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## Vigil marks two years since the disappearance of Brittany Tee

A Candlelight Vigil took place on the common and at the Brookfield Congregational Church for missing community member Brittany Tee. This event took place exactly two years after Brittany's unexplained disappearance. TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

By Ryan Drago  
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BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church welcomed the community to hold a Candlelight Vigil with the family of Brittany Tee this past Friday night, on Jan. 10.

This event took place exactly two years after the unexplained

disappearance of Brittany and the community came out to express their love and support for her family and friends during the Candlelight Vigil.

Many community members joined Brittany's family at the Brookfield Congregational Church where Pastor Brian Oxman gave a heartwarming speech and would lead everyone in a prayer. The

vigil was held inside the church with lights, music and prayers shared.

Oxman would then gather with many community members and Brittany's family with candles and meet at the gazebo on the town common for a moment of prayer and candlelight. "The whole community came to support," Oxman said

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## The Market Returns

# It's 2025 and the Winter Market is back in West Brookfield

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

By Richard Murphy  
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – December was in no way a cruel month, but the new year is

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Halley Stillman and Still Life Farm veggies. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY

## Local organizations partner to provide cold weather items

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
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WARE – As the cold weather is finally upon us, many in the community are feeling the need for warm, outdoor apparel such as coats, hats, gloves and more.

Emily Kirby, in partnership with other members of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance, Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together, and the Recovery Center of HOPE worked together to put together a cold weather drive for the first time.

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Erika and Susan from the Recovery Center of HOPE are thankful for all the donations already received during the first week of the cold weather items drive. TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

## Rotary Club welcomes newest member



Shown from left are The Rotary Club of the Brookfields' President Teresa McCarthy with newest member Charlotte NeSmith and her Rotary sponsor Lynn DuffyO'Shea. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Rotary Club of the Brookfields' newest member, Charlotte Ne-Smith, is shown with her Rotary sponsor Lynn DuffyO'Shea.

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Rotary Club of the Brookfields celebrated the beginning of the new year by inducting its newest member, Charlotte NeSmith of West Brookfield, on Jan. 8 at the Hitchcock Tavern. The club's President Teresa McCarthy officiated over the ceremony with NeSmith and Lynn DuffyO'Shea (NeSmith's Rotary sponsor) in attendance.

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## St. Aloysius Catholic School starts Annual Fund Drive

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville is the recipient of a pledge of \$40,000 in matching funds toward the school’s 2025/2026 Annual Fund Drive.

The benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has supported the school with matching gifts since its inception in 2016. The Annual Fund Drive runs now through March 30.

Last year, the school’s Scholarship Drive raised just over \$48,000 including matching funds. The scholarship monies reduced the tuition for each of the school’s students by about \$450 and created a crisis fund for families finding themselves in financial difficulty.

Likewise, donations from foundations also assist families with tuition payments. The School Board implemented the Annual Fund in place of the Scholarship Drive to be able to diversify the use of the money, and thereby keep tuition affordable for families.

“The cost of nearly everything it takes to run a school has increased, from utilities to insurance, to books and salaries. It is no small feat to make ends meet. We are so entirely grateful for those who support our mission,” said Roberta McQuaid, finance manager and enrollment coordinator for the school. “Catholic Schools provide a foundation of faith for the students we serve, and their families benefit too. As well, our students work hard academically and contribute to the local community. When they leave St. Aloysius for high school they are prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead. It’s a worthwhile goal to try and keep our tuitions prices stable so that families can continue to afford a private, Catholic education.”

For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to make a tax deductible donation that will be matched dollar for dollar to the Annual Fund please visit [www.staloyuscs.com/support/](http://www.staloyuscs.com/support/). Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting “Annual Fund” on the memo line.

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as he expressed some words of hope as residents rose their candles on the common. The front of the gazebo had luminaries displayed as the candlelight took place and featured a supportive commu-

nity gathering.

“It’s really important to have the awareness,” said Amie Vogel, chair of the Brookfield Cultural Council.



Many community members joined Brittany Tee’s family in support during the Candlelight Vigil in Brookfield. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO



The Brookfield Congregational Church welcomed community members for coffee after the Candlelight Vigil.



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## Knights host spaghetti dinner on Jan. 18

WEST BROOKFIELD – Knights of Columbus Council 11080 is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Jan. 18 in Dugan Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 10 Milk St.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally (S.O.N.G.).

Dinner includes pasta fagioli, garden salad, meatballs and sausage, spaghetti and sauce, Italian bread, dessert, water, soda and coffee. The cost is a \$15 donation for adults and \$10 for children under 12 years old.

Take-out is available at 6 p.m. and sit-down dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Admission tickets are also good for entry for a special door prize. Raffle tickets for a 50/50 raffle and more will be available.

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged and appreciated. Tickets are available from any Knight or by calling 413-813-8100 or by emailing [wallyconnor122@gmail.com](mailto:wallyconnor122@gmail.com). Tickets will only be available at the door while they last.

## Nomination papers for town elections available Feb. 3

WARREN/WEST BROOKFIELD – The Town Clerks’ of Warren, Laura Stockley, and West Brookfield, Heather Gough, announce that nomination papers are available on Monday, Feb. 3 for the Annual Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 6.

Office hours in the town of Warren are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Thursday from 1-6 p.m.; and for the town of West Brookfield, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Quaboag Regional School Committee nomination papers will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the Quaboag Regional Middle High School front office between the hours of 8 a.m.-3 p.m. School Committee positions open are: two members from Warren for a three-year term and two members from West Brookfield for a three-year term.

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## QHMA seeks nominations for 2025 Choice Awards

PALMER – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, the non-profit organization that promotes business, development and tourism within surrounding communities of Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties, is seeking nominations for its 2025 Choice Awards.

Award categories include: Community Hero and Educator of the Year, as well as Food/Drink and Retail Establishment of the Year. The Chamber will also be recognizing a member Business and Volunteer of the Year at a special event on May 1 at Teresa's Restaurant in Ware honoring this year's recipients.

"We are thrilled for the return of the Chamber's annual Choice Awards event. And to specifically shine a spotlight on the difference making individuals and businesses that help make our communities so special," said James Przypek, Chief Executive Officer of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Nominations can be submitted on the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce official website, qhma.com from now and until Jan. 31. While online voting for this year's winners will be conducted from Feb. 1 through March 16.

The criteria for specific categories are:

**Community Hero of the Year** – An individual (citizen, resident, veteran, first responder) who has gone above and beyond via a single outstanding act within the last 12 months, or a series of contributions over an extended period for the betterment of their community. The individual must reside or have performed their act or work within the Quaboag Hills 15 member communities.

**Educator of the Year** – An individual who has positively impacted the school (public, regional, private or independent) and the students for which they work. The individual must reside, or the school for which they work must be located within the Quaboag Hills 15 member communities.

**Food/Drink Establishment of the Year** – An outstanding local food and drink establishment such as a restaurant, winery, brewery, cidery or any other food and/or drink venue where product(s) can be consumed on-site.

**Retail Establishment of the Year** – An outstanding store or business physically located within, or whose online operations is based within the Quaboag Hills 15 member communities, that provides customers with goods or services.

**About the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce**

Established in 1978 and headquartered in Palmer, the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's purpose is to advance economic growth, interests and tourism for our members through policies, programs and development in the Quaboag Hills region, including the 15 towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield.



Shown from left are Quaboag Regional Middle School students Brody Kenney; Mason Ostrout; Max Sturges; teacher Joseph Salvadore; Quaboag alumni and Peace Corps volunteer Paisleigh Atwood; ninth grader and Paisleigh's sister, Violet Atwood; Olivia McAnuff; Abigail Landine and Kamryn Chenevert. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Quaboag Regional alumni joins the Peace Corps

WARREN – In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps as a way Americans could serve their country in a peaceful manner and become ambassadors of goodwill in developing nations to promote positive world views of Americans.

Class of 2021 Quaboag Regional graduate Paisleigh Atwood is going to do just that as she has joined the Peace Corps and will leave for Albania soon. Paisleigh was an outstanding student and athlete at Quaboag Regional, who then went on to graduate from St. Michael's College in Vermont.

