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Barre keeps memory of 9/11 alive

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BARRE – It was Sept. 11, 2001 at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Twenty-four years later, a large group of people gathered at the newly dedicated Global War on Terror Monument on North Common in Barre. Sept. 11, 2025 was a clear, sunny day; just like that day back in 2021.

Police Chief James Sabourin, the first speaker said he was in the Marines stationed in Hawaii at the



Turley photos by Ellenor Downer

See 911, page 6 A large group attended the 9/11 Memorial ceremony last Thursday, Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m.



The Quabbin Regional High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps color guard stand to the left as the 911 ceremony organizer, Dennis Fleming speaks. Standing in the center are American Legion Post #2 color guard and firing squad.



Dennis Fleming moves to adjust the American flag placed on the Global War on Terror Monument located next to the Civil War monument on Barre's North Common.

Board appointed ACO and driver/laborer

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – At last week's Board of Selectmen's meeting, Police Chief Mark Smith introduced Alixandra Smichinski as the candidate to be appointed to Animal Control Officer.

At the Sept. 9 meeting, Smith said Smichinski has served as an Assistant ACO in several area towns and came highly recommended from those who have worked with her.

"She has quite extensive experience or knowledge about what we're looking for and I think she'd do really well in this position," Smith said.

Smichinski said she has been the Assistant ACO in Brookfield for about eight months and has completed the ACO core class training. She works as a veterinary technician at a clinic in Rutland and is currently in school to

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TA discussed financial update with Select Board

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HARDWICK – Town Administrator Justine Caggiano shared a financial update with the Select Board during the Sept. 15 meeting.

Caggiano has come across some financial issues the town has had the previous

year. The unemployment budget had to cut \$12,000 and this year includes a large unemployment invoice.

Caggiano said she is looking to see if the board will vote to pay with funds from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. This year the invoice is in the amount of \$21,305.61. The board decided to table this discussion until their next

meeting.

Caggiano also said the town has come across some financial discrepancies. For example, there are some incorrect pay rates in the financial software. There are also incorrect deductions from Worcester County Regional Retirement. On a positive note, Caggiano said the town has caught up on

some discrepancies and the Other Post-Employment Benefits trust has been fixed as well.

Caggiano wants the town to implement some personnel policies. Bankruptcies and delinquencies have been gone through as well. Some outstanding checks were fixed and issues with veterans' benefits are being fixed.

Having found these discrepancies, Caggiano believes the town will have an increase in free cash.

"Make sure we're cleaned up going forward," Caggiano said.

The board members asked if they could see a copy of the spreadsheet showing all the discrepancies found. Caggiano will make some

edits first and email the spreadsheet to the members of the Select Board.

Appointment of Officer
Joel Wilson

The Select Board heard from Police Chief Kevin Landine about appointing Joel Wilson to a full-time police officer position for the

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Hardwick society donates sleigh and carriage to Ware collection



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Julie Bullock, president of the Ware Historical Society, is shown with Hardwick Historical Society President Randy Noble and Ron Newton. Noble and Newton delivered a sleigh and buckboard carriage made by the Ware-based Charles S. Parker Co. to the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum to be added to the society's collection.

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HARDWICK/WARE – Last week, Hardwick Historical Society President Randy Noble was joined

by Ron Newton to deliver a sleigh and carriage to the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum to become part of the Ware Historical Society's permanent collection.

The sleigh and carriage had both been donated to the Hardwick Historical Society, but due to space limitations, its members decided to gift both of them to the Ware

Historical Society.

"We said, 'let's give it to Ware,'" Noble said. On Friday morning, Noble and Newton went to a shed located on Highland Terrace and Gilbertville and retrieved two carriages donated to the Hardwick Historical Society through the estate of Charlie Angell. One of the carriages

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Members of VFW Post 3439 are shown with craftsman Samuel Bonneau, who recently restored an over 150 year old table linked back to North Brookfield's Grand Army of the Republic Chapter.

Table restoration goes back to Grand Army of Republic

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Last Saturday, members of VFW Post 3439 welcomed the return of a piece of their history that was traced back to the town's former Grand Army of the Republic, Chapter 051.

Veteran Jim Foyle said his attention was first brought to the altar-like table

where the VFW members kept the Bible, because of its inscription of "GAR."

He began researching the table, and spoke with various historians, including Wendy Joseph of the GAR Museum in Lynn, Dan Hamilton of quaboag-research.org (and a lifetime member of the New Braintree Historical Society and the Quaboag Historical Society) and Brandon Avery of the North Brookfield Historical Society.

Foyle said his research found that a GAR post was formed in North Brookfield in 1868 by Ezra Batcheller. The GAR's charter was later surrendered in 1929.

Foyle said GAR posts utilized the table as an altar to display the Bible, and during meetings, it created a space between the altar and the officer's table.

"No one was to enter this

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

by Ellenor Downer
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Information Fair happens Sept. 24

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

Family Fun Days

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

Yard sale

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

Congregational Church holds movie night

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church, 21 North Main St, will show "Serenity," (2005) the movie follow-up to the beloved sci-fi tv show, Firefly, on their big projector screen, on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. There is no admission fee. Pizza and soda and other refreshments will be provided. People may bring comfy cushions and food to share.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

Margaret Marshall remembered

By Lucy Allen

BARRE – The Barre Historical Society is saddened to share the news of the passing of longtime member, volunteer, past Curator and Honorary Director Margaret Marshall.

The front door at the society frames a mourning wreath, with black draping and the flags are at half-mast in her honor.

The light of local history was dimmed on Tuesday, Sept. 2, when Barre Historical Society Honorary Director and former Curator Margaret E. (Clark) Marshall, 81, died at Ashland Farms, North Andover, where she resided for several months. She was proud of being a lifelong resident of Barre.

Margaret was the epitome of the volunteer who is always willing to lend a hand. The old adage, "If you want to get something done, ask a busy person," applied to Margaret's ability to take on just one more project and get it done.

Her matter-of-fact approach and steady work habits were priceless to many organizations in Barre. In addition to her many years of service to the Barre Historical Society and Museum, Margaret also was a Director and Officer of the Barre Library Association.

At the Woods Memorial Library, Margaret served as Curator of Founders Museum. Her work to catalog its many artifacts was an immense task. Identifying and appraising hundreds of priceless Native American artifacts was a daunting project, but Margaret took this task on with pride. Although she had no formal training in museum work, Margaret left an inventory record that allowed the library to move into the 21st century so that some items could be repatriated to their appropriate Native American communities.

Barre Congregational Church was another institution that was favored with Margaret's abilities. She served the church well for many years and was a member of its Women's Fellowship. Margaret graduated in 1961 from the former Barre High School. She prepared for her career as a teacher at Worcester State College (now University).

For years, Margaret served as a fifth-grade teacher at Barre's Ruggles Lane School. In this role, Margaret combined her passion for educating children with her love of history and her sense of adventure. As fifth-grade teacher, Margaret brought her students to the week-long Nature's Classroom program in Becket each year. Here her students learned important skills such as taking responsibility for themselves, hiking, and making campfires. These activities were right up Margaret's "alley" as she was soundly based in old-fashioned Yankee values of practicality and self-determination.

When former Ruggles Lane third-grade teacher, Sherry McDonald, started the annual walking tour of Barre's history, Margaret was just the person to step in and introduce students to local history. In this way, Margaret bridged her professional career as a teacher with her volunteer activities through the Barre Historical Society. Watching Margaret explain the various exhibits at the Barre Historical Society to the students was wonderful. As the students grasped the meaning of each object, their faces would start to glow. Margaret was masterful as an educator. It would be difficult to find a child who grew up in Barre who did not know the name, "Mrs. Marshall."

Although Margaret retired from "professional" teaching in 2002, she maintained her special bond with kids through the Barre Historical Society walking tours. In addition, her role with the Friday Club allowed her to continue to do the annual "Spelling Bee" at Ruggles Lane School.

Margaret was a hard-working volunteer at the Barre Historical Society for many years, learning important skills from late Curator, Bertyne Smith. The Curator is the person responsible for our many collections of historical items—collecting, cataloging, inventorying, appraising, storing, exhibiting them—and many other aspects as well. When Bertyne retired several years ago, Margaret took over as Curator. The many



binders of photographs carefully organized by topic, work on our costume and textile collections, and of course the stagecoach, show Margaret's hard work.

Margaret embodied much more than a strong work ethic. She enjoyed social events as much as working. We will always remember the twinkle in her eyes and her warm smile at social events. The weekly lunch out after volunteering at the Barre Historical Society on Thursday mornings was a favorite activity, especially the occasional birthday celebrations for volunteers held at the Jenkins Inn.

She was also known for her dedication to her family. George and Margaret took interesting trips in their retirement. She loved Nubble Light in York, Maine. George and Margaret frequently attended sports events and performances of their four granddaughters. She was always on call to help friends, to which I can personally attest.

A favorite memory is a long walk I took on a very cold day with George and Margaret so they could show me the location of the Prince Walker Burial Ground. Margaret drove me to appointments in Worcester after I had hand surgery in 2018. We worked together closely on projects involving the Friday Club, Barre Library Association and its Founders Museum and the Barre Historical Society. These are all precious memories.

