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Select Board authorizes firm to write grant

By Ellenor Downer
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OAKHAM – Administrative Assistant Mirabel LaRange said Capital Strategic Solutions presented a proposal for them to apply for a 5% Municipal Fiber Grant for Capital Strategic Solutions for the town.

The grant for \$172,500 would update the Oakham Fire, Highway and Police Department, Town Hall and Fobes Memorial Library with fiber optics. The Quabbin Regional School District already updated the Oakham Center School to fiber optics. If the town received the state grant, its match amount would be \$9,100.

Capital Strategic Solutions proposal was a rate of \$180 per hour not to exceed \$2,700. LaRange said if the Board approved the authorization, the company would file for a one year extension on the grant application. The Select Board approved the proposal and signed the paperwork.

The cost for the grant writing application work would be divided among the town departments. Select Board Chairman Donald Haapakoski said the money would come from each department's building maintenance account.

Gazebo lighting

Liz Sansoucy of the Friends of Oakham Bandstand said the inside of the gazebo on the Common lacked sufficient lighting. She said several bands told her the lighting was poor and they had trouble reading their music. This especially was a problem with concerts scheduled later in the concert season when the days were shorter.

She said the Friends of Oakham Bandstand had

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National Night Out brought out community



Barre Congregational Church served popcorn at the National Night Out held last month.

BARRE – Quabbin National Night Out was held on Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St..

The free event was sponsored by Quabbin Drug Response Unifying Group and Quabbin Regional School District. Many organizations and businesses in the region participated.

Q-Drug thanks their partners in the 2025 National Night Out. They are: Barre Saving Bank Charitable Foundation; Oakham Historical Association;



Submitted photos
Firefighters from the Barre Fire Department participated as they have every year at the National Night Out on Aug. 5.

Wholesome Market; Table Talk Pies; Tracy LaRosa Realty, LLC.; Cherie Benoit, Realtor-Keller Williams Boston MetroWest; RMG Services LLC; SNAP-ED; Athol Savings Bank; Country Bank; Curious Cravings

Bakery LLC; Behavioral Health Network; Get Up and Dance; Next Step Studio of the Performing Arts; Covenant Evangelical Church; Barre Congregational Church; St Francis of Assisi Church; Woods Memorial Library;

Making Opportunity Count CFCE; The Office of District Attorney; Joseph D. Early, Jr.; DCR Quabbin Visitor Center; Baseball; Field Hockey; Football; Barre Pack 26 Cub Scouts; Champions; Young Life; The Journey Before Us;

DJ BRIAN Entertainment Services; Alyssa's Place Peer Recovery Center; Central Massachusetts Women's Soccer League; Shooting Dreams; Barre Players; R.J McDonald

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Car show ends before severe weather



Turley Photos by Ellenor Downer
This bright red Ford captured spectators attention at the annual Barre Lions Club Car Show.



This hot rod was one of many cars on display last Saturday. It was a busy day in the Center of Barre with the Barre Farmer's Market also happening on another section of the Common, the Barre Society Historical Museum open for viewing and the Eastern Star holding a breakfast just up from the Common.

QHSUA reviewed youth health survey findings

By Paula Ouimette
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During the September meeting of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance, members heard a presentation about the findings of the Spring 2025 Youth Health Survey, which was administered to students in five school districts across the region.

At the Sept. 8 meeting, Lead Epidemiologist for the QHSUA, Emma Berthiaume, said surveys were adminis-

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN
by Ellenor Downer
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Family Fun Days happens Sept. 20
New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., will be hosting their Family Fun Day on Saturday, Sept. 20 from noon-3 p.m. on the South Barre Common, Nornay Park. This event will feature food, family-friendly entertainment and beyond. As always, there is no cost to attend. For more information, people may call Pastor James Foley at 978-355-6407 or visit the church website at www.NewLifeBarre.org.

Yard sale
The Barre Historical Society announces their annual major fundraiser a yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 20 beginning at 9 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 21. Members shop first from 8-9 a.m. and shoppers receive free coffee. There will be something for everyone. determine the price you pay. Yes, for much of the For most items, people determine their donation for the treasures they want. As a non-profit, self sustaining organization, they depend upon the generosity of their buyers. Items include current dish sets, pans, utensils, etc., to games, winter sleds, electronics, and their collectibles' table too. where vintage items including jewelry, old medicine bottle, tins and more are all available.

Information Fair
The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, invites the public to a free Information Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. Attendees will explore an exciting range of local resources and discover the wealth of information, services and opportunities available in the community. They will have the chance to: learn about local businesses and community organizations, explore educational programs and services, connect directly with experts in the field and meet neighbors and strengthen community connections. This fun and informative event will also feature raffle prizes. No registration is required. The Information Fair is free and open to all members of the public.

Chicken barbecue
The Knights of Columbus Council #15657 are hosting a chicken barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. on St Francis of Assisi Parish grounds at 398 Vernon Avenue, South Barre. Tickets are \$15. and must be purchased ahead of time. Only 100 tickets will be sold. People may call Greg Devine at 774-479-8300 for tickets.

Joining hands community walk
Joining hands community walk will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on parish grounds of St. Thomas Church, 398 Vernon Avenue. The community walk is hosted by the parish group, Hearts on Fire for the benefit of St. Francis of Assisi's Charitable Needs and Resource Fund. All proceeds from this two mile walk will go to helping families in need. If people want more information regarding the Community Walk, they can email Paula Wood at paulagr@gmail.com or call the Parish Office 978-355-2228 press 7 and leave their name and number and Paula will call them back.

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Submitted photo
The NEADS team visited the NEADS Breeding Center. They are shown from left, Erika O'Malley, Emily Collins, Emily Aubuchont of Oakham, Sara Almy, Dee Sendrowski and Christina Scanlan.

NEADS fundraiser ends Sept. 30

OAKHAM – Emily Aubuchont of Oakham is running in the Falmouth Road Race and is raising money for National Education for Assistance Dog Services, a nonprofit based in Princeton. NEADS offers an array of Service Dog programs and provides Service Dogs for Veterans with disabilities or PTSD, people with hearing loss, children and adults with a physical disability, and more.

Although the race is this weekend, fundraising is open through Sept. 30.

"If you've never heard of NEADS, they are a local non-profit located in Princeton, that breeds, raises, trains and places Service Dogs to those in need. Last year, I was able to visit the NEADS campus and witness first-hand what an amazing organization and operation they run. We were able to meet one of the service

dogs who services a woman with MS and witness what a difference this dog makes in her everyday life that wouldn't be possible without NEADS. Every dollar counts for NEADS to be able to continue to help and provide support to those in need. Please considering donating to my page here to support the ongoing work NEADS provides to the community," said Emily Aubuchont.

Listening Wellness Center fall programs

BARRE – Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., will host enrichment programs for children.

Wildlife Wonders with Jen Swan will take place for six week on Mondays, Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 20 and Oct. 27 from 405 p.m. for ages five to eight. Cost is \$80.

Mix it up with Jen Swan will run for six weeks on Tuesdays, Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 21 and Oct. 28 from 4-5 p.m. for ages nine plus. Cost is \$80.

Karate with Brad Warren will take place for six week on Fridays, Sept. 19, Sept.

26, Oct. 3, Oct.10, Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. for ages eight to 12. Cost is \$85. Children will learn focus,

flexibility, confidence and self-control using Goju-Ryu Karate techniques.

Scholarships are available by emailing office@listeningwellness.org. Funding is in part by local cultural councils including Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, Barre Cultural Council, Oakham Cultural Council and Petersham Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts

Cultural Council, a state agency.

Mondays from 4-5:30 p.m. certified personal trainer Rhonda Hamer will host a community walking group for a walk around Barre Common.

People should meet at Listening Wellness Center parking lot located at James Street. No pre-registration is required. Participants should wear bright or reflective clothing, light layers to match the weather and a water bottle. The group will meet rain or shine. A suggested donation is \$5 per week.

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. 15. 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 – Chicken Sofrito stew, steamed white rice, roasted California blend vegetables, Lorna Doone cookies, whole wheat bread

TUESDAY – Hot dog on bun, baked beans, Coleslaw, baked apples, mustard

WEDNESDAY – Burgundy pork, mashed sweet potatoes, green peas, peaches, marble rye bread

THURSDAY – Baked potato with chili and cheese, jardiniere vegetables, fresh fruit, sour cream pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – American chop suey, roasted broccoli, carrots, brownie, diet = half piece, Italian bread

*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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OHA holds wine tasting
The annual wine tasting sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association will be held at Agronomy Farm Vineyard, 338 Ware Corner Road on Thursday, Sept 18 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person. Also included is Lee Dugan's "Oakham Jeopardy Game," the game of Jeopardy tailored to Oakham history. People may sign up for this fun evening at Agronomy Winery by visiting their website at agronomyfarmvineyard.com. All are welcome.

Church breakfast
The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a breakfast to benefit Texas flood victims. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot cocoa. All are welcome to attend. A free will donation will be accepted with all proceeds going to Texas flood victims.

Sunday School
Sunday School at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, begins Sunday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. with Rally Sunday. All children ages preschool through high school are welcome to participate. Rev. Tim Hanley will preach.

COA events
The Oakham Council on Aging list September events. Friday Sept. 12 the COA meeting is at noon. Sept. 18 a representative from Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; reservations are required. Lunch brunch meets the third Friday, Friday, Sept. 19 the location is the Sandwich Company Bar and Grill, Main Street, Holden at 12:30 pm Sign up sheet is in the main room of the Senior Center Tuesday, Sept. 23 is blood pressure and glucose testing from 11 a.m.-noon. Monday, Sept. 22 the podiatry clinic takes place from 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m.; reservations are required.

Tuesday, Sept. 23: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits information from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome; there are no age restrictions. Monday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. Fire Chief Tim Howe will present a program on fall prevention at the Senior Center. People may stop in at the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up, call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

Ongoing senior events
Ongoing activities Monday through Thursday include puzzling from 9 a.m.-noon and walking group meet at Senior Center at 9 a.m, Tuesday through Thursdays the walking group meets at the Senior Center at 11 a.m. To be added to the walking groups text MSG Group, people should call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave their name and cell phone number. Starting Tuesday, Sept 16 Yoga class will begin in Senior Center multipurpose room. Classes are \$40 for eight classes; registration is required. Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold meets in the Rutland Senior Center. Donation is \$3 per class. Thursdays at 12 noon is weigh in at the Senior Center, support weight loss group
Fridays at 10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness is held at the New Braintree Town Hall. Donation is \$3 per class. Hot Lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15p.m. at 508-882-4072.

Church to host tag sale on Sept. 13

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., will host a tag sale on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be plants (indoor and out), puzzles, books, clothes, kid's stuff, kitchen and household items, treasures, and more. Name your price. New this year – you can help support the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative by bringing non-perishable items for the table. n date for the tag sale is Sept. 20.



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Completed applications with a letter of interest and resume should be submitted to Joe Hood, Library Director, in-person, by email to jhood@barrelibrary.org, or by mail to Woods Memorial Library, P.O. Box 489, Barre, MA 01005. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2025.

