophia Scyocurka (Ludlow), Calleigh Foley (Ludlow), Emma Ellis (Ludlow), Brianna Ribeiro (Belchertown), Fallon Clancy (Belchertown), Brooke Burrows (Belchertown), Christina Ritter (Agawam), Ava Chevalier (Tantasqua Regional), Tess Chevalier (Tantasqua Region-

al), Claire Poindexter (Minnechaug Regional), and McKenzie Murray (Minnechaug Regional).

The U15 team, which was made up of players born in 2008 and 2009, finished the tournament with a 0-1-3 record. All three of their draws were scoreless.

Twelve members of the U15 squad also live in the Turley Publications coverage area.

They are Audrey Afonso (Ludlow), Aneysa Donais (Ludlow), Kacie Klimek (Ludlow), Valentina Molinari (Ludlow), Payton Dersarkisian (Ludlow), Ava Friese (Ludlow), Zoriah Wray (Minnechaug Regional), Madison Boulanger (Chicopee), Maeve Carter (Chicopee), Makena Sacco (Hampden), Carson Humphries (Hampden), and Isabel Moreau (Belchertown).

"I've coached the 09 players in the past," Molinari said. "The 09 players had to adapt to playing with the 08 players. It was also the first time that the U15 team played in a tournament outside of New England. They got to see a different style of soccer."

Because the Academy Cup matches took place in the af-

ternoon, the Western United Pioneers players didn't have a lot of time for sightseeing while they were down in Florida.

"Our games were in the middle of the day, which made it difficult to do anything else," Ferrara said. "We did go out to eat together as a team a couple of nights. It was a fun experience for the players."

Ferrara is also the League Commissioner of United Women's Soccer and is the owner of the New England Mutiny.

Both the Pioneers and the Mutiny play their home matches at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

Ferrara is hoping a few of the Western United Pioneers girls' soccer players join the Mutiny in the coming years.

"That's our plan," he said. "I'm always looking for the local soccer players to play for the Mutiny."

Rich Friese, who's from Ludlow, was also a member of the coaching staff at this year's Academy Cup.

Ferrara is looking forward to having several of the Western United Pioneers teams compete in the 2024 USL Academy Cup.

## Robie takes modifieds win at Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Modified super star Brian Robie won Sunday's 80-lap NHSTRA Modified feature at Monadnock Speedway, first setting fast time in time trials, and then leading the final 54 laps of the afternoon's main event to top the second annual Duel at The Dog biggie.

Other winners on 2023 opening weekend at the storied quarter-mile speedbowl included Tim Wenzel after a post-race inspection was concluded awarding him the win in the NHSTRA Late Models, Cole Littlewood, who wired the Outlaw main, and Gordon Farnum, who rocketed to victory lane in the Mini Stock feature, something he did a dozen times a summer ago. On Saturday's event, Colton Martin took the Pure Stock victory. Owen Zilinski led all the way to score the Young Guns victory. Steve Miller, last summer's Six Shooter champion at Claremont, led all the way Sunday to earn his first career Monadnock victory.

Sunapee's Robie a former track Modified champion here set fast time with a blistering circuit of 12.660 seconds Sunday, the fastest of four sub-13 drivers in the 18-car field. By virtue of a top-four redraw, Sammy Rameau and Aaron Fellows sat on row one as the 80-lap main went green.

Rameau, who like Robie has impressed in past victories here, jumped all over the opening lead and set fast time the first 25 times around. But then Ro-



Brian Robie took the win in last Sunday's modified event. SUBMITTED PHOTO

bie, from row two, took control and never looked back.

Fellows, strong in third until the victim of the second — of five — cautions, would return to notch a top ten finish, but with Robie and Rameau setting a blistering pace, it was Kimmy Rivet, methodical all afternoon as she marched forward from row five, earning an impressive third-place finish.

Kenny Thompson led the first 20 go-rounds of the Late Model feature but Ryan Bell,

firing from row three, then took charge and outran 2022 Monadnock champ Tim Wenzel and Thompson into victory lane. In a post-race inspection, Wenzel was awarded the win.

Farnum, who sold his championship Mini Stock ride only hours before Sunday's feature gave it one last dash to victory lane. Cole Littlewood led all the way to win Sunday's Outlaw main just ahead of Steve Bly. Littlewood's brother Justin won the same event a year ago.

