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Tonic and Jameson of Moonshine Acres in Barre enjoyed a late afternoon nap.

Spencer Fair continues Labor Day tradition

SPENCER – The Spencer Fair was held over five days for Labor Day weekend, bringing a mix of agriculture and midway excitement.

Founded in 1888, this fair has been the longstanding unofficial “end of summer” for central Massachusetts. Fairgoers were able to enjoy cattle and poultry exhibi-

tions, agricultural exhibits, arts and crafts, dog agility performances, tractor and oxen pulling, live music, wandering performers, games and rides, vendors, food and more.

The Spencer Fair is also home to the “World’s Largest Demolition Derby,” hosted by JM Motorsports.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Chris Tillotson's first place-winning giant pumpkin weight in at 937.4 pounds .More photos on page 8.

Town Clerk lists unofficial primary election results

By Ellenor Downer

BARRE – A total of 970 of the 4,460 registered voters went to the polls for the Sept. 1 State Primary election for a voter turnout of 21.75%.

Of the 970 who voted 310 took a Democrat ballot in precinct 1 and 225 in precinct and 216 took a Republican ballot in precinct 1 and 206 in precinct 2.

Town Clerk Ellen Glidden listed the unofficial election results. The only contest on the Democrat ballot was to Senator in Congress. Edward J. Markey, incumbent, was the top vote getter with 357 votes (196 precinct 1 and 155 precinct 2). His challenger, Seth Moulton, got 181 votes (111 precinct 1 and 65 precinct 2). There were eight blanks.

All other candidates ran unopposed. Maura Healey received 436 votes (252 precinct 1 and 173 precinct 2). There were 93 blanks.

Lieutenant Governor Kimberly Driscoll received 447 votes (256 precinct 1 and 180 precinct 2) with 95 blanks. For Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell got 456 votes with (261 precinct 1 and 185 precinct 2) and 86 blanks.

William Francis Galvin received 471 votes (270 precinct 1 and 190 precinct 2) for Secretary of State with 74 blanks.

Also running unopposed was Deborah B. Goldberg for Treasurer with 449 votes (256 precinct 1 and 182 precinct 2) with 96 blanks.

Other positions were Auditor Diana Dizoglio with 444 votes (252 precinct 1 and 182 precinct 2); Representative in Congress Second District James P. McGovern with 482 (273 precinct 1 and 98 precinct 2) and Councillor Seventh District Paul M. DePalo with 438 (247 precinct 1 and 181 precinct 2).

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Select Board hears update on First Meetinghouse

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HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board met last Thursday, where two members of the First Meetinghouse Preservation Committee gave an update on the building’s condition and next steps to the select board.

Mike Stoll of the committee talked about structural related items at the building including foundations, timber structures and archaeology. Stoll said the foundation of the first meetinghouse, which

is the former church, is loose fieldstone with no mortar.

He also said the timber structures of the building were damaged by both a fire and a hurricane in 1938. There is also evidence of powder post beetles in the timber.

According to maine.gov, these beetles infest dry wood and deteriorate it.

Stoll also mentioned water issues, including a possible natural spring below the area the building sits on, providing a lot of groundwater. He said there’s also a pipe that both takes up water and brings it away.

In terms of archaeology, Stoll said there is the possibility of underground railroad activity occurring in Hubbardston, but said he still has more research to do on it. Stoll said his personal initial recommendation to the town is to draft a request for proposal for engineering services to perform an assessment of the property.

Katie Young, Select Board chair and member of the committee said the town is going toward using Community Preservation Act funds along with grants. She said there may be an article on the Oct. 27 special town

meeting warrant asking for Community Preservation Committee funds to use toward the grant.

Betty Ann Sharp of the First Meetinghouse committee said the grant is from the Mass Historical Commission, and the town can get more than 50% reimbursement after the grant is administered, but the town has to match.

When asked by Kris Pareago of the Select Board if the building is still being used, Stoll said it is, and there was a fundraiser the week prior to the meeting, and there is another one

planned for the fall. He said the building currently has a capacity of 100 people, but that may be a fire code, not a maximum weight.

Stoll said the study would determine appropriate load sizes for the building. He also said that he does not think it would be appropriate to stop usage of the building until the study is done.

Town Administrator introduction

The board introduced new interim Town Administrator Timothy Bragan, who said he is excited to start working with everyone and use

his experience to get projects moving.

Bond anticipation

The board voted to renew bond anticipatory notes for one year at the recommendation of municipal advisors Alex Kaufmann and Dave Eisenhal.

Job postings

The board posted two separate job postings, one for assessing and building clerk, and another for land use and Board of Health clerk.

Executive Assistant Christina Ellis said the cur-

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BOH continues discussion of Coldbrook Road properties

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OAKHAM – The Board of Health continued a discussion on 21 Coldbrook Road, a vacant property that has had complaints from neighbors about a possible rat infestation, and more recently, instances of residents accessing the building. According to the board, these instances were reported to the police chief who then brought it to the board’s attention, and are likely teenagers accessing the building on e-bikes.

Lucy DiLeo of the board said they got an administrative search warrant to inspect the property, but were denied access because it was vacant, and the heirs of the deceased property owners did not want any-

body to access it. She said their attorney then met with the heirs, and the board now has a document stating they have the authority to go in and inspect as of Aug. 27.

DiLeo said the building is creating an attractive nuisance, which she said needs to be stopped. She said since the town has this document allowing them to inspect and access the property, she planned on going out with the Building Commissioner and measuring the windows to see how much lumber would be needed to block them. DiLeo also noted that while there have been concerns of rats, an inspection in March done by the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition health inspectors did not find any evidence of rat infestation.

DiLeo said there is a potential buyer who plans on purchasing the property and building new homes on it.

Other members of the

board including Liz Weeks and Barbara Pucci had concerns about going on the property and altering it without legal counsel review. However, Hayley Reifess, the legal counsel for the town, said their liability is not very high since they have the document allowing access and there is broad board of health authority under the Massachusetts sanitation code.

358 Coldbrook Road

The board discussed 358 Coldbrook Road, where there are environmental concerns because of a former car junkyard. The site is where the proposed battery energy storage system will be placed.

DiLeo said the cease and desist is still in effect until the property is vacated or modified.

There was a public hearing scheduled for that night, but ZOVL Properties LLC requested a reschedule, so that will be held on Sept. 15.

Hardwick Community Fair rosette/blue ribbon winners

HARDWICK – The 2026 Hardwick Community Fair rosette and blue ribbon winners have been announced.

Rosette winners are marked with an asterisk for Best in Class.

4-H

Sadie Russell*, Abbie Russell and Annie Russell.

Art Youth

Maren Goddard*, Everett Ramos, Rhett Rollet, Daphne Williams, Christian Brens, Piper Hager, Emmett Langlois, Bria Duncan, Eric Duncan, Maeven Litchfield, Penny Ouimette, Maria Hamm, Lily Nydam, Hazel Carter, Quinn Ouimette, Abigail Klee, Sophia Pascale, Walker Larson and Isabelle Wentworth.

Art Adult

Greg Davis*, Chas Mazik, Meg Haight, Marilyn Frost, Rachel Perry, Joshua Vinskey, Beth Stachowicz, Olivia Pascale, Stacey Hill and Ellie Shea.

Baking Youth

Summer Keddy, Meadow Vitello, Ellayne Lapointe, Carter Keddy, Sage Holland, Brynn Lagimoniere, Emily Beaulieu, Michaela Jo Dias, Abbie Russell, Hazel Larson, Jessa Ashley and Brooke Healey.

Baking Adult

Lisa Dibara*, Alice May Lowell, Blanche Carlson, Kristyl Kelly, Laura McCarthy, Stacey Hill, Kim Pagnoni, James Brussellback, Sara Doubleday, Vladia Buelow, Susan Bagdonas, Becky Savage, Susan Sandridge, Dawn Abare, Sarah Humphrey and Abby Mayou.

Beef Showmanship

Shannon Steins, Sawyer Picard, George Gates and Wyatt Gates.

Dairy Showmanship

Harper Fusco, Sadie Russell, Charlie Gates and Ian Lapete.

Beef/Beef Cross

Wyatt Gates and Samantha Bertrand.

Dairy/Beef Cross

Rowan Chicoine, Aubrey Savino and Samantha Bertrand.

Angus

Wyatt Gates and Sawyer Picard.

Ayrshire

Ian Lapete

Brown Swiss

Lauren Olson, Sara Doubleday and Megan Howe.

Guernsey

Frank Doubleday

Hereford

Taylor Days and Samantha Bertrand.

Holstein

Abbie Russell, Sadie Russell, Charlie Gates, Wyatt Gates and Sara Doubleday.

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

by Ellenor Downer
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Eastern Star holds annual chicken barbecue

Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star holds their annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 26 with pickup time at 1 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St. The meal consists of 1/2 chicken, homemade Coleslaw, baked potato, bread and cranberry sauce. It is cooked by the their great barbecue cooks with their special touch. Price is \$18 each. Reservations are needed by Monday, Sept. 21. People may call or message Dolly at 508-826-7535.

Barre Food Pantry

The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, Sept. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients on Sept. 17 will again be “drive-through” style distributions.

Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

Designer Pancake Breakfast

Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star pancake breakfasts return Saturday, Sept. 12 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children age 5 and under.

People can come for breakfast then enjoy the Lions Club Car Show on Barre Common. They may design their own pancake with lots of fun fillings as well as sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, waffles with real maple syrup and coffee and juice. No one leaves hungry

9/11 Remembrance Day event

The 9/11 Remembrance Day event hosted by the 9/11 Committee, Barre Veteran’s Services and American Legion Post 2 takes place on Friday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. on North Common, Barre.

Lions Club Car Show

The Barre Lions Club annual car show takes place Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine on the Barre Common. All types of vehicles are welcome. The entry fee is \$15 to show and spectators are free. They’ll be a DJ, a huge raffle table, T-shirts, a 50/50 and swag bags for all entrants. People’s Choice plaques will be awarded at the end of the show. For more information, people may email barremalionsclub@aol.com.

Barre Historical Society yard sale

The Barre Historical Society and Museum, Common Street, will hold a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 12. They organized areas of interest such as: a collectibles table of antique or slightly more valuable items, a jewelry table, kitchen wares including pots and pans, dishes, dish sets, serving platters, etc., smaller pieces of quality furniture, vintage stereo items, quality clothing, electronics and tools, Christmas and other holiday decorations and so much more. The Historical Society seeks both a coffee setup and a lunch sponsor to keep their hard-working volunteers energized at the upcoming fundraiser yard sale day on Sept. 12.

Editorial deadline reminder

Deadline for e-mailed press releases is noon on Monday. Deadline for hard copy is noon on Friday.

Wedding Announcement



Submitted photo

Samuel and Margaret Arcikowski

OAKHAM – Samuel Arcikowski and Margaret Szlosek celebrated the blessing of Marriage on July 31, 2026.

Pastor Carissa Rodriguez officiated the ceremony at the Oakham Congregational Church.

The bride is the daughter of Lisa and Mike Szlosek. The groom is the son of Ed and Kathy Arcikowski.

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People should not arrive to volunteer without first

calling Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website: http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/.

Cultural Council accepts applications

BARRE – The Barre Cultural Council set a Thursday, Oct. 15 deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Barre including exhibits, festivals, concerts, short-term artist residencies or performance in schools, workshops

and lectures. The Barre Cultural Council will also entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups to provide subsidies for school-ages children to attend cultural field trips.

The Barre Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and town in the Commonwealth.

The LCC Program is the largest grass roots cultur-

al funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency which then allocates funds to each community.

People may email barreboardds@townofbarre.com for more information and to file an application.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Sept 14. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Roast pork with gravy, cranberry herb stuffing, jardiniere vegetables, Mandarin orange, whole wheat bread

TUESDAY – Ziti with meat sauce, mozzarella cheese, broccoli and red peppers, fresh fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Vegetarian chili,

roasted potatoes, green beans, Lorna Doones, marble rye bread

THURSDAY – Garlic brown sugar chicken, mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, chocolate pudding, diet = chocolate pudding. pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – Beef and bean enchilada, vegetable fried rice, chuckwagon corn, pineapple, pita bread, sour cream

*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.

OAKHAM

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Fundraiser benefits fire and police

On Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Stillman’s Farm, Route 68, New Braintree, is hosting a fundraiser for the Oakham Fire and Police Departments. All the Saturdays sales will be split between the two departments and on the Sept. 26 the sales benefit the New Braintree Fire Department. This is an annual fundraiser.