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News of the Towns

HUBBARDSTON

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Historical Society present Lucy Stone program

On Friday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road, the Hubbardston Historical Society offers a captivating portrayal of a 19th Century suffragist and vocal supporter of Human rights, Lucy Stone. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. This program, "I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone," will be given by Judith Kalaora of History at Play, LLC and is sponsored by a grant from Hubbardston Cultural Council in conjunction with the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Donations for the Society will be accepted at the door and light refreshments will be served. People should arrive before the scheduled start time of 7 p.m. For more information, they may call at 978-928-4073 or visit www.hubbardstonhistorical.org/events.

Nonesuch Fest

The fourth annual Nonesuch Fest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 from noon-7 p.m. at Curtis Recreation Field, Gardner Road, Route 68. This is a rain or shine event. They are changing things up a bit this year. The WooTrucks are coming to Hubbardston for a very unique food truck festival. There will be live music and maybe a few other surprises as well. Stay tuned for more information.

Field Day

Hubbardston Field Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Curtis Rec Field in Hubbardston from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 14. Featured will be bounce house, obstacle course, Munchkin playland baby contest at 10 a.m., chicken barbecue at noon, live music, pony rides, Capoeira demonstration, vendors, games, crafts, and more. Partial funding is provided by the Hubbardston Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This annual fundraiser for the Hubbardston Lions Club provides an opportunity for the community to come together and support each other while having fun. More information is available by emailing joyce.hubblions@gmail.com or looking for the full schedule of events on our Facebook page at Hubbardston Lions Club.

Senior Center Events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main Street, has announced its regular events for September. They include: Bingo on Mondays beginning at 12:30 p.m., Knitting Group on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, Wii Bowling Mondays through Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m., Cribbage on Thursdays beginning at 12:30 p.m., Pitch the first and third Fridays, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Art Group every Friday from 9 to 11 a.m., Walking Club Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 9:30 a.m., Functional Exercise on Thursdays beginning at 9:30 a.m., Singing Group on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Bread Days are the first and third Wednesdays, Coffee is served Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. Complimentary doughnuts are served on Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The Golden Age Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 1 p.m.

Barbecue on the patio

The Senior Center will hold a barbecue on the patio on Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. They welcome seniors to enjoy good food and sing songs of yesteryear. Sign up at the Senior Center soon. Entertainment will be led by Denis Cormier.

Dance party

The Friends of the Hubbardston Senior Center will hold a 60s and 70s Dance at the Hubbardston Rod and Gun Club on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 7-10 p.m. to raise funds for renovations to the Senior Center at 7A Main St.. There will be more details later.

Yard sale and boutique

The Hubbardston Senior Center yard sale and boutique will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 to 21. Items in good shape, glassware, men's tools, children's toys, arts and craft items, linens, knick-knacks, holiday items and much more are being collected for this event. People may call 978-928-1400, extension 221 for help or more information.

Library holds story time on Sept. 22

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, offers a story time for preschoolers on Monday, Sept. 22 at 11:30 a.m.

This is a new start time. Readings will include "Mouse's First Fall" by Lauren Thompson and "If You Find a Leaf" by Aimee Sicuro. Parental supervision is required.



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The Barre Historical Society Museum was open Saturday, Sept. 6 during the Barre Lions Club Car Show. The Concord coach is one of many horse drawn vehicles on display.

Barre Historical Museum open during car show



This is a Yankee horse rake.



A horse drawn sleigh was also on display. Displayed under the sleigh is a double runner sled.

Barre Food Pantry holds distributions

BARRE – The Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Sept. 18 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.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

Volunteers should not arrive on Sept. 18 without first calling either Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people should visit the Barre Food Pantry website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, holds story time on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers meet, play and then enjoy stories at 11 a.m. with art and science projects to follow. On alternate weeks the library hosts the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force, which serves Ware, Warren and Hardwick. The mission of the Task Force is to prevent and respond to domestic violence in these towns with community-led, community driven initiatives.

The Ware River Valley Task Force and The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley have partnered and purchased and distributed children's books

on boundaries and consent. The books are reaching young children through local libraries, schools and playgroups.

Teaching young children about consent is crucial because it establishes foundational skills for healthy relationships, empowers them to understand their body boundaries and helps them recognize when their boundaries are being crossed, ultimately promoting their safety and well-being. It also fosters communication, respect and honesty, which are essential for building healthy relationships. People may visit www.waredvtaskforce.org for more information.

On Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Town

House, Jon Waterman will present "History and Legends through Song." Inspired by his research, musician, songwriter and history teacher Jon Waterman combines music, history, storytelling, original songs, a slide show and something about the Quabbin. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information and to sign up to hold reserve a place, people may either call 413-477-6704 or email

Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m.
QRSD Buildings, Grounds, Safety and Technology Subcommittee – Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m.
Quabbin Regional School District School Committee – Sept. 16w at 6:30 p.m.
Select Board – Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. and Sept. 18 at 11 a.m.
Board of Assessors – Sept. 16 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Sept. 25 at 11 a.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Barre Common Oversight Committee – Oct. 2 at 5 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
Water Commission – Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Nov. 10 at 5 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Health – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – Sept. 15 at 3 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Wheelwright Water District – Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Committee – Sept. 18 at 9:30 a.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 23 and Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Board of Parks Commissioners – Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m.
Public Safety Building Committee – Sept. 16 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Planning Board – Sept. 24 and Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Select Board – Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.
Library Trustees – Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 16 and Oct. 23 at 5:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Sept. 15 at 10:30 a.m. and Nov. 10 at 10 a.m.
Petersham Historic District – Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Sept. 3 at noon
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Town Charter Committee – Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
By Law Committee – Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.
Select Board Hearing – Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.
Finance Committee – Sept. 16 at 6 p.m.



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Opinion



Peach pits and preservation

My first experience with growing peaches was back at my parents' house when a peach pit sprouted in their compost pile.

The resulting tree was moved to a spot in the yard and within a few years, my parents became peach preservers. It was fun for them to "work on" the peaches together, and what I mean by this is blanching, peeling and quartering them, then putting the pieces in a container in syrup and freezing them.

Sure, it was a sticky mess of a time but worth it all to have this bounty in the dead of winter.

Fast forward 30 years to the present day and my mini orchard, deemed "the tiny place" when my kids were little. There I have three peach trees, all started from pits. Two trees were from my friend Eva and one I started on my own.

I planted the pits in my garden in the fall maybe 5 years ago. They went through the stratification process over the winter which helped to break dormancy. Gradually they would germinate over the spring and summer months.

Sometimes they need two winters to complete the process and still not all will germinate, I think the last time I had four or five out of a dozen pits pop up. One tree to keep and others to share!

This year's was the best peach harvest I've ever had on these trees. It was probably the combination of the last couple of wet summers encouraging new growth on the tree and then mild weather this spring during bloom time.

It is always so disappointing to have the tree so beautifully in flower and then a couple nights of very cold weather come through to kill them all. I still didn't have what I would call a bumper harvest for three trees, but we had enough to can 17 quarts (thanks for the canning lesson, dear friend!) and also eat plenty of the fruit fresh off the tree.

Here are a few fun facts about our favorite fuzzy fruit.

Peach trees prefer soil that is near neutral to alkaline. I never think of liming under the trees, but maybe that would be a good idea.

Flower buds are borne only on shoots that grew the previous year. So it is important to prune your trees to encourage new growth.

Peach trees should be pruned to an open center, so that the sun can ripen the fruit. In our part of the country, prune when the tree is blossom or right after it is done flowering. At that point in the growing season you can also see and remove winter damaged branches and stems more easily but be careful not to knock off developing fruit by accident.

I read that spreading compost under the tree right after it has been harvested will start the tree out on the right foot. I am going to get to that later this week.

Peach trees are not very long lived. You may get 10-20 years out of them. Trees usually top off at around ten feet tall and wide.

There are such a thing as super dwarf trees, grown as specimens in the shrub border or a kitchen garden, but from what I hear, fruit quality isn't the best. I'll stick to the regular size trees, thank you! And planning ahead with replacement trees means sowing some pits in the garden this fall. Even my mom has sown some around the foundation of her house, just as an experiment. I love that she is still experimenting. I would imagine the memories of "working on" the peaches with my dad hold a special place in her heart.

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



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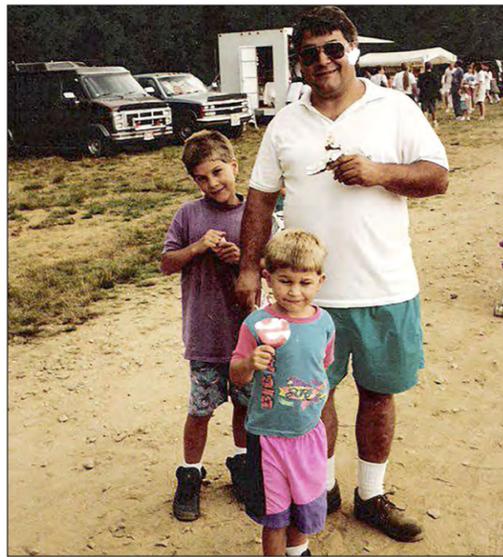
5 years (Sept. 17, 2020)

The Hubbardston Board of Selectmen scheduled a Special Town Meeting for Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School. The Special Town Meeting will focus on finalizing the FY21 budget based on changes to revenue and expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. There are six articles on the warrant. The town currently has \$419,425 in Stabilization, \$42,350 in Municipal Capital Stabilization, no money in Road Maintenance Stabilization and \$284,743 in free cash.

The Oakham Historical Association announces its first ever Jeff Young Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, Oct. 17. The Young family is organizing the tournament to benefit the Oakham Historical Association, where Jeff Young served as president for 23 years. The tournament will be held at Quail Hollow Country Club on Old Turnpike Road, rain or shine. The event is limited to 100 people. Typical tournament play may include scramble, double down, closest to the pin, longest drive and \$10,000 for a hole-in-one. Entry fee is \$100 per person with lunch included. People may also consider sponsoring a hole with a \$100 minimum donation. All proceeds from a sponsorship to benefit the OHA.

The town of New Braintree will hold its Annual Town Meeting Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at the New Braintree Grade School, Memorial Drive. Masks and all social distancing protocols will be strictly enforced. Nine of the ten articles are

Look Back Barre Fair – 1993



File photo
Alan Harty of Barre and his sons, Brendan, left, and Caleb just came from the ice cream wagon.

routine articles. The final article (not routine) asks the town vote to approve a donation of land from Joan R. Walker and Randall P. Walker to the East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc.

10 years (Sept. 17, 2015)

On Saturday, Sept. 12 around 6 p.m., the Barre Police Department responded to what was initially reported as a traffic hazard on Worcester Road, Rte. 122, near the Massachusetts Water Resources building. Police officers responded and determined it was a road rage accident. A 71 year old male was reportedly pulled from his vehicle on the side of the road and struck numerous times in the facial area by a white male with short

dark hair, jeans, tee shirt and a sleeve of tattoos, causing potentially serious injuries. The suspect took off possibly in a green Chevrolet or GMC SUV type vehicle. The victim was taken by ambulance to UMass Hospital in Worcester.

Oakham Selectmen received a letter from Jeffrey Lane and Pam Tully regarding their desire to donate land at Lake Dean in memory of their father, John J. Lane. In the letter, they stated a desire to donate three parcels of land consisting of lot #50-12 of 0.18 acre, lot 51 8:1 and Lot 51 U.2, both 0.23 acres. None of the parcels located in the Shore Drive and Pine Lane area

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Can I claim my own SS benefit now and get half of my husband's benefit later?

