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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
A neon squad of baseball players were ready to participate in this year's Glow Ball event at Felton Field.

'Glow Ball' lights up the night

Fundraiser benefits cancer research and programs

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BARRE – The fun and

bright event of Glow Ball returned to Felton Field this past weekend.

This annual fundraising event consists of youth

and adults participating, and many are part of the Quabbin Area Little League.

Chris Lance said this event was first introduced last year and had a good turnout of 54 players. Last year's event raised \$900 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

and the Jimmy Fund.

The idea was inspired four years ago during a vacation Lance took and was developed by him and his son Lukas. Lance did a preliminary game of glow ball back

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Board discusses beaver issues

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OAKHAM – At the Aug. 13 meeting of the Board of Health, a resident came to the board seeking clarification on how to apply for a beaver permit to trap them and reduce the size of their dams.

According to the board, the open trapping season runs from November to February, but if they are causing an emergency situation, residents can apply for an emergency permit.

Alex Thayer, the resident, said his home and some abutting properties are getting increased water levels as a result of beavers making dams near them. Thayer said parts of his property are underwater.

John Boucher, an abutting homeowner, said his neighbor's well has been contaminated because the water has gone over it, and is starting to flow into it. Thayer said the neighbor is unable to use their tap water safely.

Lucy Tessnau, a mem-

ber of the Conservation Commission, said the residents each need to fill out an application for an emergency permit and send it to the Board of Health. They will declare an emergency first, and then the Conservation Commission will grant permission to set up the traps.

Tessnau said each household can only trap beavers on their own property, but if they can come to a consensus as to who to hire, the trapper can set them up all the way from the dam to the affected properties.

She said the town does not have the responsibility of dismantling the dams, as that comes down to the homeowner. The Board of Health only comes in to do well testing, but the trapper or another licensed individual has to do the dismantling.

21 Coldbrook Road

The board discussed a property at Coldbrook Road, with member Lucy DiLeo saying it could

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Select Board approves plans for Chase Road and Stoddard Court

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen approved another paving project last week following the approval of more paving on North Main Street and Gilbert Street earlier this month.

This project will improve both Chase Road and Stoddard Court, and will cost a total of \$78,025 from 2026 Chapter 90 funds.

The project was presented on the town website to give residents an oppor-

tunity to comment, and there were no inquiries or phone calls, according to Executive Assistant Mary Beth Kularski.

The cost of Chase Road is \$55,885 and Stoddard Court will cost \$18,424, and there is a 5% overage added on to the end.

The Highway Department will send letters to residents when work begins so they have a chance to move their cars. The work is being done by Mass Brokenstone.

The board gave updates on other paving projects including Hillside Avenue and Bradshaw Street, with Chair Jamie Gilman saying they have put rocks between the sidewalks and streets because of apron concerns, and there will be

no loam or grass because it would be cut up in the winter.

Gilman said bids closed for a sidewalk improvement on School Street and they are awaiting the lowest bidder.

He said the town has a \$200,000 grant with a Shared Streets program.

Gilman said an improvement project on Mount Pleasant Street is overseen by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, and the town has no control over it. He said it went out to bid twice, and the most recent bid closed on Aug. 25, the date of the meeting.

The estimate is about

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Municipal Building Committee sets up meeting with architect

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HUBBARDSTON – The Municipal Complex Building Committee met last Tuesday, where they discussed a response from Derek Rubinoff Architecture to questions they sent.

The committee sent these questions at a previous meeting because they were seeking clarification on pricing and allowances, among other portions of the designs.

Kari Sacramone, the chair of the committee, said she just got some of the pertinent information at the date of the meeting, and expressed that she was "not thrilled" about the lack of attention and answers they gave.

Police Chief Ryan

Couture, another member of the committee, read from their response to a question about allowances. He read that it was a mix of web searches, artificial intelligence and "educated guesses" from the team at the architectural business.

"AI pulls data from every source it can find," he said, noting that the sources are not always accurate.

The committee read further, to a part where the letter stated an exhaust mitigation system had not been accounted for in the estimates, since it can only be determined at a certain point in the design process, which is what the committee thought they were looking at during the previous meeting when they came up with the questions to send. Committee members

showed concern about how the process was going, with Sacramone saying they were supposed to have close numbers at this point, and they had already spent about \$60,000 on the design, and there is an estimated \$40,000 more to go.

