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Remembering 9-11 in Barre

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BARRE – The rain failed to hold off until the conclusion of the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in Barre on Monday, Sept. 11.

Many attendees had umbrellas, but many just stood in the rain. The Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps from Quabbin Regional High School color guard and two cadets, who rang the ship's bell participated along with American Legion Post #2 members.

Bill O'Donnell, a 1981 Quabbin graduate, a U.S. Navy veteran and member of the 9/11 Memorial Committee, acted as master of ceremony.

At 8:35 a.m. the NJROTC presented the colors. The playing of the National Anthem followed.



Photos by Mary Whitelaw

Bill O'Donnell was master of ceremony for the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony held on North Common in Barre on Monday, Sept. 11. Cadets from the NJROTC at Quabbin High School rang the ship's bell in memory of people on board four hijacked planes on Sept. 11, 2001.

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The Quabbin NJROTC color guard participated in the 9/11 Remembrance Service in Barre on Monday.



Dennis Fleming, Chair of the 9/11 Memorial Committee, talked briefly about the monument, which is in the process of being installed on North Common in Barre.



People looked at the partially completed 9/11 Monument, dedicated to the military veterans, who served during the Global War on Terrorism.

Select Board discuss reducing quorum

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HUBBARDSTON – Select Board member Kris Pareago said at the Monday, Sept. 5 board meeting the quorum number of 50 for Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting should be reduced to nine.

He said town meetings in the past were delayed while those present made calls to get others to attend to obtain a quorum so town business could be acted upon.

Town Administrator Nathan Boudreau said he talked with town counsel on this matter and the town clerk. Town Counsel said Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 allows towns in Massachusetts to temporarily reduce Town Meeting quorum requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the approval of the Select Board and Town Moderator.

This statute remains in effect

through March 31, 2025. This state law requires public notice and community input. Town Counsel said publishing in a local newspaper was the preferred method, but it could be published on the website or posted in a public location or locations.

The Town Administrator said the other method would be to amend the town bylaw to lower the quorum. This would require a 2/3 majority vote at a town meeting and then approval by the Legislature.

Select Board Vice-Chair Katie Young said the quorum of 50 was reasonable. She said in the four years she served on the board there was only one time those at the meeting had to call people to come to make a quorum. She said the town never could not hold a meeting because of a lack of a quorum.

Select Board member Pareago said he wanted to pursue changing

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Girls on the Run program comes to Hardwick

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – Get ready to lace up your sneakers, because Girls on the Run is coming to Hardwick Elementary School, starting Monday, Sept. 18.

Girls on the Run Worcester County Program Director Katie Esposito said this is the first year Hardwick Elementary School has participated in the program, but other schools within the Quabbin Regional School District, as well as surrounding school districts, have all hosted the program.

"Oakham Center School has done the program many times," she said, as well as Hubbardston Center School. "Ruggles Lane [Elementary School] started last year and it was

huge. They were a very popular site."

Esposito volunteered as a coach for Girls on the Run and became a staff member about five years ago, at the urging of Executive Director Karen Spencer.

"We're moving so quickly," she said of the Worcester County program.

Esposito said Girls on the Run needs a minimum of eight elementary school-aged girls (grades three through five), with a maximum of 15 girls per team. More teams can be added as enrollment increases.

"A lot of times we have two teams," Esposito said.

There are two volunteer coaches

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Wheelwright wastewater treatment plant out to bid

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – Town Administrator Nicole Parker updated the Select Board about the town's ongoing wastewater treatment project

At the Select Board's meeting on Sept. 11, she said the Wheelwright wastewater treatment plant went out to bid on Sept. 5, and bids are due back Oct. 18 at 9 a.m.

Parker said the town has already advertised for sub-bidders and general contractors for the Gilbertville wastewater treatment plant, which previously went out to bid.

Parker said the repayment and oversight for the project are still being discussed.

CCC regulations hearing

Parker said there was a Cannabis Control Commission public hearing recently, regarding new draft regulations, adding that many cities and towns are opposed to this as the new regulations

would impede the local jurisdiction.

Parker said the town only has one Host Community Agreement with a cannabis company at this time, but it's possible the 3% impact fee could be removed if the draft regulations go into effect.

Visitor comments

Judy Kohn said there was a microburst or mini tornado that knocked down trees in the Greenwich Plains Road area, bringing down utility wires, last weekend.

"I want to really commend Marty and the Highway Department of this town," she said, for clearing the debris, along with tree companies and utility workers.

Vacancies

The vacant positions for the Highway Department have been posted, with full job descriptions on the town's website, www.hardwick-ma.gov.

Heating system

Parker said the town is exploring heating options for the Municipal Building. R.J. McDonald is looking at the system

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Nadia Sukharev paints the North Brookfield Town House

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Simply being a triplet with an identical sister and brother is enough to make a person stand-out, but Nadia Sukharev is also a talented artist willing to put herself "out there" by contributing her creative ability to raise money for the restoration of the North Brookfield Town House.

When asked why she spent a good part of the summer before her senior year at North Brookfield Junior/Senior High School painting a portrait of the iconic white building in the center of her town, Sukharev answered that painting the Town House to be used as a Friends of the Town House Oktoberfest raffle prize was a challenge for her.

It was a subject that she had not done previously, but she felt that it would be a good way to start introducing her art to the community.

"I felt good about donating the painting because the proceeds will be going to a very good cause – the renovation of the North Brookfield Town House. I also liked the idea of someone outside of my family owning a piece of my art," she said in a press release.



Submitted Photos

High school senior Nadia Sukharev displays her completed painting of the North Brookfield Town House.

"I view this as a wonderful development for me."

About a year and a half ago, Sukharev underwent neurosurgery

and for several months was unable to attend school. Her recovery was challenging to say the least.

Although she continues to



Nadia Sukharev paints the North Brookfield Town House. The painting will be raffled off at the Friends of the Town House Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 30.

have severe migraines, Sukharev works hard to show up and do her best every day. She dedicates much of her time to creating art, a talent she has honed with little formal training.

Art is her favorite subject and

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Quabbin to hold homecoming

Quabbin High School Homecoming Weekend begins with the current Quabbin soccer teams hosting Tyngsboro. On Saturday, Sept. 23 at 1 p.m., the Varsity girls soccer play and the Varsity boys soccer at 3 p.m. The annual Quabbin Alumni game will take place Saturday at 5 p.m. at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St.. During half-time members of the 1973 State Champion boys' soccer team and 1992 boys' soccer state finalist and cheerleaders of both squads will be introduced. There is no admission fee, but those in attendance will be asked to make a contribution to the Press Box in one of two jars, Team 1973 and Team 1992.

Backroads Studio Tour

Backroads Studio Tour 2023 featuring artists in the towns of Petersham, Barre, Oakham, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, and Spencer will take place Saturday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. It is a free, self guided tour through the studios of 10 artists. There will be artwork for sale and demonstrations. Arts and crafts will include paintings, leather works and handbags, stained glass, jewelry, baskets, furniture, paperworks, hooked rugs, needlework, ornamental and functional woodworks. People may visit the website at www.backroadsstudiotour.org for more information and maps.

Food Pantry

The Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and clients Sept. 13 and 21 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.

OES chicken barbecue

Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold a chicken barbecue Saturday, Sept. 16 at Mt. Zion Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St. with drive thru pickup at 1 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. For tickets, people may call Dolly at 508-826-7537.

Second annual yard sale

The Barre Historical Society and Museum, 18-20 Common St., will hold their second annual yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. They will sell to members only from 8-9 a.m. with free coffee. Items for sale include new merchandise of books, pamphlets, Barre High School yearbooks, maps, postcards and more. People may email Kay at barrehistory@gmail.com or call 978-257-0890 for more information.

Author discusses book and Spooner murder on Sept. 26

BROOKFIELD – The Merrick Public Library will host local author Andrew Noone for a discussion of his book, "Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy", on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

The murder of Joshua Spooner in 1778 in Brookfield was considered the most sensational crime of its time. Four conspirators; Joshua Spooner's wife, Bathsheba, the daughter of a high-ranking Loyalist, as well as two British soldiers and one Continental soldier-were put on trial for the murder and sentenced to death.

Five thousand people attended the hanging in Worcester.

Noone has meticulously researched the circumstances of the crime and trial, and puts them into a historical and political context. He will provide an account of the Spooner murder, read excerpts from his book, and answer questions from the audience.

A book signing will follow his presentation. Copies of his book will be available for sale (cash and check accepted.)

The Merrick Public library thanks Art and Elizabeth Jay/Greater Worcester Community Foundation for making this program possible.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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The Spotted Cow Cafe makes its way to Barre



Photos by Eric Troy

The Spotted Cow Cafe is located at 2291 West St., Barre near the Petersham line.

BARRE – The Spotted Cow Cafe has "moved" from Rutland to Barre.

Located at 2291 West St., the Spotted Cow is a prime place for top-notch coffee, lattes, matcha, baked goods, breakfasts, and good vibes. Many loyal customers have stuck with The Spotted Cow Cafe, making their way from Rutland, Holden, Worcester and other Central Massachusetts communities.

What's got them making the drive? The flavorful coffee selection that includes 27 flavors? Delicious baked goods, including their storied blueberry muffin? Or is it the pervasive positivity present at the cafe? This writer thinks it's all three.

While new to Barre, The Spotted Cow Cafe opened its doors in Rutland in 2020. In the years that followed, the cafe provided more than coffee to the community: They offered a variety of farm fresh, locally sourced produce, eggs, honey, glass bottled milk, apple cider and more and invited the community to join in on fun, festive, family-friendly activities as well. The Spotted Cow was taking off until word came in from the property owner: The Spotted Cow Cafe would have to find greener pastures.

The Spotted Cow Cafe made its way to Barre. Their Barre location gained new life after an extensive renovation effort. Owner Rachel Simoncini's local-first philosophy goes beyond the provisions offered at The Spotted Cow Cafe.

The rough-sawn barhop was crafted by Westfield-based Mill River Slabworks and the sign on the front of the building was brought to life by Shutterclutter, a local crafter who upcycles salvaged materials. The environment is comfortable and feels warm with the freshly finished wood interior, and the coffee selection is second to none.

Carrying on their tradition of supporting local first, customers can find bottled milk (plain or chocolate), apple cider from Bolton Orchards, locally sourced honey and more on the shelves. And the

beverage or dish they delight in contains those same local ingredients. Embracing activities and providing phenomenal foods and beverages, The Spotted Cow Cafe has paint nights in the works, coffee flights and yoga, and more. Wait: Coffee flights? Yes. Coffee flights.

With the Spotted Cow Cafe coffee flight, customers can mix and match flavors to find their favorite.

With the vast selection of flavors available, interested coffee connoisseurs can sample four different flavors to find their favorite. Each coffee flight includes one latte, two coffees and one specialty drink. Rachael set me up with the Back 2 School Coffee Flight, which included Cookie Dough (latte), Apple Spice (cold brew coffee), Honey Nut Cheerios (coffee) and Teachers Pet (caramel apple cider).

The creative coffee flight flavors change every two weeks, so there's always something new to try. None disappointed, but as a black coffee drinker, they weren't my preferred beverage. For me, it's iced, black, blueberry. The Spotted Cow Cafe brew was delicious and packed a nicely caffeinated punch. But decaf drinkers can enjoy many of these same delectable flavors. What makes the flavors so...well...flavorful? Unlike many coffee shops, The Spotted Cow Cafe crafts its flavored brews with concentrates rather than syrups.

The Spotted Cow Cafe is still gearing up, but prides itself on stellar service and providing people with positive experiences. Their motto is "Good Coffee, Great Vibes." Whether you choose to enjoy your beverage inside the cafe or near the fountain



The Spotted Cow Cafe's sign features their signature blueberry muffin and the cafe is dog friendly.

outside, The Spotted Cow Cafe is a great place to gather with friends; experience new flavors; get festive for the holidays; enjoy the fan-favorite, homemade, handcrafted blueberry muffins and pastries; breakfast sandwiches and more.

The Spotted Cow Cafe is dog-friendly and their new logo features the fan-favorite blueberry muffin.

The cafe's current hours are Sunday to Wednesday from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., but Rachel plans to expand the shops hours in the months to come, saying, "Everybody was criticizing about not being open Thursday, Friday, or Saturday but I tell everybody the same thing We'll never, ever, ever sacrifice the best service."

When The Spotted Cow Cafe is fully staffed and trained in best-in-class brewing, they plan to expand their hours to six days a week. To keep up with all the specials, upcoming events and all things Spotted Cow, check out The Spotted Cow Cafe's Facebook at @TheSpottedCowCafe.