Dear Rusty:
I would like to get an answer concerning taking my Social Security benefit soon and switching to my spouse's benefit when he begins to take his.

I am 64 years, 9 months old and my husband is 65 years, 7 months. My benefit is low due to the fact that I did not work for about 25 years while raising our children. My benefit would be \$573 at age 65. My husband's benefit at age 67 will be \$3,326. My first question is: can I receive half of my husband's benefit once he begins drawing his? Secondly, if I draw my benefit now will that reduce the amount I can draw from his benefit later?

Signed: Uncertain Spouse

Dear Uncertain:
As you may know, the Full Retirement Age for

both you and your husband is 67. If either of you claim before your FRA your monthly SS retirement amount will be permanently reduced and, if you are currently working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. The earnings limit for early filers is \$23,400 for 2025 (changes yearly and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away some of your benefits (\$1 for every \$2 over the limit). They "take away" by withholding future payments until the penalty is satisfied.

That said, if you claim your personal SS "soon" (e.g., at age 65), you will get about 87% of the amount you would get by waiting until



your FRA to claim. You would, indeed, get a "spousal boost" when your husband claims, but you would not get 50% of his age 67 amount. That's because of the way spouse benefits are calculated. When your husband claims, you will get a "spousal boost" added to your early benefit amount (\$573?). The amount of that spousal boost will be computed as 1/2 of your husband's FRA amount (e.g., \$1663), minus your FRA entitlement (likely about \$661) for a spousal boost of about \$1002. But since you won't have yet reached your FRA when your husband claims, the amount

of the spousal boost will also be reduced (to about \$926), which will be added to your age 65 amount of \$573 for a total monthly spousal benefit of about \$1499.

So, the answers to your two questions are:

Because you claimed your Social Security retirement benefit early and won't yet be your Full Retirement Age when your husband claims, you will not get half of your husband's benefit when he claims. You would likely get about 45% of his benefit.

If you take your own SS retirement benefit now, you will get a higher benefit when your husband claims, but the amount you get will be less than half of his FRA entitlement.

The only way you can

get the full 50% of your husband's FRA benefit entitlement is to wait until your own full retirement age to claim Social Security.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

We got some welcomed rain on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

The lawns were starting to dry out and I was getting tired of carrying water out to water the potted planters. The weather has felt like fall and the acorns have been dropping before developing.

I heard the library in Hubbardston had a very successful race on Saturday and have earned a lot of money for the public library.

The town is looking for people to be on a committee to see what will become of the First Parish Unitarian Church that was recently deeded to the town as it was the first meeting house.

My penpal from Oakham sent me this recipe for banana bread and I plan to make it today.

BANANA BREAD
3 ripe bananas, mashed
2 eggs
1 stick of soft margarine or butter
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Beat butter and sugar until fluffy and add eggs. Beat in bananas and flour and baking soda and salt. Stir in nuts. Bake at 350 degrees in a loaf pan for about 50 minutes. Note: This will be a very moist bread.

This and That
I got some nice water color paper in the 5" by 7: size so I have been doing some flower pictures of that size. I have too many cards made at present.

It gives me something to do when I rest. I finished

the crocheted lap quilt so I bought a skein of fall mixed colored yarn and will start a head band for fall with that yarn. It gives me something to crochet while watching television.

A friend bought me a plant of Celosia. It is a pretty shade of purple and I will cut some of the blooms to dry for dried flowers. It is an annual for our climate.

I put a couple odd colored pumpkins near the flowers on the front deck and put a milk can full of dried material for fall. I still need some corn stalks. The poor scarecrow has a new outfit, but no corn stalks. No bear have visited this week, but I still have a lot of hummingbirds.

Have a nice week and be kind to all creatures.

St. Francis of Assisi holds community walk

BARRE – The parish of St. Francis of Assisi announces the Joining Hands Community Walk which will be held on Sept. 13 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on parish grounds of St. Thomas Church at 398 Vernon Avenue South Barre. The Community Walk is hosted by the parish group; Hearts on Fire for the benefit of St. Francis of Assisi's Charitable Needs and Resource Fund. All proceeds from this 2-mile walk will go to helping families in need. The Charitable Needs and Resource Fund grew out of the age-old tradition of Christian Charity. In the past people would knock on the church door, with the hope of receiving assistance. In the past three years the fund has provided \$20,779 in assistance to those in need of assistance. With the ever-growing requests it was important to look for creative ways to raise funds, thus the Joining Hands Community Walk. Assistance is available

to those in need in the greater Barre/Oakham Area for fuel, utilities and rent.

Paula Wood explained that the idea of having a Walk to raise money, came to her after seeing how successful Walks and Runs have become in the last few years. The property in back of St. Thomas church looks over a picturesque section of the Ware River. She and Sherry Bergin have designed a track that provides safety and beauty while participants walk. When they make 10 laps around the track they will clock in 2 miles. There will be something for everyone to enjoy. Students and Seniors can take part in the walk. Students can earn Community Service hours by walking the track in safety. Parents and grandparents can help by sponsoring a walker. Any amount donated to help others will be greatly appreciated. There will be music provided by Sara Sherblom

and Brian LaRochelle of DJ BRIAN ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES, an Ice Cream Truck and a Bake Sale by the St. Francis of Assisi's Women's Guild.

In addition to the banner that is pictured in front of St. Joseph's Chapel, watch for the Banner which features our Patrons for this important Fund Raiser. Please frequent our Patrons for this event; Salvatore Automotive Group, EP Wine, Athol Savings Bank, C&C Pool, Down Range Sports, Goodwin Builders, Hardwick Crossing Country Club, Fidelity Bank, Hardwick Farmers Co-op and Stone Cow Brewery.

If you want more information regarding the Community Walk you can contact Paula Wood @ paulagr@gmail.com or call the Parish Office 978-355-2228 press 7 and leave your name and num-

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were buildable lots, but they would expand the size of the town owned beach on Lake Dean. The offer by Lane and Tully is conditional upon the land "being owned by the town in perpetuity and only used for improvements to the Oakham Town Beach area by providing better recreational enjoyment for residents visiting the area."

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Maureen Marshall reported she set up a teacher workshop entitled "A Christmas Dilemma" with the Anti-Defamation League to address concerns about holiday season activities at school. She said the object of the workshop was to find out what is acceptable and respectful of other religions. The superintendent said the Quabbin Communities were more diverse now. Most are Christians, but some are not. Last year the district did not hold any Christmas concerts or holiday related activities. Some parents voiced disapproval of that move.

25 years (Sept. 14, 2000)

Quabbin football entered a new era last week and it appears the program is starting off on the right foot. The Panthers, who for three years were developing a promising Junior Varsity program the big time in a big way with a convincing 24-8 win over visiting Blackstone Valley Tech. And that was good news for head coach Mike Woessner. "It's a big step going from the JV to the Varsity level the kids had been really nervous so we

had been trying to preach to them that they needed to step up about three levels," said Woessner.

The principals of all the schools in the Quabbin Regional District reported on the tentative school enrollment. Official enrollment figures will be available in October. Middle school and high school student enrollment was up, but the elementary schools remained about the same as last year. The middle school tentative enrollment was 568 and the high school 874. At the elementary level the figures were Ruggles Lane, 579; Hardwick, 271; Hubbardston, 489; New Braintree, 98 and Oakham, 321.

Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Maureen Marshall, acknowledged the many years of service to the Quabbin School District of Director of Administrative Affairs, Donald Raffer. Raffer will retire this October after 33 years in the Quabbin School District. He started working for the Quabbin District in 1968. During his almost 33 year tenure he served as business director, associate principal and junior high school principal.

38 years (Sept. 17, 1987)

Patrick F. Landers III of Palmer won the battle for the unexpired term in the First Hampshire District in the special election Tuesday, polling 4,108 votes to 2,066 for Republican Sandra Adams and 122 to Independent Joseph S. Knapp, both of Ware. The district includes Palmer, Ware, Munson,

Wales, Brimfield, Hardwick, Petersham and Holland.

The 1987-1988 school year opened for students in the five member towns of the Quabbin Regional School District last Sept. 2 with the largest enrollment to date. This year's student population has increased considerably and school personnel are struggling to meet the demands that a greater number of students place on both staff and facilities. Efforts to meet these demands include sacrificing an existing school library/media center to construct new classrooms to house music, special tutorial sessions and Chapter 1 reading classes in hallways, locker rooms, modified closets and storage rooms. While the use of such facilities for academic class sessions is less than ideal, it is necessary if we are to meet the demands of a growing student population within the confines of existing buildings.

After 30 years of providing the Barre area with productions, Barre Players announces its production for the fall season will be an old favorite, "Big Hearted Herbert" by Sophie Kerr and Anna Steese Richardson. The first play ever done by the group, it brings back a time of pleasant memories and good, old-fashioned comedy. The story of one family's efforts to cope with everyday life and each other, its formula is nostalgically familiar yet refreshing. For three decades, the Barre Players have brought many different types of theatrical fare to the Barre stage from musicals to comedies, dramas and classics

Winery hosted Fall Craft & Food Festival

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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HARDWICK – It was a beautiful weekend as Hardwick Vineyard & Winery hosted its Fall Craft & Food Festival.

Owner John Samek described it as perfect fall and fair weather as the winery was excited to host this fair over the course of two days.

"Thank goodness we have good weather," Samek said.

Though this is the fifth annual Fall Craft & Food Festival at the Hardwick Winery, this year marked a special moment in Hardwick Winery's history. It was 28 years ago, in 1997, Samek purchased the farm and its land that is now the home of Hardwick Vineyard & Winery off Greenwich Road.

Helping out with this year's festival was event coordinator/director, Gina Palazzo of Clay Bae by Gina. There were over 70 vendors this year along with food trucks and live music for visitors to enjoy as they visit the winery.

This event benefited Hardwick Elementary School PTO, as well as a shed raffle to support Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

A family of crafters, left to right, Monique Pappas, Michael Pappas, Emily-Rose Pappas, Elijah Pappas, and Emma Pappas of Cricklewood Creations Gift Shop attended the Fall Craft & Food Festival at Hardwick Vineyard & Winery.

School.

One of the new features in this year's festival is an ice cream truck from Crozie's Cones. The truck was parked over by the entrance of the winery and was not hard to find due to the tall ice cream cone decoration that is part of the ice cream truck.

Palazzo of Clay Bae by Gina has been doing craft fairs for five years, but this year's festival at Hardwick Winery will be her final craft fair. Clay Bae offers handmade polymer clay creations, such as jewelry and key chains. Clay Bae was set up under the gazebo and she had plenty of shoppers visiting her.

Palazzo said she may bring back Clay Bae sometime in the future.

"It's a solid maybe," Palazzo said.

For one vendor, its all in the family. The Pappas family is a first-time vendor at the Fall Craft &

Food Festival and presented Cricklewood Creations Gift Shop. Monique, Michael, Emily Rose, and Emma are a family of artists, each featuring separate businesses and crafts all under the same roof.

Monique and Michael Pappas had other craft businesses prior to the creation of Cricklewood Creations. There is Pappy's Woodworks by Michael Pappas and Creative Communications Art Studio by Monique Pappas. Creative Communications features illustrations, painting, ink, jewelry and other gifts. Pappy's Woodworking focuses on custom wood-working items.

The family decided to combine their businesses and will have a grand opening for Cricklewood Creations at 12 Cricklewood Drive in Leicester later this year.