Monadnock Speedway will return to action on May 20, when it begins its 2023 Saturday night racing series as it hosts Military Appreciation Night, with a seven-division card of racing.

## Results:

## May 6 event

Pure Stocks: Colton Martin, Zach Zilinski, CJ Johnson, Chris Davis, Carlos Grenier, Chris Conroy, Teagan Edson, Mike Douglas, Dominick Staf-

ford, Tim Taft, Trevor Carey, Chris Bingham, Jim Rhodes, Aaliyah Tacy, Matt Croteau, Ricky Melcher

## May 7 Event:

Young Guns: Owen Zilinski, Adrian Smith, Emma Blake, Markus O'Neil, Kailyn Hubbard, Hunter Douglas

Six Shooters: Steve Miller, Michael, Yraton, Jacob Scott, Steve Miller Jr., John Thibodeau, Zach Zilinski, Andrew Scott, Tyler Scott, Garrett Barry, Rozwell Mason

Mini Stocks: Gordon Farnum, Louis Maher, Jon Fultz, Kevin Clayton, Chris Sontag, Robert Williams, Cameron Sontag, Patrick Houle, Skyler Shippee, Greg Millette, Reagan Buffum, Matt Lambert, Kyle Templeton

NHSTRA Outlaws: Cole Littlewood, Steve Bly, Phil Meany, John Meany, Leighton Lutz

NHSTRA Late Models: Tim Wenzel, Kenny Thompson, Hillary Renaud, JD Stockwell, Chris Emerson, Isabella Minchella, Kevin McKnight, Dan Robinson, Chris Castor, Robert Hagar

NHSTRA Modifieds: Brian Robie, Sammy Rameau, Kim Rivet, Tyler Leary, Geoff Rollins, Scott Zilinski, Jeff Battle, Adam Lapoint, Eric Leclair, Aaron Fellows, Nathan Wenzel, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Brian Chapin, Cole Littlewood, Josh Carey, Blair Culhane, Cory Plummer, Joel Belanger

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## WARRIORS | FROM PAGE 9

Phillips, who's one of the Warriors starting pitchers, hurled a five inning perfect game against David Prouty on April 14. The final score of that game was 10-0.

Henry Blake, who's the Warriors starting catcher, will be playing college baseball at MCLA next year.

Six of the players in the Warriors starting batting order are members of the junior class. They are third baseman Colm McGrath, second baseman Hunter Normandin, first baseman Jack Rapose, centerfielder Ryan Wright, left fielder Cole Nussey, and right fielder Ryan Kelley. Their other three juniors are CJ Harrell, Petey Casine, and Joe Amaru.

Tantasqua's other three runs against West Springfield were scored during the fourth inning without the benefit of a base hit.

Sophomore Lucas MacNevin, who was the Warriors starting pitcher against the Terriers, drew a bases loaded walk. He also scored a run on the back end of a double steal play.

MacNevin, who's a righty, only pitched one inning against West Springfield (8-4). He was the DH for the rest of the game.

"They did hit the ball hard and we didn't make a couple of plays defensively in that inning," Leroux said. "Everyone has a bad outing and Lucas had one today."

Parent, who's a righty, followed MacNevin on the mound and he went 1 1/3 innings. Then sophomore righthander Chace Fredette, who made his first appearance on the mound this season, hurled the final 4 2/3 innings.

Tantasqua rebounded nicely with back-to-back road victories. They posted a 12-0 win versus SWCL rival Millbury two days later. Amaru was the Warriors starting pitcher against the Woolies. Phillips also pitched in that game.

The Warriors wrapped up last week's action with a 4-1 victory against Worcester Doherty in another non-league con-

test. Sophomore lefthander Miles Blake, who's the Warriors ace, went the distance against the Highlanders. He allowed one unearned run on just two base hits. He struck out 10 and walked four.

Just like his older brother, Miles will be playing college baseball in a couple of years. He recently verbally committed to join the baseball team at Northeastern University after graduating from high school.

"Miles has been awesome for us on the mound this year," Leroux said. "He has everything that you want from an ace pitcher at the high school level. He was our ace last year. He's a hard working kid and he has a very high ceiling."