Responding to the call for service, travel, and adventure, Paisleigh decided that the timing was right for her to join the Peace Corps. Paisleigh will be serving as a Health Educator in Albania for two years.

Before leaving, Paisleigh recently came back to Quaboag Regional to speak to eighth grade civics students. During her time in Albania, Paisleigh will be corresponding with teacher Joseph Salvadore's civics classes to give updates on her journey and the culture of Albania.

## HCC announces fall 2024 Dean's List

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is proud to recognize the students who earned Dean's List honors for the fall 2024 semester.

Local students include Katelynn Morris of Brookfield, Morgen Alan Swallow of West Brookfield and Amy Woods of Fiskdale.

Each term, HCC recognizes superior scholarship through the Dean's List. A student is placed on the Dean's List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher.



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## Senior Center open house to be held March 1

STURBRIDGE – The town of Sturbridge invites the public to the Senior Center Open House.

Please join them as they celebrate the opening of the newly renovated Senior Center on Saturday, March 1 from 1-3 p.m. at 480 Main Street. A ribbon cutting will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a blessing of the building to follow.

Come for a tour, light refreshments and meet the Senior Center staff and learn about its programs. This event is free and open to the community.



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## Supplemental heat and light aid seed starting efforts

Last week we looked at the supplies needed to start seeds indoors. This week we will dive deeper.

If you have never tried indoor seed starting, it is a worthwhile endeavor for sure. You can grow exactly what you want instead of being defendant on what lines the shelves of local nurseries each May.

Furthermore, there is great satisfaction in having a part of the “miracle.” No matter how many times I have witnessed the germination process, it still amazed me that a tiny seed has what it takes within to grow into a plant. All that is needed is heat, moisture and light.

Almost all bedding plants, as well as some vegetables and herbs need warmth to germinate. We provide bottom heat through the use of heating cables or mats set at temperatures between 70-75 degrees.

This poses the question of whether or not seeds will germinate at regular household temperatures of close to seventy degrees. Probably, but not to their fullest potential since ideal temperature is measured not by air temps but by the temperature of the growing medium.

A room set at 70 degrees is likely to have temperatures within the germinating flat five to 10 degrees cooler, due to evaporation at its surface. Invest in a heat mat – if used for a few weeks each season it will likely last a decade or two.

There are many types available to suit your own specific growing needs, even mini mats that are about the size of a standard flat. Perfect if all you are growing indoors are a pack or two of peppers and tomatoes!

Supplemental lighting comes into play at the instant your seeds have sprouted. Bottom heat is not necessary henceforth (it is even discouraged!).

Seedlings are removed from heat and placed within 3-6 inches of the light source. For short-term use, a shop light affixed with two cool fluorescent bulbs has worked fine for me, although one cool and one warm bulb was recommended “back in the day” to better simulate the full spectrum of the sun’s rays.

Now, LEDs are an energy conscious replacement; one I will make when my fluorescent bulbs give out. If you are using fluorescent bulbs, be sure to keep your seedlings away from the ends of the bulb where the lights wanes.

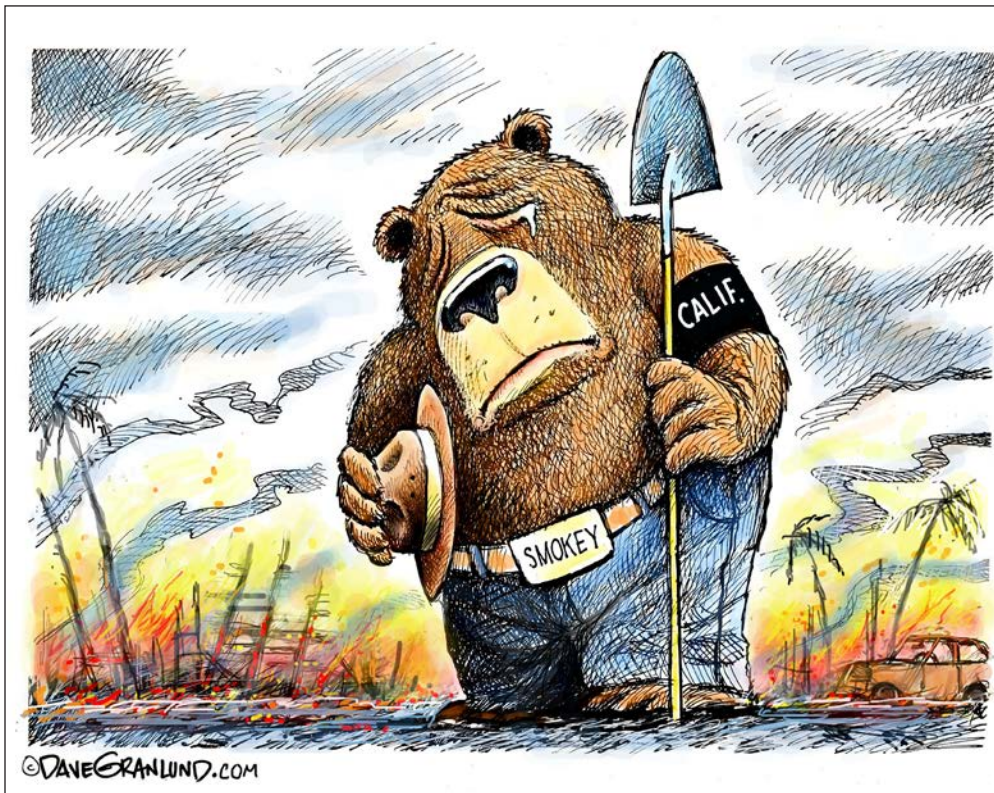
If you plan to use lights for long-term growth a “grow-light” may be a good, albeit more costly investment. Many duplicate the sun quite well, and some are tailored to meet the needs of specific plant types.

For example, some contain more orange and red hues to promote fruiting and budding. They are priced by life expectancy, output and light spectrum.

Installing the lights of your choice with reflectors or “mirrors” will maximize intensity, and suspending the whole system with chains from the ceiling will make for easy raising as your seedlings grow.

If you plan to grow just a few seedlings and don’t want to invest in lights, try positioning them in front of an unshaded south window. Turn the seedling flats numer-

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A Brimfield resident sent me a list of birds on Jan. 2 he saw in his yard.

On the list was a Carolina wren. He said in the email, “[The Carolina wren was] foraging in the leaves under shrubs and has been seen at the feeders more frequently recently.”

The Carolina wren is six inches long and has brown feathers above with buff below. It has a distinct white eyebrow and white barring in the tail area. It often holds its tail in an upward position.

The female lays four to eight creamy or pink white eggs with brown marks in a nest of mosses, twigs, rootlets, bark and sometimes snake-skins lined with finer materials. They nest in tree holes and many other locations; they will use birdhouses.

The Carolina wren expanded its range into the northeast especially with the milder winters. There song is a loud, repeated “tea kettle, tea kettle, tea kettle.” They inhabit forest understorey, vines and woodlands in rural or suburban areas.

### Other Brimfield birds

Other birds seen by the Brimfield resident beside the Carolina wren were four mourning doves, 20 American robins, 12 dark eyed juncos, one white-throated sparrow and two Northern cardinals. He said of the robins, “I first noticed one bird on the ground in the yard and 3 in a crab apple tree eating fruit. More flew into the tree than four on the ground foraging. More perched in a nearby tree.” He also said, “We have ten crab apple trees in the yard and several of them have small fruit that is held on the tree into the winter.”

### Flocks of robins

In my travels last week, I saw flocks of robins on three occasions, twice in Barre and once in Oakham. The Oakham flock flew

across the road and landed on the ground and in trees on the opposite side. The Brimfield resident reported his wife saw a flock of robins in the center of Brimfield eating crab apples near the post office twice in recent days. Christmas Bird Count

The Brimfield couple participated in the annual Christmas Bird Count in Ludlow. He said, “We had 31 species in Ludlow, lots fewer birds at the reservoir because there was about 90% ice coverage [Saturday] compared to 10% Friday.”

### Suet cakes

I put out my suet feeder last month. I waited long enough because I did not have a bear either break or run off with the feeder. The birds are busy eating suet especially during this cold weather.