Church breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, holds a breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 8-9:30 a.m. The menu includes three kinds of pancakes: blueberry, chocolate chip and plain, sausage, scrambled eggs, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. A freewill donation will be taken to benefit the Nepal flood victims. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday School

Sunday School Superintendent Heather Stewart announces the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Sunday School resumes Sunday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. All children are welcome to attend. There will be special refreshments following the Sunday worship service and Sunday School.

Senior Center news

On Friday, Sept 11 at noon, the regular monthly Council on Aging meeting takes place in the voting room at Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road.

On Tuesday, Sept 15 at 1 p.m., there will be Bemis Farm workshop, “Everlasting Pumpkin” in the Oakham Fire Station, Barre Road. People should call 508-882-4073 to sign up by Friday, Sept. 11. Cost is \$10 and payable at the workshop.

On Friday, Sept 18, lunch Bunch will meet at 12:30 p.m. at Ronnie’s Seafood, Route 31 in Charlton Depot. People should call 508-882-4073 to sign up.

On Monday, Sept. 21 podiatry clinic is from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Appointment is required. People should call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 to request an appointment.

On Tuesday, Sept 29, there is blood pressure and glucose screening from 11a.m.-1 p.m. at the Senior Center. No appointment is needed.

On Wednesday, Nov. 4 at noon there will be a Healthcare Options presentation at the Senior Center. event we would like to publicize: Wed Nov 4th, at 12 noon, there will be a Healthcare Options. People should call 508-882-4073 to register.

Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 9 a.m. *note change of time, \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. an additional \$1 will be collected separately for use of the building at both these classes. A separate sign in will be kept by the town at each class as well. Walking groups and weigh in are on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Board of Health – Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – Sept. 14 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.
South Barre Common Committee – Sept. 16 at 1 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Sept. 24 at 11 a.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.
Finance Committee – Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – Sept. 21 at 3 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 7 at 12:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Boards of Parks Commissioners – Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.
Town Administrator Search Committee – Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Preservation Committee – Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.
Emergency Management Planning Committee – Sept. 15 at 2:30 p.m.
First Meeting House Preservation Committee – Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Preservation Committee – Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Sept. 21 at 5 p.m.
Select Board – Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Council on Aging – Sept 14 at 1:30 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Health – Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.
Library Trustees – Sept. 17 at 5 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.
Advisory Finance Committee – Sept. 12 at 8:45 a.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – Sept. 12 at 8:45 a.m., Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Oct. 2 at 9 a.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

Finance Committee – Sept. 10 at 6 p.m.

Sandhill cranes visit Barre



Photo by Mary Springer

These sandhill cranes visited a field on Pleasant Street in Barre for about a week.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – Summer may be winding down, but not activities at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Experience a school-themed September Scavenger Hunt for items hidden throughout the library. Check off items on your scavenger sheet and pass it in to choose a school themed prize.

Picnic at the Paige will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. Bring a picnic blanket and a lunch or a snack for yourself or to share.

The library will provide a treat and participants will read a fun fall-themed book. Enjoy the company of others and the grounds of the library and Goddard Park Playground next door.

A Soap Making Demo will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Learn the basics of making your own Crock Pot Hot Process soap and discuss tools, materials, oils, safety, recipes and resources.

No need to bring any materials.

Drumming Circle with Jafar Manselle and the Wendell Warriors will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. for adults and teens. Experience this joyous African drumming workshop and learn different tones on the drum so you can play with the Warriors.

This activity is funded by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council. Rain date is Thursday, Sept. 24.

Massachusetts Good Neighbor Day Book Hunt will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. There will be a friendly book hunt, where readers of all ages get to hunt outside and find books to keep.

Ongoing programs

On Wednesday morning Story Hour and activities beginning with “getting to know you time” at 10:30 a.m. and story and activities at 11 a.m. Homeschoolers are welcome and can access books and materials through our library and through

Interlibrary Loan.

The Friends’ Book Sale is ongoing. The Book Club and the Cookbook Club meet monthly.

The Paige Writers meet every other week. Friends of the Paige Memorial Library, the Movie Committee, the new Hardwick Gardening Club, and the PML Volunteers are open to new members.

The library would like to start a teen group where creative teens can come together and make art, discuss music and culture and relax. Those interested should contact the library.

All are welcome to share ideas for books, the library of things, programs, speakers, or more. Please email, call or stop in.

For more information, people may visit www.paigelibrary.com or Facebook, email paigelibrary.hardwick@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704. See the full calendar of activities at <http://www.paigelibrary.com/calendar-of-events/>.

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Shannon M. Teabo received 451 votes (256 Precinct 1 and 185 Precinct 2 for Senator in General Court Worcester and Hampshire District. There were no candidates for Representative in General Court Fifth Worcester District or for Register of Probate – Worcester County. Joseph D. Early Jr., got 460 votes (259 precinct 1 and 190 precinct 2).

The only contest on the Republican ballot was for Governor with Michael Roger Minogue the top vote getter with 322 votes (162 precinct 1 and 159 precinct 2. Brian Shortsleeve got 99 votes with 53 precinct 1 and 46 precinct 2).

Shawn Oliver received 345 votes (179 precinct 1 and 165 precinct 2) with 36 blanks.

Running unopposed for Senator in Congress Joseph Deaton received 384 votes (199 precinct 1 and 184 precinct 2) with 39 blanks.

Michael C. Walsh got 379 votes (196 precinct 1 and 182 precinct 2) for Attorney General. There were 41 blanks.

There were no candidates for Secretary of State, Auditor, Representative in Congress – Second District, or District Attorney – Middle District.

Other candidates were Treasurer Elizabeth Dionne 359 votes (184 precinct 1 and 174 precinct 2) with

64 blanks; Councillor – Seventh District Margaret M. Abboud 341 votes (169 precinct 1 and 171 precinct 2) with 80 blanks and Senator in General Court – Worcester and Hampshire District Peter J. Durant 385 votes (194 precinct 1 and 190 precinct 2) with 38 blanks.

Also on the Republican ballot were Representative in General Court – Fifth Worcester District Donald Roger Berthiaume Jr. 358 votes (183 precinct 1 and 174 precinct 2) and Register of Probate – Worcester County Stephanie K. Fatman 371 votes (188 precinct 1 and 182 precinct 2) with 52 blanks.

HUBBARDSTON

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Art Show happens Sept. 26

The Cultural Council of Hubbardston is holding an Art Show at the Meeting House, on the Common, on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The show will focus on local artisans and sponsors are the Council on Aging and the Cultural Council, both of Hubbardston. The theme is based on historical barns of Hubbardston. Those who wish to exhibit should call Cindy at 978-928-5526 for information or to reserve a spot at the event. All are welcome.

Field Day

The Hubbardston Lion’s Club Field Day takes place on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Curtis Field, 20 Gardner Road. The Baby Contest for children from infant to two years old begins at 10 a.m. Categories include: king, queen, biggest blue eyes, biggest brown eyes, biggest green eyes, rosiest cheeks, best smile, curliest hair, baldest, sleepest and shyest. There is no entry fee for the baby contest. Certificates will be awarded for each category. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 20.

There will be food, games, live music and vendors. For more information or to reserve a space, people may email sue.hubblions@gmail.com or text 603-361-1217.

Historical Society

On Friday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. the Hubbardston Historical Society offers a History at Play presentation with Deborah Sampson, entitled “A Revolution of Her Own” at the Williamsville Chapel 4 Burnshirt Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m.. People may RSVP to hubbhistory1767@gmail.com. This program is partially funded by the Hubbardston Cultural Council.

Fall boutique and yard sale

Hubbardston Seniors are collecting items for their fall boutique and yard sale. Items may be dropped off at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St. is now collecting items from now through Sept. 25 for their fall boutique to be held Sept. 25, 26 and 27. Gently used, clean clothing, shoes, pocket-books, and other items are welcomed. The seniors remind donors that the items should be in good condition; items they would buy for themselves. Key times to drop off items are Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. This annual fundraiser has been a big success and all the profits go toward upgrading and keeping the Senior Center in great condition. Some of the proceeds go toward special events for the town’s seniors; many programs are free of charge. Also, on these dates there will be a huge Yard Sale that will include a bake sale, luncheon and other items for all ages such as toys, gifts, household goods and games. Electronics and large or fabric furniture will not be accepted.

Senior Center news

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-

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Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

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Teachable moments during preservation

I had far too many plans for a long weekend.

There were peaches to can, applesauce to make, peppers to roast and tomatoes to turn into sauce and salsa. Oh yes, and cabbage to ferment into sauerkraut.

Tis the season!

Someone once said that it is important to “make hay while the sun is shining.” That is exactly what I did.

While I was at it I came across a few teachable moments, and that is what I want to share with you today.

Some of my peaches have brown rot and some had split pits. Brown rot is a fungal disease that leaves furry brown areas on the fruit.

It can spread fast. One day a small patch; the next day half a fruit is infected.

Much like with apple scab, sanitation will go a long way to aid in prevention. Your goal is to prevent disease spores from overwintering.

Throw out any fallen infected peaches. If peaches are clinging to the trees well after harvest, pick these “mummies” and get rid of them too.

Rake up leaves that may also carry the disease. If raking is unrealistic, mow under the tree to encourage the leaves to break down.

In late winter, prune to encourage good air flow, a paramount practice in disease prevention. Thin fruit to four to five inches apart. Applications of fungicide can assist, but I prefer the natural route as much as possible.

I encourage you to do your own research.

Split pit on peaches is new to me. It was like the pit was indeed split, and sometimes stuck in each side of the fruit. From there, rot can begin to take over.

Apparently split pit a physiological issue. Too much rain prior to harvest could be the culprit especially since spring and early summer were somewhat dry.

Watering during dry spells, and applying a mulch around the base of the tree to conserve and even out moisture can help.

While working with my apples I observe a few clusters of tiny dots here and there, as well as patches of gray over the apple’s skin. These are summer diseases known as fly speck and sooty blotch respectively.

Both occur after lots of rain and humidity. Unfortunately all apples are susceptible to them, but the good news is that they only mar the apple’s good looks; it doesn’t penetrate the skin nor will it affect its taste.

Some elbow grease will

likely rub it off. To reduce the likelihood of your apples getting these diseases prune for good air flow (it will dry out fruit faster after a rain) and remove nearby wild blackberry canes (the diseases overwinter here).

I talked about peppers and tomatoes not that long ago, but I do have to say that I am upset that I had what feels like one round of peppers. There are no little pepper replacements anywhere on most of my plants.

I know my rock edged raised beds get hot, and tend to dry out quickly, so perhaps that is the culprit for “some then done.” Drought then a deluge could force the blossoms to fall off.

I’ll be sure to keep this in the forefront of my mind as I plan next year’s garden. Soaker hoses and more organic matter may help.

As I was processing the tomatoes I stopped twice to save some of the seeds of two of my favorites. If you grew open pollinated, non hybrid tomatoes and plan to start your own seeds indoor next spring, you’d be silly not to save your own seeds!

Cut open a tomato – scoop out the goop and put it in a small jar with a few drops of water. Wait a few days until mold forms on top and then dump into a sieve and separate out the seeds.

Allow to dry on paper towel and then store in an envelope marked with the variety and date. You just saved yourself some cash, too!

The only thing I have to say about my cabbage is that I wish I had grown more of it. All of my Crucifers – broccoli, cabbage and kale worked out so tremendously well under insect netting that I will definitely grow it that way again next year.

No worms at all. Planting a few early cabbages and some later ones was smart to spread out the kraut.

Next year I’ll just add a few more to my plot.

Alas, the harvest season is in full swing. I am so incredibly grateful for my garden and what I can preserve for use in the off season.