Leroux, who also played baseball at Northeastern University, can tell Miles Blake everything that he needs to know about the school and the baseball program.

"Northeastern is a great school," Leroux said. "I'm very glad that Miles will be playing college baseball at a high level."

Leroux, who graduated from Auburn High School, was drafted by the New York Mets in the 2012 amateur draft.

While several other baseball players who live in the Tantasqua School District decided to attend prep school, Leroux doesn't think that'll be the case with Miles Blake.

"Miles has already made a verbal commitment. The main reason why someone goes to a prep school is to get the extra year," Leroux said. "His mother is a teacher in the Leicester Public Schools and public schools are very important to her. I didn't attend a prep school when I was in high school because I wanted to play baseball with my friends."

In 2009, Dan Kemp, who graduated from Tantasqua Regional, was drafted by the Boston Red Sox.

The Warriors baseball team dropped down to sixth place in the power rankings at the end of last week.

## Follow Turley Sports on Instagram

Turley Publications sports department has recently joined Instagram. You can find our account by searching "turleysports." We will regularly feature samples of photos that you will see in our publications on a weekly basis. Please follow and share with your

friends and loved ones. We will be featuring photos from all 11 of our sports sections, but as always, you can see all the photos that appear by subscribing to your local paper or picking up a copy in your community.

## Run for Rice's 5K Road Race set for June 3

WILBRAHAM – The 11th annual "Run for Rice's 5K Road Race" will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. This popular, family-friendly 5K road race begins at Christ the King – Epiphany Church, 758 Main Street, Wilbraham, and winds through a flat, fast course in surrounding neighborhoods, ending at Rice Fruit Farm across the street from the start. Pre-registration fee for runners and walkers is \$20, while day-of-race registration is \$25. Ages 18 and under registration is \$15 including day-of registration. The first 150 registered runners by May 20 will receive our fa-

mous race t-shirt featuring the "Running Apple" logo, and all registered runners will receive a free Rice Fruit Farm ice cream with their bib number on day of race only. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories, and all proceeds benefit the Rice Nature Preserve maintenance fund of the Minnechaug Land Trust. Race day registration will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. On-line registration now available at RunSignUp.com, and paper registration forms can be downloaded at the Minnechaug Land Trust website www.minnechauglandtrust.org.

## Roster spots remain open in Quabbin League

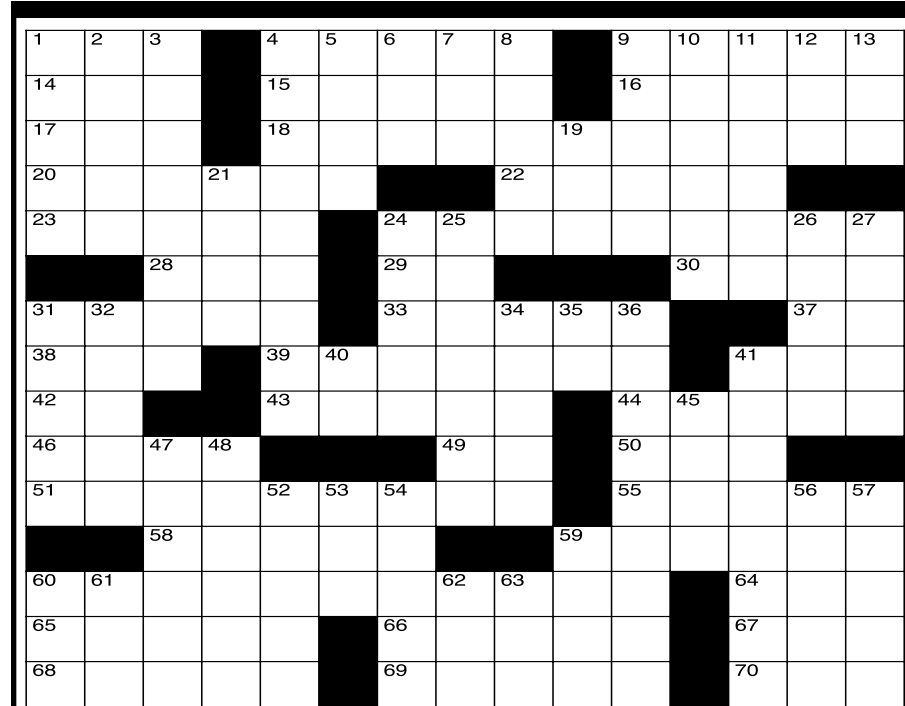
More players are needed for the Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League as it seeks to infuse new talent into its league for the 2023 season.