Hubbardston

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Special elections to be held

A Special Election for Massachusetts State Senate for the Worcester and Hampshire District has been called for Tuesday, Nov. 7. A primary will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The seat became vacant after Anne Gobi resigned on June 4 to serve as the Massachusetts Director of Rural Affairs. The Primary will take Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center School. The deadline for primary voter registration is Saturday, Sept. 30. Primary vote by mail application deadline is Monday, Oct. 2. The Special Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 7-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School. Special election voter registration deadline is Saturday, Oct. 28 and special election vote by mail application deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Regional Alert System

Many in Hubbardston do not know about the Rutland Regional Alert System. All Hubbardston residents are encouraged to sign up for the Rutland Regional Alert System powered by Smart911. This system allows the town to send important emergency and non-emergency notifications directly via text, email or voice message. Rutland Regional Alerts is the official system used by Hubbardston to notify the public about emergencies, severe weather, health risks, utility disruptions and more. By signing up, people will receive customizable alerts to keep them and their family informed and safe. Registering for this free service takes just a few minutes at www.rrecc.us/alerts. All information remains private and will only be used for sending alerts. When emergencies occur, notifications through Rutland Regional Alerts can provide life-saving information about the actions residents need to take. All residents, along with anyone who works in or frequently visits Hubbardston, should sign up to receive these critical notifications.

Yard sale

New this year is a town wide yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 23 beginning at 7 a.m. The rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 24. There is no charge to be put on the map. Only addresses will be listed not names. People should email Katie at hubbardston250@gmail.com to be put on the map. Maps/addresses will be available online along with paper copies at One Stop Shop (gas station).

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Coffee with Friends Monday through Thursday at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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. 18. 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 pot pie, mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, peaches, biscuit

TUESDAY – Spaghetti and meatballs, marinara sauce, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Lentil stew with cheese, steamed white rice, California blend vegetables, chocolate mousse, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Potato church fish, sour cream chive potato, peas and carrots, yogurt, tartar sauce, pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – Garlic herbed chicken,* cranberry stuffing, roasted broccoli and carrots, baked apple, 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 \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Vendors wanted for CNEER fall festival

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Fall Festival at the Farm will be held at Central New England Equine Rescue, 96 New Braintree Road, on Saturday, Oct. 14 from noon-4 p.m. Students from Ware High School will be assisting visitors with parking.

Vendor space is still available, and people should call 413-265-3270 for more information about signing up.

For more information about CNEER, visit cneer.com or follow them on Facebook.

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Sixth annual Alex Cordy Memorial Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 16

OAKHAM – Knights of Columbus Council # 11080, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield, is having its sixth Annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow

Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Check in begins at 7:15 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Awards and a meal will follow in the clubhouse.

Proceeds from this event benefit local scholarships and youth activities.

For more information and to register, please call 413-813-8100 or email wallyconnor122@gmail.com.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Barre Housing Authority – Sept. 14 at 3 p.m.
 Quabbin Regional School District Committee – Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Sept. 28 at 11 a.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK.

Capital Planning Committee – Sept. 18 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Registrars – Sept. 30 at 9 a.m.
 Recycling Commission – Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – Oct. 10 at 6:45 p.m.
 Board of Registrars – Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Parks Commission – Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 21, Oct. 4 and Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cultural Council – Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Town Administrator Search Committee – Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Downtown Development Committee – Sept. 18 and Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 20 and Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Special Town Election – Sept. 14 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen Work Meeting – Sept. 15 at 10 a.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Petersham Historic District – Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 29 at 9 a.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Sept. 14 and Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board Public Hearing – Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Event Committee – Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
 Earthworks Board – Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing – Sept. 26 at 6:45 p.m.
 Special State Primary Election – Oct. 10 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Medicare 101 educational event offered Sept. 14

BARRE – The Barre Senior Center will be hosting an educational presentation on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. at the senior center located at 557 South Barre Road, for current beneficiaries and for those who will soon be eligible for Medicare.

The information is specific to Massachusetts. The session will run from 1 to 1.5 hours, including time for questions.

The presentation will be conducted by Ed Spater, a licensed insurance agent, who will explain the basics of Medicare including:

- Why it's important to evaluate your current Medicare coverage each year
- The pros and cons of each of your Medicare coverage options
- What to consider when deciding which Medicare coverage option is right for you
- Ways to save money and get better Medicare coverage in 2024

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Family farm participates in fall fair



The Family Farm Education Center offers a variety of programs designed for children and adults with a wide variety of neurodiversity.

Mimi's Coffeehouse hosts local crafters and vendors

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – Mimi's Coffeehouse of Hardwick recently hosted The Family Farm Education Center at a fall fair with other creatives, live music, and delicious cheese burgers.

There were yard games set up and lots of space for fun and fellowship.



Jen Keeney (left) and her daughter, Beth Cogoli (right), directors of The Family Farm Education Center in Oakham, sold their products at Mimi's Coffeehouse of Hardwick's first ever fall fair.

One of the vendors present had their tables filled with handmade body care products such as soaps, hair products, hand sanitizer, and lotion, as well as homemade and dried spices.

The Family Farm Education Center, located at 833 New Braintree Road in Oakham, is directed by Jen Keeney and co-directed by Beth Cogoli, a mother-daughter pair. Their farm runs a variety of programs designed for children and adults

with a wide variety of neurodiversity.

"We started the farm in 2020 because we wanted neurodiverse people to have something meaningful and to have a space to learn life and job skills," Keeney said. "We want to empower them to reach their full potential."

The nonprofit organization has a large number of volunteers that work on the farm perform-

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Brookfield Orchards hosts fall festivities



Joanna Morales-Bradford and her granddaughter, Shanelle Morales had fun at Brookfield Orchards recently.

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – On Labor Day, Brookfield Orchards hosted live music by musician Wibble and Hardwick Vineyard & Winery had a table with bottles of wine to pair with any of the Orchard's offerings.

Brookfield Orchards has faced a sad hit to their picking orchard, so there won't be any picking for the season. However, despite the frost, the Orchard has much more to offer for the fall season.

Store manager Diana Nydam is very proud and excited about all the new things brought to the

Orchard and its upcoming events for people to come to and enjoy.

"This place is my home, and I love every part of it," she said.

Apple cider donuts are back on the menu with their delicious kettle popcorn. There are also bags of apples for purchasing, and on weekends, the Orchard will have a "pack-your-own" apple bags so that the experience of having your own bag won't be missed.

The Orchard will be hosting a craft fair, the eighth year so far, and will host over 90 vendors between Sept. 9-10. The fair will feature food trucks and many local wineries and breweries.

The weekend after, on Saturday, Sept. 16 will feature an Author's Fair of more than 15 local authors with their books. There will be more events featuring live music, kettle corn, local beer and wine, crafters, and wagon rides (weather permitting) to come.

For the third year, the Orchard will have its new fudge shop open, featuring a variety of flavors including cookies and cream, raspberry cheesecake, caramel apple pie, peanut butter, and the fudge of the month, apple cider donut.

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Oakham

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Dismas Farm to hold fall harvest days

Fall Harvest Days will take place at Dismas Family Farm, 687 Lincoln Road, on Saturday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 14 from noon-4 p.m. Admission is free. There will be hayrides, pumpkins and delicious fall treats at the farm. People may visit www.dismasisfamily.org for more information.

OHA dinner dance

The Oakham Historical Association will be holding its annual Dinner Dance at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham on Oct. 21 from 5-10 p.m. There will be a buffet turkey dinner and dancing to the Nashville Blue band who plays Rock and Country music. There will be raffles on baskets and gift certificates. The cost is \$50 per person. Checks can be sent and make out to Oakham Historical Association, P.O. Box 236, Oakham, MA 01068. Please respond by Oct. 13. People may call Kathy Young at 508-882-3137 with any questions

Oakham Museum

The Oakham Historical Museum, Old Turnpike Road, will hold an open house on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 1-4 p.m.

Benefit breakfast

The Oakham Congregational church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a benefit breakfast for Maui relief on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8-9:30 a.m. The menu will consist of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, strawberries and pineapple, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. A free will offering will take place and all donations go to Maui relief.

COVID tests

The Board of Health continues to have a good supply of take home Covid tests that have extended expiration dates of November. They are available when the Town Hall is open and I've also supplied some to the Library during their open hours.

School supplies help fill Samaritan's Purse gift boxes

As the school year approaches, shoebox packers are making use of back-to-school prices to purchase gifts and essential items for children in need around the world.

Residents in Barre are collecting school supplies, along with personal care items and fun toys, to pack in shoeboxes. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, will deliver these gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries.

For many children, access to these simple items is essential to an education. This was the case for Justin Thomas, a shoebox recipient in Southeast Asia, whose parents could not afford the supplies needed for school. Thomas remembers the specific day he received a gift-filled shoebox from Operation Christmas Child and found it filled with toys and most exciting to him-school supplies.

Growing up with hand-me-down clothes and used items, Thomas used to write with a pencil so short that he held it using a pen cap. Having an entire packet of new pencils and a pencil sharpener all his own was a treasure to him. This simple gift made a life-changing impact for Thomas because it opened the doors for him to receive an education

For more information, people may visit samaritanspurse.org/occ. National Collection Week is Nov. 13-20. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

Why is my age 70 benefit not higher than my January amount?

Dear Rusty

I plan to retire in 2025, the year I turn 70. Given that I'm still working, I'm delaying my Social Security until that year. I noticed on my Social Security statement that my payment in January of 2025 will not be much different than my age 70 amount in October of 2025.

If that is truly the case, would it not be better for me to start taking Social Security payments starting in January of 2025. Am I missing anything here?

Signed: Uncertain Senior

Dear Uncertain Senior

Your benefit in October 2025 at age 70 will be about 6% more than it will be in January 2025. If that isn't shown on your Statement of Estimated Benefits, it may be due to a particular nuance in Social Security's rules relating to Delayed Retirement Credits.

When benefits are claimed mid-year after full retirement age, the DRCs earned in that year aren't applied until the following January. Thus, someone who claims benefits to start mid-year will initially get the DRCs they've earned through the end of the previous year, but not immediately get credit for the additional DRCs earned during the claim-year. Those extra DRCs earned between January and the month benefits started will be applied the following January.

By way of example, if someone beyond FRA claims benefits to start in October 2024, their initial SS retirement benefit will be what they were entitled to at the end of 2023 and would not include DRCs earned between January 2024 and September 2024. They will collect that initial January 2024 benefit until January 2025 when the DRCs earned in 2024 are applied, at which point their benefit would increase by 6%.

There is, however, one exception to this rule, which is that all DRCs are immediately credited when benefits are claimed to start in the month age 70 is reached, so despite what your Statement of Estimated Benefits might reflect, if you claim for benefits to start in the month you turn 70 (October 2025) you will get your maximum age 70 benefit immediately and won't need to wait until January 2026 for those extra DRCs to be applied.

Unfortunately, Social Security's benefit estimator doesn't explain how this nuance works and may show someone claiming mid-year receiving the same benefit as for the preceding January, without further explanation.

That is, in my opinion, a flaw in the estimator which may result in people making a wrong decision on when to claim their Social Security benefit. Nevertheless, rest assured that your benefit in October 2025, the month you turn 70, will be your maximum amount - 6% more than it would be if you claimed benefits to start in January 2025 and you won't need to wait until the following January to get the DRCs earned earlier in 2025.

