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Troop 144 honors Eagle Scout

Richard J. Tucker earns Scouts BSA's highest rank

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OAKHAM – The trail to Eagle Scout is one that many set out to travel, but only a small few ever reach its peak.

This past Sunday, Scouts BSA Troop 144 of Oakham recognized Eagle Scout Richard J. “RJ” Tucker for achieving this goal, and earning Scouts BSA’s highest rank.

Scoutmaster Glenn Carter welcomed all in attendance, and invited Tucker to light a candle for each rank he earned during his journey through Scouting.

“Look back on the trail you took to get to Eagle,” Carter said. “These experiences should not be forgotten.”

Tucker began his journey as a Cub Scout in North Brookfield Pack 128, crossing over to Scouts BSA Troop 257 before moving to Troop 144. From



Eagle Scout Richard J. Tucker lights candles that symbolized each rank he had earned on his Scouting journey, while Scouts BSA Troop 144 Scoutmaster Glenn Carter looks on. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE

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Tantasqua High sends off its 2024 graduates

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STURBRIDGE – Tantasqua Regional High School held a commencement ceremony for the 275 graduating students of the Class of 2024 this weekend.

The ceremony began with a quote from Winston Churchill: “Success is not final; failure is not final; it is the courage to continue that counts.”

With that statement in mind, Principal Peter Dufresne addressed the students and their families and thanked them for coming and their continued support of their students.

He shared a poem with the

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Class of 2024 graduates under sunny skies

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BARRE – This year the sun shone upon the Quabbin Regional High School’s 120 graduates last Friday evening.

With the Symphonic Winds playing “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar, the Class of 2024 walked out of the front entrance of Quabbin Regional High School. Marshals Isabela Smith and Jaxson Warburton led the procession.

The Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Color Guard, which included Isabele LaBelle, Hunter LaBier, Richard Tucker and Jordan Blanchard, carried the American flag and the NJROTC flag.



Quabbin School Committee member David Marsh shares a special moment with daughter Kelsey Marsh after being able to award her diploma. TURLEY PHOTOS BY KAREN LEWIS

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Summer Jam takes the stage at Town Hall

By Ryan Drago
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WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Cultural Council hosted their second annual Summer Jam this past weekend at upstairs in the Town Hall.

The stage in the Great Hall was set for local musicians, bands and solo acts, to share their songs and talent.

Running the event is AJ Kiernan of the West Brookfield Cultural Council. Alongside Kiernan was David Herrera who was recording the Summer Jam and handling the sound on stage.

The spots filled up fast as Kiernan looked over her list of sign ups. Kiernan shared that this year was the second time a Summer Jam was hosted and



The annual West Brookfield Cultural Council Summer Jam was held in the Great Hall of Town Hall this past weekend. New West Brookfield resident Wayne Belanger is shown on the stage performing some covers and original songs. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

the Town Hall has been a very gracious host.

“It is a fantastic auditorium,” Kiernan said.

One of the performers on stage was Wayne Belanger,

playing covers and original songs on his acoustic guitar. Belanger announced that he recently moved to West Brook-

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Friends of COA's annual meeting is June 10

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging, Inc. will hold its annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 10 at the Senior Center on 29 Forest St.

Friends who have paid the \$10 annual membership fee will elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors for the upcoming

2024-2025 year.

The Friends welcome your attendance at this important meeting. You do not need to be a North Brookfield resident to join the group.

Please support this hard-working board and offer either your ideas or your time to improve the lives of seniors in the community. For more information, please call 508-867-0220.

Annal chicken BBQ is June 15

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Christ Memorial Episcopal Church will hold its annual chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 15 from 12:30-1:30 p.m., 133 Main St.

The meal includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw,

roll, drink and fresh strawberry shortcake. Take-out or eat in.

Tickets are \$18 per person and will be sold at the door or can be reserved by calling Sandi at 508-867-3272 or Mary at 508-662-8174.

St. Joseph's strawberry festival is June 8

NORTH BROOKFIELD – St. Joseph's Parish in North Brookfield will be having its 31st annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 8 in the Parish Hall, 296 North Main St.

The menu will offer baked ham, homemade baked beans, homemade potato salad, home-

made coleslaw, rolls, iced tea, coffee, water, and the always delicious strawberry shortcake. Take out is also available.

Tickets can be obtained by calling the parish office at 508-867-6469. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$7 children ages 5-10 years old.

Registration open for EQLT's Hills of East Quabbin Ride

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust, a nonprofit land trust caring for the land that sustains the region, will host its first ever bike ride fundraiser, the Hills of East Quabbin Ride, on Saturday, June 22.

The ride is open to all ages and includes a 25-mile and 50-mile loop passing several EQLT properties. Registration is \$60, and riders may register online through June 21 and in-person on the day of the event until 9 a.m.

All proceeds will go to EQLT and support its mission to fostering the sustainable use and conservation of farmlands, woodlands and waters of central Massachusetts.

The routes follow local roads with light traffic. Both routes include a rest stop at EQLT's headquarters located at 120 Ridge Road, offering bathroom facilities and snacks to refuel, along with sweeping views of the Ware River Valley.

The ride starts and finishes at Farmer Matt®, 860 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree.

Riders will receive a \$5-off coupon for a hamburger, hot dog or veggie burger with a choice of sides from Farmer Matt. Other locally sourced farm-to-table items will also be available for purchase.

For more information about the Hills of East Quabbin Ride, or to learn about EQLT, please visit www.eqlt.org.

About EQLT

Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2024, the East Quabbin Land Trust was formed in 1994 out of concern for the loss of farmland and wildlife habitat to unplanned sprawl in and around Hardwick. Since 1998, EQLT has expanded its protection efforts to Barre, Petersham, New Braintree and other nearby towns.

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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 2023-2024 school year.

Grade 12, 1st Honors

Camrin Bolduc, Antonio Congelos, Bryce Douglas, Olivia Dumas, Chloe Fredette, Lily Gianfriddo, Cameron Giroux, Laine Hatstat, Ayla Iwaniec, Christian Judd, Rachel McGrath, Hanna Nemeroff, Asya, Ossei-Opoku, Thomas Robidoux, Kenady Sloan, Owen Stevens, Haileigh Swistak, Alina Taro and Matthew Tiberii.

Grade 12, 2nd Honors

Ethan Araujo, Mason Blount, Aeron Bridges, Zachary Carlson, Matthew Carter, Raven Casey, Ryan Fernandez, Jason Houle, Dawson Kelly, Abigail Long, Selina Mohamed, Dennis Pease, Lily Potvin, Aurora Powers, Jacob Routhier, Adrianna Russell and Riley Sloan.

Grade 12, 3rd Honors

Alexandra Cacace, Aidan Flood, Amber Gagnon, Kendall LaRiviere, Aiden McManaman, Laura Orne, Jaden Ostiguy, Grason Patchkofsky, Dylan Piazzo, Hunter Regan, Alexander Russo, Joseph Standrowicz and Patrick Toomey.

Grade 11, 1st Honors

Isabelle Aberle, Aviendha Andreoli, Lila Broadley, Samuel Carrasco, Skylar Cook, Abigail Jolin, Elise Kopec, Dante Martino, Norah McElroy, Erin McGrath, Matthew Miller, Corah Neilsen, Samuel Oveka, Nora Pennington-Russell, Norah Schwenker, Richard Tracy, Sydney Tracy, Parker Tunley, Sebastian Veliz-Baldizon and Nina Vorobiova.