The league recently held its open practice, but still has plenty of open roster spots remaining to fill for the 2023 season.

Registration for the 2023 season remains open and any interested players can go to www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org to get registered, or to seek more information or make inquiries about the league. The league website will also be updated over the next month with information about the upcoming season.

The season is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 23. The league plays most Sunday from late April through late August with playoffs following that. The league plays a 15-game schedule and typically fields six teams each year. Games are usually played at 10 a.m. with fields in Easthampton and South Hadley normally used.

The Quabbin Valley league is an all abilities league and all are welcome to join. Eligibility is players who are age 28 and over. You must be 30 to be eligible to pitch in the league. Your age for eligibility is whatever age you will turn in 2023.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast
4. Fathers
9. Wine grape
14. Al Bundy's wife
15. Organic compound
16. Venezuelan state
17. Interest term
18. Experts
20. Central cores of stems
22. Smooth and glossy
23. One-time S. Korean city
24. One from Damascus
28. Short message at the end of an email
29. It cools your home
30. Oh, God!
31. Intestinal pouches
33. Men
37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)
38. Former CIA
39. Arrange in steps
41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
42. The Great Lake State
43. Dog-\_\_: to mark a page
44. Stop moving
46. Ancient Dead Sea region
49. Of I
50. Clerical vestment
51. Songs sung to a lover
55. Charges
58. Popular design program
59. Where to park a boat
60. One who values reason
64. Slang for cigarette
65. Sailboats
66. Actress Zellweger
67. Screen material
68. Country music legend Haggard
69. Puts together in time
70. When you hope to arrive

### CLUES DOWN

1. An involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction
2. Philly's rail service
3. Leaves a place
4. No longer be a part in
5. Guitar players use them
6. Cease to exist
7. General's assistant (abbr.)
8. Shaking of the earth
9. Strong winds
10. For each one
11. A bog
12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
13. Affirmative
19. Pie \_\_\_ mode
21. Nonclerical
24. Inspirational football player Hamlin
25. Learning environment
26. Khoikhoi peoples
27. Bring out or develop
31. Shows up
32. Theatrical device
34. Loads
35. Popular Hollywood alien
36. Distinguishes
40. College dorm worker
41. Secondary or explanatory title
45. Resembling wings
47. One who delivers a speech
48. In the middle
52. Loop with a running knot
53. Airborne (abbr.)
54. Beloveds
56. Ordain
57. Breed of small cattle
59. Very small period of time (abbr.)
60. Revolutions per minute
61. They \_\_\_
62. Longtime ESPN anchor Bob
63. A place to stay

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# Tantasqua Regional Jr. High School lists honor roll

STURBRIDGE – Tantasqua Regional Jr. High School announced the third quarter honor roll for the 2022-2023 school year.

### Grade Eight, Highest Honors

Shery Ataalla, Colin Bailey, Sophia Bochicchio, Connor Boivin, Jax Buday, Bryn Carey, Hailey Cooper, Anya Couture, Hayley English, Bralynn Fenneuff, Jacob Fernandes, Keira Fitzpatrick, Morgan Goody, Lila Grant, Ella Herrick, Abigail Korenda, Shelly Ly, Aalana Mazzone-Gourley, Liana McCarthy, Shannon McGrath, Jeremy Mrotek, Sora Ng, Annaleise Olander, Abigail Parent, Emma Pesaturo, Emme Powell, Isabel Raczkowski, Kelsey Rodas, Reanna Salisbury, Sara Savard, Edith Simpson, Noah Smith and Andrew Weeden.