"We're excited to have our opening this October," Monique Pappas said.

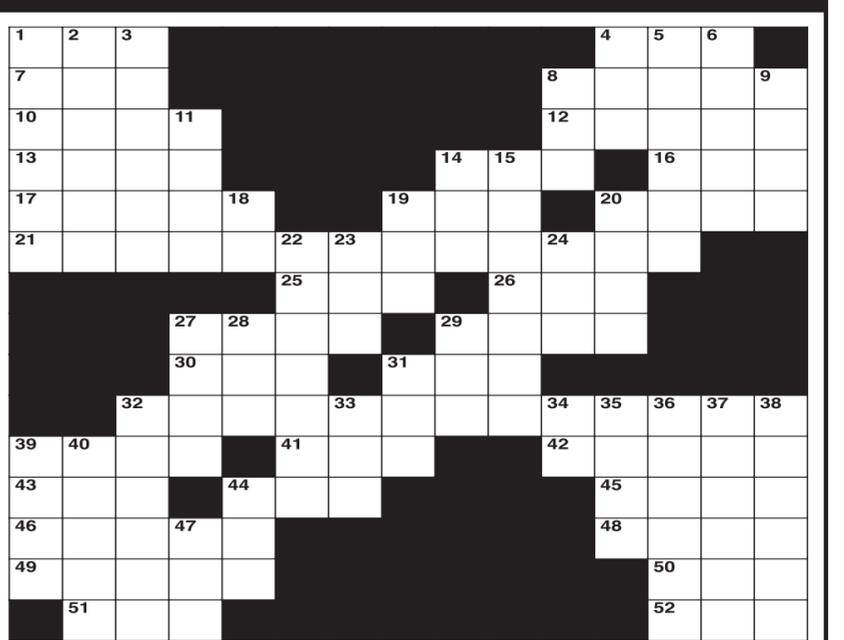
One interesting craft being sold during the festival was flannel paper towels, that are considered to be reusable, absorbent and wasteless. These flannel paper towels are a multipurpose replacement for traditional paper towels.

The crafter behind these special paper towels is Gail Modugno of Brimfield. Modugno has been designing flannel paper towels for the last five years. Modugno is a retired educator and found a hobby she picked



Gina Palazzo of Clay Bae by Gina attended this year's fall craft & food festival at Hardwick Winery.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Utilitarian fashion accessory
- Engine additive
- Macaws
- Listens to
- Self-righteously moralistic person
- Made of wood
- Chinese lute
- Beginning military rank
- Indicates near
- Ties the score
- Chum
- Long ago
- Localities
- Midway between northeast and east
- Make fun of
- Tennis great Arthur

CLUES DOWN

- Occur
- Show up
- Capital of Taiwan
- Ocean
- Givers and ___
- Gets ready
- Ad ___
- Fit of irritation
- Criminal organization
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- American state
- Sensor hub
- Before
- The boundary of a surface
- Witnesses
- Singular
- Type of meal
- Music awards show

CLUES DOWN

- Former French coin of low value
- A bag-like structure in an animal
- Schenectady County Airport
- Calm down
- Partner to cheese
- Cola brand
- Stepped on
- Japanese city
- Type of coating
- A citizen of Yemen
- Popular breakfast item corned beef
- On a line at right angles to a ship's length
- First responders
- Short-term memory

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Quabbin Regional School District and Q-Drug, sponsors of National Night Out, had a table at the event.

Submitted photos



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Inc.; Eagle Hill School and The Center at Eagle Hill; Health Equity Partnership of North Central MA; Council on Aging/Senior Center (Hubbardston); Best Buddies; Luna Fitness and Wellness; Home Care AFC; Wachusett Medical Reserve Corps; Barre Fire Department; Barre Police Department; Hardwick Fire Department; Hardwick-New Braintree Police; New Braintree Fire Department; Hubbardston Fire Department and Oakham Fire Department.



A highlight of the evening was the State Police helicopter flying over of the Quabbin Regional High School grounds.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish had a table at National Night Out to promote their Joining Hands Community Walk on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Thomas-a-Becket Church, Vernon Avenue, South Barre

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an electrician, David del-agorgendiere, look at the lighting situation inside the gazebo and why the four outside lights failed to go on when it got dark. He found the reason the outside lights did not turn on was the programmed timers were mixed up due to power outages. He got them to work.

The electrician proposed changing the light fixture in the gazebo and said the cost

would be \$125 for labor and anywhere from \$125 to \$400 for the light fixture. He recommended replacing the photo cell timers at a cost of \$100.

He also recommended replacing the halogen outside lamps with LED. Halogen lights have a warm up period. LED lights come on instantly and would most likely be less expensive to run.

Sansoucy said the Friends group did not have the funds to pay for this upgrade. They

spend about \$4,000 to \$5,000 for summer concerts. Most of the money comes from Oakham Cultural Council grants and the Friends also received about \$1,500 in donations from residents, all of which goes to pay the bands.

Select Board member Dennis Bergin said he would look at the fixture. Replacing the fixture with a higher watt light bulbs might be a possible solution if the fixture allows higher watts than

what is in there now. The Administrative Assistant said Highway Superintendent Pat Mardirosian recently replaced the halogen lights on the common so they are all set for awhile.

Ethics Commission determination

Select Board Chairman Haapakoski said he heard back from the Ethics Commission for a determination since he was a direct abutter to the proposed Battery Energy Storage

System asking could he participate in anyway as a Select Board member. He was told no. Vice Chairman Michael Brunelle would take over the meeting for any BESS related discussion or vote. The only thing he could do if he disclosed his situation at a public hearing, he could speak as a resident then.

BESS public hearing

The first public hearing on the proposed BESS application will take place on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 6-9

p.m. at the Oakham Center School. State officials will be present and will run the hearing. Resident Matt Broderick suggested the hearing date be put on the electronic sign and placed on Route 148 as well as the electronic sign in front of the Town Hall.

Public comments

About 20 residents attended the meeting. An East Hill Road resident said Phil Warbasse of the Planning Board wrote several letters to the Department of Environmental Protection and he received no response to date. He also said there was a significant issue with sound from the cooling fans especially when they run at high speed when temperatures were high.

Broderick said Moraga Storage LLC already had their consultant do a data study on what the ambient of baseline sound was in Oakham. He suggested the town also hire a consultant to do a baseline study. Oakham does not have a sound ordinance. LaRange said the Board of Health was already looking at a noise ordinance since excess sound was a health concern.

Scott Corey, a director abutter, said Moraga Storage was required to provide a copy of their petition to the public library, which they have not done.

Lucy DeLeo asked if the town had money to hire an expert on the matter. Chairman Haapakoski said the town does have money in the Stabilization Fund, but a Special Town Meeting would need to be set for the residents to approve the transfer. The town planned a meeting, but they were waiting for free cash certification.

Skyline Drive

Town Counsel Sherman Everett of KP Law drafted a letter to Spillane and Spillane and to residents of Skyline Drive that since the town had lack of progress in acquiring road rights to Skyline Drive for it could be accepted as a town owned road, they will not be plowing the road this winter. DeLeo suggested they included in the letter the stipulation the owners pay for the recording fees with the Registry of Deeds. The Select Board approved the letter with the addition regarding recording fees. Board Vice Chairman Brunelle said "[we] have gone way beyond what the town should have done."

Advisory committee

Central Mass Regional Emergency Communication Center, formerly Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center seeks members for a Finance Advisory Subcommittee from Oakham. Select Board Chairman Haapakoski and Finance Committee member Clare Hendra were willing to serve on this new committee.

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up after the pandemic. "It's a hobby, and I enjoy it," Modugno said. These flannel paper towels come in various styles and are 100% cotton flannel. These can be used as napkins, guest towels, wash cloths, cleaning wipes and much more. For a tasty treat, Cookies by Ray arrived at the Winery with the cookie trailer selling delicious gourmet style cookies of various flavors. One flavor that sold out fast was the strawberry shortcake. Ray's cookies were a hit as many guests lined up in front of the cookie trailer. Another unique vendor was Creative Change. This crafter features interior decorating-stained glass cre-

ations. Beth Montemagni of Chicopee has been welding for 20 years and has been involved in art shows for the last 10 years. Montemagni says this style of art is her passion. Her first project was the design of a tree. Her favorite project to make is memory lanterns, where folks can case a memory in glass. Montemagni draws out the project first before welding the stained glass. Her motivation is to craft something that is "unique and one of a kind." Special guest From the Cow Parade at Old Sturbridge Village is Clover the traveling cow. Clover travels throughout the region to advertise the cow parade at the village. Guests came up to meet Clover and took pictures as



Seashells, driftwood, and sea glass are used on frames and other crafts made by Crafty Besties



Flannel paper towels and napkins made by Gail Modugno of Steerage Rock Stitching of Brimfield.

Stained glass creations made by Beth Montemagni of Creative Change Interior Decorating Stained Glass Creations



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tered to eighth, 10th and 12th grade students at Ware Public Schools, Monson Public Schools, North Brookfield Public Schools, Palmer Public School District and Quabbin Regional School District. "We conducted our survey in March and April of 2025," Berthiaume said. Berthiaume said while there was less response to the survey from older students, roughly two-thirds of the 1,051 students enrolled in the various school districts participated. Almost 80% of eight grade students returned surveys.

Use of illicit substances

Overall, 82% of students reported no substance use in the past 30 days. Almost 90% reported that they have not used alcohol, 92.5% said they have not used cannabis, 92.8% said they have not used e-cigarettes/vape pens, and 97.3% have not used nicotine pouches. Berthiaume said 97.7% of students reported they did not use cigarettes, and 95.7% said they did not misuse prescription medication. Misuse of inhalants (97.1% said they do not misuse inhalants) has also shown a decrease from previous survey data. Berthiaume said 97.7% of students reported they did not use cigarettes, and 95.7% said they did not misuse prescription medication. Misuse of inhalants (97.1% said they do not misuse inhalants) has also shown a decrease from previous survey data.

"Most students reported no illicit substance use," she said. While 12th grade students reported less use of cigarettes (down from 6% to 1%), the survey showed that 3% of both eighth and 10th grade students still use them. "The need for prevention is younger. Because we're seeing the behaviors increase in the younger grades," Drug Free Communities Program Director Rebecca Edwards said.

Berthiaume said there is no trend data for the use of nicotine pouches among students, but they are increasing in popularity and commonality. After reaching an all-time high in 2021, alcohol use continues to decline according to the survey results except for an increase from 4% to 9% among eighth grade students. Cannabis use has also seen a downward trend in all age groups surveyed, Berthiaume said, going from 19% to 9%. This trend was also seen with the use of e-cigarettes/vape pens.

"A drop from 19 to 9% is pretty significant," she said. The survey data showed that the misuse of prescription medications and inhalants has remained the same after increasing from 2021 to 2023. Medications used to treat ADHD, benzodiazepines and opioids were all listed as being "easily accessible" to students. "That's definitely something to keep an eye on," Berthiaume said. "Even though they're comparatively low, due to their seriousness."