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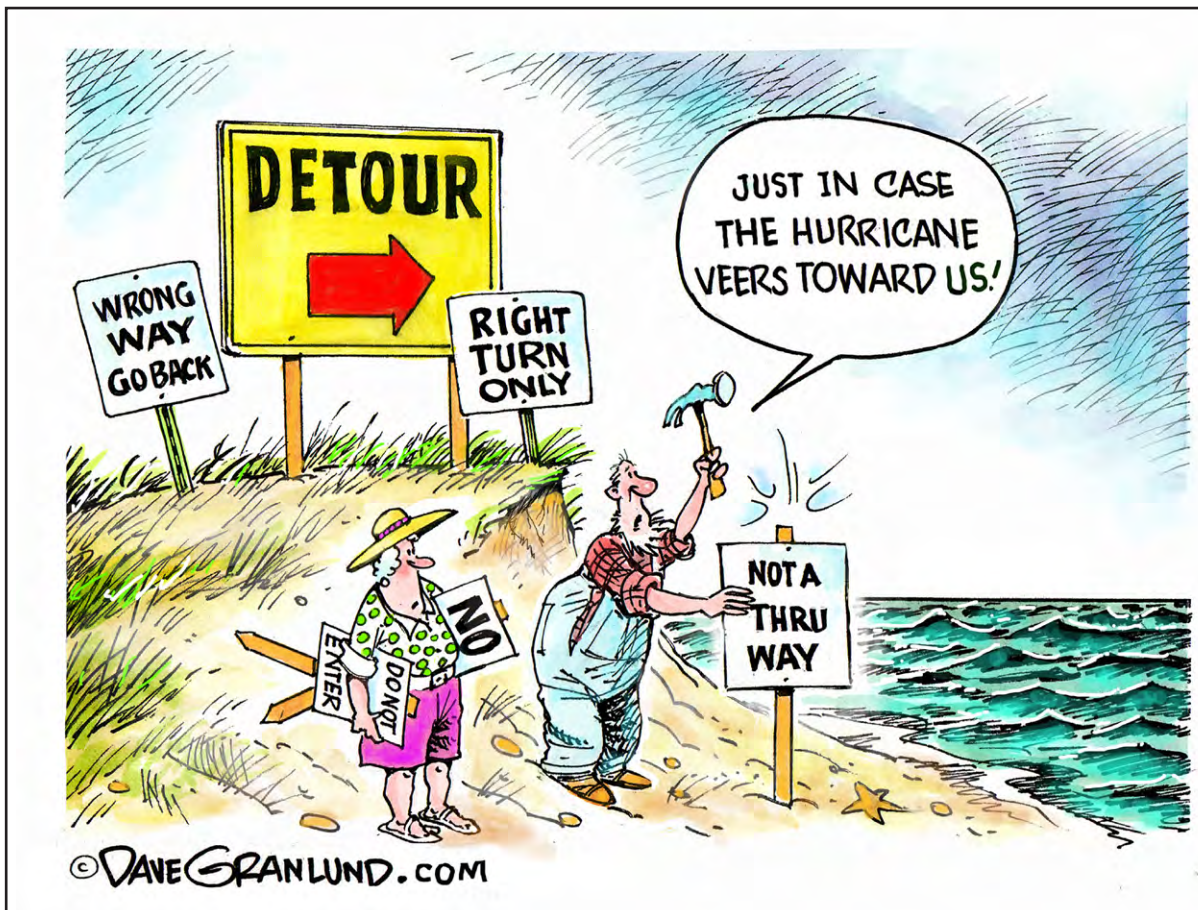
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In Past Pages

5 years (Sept. 20, 2018)

The Hubbardston Field Day sponsored by the Hubbardston Lions Club was bigger than better than ever. Another section of the Curtis Recreation Field had booths and vendors as well as the usual locations. Close to 60 organizations and vendors set up on the field with information booths, crafts, food, tractor hay rides by the Oliver sHale farm and pony rides by Burnshirt Hills. Greenland Farm provided the bovine for the cow flop contest. Plain View Farm brought two alpacas along with selling rare fiber and knitted items. Dayspring Church held a bake sale, flower sale and children's games and the First Parish Unitarian Church sponsored a baby contest as well as selling raffles, cookies, knitted items and spices. The Hubbardston Militia set up a colonial medical display and demonstrated a drill.

Spending lot so f time riding his BMX bike at the Hubbardston Skate Park was something Nicholas Halfrey used to love doing during his short life. It was certainly fitting his closest friends would chose to honor his memory and create a project he would most certainly look down and smile at. Last Saturday during the Hubbardston Field Day, a special plaque was unveiled at the skate park, recognizing the project and celebrating the memory of young Nicholas. "Nick passed from relapsed acute T cell lymphoblastic lymphoma," his mother Krystal Halfrey explained. "He was diagnosed in November 2015 at the age of 15. He passed in February 2017 at age 16."

With the willful and varied herd of horses, Blue Star Equiculture moved to new surroundings in West Brookfield, perhaps it takes the son of a national champion to keep order. And so the farm has a new leader following the ceremonial "crowning" of the Shire Foxy during an open house on Saturday, Sept. 15. Blue Star Executive Director Pamela Rickenbach said Foxy stepped into guide the younger horses following the death of the beloved Belgian Tex, after a bout with lymphedema or the accumulation of lymph fluids that produces swelling in the legs and joints.

10 years (Sept. 19, 2013)

The Oakham Board of Selectmen and the remaining Quabbin Regional School Committee member Steve Labarre, met with two applicants to fill a vacancy on the QRSFD Committee. The remaining school committee member/members along with the selectmen appoint a candidate until the town election in May 2014. Esmeralda Pease and Jason Sherblom both expressed an interest in serving on the school committee to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Lee Tavares, who moved out of town.

Slightly over 50 voters attended a Special Town Meeting Monday night at the Oakham Center School. The first two articles received unanimous approval with no discussion. Residents agree to

LOOK BACK Barre Band Concert - 1987



File photo

The children and some of the band members are not the same, but the fine music and fun continues at the band concerts on Barre Common every Sunday now through

raise an additional \$82,296 for the Quabbin Regional School District assessment to supplement the amount appropriated under Article 9 of the June 10 Annual Town Meeting. They also gave the nod to raise and appropriated \$75,000 for the Stabilization Fund. Laurie Rosenkranz, the presenter of the petition article that garnered over 250 certified signatures, read the motion for the final article. The article asked to see if the town would vote to have its selectmen vote to reconsider entering into the regional agreement with the town of Rutland and Barre for the purpose of regionalizing the position of the Animal Control Officer.

The Barre Board of Selectmen held a public hearing on licenses and fee schedule review at their Monday night meeting. Administrative Assistant Faye Zukowski surveyed other towns including Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hubbardston, Paxton, Phillipston, Rutland, Spencer, Warren and West Brookfield to see what they charged for fees. The selectmen voted to continue the hearing to Wednesday, Oct. 2 when the full board would be present.

25 years (Sept. 17, 1998)

Massachusetts legislators passed a new gun law on July 23 that prohibits any person from carrying an unloaded rifle on any public way. Donald Croff, commander of American Legion Post 2, said this means no color guard or firing squads can carry rifles in parades and unless changes are made, then there will be no guns at the memorial exercises on Memorial Day in May or Veterans Day in November. Croff said he received a letter from Dominick Genetti, Department Adjutant for the American Legion in Boston informing the local organization of the new rule. The new law states, "No person shall carry on any public way an unloaded rifle or shotgun, unless such gun is engaged in hunting and is the holder of a valid license issued under Sections 6 to 9, inclusive, or Section 51 of Chapter 131 or unless such rifle is enclosed in a case."

Now that every school in the Quabbin Regional School District has completed a building project, it seems it may be time to start all over again. At the school board meeting last Thursday, Superintendent Maureen Marshall told members a 10% increase in school population at Hubbardston Elementary School has caused some concern. The capacity of the school is 550; this year's enrollment was 516. Marshall said she, Principal Joan Paula and Hubbardston selectmen will meet to discuss the burgeoning enrollment soon. Meanwhile, school administrators are checking with building inspectors from member towns to determine if there are similar trend in the other four towns in the district. Marshall said Barre and Hardwick elementary schools were also close to capacity, but she doesn't believe these schools will have any problems in the near future.

Many organizations were represented at the annual Lions Club Field Day held Saturday at the Ted Curtis Recreation Field in Hubbardston. The Golden Age Club had a white elephant table, Chinese auction, rug, afghan and quilt auction, baked goods and pickles, coffee and doughnuts and handcrafted items. The Scholarship Committee sold fried dough until it ran out. The Lions Club provided hay rides, hot dogs and hamburgers and a chicken barbecue. The Boy Scouts were on a camp-out so they were unable to participate. The Police Department brought in the Life Flight helicopter to the delight of youngsters. The Fire Department had equipment on display and sponsored several games.

38 years Sept. 19, 1985)

Because of the "positive activity," said Board of Health Chairman, Michael Huppert, "instituted by Herbert Back" Malls will remain open for the rest of the season. The Board of Health announced they were very pleased with the progress. As of Sept. 10, one tight tank had been installed behind the Bacon Block to han-

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Letter to the Editor

Hardwick Ambulance? Shame on Casella

As an emergency room physician serving our local region for 30 years and a Hardwick resident, I would like to strongly object to Casella Waste Systems exploiting Emergency Medical Services to promote siting a regional landfill in our community.

This promotion is both deceptive and hypocritical, typical of Casella's tactics. The likelihood of landfill revenues providing enough resources for EMS equipment and staffing for a town of Hardwick's geographic size and population is nil.

These are not the old days of "scoop and run" ambulance services, staffed intermittently with local, well-meaning volunteers.

EMS staff in this day and age, are highly trained full time professionals running state of the art equipment with extremely rapid response times. They can perform life-saving procedures in the field on levels previously reserved for emergency rooms.

That Casella Waste can mislead our town into believing that Hardwick can fund and maintain such a professional service exploits the fears we all have regarding medical emergencies. The logistics and cost of a town wide EMS in Hardwick would lead to a bloated budget and expanded government, leaving the local taxpayer holding the bag going forward.

Furthermore, that Casella Waste is concerned about our health is the height of hypocrisy. The leaking landfill in Bethlehem, New Hampshire has put the carcinogen 1,4 dioxane into the groundwater.

If that occurs in Hardwick, the Ware public water supply would be impacted as well as resident wells. Additionally, the risk of massive semi-trucks carrying waste on our local town's narrow backroads risk driver and pedestrian safety.

The shared highly professional EMS squads of Ware, Barre and West Brookfield remain our best option for our rural community. All things considered, as a physician committed to our community, keeping Casella Waste off our water sources and backroads is the healthiest choice we can make.

Shame on Casella Waste for exploiting our health concerns,

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Romano, M.D.
Hardwick

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It has been a very hot and rainy week. I did get to the flea market on Sunday, but there were very few set up as they predicted rain. I bought a few things including some fresh vegetables.

The library sponsored race down Elm and Barre Road was held on Saturday.

Have you seen the pavilion that is being built by the Lions Club at the Curtis Town Field? I imagine they will use it for the chicken barbecue that they hold at Field Day each year.

Here is a recipe I took from the Gardner Heywood Hospital recipe book.

GARY'S FAVORITE EZY PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

1 can of condensed milk (14 oz.)

3/4 cup peanut butter

chocolate candy kisses

2 cups Bisquick Mix

1 teaspoon vanilla

granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In large mixing bowl, beat milk and peanut butter until smooth. Add

Bisquick mix and vanilla; mix well.

Shape into 1 inch balls. Roll in sugar. Place apart 2 inches on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake for 6 to 8 minutes. Remove from oven and immediately press a chocolate kiss in center. Makes about 3 dozen.

This and That

I heard that pumpkins were going to be very scarce this year. One of the dealers at the flea market said they had to send west to get a supply for their store. I guess the late frost in May had a lot of do with the growing season.

I took some of the house paint and touched up the deck railing and a couple of places on the trim of the house. The main house is in fairly good condition.

I had a nice visit with our grandson from South Carolina. He had attended a wedding of his classmates in Maine.

I hope to attend Field Day Saturday and I pray for good weather.

Have a good week.

They took turns watching the eagle through the binoculars.

Lots of wild turkeys

Seeing wild turkeys along the side of the road or even having to stop while they cross the road is a common occurrence in my travels around the area. This Monday, I stopped and watched a flock of six or so Tom turkeys. The three largest ones displayed their tail feathers in what looked like a competition between them.

Although wild turkeys are a common sighting now, I enjoy watching them. I also see flocks of several hens with their poults in various stages of growth.

Hummingbirds

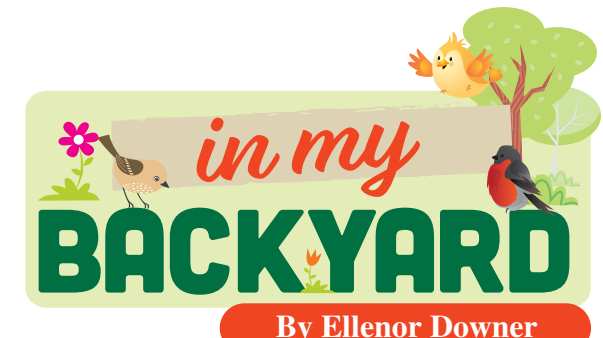
The ruby throated hummingbirds are now migrating. Many people keep their nectar feeders out until later this month for a food source for the stragglers. Soon, it will be time to take in the nectar feeders, clean them and put them away until next May when the ruby throated hummingbirds return.

Audubon society sightings

In addition to the American white pelican in Otis, the Massachusetts Audubon Society reported another rare sighting a masked booby at the edge of the continental shelf near Hydrographer Canyon. The booby was one of only three or four sightings ever recorded in Massachusetts.

Other sightings included red crossbills at Montague Plains Wildlife Management area, eight red crossbills at the Birch Hill Wildlife Management Area in Winchendon, four sandhill cranes Meadows Conservation Area near Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Northampton, and upland sandpiper, a whimbrel, a Baird's sandpiper, a short-billed dowitcher, a dickcissel and two lark sparrows in Northampton. Also reported were a Bonaparte's gull and a common tern at the Quabbin Reservoir Visitor Center in Belchertown and three black vultures over Mount Wachusett in Princeton.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



By Ellenor Downer

American white pelican

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a rare sighting of an American white pelican at Big Pond in Otis.