### New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee

The New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee reported in 2024 they surveyed 498 occupied or potential loon territories on 327 lakes to assess presence/absence and breeding success of loons and the success

of LPC’s management to help them. They documented the presence of 359 loon pairs and 126 unpaired adult loons. They also floated a record 156 nest rafts to help loon pairs displaced from their traditional nest sites by shoreline development, recreational lake use and water level fluctuations. They also installed signs and rope lines at

135 nesting loon pair locations.

They banded 57 loons and rescued 38 loons in distress and a result of illness or injury. The Loon Preservation Committee continued to expand their lead tackle buy-back program. Ingestion of lost lead tackle by fisherman remained the cause of lead poisoning in the loon population. There were six documented deaths due to lead poisoning, two loon deaths from trauma due to boat strikes and two loon deaths due to entanglement in fishing gear in 2024.

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.



Carolina wren

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Guest Column

## Understanding starts with communication

We are being manipulated and it's all about greed. Let's talk!

Personal experience: I have had the opportunity to work in a leadership role in a small Massachusetts town with folks who consider themselves conservative and even MAGA. I must say that I am a proudly professed liberal.

If the political landscape we "see" is to be believed, you would think this would be a recipe for disaster!

For the most part, not so much! In fact, one of my colleagues continuously expresses the fact that they thought we would disagree at every turn. He is amazed that I support the same issues he believes benefit the town and, in fact, more-so than many others who are in his own political camp. Go figure!

Here's the discovery. We are not so different! If this is true. If I am seen as more of an ally than folks with whom he identifies, just maybe there is some other outside reason he imagines we are enemies.

I did some deductive reasoning. There is one common denominator that seems to run through the veins of our leader-class right now. Greed! Historically, this factor, common to so many civil downfalls, occurs when a very small group of people achieve great wealth and seek ways to maintain it at all costs.

It is this kind of pattern that repeats over and over here like a perpetual motion machine, and if we are truly honest with ourselves, we, in our capitalist mind-set, are supremely susceptible to it. The good news is that, throughout history, this pattern has always righted itself...eventually. Of course, the bad news is that it has often come at the expense of much misery.

Will the pattern continue, or will the .001% finally achieve their apparent goal of keeping us at each other's throats, thereby becoming the ruling class once and for all?

They certainly have many more tools at their disposal now. We are in a time where lies, propaganda, and fear are a simple click away. Our information brokers are the very people who benefit the most from our division!

We are constantly fed what they want us to believe, to the extent that we can no longer really discern actual truth from fiction! So many political leaders are bought by corporations and /or wealthy individuals who have lost, or never had any real connection with the working class.

Yet, that same working class is bombarded and manipulated with fear mongering about other fellow humans who are demonized to stoke hatred.

We are being desensitized to human suffering while our ethics are being twisted into an upside-down world of might makes right, bullying is cool, revenge is noble, and cheating and hoarding wealth is clever. This time we have been meticulously prepared for slaughter and it will take great personal effort to avoid it.

Maybe start with that same realization: we are not so different!

Isolationism is the perfect way to imagine all kinds of nasty things about your neighbor. Understanding starts with communication. Learn about your fellow human, especially if you have a preconceived belief about them.

It is difficult to talk but it is a particular type of cowardice to assume things about someone without communicating with them. That's what makes this social-media-driven world so dangerous!

We no longer communicate, we pontificate. We no longer talk, we argue. We no longer think logically and critically, we regurgitate.

Let's talk!  
Eric von Bleicken  
West Brookfield

## Annual Hearts for Heat spaghetti dinner is Jan. 25

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The 16th Annual North Brookfield Hearts for Heat spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 5-7 p.m. in the North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria.

The dinner is \$12 per person with a cap of \$36 for a family of four or more. Take-out available. Tickets are only available at the door.

Sponsored with the Hayden Masonic Lodge and supported by Hannaford Supermarket, this is truly community helping community.

Big ticket raffles include: Celtics team signed basketball and a pair of home game tickets, WooSox tickets for four, Boston Bruins signed puck, Springfield Thunderbird Hockey tickets. Local gift certificates donated so far include: Angel Nails, Bemis Farms, Brookfield Orchards, City of Smoke, Connect Restaurant, Inishowen Farms, JARS Cafe, Jim's Pizza, Marks of Asgard, NB

Liquors, Red Robin, Salem Cross Inn, Second Chance Animal Shelter, Shaman's Closet, Subway, and Whitco.

The Otters will provide musical ambiance all evening. Students from the North Brookfield High School National Honor Society and Valley View School will assist.

The dinner's snow date is the following Saturday, Feb. 1.

NB Hearts for Heat is a 501(c)3 charitable organization to help North Brookfield residents in need of emergency home heating assistance for Oil, Propane, Natural Gas, Electric, Pellets, or Cord Wood. 100% of donations are used for fuel purchases. We have assisted 158 families since 2009.

Donations can be mailed to NB Hearts for Heat, P.O. Box 44, North Brookfield, MA 01535. To access the printable 2024-25 application, visit <http://www.heartsforheat.org/North-Brookfield/assistance.html>



## New Braintree library holds story time Jan. 27

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering a Story Time program for preschoolers on Monday, Jan. 27 beginning at 9 a.m.

The program's focus is on the wonders of winter. The readings will include "No Two Alike" by Keith Baker

and "Winter A Solstice Story" by Kelsey Gross. This reading and crafts program is held at the library.

Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

## Calum J. Reding named to Dean's list at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, VT – Calum J. Reding of Brookfield was named to the Dean's list at Saint Michael's College for the fall 2024 semester.

Students who complete at least 12

credits of classes and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in a particular semester are cited on the Dean's list for that semester.

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ous times during the day to promote straight, stocky growth. Plants that are tall and spindly indicate light intensity is too low.

Please give heat mats and supplemental lights a try, especially if you haven't been successful with indoor seed sowing in the past. This could turn the page of a new chapter of growing for you!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Robyn Scott of Blair House Blooms is in bloom. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RICHARD MURPHY



Chloe of Elzire's Acre Goat Milk Soap.



John Thompson displays a new flavor at Thompson's Maple Farm, Bourbon Barrel Aged Maple Syrup.



Greens in winter at Flourish Farms with Linda Fuchs.

**not treating us kindly temperature wise.**

2025 is upon us with freezing cold that means the streets are not thronged with pedestrians. Where can they all go?

There are places of refuge and as the West Brookfield Winter Farmers Market came back after a short hiatus over Christmas, on Jan. 8, the First Congregational Church at 36 North Main Street was one of them.

So, at 3 p.m., with vendors all set up, citizens of West Brookfield and neighboring towns began coming in to shop.

As one entered the hall, first on the left was the redoubtable Joy Hinton who coordinates the weekly event. She is of course known for the gourmet coffee sourced from all over the world.

Joy had some interesting news to share. At 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, at her Joy of Beans Coffee shop, chess would be in session. If you were looking to play and have not found a local venue for a game, this would be your opportunity.

A famous man once called chess the gymnasium of the mind, so here's a chance to give the old brain a work out and maybe have some delicious coffee or other beverage at her place in the center of town.

Next, on the right was Robyn Scott who had with her the beautiful tulips that her Blair House Blooms are known for.

If you need to get some greens in your diet, Linda Fuchs and Flourish Farm had them. If there is an important microgreen you desire, she had them as well as fresh organic mature ginger.

Turning the corner left, and back for the new year was Kelly Homestead Apiary. Ken and Ginger had their usual plethora of products from Honey to eggs and even dog treats and more.

Rich Laba and family Farm46 are well known mostly for pork products, but also chicken and eggs were brought to the market.

Turning the corner, we found the lads from Deep Roots Distillery. They weren't pouring in the market, but had other interesting items to share with us. They brought some lovely baked goods and will be bringing hot soup in the coming weeks. That would be welcome in this weather.

How about the axe throwing Deep Roots is known for? Maybe not this winter.

Alyse was next. She is the impresario of Girlie's Cakes of Monson. Her specialty is gluten free and vegan baked confections.

She must be doing something right as she is soon to open a shop in downtown Palmer.