### Grade Eight, Honor Roll

Aliyah Abdul-Aziz, Sean Allen, Michael Anderson, Gabriella Antczak, Owen Ashe, Cian Babcock, Alexis Baker, Mateo Barboza, Chase Blanchard, Eli Bosen, Brody Bouchard, Valeria Brambila, Aidan Butler, Braeden Campbell, Nikol Cantwell, Aidan Carmel, Jasmine Cartier, Madison Casey, Jillian Chevalier, Brady Chisholm, Lola Comunale, Sam Conroy, Tyler Culverwell, Graydon Curbo, Haven Dalton, Maya Deltoro,

Dessa Demears, Elora Devlin, Matthieu Dore, Lillian Dugas, Gavin Espinoza, Gwynth Fairbanks, Nicholas Fazzuoli, Jordan Field, Connor Fitzgerald, Emma Fitzgerald, Harper Foley, Lillian Fuller, Riley Gauthier, Carly Goodwin, Stella Guerraz, Madeline Guertin, Owen Gustafson, Brielle Hanlan, Matthew Hernandez Saad, Rory Herrick, Megan Holm, Jace Inthirath, Eliza Jaeger, Radisson Jumawan, Kayden Kindberg, Colin Kowal, Sophia Kozyra, Stephanie Krog, Desmond Kupranowicz, Benjamin Landine, Emma Lavalley, Patrick Linton, Juliette MacDonald, Colin Marquis, Sienna Martelli, Kadence Martin, Maddison McCarthy, Elizabeth McGlinchy, Gavin McGuinness, Olivia Merrick, Ella Mizikar, Nathan Molle, Michelle Nansasi, Lukas Nash, Adalyse Nolan, Jewels Normandin, Maggie O'Gara, Justin Olden, Audrey Papandrea, Aylah Patraw, Amanda Peck, Lilliana Perreault, Gavin Perron, Gabrielle Pottie, Griffin Potvin, Alise Quinn, Andrew Radebaugh, Owen Raymond, Samuel Raymond, Lily Recknagel, Brayden Reidy, Tayvia Reissner, Katrina Robbins, Abigail Robidoux, Ethan Ryan, Keenan Scherer, Jacob Smith, Donovan Smith Robbins, Jack St Laurent, Leslie Stromberg, Lillian

Sturges, Benjamin Tenczar, Louise Terwilliger, Carly Thomas, Trysten Thor, Aliyah Velasco, Lucas Vilandre, Foster Vosnakis, Adeline Walder, Cody Wass, Jaylin Wassmer, Deven Wheeling and Sean Wickens.

### Grade Seven, Highest Honors

Madeleine Bachand, Zachary Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Kayley English, Emilio Fiorucci, Kylie Formigal, Joseph Gomes, Alexander Green, Teagan Gunnerson, Connor Howe, Vivian Jaeger, Mason Julian, Liv Kearns, Isabella LaFlamme, Samuel Lamas, Thomas Moore, Dane Mullin, Tyler Neifert, Westley Nemet, William Neslusan, Olivia Neuenschwander, Miles Oprica, Tyler Phillips, Trevor Resener, Kaleigh Sabelis, Tyler Scanlon, Katelyn Spillane, Violet Spooner, Matilda St Clair, Elway St George, Arianna Starr, Madalyn Strause, Callie Toro, Mairenn VonHold, Roman Whitcomb and Olivia White.

### Grade Seven, Honor Roll

Fraser Aldenberg, Nathan Alicea, Nadine Ankin, Bret Bond, Peter Briggs, Leeanna Caouette, Hannah Cardenas, Finley Carlisle, Logan Cavaliere, Cameron Ciandella, Sydney Cizik, Reese Collette, Elijah Colon-Orengo, Abigail Corriveau, Sara Croteau, Nathan Cut-