Grade 11, 2nd Honors

Mackenzie Archambault, Juliette

Boos, Casyn Carpenter, Parker Chaffee, Michael Enetzels, Daniel Hobart, Joshua Leaming, Sadie May, Blake Merrill, Madison Neilsen, Alessa Parks, Katelynn Swistak, Cristyna Tambolleo, Hart Waz and Makenna Williams.

Grade 11, 3rd Honors

Emily Hubbel, Evelyn Luukko, Jack Morgan, Joseph Reynolds, Brasen Sauriol, Caydence Tetreault, Emily Hubbel, Evelyn Luukko, Jack Morgan, Joseph Reynolds, Brasen Sauriol and Caydence Tetreault.

Grade 10, 1st Honors

Shelby Bridges, Jacob Cacace, Haysa Freitas, William Lopes, Reece Miner, Olive Moulton, Madison Sears and Kyle Withers.

Grade 10, 2nd Honors

Madic Andreoli, Emma Astrella, Juliana Augusto, Kenadi Chenevert, Gretchen Conn, Emma Dion, Brennan Doe, Kadin Dufault, Serenitee Gagnon, Briana Hawk, Landon Hogan, Evangeline Iwaniec, Morgan Lakota, Lily Lancey, Gianna Lindsey, Brayden Lopato, Haylee Nash, Kaitlyn Nault, Lilly Nimtz, Camden Olivo, Jacob Planete, Grace Smart, Jack Stevens, Elijah Wilhelm, Alyson Williams and Camden Williams.

Grade 10, 3rd Honors

Madelyn Bagg, Jaylin Bailey, Rylie Barton, Milo Biedron, Adam Convery, Isaac Cowher, Madeline Dufresne, Gabriela Feeney, Alison Jones, Mia Letendre, Jackson McGarry, Madeline Potvin, Gabrielle Riendeau, Makayla Savoie, Jacob Toomey, Matthew Twomey and Ashton Winders.

Grade 9, 1st Honors

Logan Baldwin, Cameron Bennett, Riley Black, Sierra Brote, Ava Cassa-

vant, Brielle Gerulaitis, Riley Gray, Josephine Hescocock, Lexi Kelly, Lucian Kerkow, Emma Landine, Lyndie Miller, Jonah Phillips, Persephone Piermarini, Caden Prinsen, Brea Sauriol, Lillian Sturges and Jasmine White.

Grade 9, 2nd Honors

Jennifer Adams, Emma Ambruson, Kira Bouchard, Devlyn Bridges, Abigail Degnan, Hunter Dodson, Haylee Dumont, Jackson Gundlach, Emily Lalashius, Natalie Luukko, Katie Manzano, Kasey Narov, Lani O'Clair, Mallory Piazzo, Brielle Sullivan and Gavin Williams.

Grade 9, 3rd Honors

Jade Fontaine, Scott Garrard, Aiden Gundlach, Emily Hannah, James Kozyra, Liam McGrath, Patrick Needham, Sophia Paolucci, Leo Paquette, Connor Peet, Dylan Smith, Billie Stebins and Kristian White.

Grade 8, 1st Honors

Anthony Araujo, Violet Atwood, Jack Beall, Cadence Cieslak, Austin Letourneau, Alyssa Lussier, Bryann Lussier, Aydan Marsh, Liliana McIsaac, Maeve Smith, Caroline Stevens and Natalia Veliz-Baldizon.

Grade 8, 2nd Honors

Maci Astrella, Mackenzie Bennett, Andrew Boudreau, Harper Bradley, Liam Bray, Lincoln Brown, Julia Carrasco, Yesenia Carrasco, Allie Choquette, Julianna Hibbard, Nathen Louis, Evelyn Lyon, Robert Menard, Emma Nault, Lucia Norman, Hunter

Oldenburg, Karl Prosser, Jonas Rossi, William Sexton, Connor Snay, Logan Spring, Buddy Stocks, Leah Thomasian and Jontae Todd.

Grade Seven, 1st Honors

Elaina Amoros, Teagan Besette, Annabelle Bloom, Lyric Bradley, Kaylee Jette, Kennah Martino, Desmond McElroy, Ryley Morin, Stella Paquette, Julia Queiroga, Jonathan Reynolds, Evalina Santos and Maxwell Sturges.


Grade Seven 2nd Honors

Kayla Barrett, Grayson Contacos, Aiden Galarneau, Brody Kenney, Abigail Landine, Hayden McAnuff, Delaney Merkel, Travis Pensinger, Mikhail Salcines, Ryder Tunley and Audrey Wilhelm.

Grade Seven, 3rd Honors

Mavio Atkins, Kamryn Chenevert, Davin Douglas, Cayden Dupell, Faith Glover, Farrah McDonald, Logan Parks and Adelina Petersen.

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June question for the Garden Lady

A line, who gardens is Springfield wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "In my yard I have several trees with a grey/white substance. A plant expert at Sixteen Acres Garden Center diagnosed it as lichen. He said there was nothing I could do to treat it. This substance is covering my trees. Could lime on the soil help? My soil is acidic. I also have Japanese maple trees. I do not want lichen to attack them. There has to be a solution. Thank you for your assistance."

This was one of my more interesting questions!

Lichen is a living organism that is part fungus, part algae. It grows on many different things, from rocks, to trees, even the ground and other surfaces like gravestones and metal fences.

As far as your trees go, it isn't hurting them.

Because it grows on the surface of the bark, it doesn't affect the vascular system of the tree. In other words, it doesn't rob the tree of vital nutrients or moisture because it cannot penetrate that part of the plant; it is only on the surface.

Lichen simply needs sunlight, moisture from the air and a place to attach! Kind of amazing, if you think of it.

I realize you don't like it though, so what can we do?

One expert recommended spraying a soapy solution (made with a mild detergent) on the lichen and rubbing it off with a soft brush. I would be extra careful if I did that, especially on young trees or trees that have soft bark.

As you may have gathered, liming the soil will not help.

Melissa wrote in with this question: "Lilacs are among my favorite bushes! I really wish they had a longer bloom time than they do – doesn't everyone!? I didn't have as many flowers as I should have this year. I think my shrub needs to be pruned. Can you please advise? I remember hearing that you shouldn't do it too late in the summer, and how much is too much? I have some old stems that are a good 5-6 inches in diameter. I think they need to go but I wanted to hear what you had to say. Thank you!"

Here are the basics of lilac pruning, starting with deadheading. As soon as possible after the flowers have gone by it's important to remove spent blossoms down to the first leaf.

By doing this you will stop seed formation, energy will be conserved and redirected to next season's flower production. Since buds are set in summer you should tackle any necessary stem or branch pruning soon after flowering.

If pruning takes place in fall, winter, or in spring prior to bloom there is a good chance you will cut off next year's flowers!

How do you know if pruning is necessary?

One reason to prune would be because your flowers are out of reach- the bushes have simply gotten too tall. Another reason, and it usually joins the first, would be that the main stems have gotten woody and unsightly – this sounds like your concern.

Consider rejuvenating the plant.