Access to illicit substances The percentage of students who reported access to illicit substances noted that alcohol, cannabis vape pods and pens, and nicotine vape pods and pens were the easiest to get. Access to cigarettes also came in high, but most students reported not using them. "Almost 50% of students reported it would be easy to access alcohol," Berthiaume

said. Students who reported some substance use reported they primarily gained access from friends. Students also reported getting access to substances (both knowingly and unknowingly) from family members. "Very small amounts reporting buying it online or asking a stranger to buy it for them. Very few reported using fake IDs. The time of that is largely over," she said. In talking to school administrators, many students reported getting substances from their coworkers who are over 21 years old and legally able to purchase alcohol, nicotine and cannabis. Policies that raise the age of purchase (such as the Nicotine Free-Generation) could help to reduce the amount of friend to friend exchanges of substances. The town of Belchertown is one of 13 towns in the commonwealth to adopt such a policy.

State and national comparison

Berthiaume said national and state data was not available yet for the 2025 survey, but compared to previous data, the region remains comparable to those numbers. For eighth grade students, the regional data reported less alcohol use compared to both national and state data. The 10th grade students were slightly higher than the state average but still below the national average. Students in 12th grade reported less alcohol use than the state average and were comparable to the national average. "Student demographics "For many of the categories, we see pretty consistent with all students," Berthiaume said. Berthiaume said substance use rates are higher with LGBTQ+ students and students of color. These students also reported higher levels of feeling negative emotions.

Emotions and mental health

Berthiaume said the eighth grade students reported higher levels of these emotions, and LGBTQ+ students reported feeling more negative emotions regularly. Female students were twice as likely to experience negative emotions than their male peers, but had similar levels of happy/content every day. Students of color also reported more negative emotions than white students. "The overall data of feeling negative emotions is trending downward compared to 2021 and 2023," Berthiaume said. "During COVID, negative emotions were at an all-time high."

When the students were asked how they coped with these negative emotions, only 27% reported that they would talk to their family, but almost

70% will go on social media to manage difficult emotions. "The impact social media has on youth is not good and it's going to exacerbate those feelings," she said. Talking to friends to help cope with negative emotions was listed by 42% of students, which is lower than expected. More than three-quarters of students said they would focus on something else or do an enjoyable activity to cope. Berthiaume said one in 10 students reported engaging in self-harm in the past 12 months (11%), which is a drop from the 16% reported in 2023. She said this is still something to monitor closely as it is "concerningly high."

Perceptions of harm

Over 80% of students reported there is a "moderate/great" risk of harm with binge drinking alcohol, which is defined as five or more drinks one-to-two times a week. For cannabis, about half of the students reported it as moderate/great risk of harm for use one-to-two times a week, but 87% think every day use is more harmful than binge drinking. More than 90% of students think every day use of e-cigarettes/vape pens is moderate/great risk of harm. A large percentage of stu-

dents recognized the dangers of substance use and saw these behavior as more harmful for someone their age versus just people in general. "So that was great to see," Berthiaume said. "They really understand that it's harmful for them."

Parent and friend disapproval

For 10th and 12th graders, there's a drop in the percentage of students who think their parents would disapprove of the use of alcohol and cannabis. "One to keep an eye on is the cannabis in particular," Berthiaume said. Looking at friend disapproval rates for 10th graders, trends are bouncing back from what was seen in the 2023 data. Berthiaume said she would like to see the results for e-cigarettes/vape pens and cannabis to be higher. For eighth graders, the friend disapproval rate increased for both e-cigarettes/vape pens and cannabis. In 12th grade, the disapproval rate for friends dropped for the use of alcohol. Family factors and school culture Berthiaume said 95% of students reported that their families have clear rules and expectations about alcohol and 96% have the same for drug

use. Almost 100% of students said their parents would be aware if they were in school or not. "Our students know that someone is looking out for them. It's really reassuring to see," Berthiaume said. The survey showed that the percentage of students who think their peers are using substances is higher than the number actually reported by students. The survey also looked at bullying, and 50% of students who reported being bullied said it was for their body size/personal appearance which broke down to weight (90%), hygiene (73%) and clothing (56%). Almost 40% of those bullied said it was because of their race/ethnicity. Another primary cause reported for bullying was related to a student's physical ability.

About QHSUA

Established in 2014, the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance is a partnership of local hospitals, school districts, behavioral health agencies, religious organizations, police departments, town administrations, mental health professionals, fire and rescue departments, businesses, youth groups and organizations, substance use treatment service providers, and com-

munity members who care about community-based substance use prevention, treatment and recovery supports. The alliance began as a program under the auspices of the Quaboag Hills Community Coalition. In 2015, it was funded with a start-up grant from Baystate Health Eastern Region's Community Benefits Advisory Council. In 2016, the town of Ware and the alliance were awarded a five-year federal Drug-Free Communities Support Program grant. They have also received grant funding from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and the Public Health Services Commissioned Officers Foundation. In 2019, the QHSUA was awarded another federal grant to address underage drinking and the risk of impaired driving. QHSUA serves local communities that are located in Hampshire, Hampden and Worcester Counties - the towns of Barre, Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, Hubbardston, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield.

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

IMMIGRANTS: FACTS AND FICTION presentation will take today from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Merriam-Gilbert Library, 3 West Main St., West Brookfield. This free presentation is sponsored by Grassroots Central Mass.. For more information on Grassroots Central Mass, people may visit the website at <https://grassrootscentralmass.org> or email us at info@grassrootscentralmass.org.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

BARRE FARMERS MARKET is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. The market is held rain or shine. The market runs May to October and has a wide variety of local farmers along with home made items.

AUTUMN KIDS MARKET along with the regular Barre Farmers Market will take place today from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Barre Common. The kids market is run by children. They should register now to participate. Shoppers will be able to shop from entrepreneurs ages 5 to 17 on Sept. 13. For more information, people may visit ChildrensEntrepreneurMarket.com.

SHARING HOPE SEMINAR SERIES offered by Miles Funeral Home in Holden will take place today from 1-3 p.m. at the Holden Senior Center, 25 Bascom Way, Holden. The seminar is free and open to the public. Present is Pamela Reidy, director of community education for miles Funeral Home Seating is limited. People should call 508-829-4434 to reserve a space. A light lunch will be served and attendees will receive a free complimentary copy of Joanne Cacciatore's best selling book "Bearing the Unbearable."

CHICKEN BARBECUE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #15657 will take place today at 2 p.m. on St Francis of Assisi Parish grounds at 398 Vernon Avenue, South Barre. Tickets are \$15. and must be purchased ahead of time. Only 100 tickets will be sold. People may call Greg Devine at 774-479-8300 for tickets.

TO-GO CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER sponsored by the Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church, 21 North Main St., Petersham, will be today with pick-up starting at 5:30 p.m. Menu includes: barbecue half chicken (breast, wings, thigh, leg), baked potato, Cole slaw, corn on the cob and a dessert. Cost is \$15 per meal with an option for an additional half chicken for \$10. The proceeds will help repair weather damage to the Church. Reservations required by calling 978-724-3362.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

FILL THE PANTRY GOLF SCRAMBLE will be held today at Quail Hollow Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham with registration at noon and shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost to play golf is \$150 single, \$300 twosome and \$600 foursome. Dinner only is \$40. They should include number of golfers and their names as well as contact information with name, address, phone and email. Check should be payable to St. Mary's Council #14298 and mailed to Matt Kelley, 37 Nottingham



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Where is this?
This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Sept. 15. Robert Augustine, Bill Bowles, Peggy Civiilik, Paul Cranston, Ralph Gendron, Rosemary Horan, James Laramée, Marianne Meyer, Lynn Oaks, Nancy Pelis and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the new boat ramp and dock at Long Pond, Route 122, Rutland.

Drive, Jefferson, MA 01522 or register online at www.FillThePantry.golf. Sponsors are St. Mary's #14298, St. Patrick's #16001 and St. Cleophas #15756 Knights of Columbus. Net proceeds raised will benefit families in need supporting Rutland Food Pantry, Barre Food Pantry, Joseph's Project Food Pantry and Knights of Columbus Charities. Contests include putting, straightest drive and closes to the pin. Mulligans are \$5 each. Businesses or people in memory of a loved one may sponsor a hole for \$100. This includes a sign. If businesses want to use their company logo on their hole sponsor sign, they should send it in pdf format. For contact information, people may call 508-981-6976 or email flaganelli@gmail.com or Matt Kelley at 508-596-8660 or email kelly084@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

ANNUAL WINE TASTING sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association will be held at Agronomy Farm Vineyard, 338 Ware Corner Road, Oakham on Thursday, Sept 18 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person. Also included is Lee Dugan's "Oakham Jeopardy Game," the game of Jeopardy tailored to Oakham history. People may sign up for this fun evening at Agronomy Winery by visiting their website at <https://agronomyfarmvineyard.com>. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19.

GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center,

20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

SWING DANCE EVENT will take place today from 7-9:30 p.m. at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Room A110, Gardner. The event includes instruction session, which will focus on teaching the basics of East Coast Swing followed by social dance to practice the dance moves. Instructors are Dawn and Mike Ross. The fee is \$20. People may register by visiting <https://mwcc.universitytickets.com/w/ev>.

FREE YOGA FOR STRESS RELIEF sponsored by The Centered Place Yoga Studio, 286 Bridge St., Warren today from 7-8 p.m. The class will be taught by Swami Shrutananda, a yoga monk, who travels throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia and Europe. Swami Shrutananda will discuss the causes and symptoms of stress. She will then lead people through a few user-friendly yoga poses. In just a few minutes, they will discover how easily they can reduce their stress. The yoga style she teaches as does The Centered Place is easily accessible and slower-paced. Every pose is customized to individual needs. No previous yoga experience is required. To register for this event or for more information, people may either email phil@thecenteredplace.com or call 413-436-7374.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY YARD

SALE will take place today with members shopping first from 8-9 a.m. with free coffee and the public beginning at 9 a.m. at their buildings located on 18 Common St., Barre. Rain date on Sunday, Sept. 21. There will be something for everyone and people may name the price. Yes, for much of the offerings, society members ask for them to determine your donation for the treasures they want. From current dish sets, pans, utensils, etc., to games, winter sleds, electronics and a "collectibles" table too where vintage items including jewelry, old medicine bottle, tins, and more are all available. As a non-profit, self sustaining organization, they depend upon the generosity of the buyers.

CRUISE FOR CRITTERS to support Second Chance Animal Services will take place today from 10 a.m.- 3p.m. at Westview Farms Creamery, 109 East Hill Road, Monson. Spectators can attend the car show free of charge. There will be live music from Barberic Band, vendors fair and more. Car owners entry fee is \$20 with proceeds going directly to Second Chance's programs.

FAMILY FUN DAY hosted by New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., South Barre will be held today from noon-3 p.m. on the South Barre Common, Nornay Park, South Barre. This event will feature food, family-friendly entertainment and beyond. As always, there is no cost to attend. For more information people may call Pastor James Foley at 978-355-6407 or visit the church website at www.NewLifeBarre.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

BOOK DISCUSSION on "The Life of Samuel H. Walker" co-authored by David M. Sullivan, a local author will take place today from 1-3 p.m. at the Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St., Rutland. Sullivan is the editor and author of several publications, including the four volume set of The United States Marine Corps in the Civil War, and recipient of the 2003 Brigadier General O. P. Smith Award. Light refreshments will be served following the discussion. For more information, people may visit rutlandmahistoricalssociety.org.

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VETERANS DAY SALUTE

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The 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 **Turley Publications, Inc.**

Ware River News, 80 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082
All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 13, 2025.