Whether faced with difficult projects such as the repatriation of the Native American items at the library's Founders Museum, or her own personal challenges, we could always count on Margaret to "Just Do It." May we all take courage and strength from the memory of her positive attitude and hard work. While the light of local history has dimmed temporarily, Margaret's example is already generating new energy and enthusiasm. Thank you, Margaret, for the lessons you passed on to us.

Services for Margaret Marshall were held on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Barre Congregational Church.



OAKHAM

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Lunch brunch goes to Sandwich Company Bar/Grill

The lunch brunch meets the third Friday, Friday, Sept. 19 the location is the Sandwich Company Bar and Grill, Main Street, Holden at 12:30 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the main room of the Senior Center.

OHA wine tasting

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

COA events

Tuesday, Sept. 23 is blood pressure and glucose testing from 11 a.m.-noon. Monday, Sept. 22 the podiatry clinic takes place from 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m.; reservations are required.

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

Ongoing senior events

Ongoing activities Monday through Thursday include puzzling from 9 a.m.-noon and walking group meet at Senior Center at 9 a.m, Tuesday through Thursdays the walking group meets at the Senior Center at 11 a.m. To be added to the walking groups text MSG Group, people should call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 and leave their name and cell phone number. Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zumba Gold meets in the Rutland Senior Center. Donation is \$3 per class. Thursdays at 12 noon is weigh in at the Senior Center, support weight loss group

Fridays at 10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness is held at the New Braintree Town Hall. Donation is \$3 per class. Hot Lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15p.m. at 508-882-4072.

Library holds story time Sept. 22

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, offers a story time for preschoolers on Monday, Sept. 22 at 11:30 a.m. This is a new start time. Readings will include "Mouse's First Fall" by Lauren Thompson and "If You Find a Leaf" by Aimee Sicuro. Parental supervision is required.

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. 22. 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 – Turkey with supreme sauce, cornbread stuffing, Roman blend vegetables, fresh fruit, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, chuckwagon corn, apple crisp, diet = baked apples, whole

wheat bread

WEDNESDAY – Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas, chocolate mousse, Italian bread

THURSDAY – Greek chicken, lemon seasoned potatoes, country blend vegetables, birthday cake, diet = half piece, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – White bean chicken chili, brown rice, roasted Brussels sprouts, tropical fruit, pumpernickel bread

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

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The Woods Memorial Library seeks two technology-savvy and customer service-oriented individuals to join our team. Responsibilities include assisting patrons at the adult and children's circulation desks, processing and shelving library materials, providing basic technology help, and performing general library tasks. This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys working with people, books, and technology.

Visit <https://www.barrelibrary.org/libraryassistant> for the complete position description and application or request a paper copy at the main circulation desk.

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Student Services Subcommittee – Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.
Buildings, Grounds and Safety Subcommittee – Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m.
Quabbin Regional School District Committee – Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Committee – Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Sept. 25 at 11 a.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Barre Common Oversight Committee – Oct. 2 at 5 p.m.
Select Board – Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Oct. 7 and Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
Water Commission – Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Nov. 10 at 5 p.m.

HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – Sept. 22 at 6 p.m.
Wheelwright Water District – Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 23 and Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Oct. 8 at 3 p.m.
Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Library Trustees – Sept. 22 at 6:15 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 24 and Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Library Trustees – Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.
Board of Health – Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Special Town Meeting – Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.
Rep. Berthiame Office Hours – Oct. 14 9-9:45 a.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Sept. 18 and Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23 and Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Oct. 3 at noon
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Oct. 14 at 10 a.m.
Council on Aging – Nov. 10 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.
Select Board Public Hearing – Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.

Senior Center lists upcoming events

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, announces the eighth and next to last “theme” of the 2025 year-long Stronger Together Initiative for the month of October-Sleep/Rest.

Sleep and Rest are a critical part of many people’s healthy lifestyle. Without the proper rest and or sleep, bodies and minds can be in a constant state of “busyness” which can be unhealthy. Participants will learn about how sleep and rest affect people, yourself included and find out ways to support better sleep and rest.

The introductory workshops for the month of October will take place on Monday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. and Thursday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. In this opening presentation, seniors will learn about Sleep/Rest. Adequate sleep and intentional rest are vital to overall well-being, strengthening both body and mind. Research shows they not only support physical healing but also build emotional resilience in the face of life’s greatest challenges and everyday living.

Reminding everyone again, one of the overarching messages every day at the Senior Center is “Join Us, and As Always, Bring a Friend!” The senior center staff invites the “aging population, those 55 and over” from the towns and villages of Barre and Hardwick to come by the Senior Center and say hello. They may stop by for a morning cup of coffee or join them for lunch, pick up a Silver Spirit newsletter and a calendar of events.

Regularly scheduled calendar activities can be found at www.townofbarre.com/coa or

<https://mycommunityonline.com/organization/barre-hardwick-senior-center-coa>.

Monday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. and Thursday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. Introductory Workshops for the October Theme of Sleep and Rest. Participants will hear about all of the upcoming activities and join in learning a bit about their sleep and rest with tips and tricks on how to improve self-care. They should sign-up at the front desk.

Monday, Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. the program is Let’s Talk Civics with Fred Hamel. Participants will explore civics as one of the fundamental aspects of citizenship, encompassing the rights, duties and responsibilities of individuals within a society. They should sign-up at the front desk.

Thursday, Oct. 9 at 12:30 p.m. there will be trip to the Barre Cross for a peaceful afternoon walk and learn the history of this amazing space hidden right here in Barre. People should sign-up at the front desk.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 at noon Retired Friends Club of Greendale Singers will provide an inspiring afternoon and experience the uplifting power of live music as talented singers share songs. People may sign-up at the front desk.

Thursday, Oct. 16 at 12:30 p.m. the program is Music and Light Therapy. Light and music are powerful tools for healing and connection. Light lifts mood, regulates the body’s rhythms, and creates an environment of hope. Music speaks directly to memory and emotion; it soothes anxiety, reduces pain, and reminds everyone that even in the hardest moments, joy and beauty still exist. People may sign-up at the front desk.

Wednesday, Oct. 22 beginning at 10 a.m. Wendy Bolognesi will be offering chair massage in the health and wellness room. \$20 for minutes. People may sign-up at the front desk to reserve your spot.

Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. Wendy Bolognesi will be conducting an Acupressure class for improving sleep and rest. Acupressure can calm the nervous system, ease muscle tension and quiet the mind – all of which support deeper, more restorative sleep. By gently stimulating specific points, it promotes relaxation and helps the body release the stress that often keeps us awake. People may sign-up at the front desk.

Thursday, Oct. 30 starting at 10 a.m. there will be a fall Spooktacular. People may dress in their favorite costume, there will be festive displays, enjoy music, food and prizes. People may sign their team up today. The senior center is looking for a couple more judges from the community. People should reach out to Betty-Jo or Brenda if they are interested in helping out.

The final theme for the year-long Stronger Together Initiative is Purpose. The Introductory Kick-off for November’s theme will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 3.

If people know someone who has knowledge and skills that they could bring to a presentation or program, the senior center director would love to hear about it. They may call Betty-Jo O’Brien, COA/Senior Center Director at 978-355-5004 or email coa@townofbarre.com.

People may call the Senior Center at 978-355-5004 with any questions or to register for these events.

Backroads Studio Tour returns Oct. 4 and 5

The artists and artisans of central Massachusetts Backroads Studio Tour will once again be opening their studios this fall, on Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the towns of Petersham, Barre, Oakham, New Braintree, Gilbertville, North Brookfield and Spencer.

This year the tour gladly welcomes two new members, Lisa Janice Cohen from Gilbertville and Russell Buzzell from North Brookfield. Buzzell has had a long and prolific career as a painter and illustrator. His work may be found in several publications including Audubon and Wisconsin Sportsman. At his studio people can view and purchase his original art in oils, scratch board, water color, pen and ink and greeting cards.

In Gilbertville, Cohen will invite people to tour her Dragonbelly Ceramics Studio located in her farm home. She works with various kinds of stoneware to create primarily functional items for daily use. Some of her pieces take inspiration from science fiction and fantasy themes. People can visit backroadsstudiotour.org website for a sampling of their work.

In the town of Petersham Sylvia Brown will showcase her line of contemporary classic leather handbags, beautiful garments, belts, briefcases and luggage.

In the town of Barre, people will find two studios including Deer Run Studio where metalsmith Bonnie Waterhouse works with sterling silver, semiprecious stones, fused glass, stained glass and crystals to create rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings and ornaments.

Across the street from Waterhouse is Sue Morello of Sheldon Farm Baskets. She creates beautiful baskets in a variety of shapes and sizes, many of which are hand painted with lovely designs.

In the town of Oakham one will find Dena Hengst showcasing her beautiful paintings, prints and notecards, many of which depict ocean shores, waterfalls and water surfaces. Hengst also creates abstract pieces and looks forward to sharing her techniques with her visitors.

Another short drive takes one to New Braintree where people can visit David

Thompson’s wood shop studio. There, you will find a collection of handcrafted one-of-a-kind spoons, bowls and kitchenware. He also builds a variety of unique interior and exterior furniture pieces.