Start in the center of the bush at ground level and work out, cutting out the oldest stems. Then concentrate on reducing the overall height to 6-8 feet.

Severely overgrown lilacs can be handled in this manner over a three year period, pruning out 1/3 each year. You will see flower production increase dramatically if you follow these directions.

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.



Kissinger left complex foreign policy legacy

Possibly no one had more influence on American foreign policy in the late 20th century than Henry Kissinger, who died last month at age 100. In his long and active career, he advised presidents, carried out policies and initiatives, and was a highly visible figure around the world.

While it's early to pronounce judgment on his legacy, it's clear that his impact is deeply mixed. His accomplishments were both positive and negative. He was respected and he was reviled.

Kissinger is the only person to have served as national security adviser and secretary of state at the same time, positions he held in the Nixon and Ford administrations. He was brilliant and secretive, and he wasn't much focused on the human cost of his policies.

He was interested in strategy, not values.

He showed little interest in democratic governance or transparency. A creature of the executive branch, he seemed to almost scorn the idea of three separate and coequal branches of government.

You sometimes got the impression he had contempt for Congress.

I was not close to Kissinger, but our paths did cross on foreign policy matters. I served in Congress, and we approached policy from different perspectives. Coincidentally, we were both connected to the commission that investigated the 9/11 attacks.

Kissinger was the original pick to chair the group, and former Sen. George Mitchell was to be vice chair. Both stepped down because of perceived conflicts of interest.

Former New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean chaired the 9/11 Commission, and I was vice chair.

Kissinger's view of the world, which he characterized as sober realism, may have been influenced by his background as a Jew who spent his childhood in Nazi Germany, before his family fled and settled in New York. He was a very talented man and, wherever he went, in academic, policy circles and government, he rose to power very quickly.

In the 1970s, Kissinger was widely praised for his diplomatic work. When he was named secretary of state in 1973, a Gallup Poll found him to be the most respected man in the world.

He engineered President Richard Nixon's historic visit to China in 1972, opening the door to improved U.S.-Chinese relations and ultimately reshaping the geopolitical map. He promoted détente with the Soviet Union, helping to reduce Cold War tensions.

In the Middle East, his tireless shuttle diplomacy improved relations between Israel and its neighbors. These were real accomplishments.

Kissinger shared the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating the agreement that ended the Vietnam War. His critics found that highly ironic.

During the war, Kissinger orchestrated the U.S. bombing and invasion of Cambodia, which expanded the conflict and fueled a civil war that eventually brought the Khmer Rouge to power, resulting in up to three million deaths. The Cambodia disaster was Exhibit No. 1 for critics who accused Kissinger of war crimes, but he was also tied to a brutal military coup in Chile, Indonesia's bloody invasion of East Timor, a violent civil war in East Pakistan and other foreign policy disasters.

Kissinger later had a lucrative career in consulting. He clearly enjoyed being a celebrity, rubbing elbows with rich and powerful people and being photographed with glamorous women.

He became a great figure on the social circuit in Washington. Getting Kissinger to attend your dinner was a big achievement.

Henry Kissinger left quite a stamp on American foreign policy. He was a master of developing strategy and exercising power.

But American greatness isn't just about using force and gaining advantage. It also relies on our faith in democratic governance and our belief in human rights and the dignity of all people.

There's a place for sober realism, but American foreign policy should be grounded in our values.

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students and those present, and shared his congratulations and how proud he was of all the gathered students.

Elyse Genaway, Student Council president, came to the podium to share some of her thoughts and thanks for her fellow graduates, and the teachers and staff that made her high school experience what it was.

“Growing up, we had ideas of high school,” Genaway said. “But as we move forward, we remember that it’s okay to be uncomfortable.”

The change that graduation can bring can be a daunting thing, and for these seniors who began high school at the height of the pandemic, they didn’t receive the experience they thought they would.

“Having the goals and grades is not what got us here,” Academic Valedictorian and Class President Grace St. Laurent said.

“The little moments will be what remain. A fulfilling life can’t be checked off in a color-coded spreadsheet, but by counting the moments,” St. Laurent said.

“Thank you, the class of 2024. Each of you had a tangible impact on those around you, even if you may not know it,” St. Laurent finished.

Avianna Gregoire, the Technical Valedictorian, took the stage and with a reference to Disney’s movie “Inside Out”, she said, “What happened in the past four years will not define us, but inspire us.”

“We do not know all the pages in someone’s book,” Gregoire said after sharing the loss of her mother during her sophomore year. “But feel fulfilled in this chapter that we are turning in our books.”

Michael Valanzola, the Chair of the School Committee, came to the podium and said, “Congratulations Class of 2024, and thank you for all you’ve given us.”

“You can accomplish things you didn’t think you could...whether you’re the tortoise or the hare,” Superintendent Deborah Boyd told the graduates.

Then came the time they were all waiting for, and as one, turned their tassels from the right to the left. The



Graduates of the Class of 2024 throw their caps in the air at the end of Tantasqua Regional High School’s commencement. TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

students then stood from their seats in front of their loved ones and families, and after the turn of the tassel, threw their caps skyward.

They took with them many valuable life lessons from the faculty and teachers of Tantasqua Regional High School, and are set on a great path to success.

The graduates of the Class of 2024



Shown from left are Naeriah Maisonet, Alexandra Lemovite and Orla McNamara.



Sitting together on the bleachers are Marcos Alfonso, Jack Alexander, Ryan Wright, Mariam Ataalla, Madeline Anderson and Kendra Adamson.



A group of friends (from left) Nick Toomey, Alexa Travis, Sean Sweeney, Morgen Swallow, Colum McGrath and Trevor Harris get ready to go out to the field.

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The Quaboag Senior Class of 2024 gathered at the Common of West Brookfield prior to their senior prom. *TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO*



These students will enjoy each other's company at Zukas Hilltop Barn in Spencer.

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Regional Middle High School Class of 2024 gathering on the common to pose for photos with friends and family before heading off to prom on May 31. Keeping with traditions, all students gathered on the bandstand for a class photo before loading in buses and heading to prom. This year, prom was held at Zukas Hilltop Barn in Spencer.



This group of friends decided to match in black for prom.



Rachel McGrath, left, and Abigail Long ready for their senior prom.



Quaboag Seniors Amber Gagnon, Charleigh Hurley, Emma LaFleche and Ally Larocco ready for prom.



Superintendent Stephen Duff was looking sharp and ready to be a part of prom.



Dawson Kelly and Haileigh Swistak ready for their prom.



Teacher James Joinville alongside his students prior to prom.



Prom is a time to look sharp as did these gentlemen.

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Superintendent Colleen Mucha, Principal Purnima DeMorais, Assistant Principal Jason Gilmartin, Assistant Principal Janet Hicks and Assistant Principal Steve Nicora walked in the procession along with members of the Quabbin Regional School Committee.

Chalice Riendeau, Senior Class Vice President, lead her class and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Senior Class President Vivienne Benoit-Smith gave the welcome.

She thanked the steadfast support of parents and gave thanks to the teachers, who gave them second chances. She said during the last four years she watched students communicate with each other and especially during the last few weeks of high school.

Quabbin Regional High School Principal Purnima DeMorais said to the soon to be graduates that whatever chapter they take: military, college or workforce, remember kindness. She reminded them to “be the light that helps others see.”