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.

Tom Rawinski to talk about white-tailed deer management

RUTLAND – On Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m. the Ware River Nature Club hosts Tom Rawinski, who will talk about the consequences of white-tailed deer mismanagement at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland.

It has been called the greatest mistake in the history of wildlife management – too many deer causing too many problems. Segments of society enjoy benefits of deer aplenty while others are left to pay the associated costs, namely forest health degradation, deer-vehicle collisions, elevated tick-borne disease transmission, agricultural depredation and home-owner vegetation damage.

Many conservation groups shy away from it, preferring instead to conduct conservation by convenience. Hunters have never had it so good. To them, there's no such thing as too many deer. Rather than staying true to the ethical teachings of Aldo Leopold, state wildlife agencies delight in the license revenue generated by happy deer hunters and let the hunt-



Photo courtesy Tom Rawinski

White-tailed deer management will be the discussion topic at the Ware River Nature Club meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rutland Public Library. The public is invited.

ers call the shots.

Rawinski is a retired ecologist/botanist. He holds degrees from the University of Massachusetts (BS) and Cornell University (MS). In 2020 he received Harvard University's prestigious Charles Bullard Fellowship in Forest Research.

His career path began in 1982 with The Nature Conservancy, followed by positions with the Virginia Department of Conservation

and Recreation, the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the USDA Forest Service. He has written scores of technical reports and has helped protect critical natural areas throughout the Northeast. Much of his work focused on the problem of white-tailed deer overabundance. In 2014 he received the New England Society of American Foresters' 2014 Integrity in Conservation Award.

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ber and Paula will call you back. You can donate using the QR CODE below, just scroll down to Joining Hands Community Walk to specify that your donation is for the Walk.

Then at 2 p.m. the Knight of Columbus Council #15756 will put on one of their famous chicken barbecue. The chefs for this meal are none other than Peter Coppolino and Eddy Valardi. The cost is \$15. It will be served on the parish

grounds right after the end of the Community Walk. Get your tickets early because there will only be 100 sold. People may call Greg Devine at 774-479-8300 for tickets. Proceeds from the chicken barbecue go to the Knights for their charitable projects.

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Panthers make easy work of Groton-Dunstable



BARRE – Last Monday afternoon, Quabbin Regional field hockey grabbed its second win of the regular season, easily defeating Groton-Dunstable 6-0. Makenzie Casey and Maria Hamm had two goals each to lead the Panthers, which are now 2-0.

Veanna Salvadore is pressured while she tries to send the ball inside the circle.



Makenzie Casey tries to settle a loose ball in traffic.



Farrah Wojick keeps the ball from going out of bounds.



Maria Hamm takes possession ahead of an opponent.



Kai Shuster heads up the far side of the field.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Abby Rogowski gets a backhand on the ball.



Submitted photo

Several members of Quabbin Regional cross country ride the ferry to Martha's Vineyard for an event last weekend.

Quabbin harriers compete in island event last weekend

MARTHA'S VINEYARD – The girls' and boys' cross-country teams took vans and then a boat to go to an invitational race on Martha's Vineyard Saturday the 6th of September. It was the 18th annual race there and the Quabbin harriers decided it was time to go there and join in with the races. The day started at 5am with vans leaving Quabbin heading to Woods Hole where the team along with many

other teams, would board a ferry for a 45-minute ride through the Atlantic Ocean. Upon arrival, the host school Martha Vineyard High School would send buses to pick up the many teams with runners. At the high school five races were held with a freshman co-ed 3K race and then two JV races of 5K distance (3.1 miles). Quabbin's girls team placed 11th led by top runner Dani Gaudreault who placed 41st with a time of 23:11.

Teammates Maddie Boisselle took 65th place 25:03, Jill Rigney 68th 25:12, Whitney Reeves crossed the finish line in 77th place with a time of 26:01 and Hazel Carter closed out the scoring in 96th place 28:47. Julianna Lindsten and Ruari Bosley also finished the race in 102nd and 103rd places respectively. Earlier in Week the girls travel to

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Pioneers wins season opener

PALMER – Last Tuesday afternoon, three different Pioneers scored for Pathfinder in the season opener as they defeated Monson 3-2. Adonis Dupre, Owen Pear, and Cayden Bousquet all had the goals as the Pioneers were able to pull out the victory. The Pioneers fell to Smith Vocational 5-4 to make Pathfinder 1-1 to start the season.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Brody Wetnicka looks for a lane to make a throw-in.



Gianni Holland goes for the loose ball.



Adonis Dupre sends the ball deep.



Jaleel Roman tries to play the ball high.

Tough start for Quabbin boys soccer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—First year Quabbin boys' varsity soccer coach Bill Crowther was very pleased with his team's first half performance against the Uxbridge Spartans in the season opener.

The second half was a different story, as the visitors from the Blackstone Valley scored four goals enroute to a 6-1 non-league victory over the Panthers at Alumni Field on September 2.

"I thought we had a very good effort during the first half," Crowther said. "We just didn't play very well in the second half. This was a very

good learning experience for us. I did see some positive things."

It was the second time that the Spartans boys' soccer team made the long bus ride to Barre during the past year.

The Panthers celebrated a 1-0 shutout against the Spartans at the end of the 2024 regular season.

Uxbridge took a 1-0 lead in this year's season opening match during the 13th minute of the first half when senior Krish Patel lined a shot into the back of the net past Quabbin junior goalie Alijah Flint (22 saves). Senior Wilson Obiocha was credited with the assist.

Flint is one of the Panthers

captains, along with junior Owen Twarog, junior Logan Bruley, and Collin Lindley, who's the only senior listed on the Panthers varsity soccer roster.

A couple of minutes later, Quabbin had an opportunity to score the tying goal on a shot by sophomore Matt Labrousse, but Uxbridge junior goalie Parker DaCosta made a diving save.

Another shot attempt from sophomore Silas Slukuis-Barrieau was saved by the Spartans keeper.

During the 31st minute, the home team tied the score

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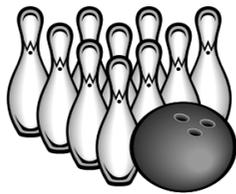


James Vulpe defends the ball in front of the net with Cayden Bousquet, left, and Goalie Elijah Hodge flanking him.

Sports

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – The 2025-2026 candlepin league season has begun for Roll-A-Way Lanes.

The Wednesday Night League consists of 12 teams, with the league being divided into two divisions of six teams. This past Wednesday night was opening night of the fall/winter league. Standings will be announced later in the season after a few new bowlers establish a league average.

Names of teams will be announced later as the season rolls on.

On lanes three and four, Team Seven bowled against Team Four on opening night. In game one, Team Seven defeated Team Four by a score of 455-437.

In game two, Team Seven was victorious again by a score of 473-443. Keith of Team Seven bowled well with a 115 after starting off the match with a 102.

In game three, Team Four won the last game of the match by a score of 468-452. Breno of Team Four bowled a 113 to help his team get the victory. Keith finished with a 107 and a

series of 324. The final score was 1380-1348 in favor of Team Seven.

Team Three bowled against Team Two in week one. Game one results, Team Three defeated Team Two by a score of 457-407. In game two, Team Three won again by a score of 533-444. Nate, Dean, Jody and Scott of Team Three all broke the century mark with scores of 125, 101, 108, and 135.

In game three, Team Three won by a score of 476-459. Sue Horton of Team Two finished strong with a 134, featuring a double strike, and had a three-game series of 356.

Team Ten bowled against Team Eleven in week one. Game one results, Team Ten won by a score of 449-430. In game two, Team Ten won again by a score of 492-442. In game three, Team Ten won the last game by a score of 468-444.

Team Five bowled against Team Nine in week one. The scores are scratch scores due to handicap scores still being determined. Game one results, Team Nine scored 351 and Team Five scored 336. Shaun Midura of Team Nine began with a 110.

In game two, Team Five bowled a 358 and Team

Nine bowled a 399. Midura bested his first game by bowling a 114 in game two.

In game three, Team Five bowled a 357 and Team Nine combined with a 366. Results of who won during this match will be determined on a later date.

Team Six bowled against Team Eight in week one. In game one, the scratch scores are 415-313 in favor of Team Six. Jason Swistak of Team Six started the match with a 119.

In game two, the scratch scores were Team Six with a 474 and Team Eight with a 352. Swistak followed up with a 111 and his teammate Ryan Drago bowled a 144.

In game three, Team Six bowled a 468 and Team Eight bowled a 340. Swistak finished strong with a 132 and a series of 362.

Team One bowled against the Ghost Team during the first week. Lee Robinson had the highest single game in week one with a 145. His teammate, Darryl Sinclair finished with a 121 to go with a 111 and 103 for a series of 335.

Leclerc, Patnode gets wins

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Teen Ty Leclerc is for real and so too is a slightly older guy named Todd Patnode. The potent pair split a pair of 35-lap Modified main events Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway, with each backing up his dash to victory lane with a strong third-place performance in the second feature event.

Other winners Saturday on the high banks of the Great Race Place included Super Street hot shoe Zach Zilinski, who won for the second time this summer and Gordon Farnum, Farnum, who jumped into the Swanzy Oil ride mid-season, won for the third week in a row and fourth time this summer.

While points aren't kept in the youth Young Guns division, 2025 will be remembered as the year of Hunter Duquette. The Bay State teen scored his track-high seventh win Saturday. And in the Six Shooters, defending track king Michael Yeaton moved to the top of the leader board with his second win of the summer.

Leclerc started up front alongside Andrew Brousseau as the Allstates Material Group 604 Modifieds went to war in the night's first of two 35-lap features. The Taunton, Mass. star, who'd scored his first career win just three weeks earlier, jumped all over the opening lead and never looked back.

Top gun Tyler Leary raced most of the way in Leclerc's shadow but could never find a path around the flying teen. Patnode was quickly up to Leary's bumper but could advance no farther, settling for the bronze medal finish and setting his sights on a bigger prize in the nightcap.

With the top eight then inverted to start round number two, top points man Brian Robie, who entered Saturday night's twins with four wins already this summer, took charge on lap two. Patnode, though, firing from row three, led by a foot as the two former champs hit the stripe on lap four and then held strong to beat Robie to the checkers by a single length. Leclerc, blasting off from row four, was strong in third.

While Robie was winless on the night, he and his potent Bar Harbor Bank and Trust ride still holds a commanding 64-point lead in the race to the 2025 604 Modified championship, with only two remaining races this season.

Michael Lashua, stronger and better every week, led the first eight laps of the Twin State Truck Services Super Street feature. Zach Zilinski, though, wasn't about to let him get away, low-lining into the lead in turn two and then holding off a blockbuster cast to score his second win of the season.

Zilinski had to first hold off Erik Smith, and then JD Stockwell, as the presence of five-time winner Dylan Zullo moved closer and closer from his row four starting spot. Zullo rocketed into second on lap 16 but, on this night, had to settle for second, taking the checkers glued to Zilinski's bumper as he continued his march toward a first-time title. Stockwell finished his strong night's work in third, with two other previous 2025 winners, Chris Riendeau and Smith rounding out the top five.

Reigning Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure

Stock champ Andrea St. Amour started up front in Saturday night's 25-lap feature and immediately took charge. While she had a swarm of top contenders at her heels, the biggest thing to keep her from cruising into victory lane was coming like a heat-seeking missile from way back in row five.

