

BARRE GAZETTE

USPS 044560

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

September 17, 2026 | Vol. 192, No. 25 | \$1.00

www.barregazette.turley.com



File photo Courtesy of Roselind Ryder

Roselind Ryder, formerly of Barre, took this photo from her New York City apartment window on Sept. 11, 2001. The first tower had already collapsed and the second tower was still standing, but shows where the plane crashed into it.



Remembering 25th anniversary of 9/11

By Ellenor Downer
Editor
edowner@turley.com

BARRE – Veterans Agent Garrett Skinner and American Legion Post #2 held a ceremony on North Common on Friday, Sept. 11

to mark the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks by terrorists.

The weather at the ceremony was a sunny, clear day just like that Tuesday 25 years ago.

The ceremony began at 8:30 a.m. and included guest

speaker Dennis Fleming and former state Senator Stephen Brewer.

Fleming, a member of the 9/11 Commemorative Committee, said the commemorative monument was 10 years in the making. He said the monument had

steel from the rails under the Trade Center and a piece of the facade from the Pentagon.

Fleming said 9/11 was “our generations Pearl Harbor.”

Former state Sen. Brewer said, “we remember exact-

ly where we were [that day].” He mentioned Father Michael Judge, a fire chaplain, who rushed to the scene when he heard the news. He died when the tower collapsed.

He said more than 2,996 people, mostly civilians, 343

firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, 55 military personnel died that day. Brewer said since then more than 600 firefighters and other rescue workers died from cancer related illness

See 911, page 3

New Route 68 traffic pattern approved

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
Staff Writer
zachf@turley.com

RUTLAND – The Select Board met two weeks ago where they discussed and approved a recommendation by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to implement a four way stop at the intersection of Route 68, East County Road and Wachusett Street.

The pattern as of the Aug. 31 meeting has a flashing light, where motorists traveling on Route 68 have the right of way with a flashing yellow and motorists on Wachusett Street have a flashing red.

According to Department of Public Works Director

Christopher Kolofsky, MassDOT did a traffic study with a professional engineering firm, Jacobs Engineering, and concluded that a four way stop was the best option. He said the town had a deadline of Sept. 1 to agree to it, and they would provide signage.

According to the MassDOT memo, they are offering stop signs, all way plaques, stop ahead signs and LED enhanced stop signs. The memo stated that installation is the responsibility of the town.

The reasoning behind this change, according to MassDOT, is that vehicles traveling on Route 68 exceed 50 mph, which causes difficulties getting onto that road from Wachusett Street. MassDOT also cited 16 crashes between 2022-2024, including six angle crashes that could have been prevented

with a four way stop.

The Select Board ultimately approved the plan, but there were concerns brought up by some members, including Leah Whiteman, who said there was a previous study stating that a four way stop was not recommended. She also said since motorists driving on Route 68 are not used to stopping at that intersection, there may be a spike in accidents as the new pattern is established.

Since the memorandum of understanding is for two years, the board concluded that they would be able to take down the signs and change the pattern again if the new traffic pattern was not having the desired effect.

The board also recommended rumble strips to be placed near the intersection on Wachusett Street.

See RUTLAND, page 11

Lions car show has large turnout



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

Car owners sit in front of their vehicles at the Barre Lions Club Car Show on Barre Common, held this past Saturday. More photos on page 8.

BARRE – The weather cooperated for the Barre Lions Club Annual Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Barre Common.

The Common was a busy place with the Barre Farmer’s Market, a breakfast at Mt. Zion Masonic hall sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star and a yard sale at the Barre Historical Society also happening as well.

The show ran from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and featured all types of vehicles. In addition, to the many cars on display, the Lions Club had a DJ supply music, a large raffle table, tee shirts for sale and swag bags for all car entrants.

At the end of show, People’s Choice plaques were awarded to lucky entrants.

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT



VOTE INDEPENDENT!

NADIA MILLERON
FOR CONGRESS

Join the movement at
NadiaforCongress.com

PAID FOR BY NADIA FOR CONGRESS

SPORTS

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

SEND US YOUR SPORTS SUBMISSIONS

www.sports.turley.com

Panthers offense scores big win in opening match

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—The Quabbin girls' varsity soccer team pulled out a pair of close victories over the West Boylston Lady Lions a year ago. There wasn't very much suspense in the first meeting of the 2026 regular season between the Mid-Wach D League rivals.

The Lady Panthers, who held a 3-0 halftime advantage, coasted to a 6-0 shutout victory in their home opener, last Thursday afternoon.

"West Boylston gave us a couple of hard fought battles last year, but I thought we played very well in today's game," said Quabbin head coach John Gillis. "Once we took the lead in the first half, I was able to get the younger players some playing time. A couple of those play-
See PANTHERS page 10



Sylvia Ellery lines up a power shot that goes in for a score.



Larrah Gagne battles for possession of the ball.



Turley photos by Jeffrey Haynes
Sage McQuestion fights in close quarters for possession.

Rogowski scores two in Panthers win

BARRE — Abby Rogowski scored twice for the Panthers in a 3-1 win over Shrewsbury last Wednesday afternoon. The Panthers got the scoring going in the second quarter with a Makenzie Casey goal. Rogowski scored just two minutes later and then again in the fourth quarter. Goalie Aubrey Thorpe had seven saves for the Panthers. The Panthers went to 2-0 on the season with a 3-1 win over Notre Dame Academy last Friday afternoon.

Turley photos by Jeffrey Haynes
Makenzie Casey chases the ball up the field.



Charley Chauvin, middle, and Olivia Vanhoudenhove, right, battle to take the ball away.



Makenzie Casey, middle, and Olivia Vanhoudenhove, right, successfully battle at the net for a score.



Ellie Poulin launches the ball over opponents.



Wyatt Clark keeps ahead of a Tyngsborough runner.



Quabbin Regional Middle High School hosted a cross country meet with Tyngsborough and Hudson on Sept. 9. Shown from the boys varsity team are Brendan Welch, Brody Faucher and Jacob Bassett.

Quabbin starts varsity cross country season



BARRE — Quabbin Regional Middle High School hosted a cross country meet with Tyngsborough and Hudson on Sept. 9. This meet kicked off the cross country season for the boys and girls varsity teams. For the next meet, the teams will travel to Narragansett Regional High School on Thursday, Sept. 17.

Skylar Wisniewski completes the first loop of the course.



Emma Ryan and Ruari Bosley compete for the girls varsity team at the Sept. 9 cross country meet.



Turley Photos by Camren Robertson
Luke Proctor prepares to face the hill a second time.