Nearby in North Brookfield one can find Brookfield Paperworks where Elisabeth Hyder will welcome you to view her beautiful boxes, journals, cards, framed art and collages. Vibrant colors and beautiful design combine to create gorgeous “art you can use.”

In the town of Spencer you will find Lou Meyerderks creating beautiful table runners, penny rugs and holiday pieces, using techniques of wool applique, rug hooking, needle punch and counted cross stitch.

So come and be inspired by the different studios and demonstrations this self-guided tour has to offer, while experiencing the autumn beauty of our serene New England backroads. For more information and a map, people may visit their website at backroadsstudiotour.org.

HUBBARDSTON

by Ellenor Downer
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Friends group hosts dance party

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

Yard sale and boutique

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

Lucy Stone program

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

Nonesuch Fest

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

Senior Center Events

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

Police officers pinning ceremony set for Sept. 21

NEW BRAINTREE –Hardwick New Braintree Police Department officers received promotions.

On Sunday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. an official pinning ceremony will be held at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive. Officers being promoted include: Lieutenant Kevin Landine to rank of Chief; Sergeant Robert Toupin to the rank of Lieutenant and Corporal Ryan Gentile to the rank of Sergeant.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

I'd like to retire early, but don't want my Social Security reduced

Dear Rusty:
I will be 65 this year and my husband is 72 (he retired in 2019 at age 66).

I would like to retire and enjoy some time with him before he gets too much older. I do not want to have my benefits cut by retiring earlier, but I don't see a way to be able to do that. My benefit will be \$1,343 on my Full Retirement Age.

If I took half his retirement when he retired, it would be less than mine. If I take early retirement and he passes away before me, would I get his full benefit as his survivor or will it be cut? We are trying to figure it out. His current benefit (before Medicare Part B) is \$2,978. It's very confusing.

Signed: Confused and Wondering

Dear Confused:

Whenever any Social Security benefit is claimed earlier than Full Retirement Age, the monthly amount is permanently reduced. If you were to retire at age 65, your Social Security benefit would be reduced by about 13% - in other words, if your FRA (age 67) amount is \$1,343, at 65 you would get about \$1,164. And at age 66 you would get about \$1,253 per month.

Whether you would be entitled to a "spousal boost" from your husband depends on how your FRA amount compares to 50% of his FRA entitlement. If your FRA amount is less than 50% of his FRA amount, then you would get a "spousal boost," but the amount of that boost would also be reduced if you claim before your FRA. Note: from the numbers you provided, you may be entitled to a spousal boost and, if so, it would be applied by Social Security when you claim.

Also, FYI, if you take SS before your FRA and are still working, Social Security has an annual earn-

ings test which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. If you earn more than \$23,400 in 2025, you will likely not get all of your monthly SS payments (SS will take away some monthly benefits if you exceed the earnings limit). Of course, if you retire from working, this will not be a problem, because earnings before you claim SS won't count toward the limit.

When you claim your SS retirement benefit now will not affect your survivor benefit from your husband later. If your husband passes first, your benefit as a surviving spouse would be based on the amount your husband was receiving at his death. But if you were to claim your widow's benefit prior to your FRA, your survivor benefit would also be reduced (the amount of reduction depends on how much before your FRA you claim your survivor benefit). If you claim your widow's benefit at or after your FRA, you will get 100% of the amount your husband was receiving at his death instead of your own smaller amount. It will only be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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In Past Pages

5 years (Sept. 24, 2020)

Kelly Brown met with Barre Selectmen Tuesday night to discuss expanding the Green Communities energy reduction plan to the Ruggles Lane Elementary School.

Brown said she met with the school superintendent and Clare Barnes, plants and facilities manager about adding the elementary school and possibly the middle/high school as it is in Barre. The town would be eligible for up to \$200,000. Brown said the town has been in the Green Communities program for nine years. Brown said National Grid provided free energy audits. Selectman Matthew Urban inquired about adding the school district's administrative building as well.

Superintendent Sheila Muir gave selectmen an update on the first day of school, Sept. 8. She said the schools received great support from Barre Police and the traffic pattern went well. Only kindergarten and fifth grade attended Ruggles Lane School and sixth, ninth and 11th grade attended at the Quabbin Middle High School. Each day different grades would be added. She also said that students were glad to be back in school and teachers and principals were glad to interact with the students. Selectman Dylan Clark asked the superintendent how busing was going. She said only one tier of buses were needed and many parents provided transportation to and from school for their children. Selectman Urban said that some high school students had trouble logging on initially for remote learning. The superintendent said the bugs were ironed out and parents and students could email her or the district with any issues.

Look Back Quabbin Field Hockey –2015



The Quabbin field hockey team is led by captains (from left to right): Jillian Schlegel, Tiana Morin and Jillian Nichols.

Town administrator Jessica Sizer said the town might be eligible for \$200,000 through a Community Compact Grant for infrastructure. She said once Charter/Spectrum realized there were not that many students on non-served roads, they were not as interested. Selectman Urban said the board needed to sit at the table with Charter/Spectrum and find out if they were really committed to improving cable access in town. He said some people hooked up to cable were not getting a full signal. Supt. Muir said about 102 families in the district have poor, unreliable or no Internet service. The district applied for a grant from the Department of Education so they could purchase hot spots to improve service to families. She said places that had poor cell service would still have a problem.

10 years (Sept. 24, 2015)

The No. 4 Schoolhouse in Barre celebrated its grand opening this past Saturday under sunny skies. The lawn

in front of the Barre's last remaining one room school provided the perfect site to celebrate the completion of the school's restoration project. Arlene Betteridge, member of the No. 4 Schoolhouse Restoration Committee and project manager, acted as emcee. She said chairperson of the committee, Irene Stevens, was a moving force behind the project. Stevens drove by the schoolhouse about three years ago and noticed the deterioration in the building. She called the president of the No. 4 Schoolhouse and offered her help in restoring the building. She then went to the Board of Selectmen. It was a community effort.

Nicholas I. DuDalt, director of communication at Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center, attended the Monday Barre Selectmen meeting to answer some concerns. The Board voiced concern that there was only one dispatcher on duty

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Guest Column

A Pledge to Those Who Will Still Listen

By Robert Kane

To those who haven't yet heard the land crying and weeping, I write this not as an expert, but as a witness.

A witness to decades of change, of silence turning to mourning, of woods and waters that once thrived now screaming bloody murder. I've walked these tracks, through Barre, Oakham, most all of Massachusetts. Border west to the New York line all the way to Race Point Cape Cod I stood. All my life and I've watched the creatures suffer, who have no voice for themselves. What I've seen is not progress. It's a slow, deliberate, agonizing, torturous, drawn and quartered, death.

We are told we're entering a "green future." That lithi-

um batteries, wind farms, and solar panels will save us. But I ask you to look deeper. What's green about lithium mining that drains and pollutes aquifers as far and wide away as South America, poisons soil in China and leaves toxic waste in our own backyards? What's justice about battery parks built on contaminated land next to protected watersheds, like the one proposed in Oakham? Now Barre next, on clean agricultural land. It does not matter who owns it. When it pollutes the rest, environmental justice? Hogwash.

The term is used like a shield, but the land knows better. The land is weeping. And it's voice, not poetic, it's prophetic. And damn ugly to witness.

In Oakham, a lithium-ion

battery facility, part of the BESS tidal size wave, is being pushed onto Coldbrook Road, on a former junkyard bordering watershed land that supplies drinking water to over 3 million people. Local zoning protections are being overridden by state law. The people who live there, who know the land, are being silenced. This is not environmental justice. It is corporate intrusion dressed up in camouflage as climate action. And behind it all is the greed of BESS itself. Battery Energy Storage Systems wrapped in green energy camouflage and clean energy, but they leave behind evidence in their own soiled tracks, scorched soil, fire risks and the quiet displacement of life.

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Guest Column

Community Resilience for Changing Times

By Sue Coles

Throughout history, change has been constant.

Today change is happening faster than ever. We can no longer take for granted that what we did in the past will work today. We hope that our children will have an easier, healthier, and more prosperous life than we did, but we can no longer count on it. This column will be exploring resilience, the ability to move forward through the changing times.

Resilience is the ability to adapt, recover, and thrive in the face of change, disruptions, adversity and even windfalls. Any aspect of our life can change. Our relationships, our health, housing, community, the ecology, our natural resources and our rural way of life, all deserve our attention.

Resilience is not only about dealing with adversity, it is about imagining and preparing for possible future challenges. Its about creating systems that are adaptable to our evolving needs.

How do we stay aware of what is changing? An important quality is staying tuned-in and paying attention, not just to the news (a little bit goes a long way.)

but to our abundant and beautiful natural environment. It can be difficult at times to tell good information from misinformation. Are we drawn to understand what is really happening? Do we prefer to focus on what is familiar and seems unchanging?

What is your hope for the future of our Barre community? Our ability to imagine how we'd like things to be, calls on our creativity and flexible thinking. In what ways are you already resilient? How have you had to be inventive and adaptable to solve problems, with the things that were available at the time?