Gobbling up positions from any lane he chose, Farnum took fourth on lap six, third on lap nine, and sailed past points leader Kyle Kenny two laps later. St. Amour was next. Taking the lead low along the front chute as lap 13 went into the sunset. He sped off into the books. He sped off into the sunset to win for the third week in a row. St. Amour and Carlos Grenier, staged a terrific battle for the second spot, with St. Amour prevailing to earn the runnerup hardware. Jimmy Zellman was fourth on the night, and fifth went to Addison Brooks.

Hunter Duquette made easy work of powering to win number seven in the Doug's Auto Body Young Guns Saturday. Leading all the way in the caution-free 15-lapper, he romped to victory after earlier winning his heat. Ella Grabowski impressed in second, and Maya Bell was third.

Michael Yeaton and Travis Hollins were tied atop the Six Shooter leader board entering Saturday's third outing of the season. Not anymore. Like he'd done a few weeks ago at Claremont, Yeaton, the reigning king of the Six Shooters on the high banks, blasted off to win by a country mile Saturday. Hollins was second, and first-timer Jeff Staiti came home third.

In the Classroom

MWCC celebrates Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Inductees



Submitted photo

MWCC's newest Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members are shown. Note: Not all were present for ceremony.

GARDNER – Mount Wachusett Community College announces the induction of outstanding students into the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for the 2024 – 2025 year.

The ceremony, held on Thursday, April 17, recognized seventy-three exceptional students for their exemplary academic achievements, leadership, and commitment to community service. The 2025 MWCC Phi Theta Kappa local inductees are: Kenzie Gallagher of Barre, Thomas Deshaw of Hubbardston and Amari Dahrooge of Rutland.

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor soci-

ety for two-year colleges, honors students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship and service. Membership is extended to those who embody the values of scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service. Inductees join a network of over 3.5 million members worldwide, representing the best of community and technical colleges. Some notable PTK members include astronaut Fred Haise, actress Sela Ward, singer Trisha Yearwood and news anchor Jim Lehrer.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the accomplishments of our 2025 Phi Theta Kappa inductees," said James

Vander Hooven, President of Mount Wachusett Community College. "I am always so impressed by your achievements. You are all balancing so many things in your lives, your dedication to academic excellence and service is inspiring."

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society induction ceremony at MWCC showcased the academic achievements and leadership potential of students from various disciplines. Each inductee has demonstrated a commitment to scholarship and community, making significant contributions both inside and outside the classroom.

WPI students complete capstone research projects

WORCESTER – Almost 1,200 undergraduate students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute completed a senior capstone thesis that is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience.

Known as Major Qualifying Projects, these are professional-level research experiences in the students' fields of study that challenge students to solve the kind of problem they would typically encounter in their professional discipline.

MQPs are usually team-based and often focus on specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the students' work. In addition to providing practical work experience that proves valuable to future employers, MQPs often lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at regional and national conferences, patents, and entrepreneurial ventures. Others become useful innovations and products for

their corporate sponsors.

The following Class of 2025 students completed an MQP: Benjamin Hood of Hardwick, majoring in civil engineering completed a project titled "Culvert Removal and Stream Restoration in Sterling; Matthew Brown of Rutland, majoring in computer science completed a project titled "PC Pets: Interactive Productivity and Mental Health;" Micaela Tourtellot of Oakham, majoring in electrical and computer engineering completed a project titled "Intelligent System for Maximizing Photovoltaic Output Power;" Ashley Hutchings of Rutland, majoring in chemical engineering completed a project titled "Development of a Continuous Pyrolysis System for Polystyrene;" Brendan May of Rutland, majoring in biomedical engineering completed a project titled "Vibrational Therapy to Reduce the Effect of Essential Tremor;" Hannah Peloquin of Rutland, majoring in biomedical engineering completed a

project titled "3D Mapping of Cardiac Anatomy via Robotic Catheter Steering;" Devin Kachadoorian of Rutland, majoring in mechanical engineering completed a project titled "Vibrational Therapy to Reduce the Effect of Essential Tremor;" Sophia DiBara of Rutland, majoring in biology and biotechnology, completed a project titled "Evolutionary & Functional Analyses of dEGFR/Kek1;" Ryan Dillon from Rutland, Massachusetts, majoring in computer science and professional writing, completed a project titled "The Impact of Data Visualization on Loan Repayment Behavior;" Aili Bray of Oakham, majoring in chemical engineering completed a project titled "ATP-Dependent Paclitaxel Transport in Taxus Cell Cultures" and Gavin Burkhardt of North Brookfield, majoring in biology and biotechnology and environmental and sustainability studies completed a project titled "Phylogeography and Invasion of Virile Crayfish in N. America."

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when junior Jacoby Dilling blasted a shot into the right corner of the net.

"It felt very good when Jacoby scored the tying goal in the first half," Crowther said. "We just couldn't keep the momentum after that."

The contest didn't stay tied for very long.

Uxbridge retook the lead following a goal by junior Sebastian Molit three minutes later.

Then a breakaway shot by Uxbridge freshman Guilherme Resende was broken up by a Quabbin defender. The Panthers were trailing 2-1 at the break.

In a three-minute span, the Spartans built their lead to 4-1 following back-to-back goals from junior Gabriel Gomes.

Uxbridge's final two goals were scored by Patel, which was a penalty kick during the 73rd minute, and Obiocha.

The Panthers also lost at Tahanto Regional, 4-2, last Thursday afternoon.

BOYS SOCCER from page 9

Hudson and defeated the Hawks 20-50 and lost to Tyngsboro 26 to 32.

The varsity boys raced the last race of the day and finished in 12th place. The Panthers were paced by the duo of Brendan Welch and Jacob Bassett finishing in 43rd and 44th places respectively with times of 18:25 and 18:26. Teammates Brody Faucher 66th 19:38, Jack Orsini 70th 19:56 and Aiden Mahoney 104 22:00 closed out the team scoring for 303 points. Brennan Gabrenas and Wyatt Clark also ran in the race finishing 105, and 109 respectively. On Thursday the boys lost to the host team Hudson 19 to 39 and in a narrow loss also to Tyngsboro 27 to 28.

The teams' next meet is at home on Sept. 17 running against Bromfield and Lunenburg.

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Church News

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Boasting Part 7

2 Corinthians is an interesting epistle penned by Paul to the ancient believers at Corinth.

Within this letter, Paul contends with a church that had come to question his legitimacy as a leader, even though it was a church he himself had pioneered (Acts 18). Contextually, the Corinthians had come under the sway of some smooth-talking “super apostles,” who diminished the authority of Paul to bolster their own. So much so, Paul was apparently asked to provide letters of recommendation to affirm his apostleship. What kind of assembly asks Paul for a resume when he planted the church via gospel proclamation?

Moving along, Paul in an attempt to right the wayward ship of their faith-decided to play their game a bit. Though he deemed it foolish to posit his resume in Christ, he met the saints where they were (i.e., that he might bring them to a place of spiritual health in the Lord). Consider his remarks in kind:

2 Corinthians 11:21b-29 (NIV)

21 . . . Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. 22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

Yet it is at this point that Paul segues from boasting in a worldly way to boasting in a God-honoring manner. Tired of speaking of himself, his resume, and his authority as an apostle, he transitions to something he deemed far more deserving:

2 Corinthians 11:30

30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

Why would he prefer to boast of weakness? The subsequent text offers insight. Consider, prayerfully, the following passage:

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

7 . . . in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Born of this text, why would he prefer to boast of his weakness versus his formidable strength and tireless capacity? Note:

Firstly, to demonstrate the strength of God against the backdrop of human weakness. Paul is making a theological point. The strength of the Lord is most evident when human strength is absent. Our weakness becomes the showcase for the power of the Lord!

Secondly, to demonstrate the sufficiency of God’s grace. Paul came to recognize that God’s enabling grace was sufficient, even when faced with the most severe of earthly trials and limitations. Paul came to find rest and even joy amid hardship, not because he was strong, but because God was!

Thirdly, to glorify God versus humanity. Paul wanted to make it abundantly clear that his ministry success and capacity came from the power of the Lord, not his ability, pedigree or charismatic charm. He did not want the church of Jesus Christ to revel in his greatness, but in the greatness of the Lord, which is far more enduring.

Fourthly, Paul wanted to exemplify and instill a necessary humility. Paul rejected the notion that Christians should operate from a position of pride or self-reliance. Rather, humility was among the most vital of virtues for those who profess Jesus! His approach both evidenced and expressed the need for meekness before God and men.

Finally, he sought to uniquely refute his critics. Many Corinthians came to doubt the authority of Paul as he suffered much. Paul flipped the script, however, showing that weakness evidenced his calling, for he followed in the footsteps of Jesus, who came to serve and to give his life for the sake of others (Matt. 20:28).

Learning to boast of our weaknesses may be among the most challenging of practices in the whole of the faith. However, this is something we can and must learn to do in Christ! Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments and/or questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“I am the Potter; you are the Clay.”

Scripture Reading:
Jeremiah 18 v 1-6 and
Luke 14:25 -33

I. Introduction

When we embark on a new project or endeavor, we know that it is important to think about its purpose, our capabilities, the potential need for assistance or resources, and the long-term usefulness of the project. When we build something, or sew a garment, anything that takes some doing, we must be aware of what it will take to create and to finish the project. Sometimes we must dismantle the project and start over again, until we are satisfied with the outcome.

II. I am the Potter; you are the clay

The potter in the Book of Jeremiah was busy creating vessels for a specific purpose. Pottery making was a common activity in the Near East, and like Jesus in

the New Testament, Yahweh approached the prophets of the time using daily life examples to illustrate God’s purpose and lessons for the people of Judah and Israel. Jeremiah obeyed God’s instruction to go to the potter’s house to observe his work.

There he saw the potter dismantle the vessel he was busy with and reshaped it into another pot, to suit his needs. Something must have gone wrong with the clay as he was working with it and discarded that project, because it wasn’t good enough for what he wanted.

As he was watching this situation, Yahweh spoke to him with these words, “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as the potter does? Like the clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in My hand.” The passage continues where God declares that any nation or kingdom that does not repent from its evil ways, God will uproot it, tear it down and destroy it. But, if they repent from their evil ways, God will consider not inflicting any harm upon them. Jeremiah lived in the period before the Babylonian Exile, to preach of the doom and destruction that will befall Israel, because of the moral decline of its people.

If they do not repent, they will be taken into exile by Babylon, which in fact, did happen. Jeremiah was arrested for his outspokenness, but was allowed to stay, while many of the city’s inhabitants were deported. Israel was not willing to be the clay in God’s hand, as God required from them. They were given the opportunity to journey with God, to be protected, to be shaped according to God’s will for them. They could be the clay, and God the Potter, helping, providing, and giving them shelter. They refused.

In Luke Jesus speaks to the crowds who followed Him about what true discipleship means, that it has to do with self-sacrifice, making the choice for God, the better choice, even a better choice than one’s own family. When the call comes to do what God wants us to do, the choice is clear that the way of God comes first.

This is not an easy choice to make, but it is a choice our Almighty God places upon us, and when we say yes, we are being shaped for the purpose we are called to fulfill. It is a journey that puts God always first before anything else. It is about carrying our cross, even when it is challenging sometimes. God needs disciples who are morally strong to carry out the message and will of God during good times and not so good. And if we lack the strength, God will be the Potter and we are the clay, being shaped and strengthened to fulfill our purpose in this life.