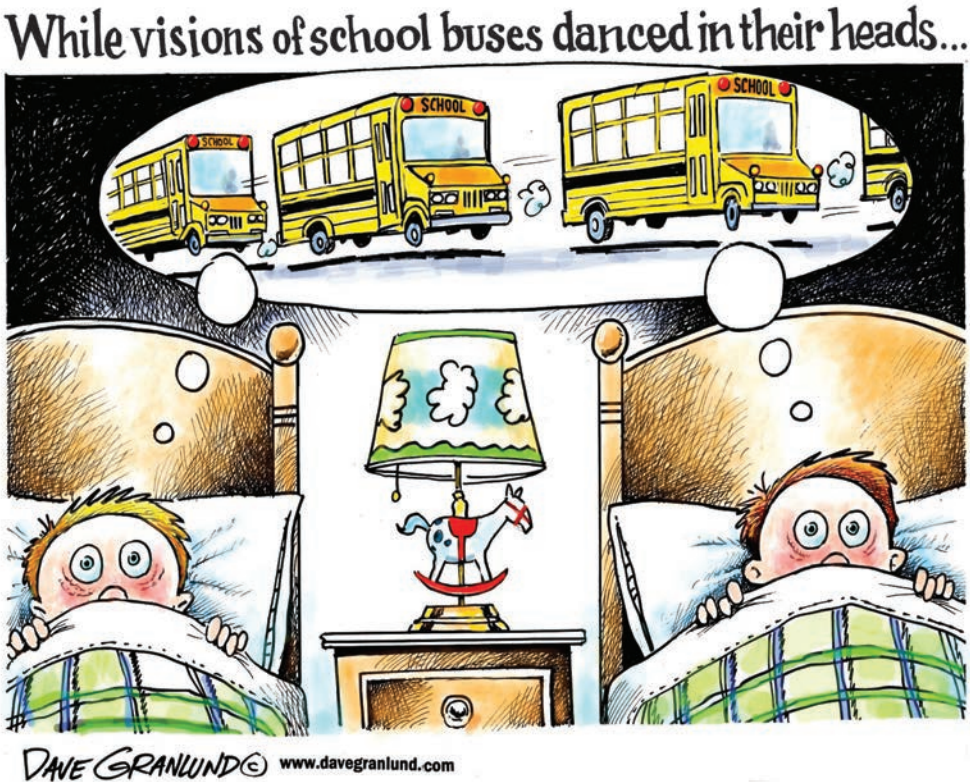
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Opinion



In Past Pages

Look Back – Excursion on the Ware River – 1998



Don and Ginny Rich paddle upstream under threatening skies. Fortunately, the light showers held off until the very end of the trip sponsored by the Ware River Watershed Association.

5 years (Sept. 16, 2021)

Chris Lynch of Matrix DG and Chip Bull of Petersham attended the Monday, Sept. 8 Barre Select Board meeting. The proposal by Matrix for Spring Hill Road would run fiber from Petersham, which already has broadband with Matrix, from Dana Road to Spring Hill Road, a distance of three miles. It will give 14 unserved homes on Spring Hill Road internet access. Lynch said make ready work was the next step and

included the right to attach, looking at the poles and possibly moving the cables on the pole up or down to accommodate the fiber. He said some poles might need replacing or adding restraints to shore up the poles. He said joint owned poles needed both Verizon and National Grid permission. Lynch said the cost for the make ready work with National Grid was about \$70,000 and Matrix cost was \$52,000. Chip Bull of Petersham said 80% sub-

scribed in Petersham.

Lynch said once National Grid completed the make ready work, Matrix on average lays about one mile of fiber per day. The company had two crews, one for the road work and another to connect to the homes.

Demolition of the long vacant Barre Wool Combing Company has begun. The long vacant building will

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Guest Column

The watershed sponge: Why we and beavers suffer together?

By Robert Kane

The recent news of flooding in Oakham and the subsequent move to hire a lethal animal trapper should cause us all to pause.

While high water and blocked culverts present real infrastructure challenges, turning to traps ignores a deeper ecological reality. Beavers are not nuisances, they are the master architects of a healthy watershed, possessing an instinctive knowledge of the land that humans frequently fail to see.

They build because they sense what is coming. They operate on immediate environmental barometers, feeling drops in water pressure long before a crisis hits the Barre Gazette news.

We have seen this exact blueprint play out before. When we look back at the New England wide drought, the worst ever, the true cause and effect spanned a grueling eight years rather than just a brief moment in time.

The warning signs started in the late 1950s as groundwater tables silently collapsed. Sensing this long before humans did, local beavers went into a build-

ing frenzy across the Ware River watershed to trap every remaining trickle.

Because they aggressively fortified their dams ahead of time, those beaver wetlands remained the only green oases on the landscape when the worst of the crisis peaked, keeping the entire water table from completely bottoming out.

Today, they are sensing a similar dry cycle coming sooner than our official calendars predict. They are frantically working to recharge the groundwater sponge that human development continually drains. We should not forget the countless species that benefit from their work for the benefit of all, continuously engineering and adapting to support a fragile food web.

These sanctuaries provide necessary, life-sustaining refuge and food for species that are endangered or of special concern in Massachusetts. This includes the Eastern Pond Mussel, a rare freshwater mussel that relies entirely on stable, slow-moving pools. And, as local bird watchers and nature enthusiasts well know, these beaver

ponds are crucial oases for local avian life, sustaining the thick wetlands required by secretive marsh birds, waterfowl and migratory species to survive.

Yet, instead of cooperating with them, we see a combined attack from all sides on our sensitive watershed ecosystems from lethal trapping to the push for disruptive industrial battery-storage parks. When we strip away nature’s defenses and eliminate our wild allies, who truly suffers? In the end, we do, the interconnected web of life and the beavers do.

Years ago, I wrote about these essential connections in a poem titled “Dawn Unfolds at the Old Secluded Reservoir,” published in defense of the beavers right here in the Barre Gazette, and in a second piece, “If Henry Were I,” which was partially featured in the Thoreau Society newsletter.

I carry the spirit of those words with me today. We do not have to resort to destruction. Modern flow control devices and pond levelers permanently solve neighbor-

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

After having my cataract removed in my right eye my eye sight is not that good so please excuse if there are errors.

Today I was seeing little flashes of light, which have now gone away.

I had the long driveway partially paved this week so it is nice to drive down. Hopefully it will be good for winter, but ice is our problem here.

The contractor that plows our driveway installed the material. I wish he did sanding as that is what we really need.

The handyman took Ken for a ride in his new truck. Ken got to see the driveway and the handyman picked some apples in various places in town.

We then had a tasting party. I made an apple pie out of some of the apples he picked and apple sauce.

We are anxious to get some nice New England cider. Last year the Walmart store only had apple juice. I am wondering if they can sell cider?

We have a lot of dwarf apple trees, but because the bees did not pollinate and they were not sprayed the crop will not be good.

I picked some tomatoes and peppers out of the planter boxes, but the lettuce has gone by.

I also have been rooting some of the houseplants and

herbs.

Here is a recipe that I used to make quite often. You need three one pound coffee cans, which I have saved for this recipe.

It is called Hobo Bread and makes three loaves. It is sort of like what we used to call brown bread, which we had with baked beans.

HOBO BREAD

4 teaspoons baking soda
2 cups boiling water
2 cups dark raisins
1 cup flour
2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons oil

Mix baking soda and water together and pour over the raisins. Let stand overnight without stirring. Next morning sift together the flour sugar and salt and stir this into the raisin mixture with a spoon.

Add oil and continue to mix well with a spoon. Batter will be thick. Grease and flour three one pound coffee cans and put 1/3 mixture in each can.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1/2 hour. Reduce heat to 325 degrees and bake another 1/2 hour.

Near the end of the baking cover the open cans with foil, if necessary to prevent excessive browning. Remove from oven and turn cans on side and turn occasionally to loosen the bread.

Slice and enjoy. I like

cream cheese on it.

This and That

I have been filing and checking out papers in the garage and finding interesting articles I have not read in a while.

I have file cabinets of houses of Hubbardston, people of Hubbardston, organizations of town etc. All of this will be given to the museum of the Hubbardston Historical Society.

When I was curator of the museum one of the most frequent questions asked was do you have a history of my house or my people. Those files and the scrapbooks were used the most by the visitors to the museum.

Recently I have been helping people of the Meeting House Committee on the history of that building. There are two histories of Hubbardston, Stowes of 1881 and Sullivans of 1963. Also the Images of Hubbardston by Gary Kangas is helpful for pictures.

It won't be long in the house plants will have to be brought in. I did root the geraniums last year and they blossomed nicely this year.

The coleus are another one that I like to root. I keep an aloe plant or two especially for stove burns. I never was able to keep any herbs over the winter.

Have a good week.

COLUMN from page 4

hood flooding without harming a single animal.

I hope Oakham and our surrounding towns will choose a path of coexistence, honoring both our infrastructure and the wild neighbors who help sustain the very ground and water beneath our feet. There are resources such as The Beaver Institute

(www.beaverinstitute.org) that offers professional, non-lethal beaver management online classes and field work that teaches successful, innovative beaver management techniques that resolve beaver-human conflicts.

Respectfully, and on behalf of the wildlife who cannot speak for themselves, Thoreau was furious that people praised the legendary

intelligence of the beaver but would still rather kill them for fashion.

In an intense journal entry on April 8, 1859, he wrote: "We have heard much of the wonderful intelligence of the beaver, but that regard for the beaver is all a pretense and we would give more for a beaver hat than to preserve the intelligence of the whole race of beavers."

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soon be no more. A piece of heavy equipment sits in the yard at the old Barre Wool Combing Company in South Barre. Windows are removed and a chain link fence encloses the area. An American Flag waves from a lamp post at Nornay Park across the street. A sign warning people to "stay clear" due to "demolition in progress" is mounted on the fence. This piece of heavy equipment sits idle on a weekend, but the operator will begin working on demolishing the building this week.

Keven Dandrade, an engineer for TEC, Inc. of Worcester presented a plan for a possible High Street corridor at a public information meeting during the Aug. 30 Hubbardston select board meeting. He said High Street was 4,000 feet long and provided access to Rte. 68 from both ends. It also connected the two fire stations, the one on Main Street and the main station further down Rte. 68. He said the firm conducted field visits to High Street. Cars, trucks, pedestrians and bicyclist use the road. The road has a closed drainage system with catch basins and pipes to collect storm water. It has a discontinuous sidewalk, a substantial number of large trees and alligator cracking of the roadway. It is a low volume road with pockets of wetlands.

10 years (Sept. 18, 2016)
Not Available

25 years (Sept. 13, 2001)

The second annual Barre Lions Folk Festival took place Sunday at Felton Field. It had lots of creativity, talent, business acumen and hard work and support from area businesses and individuals to bring the event to fruition.

It also took the audience sitting there on those bleachers in front of the outdoor stage and walking around to get refreshments and visit the many vendors, crafters and non-profit groups. As at last year's festival, Jane McNutt chaired the event and received many congratulations from the announcers. She waved from the sidelines.

The new Petersham Center School moved ahead another large step with voters at the Special Town Meeting very nearly unanimously voting to approve an additional \$922,700 to add to the \$4.25 million already voted over a year ago. One hundred two of the town's 802 registered voters attended, which is just 20 over the by-law required 10% quorum. For a moment after Moderator Richard Nickless posed the question, it seemed that no one would speak, but Richard MacCrae, an architect who resides in town and frequent speaker at any of the sessions relative to the school, took the floor to address a number of items on which he disagrees with the architectural team of Bannister and Greensberg, who have designed the new school.

State Sen. Stephen M. Brewer (D-Barre) has been named to the powerful Senate Ways and Means Committee, a post he has long sought. The announcement came as "a complete surprise" to Brewer during his annual chicken barbecue this past weekend. Senate President Thomas Birmingham, at the event, made the announcement. Brewer, who was elected to a new term in the state Senate last November, said he was honored to receive the appointment. The Ways and Means Committee is considered one of the most important in state government. The

Ways and Means Committee is charged first and foremost with writing the annual state budget, but also considers bills, which while not having a direct cost, could have a financial impact on the state.

38 years (Sept. 17, 1988)

Massachusetts legislators passed a new gun law on July 23 that prohibits any person from carrying an unloaded rifle on any public way. Donald Croff, commander of American Legion Post 2, said this means that no color guard or firing squads can carry rifles in parades and unless changes are made there will be no guns at the exercises on Memorial Day in May or Veterans Day in November. Croff said he received a letter from Dominick Genetti, Department Adjutant form the American Legion in Boston informing the local organizations of the new rule. The new law states, "No person shall carry on any public way an unloaded rifle or shotgun, unless such person is engaged in hunting and is the holder of a valid license issued under Sections 6 to 9, inclusive, or section 51 of Chapter 131, or unless such rifle is enclosed in a case. Whoever violates this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 and may be arrested without a warrant."

Many organizations were represented at the annual Hubbardston Lions Club Field Day held Saturday at the Ted Curtis Recreation Field. The Golden Age Club had a white elephant table, Chinese auction, rug, afghan and quilt auction, bafghan goods and pickles, coffee and doughnuts and handcrafted items. The Scholarship Committee sold fried dough until it ran out. The Lions Club provided hay rides, hot

Guest column

AI has gotten out of hand

Exploiting the DS community

By Samuelle Amelie Millstone
Eighth grade student at Eagle Hill School

AI has gotten out of hand.

People are being fooled by AI and it could get worse and worse if we don't prevent it.

On social media platforms, people are exploiting people with Down syndrome by making AI videos that play with your emotions. Picture this: you see a kid with Down syndrome crying because somebody threw the bag they made by hand on the ground and are laughing at the student with Down syndrome.