Valedictorian Michael Tobin compared his life to a game of chess. He said his grandfather, who was “one of my best friends I ever had,” was a master chess player and took him under his wing. It was a long time before he was able to beat his grandfather in chess, but he did, he beat him seven times in a row.

The senior musicians joined the Symphonic Winds in performing “Halcyon



The Quabbin Class of 2024 rejoice in the traditional throwing of the caps after being formally recognized as graduates. TURLEY PHOTOS BY KAREN LEWIS

Hearts” by Kathy Copley.

The Salutatorian Camryn Orsini spoke after the band selection. She talked about reading the book “Everything About Love” by Dolly Alderton, who as a teenager, felt romantic love was most important.

She said the way we treat other has an impact and pause to appreciate little things. She said the best tis yet to come.

Although she is not sure what the next chapter holds, she looks forward to what is next.

Student speaker Charles McKinstry said he has done things he never thought he could. He said our truth followed respect.

The Symphonic Winds performed “Home,” a piece composed by a member of the Class of 2024, Benjamin

Vasseur.

Riley Basset was the final student speaker. She said it wasn’t until the COVID pandemic was over, did she find what high school was really like. She quoted one of her teachers, Mr. Schroeder, “Saddest part of my day is the emptying of my coffee.”

The Quabbin Singers then sang “Wild Mountain Thyme” arranged by Jacob Narverud.

Mucha before certifying the Class of 2024 met all requirements to graduate gave them one last assignment. It was to record what is their endgame and to use it as a tool.

Debra Chamberlain, Vice Chair of the Quabbin School Committee spoke about her mother when diagnosed with pancreatic cancer went to work on her

fulfilling her bucket list. Before she died, she got to go to the beach, feel the sun on her face and put her feet in the water.

Assisting the Superintendent in handing out diplomas were Peggy Thompson, Quabbin School Committee member, and class advisors, Regina Trumbull and Brittany Ljungberg. School Committee member David Marsh presented his daughter, Kelsey with her diploma.

Kelsey Marsh, Senior Class Treasurer led her class in the moving of the tassels. Then the mortar boards went flying into the air, a long standing Quabbin tradition.

The ceremony ended with “Fanfare and Recessional” by James D. Ployhar.

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field and the crowd kindly welcomed him as he performed.

One of the covers Belanger played was the Elvis Costello song “(What’s So Funny ‘Bout) Peace, Love, and Understanding”. Belanger closed out with an original song. Kiernan thanked Belanger for performing and welcomed him to West Brookfield.

All the musicians brought their own instruments to perform. However, the West Brookfield Cultural Council provided a drum kit in case an act was without a set.

One of the bands performing was Wilde Thyme. In last year’s Summer Jam Wilde Thyme came out and performed and were enjoyed by many attendees.

The Summer Jam can be viewed on the YouTube channel, Bowtie Studios. The YouTube channel is run by Herrera. The first annual Summer Jam can be viewed on YouTube as well. The video is titled “West Brookfield Cultural Council ‘Summer Jam’ (8-

26-23)”.

The West Brookfield Cultural Council strives to support artists and organizations offering cultural programs taking place within West Brookfield. This event was made possible thanks to the council and through grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The West Brookfield Cultural Council is looking forward to hosting future events and bringing back the Summer Jam. For more information visit massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/west-brookfield.



Wild Thyme is a local music group returning to the Summer Jam. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

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there, Tucker went on to complete 41 merit badges, earn six awards and hold the positions of Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader.

Carter said in order to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Tucker had to show a “superior ability to lead.”

Tucker was able to do this by organizing a team of Scouts, cadets from Quabbin Regional High School’s NJROTC, adult leaders and volunteers to clean 34 headstones of veterans from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish American War and World War I in the Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware.

These veterans originated from the “Lost Towns” of the Quabbin Reservoir: Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott. During the construction of the reservoir, each gravesite and headstone was relocated, with over 6,000 being reinterred in the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

During this project, Tucker enlisted the help of Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux, who guided him on the care and cleaning of the headstones.

Theroux said he is “extremely grateful and proud” of Tucker’s project, presenting him with certificates for his accomplishments from the American Legion Department of Massachusetts and from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, L.A. Tiff Camp 15.

Tucker also received a certificate from Sons of the American Revolution Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Honor Commander Chris Tourtellot, along with Scott Tourtellot. Both the Senate and the House of Representatives honored Tucker with citations signed by state Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.

Explaining the Eagle Scout Responsibilities was Tucker’s uncle, Brian Tucker. He urged the new Eagle Scout to live with honor, loyalty, courage and service.

Assistant Scoutmaster Tyler Giancaterino led all attending Eagle Scouts in the Eagle Scout Oath and retired Scoutmaster for Troop 257 Robert Pariseau read the Eagle Charge.

Tucker had his Eagle medal pinned on him by his mother, Maria, along with palms of bronze, gold and silver. His father, Kevin, presented him with his Eagle Scout certificate.

Assistant Scoutmaster Patrick O’Donnell adorned Tucker with his Eagle Scout neckerchief, and Assistant Scoutmaster Audric Fauteux presented him with a five-year membership to the National Eagle Scout Association, as a gift from the Troop.

Tucker presented his Mentor pin to Assistant Scoutmaster Steven Labarre, who has been with him throughout his Scouting journey.

“You’ve taught me a lot of things, you’re just a great overall guy,” Tucker said to Labarre.

Labarre said receiving the Mentor pin was “very meaningful and surprising,” to him and he shared praise for Tucker’s determination to succeed.

“He was ready to take ownership of Scouting,” Labarre said. “It’s really quite impressive...he’s a natural leader and he’s grown into this role.”

Tucker thanked everyone who attended, and all of those who helped him along the trail to Eagle Scout, including his fellow Scouts of Troop 144.

“I stand at the peak of the greatest summit along the Eagle trail,” Tucker said. “I don’t stand here just because of my own effort.”



Oakham Scouts BSA Troop 144 honored Eagle Scout Richard J. Tucker at a Court of Honor this past Sunday. Tucker, fourth from left, is shown with his family. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OJIMETTE

Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church hosts clothing drive

BROOKFIELD – The Committee for Ecology and Social Action of the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church is sponsoring our second clothing and textile drive through Helpsy, the largest clothing collector in the Northeast.