ler, Samuel Davey, Lily David, Jacob DeLong, Alynah Desmarais, Olivia Donovan, Matthew Ehrhard, Summer Ferreira, Olivia Fiske, Chad Fonseca, Lily Garrett, Lillian Gingras, Arthur Goncalves, Allison Gregory, Dominic Grillo, Austin Guinta, Emmaline Gumlaw, John Gunagan, Cameron Hall, Brody Havalotti-Lussier, Leah Hill, Moira Hill, Catelyn Holm, Nathaniel Jacques, Andrew John, Enzo Jones, Kaitlyn Kenney, Mark Kenton, Lukas Krueger, Cameron Lemanski, Theodore Leveille, Travis Lloyd, Peyton Logan, Elijah Mandigo, William Marker, Augustin Mbouadeu, Keira McCord, Grant Meacham, Andrew Miller, Nora Miller, Ainsley Mills, Jaden Mitchem, Ryan Mount, Charlotte Nameika, Anthony Natale, Dylan Nguyen, Jack Nichols, Colby Norman, Kayde O'Malley, Maeve O'Neil, Noah Olszta, Jon Orquiola, Jane Panek, Angelina Pereira, Issac Perez, Caylee Perry, Gibson Pettis, Leah Phaneuf, Patrick Pope, Myra Quinn, Kaitlyn Reed, Nathan Regan, Alexis Santos, Paul Savage, Finley Shryock-Taylor, Ellie Shute, Jonathan Solari, Wyatt Springer, Samantha Szczypien, Lucas Tully, Kayla Weidler, Roselyn Whyte and Easton Zeleznok.

## 5K for Play fundraiser is May 13

WARE – St. Aloysius Catholic School PTO is hosting a 5K for Play and Food Truck Festival at Grenville Park, 73 Church St. on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

This is a community event to help fund the playground equipment for St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville.

All are welcome to walk or run the 5K at Grenville Park. The cost is \$5 for ages 4-8 and \$10 for ages 9-100.

Children ages 2 and under are free.

Registration deadline is May 12, and people may register at [runsignup.com/race/ma/ware/5kforplay](https://runsignup.com/race/ma/ware/5kforplay).

There will also be games, prizes, raffle baskets, food trucks and music by DJ Brian.

Business sponsors for the event include Pioneer Valley Environmental and Environmental Equipment Repair Services.

## Hall of Fame honors 'the Golden Era' of basketball

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SPRINGFIELD – In celebration of National Library Week April 23-29 the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame gave away free copies of two books centered around the commonwealth's official state sport.

One of these books, "Jack 'The Shot' Foley - A Legend for all Time: With Togo Palazzi and Central Mass Basketball" by Mark "Pathfinder" Epstein, tells the story of the Golden Era of basketball in the 1950-60s, and its legendary players.

Copies of the book were given away to Hall of Fame visitors last week, and they will also be sold in the gift shop going forward.

Having his book selected by the Hall of Fame was a complete surprise for Epstein, who got the call notifying him of the honor at his home in South Carolina the week before.

"It was like a culmination of dreams for so many people," Epstein said. "The book represents so much...certainly, Jack and Togo won't be forgotten."

Epstein said that even though he authored the book, which is his second published work, it's not his story.

"It's not one person's book...it belongs to everyone," he said.

Epstein wrote this book over the better part of a year, interviewing hundreds of people, from athletes to coaches, and family and friends. Each one had a story to tell.

"I was touched by so many people," Epstein said.

Having his book chosen is not just an honor for Jack, Togo and everyone else who made an impact on central Massachusetts basketball, it's also an honor for Epstein and his family.

Epstein is the son of the late Charlie Epstein, a Worcester legend known for his Water Street sporting goods store, Charlie's Surplus.

Charlie is still remembered by those in and around Worcester for his kind-

ness and sense of humor. He was always quick with a song or a story, and had a seemingly endless supply of bullseye candies in his van.

Charlie would take that van, packed to the ceiling with clothing, shoes and socks, and visit families in the smallest towns in Worcester County, to make sure that every child had what they needed to play their favorite sport.

Being chosen by the Hall of Fame also recognizes both his father and his brother, Epstein said, not just himself.

"It's an appreciation for what my family did for central Massachusetts," he said.

When the call came to tell Epstein his book had been selected for National Library Week, he realized what it must feel like for the athletes that are induced.

"My wife said, 'it's like being let in the side door,'" Epstein said with a laugh. "She keeps me humble...Those five words, 'we want to honor you,' I'll never forget. It's surreal."

Thanks to help from donors and the Leo S. Walsh Foundation, a total of 2,200 copies of the book have been given to central Massachusetts student athletes, along with school staff.

"It's mind boggling," Epstein said of the book's success, having sold over 4,000 copies and being ranked the 60th basketball book in the world.

Epstein made it his mission last year when the book was released, to have this story reach student athletes throughout central Massachusetts to inspire them, just as Jack inspired him.