The white pelican winters along the Florida and Gulf Coast. It breeds in the western part of Canada and the United States. It is 62 inches long, white with a large orange-yellow bill and throat pouch. In flight, the trailing half of the wings are black.

The immature is similar to the adult, but the bill and throat pouch are gray and the wing markings are brown not black. The immature plumage is kept for three to four years.

These pelicans feed while swimming, dipping the bill into the water to catch fish in its pouch. They often feed in small groups where they herd fish toward shallow water to make facilitate catching the fish.

The female lays one to three white eggs in a nest that is a slight depression on bare ground or on a mound of earth, brush stems and debris. They often nest colonially on large inland lakes.

The American white pelican is one of the largest birds in North America. It can soar for long distance and often flies in line or V formation. During breeding season, they may do flights involving soaring and diving. They are generally quiet away from their breeding grounds. The young in the nest can give loud whines or grunts.

Bald eagle

An Oakham couple camped with family members at Lake Dennison over the Labor Day weekend. They spotted a bald eagle while kayaking. Upon returning to shore, their son was looking at a bird perched in a tree and said it was a bald eagle.

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At 8:46 a.m. the group held a moment of silence.

The ship's bell rang to remember American Airlines Flight 11, which hijackers crashed into the 93 through 99 floors of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York, City at 8:46 a.m.

The ship's bell rang again to remember United Airlines Flight 175 that hijackers crashed into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower at 9:03 a.m.

The ship's bell rang a third time to remember American Airlines Flight 77 which hijackers crashed into the Pentagon near Washington, D.C. at 9:37 a.m.

The ship's bell rang a fourth time to remember the passengers on United Airlines Flight 93, who launched a counterattack on the hijackers aboard their plane to try to seize control of the aircraft at 10:03 a.m.. The hijackers

crashed the plane into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Following the ringing of the ship's bell, there was a gun salute by the American Legion and Paul Varney of the American Legion played "Taps."

Dennis Fleming, Chair of the 9/11 Memorial Committee talked about the design of the memorial. It incorporates two pieces of steel from the World Trade Center and will have a paved walkway which ends with a pentagon shaped paved section surrounding the monument. Jason Benoit designed the monument.

Bill O'Donnell said on Sept. 11, 2001, he was in the Pentagon when the plane struck at 9:37 a.m.

He said, "On Sept. 12 at 5:30 a.m., I walked into the Pentagon, which was still burning, to start the Department of the Navy's recovery efforts in coordination with the other military department headquarters and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Long story

short, on Sept. 11, 2002 we moved the first employees back into the reconstructed portion of the Pentagon that had been destroyed." He said, "[It was] an amazing feat of construction which involved the demolition, design, reconstruction and outfitting of over 750,000 square feet of the Pentagon in less than 12 months."

The ceremony concluded at 9 a.m.

The Barre 9/11 Memorial Committee will offer for sale gray bricks for the walkway leading to the memorial. People may purchase a brick or bricks to recognize a loved one, family member or friend. These bricks are for military and non-military individuals.

To order a brick, people may visit <https://polarengraving.com/barre911memorial> and follow the directions on the website. Cost for a 4" x 4" replica tile is \$25, for a 4" X 8" three lines of text is \$50 and for 8" x 8" five lines of text is \$65.

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the town by law rather than just a one time solution.

Select Board Chair Jeff Williams said he talked with the Town Clerk and there are 3,520 registered voters out of a population of 4,203. He said the quorum of 50 represents 1.42% of the 3,520 voters. The quorum of nine would represent 0.2556%. To get to 1% the quorum would have to be 35.

He said he supported the thought, but he was "uncomfortable" with such a lower number.

Select Board member Peter Walker said he thought nine was too low for a quorum. He said with all the financial stuff coming up, this was not a good time. He said the Board should go back and look at the attendance over the last five years.

The board will meet with the Moderator. The Town

Administrator would contact the Moderator about attending the Board's next meeting on Monday, Sept. 18 or if he was not available for that meeting, he would schedule for the following meeting.

Open warrant for STM

The Select Board voted to open the warrant for a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at their Tuesday, Sept. 5 meeting and to close it on Monday, Sept. 18. The STM will be held at the Hubbardston Center School.

The warrant at present would include to raise an additional \$65,000 for Hubbardston's share of the Quabbin Regional School District assessment. At Annual Town Meeting in June Hubbardston voters approved an amount less than proposed by the Quabbin Regional School District. The school budget passed when the other four member towns, Barre, Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree approved the school

committee amount. It would also include two articles to transfer Cable Access funds into the cable account as it was done incorrectly at Annual Town Meeting with only one article not two as required. Liability insurance came in higher than budgeted so another article would fund the additional amount.

Police Sergeant swearing in

Town Clerk Candace Livingston swore in newly appointed Hubbardston Police Sergeant Donald Blood during the Select Board meeting. Police Chief Ryan Couture said Officer Blood scored 93 out of 100 on a written exam and also scored high during an oral interview with three police chiefs. Sergeant Blood has been a full time officer on the Hubbardston Police Department for ten years.

Other business

The Select Board approved the Fiscal Year 2024 contact and pay increase for KP Law, town counsel.



Things to consider when overwintering your favorite herbs

It's getting to be "that time," where we must concede that summer is winding down.

What comes next? Frost and then a season of rest!

But there is much to do before then, especially if you have herbs that you'd like to dig up and overwinter inside.

At Old Sturbridge Village we dig up Rosemary, Bay, Lemon Verbena and many more tender plants. At home I am getting my own collection of plants that I too must dig up if I want to save my investment.

Over time, I have ended up with some very good sized specimens. Overwintering these biggies can prove to be challenging space-wise, but they make such a statement in the garden I look forward to the hassle of digging them up and keeping them alive during the off-season.

Before the interpreters dig up the plants, I always ask that they give the plants a good bath to cut down on the number of insects that will be brought into the greenhouse. For the home gardener this is equally important.

I say "bath" because my pesticide of choice is a natural and fairly benign one - made of potassium salts of fatty acids (soap) that weaken the insect's outer shell and cause dehydration. It is sprayed on leaves and stems until they are soaked, and can be reapplied every 7-10 days as needed.

This product is especially effective on insects that make their home on herbs and houseplants: whitefly, aphids and mealy bugs.

Once the insects have been eradicated, it is time to get out the shovel and get to work digging up and repotting the plants. As mentioned, it's amazing at how large some of them can become after only a few months in the ground.

It is important to salvage as much of the root ball as possible to minimize the shock of being potted up. To do this, position your shovel along the "drip line" of the plant and dig straight down, completely around its circumference.

After you've made your way around, get your shovel underneath and lift. Have a pot ready - one that is

an inch or two bigger than the root ball is sufficient, and will allow for minimal winter growth.

My container of choice is always plastic, but glazed pottery is fine, although it is heavy. I steer clear of clay; it dries out too quickly.

I usually put a couple of inches of moist potting soil into the container, set the plant and then fill in with more as needed before watering well. Oftentimes I leave the plants outside until a frost threatens, then I bring them in and back out until the weather turns decidedly cold.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*), the herb of remembrance. The key to growing it successfully indoors is "cool but sunny."

My new old house affords me many such microclimates. If you aren't as lucky, try for a sunny window away from dry heat, in other words far from heat vents, etc.

My mudroom runs at about 50 degrees but has decent sunlight. Win-win!

Bay tree (*Laurus nobilis*) is another favorite and can be grown right through the winter with little or no coddling provided it is given medium to bright light and consistent watering. Do be on guard for the waxy-looking scale insect; one giveaway is leaves covered in a sticky, shiny sap called honey dew.

Try to "Q-tip" individual insects with rubbing alcohol or use insecticidal soap or horticultural oil to smother larger infestations. If the bugs have been active for a while, sooty mold may have formed.

This thick, black coating will likely need to be scrubbed off leaf by leaf to allow the plant to photosynthesize properly.

To have success overwintering scented geraniums (*Pelargonium* spp.) indoors, situate them in bright light where daytime temperatures are 65-70 degrees, and night temps are in the 50s. Fertilize every other month during the fall and winter.

Smaller leaved varieties will be easier to manage; large leaved cultivars will get top-heavy quickly- take terminal or "tip" cuttings of these instead.

Lemon Verbena (*Aloysia triphylla*) may start out looking great, but a month or so into indoor culture will likely begin to lose its leaves. Fear not, leaf drop is completely normal and to be expected!

You may be tempted to throw it out; instead, position in a sunny spot, water as needed and await new growth in the spring.

I hope this has provided you with the necessary information to extend the lifespan of your tender herbs.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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this week, and she is waiting to hear from other contractors.

"We're going to have to deal with this heating system this year," she said.

Trail of Treats

The Trail of Treats will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 starting at 5:30 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 29.

Rail trail

Parker said there will be a ribbon cutting to officially open the

new extension of the Mass Central Rail Trail on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at a time to be announced.

Appointment

The Select Board will make an appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals at its next meeting, on Sept. 25.

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per team, with Hardwick's site run by kindergarten teacher Kayleigh Laughlin and first grade teacher Melissa Jones.

"When we're at schools, the first thing we do is try to find teachers or others from the school to be volunteers," Esposito said, adding that the Girls on the Run is usually asked by the school to offer the program to their students.

Parents are also welcome to coach, she said. All Girls on the Run coaches are also CPR certified. Girls on the Run is more than just a running program, Esposito said, its focus is about teaching girls to stand up for themselves, be better friends, communicate effectively and embrace differences.

Esposito said Girls on the Run uses a social and emotional curriculum to teach girls how to run, but it's really more of a tool to build confidence, something that girls tend to struggle with as they approach adolescence.

"We're coaching the curriculum and using running to teach the curriculum," she said.

Esposito said girls don't have to be runners to participate in Girls on the Run, and that walking is also okay.

"We always say you can hop, skip and jump. You don't need to push these girls to run," she said, adding that by the end of the 10-week program, all of the girls will have built their skills as runners.

"It's not a competitive thing. At the end, you set a lap goal and talk about the theme," Esposito said.

The Girls on the Run program will be held at Hardwick Elementary School Sept. 18 through Dec. 4, meeting on Mondays and Thursdays after school from 3:15-4:30 p.m. for grades three through five. In the event of rain or inclement weather, the program will be held inside the school.

The program fee is on an income-based sliding scale, ranging from \$25 to \$175, but no girl

will be turned away due to lack of funds.

"We don't turn any girl away, we're constantly fundraising all year long," Esposito said.

The 10-week program ends with a celebratory 5K event on either Dec. 2 or 3 (date to be determined later).

Girls on the Run is for students of all physical abilities, including seasoned athletes, to those who have never tried sports before.

Girls really find their self through running, Esposito said.

"They're looking at their own goals through this whole lens and happy with themselves," she said.

For more information or to register, visit www.gotr-worc.org or contact Esposito at katie.esposito@girlsontherun.org.

Volunteer coaches are also needed, and interested people can apply at www.pinwheel.us/volunteer/signup/Fall23Coach. All coaches must pass a background check before participating in Girls on the Run training.

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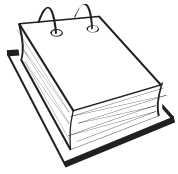
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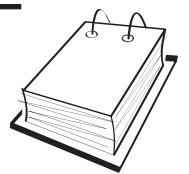
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS begin today and meet every Thursday night, most likely at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. The choral group of 23 years sings in four-part harmony and often in other languages. People may email julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 for more information. They perform several concerts during the year.

ORANGE FARMERS MARKET is held every Thursday from 3-6 p.m. now through Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Orange Armory, 135 East Main St., Orange. Vendors offer a full range of Farmers Market products: veggies (in season), flowers, baked goods, annual and perennial plants, herbal remedies, milk and ice cream, soaps, craft items and more. Music entertainment will also take place at the market thanks to an Orange Cultural Council grant. The Salvation Army hosts the concession stand at the park and proceeds are used to send area children to summer camp.

REGISTRATION FOR JIMMY FUND WALK is now open. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1 and funds raised from the walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Register as an individual walker, team member, or start a team.

To register for the Walk or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.

CLASS OF 1961 REUNION for South Hadley High School Class of 1961 is planning a get-together in South Hadley on Thursday, Oct 5. Members of the Class of 1961 are encouraged to attend. Organizers do not have everyone's contact information, so they most likely did not receive the email sent about this event. Members of the class, who wish to attend, should email Judy Mitrolka Izatt at jizatt@charter.net and put "get-together" in the subject line and she will get back to them with more specific information.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

SUPPORT GROUP for grandparent raising grandchildren will be held today from 9:30-11 a.m. at Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. This group meets the third Friday of every month. People should call 508-796-1411 or email yiwfrycyouice@sevenhillsorg to register or for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

BARRE FARMERS MARKET is held every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. The market runs through October and includes farmers, crafters, artisans and more.