To realize your hopes, does anything need to change? What support do you need to realize them? Sometimes the thought of change is unsettling. Despair leaves us feeling powerless. Hope is a necessary fuel for resilience. History has shown that we humans are resilient over the long haul. We have weathered many changes. This column will strive to present different voices with information about the world around us, that challenge us to look at our resilience.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

September is usually a very busy month for social engagements.

They are having a dedication of the Dottie's Rock trail on Malone Road on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m., which will have happened by the time you get the Barre Gazette. Dottie Athens was a great environmental activist, who passed away in 2011. I especially remember she was active in getting the ornamental trees planted along Main Street. Unfortunately when they widen Main Street recently many of the trees were removed. Hopefully the Conservation Committee will have more planted. They were so pretty blooming mainly in the spring.

The annual yard sale of the Senior Center is going to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday and it always has great buys. I hope to get there. I also donated a number of things I cannot use any more.

The recent newsletter of the Seniors of Hubbardston honored Florence Pervier who has done so many things for the town. My late mother used to say give me roses while I am still living and I think that is what they did in honoring Flo. Good job Bonnie.

I have started to bring in my house plants. I take each pot and wash them off well under the spray of the faucet and check for any insects, find the saucer that goes with the custom pots and put them on the large window sill of the living room. The large pots of Clivias and cactus go on the plant stands. The Amaryllis go to the basement until they start to bud.

I did put a few coleus and

aloe down by the road and some gardener did take them. I also put some garden pots down there but so far they are still there. I wonder if they can be recycled?

My oldest daughter suggested I get a dumpster. Is she claiming I am a hoarder or a collector? I think I am a collector. She evidently does not want to clean out our house once we pass. Good luck to her and her sister. I hope they don't throw away family heirlooms.

As you notice as I type on I ramble but that is what people like about this column. I get so many comments on it. My handyman edits it for me sometimes.

One of my favorite cookbooks for the summer especially is The Victory Garden Cookbook by Marian Morash. I made this soup when a nephew came to visit and every time he calls he mentions how good it was. The cookbook has all vegetables according to the alphabet so look at Leeks for this recipe.

LEEK AND POTATO SOUP

4 ounces butter
5 cups of leeks chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 large onion, chopped
3 to 4 cups roughly chopped potatoes
2 quarts chicken stock or water
1 to 2 cups heavy cream (I use whole milk)
salt and freshly ground pepper

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the leeks, celery and onion and stir for about 10 minutes. Don't let them brown. Add potatoes and water or chicken stock, cook for 10 to 20 minutes. Chop or puree the vegetables and add

the cream. Salt and pepper to taste. Serves 4 to 6 people.

Note: Leeks are rather expensive in the grocery store, but this recipe is worth it. For the two of us we get two meals.

I wanted to mention in last week's Barre Gazette the sugar was left off the banana bread recipe and should be 1/2 cup. Sorry about that. I made it and it was very good.

This and That

Our oldest daughter brought me a lot of fabrics from a quilt shop she recently found down her area. I have made table runners, napkins and aprons with it.

I also have been crocheting head bands using the granny squares for the winter. My helper tried one on for sizing. I find them very warm in the winter as I am not one that likes to wear hats.

What are you doing for excitement. I was sorry I could not attend Field Day this year. I understand they had a good attendance. Also, the library race was attended by about 100 runners. I am glad to hear and thanks to couple, who help with that each year.

Elm Street to Twin Hill Road in Hubbardston has recently been paved. I am glad to hear that also. Next we need to have High Street paved. Have you traveled down there lately? The highway boss is doing a good job. I noticed they paved in front of my mail box. The grass was growing very tall there.

Have a good week. Foliage will be turning soon. We have had a couple of cool spells. Fall is my favorite time of the year. but I dread winter.



By Ellenor Downer



Red-eyed vireo

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a red-eyed vireo on Sept. 15 at their Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary, located on Massasoit Road in Worcester.

The red-eyed vireo has an olive green back and wings, white underparts, gray crown and a white eyebrow and a black line through its eyes. It has a yellow wash on the flanks. Adults have red eyes hence this six inch tall songbird's name. Immature birds have brown eyes.

It builds a cup shaped nest of grasses, bark and spider webs suspended in the fork of a tree. It sings almost continuously from dawn to dusk with a series of short note phrases, "Here I am, where are you?"

It is frequently parasitized by the brown-headed cowbird, which lays its eggs in other bird's nests.

It feeds on insects, mainly caterpillars and migrates to the Amazon basin for the winter. Vireos are found in the forest canopy, particularly in wood-

lands and forests.

Other birds at Broad Meadow

Other birds at Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary included a Nashville warbler on Sept. 16, a great blue heron, a sharp shinned hawk and a broad winged hawk, all on Sept. 15.

Helping birds

Bird friendly windows can prevent collisions, which annually kill millions of birds. Birds can't see glass. Instead, they see whatever happens to be reflected in its mirror-like surface. Often, this is open sky or trees, which, for a bird, are appealing and perfectly safe things to fly towards. It's estimated that between one hundred million and one billion birds die every year in collisions with manmade structures, one of the biggest killers of migratory birds.

Bird-safe glass is specially designed to make glass a visible obstacle to birds. Bird safe glass is visible to birds while transparent enough for humans to look out. People may visit the Audubon Society at <https://www.audubon.org/news/what-does-bird-safe-glass-even-mean-for-ways-to-keep-birds-safe-from-window-strikes>.

Here are some of the tips they offer. Try placing your bird feeder about 1.5 feet from the window; it will slow them down.

Apply a thin film to the outside of the windows. The glass will become visible to birds, but remain transparent to people. As an added bonus for being so eco-savvy, the film will cut down on incoming infrared radiation, so it will also lower summer cooling costs. Keep curtains or shades drawn during the day to reduce reflection. Place window decals, sun catchers, tape strips, ribbons or anything else in a dense pattern in the "2x4" format, a single decal will not work. Install a screen or net a few inches outside of your windows, to lessen the impact.

Brimfield bird watcher

A Brimfield resident continued watching for migrating common night-hawks in August, but did not have any luck. He has seen them in the past. He had three ruby-throated hummingbirds feeding on jewelweed, cardinal flower and nicotiana last month. He saw a pair of American Goldfinch drinking from the drip he has in his yard. He also saw a female pileated woodpecker on the top of a mountain ash where it ate berries for while.

Bird calls

A reader sent an email about a free bird call app called Merlin. She thought other readers might be interested. She said, "Just enter your location and press record. I never knew hummingbirds chirp. Now I do."

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.

IF HENRY WERE I

A poem for Oakham, Barre, and the Watershed Towns

Henry David Thoreau was no idle dreamer.
Born in Concord, he walked with purpose,
Lived deliberately at Walden Pond,
And wrote with fire against injustice.

He refused to pay a tax that funded war and slavery,
And penned Civil Disobedience, a call to resist.
When law betrays conscience.
He saw nature not as scenery,
But as sanctuary.

If Henry were here today,
We can only guess what he'd say,
But we know this.
He'd speak for the land, the water, wildlife true.
And for the people who live with it, not over it.
Dominion no.

If Henry were I, he'd walk these woods
Not as a guest, but as their kin.
He'd know each ridge, each stream that stood
Before the maps were drawn in sin.

He'd see the trucks, the stakes, the signs,
The lithium parks with corporate lines.
He'd hear the pitch. "It's for the state,"
And feel the old familiar weight.

The moral sting. He'd say,
"I've seen this tale before.
They drained the well, then asked for more.
Boston fouled its common spring,
And westward came, to steal and sting."

Now Barre stands, and Oakham too,
Where soil is rich and waters true.
They mark the land with silent ink,
And build where townsfolk dare not drink.

One hundred forty acres wide,
A battery park the towns denied.
But votes are void when power speaks,
And zoning bends while silence leaks.
They say it's for the public good
But not for those who guard the wood.

Not for the towns whose wells run deep,
Whose forests breathe, whose children sleep.
So, it is, we weep.

Again they come, with polished pitch,
To mine the peace, to flip the switch.
But we remember, we still know.
The cost of progress is too low.
A thrift to spend.

So let the east reclaim its waste,
And leave the west its sacred space.
For once the watershed is gone,
No law, no light, will bring it on.

If Henry were I, he'd not just speak,
He'd walk, resist, defend the creek.
And though the laws may twist and bend,
He'd hold the line. He would not end.

Nor will I,
the "noisemaker."

— Robert Kane

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I've read it on the blood left trail. The land soaked red in remembrances. What of the companies behind it? Boston helped build Massachusetts' battery reputation but now faces a lithium supply crunch and a future where recycled lithium may not even be worth the effort.

The tech is changing faster than the cleanup can keep up. And if they're structured as an LLC, they can walk away when the mess gets too real. Can you blame them? Truthfully, I can. And I will not hide behind an LLC. The system rewards short-term profit, not long-term stewardship. By corporate and lawyers' greed all dressed up in fine suits, ties, and patent leather shoes. A polished legal opinion. To follow, wearing the same dated suit, same legal hogwash to boot.