Towards the corner was Elzire's Acre. Well not the whole acre, but a generous sampling of its fragrant goat milk soaps. Again, this Wednesday Chloe was staffing the table.

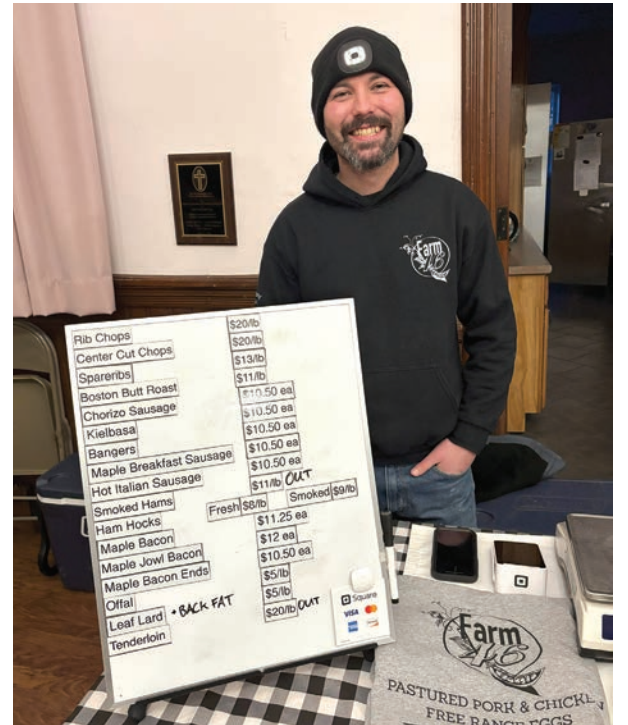
After Chloe and Elzire's Acre, there was John Thompson of Thompson's Maple Farm. Known for maple products and ice cream, the farm had a new item to show off. Now, they have Bourbon Barrel Aged Maple Syrup. The Kentucky product can only add to the taste of the pancakes or French toast. However, one need not worry that the whiskey flavor will require a breathalyzer.

Another vendor took up the whole center of the room, but in a good way. Halley Stillman and Still Life Farm bring what there can never be enough of in winter, veggies, and with the farm's winter greenhouses there was an adequate supply, not only for this locale.

So, the market is back and we all have something to do on Wednesdays through March 12 during the mid-afternoon. Come and feel the warmth inside the church.



The Deep Roots lads were there with some lovely looking baked goods.



Rich Laba and Farm46 bringing home the bacon.



Alyse of Girlie's Cakes-Gluten Free and Vegan



Ginger and Ken from Kelly Homestead Apiary are back.



Joy Hinton at the helm of Joy of Beans coffee shop.

# - community -

## St. Aloysius Catholic School to hold open house

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville is hosting an Open House at the school on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Prospective parents are cordially invited to visit the classrooms and meet the faculty of our growing school. Administration is also happy to tour families during the school day and provide

shadow days for students presently in kindergarten through grade seven.

Please feel free to call the school 413-477-1268 or reach out to Roberta McQuaid, Enrollment Coordinator, to set up an appointment to visit. Enrollment information and all the necessary paperwork is available on the school's website (www.staloyuscs.com) under the "Join our Family" tab.

## STCC announces fall 2024 Dean's list

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Technical Community College announces the fall Dean's list.

Local students making Dean's list are: Tammy Gustafson of Brookfield, Ashley Rebecca Hutchins of Brookfield, Faith Elizabeth Holmes of North Brookfield, Dante John McMillan of Warren, Luisa Feeney of West Brook-

field and Joseph Anthony Robinson of West Brookfield.

To be considered, degree-seeking students must earn 12 or more college level credits in the current semester or a total of 12 or more combined college-level credits earned during the fall and spring semesters and achieve a 3.3 or above grade point average.

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"It kind of just came about in conversations with Julie Lutz, the director of the Recovery Center of HOPE, and we partnered together on it," said Kirby. "We talk a lot about the community and its needs, and how the Quaboag Hills Substance Alliance can help."

Donations accepted at various drop-off locations include gently used or new gloves, mittens, scarves, sweaters, blankets, base-layers, jackets and coats and new beanies and socks.

Kirby works closely with the Recovery Center of HOPE, and oversees the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance in order to help with outreach to the community, as well as Healthy Quaboag.

You can find more information about QHSUA at <https://qhsua.org>, and Healthy Quaboag at <https://healthyquaboag.org>.

The QHSUA, like BOAT in Belchertown, operates under a Drug-Free Communities grant, and works through Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield mostly, and other areas in the Quaboag Hills area in order to provide community outreach.

"There are many coat drives in the community, but we wanted to make it as accessible as possible with providing a lot of different drop-off locations," said Kirby.

Kirby got in touch with BOAT on this project by attending their meetings and worked with Kris Hoag to work alongside BOAT with the donations.

"We try to make sure that Belchertown is involved because they're so close. We want to get them involved so that we can build a better sense of community," said Kirby.

The donations collected at the drop-off days and locations will be put together, and sorted, then brought to the various community spaces to be distributed, like the local churches and the Recovery Center.

"I think just seeing the community come together and work toward something, it's nice to see that people want to come together and help each other out. I think



Erika Bentley and Susan Daley from the Recovery Center of HOPE hold bags of donated handmade scarves, gloves and more. TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

that's really powerful," said Kirby.

The town truly came together, like during the walk in the fall, and town clean-up. "Just seeing the desire to make the community better is really great," Kirby said.

Each of the organizations worked hard to provide support for this new drive, and their efforts are paying off as the community brings in donations.

"Seeing how committed they are to their cause is really nice. I'm newer to this position, so I've been able to work a lot with Kris," said Kirby of BOAT. "Partnering with them and bouncing ideas off of them has been really nice."

"Everyone a part of QHSUA was super welcoming and wants to get things done and they're really passionate about the work," said Kirby, sharing her work with the organization.

"The Recovery Center of HOPE has so many different programs, and they're always talking about how to make it better for the community that utiliz-

es it. They're really compassionate and empathetic to what people have gone through and they really want to help," said Kirby.

Hundreds of donations of these cold weather essentials have already been brought to the drop-off locations by the community, but there is still time to donate even more.

"Since this is the first year, we got a lot of donations, and I really hope to see this become an annual thing, especially in the winter because winter clothes can be expensive," she said.

If you have donations, you can still bring them in now through the springtime, finding the drop-off spots at different locations and times through the week.

On Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., drop-offs will be collected at the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main St.; Wednesdays at Recovery on Main, 78 Main St. from 1-3 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Ware Library, 37 Main St.; and Fridays at Recovery Center of HOPE from 2-4 p.m.



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# - community - Valentine Gala to benefit Stone Church

Event featuring dinner, music and auction Feb. 8 at Hardwick Crossing

HARDWICK – Friends of the Stone Church welcomes all to a Valentine-themed benefit from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Hardwick Crossing Country Club, 262 Lower Road in Gilbertville.

All proceeds will benefit the preservation of the Stone Church Cultural Center, the iconic regional landmark located at 283 Main St., Gilbertville, and the programs of the Stone Church Cultural Center.

For tickets at \$65 per person, mail payment to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or order online through [www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org](http://www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org). \$30 of the \$65 ticket price is a tax-deductible contribution to FOSC.

Advance purchase is required by Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025. For more information, call Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552.

The Mason Tyler Duo: Lou Falcone



Friends of the Stone Church Valentine Dinner Auction volunteers are shown inside the Stone Church Cultural Center. They are from left: Paula Roberts, Clare Hendra and Kathy McCrohon. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY MARY WARBASSE

and Mark Fontaine will entertain, offering a variety of music from oldies to contemporary dance tunes. Professional auctioneer Paul Varney will emcee and conduct a live auction of featured items.

The silent auction will include certificates for experiences, services and products, collectible items, and gift baskets, all donated by generous businesses

and individuals. Hardwick Crossing will serve an entrée-choice dinner buffet style with vegetables, salad, appetizer, desserts and beverages. There will be a full cash bar.

“The FOSC annual gala has become a feature of the community calendar and we look forward, once again, to gathering together new and old friends to sup-

port FOSC’s mission,” said FOSC president, Judy Edington.