The "person" in the video doesn't actually have down syndrome. Instead, it's an AI generated person with DS, made to cry and be humiliated on screen, used that to get likes and views.

Some people think that these videos can help spread Down syndrome awareness, but they actually don't because people with Down Syndrome can take these videos as a joke and might lead to feeling worse about

themselves.

The first problem with this content is that people are allegedly making money by advertising products made by artisans with DS when in fact they are AI generated characters.

And, even if they're not making money by advertising these products, they could be in the future. Every like and view makes these strange videos more normalized.

The person posting is not trying to help. They are trying to get to a place where they can make money off of the content.

Disabilities are being used for AI Generated products. This is called exploitation, exploitation means to treat someone unfairly for personal benefit.

The second problem with these videos is it affects people who actually have Down syndrome. When these fake videos are everywhere, real people start believing in the videos and start feeling bad and want to help.

Instead of being seen as themselves, they are seen as helpless, which is false information, and it encourages pity for an empowered group of people.

Individuals with Down Syndrome are actually real-

ly smart and can achieve big accomplishments. They just need support in a different way than you would maybe need it.

When these videos are being uploaded, the Down Syndrome community loses the chance to speak for itself when other people are speaking for them.

The third problem is that you often cannot tell, who is behind the screen; the account might not be a person at all. They might be AI bots making accounts.

This is a problem because AI doesn't have emotions and they play with human emotions. They play with our feelings by having characters in the videos speaking down to DS characters, saying things like "sure you tried your hardest but you're not there yet" and then walking away.

It might not sound like much, but people are commenting on these videos with messages like "don't give up," "I'll buy a bag from you" and "keep going." The problem is a lot of these commenters have no idea that they are not real people.

I think social media platforms should try to put an end to using AI generated videos that exploit disabled communities.

Rutland Historical Society to host Festival of Forgotten Arts on Sept 26

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society hosts a Festival of Forgotten Arts on Saturday, Sept. 26 on the Lower Rutland Town Common from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This is a fun day exploring and learning about

bygone arts and crafts such as quilting, pottery, chair caning, rug hooking, butter making and more. The event will be held rain or shine.

There is no charge to participate and crafters and artists are welcome to sell their product. To partici-

pate, they must be willing to demonstrate and share information about their craft.

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Art Center hosts new group exhibition and reception

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Art Center, 4 North St., present a new group show featuring the recent works of a painter and two potters.

All are invited to join the artists for an opening reception of “Flow and Form: Mosaics, Paintings, & Pottery by Katie Switzer Walsh, Dianne Dolan and Sevim Kadi” on Sunday, Sept. 13 from 4-6 p.m.

Along with meeting the artists and enjoying a gallery full of their works, the reception offers delicious refreshments and a time to see friends and meet new people from the area. The exhibition is on display through Sunday, Oct. 18.

Orange-based potter Dianne Dolan manages the Petersham Art Center Pottery Studio which she led the effort to reboot after over a decade long dormancy. She and her husband, artist Bill Dolan, also run Dolan Studios in Orange and she is an active member of the Orange Innovation Center.

Christina Eaton of the Art Center’s Education Committee, notes, “Along with her devotion to creating beautiful stoneware pottery, Dianne offers a wide variety of hands-on pottery classes at the Petersham Art Center where her enthusiastic instruction is appreciated by all ages and her students come away with unique creative works. That passion to share and teach comes



Sevim Kadi

through in Dianne’s own work.”

Potter Sevim Kadi creates her ceramic works in her Petersham studio. From beautiful utilitarian pieces for the home and kitchen including plates, platters, bowls, and mugs to unique vessels, Kadi’s works are perfect for gift giving and personal enjoyment.

Kadi and Dolan joined together to reimagine the dormant pottery studio at the Petersham Art Center with assistance from Art Center volunteers and other supporters, creating a vibrant, well



Dianne Dolan

furnished studio and classroom. Both artists offer their works for sale at the Art Center.

Petersham-based artist Katie Switzer Walsh grew up in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, surrounded by the natural beauty of the Ocean State and immersed in a vibrant artistic community which nurtured her love of art from an early age and continues to influence her connection to place.

Switzer Walsh explains that she is a process-based artist whose work draws inspiration from the rich col-

ors, organic forms, textures, and shifting light found in the natural world. Working across a variety of media, her process is intuitive and spontaneous, allowing each piece to remain open to possibility as she responds to the work as it develops, embracing moments of both creation and disruption.

Switzer Walsh has exhibited her work in New England and in Montana, participating in numerous group and solo exhibitions. She earned a BFA in Painting/2D Studies and in Art Education from the University of Massachusetts,



Katie Switzer Walsh

Submitted photos

Dartmouth. She went on to complete her Master of Arts degree in Integrated Arts and Education through the University of Montana. After three years teaching art in Montana, Switzer Walsh returned to the northeast, first Vermont then Massachusetts, where she taught art in Worcester Public Schools.

In 2018, Katie and her husband moved to Petersham. The artist notes of Petersham and the region, it is, “a place I have come to deeply love for its natural beauty, quiet character, and strong sense of community.” Along with her

personal work, Switzer Walsh teaches art to high school students at Murdock Middle High School in Winchendon.

Regular Petersham Art Center hours are Thursday through Sunday from noon-4 p.m. For more information about the exhibition and the Art Center, people may call 978-724-3415.

Since 1912, the Petersham Art Center, located a short distance from Petersham Common, has been home to regional fine art and craft through its shop, gallery, classes and special events.

North Brookfield Board of Selectmen approves paving project

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen approved additional paving on North Main Street at their meeting last Tuesday.

This project will span from Spring Street to utility pole two on East Brookfield Road, which is about 50 feet past the intersection with Ward Street. The project will pave the entirety of Gilbert Street.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$347,490.

Town Accountant Shiela Leblanc broke down the cost, which includes \$321,656 for the roadwork, \$13,000 for aprons, \$8,544 for off duty detail and \$4,300 for line painting. The cost of the project comes from available chapter 90 funding of about \$455,209, leaving the town with just over \$100,000 for other projects.

There are other projects being considered, including paving and reclamation of Stoddard Court and Chase Road. The total cost for the proposed project is \$78,025, including \$18,424 for

Stoddard Court, \$55,885 for Chase Road and an anticipated 5% escalation of \$3,715.

If this project is approved, there will be about \$29,000 left in chapter 90 funds.

The board voted to put this project online for public comment. The spreadsheet can be found on the website (northbrookfield.net).

There is a potential allocation of \$561,834 in chapter 90 and fair share funding coming to the town for fiscal year 2027, once the state approves the budget, according to Leblanc.

Town communication

The board reviewed the four forms of communication in the town, including Code Red, the emergency alert system, the town sign, the town website and the town Facebook page.

Chairman Jamie Gilman said all messaging should come from the Board of Selectmen.

For the Code Red system, the board discussed who should be allowed to utilize it, including the Police and Fire departments, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen for nonemergency notifications and the Water Department in the case of a main break. Selectman Peter Orsi recommended an outreach program at the Senior Center, so people who do not use the internet often can still get Code Red on their devices.

Executive Assistant Mary Beth Kularski said the system can call home phones too, but residents are not automatically signed up. There is a QR code on the website home page to sign up for the system.

Financial items

The board approved a request of \$3,500 from the Holden Hospital account from the Police Department to pay an invoice to Swan for preventative maintenance. They also approved two requests from the Fire Department, including a \$2,823 invoice to Tri State Truck Center for an actuator and \$315 to Fisher Auto Parts for overdue maintenance like fuel, oil and air filters and antifreeze. Both of these repairs were for Engine 1.

Department head reports

The board reviewed department head reports from the Senior Center, Highway Department and Police Department.

The Senior Center reported 429 sign ins, and well attended lunches and a continental breakfast. The Fire Department did a fire safety presentation, and there was a well-attended bingo and pizza night, the next one to be on Sept. 25.

They are working on expanding their newsletter.

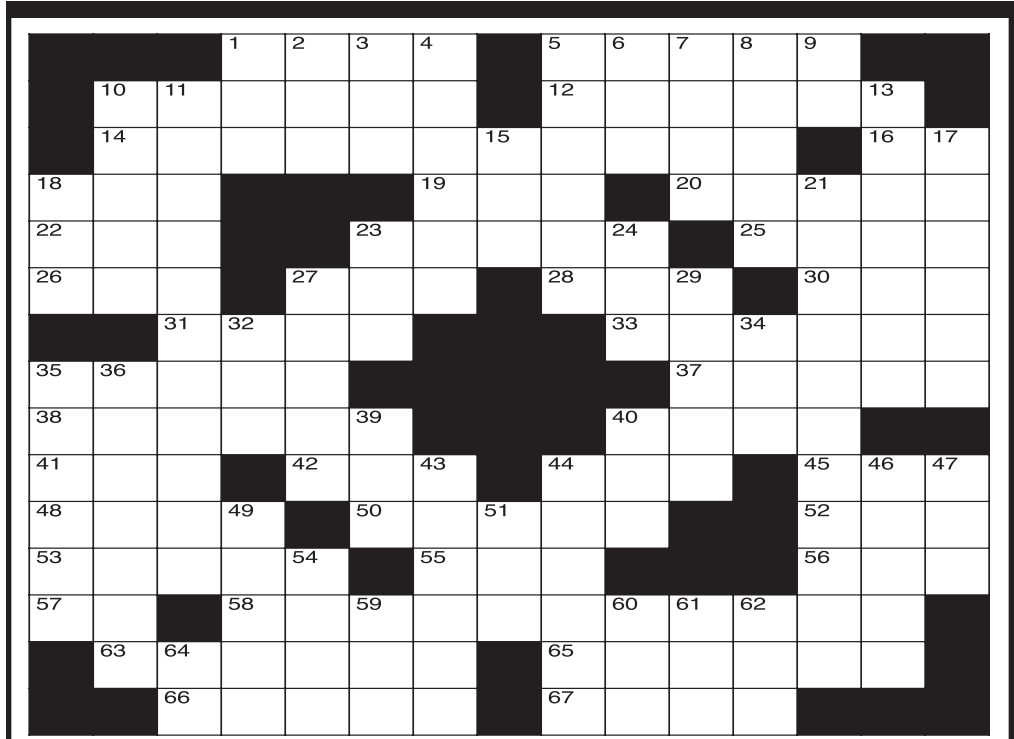
The Highway Department

Donation

A \$1,500 donation to the Fire Department from Bob’s Discount Furniture was accepted by the board.

Administrative items

The board approved warrants including payroll for \$286,509, school for \$30,252, general fund for \$443,123 and \$2,500 debt for \$476,416. The minutes of July 21 and July 27 were accepted and there were multiple officer and board/committee appointments made for FY 27.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Longtime Vogue editor Wintour
- 5. A Spanish title of respect
- 10. A way of looking
- 12. Properly
- 14. Rolled steel
- 16. Not down
- 18. Law degree
- 19. Consume food
- 20. Intermediate ecological stage
- 22. Old world, new
- 23. Dispense justice
- 25. Stiff hair-like structure
- 26. Ethiopia
- 27. Cool!
- 28. Father
- 30. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
- 31. Holm oak
- 33. Be united
- 35. Rattling breaths

- 37. Supermarket chain
- 38. Provided with a quality
- 40. Samoan monetary unit
- 41. Swiss river
- 42. Hill (Celtic)
- 44. Have already done
- 45. ATM company
- 48. Syngman ___, Korean president
- 50. Very willing
- 52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 53. Food listings
- 55. Bachelor’s place to crash
- 56. Big Blue
- 57. Sports magazine
- 58. Relating to a place north of south of the equator
- 63. Female follower of Bacchus
- 65. A type of laugh
- 66. Slovenly women
- 67. Large jug

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Boxing’s GOAT
- 2. Zero
- 3. Midway between north and northeast
- 4. Concurred
- 5. Added flavor
- 6. Amount of time
- 7. Eggs of parasitic insects
- 8. S-shaped moldings
- 9. Atomic #45
- 10. __ d’art: small artistic item
- 11. A godparent’s “kids”
- 13. Nocturnal burrowing lizard
- 15. Hit lightly
- 17. Aircrafts
- 18. Witness
- 21. Alluding to something
- 23. Take to the limit
- 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 27. Start over
- 29. Administered
- 32. Romanian monetary unit
- 34. Unit of liquid capacity
- 35. Equips with weapons again
- 36. Disney town
- 39. Female deer
- 40. Title of respect
- 43. A place to go rafting
- 44. A way to conclude
- 46. Type of television
- 47. Georgia rockers
- 49. Leonhard ___, Swiss mathematician
- 51. Slang for gun
- 54. River in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 59. Bar bill
- 60. Small, gray-headed crow
- 61. Frozen water
- 62. Norwegian krone
- 64. Commercial

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – A special town meeting was held last Tuesday where residents voted on and approved six articles, including a lighting improvement project.