CHICKEN BARBECUE will be held at Mt. Zion Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre today with drive thru pick up serving at 1 p.m. Cost is 18 per person. For tickets, people may call Dolly at 508-826-7537.

SECOND ANNUAL YARD SALE will be held by the Barre Historical Society and Museum, 18-20 Common St., Barre will hold their second annual yard sale on today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. They will sell to members only from 8-9 a.m. with free coffee. Items for sale include new merchandise of books, pamphlets,

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Dennis Fleming

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. 18. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. **Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Rosemary Horan, Raul Laborde, Evelyn Luukko, Cheryl Paul, Sharon Russell and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the Marty's Convenience Store, Route 68, North Rutland. Raul Laborde's name was omitted from a previous Where is This.**

Barre High School yearbooks, maps, postcards and more. People may email Kay at barrehistory@gmail.com or call 978-257-0890 for more information.

HUBBARDSTON LIONS CLUB FIELD DAY will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68, Hubbardston. The First Unitarian Church of Hubbardston will have a booth at Field Day. They will cookies, spices and raffle tickets for a cord of wood and a sampler quilt.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST FOR MAUI RELIEF will be held today from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. A free will offering will be taken and all proceeds will directly benefit Maui Relief. The menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, strawberries, pineapples, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the First Congregational Church of Rutland, Main Street, Route 122A, Rutland will be held today at 2 p.m. Sixteen of the church members will share tidbits of church history. A large screen slide show will be shown. There will be music and a recognition of fifty year members. Following the celebration, refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall where there will be clippings, photo albums, memorabilia and two continuous slide shows from different time periods in the church's life.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

TAG SALE at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., North Brookfield will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be plants (indoor and outdoor), puzzles, books, clothes, kids' stuff, kitchen and household items and more. Name your own price. The rain date is Sept. 30.

QUABBIN HIGH HOMECOMING WEEKEND begins with the current Quabbin soccer teams hosting Tyngsboro. The Varsity girls play today at 1 p.m. and the varsity boys at 3 p.m. today. The annual Quabbin Alumni game will take place today at 5 p.m. at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre. During half-time members of the 1973 State Champion boys' soccer team and 1992 boys' soccer state finalist and cheerleaders of both squads will be introduced. There is no admission fee, but those in attendance will be asked to make a contribution to the Press Box in one of two jars, Team 1973 and Team 1992.

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

STORY TIME will be held today at 9 a.m. in the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree.

This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. The story is "Perfect Square" by Michael Hall. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

TOUR OF COLDBROOK SPRINGS will be held today at 10 a.m. This resort village was lost nearly 100 years ago to Boston's growing thirst for drinking water. This is conducted as the fifth in a series of walks by history enthusiast and story teller Bob Locke. The event will feature images from the William Bullard glass negative collection courtesy of Frank Morrill, who is scheduled to speak at the event as well. People should wear sturdy shoes and wear insect repellent for this two plus mile loop. Participants will meet at 10 a.m. sharp at the intersection of Coldbrook Road and the Mass Central Rail Trail, about 1/3 mile south of Worcester Road (Route 122).

HUNTINGTON FALL FESTIVAL will take place today from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and tomorrow, Sunday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Huntington Town Green, intersection of Routes 20 and 112, Huntington. There will be local artists, food vendors, face painting, crafts, live music and more at this free event.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

CELEBRATION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN PRIESTHOOD for Father James B. Callahan, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Vernon Avenue, South Barre will hold a 10 a.m. outdoor Mass followed by a free pig roast dinner. All are invited to this special event.

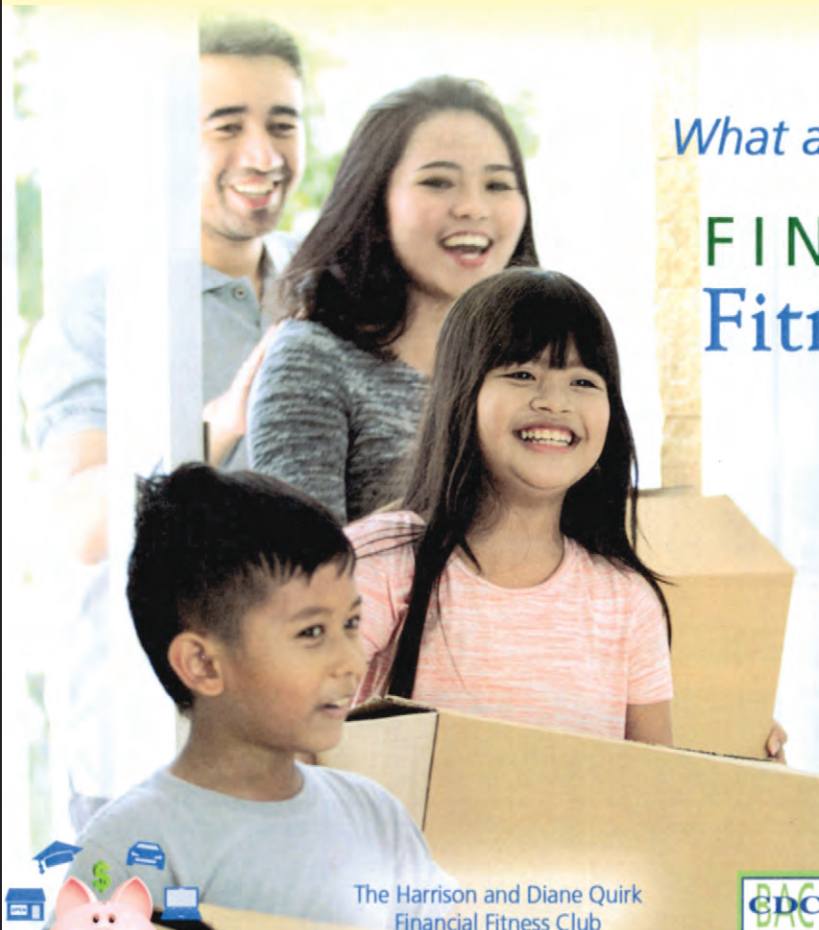
SATURDAY, OCT. 7

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE will be held today from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at individuals homes and at Normay Park, Main Street, South Barre. To reserve a spot at Normay Park, Main Street in South Barre or to have an address placed on the town wide map, a donation of \$10 is payable and sent to the South Barre Common Committee, 40 West St., Suite 5, Barre, MA 01005. Proceeds benefit the upkeep of Normay Park. The Town Maps may be picked up at Normay Park the day of the yard sale. People may call at 978-355-2504, extension 8 or email to barboards@townofbarre.com. If there are heavy rains on Saturday, the rain date is Sunday, Oct. 8 at applicants' discretion.

ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ART SHOW will be held today from 1-4 p.m. at the church, located at North Street, Petersham as part of the church's bicentennial celebrations. The theme is "Hope and Faith" is open to any medium and has three categories: Depictions of Hope and Faith in a religious context; Depictions of Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church and Symbolic depictions of the Congregational-Unitarian Schism (the Trinity, Trinitarian vs Unitarian, the Social, Emotional or Community pain of Church splitting apart). Drop-off deadline is Friday, Oct. 6 by 5 p.m. More details are available by visiting the church's Facebook page or call the Church, 978-724-8808.

FALL HARVEST DAYS will take place at Dismas Family Farm, 687 Lincoln Road, Oakham today and Saturday, Oct. 14 from noon-4 p.m. Admission is free. There will be hayrides, pumpkins and delicious fall treats at the farm. People may visit www.dismasfamily.org for more information.

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ing a variety of tasks including making the bath and body products and spices sold at the booth, baking, cooking, gardening and other agricultural work, and taking care of their many animals.

The farm allows those who volunteer to be involved in the running of it in some way. The people who go to the farm can also volunteer to package products as well as learn to make them.

The products made at the farm

are made out of all-natural ingredients, and are free of gluten, parabens, sulphates, phosphates and animal products. Not only are there body care products, but they also have a wound care salve, bug spray, chapstick, pet shampoo and sugar scrubs.

They have held a variety of educational programs and have held classes teaching about bees and other pollinators, as well as a feature on the farm's bunnies and terrarium-making.

Everything sold at the craft fairs goes to supporting the farm, and they are currently trying to

build a classroom so that programs can continue through the winter and on rainy days.

All animals on the farm are rescued, and there are many different kinds to interact with and care for. They include goats, sheep, pigs, ducks, geese, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, cats and dogs.

The farm has one very special white turkey named Gibby who gives hugs.

You can find the farm on Facebook for opportunities to attend future events, as well as to see what they offer on the farm.

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The most exciting news, however, is the grand opening of the Orchard's partnership with Fay Mountain Farm and will now cohost a pumpkin patch. The opening will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, and you won't want to miss it.

To go with the launch of the new pumpkin patch, there will be a launch of new pumpkin flavored fudge available at the candy shop.

Nydam is excited for all of this and more and hopes that everyone who attends these events will love and remember them for the years to come.

"One of my favorite things is hearing from customers how much the Orchard means to them. I love hearing about family traditions at the Orchard a part of their tradition," she said.

Courtney McGraw works at the fudge counter. Her favorite flavor is cookies and cream.



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Panthers mow through Oakmont in season opener



Hanna Baxter passes the ball up the field.



Brook Austin makes a great save

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—The Quabbin girls' varsity soccer team posted a 5-0 shutout victory over Oakmont Regional in a home match at the beginning of last season.

It was a much closer affair when the Mid-Wach C rivals faced each other at Alumni Field in this year's season opener.

The Panthers held a 2-0 lead in the middle of the first half before the Spartans came storming back.

The visitors from Ashburnham scored a goal late in the first half. They also netted the only goal of the second half and the contest, which took place on a very hot afternoon, ended in a 2-2 draw, last Tuesday. "We would have liked to have won today's game, but a tie is better than a loss," said Jamie Cook, who's beginning her eighth season as the Quabbin girls varsity soccer coach. "The hot weather was a factor, but my girls fought hard until the final whistle. We just couldn't score another goal."

The Panthers finished with a 5-9-2 overall record a year ago. They lost at Oakmont in the second meeting of the 2022 regular season.

"We didn't have a winning season last year," said Cook, who graduated from Quabbin Regional in 1996. "We're hoping to have a



Turley photos by Ray Duffy

Abigail Falconi scores her second goal of the match for the Panthers.

much better season this year."

Cook, who was a center midfielder during her varsity soccer career, was inducted into the Quabbin Regional High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016.

One of the Panthers four co-captains this season is junior Brooke Austin, who netted five goals as a center midfielder a year ago.

Austin made her first start in a varsity match as a goalie against Oakmont.

"We needed a goalie, and Brooke has no fear back there," Cook said. "She's one of our captains and is a very good team leader."

Austin, who also plays basketball, took over the starting goalie duties from Skyler Rudinski, who

graduated in June.

The other three Quabbin co-captains are senior Hannah Baxter, senior Amy Stauder, and junior Bella Smith.

"We don't normally have four captains every year," Cook said. "It was just an anonymous vote by the players."

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Gardner shuts out Quabbin

BARRE – The Quabbin and Gardner football teams played about six minutes of their scheduled game last Friday night before thunderstorms rolled in and suspended the game. It resumed on Saturday with Gardner having all the momentum and picking up a 31-0 win. Quabbin travels to David Prouty in Spencer this Friday night at 6:30 p.m.



Jake Leazott goes on an outside run.



Connor Breeds tries to defend a pass attempt.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy



Travis Wells gets the tackle for the Panthers.



Connor Breeds and Bryce Veene try to deflect a pass into the end zone.

Pathfinder stuns Palmer in season opener



Hunter Griswold scrambles before making a pass.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER— Pathfinder Tech senior quarterback Hunter Griswold played a lot of football games at historic Legion Field during the five years that he was a member of the Palmer Cowboys youth football team.

Griswold will probably always remember his first varsity football game at Legion Field.

Griswold threw a pair of touchdown passes and he scored two rushing touchdowns, as the Pioneers began the 2023 campaign with a 33-6 non-league victory over the Palmer Panthers on a hot and humid day, last Saturday.

"I played in a lot of youth football games on this field for the Cowboys, but this was my first varsity football game here," said Griswold, who lives in Monson. "Winning a game on



Miguel Velasquez runs into the crowd.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

this field is just the best feeling in the world. We played very well as a team and we're hoping to have a winning season."

The previous two meetings between the cross-town rivals took place at St. Joe's Park.

The Panthers outscored the Pioneers, 42-6 in those games.