The Friends formed as a non-profit corporation in 2015. Aided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, a state agency which provided several matching grants, the Friends re-opened the shuttered building in 2016.

Since then, the group has simultaneously invested in preservation construction while offering the building to serve the public, providing family arts programs, rehearsal space for community music groups, fine classical music concerts, and an elegant rental venue for community events.

Now owners and stewards of the cultural center and its original pipe organ, FOSC completed interior stabilization of the stone tower in 2024 with community support and a major grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, administered through a collaborative agreement between MassDevelopment and the Mass Cultural Council.

Project Architect and FOSC Board member Phillip Warbasse reports that, “FOSC’s goal of securing the building for the future still requires major masonry repairs to the lantern level of the tower, above the belfry and the spire. Significant capital support will be needed to complete this project, which we hope to initiate in 2026.”

Warbasse has also created plans to increase access to the Center via a second ramp in 2025, this one to the north entrance. The FOSC have received partial funding for this endeavor through a generous grant from the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation.

In 2024, FOSC received funding from The Greater Worcester Community Foundation to initiate programming focused on Gilbertville history.

Support for classical and community music concerts in 2024 was provided by Country Bank, Monson Savings Bank, the Salvadore Family of Automotive Dealerships, the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and Cultural Councils of Barre, Oakham, and Petersham, local agencies which receive support from the Mass Cultural Council. FOSC makes all of its ticketed programs free to youth under 18 and accessible based on income through the Mass Cultural Council’s “Card to Culture” program.

Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a community-focused, charitable organization. They require ongoing financial and volunteer support in the areas of preservation, programs, maintenance and organizational development to carry out their mission.

To volunteer, contact the organization through its website [www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org](http://www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org). Donations are welcome online through the website or by mail to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

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# SPORTS

## Indians get back in win column



Jacoby Labillois dribbles to center court. TURLEY PHOTOS BY JACK CASCIO NEAP.SMUGMUG.COM

WARREN – Last week, the Quaboag Regional High School boys basketball team got back in the win column by scoring a pair of wins. The Cougars defeated the Advanced Math & Science Academy 54-46, then followed that with a win at home against Blackstone Valley Regional 56-49. The wins break a four-game losing streak and help the Cougars improve to 3-6 on the season. Quaboag hopes to get closer to .500 with more home matchups, including on Friday, Jan. 17 against Uxbridge at 7 p.m.



Isaac Cowher rises well above the fray to deliver this pass.

## Panthers beat Gardner for second time

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—The seniors listed on the 2024-25 Quabbin boys' varsity basketball roster were freshmen the last time that the Panthers swept the season series against the Gardner Wildcats.

The first meeting of this winter between the two rivals

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Liam McGrath drives towards center court.



Reilly Comptois completes this jumper.



Jacob Toomey is determined to drive through this defense.



Kyle Clark goes for a put-back. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

## Pioneers cruising toward state tournament slot



Addison Doktor goes for a shot. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Greenly Lagimoniere attempts a three-pointer.



Ciara Green keeps her dribble away from the opponent.



Taylor Allen starts her way down the court.

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder girls basketball tacked on two more victories, scoring wins over St. Mary's and Hampden Charter School of Science. The Pioneers defeated St. Mary's at home 49-37 last Tuesday, then went on the road to Chicopee and beat Hampden Charter soundly 50-24. With the wins, Pathfinder is now 6-1 on the season and look to continue the momentum on Jan. 16 when they play at Westfield Technical Academy at 6 p.m.



Megan Clark goes for the free throw.

# - sports -

## Coaching classes available

Coaches hired after Aug. 1, 1998 are required to take a coaching course to be eligible to coach high school sports in Massachusetts.

According to the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association, all coaches hired prior to Aug. 1, 1998 are exempt from taking the Fundamentals of Coaching Course. Coaches hired after that and before July 1, 2005 must have completed the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course with the exception of Certified MA teachers.

All coaches (stipend or volunteer) first serving as an interscholastic coach

after July 1, 2005 must complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course, and an approved Sports First Aid course.

- The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course requirement must be met through attending an MIAA sponsored Fundamentals of Coaching Class with MIAA Certified Instructors. Must be completed and passed prior to coaching a second year.

- The NFHS Sports First Aid may be met by completing on-line courses with the NFHS www.nfhslearn.com. Must be passed prior to coaching a third year.

Additional requirements for all coaches:

- Massachusetts requires coaches to be certified in CPR per Section 1. Section 47A of chapter 71 of the General Laws. Additionally, AED training is required and will most likely be done in conjunction with the existing mandated CPR training.

- All MIAA member school coaches (stipend or volunteer) are required to take annually the on-line National Federation Concussion Course, or other MA Department of Public Health recognized education program, prior to the

start of their season. Rugby Coaches must see Rule 76.2 for additional coaches' education information.

Any questions, please call Donna Harrington at 508-541-9804 or email dharrington@miaa.net.

Fundamentals of coaching classes are being offered on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are open until capacity is reached and then a waiting list is established. There are online components to the course once the classroom portion is completed

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took place at the Gardner Holiday Tournament on December 28. The Panthers built a large first half lead in the first round game and coasted to a 53-34 victory.

The Wildcats made the trip south to Barre last Friday night. Following a very close opening half, the Panthers pulled away in the second half en route to a 67-49 win in front of a large home crowd, which included the school's outstanding pep band.

"It's always a hard fought battle whenever we face Gardner," said Dennis Dextrateur, who's approaching his 400th career win as the Panthers boys' varsity basketball coach. "We're very fortunate to be able to beat them twice this season. They're an extremely well coached team and they have a couple of outstanding players. It was a festive atmosphere here tonight with the pep band and this was a very big win for us. It was a great night for Quabbin basketball."

The last time that the Panthers (6-2) won both games against the Wildcats (5-4) was during the 2021-22 regular season. The two squads have split during the past couple of years.

Four of the five Quabbin starters reached double digits in scoring in the home victory against the Wildcats.

The senior duo of Kyle Clark and Quinn Geary posted double-doubles.

Geary scored eight of his 13 points during the first half, and he pulled down 12 rebounds. Eleven of those rebounds came at the defensive end of the court.

Clark finished the game with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Sophomore Jacoby Dilling led the way offensively for the home team with 19 points. He scored nine points in the first half and added ten more after half-time. He was also credited with six rebounds, four assists, and one steal.

Freshman Brady Patchen contributed with 17 points. He scored seven of his points during the Panthers impressive



Quinn Geary brings in a pass. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

16-2 third quarter run.

"We're a much better basketball team this year than we were last year," said Patchen, who was a member of the varsity basketball team last year as an eighth grader. "We have won six games after winning only four games last year. We just want to give the seniors the best year that they can have."

The Panthers' other starter against Gardner was senior Jaxon Warburton, who filled out the stat sheet with seven points, three rebounds, four assists, and two steals.

Junior Camden Camache, who's the son of the Wildcats head coach, led his team with 19 points with the help of five 3-pointers. Junior Zach Swan scored ten of his 16 points in the first quarter, which forced the long time Panthers head coach to make some adjustments.

"We never want just one player to beat us," Dextrateur said. "We did make some adjustments and were able to hold Swan scoreless in the second half. We switched three different players on him."

The trio of Warburton, Dilling, and Patchen took turns guarding against Swan.

At the beginning of the regular season Patchen was a reserve player and

senior Bryce Venne was a starter.

Dextrateur recently made a change and Venne is now the Panthers sixth man.

"Bryce is now our sixth man, and he seems very comfortable in that role," Dextrateur added. "He can play several positions and gives us valuable minutes. He's also one of our fastest players."

The other Quabbin senior is Zeke Santoro, who didn't play against Gardner.

The Panthers took the lead for the first time at 8-7 with 3:30 left in the first quarter when Geary buried a 3-pointer from the left side. Geary made three of Quabbin's seven three-point shots in the game.

Twenty five seconds later, Patchen scored a lay-up basket giving the home team a three point advantage, which didn't last very long.

The Wildcats closed out the opening quarter with a 9-2 run. A Gamache 3-pointer from the right corner gave the visiting team a 16-12 lead entering the second quarter.