According to committee members, the original price for this work was just under \$70,000.

During the previous meeting, the committee discussed the possibility of terminating their work with Rubinoff, but they wanted to give them an opportunity to answer the questions.

At the Aug. 25 meeting, Katie Young, committee member and Select Board

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Quabbin football looking for improved season

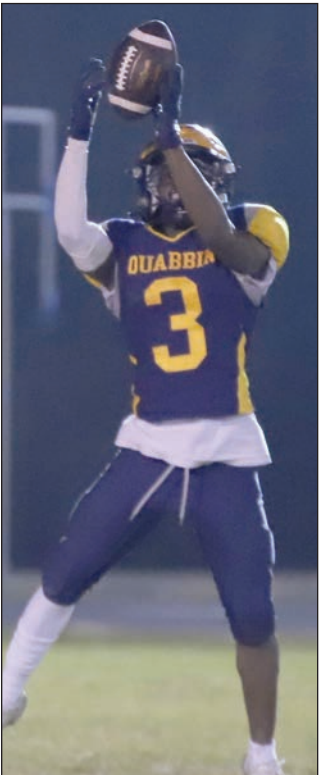
BARRE – Earlier this week, an exhibition scrimmage with Burncoat was canceled due to rain. The Quabbin Regional High School football team had a tough campaign, they finished with a strong Thanksgiving Eve matchup with Gardner. This year, the Panthers will be looking to improve on their record and qualify for the state tournament.

Quabbin's schedule features several of the same teams, including their first two games with Gardner and Quaboag.

Quabbin opens the regular season at home against Gardner on Friday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. They face Quaboag on the road on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. The Panthers also had one final scrimmage scheduled at Blackstone-Milville on Sept. 4.



Chase Talbot returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown during Quabbin's final game last Thanksgiving Eve.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibell
Owura Ankoma-Mensah fields a punt.



Zak Mielnicki tries to get through the tacklers.



Owura Ankoma-Mensah attempts to intercept a pass.



Quarterback Adam Adams takes the keeper into the end zone.



Eric Serrano tries to get through a blocker.

Committee announces next Hall induction

BARRE – Tickets for the 11th Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame Induction are now available for the Nov. 7 ceremony to be held at Teresa's Restaurant, 315 Palmer Road, Ware, MA. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the induction ceremony.

Seven individuals and a pair of championship teams will be honored. Dating back to the first induction in 2002, this will bring the total number of individual inductees to 72 in addition to 11 teams.

The induction class includes Louis Panaccione '75, Eugene Rich '95,

Matthew Brunelle '08, Stephany Halfrey '15, Thaddeus J. Gumula Contributor and Athletic Director, Coach Cheryl Adams, Coach Debra Spinelli, 1979 Field Hockey Team and 1998-99 Boys Varsity Basketball Team.

Tickets are \$50 and may be obtained by calling Hall

of Fame Chairman Ted Gumula at (413) 348-0414 or through the mail by contacting: Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 874 Barre, MA 01005. The last date to purchase tickets will be Oct. 23.

All checks must be payable to Quabbin Regional School District.

Umpires Association awards scholarship



Submitted photo

Western Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association Board Member Chris Anderson awards a \$500 scholarship earlier this summer Sean Krol. The umpires' association funds the scholarship through dues paid by its members. Anderson hopes in the future to fund more scholarships either through fundraising or donations, saying its important to give back to the sport they love, and promote education for high school seniors who play. Applications for next year's scholarship will open up early in 2027.

Pioneers set to represent Palmer for 2026 season

PALMER – The Palmer High School football team is not fielding a varsity team this season due to lowering numbers.

The team hopes to have a JV team this year and rebuild its varsity roster for next season. Meanwhile, Pathfinder will be representing the town in the varsity ranks by itself this year. The Pioneers were scheduled to be in scrimmage action this week, but rain threatened that match-up. Pathfinder's schedule was

slightly changed by some of the matchups being moved around this year.

The season opener for the Pioneers will not be far away, however, as Pathfinder will make a very short trip to Ludlow to take on the Lions on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Their season opener will take place on Friday, Sept. 18 against Commerce. The Pioneers will be using Legion Field as their home field once again this season.



The Pathfinder defense comes up with a big stop during last year's final game with Belchertown on Thanksgiving.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibell
Cassian Kowalik lumbers through the crowd.



Trevor Alexander makes a carry for the Pioneers.



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