Meanwhile, the woods and waters cry out and the creatures vanish. You and I collateral damage accepted, Spent. Nikola Tesla once believed energy should be a public trust. He was sabotaged, marginalized and replaced by profiteers. Today's energy titans are no different. They wear sustainability like a badge, but their playbook is the same as Morgan and Carnegie, extract, consolidate, control. I know their game. I didn't learn any of this from textbooks. I learned it from the land. From Watching. Listening. Witnessing. Feeling.

And now I ask you to do the same. Be A "Noisemaker." So labeled. If you can't make it yourself, don't rely on it. If you can't trace its origin, don't trust it. If the land cries out, don't just look away. I for one, will not. This is not a call to despair. Contrary. It's a call to awareness. To action. To remembering that the land is not ours to exploit, it's ours to protect. A moral and ethical duty. As well as constitutional right.

Signed, A Witness to The Bloody Tracks. "Noisemaker" promise, I so pledge.

Besse and Bergeron win at 28th Hubbardston Library 5K

HUBBARDSTON – Threatening skies ruled the day for the runners and walkers on Saturday, Sept. 6 for the 28th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K run/walk.

Repeat winner Templeton's Arthur Besse

ran 18:44 to win the 28th annual run/walk fundraiser. Baldwinville resident and frequent winner Julie Bergeron captured the women's side finishing in 22:56 notching another win in this yearly event. First Male race

walker was Brian Savilonis of Princeton in a time of 34:11 while the Women's winner was Lee Ann Coleechei of Gardner in a highly respectable time of 35:07.

The rain held off throughout the morning hours. Race director Mark Wigler thanked the participants as well as the sponsors and gift donors for their role in continuing to make this library fundraiser a successful family friendly event. Bill Shea, Hubbardston's first Citizen of the Year and perennial race sponsor kicked off the event.

A total of 97 runners and walkers registered for the annual event. Participants acknowledged that this event could not continue to be a success without the cooperation of local police, emergency personnel, library trustees and race volunteers.

The library raised approximately \$4,000 from Saturday's event to assist in ongoing library operations and scholarship activities.



Arthur Besse of Templeton was the overall winner of the 28th annual run/walk/fundraiser in Hubbardston.



Submitted photos
Julie Bergeron of Baldwinville was the women's overall winner of the Hubbardston Library 5K held Sept. 6.

Paige Memorial Library to host musical duo Sultana on Sept. 20

HARDWICK – On Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1:30 p.m., the Paige Memorial Library will bring the musical duo Sultana to the Hardwick Town House to present "History and Legends through Song."

The program of songs, history and slides with fascinating historical or legendary people and events features Massachusetts history, ancient Mesopotamia, an Arthurian legend, the Old West and a renowned radio broadcast, bringing history and entertainment together.

The duo Sultana is Jon and Li Waterman, both lifelong musicians and songwriters. Jon is a licensed history teacher, who believes that throughout the ages, songs, stories and theater have made history entertaining.

The program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Pre-schoolers are invit-

ed to the Paige Library, 87 Petersham Road, on Wednesdays for Story Time at 10:30 a.m. to meet and play and then enjoy stories at 11 a.m. with art and science projects to follow.

For more information and to sign up to hold a place, people may either call 413-477-6704 or email Director. paigelibrary@gmail.com.

The library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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time of the Sept. 11 attacks. Summing it up for all present at the ceremony, he said, "I will never forget that day."

Select Board member Richard Stevens, a retired fire chief, told the story of Orio Joseph Palmer, Battalion Chief of the New York Fire Department, who died rescuing people at the World Trade Center. A marathon runner, he donned his heavy gear and took the elevator up the building, then started climbing the stairs.

When the stairway was no longer passable, he took a corridor to the other side of the building and continued on those stairs. He made it to the impact area. He found people standing by a jammed elevator. He opened the elevator with a tool he carried so they could reach safety. He died when the building collapsed seven minutes later.

State Rep. Donald Berthiaume, U.S. Navy veteran and state Sen. Peter Durant also spoke. The American Legion fired a gun salute. Paul Varney then played "Taps."

The monument, dedicated this Memorial Day, pays tribute to the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Both the World Trade Center and The Pentagon were hit by al-Qaeda terrorist, who flew hijacked planes as part of a suicide mission into them. The third plane crashed to the ground in Shanksville due to passengers on the plane storming the cockpit. This act prevented a planned attack at another location. Two thousand nine hundred seventy seven people lost their lives that day.

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advance her certification. She is the Animal Inspector and Assistant ACO in the town of West Brookfield as well.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved her appointment.

New Highway Dept. employee

The board interviewed candidate Patrick Shea for an equipment operator/driver/laborer position on the Highway Department. Superintendent Randy Morgan said Shea will work as a driver/laborer until he gets his hydraulics license to operate the equipment.

Shea said he has his Class A CDL and a tanker endorsement. He has worked as a truck driver for Casella and has experience as a snowplow driver both locally and for the city of Worcester.

Shea said he moved to the town many years ago and he would like to work closer to home.

"I'm a third generation truck driver," he said. "I just feel I would be an asset to the Highway Department."

The board approved Shea's appointment to the position pending reference checks.

Energy management program

Roger Brooks presented the board with a draft of an authorization letter for the Massachusetts Energy Insight program.

"It's a program for energy efficiency that is processed through the Department of

Energy Resources," he said.

Brooks said the authorization letter would grant them access a report that would provide past historic consumption of the accounts, and put together a decarbonization/energy efficiency program.

"It can also lead to other programs within the Mass Save/Energy Efficiency division at Mass DOER," he said.

Brooks said the program they are looking at is grant funded through National Grid and Mass Save, and includes the towns of Athol, Royalston and Berlin as well as North Brookfield. He said there is no financial commitment from the town, and the grant is for a three-year period.

The grant includes the evaluation of each town-owned building for energy efficiency and consumption.

Brooks said since the School Department has the two largest buildings in town, the program would start there before expanding to other facilities including the Water Department.

"This is a real positive program for the town," he said.

The board members agreed to sign the letter.

Senior Center survey

Board of Selectmen Clerk Ralph Kay said 1,141 surveys were mailed to residents aged 60 and over regarding the Senior Center. He said so far, they have received 37 responses back.

Kay also clarified that the North Brookfield Community Food Collaborative and the Senior Center are two separate entities and not one orga-

nization.

"They're not the same," he said.

Grant award

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said the town was awarded a Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association Risk Management Award in the amount of \$8,819.85 to cover the cost of a lockout/tag-out kit for the Sewer Department, as well as confined space safe entry equipment.

He said the town received grant funding to cover the cost of training for a safety care trainer for dysregulated students in the school district.

Surplus item auction

An online auction of surplus items will be hosted by GovDeals.com/northbrookfield starting Sept. 15 and running through Sept. 29. Items will be available to bid starting at 8 a.m. and the live auction will begin at 8 p.m. with five-minute staggering end times between auction items.

Surplus items include a 1947 Buffalo engine, a 1994 pump truck, two Ford Crown Victorias, a 1995 International with sander, 76 lengths of firehose and more.

Website change

The town is in the process of finding a new platform for its website, as the current platform is no longer a supported technology.

Upcoming agenda item

Petraitis said the board will be discussing the possibility of shifting to quarterly invoices for the Sewer and Water departments at a future meeting.

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Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department. Landine spoke highly of Wilson, who is a 12-year veteran in law enforcement. The Town of New Braintree appointed him already.

The board voted to appoint Wilson as a full-time police officer.

Old business

The board members talked about Zekos Auction Group. Caggiano attached a copy of the contract that was approved back in September of 2024 and a vote was taken with a member of the board that missed the meeting.

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker recalls that the board agreed to hire the company's services, but felt there was no contract. Caggiano said this is a matter of "where do we go from here" and possibly connect with Zekos Auction Group.

Mark Korzec of the Finance Committee was

brought up to possibly have the opportunity to negotiate with Zekos. The board members want to hear from Korzec first and invite him to the next Select Board meeting.

Round table discussion

The Select Board had a round table discussion and Tinker asked about open discussions. Thinking about goals for the board and for the town, the Select Board thought of topics to discuss.

The board members want to put a working meeting on the agenda and have goal setting discussions during the Select Board meetings. This appears to be more of a workshop agenda and Caggiano was looking for clarification.

"There has to be something on a workshop agenda," Caggiano said.

This meeting will be televised, and the public is welcome to be part of the discussions that have a focus on future plans for

Hardwick.

The Select Board will have a meeting with the New Braintree Select Board and discuss the way they share the police department. This meeting will be held in New Braintree on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Special events in Hardwick

The Select Board voted and approved the following events that are happening in Hardwick. The Hardwick Rod & Gun Club will be hosting their Haunted Forest event on Oct. 4. The Hardwick Winery is hosting the 1st Alarm Event on Oct. 11. A special event known as the Old Cemetery Ghost Walk will be held on Oct. 11, with a rain date of Oct. 12.

Trick or treating will be held on Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31 during the hours of 5-8 p.m. Landine explained the time changes prior to the Select Board's vote on the trick or treating hours.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette
Jim Foyle read a citation presented to Samuel Bonneau (center) while VFW Post 3439 Commander Arthur Deome looked on.

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space as it was reserve for deceased comrades," Foyle said.