The motion was for a transfer of \$98,448 from the Capital Stabilization account to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for lighting improvement projects at the Haston Free Public Library and Police Station.

Finance Committee member Roger Brooks said there were some incentives to

reduce the cost of the project, including a 0% loan from National Grid, and about \$51,000 of the motion money will be used to pay the debt, with the rest rolling back into the Capital Stabilization account.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jamie Gilman said there were moving parts, with incentives changing, and they needed a number for the motion, so they stuck with the larger number. The funds will roll back at the annual town meeting.

Fire Department items

The town voted to move to a weak chief form of fire department rather than a board

of engineers during this year’s annual town meeting, so there were additions to the fire chief salary voted on.

A total of \$9,093.87 was transferred to the chief salary account from the assistant chief salary account, deputy chief salary account and safety inspector salary account. Article 5 transferred \$4,625.01 from the assistant chief salary account to the Fire Department salary account.

Police Department item

Article 6 transferred \$21,200 from the Police Department office expense account to the Police Department electricity expense account.

Senior Center lists upcoming events

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center, located at 29 Forest St., will offer the following programs during the month of September.

Activities and events

include: Strength and Flexibility on Sept. 14 and 28 from 10-11 a.m.; Veteran’s Agent on Sept. 16 from 10-11 a.m.; Accessible Home Health info session on Sept. 16 at 11 a.m.; Bingo night

on Sept. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. Music Bingo on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. and Greendale Friends Retiree Chorus on Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. Ongoing activities include Interactive Games on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Spencer Fair continues Labor Day tradition



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette
A cow from Thistle Rock Farm in New Braintree eyed one of its neighbors across the barn at the Spencer Fair, held this past weekend.



Newly hatched chicks drew many visitors.



One of the dogs from Central K9 Performance Dogs took a dive at the Spencer Fair.



Terry Baker's second place giant pumpkin weighed in at 431 pounds.



Michael Vinsh took third place with this 328.8 pound giant pumpkin.

ROSETTE RIBBON WINNERS from page 1

Milking Shorthorn
Wally Fusco, James Doubleday and Lauren Olson.

Shorthorn
Wally Fusco

Jersey
Annie Russell, Harper Fusco and Sara Doubleday.

Crafts Youth
Henry Beaulieu*, Rhett Rollet, Everett Ramos, Otis May, Summer Keddy, Ava Graves, Bria Duncan, Maeven Litchfield, Adaline Graves, Piper Hager, Hazel Rose Carter, Hannah Beaulieu, Ximena Palomera and Shannon Steins.

Crafts Adult
Nancy Brown*, Vladia Buelow, Marilyn Frost, Lisa Cohen, Ellie Shea, Patti Schaaf, Donald Chartier, Matthew Hager, Joseph Latulippe, Gary O'Brien, Alice May Lowell, Joyce Brousseau, Diane Buzzell, Amanda Lapete and Mike Begin.

Eggs Youth
Emily Beaulieu*, Jake Gelineau and Adelyn Healey.

Eggs Adult
Kristyl Kelly* and Kim Wright.

Fiber Arts Youth
Daisy Stevens*, Emily Beaulieu, Madeline Boyko and Emily Flynn.

Fiber Arts Adult
April Rose Carter*, Kim Wright, Marilyn Frost, Kira Hakanson, Diana Cooley, Sarah Duncan, Gus Block, Sherry Johnson, Kate Morreale, Vanessa Cloutier, Brianna Pascale, Kaitlyn Malin, Cheryl Allen and Daisy Stevens.

Field Crops
Magnus Ruud*, Sarah Bjorklund*, Ray Waugh, Dana Prouty, Ava Prouty and Miles Sidur.

Flowers Youth
Jake Gelineau, Hallie Stachowicz, Emily Beaulieu, Alice Gelineau, Jackson Currier, Brooke Healey, Otto Raymond, Adelyn Healey, Margaret Annunziata, Kip Stillman, Riley Quattrucci and Summer Keddy.



Fruits, Vegetables & Herbs Adult
Curtis Stillman*, Abbie White, Roberta McQuaid, Becky Bottomley, Paul Lagrant, Chet Boronski, Marlo Stein, Heather Vinskey, Brad Petrishen, Imanuela Costiner, Kira Hakanson, Warren Johnson, Kim Mongeau, Nancy Butler and Colin Brown.

Home Canning Junior
Dominic Sullivan

Home Canning Adult
Hilarie Shea*, Kristen Coltey-Wentworth, Becky Bottomley and Patricia Byrnes.

LEGOs
Ryan Bottomley*, Bria Duncan*, Michael Bottomley, Forrest Raymond and William Wentworth.
Literary Competition Youth
Adaline Graves, Bria Duncan, Maren Goddard and Faith Holland.



Literary Competition Adult
Laura Grunwerger*, Diane Buzzell and Ginger Petraglia.

Nature Photography & Conservation Youth
Cheyenne Simmons*, Kayla Stafford, Moira Powers, Rhett Rollet and Kayla Stafford.

Nature Photography & Conservation Adult
Laura Grunwerger*, Becky Bottomley, Keith LaChapelle, Sheena Korzec, Sylvia Sandridge, Eileen White and Harriet Pindell.

Photography Youth
Cheyenne Simmons*



(Best Photo Taken of the 2025 Hardwick Fair in Youth Category), Lily Nydam*, Rhett Rollet, Penny Ouimette, Brigham Richardson, Moira Powers and Quinn Ouimette.

Photography Adult
Eileen White*, Neil Halin (Best Photo Taken of the 2025 Hardwick Fair in Adult

Category), Harriet Pindell, Tim Gribbons, Neil Halin, Carolynne Lapointe, Carmen LaChapelle, Britta Naglack and Brett Duncan.

Scarecrows Youth
Samantha Mace

Scarecrows Adult
Matthew Hager and Linda Tomasi.

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

VENDORS FOR CRAFT FAIR are needed for the Rutland Friends of the Council on Aging craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Rutland Senior Center, Glenwood Road, Rutland. Those interested can get information at calling 508-886-7945.

CRAFTERS needed for the GFWC Northboro Junior Woman’s Club is now accepting crafters’ applications for the 49th Annual Harvest Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Robert E. Mexican Middle School, 145 Lincoln St., Northboro. This is a juried show requiring that all items are handmade. Please visit NJWC’S website for applications and more show details at www.northborojuniors.org/craft-fair.html. The Northboro Junior Woman’s Club is a non-profit organization that has been active in Northboro for over 40 years. They support community projects in Northboro as well as internationally.

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS start up today from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. This four part chorus is always looking for singers who enjoy a good time and don’t mind working hard for a beautiful blend. This season’s picks are: “A Doc” arranged Christmas medley; “Come to the Woods” by Jake Runestad; “Feels Like Home;” “Carol of the Bells;” “Down in the River to Pray;” “Hallelujah Chorus” and Sign No More, Ladies,” an original from Tom Martin.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

GARDENING WORKSHOP entitled “Plant Propagation and Simple Stem Cuttings,” takes place today at 7 p.m. in the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road, Ware. The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly “In the Garden” column for Turley Publications. Attendees will learn about the various types of plant propagation. Seed sowing, simple stem cuttings and even grafting will be covered in a broad sense. This time of year people often take stem cuttings of tender plants to overwinter. Participants should bring their own potted plant (geranium, coleus, fuchsia, Rosemary, mint, etc.) to share cuttings with others or take cuttings from some of the plants provided. Everyone will leave with a cutting(s) in a pot that can be rooted at home. People may visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENT hosted by the 9/11 Committee, Barre Veteran’s Services and American Legion Post 2 takes place today at 8:30 a.m. on North Common, Barre.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

ANNUAL CAR SHOW sponsored by the Barre Lions Club takes place today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine. All types of



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

This week’s mystery photo is from North Brookfield If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, Sept. 14. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik and James Laramée correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the drop off box in front of the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree.

vehicles are welcome. The entry fee is \$15 to show and spectators are free. They’ll be a D.J., a huge raffle table, tee-shirts, a 50/50 and swag bags for all entrants. People’s Choice plaques will be awarded at the end of the show. For more information, people may email barremalionsclub@aol.com.

BARBECUE AND FAMILY FAIR for St. Carlo Acutis Parish takes place today with a family picnic from 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept 12 at St. Joseph’s Church, 296 North Main St., North Brookfield. There will be plenty of fair style food and a chicken barbecue on served on Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Cost for the chicken barbecue is \$15 per person for adults and \$8 for children age 12 and under. Barbecue tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office by calling 508-867-6469 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday from noon-3 p.m. There will be raffles. A bake sale will be held Sunday.

DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star takes place today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. in the dining room of Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre.

People can come to breakfast then enjoy the Lions Club Car Show on Barre Common. They may design their own pancake with lots of fun fillings plus sausage gravy with

biscuits, waffles, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and real maple syrup. No one leaves hungry. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 5 and under.

STERLING FAIR takes place today and Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Sterling Airport Grounds, 121 Grenland Road, Sterling. The Sterling Grange will be serving a pancake breakfast during the Sterling Fair today and Sunday, Sept.13 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Two pancakes, two sausage links, and two beverages (coffee, orange juice, milk, or water) make up a full stack for \$10. If a short stack is preferred, the meal consists of one of each item for \$7. Thanks to Severance Maple Products of Northfield for donating the maple syrup, Superior Plus Propane for fueling the grills and members from local chapters of Holden and Central Community Granges for helping to plan and serve. No reservations are needed. For more information, people may email sterlinggrange53@gmail.com or call 508-886-2341.

KID’S CORNER WORKSHOP takes place today at 10 a.m. in the Ware Grange, 297 Belchertown Road, Ware. Kids’ Corner workshops are led by preschool teacher, Jen McNally, and teach children about nature and the environment through stories, songs and fun activities. This workshop will help children understand the connection between

diet and health. They will discover how putting the right kinds of foods into their body can help keep them healthy. They will also explore the food groups and the importance of fruits and vegetables. Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY YARD SALE takes place today at the Barre Historical Society and Museum, Common Street, Barre. They organized areas of interest such as: a collectibles table of antique or slightly more valuable items, a jewelry table, kitchen wares including pots and pans, dishes, dish sets, serving platters, etc., smaller pieces of quality furniture, vintage stereo items, quality clothing, electronics and tools, Christmas and other holiday decorations and so much more. The Historical Society seeks both a coffee setup and a lunch sponsor to keep their hard-working volunteers energized at the upcoming fundraiser yard sale day.

ARCHITECTURE AND PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP takes place today. Sunday, Sept. 13 and Saturday, Sept. 19 from 1-3 p.m. at the Episcopal church, 499 Vernon Avenue, South Barre. People will learn all about the history and architecture of the stone church in South Barre and practice photography style and composition when shooting a church. People should bring their camera or phone. To sing up people should email koproav@gmail.com.

OAKHAM FIRE AND POLICE FUNDRAISER hosted by Stillman’s Farm, Route 68, New Braintree takes place today from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All Saturdays sales will be split between the fire and police departments. On Saturday, Sept.26 all of their proceeds go to the New Braintree Fire Department. This annual fundraiser for Stillman’s Farm gives back to the community.

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME takes place today at 11:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library. 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. Children enjoy a story, craft and independent playtime. All are welcome and parental supervision is required.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

THE MONTAUK PROJECT PROGRAM featuring paranormal researcher and television personality Dustin Pari takes place today at 6 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre. This program for teens and adults explores the legend of the Montauk Project, an alleged series of secret Cold War-era experiments said to have involved mind control, psychic research and even inter dimensional phenomena. Blending documented history, conspiracy lore and popular

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rent assessing clerk, Leanne Moses is set to start maternity leave in mid October, and will come back on a 16 hour part-time basis following the leave.

Ellis said because of her absence, they are divvying out the roles she worked in to a new position.

Ellis said the town is also planning on implementing a full-time position for land use and Board of Health clerk. They would be responsible for the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ellis said the budget will cover the position for assessing and building, and the land use budget will cover most of the full-time position, but the town is still working with the Board of Health Chair Gael Moncoeur to figure out how much the Board of Health budget will be used.

The board also noted a change in the town administrator job description, which will have the upper limit of the salary range be \$130,000 rather than \$150,000 due to a prior vote.

Intermunicipal agreement

The board approved an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of

Winchendon for accounting services for \$3,500 a month. Bragan said this is \$8,000 less than what the town currently spends, and avoids soft costs.