The Panthers outscored the Wildcats, 21-16, during the second stanza.

In the middle of the second quarter, a Clark lay-up and a Geary base-line lay-

up gave Quabbin a 24-22 lead.

After the Wildcats retook the lead again, the Panthers battled back with a 9-2 run. A Dilling inside hoop gave Quabbin a 33-29 lead with 30 seconds left in the opening half.

Swan ended the half with a jumper making it a two point game at the break.

Gardner held a 36-34 lead two minutes into the third quarter before Quabbin took full control of the contest.

Clark tied the score with an inside basket. Then Dilling made a driving lay-up before Patchen made a pair of inside hoops and a 3-pointer increasing the Panthers lead to 45-38 with 3:45 left in the quarter.

A little more than a minute later, Geary made a 3-pointer from the top of the key giving the home team a double digit lead (50-38) for the first time.

Holding a 53-44 advantage entering the final eight minutes of the contest, the Panthers outscored the Wildcats, 14-5, during the final quarter. The trio of Dilling, Warburton, and Patchen each scored four points during the fourth quarter. Geary also added a fastbreak lay-up, as the Panthers scored the final eight points of the contest.



Jacoby Dilling looks for a path to the hoop.



Brady Patchen uses his body to carve a path in the paint.



Jaxon Warburton makes his way down the court.

# - community -

## Duo kicks off new year of live music at Oakholm

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
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BROOKFIELD – A new year has arrived as Oakholm Brewing Company welcomed the musical team of Pete & Steve.

The duo consists of Steven Courtemanche and Peter Vaillancourt who love playing at Oakholm Brewing; a place they connect with many of their listeners. Pete & Steve perform at Oakholm once a month and are regularly touring central Massachusetts.

Vaillancourt is currently based in Cape Cod but is always willing to commute to Brookfield and other central Massachusetts destinations. It has always been essential for both Pete & Steve to always commit to a music gig no matter where or how far the spot is.

Courtemanche is based out of Leominster and agrees with his associate that Oakholm is their “favorite place to play.” This past weekend featured a great music show to kick off the new calendar at Oakholm. Both Pete and Steve have been performing together for more than four years and have no desire to stop.

Both Courtemanche and Vaillancourt want to thank Jesslyn Thrasher of Oakholm Brewing Company who always helps them with scheduling when they’re ready to return to the brewery for more shows.

The duo feels they got really lucky when they first found the place and it is now their home to perform. Having heard that Oakholm was named one of



Steven Courtemanche and Peter Vaillancourt performed this past weekend at Oakholm Brewing Company in Brookfield to kick off the new year. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

the top five breweries in the state shortly after they first started performing there and they feel they’ve grown just as Oakholm did.

“They continued to give us opportunities,” Vaillancourt said. “They’re great at what they do”.

The duo’s music style is best described as they never stop learning and picking up new songs and have continuous growth. The group loves surprising people with new songs as they pursue to play covers of songs that many bands don’t regularly play.

Pete & Steve’s two staple songs are “Two of Us” by the Beatles and “Piano Man” by Billy Joel. The Beatles song

is usually their opening song and the group ends with a great cover of Billy Joel’s most popular song.

Both players have different musical influences but have great chemistry on stage as they have been playing a variety of covers for 30 years. The song “Piano Man” has a very interesting tie to the history of Pete & Steve and it was originally a song “they only ever dreamed of playing.”

Prior to becoming the duo they are now, both Pete & Steve performed in multiple locations with a band and used to take requests from the audience. The group was once asked to play “Piano Man” and it was certainly a learning

curve.

Vaillancourt describes his fellow musician Steve as the “Mad scientist” of the group. Putting a lot of practice to play a song on the guitar that is popularly known for having the sounds of harmonica and piano in it.

Very quickly the cover of “Piano Man” is well received every time Pete & Steve play it. Courtemanche spent a lot of time practicing harmonica and trying to match the guitar cords with piano cords to successfully play a guitar cover of “Piano Man”.

Another big part of their music style is that Pete and Steve try to make sure “we stick to standards of songs.”

For original songs, Pete & Steve have some of their own original songs included in their playlist. The duo has about 10-15 original songs, but mainly play covers due to the popularity and demand.

“We’re happy doing what we’re doing,” Vaillancourt said.

Pete and Steve appear at Oakholm Brewing company once a month. Their next performance at Oakholm Brewing will be on Feb. 2 from 2-5 p.m.

One of their favorite parts about performing is making many connections with people throughout the gigs they go to and connecting with their audience and fellow musicians. When it comes to performing, Pete & Steve always focus on performing their best and sharing the stage with each other.

“We want to be our best for each other,” they both said. “Common law brothers”.

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**CLUES ACROSS**


1. This regulates cortisol production (abbr.)
5. People of northern Vietnam
8. Employee stock ownership plan
12. Regions
14. The center of a city
15. Hindu serpentine deity
16. Roared
18. Sun up in New York
19. “Sir” in Malaysian
20. Shrimp dish
21. Muckraker Tarbell
22. Apex
23. Harmonic effects
26. One of Babe Ruth’s nicknames
30. Groups in organic chemistry
31. More pleasant-tasting
32. Spring forward

33. Noted writer
34. Building occupied by monks
39. “The world’s most famous arena”
42. Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
44. Long or fast speech
46. Things you can eat
47. Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
49. Actor Idris
50. I (German)
51. Taxes
56. Indonesian island
57. Nuisance (slang)
58. Shawl
59. Digits
60. Moved on foot quickly
61. “For goodness \_\_\_”
62. Facial body part
63. Russian river
64. Urinates

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Partner to “oohs”
2. Scaly water dweller
3. Pueblo people of New Mexico
4. Music producer Teo
5. Greek mythological goddess
6. Got together to discuss
7. Acquires
8. Involve
9. Some are tomato-based
10. Old Irish alphabets
11. A sheet of glass in a window or door
13. Blood poisoning
17. A moon of Saturn
24. Neither
25. Sums
26. They follow “A”
27. Satisfaction
28. People of southeastern Burma
29. Small amount

35. Guy (slang)
36. Sound unit
37. Midway between northeast and east
38. Affirmative
40. Almost at the top
41. Extremely slow
42. Pearl Jam’s debut album
43. Influential mid-century playwright
44. Martens
45. Approval
47. Dallas-adjacent Texas city
48. African nation
49. Dark brown or black
52. A place to get caught
53. Large-headed, elongated fish
54. Type of sword
55. Scottish tax or levy



# CAREER Education

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### Why Choose HCSS?

HCSS stands out as a premier choice for families because of its unique combination of academic rigor, personalized attention, and community spirit. Our two campuses—the Middle School in West Springfield (Grades 6-8) and the High School in Chicopee (Grades 9-12)—offer students a seamless transition from middle school to high school and beyond. Here's what makes HCSS truly exceptional:

**Academic Excellence:** Our rigorous curriculum is guided by College Board AP standards and Common Core. With honors courses beginning in 7th grade, 14 AP offerings in high school, and innovative programs like Project Lead The Way

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**Comprehensive College and Career Preparation:** HCSS begins college and career readiness as early as 6th grade, including early SAT/PSAT prep, dual enrollment opportunities, and experiential college campus visits. With a 100% college acceptance rate and over \$51M in scholarships awarded since 2013, our graduates are set for success.

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**Award-Winning Extracurriculars:** From robotics and science clubs to competitive athletics and social activities, students thrive outside the classroom as well.