In 1960, the VFW Post 3439 was formed, and somehow, the GAR table found its way there. Once again, it became the location to display the Bible.

"There's a lost time from 1929 to 1960," Foyle said of the table's whereabouts. "I have no idea where the table was...it showed up when the Post first came into existence."

The table was recently cleaned and restored by New Braintree craftsman and history enthusiast Samuel Bonneau.

Foyle said in speaking with Joseph, it was determined that cleaning and then sealing the wood with beeswax was the best way to preserve the table.

Bonneau said he worked on the over 150 year old table for about three weeks, carefully cleaning it to remove paint splatter and pieces of tape, and fix some of the scratches - all while still keeping the aged patina of the mahogany wood.

Bonneau, who was a dairy farmer turned carpenter, said while he isn't an expert on historical restorations, he has worked on a number of vintage pieces, including a 1700s



This table dates back to the Grand Army of the Republic Chapter 051 formed by Ezra Batcheller in 186

French highboy, which took several months to complete.

Bonneau spoke about the details of the table, including the imagery inlaid on the sides of the table.

"The table has a lot of fine detail," Bonneau said. "Whoever did it was a real artist. It's one thing to be a woodworker; it's another to be an artist."

Foyle said the table has no identifying features that point to who the artist was who crafted it, but an inlay of a thistle plant gives clues that the table may have ties to someone with Scottish ances-

try. Foyle credited Bonneau for his time and care to restore the table while keeping it historically accurate.

"He's a common sense restorer," Foyle said of Bonneau, who donated his services to restore the table. "Sam was tremendously generous enough not to charge us."

Foyle and VFW Commander Arthur Deome presented Bonneau with a plaque thanking him for his work restoring the table and giving new life to a piece of the town's history.

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for the third shift. DuDalt explained that in July one of the dispatchers left to attend the police academy. He posted the position in house and received no applicants. He then advertised and received over 30 applicants. All applicants took a required test and 17 passed it. They held interviews. Seven applicants had a second interview and in late August, he found a replacement. Then the center received another resignation from another full time dispatcher. He had been out on sick leave for six weeks before resigning. Two other dispatchers are out on family medical leave, but one would be returning this week.

About 225 Petersham voters turned out for a Special Town Meeting Monday night. The group filled the town hall to act on the ten article warrant. Voters approved a motion to limit discussion to two minutes per person in an effort to facilitate the meeting. Articles 6 through 10 concerned the town owned Nichewaug Inn property. Articles 6 through 9 required a 2/3 majority. Voters approved a motion that articles 6 to 9 be paper ballot. After much discussion, articles 6 through 9 failed to get the needed 2/3 majority to pass. Voters did pass article 10 to hire a consultant to aid the town with a plan for the property. The consultant will have about one year to develop plan for the town. With all business conducted, the meeting adjourned near midnight.

25 years (Sept. 21, 2000)

Charles Dean of 1117 East Hill Road told Oakham Selectmen at the Monday night meeting that his six year old son gets picked up by the school bus at the end of their street, which is 1/2

mile from their house. He talked to Bernie Audette of the Quabbin Regional School District about why the bus wouldn't come down his road to pickup his son. Audette told hi the road was unsafe and that they did not live far enough fro the bus stop to be picked up at the door. Dean talked to Highway Superintendent C. Keven Currier about the situation. Currier, who was at the Selectmen's meeting, said he talked to Audette and was told that there were sections that were not wide enough for a bus and a car. Dean said that he also has a special needs child of school age, who gets picked up in a van at the house so he can't be at the bus stop with one sone and leave the other at the house. The van gets is son to school about 1/2 hour after school starts and brings him home about 1/2 hour before school gets out. The Selectmen will send the bus company a letter to see what could be done to remedy the situation so the bus would travel down the road.

38 years (Sept. 24, 1987)

Kim Reeves, 17 of Sterling, narrowly escaped serious injury after her car overturned on Route 62 last Thursday, Sept. 17. Her passenger, Doreen Forde of Lancaster, also was not seriously injured. According to Barre Police Chief Michael Ryder, Reeves was traveling west on Route 62 when her vehicle crossed the eastbound lane, hit a tree and overturned. Reeves and Forde were taken by Barre Rescue Squad to UMass Medical Center in Worcester where they were treated and released. Ryder said the car may have been traveling at a high rate of speed.

The Woods Memorial Library invites all to attend its Centennial Re-dedication ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. on the library lawn. The welcome will be given by Robert H. Allen, president of the Barre Library Association; scripture reading by Rev. W. Gary Hayward; Patriotic Medley by Barre's elementary school students with Carole Gariepy, director and Theola Benedict as accompanist. Also Sen. Robert Wetmore will give the Proclamation presentation. Melissa Fullam, Amy Ostiguy and Christine Chevalier will be the clarinet trio.

Two hundred balloons sailed into the sky last Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. signifying 200 years of our Constitution's anniversary. The Constitutional celebration attracted many Barre residents, some of whom gathered in a group and talked about our constitution. In unison, the bells at St. Joseph's Church and the Barre Town Hall rang for 20 seconds.

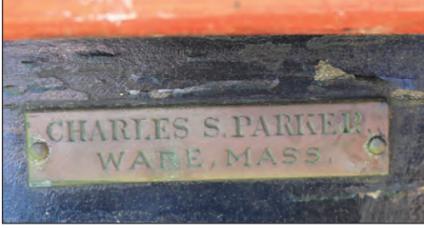
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This buckboard carriage was one of two carriages donated to the Hardwick Historical Society from the estate of Charlie Angell.



Ron Newton secured the buckboard carriage on his trailer.



Both the sleigh and carriage bear the manufacturing tags of the Charles S. Parker Co.



Eagles adorn the front of the sleigh.

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will remain in Hardwick's collection and the other, a buckboard carriage bearing the manufacturing tags of the Ware-based Charles S. Parker Co., began its journey back to the town where it was made.

Ware Historical Society President Julie Bullock said the Charles S. Parker Co. was located on Pleasant Street in Ware, and was known for the manufacturing of carriages and sleighs. It is said the Parker Street was named after him.

Bullock said not much else is known about Parker or his company, but that she will continue her research to give a more detailed background about the sleigh and carriage.

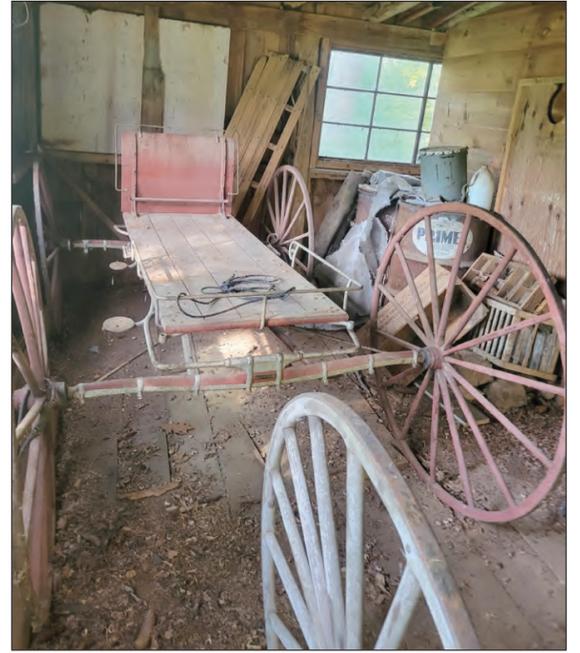
Noble and Newman also stopped at the home of Harry and Michelle Webb where they secured a sleigh also made by the Charles S. Parker Co. This sleigh had been stored on

the second story of the Webb's barn for the past 30 or so years after being donated to the historical society by Jerry Reilly.

Noble said the sleigh will need some restoration, but the buckboard carriage is only missing its seat. He said having the original manufacturing tags increases the value of both the sleigh and carriage.

Bullock expressed her gratitude for the donation from the Hardwick Historical Society, and said both the sleigh and carriage will be stored inside the carriage house, which was built using wood from the Ware-Hardwick Covered Bridge.

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The buckboard carriage was stored in a shed in Gilbertville before being moved to the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum where it will be displayed in the carriage house



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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19.

GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

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

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

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

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

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



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Hardwick. 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. 22. Robert Augustine, Bill Bowles, Paul Carlson, Peggy Civilik, Rosemary Horan, Bridget Lachance, Elizabeth Laramee, James Laramee and Lynn Oaks correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Harding Allen Bandstand on Barre Common.

with proceeds going directly to Second Chance's programs.