"We haven't beaten Palmer in several years," Griswold added. "I know most of the Palmer players. It's something that I can talk about for the rest of my life."

The last time that Pathfinder defeated Palmer on the gridiron was a 17-14 win at Legion Field in 2015.

Andrew Roman was the Pioneers starting QB that season.

Just like Roman, Griswold is an outstanding three-sport athlete.

"You can't say enough good things about Hunter," said Pathfinder head coach Bill Darling. "He's an amazing ath-

lete. He always gets the job done with his legs, and his arm. He's a very good weapon for us."

It was also a memorable day for Darling, who graduated from Palmer High School in 1988. His daughter, Alyssa, scored more than 1,000 career points during her career as a member of the Lady Panthers varsity basketball team.

"Every time you win a football game, it's always very special," Darling said. "This is a very big win for us."

After the Pioneers offense turned the ball over on downs on their opening series, senior Dylan Cominoli recovered a fumble at midfield for the visitors. Cominoli also had an interception late in the second quarter.

"Dylan anchors the middle of our defense," Darling said. "He's just a fantastic young man and

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Quabbin soccer teams to unite for Press Box Challenge

BARRE – The two most successful soccer teams in Quabbin history will be honored during Homecoming Weekend festivities at the high school on Saturday, Sept. 23.

That afternoon, the current Quabbin soccer teams will host Tyngsboro with the Varsity girls playing at 1 p.m., followed by the Varsity boys at 3 p.m. Then, the annual Quabbin Alumni game will take place at 5 p.m.

During halftime of the alumni game, the 1973 State Champion boys' soccer team – Quabbin's

first state champs in any sport – and 1992 State Finalist boys' soccer team, and the cheerleaders of both squads, will be introduced. Both teams were coached by the late Quabbin Hall of Fame coach Ray Turcotte, who will be represented that evening by members of his family.

This event will be a continuation of the fundraising effort for a new press box at the Quabbin athletic field and is being announced as "The Press Box Challenge."

There will be no admission fee to the games, but those in atten-

dance will be asked to contribute at the door to one of two canisters marked "Team of 1973" or "Team of 1992." The team raising the most donations will have a sign posted in their honor on the new press box on completion.

Later that evening, a post-game gathering will be held at the Upper Deck in Barre for socializing with team members from the two championship teams and alumni.

For further information, please contact Mike Richard at mikerichard0725@gmail.com

Sports

Coby, Tommy Baldwin Racing earn Granite crown at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Doug Coby and Tommy Baldwin Racing returned to NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competition on Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway and they were celebrating after 150 laps in New Hampshire.

Coby finished fifth in the Winchester Fair 150 in the Mayhew Tools 7NY, but the finish was enough for the team to capture the second annual Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup championship crown.

The Cup, which included three races at Monadnock Speedway,

Lee USA Speedway and back at Monadnock on Saturday night, saw Coby grab three finishes inside the top-six, including a win at Monadnock in May. By winning the Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup, the team collected at least \$5,000 in bonus awards.

Coby returned to action Saturday for the first time since Thompson Speedway in August. Team owner Tommy Baldwin Jr. announced a cancer diagnosis and the team stepped back from full-time competition and missed the last two races. They couldn't pass

up returning to chase the Granite State Short Track Cup crown.

"Just to be here with our family and Tommy battling cancer, I mean, he's a warrior," Coby said. "He told us from the beginning that he was going to fight through this and he's been courageous enough to share his battle and everything on social media, which is uncommon. To be here as the Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup champions, it just means a lot. We've got a great group of guys and Tommy really wanted to be here to do this. This one is for Tommy Baldwin."

Railers schedule released, first game Oct. 22

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders) announced today the team's 2022-23 regular season schedule.

The Railers will begin their fifth ECHL season in Worcester on Saturday, Oct. 22 vs. the Adirondack Thunder at 7:05 p.m. at the DCU Center. Worcester is slated to play 36 regular season home games at

the DCU Center.

A printable schedule is available at www.railershc.com.

30 of the 36 Railers home games will be played on the weekends with 20 of the 30 occurring either Saturday or Sunday. The Railers will welcome nine different opponents to the DCU Center during the seven-month regular season which runs Oct. 22 through April 16.

Worcester will host a season long five-game homestand (Dec. 9

to 18) and will embark on season long six-game road trip (Nov. 23 to Dec. 4). Worcester's 72-game regular season schedule comes to an end on April 16 with a 3 p.m. start vs. Adirondack in Glens Falls, NY at the Cool Insuring Arena.

The 2022-23 Worcester Railers HC promotional schedule will be released later this summer. Idaho will make their first trip to the DCU Center this season. Full breakdown of opponents this season:

Hardwick Crossing Tournament winners listed

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Crossing Tournament Committee held its second annual two ball invitational golf tournament over Labor Day weekend, with 60 golfers participating.

Taking top spot in the first division, after a three-hole playoff was the team of Kevin St. Laurent and Nick Fluegge at -16. Second place honors went to John Soltys and Peter Opacki also at -16.

Opacki made an eagle 2 with one hole to play propelling his team to a tie for first and into the playoffs.

In the second division, propelling their team to first place with three natural birdies in the final five holes was the team of Ryan Balicki and John Petracone, with a finish of -13. Second place honors, after lapping the field with a blistering second day round of 10 under par went to the team of Chip Wetherell and Chris Midura at -12.

In the third division the steady play of Gene Varney and Nelson Malin took the top slot at -13. Second place went to Walter Combs and Mike Pasko at -11.

First place in the woman's

division with a blistering last nine holes of seven under par went to the team of Janet Neffinger and Diane King at -13. Second place with a solid second day round of nine under par went to Carole King and Amanda Pierce at -11.

Third place went to Kathleen Soltys and Debbie Juda with a strong finish at -9.

The Committee thanks Tom Gareau, Ken Jurczyk, Lyle and Joyce Plaine, Kathleen and Gary Soltys, Hardwick Crossing golf club and staff and the participating players for making this tournament a success.

T-Birds Community Caravan postponed by weather

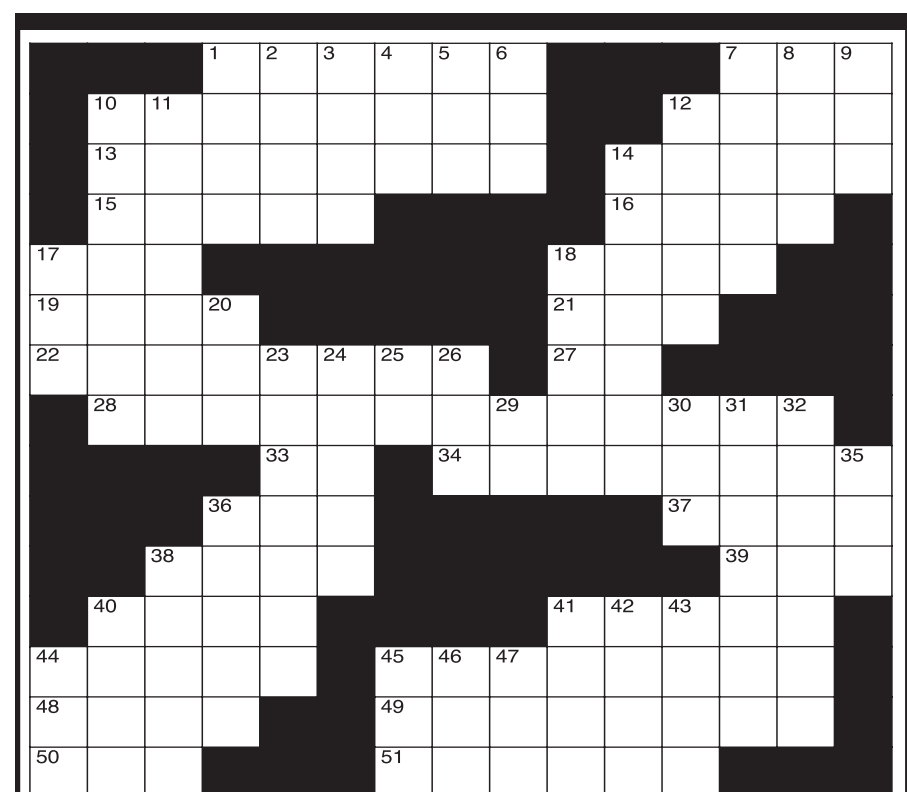
SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced last Friday that the third installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin' has been postponed due to potential inclement weather this weekend. A rescheduled

date will be announced in the future.

The previous two events featured an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, including a Dunkin' Taste Truck,

street hockey activities, and various food options.

Fans can reserve their seats to be part of the Thunderbirds' hockey action for the 2023-24 season by calling (413) 739-GOAL (4625) or visiting www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.



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Education

MWCC celebrates pinning of dental assistant graduates

GARDNER – On Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, graduates of the Class of 2023 Dental Assisting Certificate program celebrated their achievements in a traditional pinning ceremony at the Mount Wachusett Community College Gardner campus.

Cynthia Cadoret, CDA, RDH, MPH, Director of the Dental Education Program at MWCC, welcomed students, family members and supporters to the ceremony and extended thanks to Clinical Supervising Dentists Dr. Shirley Austin and Dr. Katherine Takach for their support of the program and students.



Submitted photo

The dental assisting faculty members presenting pins to their students were Heather Almeida, CDA, RDH, BA and Kelly Jancaitis, CDA, RDH, MED.

Students Cintia Sequeira-Correia and Joselin Escobar of Fitchburg; Teanna Rodriguez of Marlborough, Johanna Rosales Robles and Caitlin Ruby of Leominster, Jean Ulysse of Ashburnham, Hannah Shults and Anneliese King of Gardner were pinned and recited the traditional dental assistant oath, pledging to faithfully respect the principles of the professional ethics and committing to improve the oral health of the public.

Shown from left, are front row, Cintia Sequeira-Correia of Fitchburg; Joselin Escobar of Fitchburg; Teanna Rodriguez of Marlborough; Johanna Rosales Robles of Leominster and Caitlin Ruby of Leominster and back row from left, Jean Ulysse of Ashburnham; Hannah Shults of Gardner and Anneliese King of Gardner.

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In the middle of the first half, Austin made a diving save on a shot attempt from Oakmont freshman Jada LeBlanc. The ball bounced away from her and Stauder, who's a defender, cleared the ball away before it crossed over the line.

The other Panthers defenders are junior's Samantha Carlson, Sydney Gagne, and Angelina Feliciano.

A couple of minutes later, Quabbin sophomore Abi Falconi, who was a member of the varsity squad as a freshman, fired a shot into the right corner of the net past Oakmont senior Gabby Romano.

"Abi is a solid striker," Cook said. "That was a great scoring play by her."

Smith, who's also listed as a striker, was credited with the assist on Falconi's first goal of the 2023 regular season.

Quabbin took a 2-0 lead during the 22nd minute.

The scoring play began following a long pass by Austin to Falconi, who scored her second goal on a breakaway shot into the left corner of the net.

With less than five minutes remaining in the opening half, Oakmont sliced their deficit in half on a breakaway goal by freshman Kaighdyne Garlisi.

The Spartans tied the score following a corner kick goal by junior Molly Horgan a little more than five minutes into the second half.

In the middle of the second half, Falconi fired a shot that sailed high over the crossbar.

The score was still tied 2-2 when the referee blew his whistle for the final time.



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Bella Smith looks to make a pass to an open teammate.

The second meeting of the regular season between the two squads is slated to take place at Oakmont on Sept. 26.

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ing drive, Griswold carried the ball three times for a total of 38 yards. He avoided being sacked a couple of times before capping off the nine play drive with a 15-yard touchdown run with 2:14 left in the first half.

"I was able to escape the defense a couple of times, which was very important," Griswold said. "Scoring my first rushing touchdown on this field felt awesome."

Grossi's extra point gave the Pioneers a commanding 20-0 lead.

Palmer senior Andrew Menard gave the home fans something to cheer about by intercepting a pass late in the first half.

With 8:38 remaining in the third quarter, Griswold tossed a 15-yard TD pass to Skowrya, who made a diving catch in the back of the endzone.

Grossi's third PAT gave the Pioneers a 27-0 lead.

Griswold scored his second rushing touchdown on a three-yard

scamper with 4:23 left in the third quarter.

Palmer freshman Dylan Holbrook blocked the extra point attempt.

The Panthers finally got on the scoreboard in the middle of the final quarter when Santos threw a 10-yard TD pass to sophomore Dylan Doherty, who made a juggling catch.

Santos completed a couple of passes to Menard during the scoring drive.

Sophomore Hunter White also carried the ball a couple of times.

"Scoring a touchdown was something positive for us," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac. "We're going to keep working hard."