### Join Us for an Open House!

Explore what HCSS has to offer during our upcoming Welcome Saturday Open House events! Meet our dedicated staff, tour our campuses, and learn how HCSS can help your child achieve their dreams. Interested families can also join

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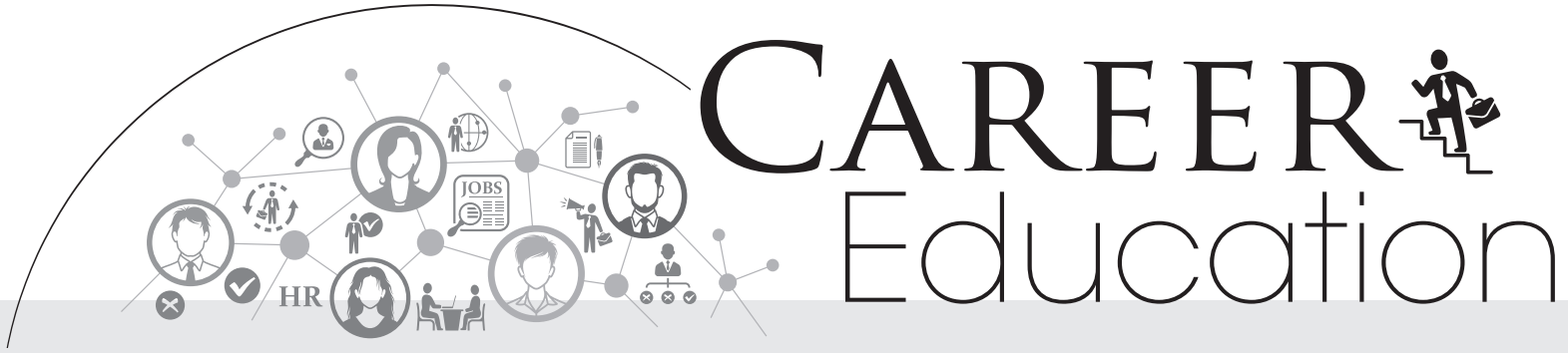
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**Littleville Elementary School** incorporates engaging, hands-on projects and events:

- Hartford Wolf Pack School Learning Day
- Springfield Symphony Orchestra string instrument workshop
- Holiday Craft fair
- Interactive "Author's Experience" with writer Daryl Cobb.

**Gateway Regional School's** (grades 6-12) pilot program will equip student for success after high school through:

- Fun team-building activities
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- Career exploration with experts
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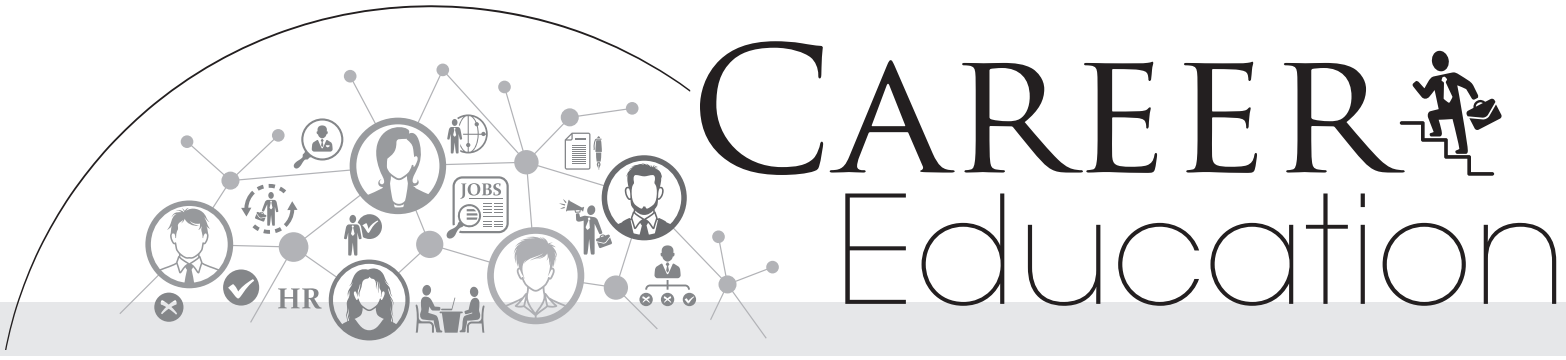



**Chester Elementary School** focuses on sustainability, creativity, and environmental awareness:

- Teaching with Trout (raising brook trout from eggs to adulthood)
- School-wide composting initiative
- Student Media Club
- School-wide production of Willy Wonka Jr.
- Visit from the Whalemobile



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# CAREER Education

## Gateway Raises the Bar(r) for Students

The Gateway Regional School District is making significant advancements in student engagement and staff development, thanks to funding from the Barr Foundation and enthusiastic commitment from students and staff. These funds are being used to support a variety of initiatives that align with the district's instructional vision, emphasizing real-world learning, collaboration, and innovation.

At Gateway Regional, a comprehensive plan has been developed for grades 6-12 to help students prepare for life beyond high school. This plan includes tailored learning experiences for each grade level, such as team-building activities for sixth graders, community exploration in seventh grade, and visits to community colleges for eighth graders. Ninth-grade students will engage in career exploration workshops led by industry experts, while tenth graders will visit four-year colleges. Eleventh-grade students will attend a local college fair and participate in life skills workshops, and seniors will celebrate their achievements with a banquet and lead activities for younger students. While some of these initiatives will be piloted this year, others will launch in the next school year, ensuring students are equipped with knowledge and skills for future success. The high school offers two Chapter 74 programs for students interested in welding and early childhood education. Graduates of these programs will complete a full comprehensive internship and be equipped to enter the workforce with the skills obtained.

Littleville Elementary is incorporating the Barr Foundation funds into engaging, hands-on projects and school-wide events. For example, students in grades three through five recently attended the Hartford Wolf Pack School Learning Day, where they applied physical science concepts like force and motion to a live hockey game. Kindergarten students participated in a String Instrument Workshop led by members of the Springfield Orchestra, while all grade levels are eagerly anticipating an interactive "Author's Experience" with writer Daryl Cobb in March.

Plans are in the works to create a Schoolyard Habitat for Monarch butterflies and other pollinators. Littleville is also planning a mentoring program that will pair high school students with elementary students for long-term support. The school recently hosted a successful Holiday Craft Fair, showcasing student-made goods and fostering creativity.

At Chester Elementary, the focus is on sustainability, creativity, and environmental awareness. For the third year in a row, students are engaged with hydroponic agriculture, growing healthy food for their own school lunches and community. Students are participating in the Teaching with Trout program, where they raise brook trout from eggs to adulthood while learning about ecology and conservation. A composting initiative led by fifth graders is teaching students how to sort waste and reduce their environmental impact. The Student Media Club provides third graders with opportunities to develop and produce their own videos, promoting teamwork and innovation. Chester is also preparing for a school-wide production of Willy Wonka Jr., with fifth graders in lead roles and younger students in supporting roles. Additionally, an in-school field trip featured the Whalemobile, a life-sized inflatable whale that taught students about marine biology and conservation.

District-wide, the Barr Foundation funds are also being used to enhance staff development and collaboration. Teachers are participating in study tours to locations such as Kentucky, Maine, Providence, Boston, and New York City to explore innovative educational practices. An internal instructional vision board encourages staff members to share ideas for projects that utilize the funds to further educational transformation.

Through these initiatives, the Gateway Regional School District is fostering creativity, collaboration, and real-world learning for students while empowering educators with new ideas and strategies. These efforts are preparing students for success both in school and beyond while creating a culture of innovation and engagement throughout the district.

## A New Year a New Career

A new year is upon us and as we declare resolutions, a new job might be in order. The first 5 years of a child's life are so important and since 1965, HCS Head Start has helped thousands of children and families prepare for school and life. We know that it takes a big heart to help shape growing minds and if you want to work with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in your community, Head Start might be the place for you.

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In addition to teaching, Head Start also has various career opportunities in the areas of health, nutrition, human services, administration, mental health, and special education. Professional development opportunities and career ladders are built within the Head Start model to promote growth and advancement.

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## HCC gearing up for spring semester

Registration is open for spring 2025 semester classes at Holyoke Community College.

The HCC spring 2025 semester begins Tuesday, Jan. 21, for full 15-week spring semester classes begin. HCC will also be running three accelerated spring flex start sessions: Flex Start I classes begin Jan. 21 and run for seven weeks. Flex Start II classes begin Monday, Feb. 3, and run for 12 weeks; Flex Start III classes begin Monday, March 24, and run for seven weeks.

Thanks to the state-funded MassEducate program, a community college education is now free for all Massachusetts residents who have yet to earn a bachelor's degree.