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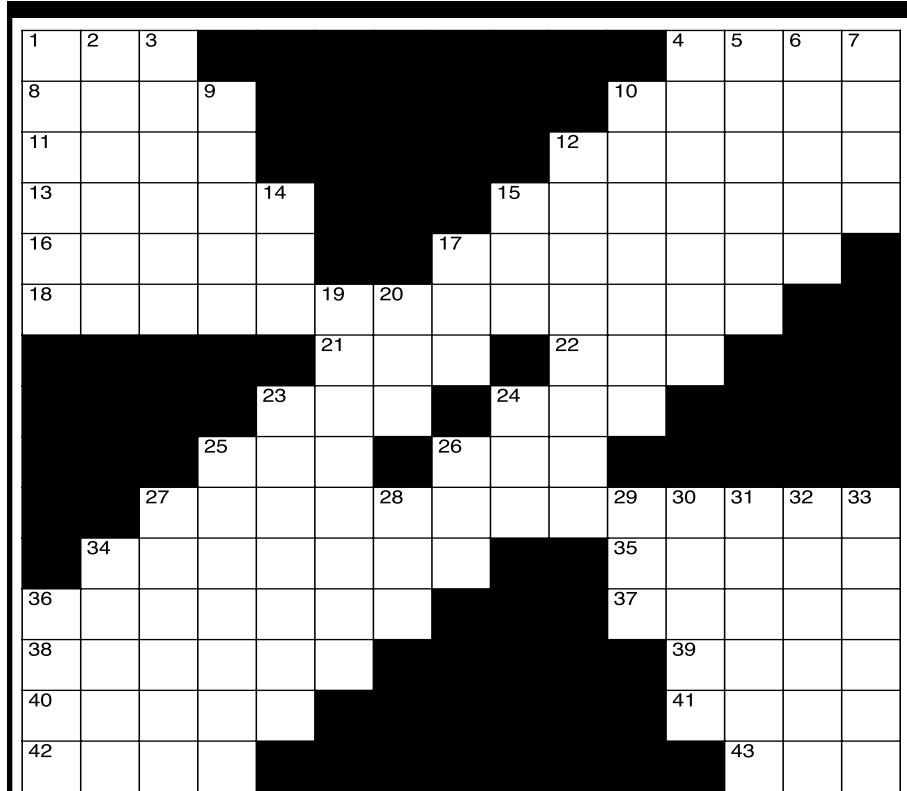
On July 16-20, the church will be open between 3-7 p.m. so you can bring your old clothing (including slips, bras, underwear, socks) and certain other acceptable items, such as shoes, accessories (including hats,

bags, belts, scarves and jewelry), luggage, stuffed animals and linens (including sheets, blankets, curtains, table linens and quilts). All items in any condition are acceptable if they are clean, dry, and odorless.

Last year the church was able to keep over 5,000 pounds of textiles out of the landfills. They hope to exceed that this year.

The Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 9 Upper River St. on the Brookfield Common, near the junction of Route 9 and Route 148.

For more information, contact Barbara Hale at blh.buuc@gmail.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Baby’s dining accessory
- 4. Something free
- 8. Ancient Egyptian deity
- 10. Set-like mathematical categories
- 11. Top-quality
- 12. Expansive
- 13. Seizure
- 15. People with congenital absence of pigment
- 16. Gains
- 17. Mocked online
- 18. Clint’s son
- 21. Body part
- 22. Humor
- 23. Code number
- 24. Your physique

CLUES DOWN

- 25. Family of regulator genes
- 26. LA football player (abbr.)
- 27. “The Blonde Bombshell”
- 34. Charity
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Examined closely
- 37. A type of equation
- 38. Stretched uncomfortably
- 39. Indian religious god
- 40. Clocks
- 41. Slowly leak through
- 42. Witnesses
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nestlings
- 2. Induces vomiting
- 3. A place to eat
- 4. Partner in the air
- 5. Offered one’s take
- 6. Nobel-winning French biologist
- 7. Farm animals
- 9. Prevent from growing
- 10. Sensationalist periodical
- 12. Soft-bodied beetle
- 14. Very fast airplane
- 15. Imaginative creation
- 17. Recipe measurement (abbr.)

- 19. Evoked a response
- 20. French river
- 23. Shiny yellow minerals
- 24. Make illegal
- 25. U.S. military branch
- 26. River in France and Belgium
- 27. A woman of refinement
- 28. Male child
- 29. Type of medication
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Mediterranean dietary staple
- 33. Sneak out
- 34. Radioactivity unit
- 36. Performs on stage

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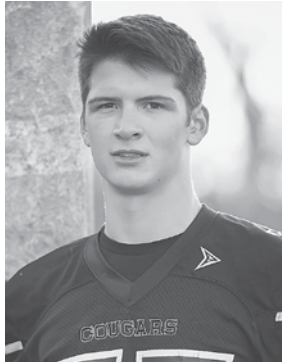
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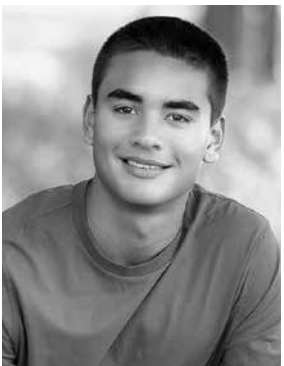
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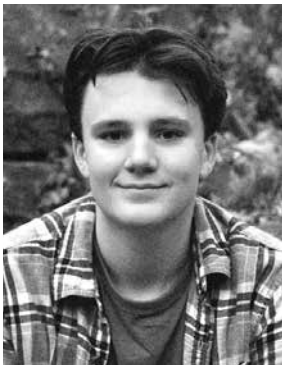
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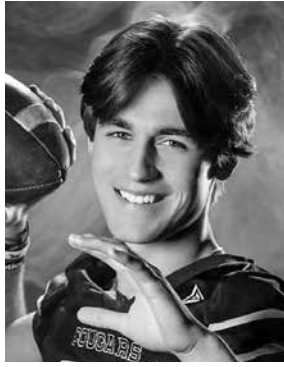
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STM and ATM to be held June 14

By Paula Ouimette

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The special and annual towns meetings will be held on Friday, June 14 in the auditorium of the North Brookfield Elementary School.

The special town meeting starts at 6:45 p.m. and includes one article to see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$49,000 from Sewer: Retained Earnings to Sewer: Repairs and Maintenance.

The annual town meeting starts at 7 p.m. and has 20 articles as follows:

Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Selectmen and Town Officials and Boards.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to print the reports of the Selectmen and Town Officials and Boards for the year 2024.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed officials of the Town and determine what sums of money will be raised, appropriated, borrowed, or transferred in the Treasury to defray the charges and expenses of the Town for the 12-month period beginning July 1, including a Reserve Fund under the control of the Finance Committee.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to operate the Water Department for the 12-month period beginning July 1, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, section 53F½.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to operate the

Sewer Department for the 12-month period beginning July 1, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, section 53F½.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts, bequests and donations of money and real and personal property given to the Town.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all necessary lease agreements and other dispositions of personal property.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and expend funds that may be available from State and Federal grants.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to apply for and expend funds that may be available from State and Federal grants.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to give the Town Treasurer the authority to invest Town funds (General Cash, Water Enterprise Funds, and Sewer Enterprise Funds) in short-term investments as the Treasurer deems prudent for income purposes.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and transfer titles in the name of the Town of North Brookfield to any properties or lands obtained through legally acquired tax title foreclosures.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to establish the following fiscal year 2024 spending limits for revolving funds listed in Chapter II, Section 17 of the North Brookfield Bylaws as follows: Council on Aging, \$15,000; Council on Aging-Senior Wheel, \$7,000; Fire Train-

ing Center, \$7,500; Planning Board - Engineering Services, \$8,000; Cemetery Department, \$15,000; Board of Health -Public Health Services, \$5,000; Board of Health - Vacant Properties, \$25,000; Board of Health - Trash Bags, \$35,000; Building Permits, \$10,000; Electrical Permits, \$15,000; Plumbing and Gas Permits, \$10,000; Safety Inspections, \$5,000; Storage Units, \$10,000.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the North Brookfield Emergency Squad for payment of contracted services.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money as the Town's apportionment of FY2025 Chapter 90 funds.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, Section VI.1.2. District location for Recreational Use Marijuana. Propose to allow this use in the BG2 District. Revised wording will be as follows: All defined Recreational Marijuana uses except hemp cultivation are allowed in the BG, BG2 and IND Districts located south of the intersection of Ward Street and East Brookfield Road by Special Permit.