Jack was Epstein's mentor, coach and closest friend.

After his professional basketball career ended, Jack became a teacher and a coach, and was known for his engaging (and oftentimes loud) teaching style.

"We all got in the side door," Epstein said, echoing what his wife said to him. Jack, Togo, and the Golden Era of central Massachusetts basketball, will never be forgotten.

Epstein and his family have been invited to the Hall of Fame on May 27 to be officially recognized for the book and its contribution to basketball.

## Story times held Tuesday mornings in March

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Story time is held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Library of the Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St.

On Tuesday, May 16, Miss Bri will be reading "Bee Dance" by Rick Chrustowski. Children will make a honeycomb beehive craft

On May 23, the story is "The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear" by Don and Audrey Wood and children will make a strawberry handprint craft. On May 30, the story is "Harvey the Gardener" by Lars Klinting and children will decorate and grow their own plant.

## Merrick Library seeks photos of buildings

BROOKFIELD – The Merrick Public Library is putting out a call for photographs of houses, stores, and buildings in town.

Old and new photos, of old and new structures, as well as any accompanying stories, would be appreciated.

Many visitors to the Library ask for information on their historic homes. While Library staff have information on some of the houses from a survey done in the 1980s (available online through the Massachusetts Historical Commission at <https://mhc-macris.net/>), for many places they have limited information.

The Merrick Public Library would like to invite the public to share photographs and information on their houses and buildings, for future information seekers. Even if your house is

newly built, in a hundred years someone will be looking for old photos of it.

Please keep in mind that any information you provide will be available to the public, so include only information you are comfortable being known to the wider world. The Library is especially interested in photographs of houses, stores, buildings, barns, and structures, inside and out, and memories and stories associated with them.

Photos can be donated to the library, mailed or brought in to be scanned and returned, or emailed to [brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com). Please include information on the type of building, address, year it was built, and any info or stories you'd like to share.

People can stop by, or email with questions.

# May Festival celebrates the spring season



Diana Nydam offered homemade fudge, cakes, dumplings, cookies and donuts at Brookfield Orchards booth. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE)



Cast members of the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield's production of "Willy Wonka the Musical" put on a street performance. The musical will be performed at North Brookfield Elementary School Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 adults, \$11 seniors and students.



Nancy Sauvageau, left, sold her handcrafted home décor with the help of her friend.



Steven Eckelkamp has been a cabinet maker for four decades and decided to delve into making wooden décor, specifically signs and wall hangings. Many of his items feature images of chickens and roosters, and Eckelkamp said he has recently started raising chickens for eggs.



Friends of the Haston Free Public Library, Ann Kidd and Julianna Petraitis offered tote bags and more in front of the Library.



Brynne Stark sells her homemade breads, pastries and granola.



Paula Stewart has been a photographer for 40 years, specializing in images of New England. "Wherever I go, I take my camera with me," she said, capturing photos of people and nature. "I find beauty in the small things," Stewart said.



The High School band gave an impressive performance in the Congregational Church.

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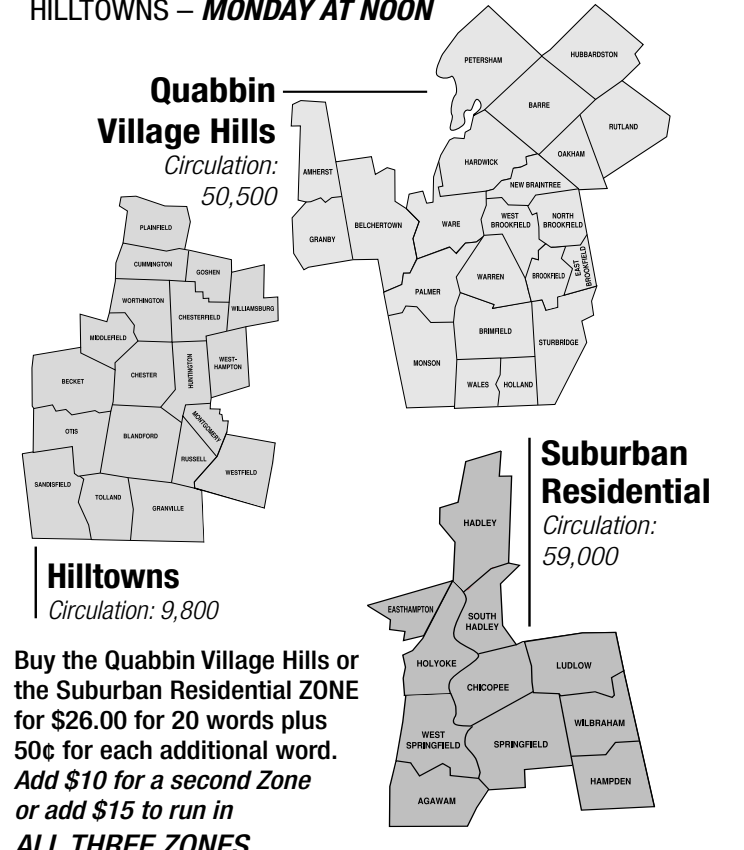
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# Inaugural EKG and phlebotomy class nears completion