III. Conclusion

To follow Christ, therefore means we must be aware of the cost involved being a disciple. In the same way we create our projects and understand what it will take to build and finish it, we need to know what it will take to follow Christ, what we are called to do. Our calling is very personal and specific. If we still our minds and hearts and souls, God’s Spirit speaks to us. We must therefore spend time with God to discern our calling and assess our readiness to fulfill it.

When we say yes, we also say yes to our Almighty God, the Potter of our lives, Who will shape and strengthen us to do God’s will on this earth. May God help us to always be on this journey as the clay, pliable

See **SERMONS**, page 12

Public Notices

Sale of Motor Vehicle Under MGL Ch 255 Sec 39A

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jeanne M. Parker to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated October 28, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37736, Page 115, as modified by a certain modification agreement recorded on October 1, 2015, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54377, Page 361, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, acting in its receivership capacity as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded on April 2, 2015, in Book No. 53545, at Page 369 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on January 31, 2017, in Book No. 56681, at Page 393 NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., recorded on June 4, 2019, in Book No. 60499, at Page 210 Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2, recorded on April 15, 2025, in Book No. 71861, at Page 199 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **3:00 PM on October 14, 2025**, on the mortgaged premises located at 9 Barre Plains Road, Oakham, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: A certain tract or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Oakham, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of the Old Turnpike Road aforesaid, at the intersection of said road with the westerly side of the Barre Plans Road aforesaid;

Thence westerly along the Old Turnpike Road, two hundred fifty (250) feet, to a point at land now or formerly of Moran aforesaid, which point is thirteen and 25/100 (13.25) feet easterly from a Worcester County Highway Bound;

Thence North 69° 42’ West, three hundred ten (310) feet to a fence;

Thence North 3° 30’ East, three hundred sixty-three (363) feet along a fence;

Thence North 11° East, thirty-three (33) feet;

Thence South 85° East, sixty (60) feet;

Thence South 51° 30’ East, ninety-nine (99) feet to a bend in a stone wall;

Thence along said stone wall by the following courses; North 77° East, one hundred sixty (160) feet; North 85° 30’ East, one hundred forty (140) feet; North 73° 15’ East, eighty-five (85) feet to the intersection of said wall with another wall at the westerly side of the Barre Plains Road aforesaid; all of the preceding courses are along said Moran land.

Thence southerly along said Barre Plains Road, two hundred seventy (270) feet to a point near the end of the last described stone wall;

Thence southwesterly along said Road, one hundred seventy (170) feet, to the point of beginning. Containing 5.5 acres, more or less.

For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22837, Page 343. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 17
 9:51 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Coldbrook Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Winter Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Monday, Aug. 18
 1:13 a.m. Complaint, Exchange Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Summer Street, Gone on Arrival
 5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons McGovern, Devin Michael, 34, South Barre
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 6:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Common Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:38 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Clem Court, Entry Gained
 11:55 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, West Street, Area Search Negative

Tuesday, Aug. 19
 8:08 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Woods Road, Referred to Other Agency
 3:05 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Nourse Lane, Investigated
 6:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Wednesday, Aug. 20
 11:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 1:50 p.m. Erratic Operator, West Street, Verbal Warning
 5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Mercier, Cheyenne Sabrina, 38, Athol
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 6:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Valley Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:32 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Negative Contact
Thursday, Aug. 21
 8:09 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, School North Street, Vehicle Towed
 10:51 a.m. Safety Concern, West Street, Information Given
 2:54 p.m. Threats, Worcester Road, Officer/Chief Advised

5:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Root Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 6:35 p.m. Missing Person, Worcester Road, Located/Found
 9:26 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Located/Found
Friday, Aug. 22
 2:16 p.m. Public Assist, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Cat Alley Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:31 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Bentley Road, Office/Chief Advised
 7:18 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Valley Road, In Custody of ACO
Saturday, Aug. 23
 12:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasant Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Donahue, Richard Alexander, 36, Sunderland
 Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container, Marked Lanes Violation
 10:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Nichols Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:38 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Summer Street, Information Given

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 17
 3:50 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Worcester Road, Entry Gained
 8:11 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Old Boston Turnpike, Gone on Arrival
 11:10 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Report Filed
Monday, Aug. 18
 7:52 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Westminster Road, Investigated
Tuesday, Aug. 19
 5:35 a.m. Safety Concern, Gardner Road, Public Assist
 10:09 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Burnshirt Road, Information Taken
 10:45 a.m. Gunshots, Halfrey Road, Unfounded

12:52 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Unfounded
 1:21 p.m. Threats, Gardner Road, Investigated
 2:42 p.m. Complaint, Streeter Road, Call Transferred
 4:04 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 4:56 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Morgan Road, Negative Contact
 9:37 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pitcherville Road, Negative Contact
Wednesday, Aug. 20
 10:28 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Boston Turnpike, Negative

Contact
Friday, Aug. 22
 11:21 a.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Hale Road, Investigated
 3:42 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Vehicle Towed
 8:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, South Cove Road, Transported to Hospital
Saturday, Aug. 23
 1:28 a.m. Gunshots, Barre Road, Negative Conflict
 5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 8:21 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Worcester Road, Fire Extinguished

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 17
 8:19 p.m. Erratic Operator, Bullard Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Monday, Aug. 18
 4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 Summons Brigham, Derek Tyler, 28, Rehoboth
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
Tuesday, Aug. 19
 3:24 p.m. Missing Person,

Bechan Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Wednesday, Aug. 20
 11:43 a.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Coldbrook Road, Negative Contact
Thursday, Aug. 21
 4:19 p.m. Safety Concern, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 5:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Root Road, Mutual Aid Transport
Friday, Aug. 22
 8:54 a.m. Suspicious Person/

Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:58 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency
 5:24 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Barre Road, Investigated
Saturday, Aug. 23
 1:58 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Spencer, Mutual Aid Assist
 10:46 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Referred to Other Agency

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 17
 11:23 a.m. No Trespass Order, Stevens Way, Report Filed
 2:54 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Charnock Hill Road, Unfounded
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
 7:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 7:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 7:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written warning
 8:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:27 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Returned
 8:37 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Returned
 8:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 9:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:09 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
Monday, Aug. 18
 9:24 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Maple Avenue, Peace Restored
 1:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Watson Lane, Transported to Hospital
 1:53 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 2:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 3:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Beechwood Drive, Report Filed
 5:27 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Highland Park Road, Report Filed
 8:03 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Welch Avenue, Rescued
Tuesday, Aug. 19
 1:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Starbard, Matthew Jay, 41, Royalston
 Charges Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 8 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Pommogussett Road, No Action Required
 2:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Investigated
 3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Silva, Taylon J., 30, New Haven, Connecticut
 Charges Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Sanchez, Jose Benjamin, 60, Passaic, New Jersey

Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Emergency Vehicle, Obstruct, Brakes Violation, Motor Vehicle
 4:49 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Negative Contact
 6:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Crestview Drive, Transported to Hospital
Wednesday, Aug. 20
 3:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 3:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Juniper Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Brooke Haven Drive, Transported to Hospital
 12:57 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Beechwood Drive, Referred to Other Agency
 1:29 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Maple Avenue, Referred to Other Agency
 5:26 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Returned
 6:17 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:53 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Vanessa Circle, Officer/Chief Advised
Thursday, Aug. 21
 4:39 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:35 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Watson Lane, Returned
 10:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Bria, Angelo J. Jr., 62, Worcester
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 10:09 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Miles Road, Removed from Scene
 10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street
 11:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Village Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:56 p.m. Noise Complaint, Main Street, Investigated
 4:19 p.m. Safety Concern, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 7:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:09 p.m. Noise Complaint, Woodside Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:25 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Negative Contact
 11:55 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Negative Contact
Friday, Aug. 22
 12:12 a.m. Safety Concern, Woodside Avenue, Returned
 12:41 a.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Information Given
 2:47 a.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Falls, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 9:49 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Nancy Drive, Transported to Hospital
 1:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:41 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Kosta Avenue, Referred to Other Agency
 3:42 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Vehicle Towed
 4:46 p.m. Escort/Transport, Shrewsbury, Animal Relocated
 5:06 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Skyline Drive, Investigated
 5:15 p.m. Noise Complaint, Glenwood Road, Area Search Negative
 5:43 p.m. Noise Complaint, Glenwood Road, Area Search Negative
 5:43 p.m. Fire – Mutual Aid, Anna Maria College, Unable to Staff
 6:05 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 6:10 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Brunelle Drive, Information Taken
 6:21 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, East County Road, Referred to Other Agency
 6:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Blair Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:47 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Saturday, Aug. 23
 3 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Vista Circle, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:59 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wachusett Street, Negative Contact
 3:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 6:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ridge Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:12 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Charnock Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:53 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Highland Park Road, Investigated
 8:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 8:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 8:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 8:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 9:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 9:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party

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New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Sept. 2-8, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 15 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, three traffic controls, two emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, four safety hazards, four animal calls and five motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.
Tuesday, Sept. 2
 12:46 p.m. 911 Animal Call,

Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
Thursday, Sept. 4
 9:27 a.m. Utility Issues, Cushman Road, Services Rendered
 12:56 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
Friday, Sept. 5
 9:10 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road,

Transported to Hospital
Saturday, Sept. 6
 2:28 p.m. Safety Hazard, Utley Road, Dispatch Handled
 3:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 3:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, Oakham Cut Off Road, Officer Handled
 3:51 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, No Action Required
 5:06 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Checked/Secured

NEWS & FEATURES

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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and willing to go where we are called to, and to do what we are called to do. May God help us to repent and put us back on the road of forgiveness and peace. May God help us to bring and show the divine message of love, compassion, healing and reconciliation to our loved ones, our neighborhoods, and into the wider world.
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Local photographer to be featured during Family Fun Fest

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Friends of North Brookfield Town House will be hosting the Family Fun Fest on Sept. 28.

The event will be held at Bike House Brewing in North Brookfield and will feature live

music, food trucks, local vendors and games for the entire family.

Guests will get to witness the art of photography by Bruce Arnold of North Brookfield. Arnold was recently recognized at Workshop13 in Ware for his innovative approach to photography.

This local photographer has agreed to be the Friends of

the Town House featured artist for the month of September. During the Family Fun Fest, Arnold's work will be displayed.

Arnold's photography comes in numerous forms and truly brings out the beauty of the natural world.

"I strive to make my photo efforts unique, showing and sharing the natural world in

landscape, panoramic, architectural, macro and infrared medium," Arnold said.

Arnold has been involved in photography since he was a teenager when his brother gave him a camera he had while serving in the U.S. Air Force. Arnold has held many positions in the photographic industry as a photographer, technician and salesman for photographic ser-

VICES.

At the Fun Fest, Arnold will display a few of his infrared prints of scenes from around the town. Arnold recently exhibited his infrared photography work at the ArtWorks Gallery in Ware. Infrared photography captures light invisible to the human eye.

During the Family Fun Fest, visitors will see how Arnold

creates images through the use of infrared photography.

"I strive to create and share unique images of the natural world with infrared photography," shared Arnold.

The Family Fun Fest will be held at Bike House Brewing, on Sept. 28 from noon-4 p.m. For more information about the Family Fun Fest, visit nbtownhouse.com.

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