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

MOVIE NIGHT at the Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church, 21 North Main St., Rte. 32, Petersham will feature "Serenity," the movie follow-up to the beloved sci-fi tv show, Firefly, on their big projector screen today at 7 p.m. There is no admission fee. Pizza and soda and other refreshments will be provided. Comfy cushions and food to share are welcome.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

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

DANCE sponsored by Finnish Heritage Society Sovittaja, will take place today from 2-5 p.m. at Finn Park, off Pleasantdale Road, Rutland. Music is by the Central Mass Accordion Club. Admission is \$8.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

QUABBIN PHOTO GROUP will hold a program with Linda Repasky, award winning photographer, on "From Meh to Stunning Smartphone Photography for Nature and Landscapes today at 7 p.m. at the Belchertown Recreation Department, 66 State St., Belchertown, behind the Police Department. The program is open to the public. For more information about the program,

people may email Ed Comeau at ecomeau@comeauphotography.com.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

DEADLINE TO SIGUP FOR PAXTON COA TRIO TO AQU TURF CLUB is today. The trip sponsored by the Paxton Council on Aging will take place Tuesday, Oct. 14 with the bus leaving the Paxton Senior Center, 17 West St., Rte. 31, Paxton at 8:30 a.m. Cost for the bus trip to Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, Connecticut. The group will have a lunch of lemon chicken and pork schnitzel, served family style. There likely will be an appetizer, salad, vegetable, etc. Dessert is apt to be something special. Aqua Turf is located in a country setting with lovely grounds to walk, if and as desired, with fountains and lovely gardens, trees, cobblestone pathways, gazebos, and flower beds. Dave Colucci and Lisa Carter are the featured entertainers. Today's trip cost is only \$129. This does not include the driver's gratuity, but it does include the delicious family-style luncheon, the spectacular show and travel via Wilson Bus Motor Coach. Payments are non-refundable unless ticket(s) can be re-sold. For reservations or information, people may call Deb Grensavitch at 508-754-6366 or email Deb at grensavitchd@aol.com. They should make payments, at \$129 per person, to Paxton FOCOA (Friends of Paxton Council on Aging) and mail to Deb Grensavitch, 88 Laurel ST, Paxton, MA 01612-1234. Passenger count and payment are due three weeks prior to the trip, which is Sept. 23.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

FREE INFORMATION FAIR will be held today at 10 a.m. at the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre. This Information Fair is free and open to all members of the public. Attendees will explore an exciting range of local resources and discover the wealth of information, services and opportunities available in the community. They will have the chance to: learn about local businesses and community organizations, explore educational programs and services, connect directly with experts in the field and meet neighbors and strengthen com-

munity connections. This fun and informative event will also feature raffle prizes. No registration is required.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER in recognition of Good Neighbor Day will take place today at 4 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre. The event is open to residents age 55 and older and is intended to foster community connection, creativity and fellowship. Attendees are encouraged to invite a friend, neighbor or new acquaintance to share in the celebration. Advance registration is required, as space is limited. People may call the Barre Senior Center at 978-355-5004 to register or for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

FALL FESTIVAL at Central New England Equine Rescue, 96 New Braintree Road, West Brookfield, will take place today from noon-4 p.m. CNEER for over 20 years have offered community support rescuing horses. There will be pony rides, face painting, pumpkin decorating, local vendors, delicious food, drinks and desserts. Deux Amis will provide live folk and jazz music. The Hampden Mounted Police will also be present.

HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION sponsored by the Holden Grange will take place today at 5:30 p.m. in the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden. The menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, bread and homemade apple crisp with ice-cream. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. For reservations, people may either call 508-829-6293 or email holdengrange78@gmail.com. The evening will conclude with an auction of home-grown produce, flowers, homemade baked goods, handiwork, and more. Proceeds will benefit the Wachusett Food Pantry.

SERENADE AND SOUVENIR presented by the Worcester Chamber Music Society kicks off their 20th concert season today at 7:30 p.m. at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester. A pre-concert talk is at 7 p.m. Free dessert will be served at intermission as a thank you to their loyal and wonderful patrons. Program includes: Heinrich Hofmann Serenade for flute and strings, Op. 65; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Piano Trio in G Major, K.564 and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Souvenir de Florence, Op. 70. Venues are handicapped accessible. Several levels of admission are available including community seats for \$10. Tickets are available by calling the WCMS office at 508-926-8624 or visiting <https://worchesterchambermusic.org/serenade-and-souvenir/>.

Calendar Policy

POLICY: Our calendar section is intended to promote "free" events or ones that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the community. Paid events that are not deemed fund-raisers or benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public to enter are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items in the mail, by fax, or emailed in Word document format is Monday at noon or sooner. We usually print one week in advance of an event, and the listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation and contact information.

EQLT to hold harvest dinner

HARDWICK – East Quabbin Land Trust, Ridge Road, will hold on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 4-7 at the Petersham Town Hall, Main Street, Rte. 32, Petersham.

This supper will be to support and to celebrate building improvements at the Petersham Country Store. There will be a silent auction. Tickets are \$35 per person purchased before Sept. 29 or \$45 at the door Children 10 and under are \$20. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Menu includes chicken stew with potpie topping (vegetarian option available), roasted harvest vegetables with rice and apple crisps with donated apples from Pease Orchard. Live music is at 5 p.m. Live music is by the Evening Standard Jazz. There is a cash bar with donated beverages from Berkshire Brewing, Red Apple Farm and Stone Cow Brewery. To purchase tickets online, people may visit <https://crm.nonprofitasy.com/8133/Pages/Events/#/Details/14677/>.

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Vanessa Squeglia
Psychic/Medium, Author, Public Speaker



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Panthers, Cougars battle to 3-3 draw

WARREN – Last Monday afternoon, Quabbin and Quaboag boys soccer battled it out at Quaboag's home turf with the teams going back and forth before the game ended in a 3-3 tie. For Quabbin, it was their

first non-loss of the season and they followed it with their first win 6-1 over West Boylston on Sept. 9.

For Quaboag, they are 1-0-1 as they tied Quabbin and then defeated David Prouty last Wednesday 2-0.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Jacoboy Dilling is pressured as he holds possession.



Alijah Flint punts the ball away.



Greyson Mullins makes a stop on defense



Collin Lindley looks to make a pass.



Jake Doty makes a throw-in.



Joseph Cook tries to settle the ball.

Quabbin and Quaboag girls end in tie

WARREN – Last Monday evening under the lights at Quaboag Regional High School, both Quabbin and Quaboag managed a goal in 1-1 draw, making it two ties in the double-header between the two schools. Quabbin improved to 2-1-1 on the season. Quabbin defeated West Boylston 3-1 last Tuesday afternoon. Quaboag is 2-2-1 so far. The Cougars defeated Bay Path 2-1 last Wednesday and lost to Uxbridge last Friday 7-0.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Allie Lipiec tries to pass ahead of an oncoming opponent.



Maya Putnam is pursued as she heads up the field.



Ailey Majay tries to steal the ball away.



Sadie Kennan is pressured by a pair of Cougars.



Jarett Skowyra and Griffin Nawrocki vie for the ball.

Extra point makes difference in Pioneers loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—None of the three games that Jordan Talbot played against Palmer High School as a member of the Pathfinder Tech football team were very memorable.

Talbot, who was a quarterback in high school, is currently a first-year assistant

coach for the Palmer football team.

The Panthers kicked off the 2025 regular season by squeaking out a 7-6 non-league victory over the Pioneers before a large crowd at historic Legion Field in Palmer, last Friday night.

"It feels good to finally win a game in this series," said Talbot, who graduated from Norwich University last spring where he was a member of the baseball team. "The boys have been practicing very hard during the past couple of weeks preparing for this game."

Jordan Talbot isn't the only member of his family who's a member of the Panthers coaching staff.

His father, Jason, who graduated from Palmer High School in 1992, is beginning his second season as the defensive coordinator under head coach Matt Marciniac, who also graduated from Palmer High School.

"When I was asked to join this coaching staff, I jumped at the opportunity," said Jordon Talbot, who coaches the quarterbacks and defensive backs. "It's an honor for



Jarett Skowyra heads up the field.



Grayson Griswold heads toward the sideline.

me to coach on the same team with my dad. He coached me growing up."

Another first-year Palmer assistant coach is Jeff Pardo, who never lost to Pathfinder on the gridiron while he was wearing a Palmer uniform.

The Panthers, who lost their final four games a year ago, have only lost one game

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Sports

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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Bondsville League

WARE – It is week two of the Bondsville candlepin bowling league at Roll-A-Way Lanes.

During week two, Sandri bowled against Fire Mountain on lanes three and four. In game one, Fire Mountain defeated Sandri by a score of 450-430.

In game two, Sandri and Fire Mountain tied with a score of 429-429. Sue Horton of Sandri bowled a 105 in game two. As a result of the tie, each team receives one point.

In game three, Sandri was victorious by a score of 453-417. Ron Gouin of Sandri finished with a 109 during his team's victory. Sandri won total pinfall with a final score of 1312-1296.

Team UMass bowled against Zeke's Freaks in week two. In game one, Zeke's Freaks won by a score of 449-407. In game two, Team UMass defeated Zeke's Freaks by a score of 463-455. Pete Ducharme had a good game of 109.

In game three, Team UMass won the last game by a score of 499-450. The final score was 1369-1354 in favor of Team UMass.

The Ironmen bowled against Nighthawks during week two. In game one, Nighthawks defeated Ironmen by a score of 480-458. Darryl Sinclair of Nighthawks started the match with a 121. His son, Gavin Sinclair, began with a 116. Billy Brunk of Ironmen started off strong with a 131.

In game two, it was a close match as Nighthawks won again by a score of 478-477. Gavin Sinclair had the highest game of 132 in game two.