Quaboag's first ever group of phlebotomy and EKG course students. (TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DALLAS GAGNON)

## Students draw knowledge from experience and practice

By Dallas Gagnon  
Staff Writer  
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WARREN – Students and teachers line up every Tuesday and Thursday during the first period waiting to either have their blood drawn or to draw someone else's.

As teachers volunteer for blood draws, students are tasked with tying elastics, cleaning the volunteers puncture site, and performing live draws.

In January 2023, Quaboag Regional High School established a phlebotomy and EKG course as a complement to the school's certified nursing assistant program which was established in 2020.

While the CNA program allows students to graduate with a CNA certification, the newly founded phlebotomy and EKG course offer students an op-

portunity to graduate as certified EKG technicians and phlebotomists.

Students who enroll in the EKG and phlebotomy course alongside the nursing program graduate with all three certifications.

For the EKG and phlebotomy certifications, students must complete 30 blood draws and 10 finger sticks by the end of the course in addition to a written exam.

Principal Stephen Duff said the program is a "great opportunity for our students" as it serves as a "good pipeline for the kids" after high school.

For students who may not plan on going to college after graduation, Duff said the medical programs "provide them [students] with skills" to pursue a career with a "viable income without college."

For students who do plan on attending college, students enrolled in the Public Health course, or CNA program, graduate with three college credits from Holyoke Community College that are

eligible for transfer at any state school.

The credits may be applied towards any elective or course with similar requirements.

Assistant Superintendent of Development Madeline Smola spearheaded the addition of the program and secured a \$75,000 Massachusetts Skills Capital grant to fund the course.

Smola said while she was looking for grants the school would qualify for, she found one for the EKG and phlebotomy course which "seemed natural to offer students."

The grant funded medical grade equipment students use to learn the course material including faux blood, prosthetic arms with faux veins, mannequins, hospital beds, EKG machines and more.

Course instructor Donnette Martin said she would like to "compliment Quaboag for doing this," as she is from Connecticut and doesn't know of any high schools that offer this kind of opportunity for students.

"For a group of high schoolers - juniors and seniors...they are so receptive to just get it done," said Martin.

She added the students have gone from "questioning, to comfortable and confident."

Martin said she believes, in the medical field the "biggest success is competence" as "confidence will come, and they will have their own skills."

According to Martin, students "are at the point where they are wrapping up" the phlebotomy section of the course and moving on to the EKG section.

One student said she enrolled in the program because her mother is a phlebotomist of 20 years and wanted to explore the field herself.

Senior Serenity Kauppila said she "wants to go into the medical field and be exposed to different types of field work."

Martin said, "I think I've done what I came in to do...I'm happy to be a part of this process to bring a group of new phlebotomists to the table."



Senior Gage Lane is shown performing a blood draw on math teacher and volunteer Matthew Cole.



Senior Serenity Kauppila is shown performing a finger stick on teacher John O'Neill.



Student Hailey Samek is shown preparing a blood draw on teacher and volunteer Joe Salvadore.

## Library to offer program about bees

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Join local beekeeper John Hedly at the Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., as he presents artifacts and information about beekeeping on Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m.

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People should register by calling the library at 508-867-0208 or emailing hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com.

### Library closed for Memorial Day

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