While Pathfinder Tech will be looking to celebrate another victory at Athol High School on Friday night, Palmer will be looking to get into the win column at Quaboag Regional.

really likes cats and spends time enjoying her pets, especially her orange tabby named Fox.

Sukharev has completed her painting of the Town House and the raffle prize is presently being professionally framed.

The winner of the Town House painting will be announced on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Oktoberfest at Common Ground Ciderworks. But it is

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Sukharev loves all forms including drawing, painting, sketching, print making, ceramics, and digital art. After high school she would like to go to college and is also considering art school.

Her hobbies include photography, thrifting, and traveling. She

not necessary to be present at the event from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. to qualify.

Raffle tickets are on sale now at the cost of one for \$5 and three for \$10. Individuals interested in purchasing tickets in advance can email friends@nbtownhouse.com with their contact information or call Maureen Caramiello at 508-596-3582.

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Through the Psalms Part 4

There are varying types of psalms found within the Book of Psalms. To communicate and contend with significant emotions and circumstances, the writers of Scripture utilized varying kinds of Hebrew lyric poems. Beyond the hymn, lament and the psalm of thanksgiving (which were covered last week), what other types of psalms will the student of the Word encounter?

1) The Psalm of Confidence

Many psalms are declarations or assertions of faith in the care and capacity of God. For instance, consider this segment of Psalm 121:

Psalm 121:1-6 (NIV)

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

4 indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

2) The Psalm of Remembrance

Some psalms reflect back upon the works of God in seasons past, (i.e., for the sake of bolstering hope-filled obedience for the present and unto the future). In particular, such psalms tend to address the Creation, the events of the Exodus and the covenant of God with David. Let us consider this segment of Psalm 136 in the way of illustration:

Psalm 136:1-9

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

4 to him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever.

5 who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever.

6 who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever.

7 who made the great lights— His love endures forever.

8 the sun to govern the day, His love endures forever.

9 the moon and stars to govern the night; His love endures forever.

3) The Psalm of Wisdom

Wisdom psalms seek to instruct the people of God. The opening of the Psalter is the greatest example of this type of psalm:

Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

4) Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

4) The Kingship Psalm

The final type of psalm is the regal psalm. Such emphasize the splendor and reign the king—whether it be an earthly king like David (cf. Psalm 45) or the King of kings in heaven! Psalm 47 serves as an illustration of the latter aspect:

Psalm 47:1-2, 8-9

1 Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

8 God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham,

for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

What are we to do with such information? Firstly, let us recognize that the experiences and emotions of the psalmists often mirror our own. Thus, there is a timeless and timely aspect to the Book of Psalms. How often have I turned to the psalms in moments of joy or distress in order to find words to express what was in my heart.

Secondly, knowing the varying types of psalms might lead us to compose our own expressions of praise, lament, thanksgiving, confidence, wisdom, and beyond! When was the last time you so communicated what was in your heart to the Lord?

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below. Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come.

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Scripture Reading: Matthew 18 v 15 - 20

1. Introduction

One of the most difficult things in life, for many of us, is to say I am sorry. To apologize for what had been said or done that hurt another person means one has to think about one's actions, face them and take on the courage to go to the person and make things right.

It is so awkward to do, and I have seen that in my own mediation work, and my own interactions with people, and I am sure for many it is true as well. It is easier to let things go and hope one will not need to face that person again and go on with life. It is true though, that an unresolved issue is not always beneficial for one's health and wellbeing, and not good for everyone involved.

2. Christ, the Mediator

In our passage Jesus describes for His disciples a process they must follow within their community of faith to deal with issues and sins that are hurting the community. First, He says, go in private to the one who sinned against you and sort things out.

If the person listens to you, you have won over that person. To win over the person meant winning them from their sinful behaviors, which should not be tolerated in the community of faith. If the person does not listen, take one or two others with you, He says.

In this case two or three witnesses were crucial in establishing and clarifying the matter, making sure that it is understood by everyone as something that needs to be addressed. If the person still does not listen to them, he or she needs to be brought to the church and a public statement would then be made about the issue, and the church would then discuss and decide what needed to happen to that person.

If the person refused to listen to the church, they should be treated like a pagan or tax collector, which during Jesus' time, were those who were rejected by the communities. Jesus was indeed a good mediator, because for Him a process of listening and understanding, and clarifying the issues that caused problems,

was important.

He also emphasized that a private conversation first was necessary, and that not too many people be brought in at that point, because it could have a negative impact on the conversation. There is clearly power in bringing two or three witnesses to help with the situation. What is interesting is that He then counseled them about bringing the person to the whole church if nothing else worked in the private conversations.

The final option was to inform the person that he or she was not welcome in the church setting, because of their sinful behavior which must not be tolerated. This is a serious last option, presented to the disciples by Jesus Himself. It is clear that for Him the nature of the Christian gathering was a place of peace and love and mutual understanding, not a place to perpetuate sinful behaviors, because it is not acceptable in His eyes.

3. Be in agreement with one another

Jesus then declares in verse 18 that, “whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” It is about tying and untying things. This expression was used in Rabbinical literature, declaring to everyone what is and what is not permitted.

It is about the things and issues which needed to be untied, not the people as such, says R.T. France in his commentary on Matthew. The issues and things that caused the problems needed to be addressed, but they needed to have mercy on the people who did those things, until it became clear that those individuals were unwilling to make things right, and needed to be removed from the church gathering. Sinful behaviors must not go on without being dealt with in the church of Christ, He says, because it is the church of Christ.

Jesus then expands this notion of being unified to the practice of prayer. When two or three people are praying together, they must come together in agreement on something to bring to God in prayer. Two or three people were enough in Jesus' mind to bring the concerns to a place of agreement, and in that agreement they could in good faith bring their concerns to God. But more, they would come into the presence of Christ, and call on the Name of Christ, making their unity a unity in Christ, which gave their prayer the authority it needed to access the heart of God.

4. Conclusion

Jesus needed His followers to be unified and that those in His circle free themselves from sinful behaviors, issues, and things that hurt the faith community. His message and life's purpose were to bring love and forgiveness and healing to those He encountered, and that must be the purpose of the church of Christ.

To come to God in prayer, means that we must come in a unified manner, with nothing that stands in between us as we come to the throne of God. That means we need to make right with the person or persons whom we have issues with, or whom we feel had hurt us.

This is the simple message of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Body of Christ. Go and make right, forgive one another, be free from those things that bind you from being the person I want you to be. This is the will of God.

It is not easy to do what Christ is asking from us. But in the realm of Christian community, we have no other choice. We must follow Christ in all He asks from us. That is love and peace and joy... May God help us in this call from Christ this morning.

Amen.

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St. Joseph's Parish held annual family fair

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – For 41 years, St. Joseph's Parish has hosted a family fair the weekend after Labor Day with a fun time of fellowship, games, tasty food, and raffles.

The following Sunday, after the sermon, members enjoyed a chicken BBQ.

The fair took place on the Parish's Rectory Field on Mt. Pleasant St. The event had much to offer, and the Boy Scouts were present at the fair, and there was even a little flea market.

There wasn't just chicken, however. You could find on both days foods like burgers, hot dogs, pizza, chili, fried dough and fried Oreos, French fries, ice cream, and cold drinks.

The Knights of Columbus sponsored the stone fired pizza and delicious chili.

The fair had large tables of donated raffle baskets and fun prizes like gift cards to local businesses such as Hardwick Vineyard & Winery and a bike from Whitco. There were stuffed animals to win, and live music kept the atmosphere lively.

There were two main game booths for attendees of the fair to try their luck, including Lucky Dice, a booth run by Rachel Shea, who has volunteered at the fair for 20 years.

Lucky Dice is a game many love to try for a chance to win delicious treats and candy.

The game is played by placing a token (up to four) on a rectangle with two colors. The dice are rolled, and if the two highest numbered dice are the colors of your choosing, you win.

Shea loves the fair, and volunteering for the games and events has filled her with joy.

“I love talking to new people and friends. I especially love the French fries - every year they're the best.”

Next to her, is another booth with a game of chance, except it has race cars. David Ingram runs the booth, and the game is played by drawing from a shuffled deck of cards.

Children will pick two cars



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David Ingram helped run a car race game.



Rachel Shea with her dice game of chance, Lucky Dice.

they think will win, and their cars will move forward a space every time their color is chosen out of the deck. If their car wins the race, they will win their own Hot Wheels toy car.

“The kids will come up and cheer on their cars. They say

‘C’mon red! C’mon!’ They always get so excited and it's the best part,” Ingram said.

The Parish is a place of fellowship and unity, and the congregation itself opened its arms to all who visited and attended the fair.

Trinity Church welcomes Ask Me Now on Oct. 1



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Ask Me Now will perform a free concert at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.

WARE – Ask Me Now will perform a free concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.

A mission offering will be taken for Dismas House and Farm, a ministry for those who were formerly incarcerated.

Ask Me Now was formed in 2018 as a conduit for performing much loved favorites from greats like Fats Waller, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Bessie Smith, Cole Porter, Diana Krall and Stevie Wonder.

The quartet specializes in delivering interesting arrangements and treatments to time-tested favorites and lesser-known gems. They play a wide variety of jazz standards, blues, swing, ballads, Brazilian and something they call “sophis-

ti-pop” for your listening pleasure.

Each individual performer is renowned for their unique talents.

Vocalist Frances Rahaim, originally from Ware, fronts the quartet. With her sophisticated, sultry voice, engaging smile and unique stage presence, Rahaim draws her audience in – connecting.

Each performance is a memorable, intimate experience.

Dominic Poccia, on reeds, has played in jazz groups in western Massachusetts for more than 40 years and has recorded with local bands and performed back up for several well-known bands such as the Temptations, Martha Reeves, Mary Wilson, Paul Winter and Steve Davis. He has toured twice in Russia.

Bassist, Don Baldini, formerly had a professional career as a

studio musician in Los Angeles

has toured and performed with some of the “greats” - Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis, Peggy Lee, Tony Bennett, Helen Reddy, Paul Anka, Nancy Wilson, Teddy Wilson, Andy Williams and Henry Mancini.

Pianist/arranger James Argiro comes with vast experience in all phases and aspects of music creation, production, and the performing arts.

He has been affiliated with dozens of stars in all media. Much of his career was spent in Hollywood television and recording studios and as a staff member on many television variety shows, including Sonny & Cher, Tony Orlando & Dawn.

For more information about this group go to: askmenow.live.

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dle the sewage from Malls, an ice cream place and Arnold Trifilo's law office. The installation of the other tight tank and hook-ups for the building should be close to completion.

Barre Police Chief Michael Ryder informed this paper Thursday, Sept. 12, that an anonymous tip had lead the police to the location of the nine stolen flags. The flags, which were found near Bosler's Animal Shelter on

Chamberlain Road, were in a plastic bag. He also announced the reward of \$100 is still on. The Barre Thief and Rogue Society will give \$100 to anyone, who gives information that leads to the arrest and conviction of whoever took the flags. The flags were stolen early Saturday morning, Sept. 7 from nine buildings, homes and monuments in the center of town. Charles Wyman of the Barre Thief and Rogue Society praised the good work of the Barre Police in recovering the flags.

Former boys of Stetson Home,

local and state politicians and citizens of Barre gathered on the Common Sunday afternoon to pay tribute to those Stetson Home men, who served their country in four wars and in peacetime. “Today we honor 125 of our brothers, those who served in either peacetime or wartime, said Don Colpits, organizer of the ceremony and former Stetson Home by, told the 50 to 75 people attending. He recounted the many brave actions of these former boys, who served their country, those who were wounded and those who did not come home.

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church hosts tag sale

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A tag sale will be held at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be plants (indoor and outdoor), puzzles, books, clothes, kid's stuff, kitchen and household items, treasures, and more. Name your own price.