Article 16: To see if the Town will amend the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Map as follows: Brickyard Road - The R30 District is a distance of 340 feet west from the intersection of Old East Brookfield Road. North Street -The R30 District is a distance of 575 feet south of the intersection of Shore Road. The following language will be added below the Zoning Map Legend Box: Note: Where the R11 and R30 Districts outline follow a public way, the

depth of the district boundary shall be measured from the property boundary abutting the public way to a depth of 200 feet.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, Section II. "A" Definitions. Propose to add Accessory Dwelling Unit definition as follows: Accessory Dwelling Unit: An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a self-contained housing unit which may be within a detached accessory structure on an existing improved single-family lot, with a Special Permit from the Planning Board. The renovation of an existing detached structure or construction of a new accessory unit shall clearly be a subordinate part of the improved single-family lot and comply with each of the criteria stated in Section IV.2.t. of the Zoning Bylaws.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, Section IV.A.2. by adding subsection t. Accessory Dwelling Unit.

Article 19: To see if the Town will amend the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, Section III.D.1 One Residential Building per Lot: by adding the following underlined phrase: 1. In all districts each building for residential use shall be located on a separate lot which complies with the regulations specified for the district where located, except in the cases where a Special Permit for an Accessory Dwelling Unit has been approved by the Planning Board.

Article 20: To see if the Town will amend the Town of North Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, Section VI. by adding subsection K. Fencing.

Boy Scouts of America changing name to Scouting America

RUTLAND – The Boy Scouts of America recently announced that it will be changing its name to Scouting America.

This change reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to welcoming every youth in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. The name change to Scouting America will go into effect on Feb. 8, 2025, the organization's 115th birthday.

This announcement also comes as the organization celebrates the fifth anniversary of welcoming girls into Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA programs. Boy Scouts of America currently serves 176,234 girls and young women across all programs, including more than 6,000 who have earned Eagle Scout status.

"Though our name will be new, our mission remains unchanged: we are committed to teaching young people to be Prepared. For Life," said Mark Barbnitz, Scout Executive and chief executive officer of the Heart of New England Council in a press release. "This

will be a simple but important evolution as we strive to ensure that everyone feels welcome in Scouting."

Heart of New England Council, via partnerships with 170 community organizations, serves 4,000 youth in more than 60 communities in central Massachusetts.

Scouting America builds on the organization's 114 years of helping America's youth.

Its ongoing goal is to provide young people with a safe environment where they can learn meaningful life skills and have fun, educational experiences, fostering their growth and future outcomes as leaders, and be prepared for life. At the same time, values instilled by the Scout Oath and Law help prepare young people for lives of purpose and impact.

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About the Heart of New England Council

Headquartered in Rutland, the Heart of New England Council is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves about 4,000 boys and girls in more than 60 communities in central Massachusetts. The council provides the nation's foremost program that teaches young people character, leadership, and citizenship through fun and exciting adventures for the entire family.

They foster a culture of diversity and inclusion that makes it enriching to participate, volunteer and work in the Scouting program. Visit www.hnebsa.org for more information.

To find a Scouting unit in your local community, visit BeAScout.org.

Charity tournament will help pets in need

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services will be hosting their 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, set to take place at the world class Cold Spring Country Club in Belcher-town on Monday, July 15.

This popular event promises a day of exceptional golf while championing the cause of providing essential care to pets in need.

Proceeds from the tournament will directly support programs that assist pets in underserved communities through Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals located in Springfield, Worcester, Southbridge and North Brookfield.

Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer at Second Chance, encourages golfers to register early to secure a spot.

"This is a fantastic day of golf for an even greater cause," said Doray in a press release. "In today's climate, offering accessible veterinary care is crucial in keeping beloved pets where they belong-with their families. Our Community Veterinary Hospitals serve as a critical resource in furthering this mission, ensuring that pets receive the care they need while alleviating strain on shelters. We urge golfers to stand with us in this mission."

Participants can look forward to a day filled with excitement, including a

box lunch, banquet dinner, a bucket of range balls, and a commemorative gift.

The tournament will feature various challenges, including prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, closest to the line, a yellow ball contest, and more. Attendees will also have the chance to win \$4,000 toward a pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools in the hole-in-one contest.

There will also be raffles and a silent auction that will launch online one week prior to the tournament, to add to the day's festivities.

Second Chance extends a warm invitation to local businesses to partner in the effort to combat pet homelessness by supporting access to veterinary care.

The nonprofit welcomes sponsors for the Second Chance Golf Tournament and graciously accepts donations for the tournament's silent auction and raffle. Information regarding sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

The 18-hole tournament will be in a scramble format with foursomes. Check-in will start at 9 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Individual golfers and foursomes can conveniently purchase tickets online at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/.

SPORTS

Cougars score shutout in playoff opener

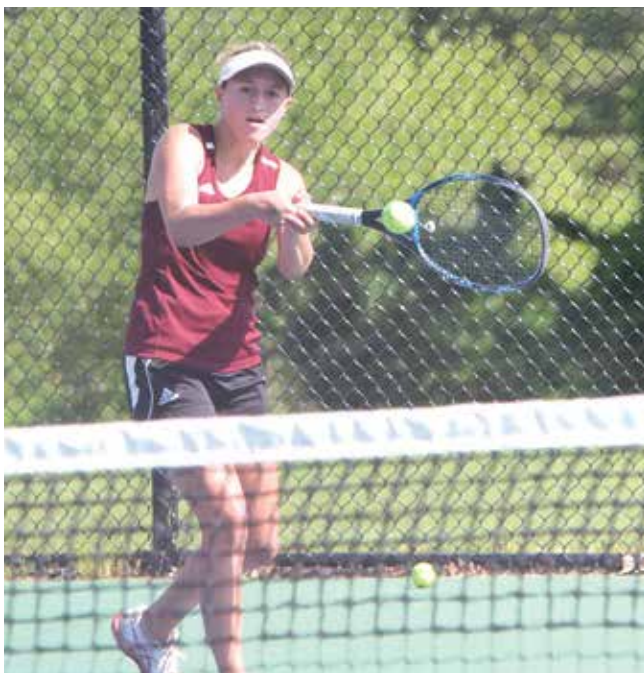


Isabelle Aberle makes a play near the end line. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

WARREN – Last Tuesday afternoon, Quaboag made quick work of their Division 4 State Tournament opponent. The Cougars defeated Sturgis Charter East 5-0. Sturgis, a team from Hyannis, was not able to do much with the Cougars. In singles action, Isabelle Aberle led the Cougars winning in straight sets 6-3, 6-3. Erin McGrath followed in second singles with a 6-1, 6-0 win. The Cougars were scheduled to face Bromfield in the second round of the tournament earlier this week.



Isabelle Burgess saves the ball from going out of bounds.



Erin McGrath hustles after the ball.



Isabelle Paolucci goes for a return hit during doubles action.