The expected start date is Oct. 1. He said they are preparing for an overlap with the current Accountant Marcia Bohinc.

Appointments and resignations

The board appointed Darryl Gagne to the Zoning Board of Appeals and accepted the resignation of Jim Vincent as a cemetery worker.

Town Administrator’s report

Bragan said he met with department heads, and they are working toward the STM and getting free cash certified. He said they are also working on the permit system and he met with the yoga studio because they want to extend their lease.

Upcoming events

There is a 5k on Sept. 12 put on by the library trustees starting at 9 a.m. at the Hubbardston Center School; a field day on Sept. 19 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; a car show at the rod and gun club on Oct. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; a fundraiser at the first meetinghouse on Oct. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; trick or treating on Oct. 31 and election day on Nov. 3.

HUBBARDSTON COLUMN from page 3

450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and

the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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Panthers set for regular season

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School boys soccer team tuned up for the regular season by hosting Oakmont last Thursday afternoon.

The Panthers were scheduled to open the regular season earlier this week on the road at Uxbridge.

They will remain on the road on Sept. 10 against West Boylston at 3:30 p.m. and stay on the road for three more games. Their first game is not until Thursday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. against Clinton.



The Panthers go for the header.

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Quabbin moves the ball upfield with Oakmont players in pursuit.



A Panthers varsity hopeful defends against a push from Oakmont.



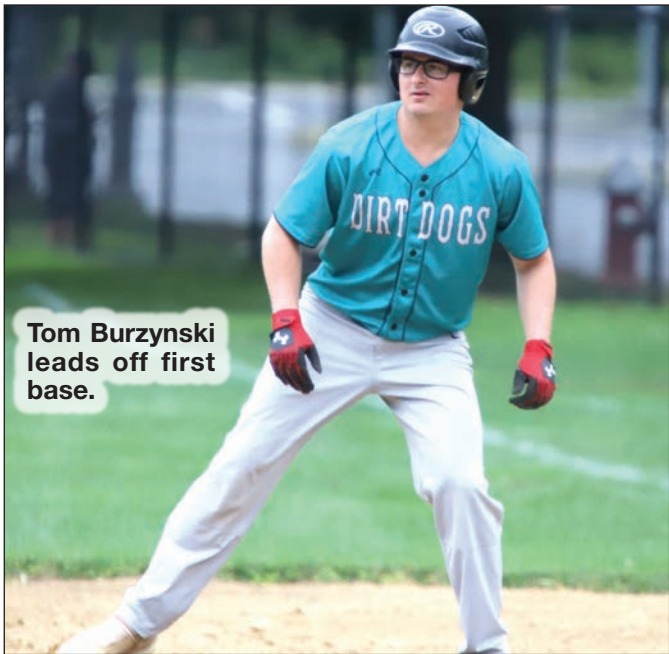
Quabbin goes for possession in Oakmont's end.



Quabbin was in preseason action last week with Oakmont.



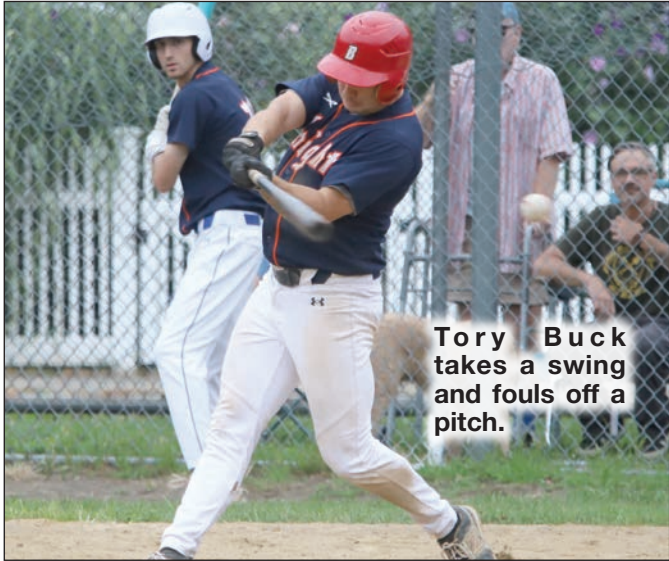
Pete Moulin sends a pitch away for the Dirt Dogs.



Tom Burzynski leads off first base.

Dirt Dogs take Pioneer Valley championship

SOUTH HADLEY – On Aug. 22 at Beachgrounds Park, after trailing earlier in the game, the Dirt Dogs came back to defeat the Knights 7-5 to sweep a best-of-three game championship series to win the Pioneer Valley Baseball League's title for 2026. This was the first year of Pioneer's merger with the Quabbin Valley Baseball League. The merger included the addition of the Blue Jays to bring the league to six teams. The Dirt Dogs had Pioneers best record of 19-2 in the regular season and the Dirt Dogs went on to win five consecutive games in the double elimination playoffs. The Knights went 16-4 in the regular season and were defeated in winner's bracket of the playoffs by the Dirt Dogs. They would go on to



Tory Buck takes a swing and fouls off a pitch.

beat the Wolves 2-1 in 11 innings in the elimination final to make it to the championship series for a rematch with the Dirt Dogs. The Dirt Dogs won the championship

opener 18-4 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke on Aug. 18. Pioneer will have a four-team fall league for the first time, which begins on Sept. 12.

Pathfinder girls soccer gets going

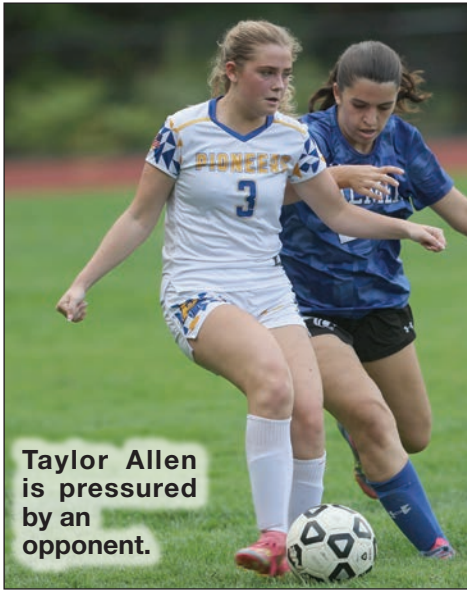
PALMER – Last Thursday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer had its preseason scrimmage, taking on cross-town rival Palmer High School. The two teams are both gearing up for the regular season.

Pathfinder was set to open the season on Thursday, Sept. 10, taking on Lee at home. The Pioneers are on the road Monday afternoon, Sept. 14 at Commerce at 4 p.m.

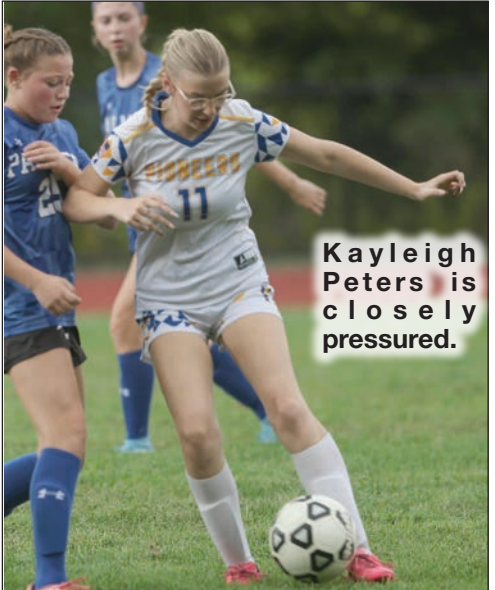
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Aubrey Ortiz sends the goal kick away.



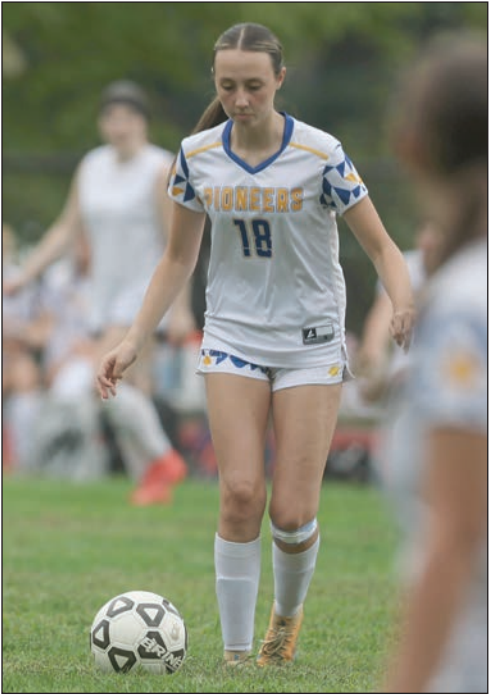
Taylor Allen is pressured by an opponent.



Kayleigh Peters is closely pressured.



Ellyana LaValley keeps play moving up the field.



Abigail Carmody gets ready to make a big kick.

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.

Sports

Thunderbirds announces series of promotional themes for new season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are excited to unveil a stacked promotional and theme schedule for the 2026-27 AHL season, marking the 100th anniversary of professional hockey in the City of Firsts. This year’s promo calendar blends fan-favorite traditions with new giveaways and never-before-seen surprises sure to delight T-Birds fans of all ages.

“As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of professional hockey here in Springfield, we take immense pride in knowing this game has been a staple of our community for a century—and in the atmosphere we’ve cultivated for fans of all ages,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. “Our mission has always been to create traditions and marquee nights that people look forward to year after year—blending pop culture, meaningful community initiatives, and inventive, spirited experiences that make every game memorable. Thanks



to our incredible fans, the Thunderdome has grown into one of the most electric environments in the league, and that passion and deep connection to our fanbase continues to fuel everything we do.”

Once again this season, fans should note that all Saturday home games will kick off with 6:05 p.m. puck drops, along with one Wednesday night matchup on March 10. Paid parking will continue to be available throughout the season at the nearby Convention Center CarPark, and The Landing—the outdoor plaza next to the CarPark—will be open and activated for select nights during the season. Fans seeking free parking can still take advantage of the MGM Springfield

garage. The puck drops on Saturday, Oct. 10, with Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield as the T-Birds welcome the Laval Rocket to town as head coach Steve Ott and captain Chris Wagner leads their squad into an exciting new season. Ahead of puck drop, fans can stop by The Landing for the Community Bank N.A. season-opening Block Party, presented with support from the Springfield BID, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., featuring live music by Fever, food & drink, and plenty of energy to launch another unforgettable season. The T-Birds are poised to celebrate an 11th consecutive Opening Night sellout inside the Thunderdome.

In addition to the appearances and themes below, fans can expect to see specialty jerseys corresponding to the following themes: Teddy Bear Toss, Heritage Night, Ice-O-Topes Night, Pink in the Rink, and St. Patrick’s Day.

Railers announce preseason matchup

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the St. Louis Blues (@StLouisBlues), announced a home pre-season game, presented by Bando Performance, to be played on October 10th at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center. at 7:05 p.m.

New this season, this year’s preseason game in Worcester on Oct. 10 will be a ticketed event. All proceeds from the game will be donated towards the Captain’s Fund, which provides financial assis-



tance and support for youth hockey families. Fans can purchase \$5 tickets for the opener.

Promotional Schedule

The Worcester Railers have announced the themes for all 36 home games for the 2026-27 season. This season’s promotional sched-

ule includes 13 different giveaway nights, eight nights with specialty jerseys, and nine nights where the Railers will be donning their brand new Heart of the Commonwealth Jerseys. Fans can click here to view the full 2026-27 Worcester Railers Promotional Schedule.

The Worcester Railers HC 2026-27 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Sat., Oct. 17th and Sun. Oct. 18 vs. the Maine Mariners and Trois-Rivières Lions. The 508 Club is now on sale for the 2026-27 season.



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

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Barre Gazette will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to dflynn@turley.com or drop off a photo to Barre Gazette, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 20, 2026.

There is no cost to submit a photo. No photos will be accepted after deadline. If you would like to use a prior submitted photo, please contact Dan Flynn no later than October 13th (413) 297-5886.

In the Classroom

Mahar High to hold 50+ high school reunion Sept. 19

ORANGE – The Mahar 50+ Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Athol Legion on Exchange Street, Athol.

Muriel Holden ‘59 and Maureen Riendeau ‘67 are general chairmen. The doors open at 12:25 p.m. for the “Meet and Greet.” This event is open to anyone who attended Mahar with the graduating classes of 1957 - 1976.

Members of all graduating classes will have the opportunity to socialize and enjoy a meal together, while helping to raise money for scholarships for Mahar graduates. Michelle LaBelle is catering the meal, which includes stuffed chicken breast, baked stuffed haddock, Swedish meat balls, mashed potato, vegetable, tossed garden salad, rolls and butter, coffee, cookies and brownies.