The rain date is Sept. 30.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 20
 2 a.m. Noise Violation, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:15 a.m. General Illness/ETOH, Summer Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Arrest (s) Made
 Arrest: Brooks, Justin R., 27 South Barre
Charges: Warrant
 11:28 a.m. Suspicious Activity, West Street, Message Delivered
 3:18 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Athol, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Ricker, Jesse J., 35, Barre
 Charges: Drug, Possess Class B, Conspiracy to Violated Drug Law
 8:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Nourse Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:43 p.m. Complaint, Vernon Avenue, Negative Contact
 11:44 p.m. Burglary, West Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Schmale, Nancy Jean, 47, Barre
 Charges: False/Silent 911 Call

Monday, Aug. 21
 1:59 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Secured
 9:36 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Pleasant Street, Message Delivered
 10:19 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Williamsville Road, Removed to Court
 Arrest: Rogers, Noelle, 29, Barre
 Charges: Four Warrants
 6:44 p.m. Public Assist, Natty Pond Drive, Property Returned

Tuesday, Aug. 22
 12:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled,

Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:45 a.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Pleasant Street, Information Given
 8:19 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Summer Street, Information Taken
 11:08 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Worcester Road, Negative Contact

Wednesday, Aug. 23
 8:58 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Hubbardston Road, Removed Hazard
 10:48 a.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:52 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Athol, Referred to Other Agency
 8:43 Swelling, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Aug. 24
 12:59 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:41 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:02 p.m. Gunshots, Oakham Road, Area Patrolled

Friday, Aug. 25
 8:08 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, School North Street, Message Delivered
 8:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Slater, Devon Louis, 32, Worcester
 Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 Saturday, Aug. 26
 1:59 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, West Street, Transported to Hospital

2:13 p.m. Trauma, Old Coldbrook Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 3:16 p.m. Structure Fires, Kendall Street, Fire Extinguished
 6:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued
 6:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 6:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Grove North Street, Citation Issued
 11:24 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Investigated

Sunday, Aug. 27
 1:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning
 4:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Spring Hill Road, Vehicle Towed
 11:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued

SOUTH BARRE

Sunday, Aug. 20
 8:02 a.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, North Brookfield, Message Delivered
 3:10 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, South Barre Road, Information Given

Tuesday, Aug. 22
 5:15 p.m. Alarm – Trouble Signal, South Barre Road, Information Given

Wednesday, Aug. 23
 7:33 a.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Oakham Road, Officer Advised
 6:08 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, South Barre Road, Information Given

Thursday, Aug. 24
 1:37 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Cutler Road, Negative Contact

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 20
 8:35 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:29 p.m. Head Strike, Prouty Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Pleasantdale Road, Vehicle Towed

Monday, Aug. 21
 9:05 a.m. Power Lines/Wire Down, Pommogussett Road, Referred to Other Agency
 10:05 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 2:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 3:06 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Thurston Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Newell, Holland F., 27, Worcester
 Charges: Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 9:07 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Irish Lane, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Aug. 22
 2:34 a.m. Power Outage, Main Street, Information Given
 7:04 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Anthony Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:36 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:35 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Aug. 23
 12:16 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Sedona Circle, Area Search Negative
 8:09 a.m. Logging Accident, Pleasantdale Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:53 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield Court, Court Duty
 11:08 a.m. Lockout Home or Vehicle, Crestview Drive, Entry Gained
 11:56 a.m. Property Returned, Main Street, Property Returned
 1:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 Summons: Abel, Curtis Allen, 60, Holden
 Charges: Negligent Operation of

Motor Vehicle
 5:31 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Referred to Other Agency
 7:38 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Aug. 24
 9:21 a.m. Property Returned, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:27 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:48 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Pleasantdale Road, Investigated
 9:52 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Lantern Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:06 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Hunt Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:47 a.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Rolling Ridge Road, Information Given
 3:01 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer Advised
 7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
 7:58 p.m. Property – Lost, Vista Circle, Information Taken
 8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 9:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:45 p.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Maple Avenue, Investigated

Friday, Aug. 25
 8:08 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, School North Street, Message Delivered
 10:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Miles Road, Message Delivered
 12:11 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Main Street, Information Taken
 5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Road, Written Warning
 6:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Mojica, Robert, 23, Rutland
 Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

Saturday, Aug. 26
 12:29 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Citation Issued
 4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Luciano–Ramirez, Brittany Keymill, 22, Marlborough
 Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Patel, Utsavkumar A., 28, Worcester
 Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes Violation, Registration Not In Possession
 5:47 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Memorial Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Soucy Drive, Written Warning
 10:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Paddock Road, Citation Issued
 11:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning

Sunday, Aug. 27
 1:09 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Main Street, Animal Returned to Owner
 1:21 a.m. Disorderly Conduct, River Road, Officer Advised
 11:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 12:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 7:17 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Meadowbrook Circle, Transported to Hospital
 7:43 p.m. Animal – Found, Breezy Lane, Public Assist
 8:28 p.m. Falls, Glenwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:54 p.m. Animal – Lost, Maple Avenue, Animal Returned to Owner
 10:33 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 20
 7:46 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital
 7:32 p.m. Identity Theft, Ragged Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Elm Street, Officer Took Call

Monday, Aug. 21
 7:24 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Ed Clark Road, Information Taken
 7:43 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Williamsville Road, Vehicle Removed
 3:59 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Underwood Road, Negative Contact
 11:15 p.m. Falls, Dogwood North Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Aug. 22
 12:49 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Burnshirt Road, Report Filed
 1:32 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Aug. 23
 10:15 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 4:15 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Negative Contact
 6:02 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Thompson Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Aug. 24
 1:43 p.m. Sick/Dehydrated, Old Westminster Road, Mutual Aid Transported

3:17 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Gardner Road, Information Given
 4:10 p.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Bemis Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Aug. 26
 1:01 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Burnshirt Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 2:04 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Boston Turnpike, Negative Contact
 4 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Charlton, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:25 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Barre Road, Removed Hazard

Sunday, Aug. 27
 9:58 a.m. Lost and/or Found, Simond Hill Road, Animal Returned to Owner

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 20
 4:42 a.m. Falls, Hunt Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 10:42 a.m. Suspicious Activity, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:48 a.m. K-9 Officer Initiated, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Aug. 21
 10:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Aug. 22
 9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Hit and Run, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Aug. 23
 4:16 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Athol, Report Filed
 10:33 p.m. Assault and Battery, New Braintree Road, Report Filed

Thursday, Aug. 24
 10:06 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Hunt Road, Transported to Hospital

11:26 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty

Friday, Aug. 25
 6:26 Road Hazard, Rutland Road, Message Delivered
 8:19 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Rutland Road, Message Delivered
 2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Turnpike Road, Investigated

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Sept. 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 50 building/property checks, 52 directed/area patrols, 10 traffic controls, five emergency 911 calls, five burglaries, one stolen motor vehicle, eight radar assignments, one scam, one property damage, two complaints, three motor vehicle investigations, two assist other agencies, five citizen assists, 20 safety hazards, two utility issues, two animal calls and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Sept. 4
 9:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 10:18 a.m. Complaint, North Road, Investigated
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated
 8:44 p.m. Scam, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Sept. 5
 3:09 p.m. Assist Other Agency, East Hampshire District Court, Spoken To
 7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation issued

Wednesday, Sept. 6
 11:33 a.m. Utility Issues, Hall Road, Officer Handled
 11:50 a.m. Utility Issues, Hall Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 12:51 p.m. 911 Fire/Auto, Lyman Road, Services Rendered

Thursday, Sept. 7
 6:17 a.m. Stolen Motor Vehicle, Out of Town, Services Rendered
 6:27 a.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering) North Road, Investigated
 6:56 a.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), North Road, Merge
 7:14 a.m. Burglary (Breaking and

Entering), North Road, Merge
 7:23 a.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), North Road, Merge
 7:39 a.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), North Road, Merge
 10 a.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Spoken To
 7:52 a.m. Assist Citizen, Prouty Road, Dispatch Handled
 9:19 p.m. Disturbance, Barre Road, Spoken To
 9:33 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, North Street, Investigated

Friday, Sept. 8
 9:56 a.m. Property Damage, New Braintree Road, Spoken To
 1:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled
 4:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Police Department, Officer Handled
 6:52 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Thayer Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 6:53 p.m. Safety Hazard, Fiske Road, Removed Hazard
 6:56 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Removed Hazard
 7:06 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Removed Hazard
 7:22 p.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Removed Hazard
 7:23 p.m. Safety Hazard, Taylor Hill Road, Removed Hazard
 7:24 p.m. Safety Hazard, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Removed Hazard
 7:25 p.m. Safety Hazard, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Removed Hazard
 7:27 p.m. Safety Hazard, Fiske Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 7:36 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 8 p.m. Safety Hazard, Taylor Hill Road, Removed Hazard
 8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Greenwich Road, Spoken To

9:12 p.m. Safety Hazard, Upper Church Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 9:20 p.m. Safety Hazard, Ruggles Hill Road, Removed Hazard
 9:27 p.m. Safety Hazard, North Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 9:47 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Spring Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 9:52 p.m. Safety Hazard, Delargy Road, Removed Hazard

Saturday, Sept. 9
 12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:43 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 7:46 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 8:20 a.m. Safety Hazard, Fiske Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 8:25 a.m. Utility Issues, Thayer Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 10:57 a.m. Complaint, Taylor Street, Negative Contact
 11:26 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled
 1:05 p.m. Safety Hazard, Upper Church Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 4:25 p.m. Investigation, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 10:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Spoken To

Sunday, Sept. 10
 12:47 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Church Lane, Spoken To
 3:54 p.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Services Rendered
 4:06 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, North Street, Officer Handled
 10:41 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

House Democratic Health committee leaders announce new legislation

WASHINGTON — House Democratic Health Committee leaders introduced new legislation to further lower prescription drug prices for American families and rein in pharmaceutical price gouging. The bill was introduced by Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member Richard E. Neal (D-MA), Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), and Education and the Workforce Committee Ranking Member Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (D-VA).

Nearly one year ago, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law, granting the Secretary of Health and Human Services-for the first time-the authority to negotiate lower drug prices for America’s seniors.

It was a historic achievement that lifted restrictions that had been in place for nearly 20 years preventing Medicare from negotiating drug prices. The law also further reduced drug prices for seniors by penaliz-

ing pharmaceutical companies that raised prices faster than the rate of inflation. The Lowering Drug Costs for American Families Act builds on this important progress by ensuring more Americans can benefit from the law’s provisions.

«The Lowering Drug Costs for American Families Act builds on our historic work in the Inflation Reduction Act to expand access to lower drug prices negotiated by Medicare to even more Americans.» Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member Neal said. «This legislation is another step to bringing down the costs of prescription drugs and putting an end to the unconscionable decision to forgo life-saving medication. Lowering health care costs is key to finishing the job for the American people, and House Democrats won’t be deterred by Republican threats or Big Pharma’s lawsuits.»

The Lowering Drug Costs for

American Families Act builds on the drug pricing provisions included in the Inflation Reduction Act last year. Specifically, the bill would:

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New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Sept. 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 39 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, one radar assignment, three emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, one larceny/theft/shopping, one complaint, four safety hazards, three motor vehicle investigations, three investigations, one animal call and two motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Sept. 4
 10:37 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Sept. 5
 9:55 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
 11:38 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Unitas Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:14 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Barre Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 6
 3 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Worcester Road, Officer Handled
 6:04 p.m. Complaint, Moore Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Sept. 7
 3:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated
 4:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Report Taken

Friday, Sept. 8
 6:25 p.m. Investigation, Ravine Road, Negative Contact
 6:33 p.m. Investigation, Ravine Road, Negative Contact
 6:42 p.m. Investigation, Mara Road, Officer Handled

7:27 p.m. Safety Hazard, Thompson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 8:29 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 8:42 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Merge

Saturday, Sept. 9
 9:09 a.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 11:52 a.m. Utility Issues, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Sunday, Sept. 10
 11:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
 7:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

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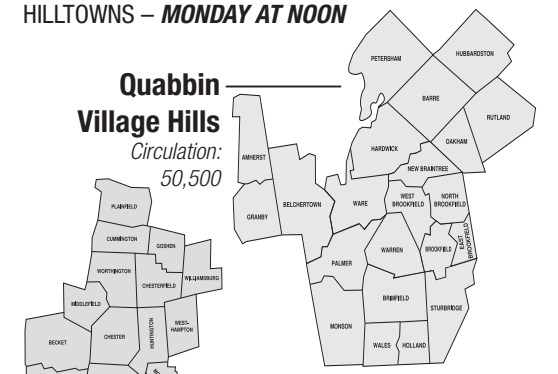
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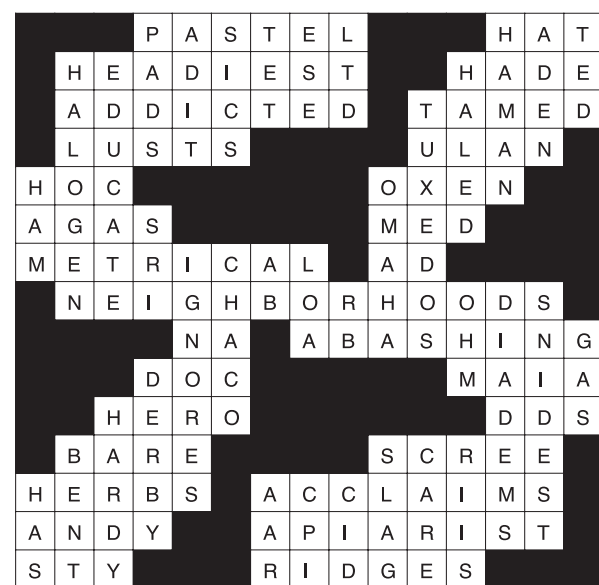
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