Panthers head into second round

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School girls tennis team has had an outstanding regular season and now enters the Division 4 state tournament. The Panthers hosted Randolph High School in their opener, edging the visitor 3-2.

Annabelle Magill, who has been outstanding all season long, scored a 6-4, 6-2 win in straight sets. The doubles teams of Farrah Wojcik and Kalina Dyer and Elizabeth Matheson and Madelyn Stauder also picked up wins, both in three sets to help Quabbin advance in the tournament. The Panthers were next set to take on North Middlesex.

Pioneers fall in regular season finale



Derek Rivera sends a throw to first.



Zander Auffrey makes the play on the grass.

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional High School baseball team fell to St. Mary's 9-4 in its regular season finale on May 22. The Pioneers would finish the season win an overall 10-7 record and drew Monson on the road in the preliminary round of the state tournament. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week's edition.



Brayden Mega sends a pitch home. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



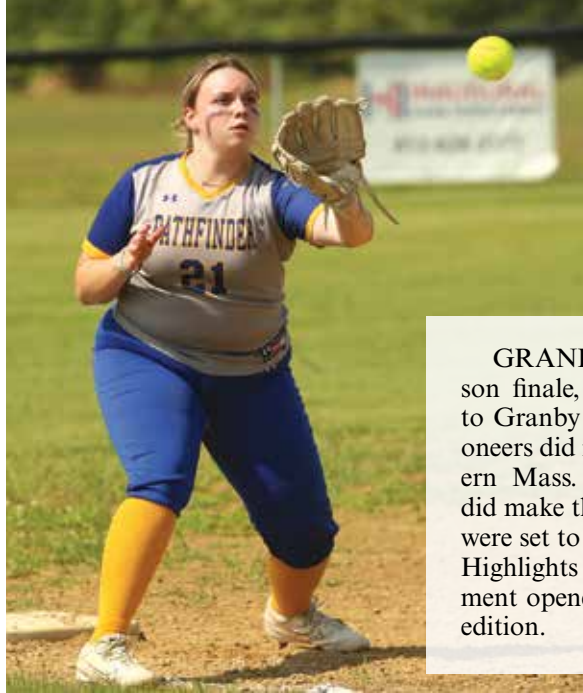
Branden Hnitecki sends a throw back to the infield.

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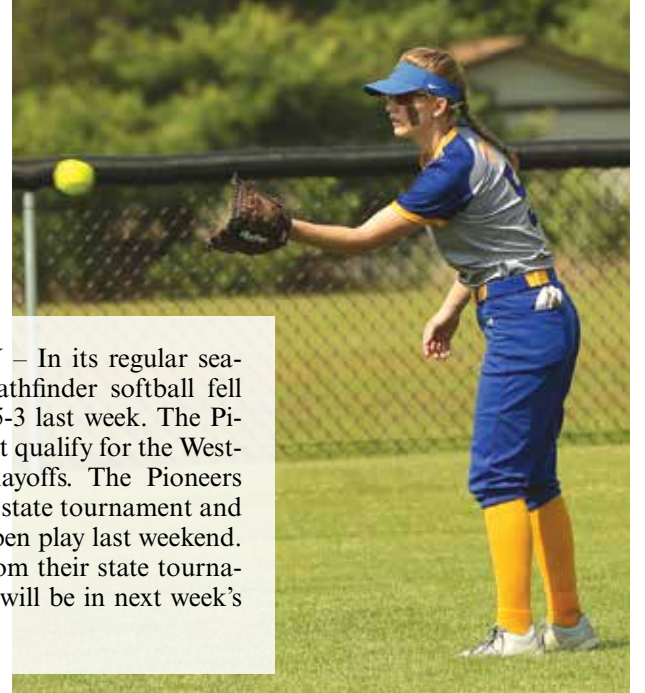
Pathfinder falls to Granby in finale



Shortstop Emma Chavalier makes a throw to first. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Lianna Carrasquillo looks to catch an out at third.

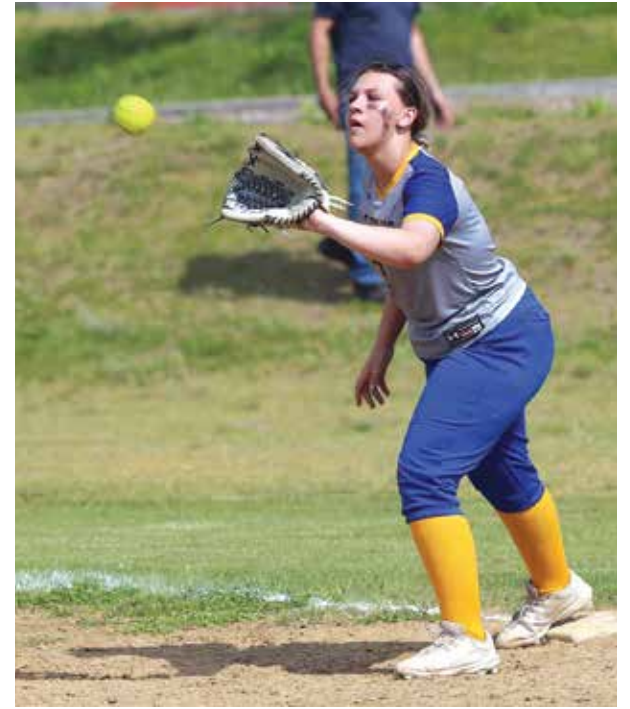


Greenly Lagimoniere catches the ball in center field.

GRANBY – In its regular season finale, Pathfinder softball fell to Granby 15-3 last week. The Pioneers did not qualify for the Western Mass. playoffs. The Pioneers did make the state tournament and were set to open play last weekend. Highlights from their state tournament opener will be in next week's edition.



Kendra Burke extends and makes a pitch to the plate.



Isabella Nopleggi catches the out at first.

Pioneers piling up goals, pick up another shutout

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The Western Mass. Pioneers outscored their first four opponents of the regular season, 14-0.

The Pioneers improved to a perfect 4-0-0 and remained in first place in the USL-2 Northeast Division standings with a 5-0 shutout victory over Black Rock FC before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow, last Friday night.

“It’s always very nice to win a home match,” said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “We scored a couple of early goals, which took a lot of pressure off the players. The starters and the reserve players played very well tonight. I’m very happy with the performance.”

The Seacoast United Phantoms, who are the only USL-2 team to beat the Pioneers on their home turf since the start of the 2019 regular season, will be making their only visit to Ludlow during the regular season on Friday night.

“That’s going to be a very big match,” Molinari added. “The players have been working hard so far this season. We must continue to work hard next week

at practice and remain focused.”

While the Pioneers will have a full week to get ready for the home match, the Phantoms (3-0-0) were scheduled to play at Block Rock FC on Tuesday night.

“We’re now looking forward to next week’s home match against Seacoast,” said Pioneers forward Alec Hughes. “If we can win that one, we’ll be a very tough team to beat this year. We’re the top two teams in the Division and it’s a game that you always want to win.”

A year ago, Seacoast walked into Lusitano Stadium and celebrated a 2-1 victory. It was the Pioneers’ only home loss during the 2023 regular season.

The dynamic duo of Scott Testori and Hughes combined to score three of the five Pioneers goals in last Friday’s home match against Black Rock.