Last year the Mahar 50+ Club raised \$10,606 for the Orange Scholarship Fund bringing the total contributions from past reunions to over \$61,731. The Club hopes to raise even more money for scholarships this year and will accept donations until Dec. 30.

All donations are gratefully accepted; none too small. All the money donated goes to and is appreciated by Mahar students receiving these scholarships.

Maureen Riendeau is accepting donations of gifts for the tabletop auction from now until Wednesday, Sept. 16. There will be also be a raffle of lottery tickets and cash.

Reservations should be made before Sunday, Sept. 6 and ticket money should be mailed to one of the class representatives listed below.

Committee members include Yvette Nadeau LaCroix (58), 186 Holtshire Road, Orange, MA 01364, 978 544 8921; Muriel Holden (59), 1 Terrace Avenue, Athol, MA 01331, 978 249 9313 murielholden@verizon.net; Jeri Ball Deyo (60), 175 East Main St., Orange, MA 01364, 978 544 2089 deyo175@msn.com; Wil Stockwell (61), 190 Chase St., Orange, MA 01364, 978 544 2703 wilchase704@gmail.com; *(62), looking for a class representative; Cheryl Bundy Metevier (63), 249 North Main St., Orange, MA 01364, 978 544 7067 cmetevier@yahoo.com; Sandi MacKnight Poirot, (63) 1257 Cottonwood Cir, Corona, CA 92879, 951 264 1559 jspoirot@aol.com; Alana Anderson Day (64), 313 Orange Road, Warwick, MA 01378, 978 544 6161 alana-geo@alana-georgeday.com; Sandi Woodbury Eklund (65), 30 Marjorie St.,

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September is leading month for fires in student housing

STOW – Governor Maura Healey proclaimed September College Fire Safety Month in Massachusetts as thousands of students return to campus and move into dormitories, apartments and other student housing.

Fire officials are offering guidance to help prevent fires and injuries during what is traditionally the leading month for fires in student housing.

“Massachusetts is proud to welcome thousands of students to our colleges each fall, and we want every one of them to have a safe and successful year,” said Healey. “Most fires in student housing can be prevented. Simple steps like staying in the kitchen while cooking, keeping exits clear and using batteries and chargers safely can save lives.”

“Move-in day comes with a long checklist, and fire safety needs to be on it,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “Before families unpack the last box, check the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, identify two ways out and make sure everyone knows what to do if a fire starts.”

Massachusetts fire departments reported more than 2,500 fires in dormitories, fraternities and sororities between 2021 and 2025. These fires caused six civilian injuries, 10 fire service injuries and approximately \$2.7 million in damage.

Fire officials are also emphasizing the importance of safety in apartments and other off-campus housing. Two Massachusetts college students died in separate, unrelated off-campus fires in 2013.

“College Fire Safety Month is an important reminder that keeping stu-

dents safe is a shared responsibility,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “Colleges and universities, property owners, families, and students all have a role to play. As students return to campus and settle into new housing, we encourage everyone to review basic fire safety, make sure alarms are working, and know what to do in an emergency.”

Massachusetts law requires landlords to provide working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Students should test their alarms when they move in and immediately notify their landlord if an alarm is missing, damaged or not working.

Students should also check the manufacturing date printed on the back of each alarm.

Smoke alarms should generally be replaced after 10 years. Carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after five, seven or 10 years, depending on the make and model.

About 90% of fires in student housing are related to cooking, with unattended cooking the most common factor. Students should remain in the kitchen when using the stovetop, use a timer when cooking in the oven, and never cook while drowsy or impaired.

With Sept. 1 marking the primary move-in date for students across Massachusetts, fire officials are also reminding students to keep escape routes clear. Boxes, furniture, bikes, and other belongings should not block windows, doorways, hallways, or stairwells.

Students should know two ways out of their building and, when possible, two ways out of each room. If an alarm sounds, occupants should leave the building, stay outside, and call 9-1-1.

Students can also reduce the risk of fire by following these precautions:

Smoking responsibly

There is no safe way to smoke, but if you must

smoke then do it responsibly. Don’t flick them on the ground, where they can smolder and ignite debris, or grind them out on porches or steps.

Use a heavy ashtray on a sturdy surface and put it out, all the way, every time.

Electrical safety

Always plug appliances like air conditioners and space heaters into wall sockets that can handle the current, not power strips or extension cords. Don’t overload outlets with multiple devices.

Use of space heaters

Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep. Never leave a space heater unattended.

Cook carefully

Don’t leave pots and pans unattended on a lit stovetop, and keep flammable items away from burners. In the event of a grease fire, smother the flames with a lid and then turn off the heat.

Only cook when you’re alert, not when you’re drowsy or impaired.

Monitor candles

Never leave candles burning unattended. Extinguish them before leaving the room. Even better, switch to battery-powered candles.

Properly charge lithium-ion batteries

Use the charging equipment provided by the manufacturer and disconnect it when the device is charged. Charge phones, laptops, e-cigarettes, e-bike batteries, and other devices on a hard and stable surface – never a bed, couch, or pillow.

If you notice an unusual odor, change in color, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises, stop using the device right away. If you are able to do so safely, move it away from anything that can burn and call your local fire department.

For more fire safety tips for both on and off campus, visit www.mass.gov/dfs.

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Obituaries

Richard “Dick” Bartus

Richard “Dick” Bartus, dad passed away on Sept. 3, 2026 after a brief illness and went out exactly how he wanted to—stubbornly.

If you knew him, you probably already know he would want to say a few words about this obituary. Unfortunately, he’s not here to correct us, add a few details or make the story considerably longer than necessary. So, for once, we’ll have to tell it ourselves.

He was a guy, who went by several names: Richard, Rich, Dick, Dickbob, Dad, The Old Man, Deputy, Slew Foot, Ladd, and his favorite and most proud title, Grump. He was a true family man and, without question, loved spending time with his family more than anything.

Nothing made him happier than having all of us sitting around the table, eating, drinking, laughing and talking over one another. And, of course, if Dad was there, there was a very good chance he was doing most of the talking.

Second only to being with family, hanging with the “Cocktail Club” or being anywhere he could be the center of attention, telling stories, was exactly where Dad wanted to be. During these gatherings, if Dad gave you one of his nicknames, you knew you had officially made it—you were now part of “the clique.”

Dad was a truck driver by trade, but the job he loved most was being a cop in the town of Petersham. He served on the force for more than 27 years, several of them as Deputy Chief. During his time on the force, he saw a lot of things and every single one of them seemed to come with a story.

If you ever wanted to hear those stories, all you had to do was ask—provided, of course, that you had a spare three hours.

Dad was a founding member of the Petersham Lions Club and served enthusiastically for 50 years. He was also a lifetime member of the Petersham Gun Club, where he served as President for several terms. He would bring us to the club with him on Sundays, where we had all kinds of adventures and, over the years, collected a few stories of our own.

Dad loved his three daughters with all his heart, but everyone knew that his three grandsons: Kyle, Tyler, and Joshua were the pride of his life.

Kyle gave Dad the nickname “Grump” when he was a toddler. Dad wore the name with pride. It not only stuck, but suited him so perfectly that most people eventually just defaulted to calling him Grump for the rest of his days.

Dad loved spending time with his grandsons—hunting, fishing, coaching their Little League team, talking their ears off, and, of course, bragging about them whenever he had the



opportunity. And he never seemed to run out of opportunities.

In recent years, nothing made Dad smile quite like seeing his great-grandchildren. Colton, Cooper, Walker and Lennon brought an entirely different kind of joy to his life and watching him with them was something we will always treasure.

He leaves behind his three daughters, Anne-Marie Bartus (Michael Peterson), Margaret Cooley and Jennifer Bartus (Tony Glazier); three grandsons, Kyle Cooley, Tyler Cooley (Brittney Field), and Joshua Cooley (Kim Pagnoni) and four great-grandchildren, Colton, Cooper, Walker and Lennon Cooley.

He also leaves behind his closest friends, Robert and Monika Perkins and Dickie Cooley, along with the rest of the Cocktail Club gang; the Breakfast Boy: Robert, Denis, Dana, and Dickie; sisters-in-law Carolyn Coughlin, Judy Thayer, brother-in-law John Thayer; as well as a community of friends and family who now might finally be able to get a word in edgewise.

Dad was predeceased by his beloved wife of 62 years, Michaele Bartus; his parents, Peter and Anna Bartus; his stepmother, Elaine Bartus; his sister, Patricia Wetherby; his in-laws, Bob and Louise Thayer; brother-in-law Bob Thayer and sister-in-law Patricia Kellogg.

Though Dad may no longer be here to tell those stories himself, we will carry them forward—with plenty of laughter, a few eye rolls, and probably a little exaggeration of our own.

Dad will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten. If you have a minute, please raise a glass and remember the good times. Tell a story about Dad. Laugh about something he did. And if the story seems a little too unbelievable, well... that’s probably exactly how Dad would have told it.

Rest easy, Dad. The last word is finally yours. Not above you, not beneath you, but with you.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.mackfamilyfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Petersham Police Association c/o Petersham Police P.O. Box 486 Petersham, MA 01366.

Please join us for a celebration of life to share stories and a cocktail on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Athol Legion 325 Pequigo Avenue, Athol, MA.

DEATH NOTICE

Bartus, Richard “Dick”
Died Sept. 3, 2026
Celebration of life to share stories and a cocktail Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Athol Legion 325 Pequigo Avenue, Athol, Massachusetts

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Public Notices

Town of Barre NOTICE OF CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Select Board of the Town of Barre, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority for a cable television license under M.G.L. c.166A, will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:15PM.** The public hearing will be held in the Select Board meeting room of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St., Barre, MA 01005. The purpose of the public hearing will be to determine whether to issue a cable television license to Charter Communications. All applications, reports, statements and license drafts to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on the topic: (a) whether the current cable operator is in full compliance with its currently existing cable license; and (b) what are the Town’s future community cable-related needs.
09/03, 09/10/2026

PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON September 19, 2026 AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:
2015 GMC Terrain
VIN 2GKFLZE39F6299940
2008 Mazda Mazda6
VIN 1YVHP80C785M35307
2007 Honda CR-V
VIN 5J6RE48397L016179
2005 Nissan Xterra VIN 5N1A-N08U25C618063
2006 BMW 3 Series
VIN WBAYD135X6KV04069
2013 Mercedes-Benz E-Class
VIN WDDHF8JB9DA734433
1998 Toyota Corolla
VIN 2T1BR12E7WC087035
2012 Honda Accord
VIN 1HGCP2F66CA193545
2011 Ford Fusion
VIN 3FAHP0HA2BR321073
2018 Kia Sorento
VIN 5XYPHDA4JG423037
2006 Pontiac Vibe
VIN 5Y2SM65806Z419520
2005 Honda Accord
VIN 1HGCM56435A013546
2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee
VIN 1C4RJFAG3HC720387
2001 Mercedes-Benz CLK
VIN WDBLK65G41T073841
2005 Ford F-150
VIN 1FTPW14525FB73323
2017 Ram 1500

VIN 1C6RR7YT3HS538543
**The sale will be held at
Early’s on Park Ave.
536 Park Ave.
Worcester, MA 01603
09/03, 09/10, 09/17/2026**

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF NEW BRAintree

The **Town of New Braintree** invites sealed bids for the purchase of the following vehicle: One (1) New 2026-2027 1-ton regular cab gasoline-powered 4X4 dump truck Bid # FY27 1-Ton
Submission Deadline: Sealed bids will be received until **Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM EST.** Bids must be delivered to New Braintree Highway Department, located at **110 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree, MA 01531.** Bids received after this specified time and date will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **9:15 AM EST** on the deadline date in the Board of Selectmen’s office located at 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree MA 01531.
Bid Specifications: Specifications, instructions, and bidding documents may be obtained at no cost from the **New Braintree Highway Department, 110 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree MA** or on the town website: WWW.NEW-BRAINTREEMA.US.
09/10, 09/17/2026

Docket Number: WO26E0063 Petition to Partition Citation (A.C.92A)

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester Probate
& Family Court**
To: **Constance M Mahan** and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Stephanie M Mahan of Orange in the County of Franklin representing that he/she hold as tenant in common, undivided, part or share of, certain land lying in Barre in said County Worcester and briefly as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the northwesterly side of Barre Plains Park, so-called, in Barre Plains, in said Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Maple Lane, so-called, at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Camilla Puchalsky, said point being thirty-three (33) feet southerly from a line projected from the southerly foundation wall of the house now on the premises here-

in conveyed; thence

Westerly along land now or formerly of Camilla Puchalsky, one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less, to land formerly of one Adams and now or formerly of one Dubinick; thence

Northerly one hundred sixty (160) feet, more or less, to the south side of the canal form the former T.E. Rich Company Sash and Blind Factory, so-called; thence

Easterly by the southerly side of said canal one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less, to the westerly side of Maple Lane Extension; thence

Southerly by the westerly side of Maple Lane Extension and Maple Lane to the place of beginning.