"MassEducate provides an exciting opportunity for eligible students to attend college without the concern or weight of how to pay for it," said Mark Hudgik, HCC dean of strategic recruitment initiatives, admissions, and financial aid. "There has never been a better time to enroll.

Eligible students who want to earn a certificate or degree need only to complete the standard HCC application, complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2024-2025 school year, and register for at least six credits (typically two classes).

"Our admissions counselors, academic advisers, and financial aid staff are available to make sure prospective students get all the assistance they need," said Hudgik.

Class schedules and information about MassEducate can be found on the HCC website: [hcc.edu](http://hcc.edu).

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## Come and see what's new at St. Joan of Arc School

Physical Education Teacher Larry Moore and SJA students are enjoying a new basketball hoop funded by generous donations from our Annual Campaign.

A schoolyard basketball hoop is so important in creating not only a healthy environment, but helps with critical thinking, resilience, perseverance & teamwork.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded St. Joan of Arc School a \$500 grant to support its youth literacy program. A Book Club was formed for third and fourth grade students to encourage reading and literacy at a young age. This Book Club helps our students gain a deeper understanding of their reading, of other people through conversations, and provides an opportunity to safely fail and celebrate success. The club meets monthly to discuss the book, work on a fun activity, and share their findings.

The school will be holding

an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon (no appointment needed). Appointment only tours for families will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 28 and Thursday, Jan. 30 from 3 to 7 p.m. Please call Chris or Janine in the Business Office at 413- 276-4608 for registration information or to make an appointment.

St. Joan of Arc School is a welcoming, safe & secure school community providing social, physical, spiritual & intellectual wellness for students in Pre-K 3 to Grade 8. SJA has innovative offerings that include affordable tuition and extended care, free breakfast and lunch, extracurricular programs, technology, music, library, and Duolingo language classes. Easy access to I391 & I90. Financial Aid and tuition assistance is available. To learn more visit [www.sjachicopee.org](http://www.sjachicopee.org).

We look forward to meeting you!

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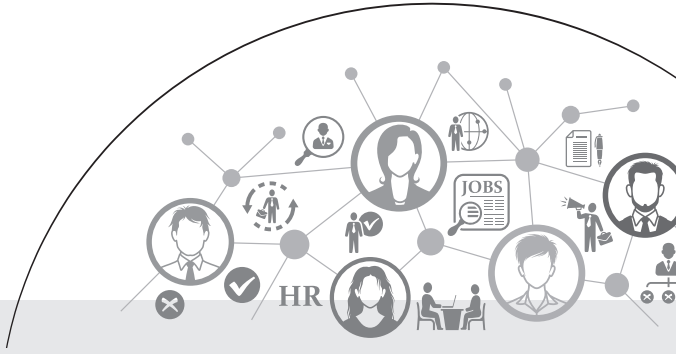
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# CAREER Education

## Come and see what great things are happening at St. Stanislaus School in Chicopee

This year the school's theme is "Many Gifts, One Spirit", which is our belief that every student has gifts to share with others towards the goal of making our world a better place. Our school encourages our students to focus on a different Corporal Work of Mercy to help our greater community. Some of the outreach programs we have participated in this year were: collection of canned goods for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, for which our students collected 3,800 canned goods; and recently we collected toiletries, diapers, and other personal items to support the wish lists of both The Gray House and Christina's House in Springfield. The Works of Mercy which have been covered are – Feeding the Hungry and Working for Peace.

Service projects are done throughout the year to help teach students the value of giving back.

The school will be holding an Open House on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (no appointment needed). If you would like to schedule a private tour for

another time, please call the school to schedule an appointment at (413) 592-5135.

St. Stanislaus School is a Roman Catholic, Franciscan, co-educational Pre-K through 8th grade school. Students are assisted in developing their potential spiritually, physically, and socially within a safe and diverse community. A foundation of academic excellence is created to prepare students to become contributing members of a global society. The school has a welcoming Franciscan environment, modern air-conditioned facility, strong core curriculum, enrichment classes, certified faculty, full-day preschool (PreK3 & 4) and Kindergarten, free breakfast and hot lunch, before & after school program, and one to one use and integration of iPads & Chromebooks into curriculum. Financial Aid is available. Interested students are invited to "spend a day with us". To learn more please visit [www.saintstansschool.org](http://www.saintstansschool.org).

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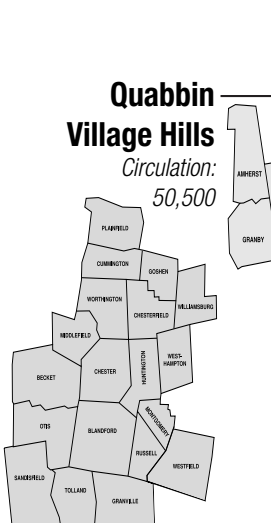
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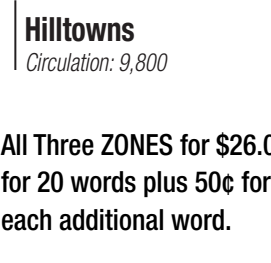
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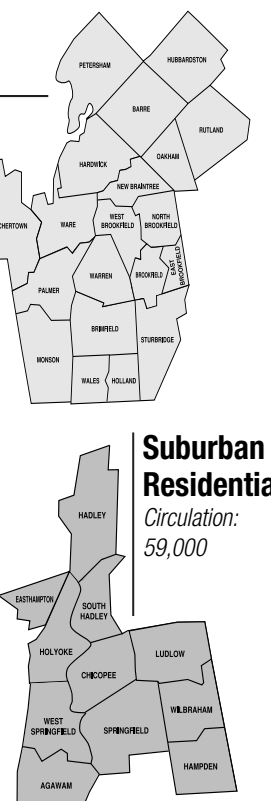
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# Congratulations to Matthew Erickson, Class of 2025 Superintendent Scholar Recipient

From the desk of Colleen Mucha,  
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School District

Matthew Erickson can be found on the Quabbin Regional Middle High School campus early in the morning before the school day as he is a respected leader and active participant in our NJROTC program.

He has served on the drill team for the past two years. In our classrooms, Matthew is seen as a strong and focused student and can often be found tutoring and working with our younger students. After school, Matthew participates on a swim team and plans and leads community service opportunities including his Eagle Scout project.

Matthew strives to challenge himself academically and has engaged in very rigorous coursework including Virtual High School courses of Advanced Placement Computer Science and Advanced Placement Calculus BC. Matthew is looking forward to continuing his studies after high school. He is very interested in pursuing a degree in computer science and looks forward to his acceptance at a four year university.

In selecting Matthew for this recog-

nition what stood out the most was not just his academics or commitment to learning, leadership and community but rather his character.



Matthew Erickson

Matthew's teachers report that he is one of the kindest, most intelligent, caring and empathetic students. Matthew has organized a day to help Grade 9 students stay on track, just because he knew there was a need. He also taught a robotics program in Oakham for younger children because he has a great passion for robotics and wants to share that with others.

Matthew is and has been an outstanding member of our Quabbin Regional School District community. We look forward to his continued impact and engagement and we have no doubt that he will find great success in his years beyond Quabbin Regional Middle High School.

### Proud moments

- National Honor Society Member
- 3rd Platoon Commander for NJROTC
- The Rensselaer Medal Recipient for Math and Science
- Eagle Scout Recipient
- Robotics Teacher for Elementary Students

Drone Team Leader

Favorite Quote: "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work," Thomas Edison.

Matthew will attend the Superintendent Scholar Luncheon at Holy Cross in the spring where he will be recognized

for his accomplishments. He will have the opportunity to meet all the other Superintendent Scholars from across Central Massachusetts.

Congratulations to Matthew and his family! Way to go! We are so proud.

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Jan. 6-13, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, one emergency 911 call, one assist other agency, one citizen assist, one motor vehicle investigation, one motor vehicle accident, two animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Friday, Jan. 10**  
10:51 a.m. Assist Citizen, Wine Road, Dispatch Handled

**Saturday, Jan. 11**  
10:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

**Sunday, Jan. 12**  
11:24 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact

**Wednesday, Jan. 8**  
3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
3:43 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

**Thursday, Jan. 9**  
5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Wine Road, Vehicle Towed

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