“I scored two goals and Scott scored one goal, but I also thought we left a few goals on the table,” said Hughes, who has another year remaining as a member of the UMass men’s soccer team. “We share a lot of the same traits and it’s a lot of fun playing with him. We work well together.”

Testori, who plays college soccer

at UConn, scored the first goal of the match on a tap in during the sixth minute of the opening half.

Patrick Gryczewski was credited with the assist.

During the 20th minute, Hughes added his name to the scoring sheet following a corner kick goal.

Jared Smith sent the ball into the box from the left corner where Hughes headed it into the net past Black Rock goalie Christian Braae-Anderson.

“It’s always nice to score a goal, especially on a set piece,” Hughes said. “It gave us an early 2-0 lead.”

The Pioneers third goal also came on a header from Aidan Kelly following another corner kick.

Braudilio Rodrigues, who was a member of the Western Mass. Pioneers in 2022, was recognized during a ceremony at halftime. He’s currently playing professional soccer for the Seattle Sounders.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Gryczewski sent a pass from the right side to Hughes, who finished off the scoring play by putting a low shot into the left corner of the net.

Lawrence Goddard, who scored a

pair of goals in the Pioneers’ previous road match against the Albany Rush, replaced Hughes.

About ten minutes later, Mamadi Jiana, who played soccer at Chicopee High School, also came off the bench and scored an unassisted goal.

Holding a commanding 5-0 lead, the only question remaining for the Pioneers faithful supporters during the final twenty minutes of the match was if goalie Gianluca Cersosimo would post his fourth consecutive shutout.

“This is just an amazing team,” said Cersosimo, who didn’t have to make any saves. “Even though I didn’t have to make any saves, I still had to remain focused for the entire match, especially during the final twenty minutes. Shutouts are nice, but the most important thing for us are the wins.”

Cersosimo, who’s a second-year member of the Pioneers, graduated from Long Island University. He also replaced Nicholas Oberrauch as the team captain for the match. Oberrauch didn’t play against Black Rock because of an injury.

- public safety -

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of May 27-June 3, the Hardwick New Braintree Police Department responded to 16 building/property checks, 29 directed/area patrols, one radar assignment, four emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, two complaints, one utilities issue, three animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, May 28

8:46 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Unitas Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:56 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To
 3:03 p.m. Utility Issues, Barr Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, May 29

11:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Pierce Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, May 30

8:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, June 1

11:22 a.m. 911 Gunshots, Padre Road, Officer Handled
 8:59 p.m. Complaint, Barr Road, Unfounded

Sunday, June 2

3:17 p.m. 911 Complaint, Ravine Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Monday, June 3

4:38 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Services Rendered

East Brookfield Police Log

During the week of May 27-June 2, the East Brookfield Police Department responded to 120 building/property checks, 61 directed area patrols, one traffic control, 11 radar assignments, 10 emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, two assist other agencies, two investigations, one safety hazard, 11 complaints, one fire, one motor vehicle accident, seven animal calls and 36 motor vehicle stops in the town of East Brookfield.

Monday, May 27

1:10 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Services Rendered
 9:21 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Harrington Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:14 a.m. Medical Emergency, East Main Street, No Action Required

Tuesday, May 28

2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 4:41 p.m. Radar, Harrington Street, Written Warning
 4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
 7:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Vehicle Towed

Wednesday, May 29

7:52 a.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, East Main Street, Spoken To
 11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation issued
 4:35 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, East Main Street, Services Rendered
 6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued
 6:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, East Main Street, Services Rendered
 7:53 p.m. Parking Complaint, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, May 30

10:36 a.m. 911 Complaint, North Street, Report Taken
 7:54 p.m. Investigation, West Main Street, Officer Handled

Friday, May 31

4:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

6:26 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Main Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

10:09 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, West Main Street, Negative Contact

10:31 a.m. Assist Other Agency, East Main Street, Dispatch Handled

1:55 p.m. 911 Misdeal, Court Street, Spoken To

4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Arrest(s) Made

7:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

7:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Blaine Avenue, Citation Issued

Saturday, June 1

1:19 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

12:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, West Main Street, Spoken To

2:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Connie Mack Drive, Report Taken

2:54 p.m. 911 Disturbance, East Main Street, Peace Restored

5:37 p.m. Investigation, East Main Street, Officer Handled

6:02 p.m. Complaint, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled

6:48 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Cottage Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

7 p.m. Parking Complaint, Podunk Road, Spoken To

8:31 p.m. Fire/Other, East Main Street, Investigated

Sunday, June 2

11:34 a.m. Complaint, Connie Mack Drive, Services Rendered

1:11 p.m. Parking Complaint, East Main Street, Citation Issued

1:17 p.m. Parking Complaint, East Main Street, Citation Issued

1:31 p.m. Medical Emergency, North Street, Transported to Hospital

5:40 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Harrington Street, Report Taken

8:47 p.m. Medical Emergency, East Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Tri-Parish hosts 18th annual plant and bake sale

By Emily-Rose Pappas
 Staff Writer
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HARDWICK – The Tri-Parish Community Church hosted its 18th annual plant sale over the weekend on the town common.

The Parish had a wide range of crafters and vendors with their own unique creations, collectibles, or art pieces.

“It’s a wonderful time to see and visit with people we haven’t seen since the last one,” Jennifer Pollard from the Tri-Parish Community Church said.

The church has been hosting these sales and fairs for the past 18 years, and the plants come from different farms both local and from surrounding towns.

“The Tri-Parish worked with Inishowen Farms of North Brookfield, Sillman’s Farm of New Braintree, Howe’s Farm of New Braintree, Tracie’s Greenhouse of Ware, and the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op of Hardwick,” Lisa Condit said.

This year, the church put together a raffle, and Michelle Webb won the drawing, winning Garret and Wade Gardening tools, along with an assortment of plants donated by the Tri-Parish and Lone Birch Blossoms in Hardwick.

The pastor of the Tri-Parish, Nathan Pederson, came to the fair on Sunday to provide a brief prayer service before the events of the day began.

The Tri-Parish is eager to host many more events, so keep an eye on their social media for more updates as they prepare ways to reach out more to the community.



Mary Anne Woodman is shown with her stunning ceramic creations using upcycled materials.



Martha Bryenton and Tom Meade brought their delicious maple syrup from their small business Bucket List Maple Syrup. TURLEY PHOTOS BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

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Coalition's Springfest returns for second year

NORTH BROOKFIELD – For the second year in a row, the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield has put on Springfest, a chance for the community to come together and celebrate the start of summer.

DJ Brian, food trucks, a bounce house, and over twenty vendors and crafters came together on the common to enjoy the sun and warm weather the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Students put on fundraisers for trips, and artisans brought out their beautiful sculptures, jewelry, sewing and snacks for the community.

The proceed of Springfest go towards the Coalition's goal to host more events in the coming months for the community to enjoy.



Juniors and seniors from the classes of 2026 and 2025 sold snacks and cold lemonade to raise money for prom, class trips and graduation.
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Megan Munroe shows off her delicious freeze-dried pickles and other snacks from her small business, Freeze-Dried Feasts.



Children's author and archaeologist Maria Kamoulakou holds two of her beautifully illustrated books, retellings of popular Greek myths.



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