Said premises are conveyed subject to sewer tile privileges reserved to Nellie A. Tilden, her heirs, or assigns, in a deed from Austin F. Adams, dated April 28, 1905, if the same are applicable hereto.

Grantee, (sic), his heirs and assigns are to keep and maintain a suitable fence on the canal side, so-called, of said tract.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Robert T. Mahan, Sr. and Constance M. Mahan to Robert T. Mahan, Sr., Constance M. Mahan, and Stephanie M. Mahan, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, dated October 6, 2016, and recorded at the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 56096 Page 300. The said Robert T. Mahan, Sr., now deceased.

setting forth that he/she desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land may be sold at private sale not less than Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the 29th day of September 2026 the return day of this citation.

Witness, **Kathryn M. Bailey**, Esq., First Judge of said Court, this 26th day of August 2026.

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
09/03, 09/10, 09/17/2026

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No.
WO26P2839EA**

**Estate of:
Wendy Patricia Joy Roberts
Also known as:
Wendy PJ Roberts
Date of Death: 06/03/2026
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Sheryl A. Silas of Barre, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Sheryl A. Silas of Barre, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/06/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE
(MUPC)**

A **Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Kathryn M. Bailey**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 01, 2026
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
09/10/2026

Corrine Lorenzet to speak at St. Joseph Church Sept. 28

BARRE – Corrine Lorenzet will give a talk on Monday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Church, 29 South Street in the hall (use side door).

St. Francis of Assisi Parish began a celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, with a talk by Corinne Lorenzet on the “Life of St. Francis.” As the Feast of St. Francis approaches on Oct. 4, the parish welcomes the return of Corinne for the last presen-

tation “Rebuilding the Church by Rebuilding Ourselves: Lessons from the San Damiano Crucifix.”

She is a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. She serves the Secular Franciscan Order of the US as a national counselor and as a spiritual assistant to several local fra-



Corrine Lorenzet

ternities.

The message St. Francis received from the Crucifix at San Damiano, “Francis Rebuild My Church” was a transformative moment in his conversion. During this presentation, she will delve into the symbolism of the San Damiano Crucifix and discuss what message it has today.

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Barre Gazette OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 2
8:14 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), West Street, Removed from Scene
7:50 p.m. Safety Concern, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Aug. 3
4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
8:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Vernon Avenue, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Aug. 4
8:49 a.m. Identity Theft, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
12:52 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party
5:40 p.m. Threats, Vernon Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Aug. 5
5:37 a.m. Erratic Operator, Cedar Street, Negative Contact
8:20 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Dana Road, Officer Spoke to Party
8:57 a.m. Safety Concern, James Street, Officer/Chief Advised
9:26 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, School North Street, Transported to Hospital

10:06 a.m. Harassment, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party
10:52 a.m. Safety Concern, James Street, Officer/Chief Advised
2:48 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, South Street, Returned
4:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:37 p.m. Safety Concern, Ruggles Lane, Information Given
7:28 p.m. Keep the Peace, Elm South Street, Peace Restored
7:58 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Aug. 6
10:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, South Street, Transported to Hospital
12:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bite, Station Road, Mutual Aid Transport
4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
6:18 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wheelwright Road, Transport to Hospital
8:08 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned

10:58 p.m. Missing Person, Old Coldbrook Road, Call Transferred

Friday, Aug. 7
11:19 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasant Street, Returned
11:45 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party
3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
3:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
9:45 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Unfounded

Saturday, Aug. 8
7:27 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasant Street, Negative Contact
12:06 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizure, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
1:30 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Vernon Avenue, Returned
5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
7:45 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, Valley Road, Returned
9:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

Oakham Police Log

Monday, Aug. 3
7:59 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Barre Road, No Action Required
12:31 p.m. Larceny or Theft, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
2:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Old Turnpike Road, Report Filed
5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written

Warning
6:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Friday, Aug. 7
11:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Pine Lane,

Transported to Hospital
12:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Crawford Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Saturday, Aug. 8
4:14 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), East Hill Road, Report Filed
4:37 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Worcester Road, Report Filed

Hubbardston Police Log

Monday, Aug. 3
2:04 p.m. Safety Concern, Burnshirt Road, Information Taken
3:28 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Mt.. Jefferson Road, Information Given
8:26 p.m. Erratic Operator, Halfrey Road, Area Search Negative
9:16 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ragged Hill Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Aug. 4
6:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
6:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Elm Street, Written Warning
1:06 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Healdville Road, No Transport Required

Wednesday, Aug. 5
11:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Investigated
11:29 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Gardner Road, Report Filed
5:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Burnshirt Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Thursday, Aug. 6
5:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Madison Way, Muutral Aid Transport
9:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
2:42 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised
6:55 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact

8:37 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Brigham Street, Unfounded

Friday, Aug. 7
8:34 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
2:13 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Streeter Road, Officer Spoke tp Party
4:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Barre Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Saturday, Aug. 8
12:20 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital
6:26 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 7, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 29 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, four traffic controls, four emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, one motor vehicle investigation, one vandalism, one suspicious activity, one safety hazard, three animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Sept. 1
3:43 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
9:14 p.m. 911 Gunshots, Ware Road, Negative Contact

Friday, Sept. 4
5:47 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Cut Off Road, Services Rendered
4:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
8:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
10:51 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Gilbertville Road, Negative Contact

Monday, Aug. 31
2:49 p.m. 911 Misdial, Moore Road, Officer Handled

11:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gilbertville Road, No Action Required

Sunday, Sept. 6
10:57 a.m. Vandalism, McEvoy Road, Report Taken
12:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, McEvoy Road, Officer Handled
2:57 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
3:16 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Voice Message Left
10:47 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Moore Road, Officer Handled



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Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 2
1:42 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Rutland Police Department, Returned
11:30 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Brunelle Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
12:45 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Bernard Road, Report Filed
12:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Wachusett Street, Report Filed
3:13 p.m. Safety Concern, Turkey Hill Road, Negative Contact
7:49 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer Spoke to Party
9:57 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Charnock Hill Road, Returned

Monday, Aug. 3
1:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Edson Avenue, Transported to Hospital
11:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Prospect Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
12:06 p.m. Larceny or Theft, East County Road, Report Filed
2:07 p.m. Harassment, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
2:07 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
7:15 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, No Action Required
10:39 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Returned
10:43 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pommogussett Road, Information Given
10:45 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Pomogussett Road, Removed from Scene

Tuesday, Aug. 4
7:44 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Edson Avenue, Transported to Hospital
9:37 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Prouty Lane, Negative Contact
10:02 a.m. Erratic Operator, Glenwood Road, Negative Contact
11:02 a.m. Assist Other Agency, DCR, Report Filed
Summons Feliz, Maxwell Ross, 27, Ashland
Charges Vandalize Property

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11:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
5:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complain
Summons Westerman, Brittnay Marie, 39, West Boylston
Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J
5:49 p.m. Assault and Battery, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons Butler, Aryel, 21, Rutland
9:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
10:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, Aug. 5
4:17 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, SWAT Team, No Action Required
7:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Glenwood Place, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:08 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Lunenburg, Call Transferred
9:35 a.m. Safety Concern, Brintnal Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:37 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
1:01 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Information Taken
3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Miles Road, Report Filed
4:09 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Rutland Police Department, Returned
10:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
9:08 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wheeler Road, Verbal Warning

Thursday, Aug. 6
4:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
6:52 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Crawford Road, Referred to Other Agency
7:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Memorial Drive, Transported to

Hospital
10:38 a.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Kosta Avenue, Mutual Aid Assist
12:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bite, Station Road, Mutual Aid Transported
5:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Aug. 7
7:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Bethany Drive, Transported to Hospital
9:18 a.m. Safety Concern, Juniper Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
9:45 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained
11:47 a.m. Threats, Prospect Street, Report Filed
12:41 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Leicester, No Action Required
12:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Crawford Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:27 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, West Boylston, Officer Spoke to Party
3:29 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Returned
6:56 p.m. Gunshots, East County Road, Investigated
7:37 p.m. Fire ° Motor Vehicle Collision, Glenwood Road, Report Filed
10:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Saturday, Aug. 8
12:04 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Barre Paxton Road, No Action Required
1:28 a.m. Threats, Charnock Hill Road, Report Filed
8:32 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Area Search Negative
11:18 a.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, No Action Required
12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Fisherman’s Road, Public Assist
1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Oakridge Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 7, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, 14 radar assignments, 10 traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, nine citizen assists, one threat, three complaints, three suspicious activities, one disturbance, four animal calls and six motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

North Road, Officer Handled
10:40 a.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 2
5:35 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Czesky Road, Transported to Hospital
11:14 a.m. Assist Citizen, North Road, Officer Handled
4:28 p.m. Assist Citizen, Sullivan Avenue, Officer Handled
5:04 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Lower Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Sept. 3
6:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Railroad Lane, Transported to Hospital
12:08 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Services Rendered
4:41 p.m. Fire/Alarm, Church Street, Investigated
5:54 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Unfounded
6:39 p.m. 911 Disturbance,

Jackson Road, Peace Restored
8:37 p.m. 911 Gunshots, Main Street, Negative Contact

Friday, Sept. 4
3:41 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lyman Road, Spoken To
4:03 p.m. Speeding Complaint, North Road, Spoken To
10:08 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Officer Handled

Saturday, Sept. 5
10:06 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Voice Message Left
6:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled

Sunday, Sept. 6
3:26 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
9:04 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Lower Road, No Action Required

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culture, the presentation will examine how the Montauk Project became one of modern culture’s most compelling mysteries.

Hardwick Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting at 6:30 P.M. at the Hardwick Town House, 32 Common Street in Hardwick on September 17, 2026. The guest speaker will be author Donald Duffy. He will speak about his new book; Native Americans React to

British Incursions. This book covers incursions in Central Massachusetts, the Connecticut River Valley, Connecticut Highlands, Quabbin, Petersham, and other Towns in this area. His program will be followed by the Historical Society’s business meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Members and non-members of the Historical Society may attend this event although only members will be able to vote during the meeting. Refreshments will

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THIRD ANNUAL RECOVERY RESOURCE FAIR takes place today from 2-6 p.m. at Recovery Center of HOPE, 78 Main St., Ware. This fair celebrates individuality, paving their own way and community care. There will be do it yourself arts and crafts, homemade food, local supportive resources and music. All are welcome to attend this family friendly event.

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As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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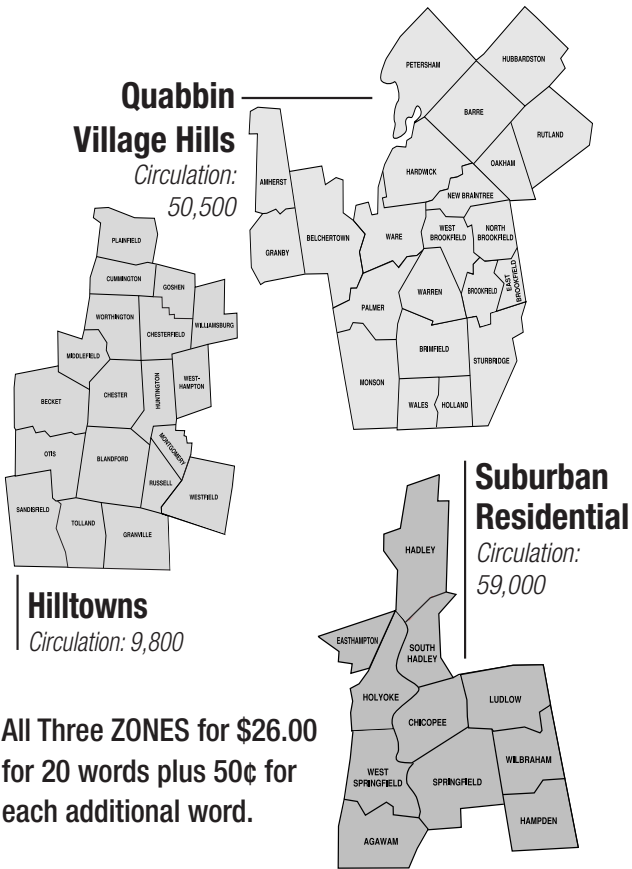
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