In game three, Ironmen won the last game by a score of 538-474. The Ironmen team had scores of 105, 137, 138, and 124 during their

third game victory. Brunk had the highest three-game series with a 365. G. Sinclair had a 116 in game three and a series of 364.

Ironmen won total pinfall by a final score of 1473-1432.

The Cannonballs bowled against the Snappers in week two. In game one, Snappers won by a score of 358-344. Sally Czarnecki of Cannonballs had a good game with a 108.

In game two, Snappers won again by a score of 363-357. Glen Goodwin of Snappers had a good game with a 107. Keith Marchesalt of Cannonballs bowled well with 110.

In game three, Snappers won again by a score of 421-337. Kevin Krasnecky of Snappers finished strong with a 138.

The Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against Fabulous Four. In game one, Fabulous Four won by a score of 374-357 (scratch totals). Kristy Temple of the Fabulous Four began the match with a 118.

In game two, Fabulous Four won by a score of 393-367. Paige Stabach of Fabulous Four had a good game of 122. In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 402-387. The final score (scratch) was 1154-1126 in favor of Fabulous Four. The handicap scores will be configured soon.

Another match during week two was between Slow Burners and a newly introduced team, Spare Parts. The results of who won each game are to be determined due to figuring out handicap. As for single games, John Jebb of Spare Parts had a good game during game two with a 107.

In game two, three members of Slow Burners broke the century mark with scores of 113, 111, and 102. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners finished the match with a 108 in the final game.

Kessy re-signs with T-Birds for 2025-2026 season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced today they have re-signed forward Kale Kessy to a one-year AHL contract extension. Kessy, 32, is entering his 13th professional season and has logged 359 regular season games of AHL experience, posting 43 points (21g, 22a) and 961 penalty minutes. He has additionally skated in 13 Calder Cup playoff contests,

including all three games of the Thunderbirds' post-season series against the Providence Bruins last April. Originally a fourth-round pick by the Phoenix Coyotes in the 2011 NHL Draft, Kessy has also dressed in the AHL for the Oklahoma City Barons, Bakersfield Condors, Manitoba Moose, Cleveland Monsters, Colorado Eagles, Hershey Bears, Iowa Wild, and Syracuse Crunch.

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MWCC Child Watch receives \$20,000 grant

GARDNER – The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts awarded the MWCC Foundation \$20,000 in funding to support the Mount Wachusett Community College Child Watch: Experiential Learning Program.

The CFNCM grant allowed MWCC to fund a parenting student to work as a part-time person as the Child Watch Team Leader within the Child Watch program and two part-time students to work as Child Watch Team members during the busy K-12 school vacation weeks. Additionally, a small amount of funding is used on supplies for the Child Watch and diapers for families.

The MWCC Child Watch is a supervised place where registered and eligible students can safely leave their child(ren) for up to four hours while they attend class, study, meet with their advisor or receive tutoring. Student-parents must remain on campus and be reachable by cell phone while their child is in the Child Watch and return to the Child Watch if they are needed.

"The CFNCM's support has enabled us to create a supportive, responsive, and inclusive space for student-parents that fosters academic success, personal growth, and community building," stated MWCC President James Vander Hooven. "Without this funding we would not have been able to hire the necessary student workers to provide consistent, quality care for the children of our student-parents, especially during peak



Submitted photo

Students and children spend time playing in the MWCC Child Watch while their parents are in class.

times like the K-12 school vacation weeks."

The Child Watch Team Leader role is filled by Sara Leopaldi, an Early Childhood Education major who is graduating in May with a certificate and associate degree. This allowed for both the increase in the number of children in the Child Watch service but also training of the Child Watch staff in best practices.

"Without the child watch I would not be where I am today. Early on in my degree I was a full-time caregiver to a child and I had no support or direction in my life. When I became a work study on campus, I started to implement what I was learning in my ECE classes into the Child Watch.

This ignited an even bigger passion for not only

Early Childhood Education and special education but a passion for family advocacy," notes the Leopaldi. "If I can support my fellow student parents parenting students the way I was supported I know each and every one of these parents will succeed at whatever they put their mind to. I also know that each one of these children who come into our care in the child watch service are a part of not only my journey, but their parents journey. These children are not only seeing their parents succeed they're seeing the hard-work and grit it takes to get to that success. These children will also follow in their parents' footsteps one day just like I know my child will."

"Over the course of the semester, our Child Watch Teach Lead has brought a

wealth of information to the room and helping to revamp our policies and procedures while guiding our staff in how to engage, comfort and support our young charges," states Ann Reynolds, MWCC Coordinator of Student Parent Supports. "By hiring part-time students from diverse majors such as Early Childhood Education, Nursing, and Human Services, we've been able to build a dynamic team that not only offers care but also contributes valuable knowledge and resources to the families we serve.

This funding has made possible the creation of an environment where peer-to-peer mentoring thrives, something that would not have been sustainable without the staff and resources to maintain the program."

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in the cross-town rivalry series with Pathfinder Tech since 2015.

"Anytime that you can win a rivalry game, it's very important," Marciniac said. "I really enjoy coaching this group of players."

One of the Panthers leading players was junior Griffin Nawrocki, who received the game ball from the coaching staff following the game.

Palmer senior running back Dylan Doherty had surgery on his right thumb last Friday afternoon. He was standing on the sideline a couple of hours later.

"Dylan and Ryan McCarthy are two of the toughest football players that I've coached," Marciniac said. "We're hoping Dylan will be able to play in a couple of weeks."

McCarthy will be inducted into the Palmer Athletic Hall of Fame in October. The other individual Hall of Fame inductees are Charlie Lanzetta, Carl Santos, Joe Ferry, Halie Laviolette, and Brittany North.

While it was an enjoyable evening for the Panthers players and coaches, it was a very different story on the visiting sideline.

Pathfinder Tech, who dropped to 0-2, defeated the Panthers, 33-6, two years ago. They began the 2025 regular season a week earlier with a



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Caleb Crum heads around tacklers with the ball.

35-8 non-league loss to Bishop Guertin (NH), which was also held at Legion Field. The Panthers aren't playing their home games at St. Joe's Field this fall.

"We made a couple of costly mistakes, which allowed them to take the lead late in the first half," said Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling, who also graduated from Palmer High School. "We battled back in the second half and had the opportunity to win the game."

After both teams exchanged punts, the Panthers offense, which is led by sophomore quarterback Grayson Griswold, put together a drive that lasted more than six minutes.

On the second play of the second quarter, Palmer junior Dylan Holbrook recovered a fumble at his 16 yard line.

Led by senior QB Matt Santos, the Panthers marched down the field into Pathfinder territory.

That series came to an end following an interception at the Panthers 14 by senior Jarrett Skowyra.

Griswold completed a couple of passes to sophomore Caleb Crum before the Panthers were forced to punt for the second time with 3:50 left in the first half.

Starting from their own 35, the Panthers put together a six play scoring drive, which was capped off with a four yard touchdown run by

freshman Jimmy Sem with 31 seconds remaining on the scoreboard clock.

"Anytime that we can score a touchdown, I'm happy," Marciniac said. "I was very excited when I saw Jimmy score his first touchdown. He spent a lot of time in the weight room during the offseason. He's learning how to play at this level."

Holbrook made the extra point attempt, which wound up being the difference maker in the outcome.

Eighth grader Kenith Brown also contributed offensively for the home team during the first half with a couple of runs and an outstanding 19-yard catch.

Palmer received the second half kickoff, but Pathfinder senior Nick Pfister recovered a fumble on the play at the Panthers 22.

The Panthers were forced to turn the ball over on downs on fourth down.

Holbrook came very close to sacking the quarterback, who threw an incomplete pass.

The score remained 7-0 until late in the fourth quarter.

Pathfinder Tech sophomore Trevor Alexander scored a 19-yard rushing touchdown with 2:51 left in regulation. The Panthers attempted a two-point conversion and Brown broke up a pass attempt, which enabled the Panthers to keep the lead.

"We just wanted to take the lead with the two-point conversion play," Darling said. "It just didn't turn out in our favor."

The Panthers did have one final chance to take the lead, but they wound up turning the ball over on downs. Santos took a knee on the final play, which sealed the Panthers season opening victory.

Pathfinder Tech will be looking to get into the win column when they travel to Westfield High School, who's a Division 4 team, on Friday night.

Palmer will be hosting the David Prouty Panthers for the first time on Friday night.



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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON October 4, 2025 AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:

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The sale will be held at **Early's on Park Avenue 536 Park Avenue Worcester, MA 01603** 09/18, 09/25, 10/02/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. W025C0468CA In the matter of: Sarah Jo Gaumont CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sarah Jo Gaumont of Gilbertville, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Sarah Jo Savicki

IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/30/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 04, 2025 **Stephanie Fattman**, Register of Probate 09/18/2025

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 23 SM 003999 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: **Hiedi L. Mink** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq.*): **Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC**, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in South Barre, numbered 61 Pine Tree Terrace, given by Hiedi L. Mink to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independ-

dent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated January 21, 2022, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66985, Page 183, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **October 20, 2025**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Chief Justice of this Court on September 5, 2025.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
23-008520
09/18/2025

Barre Conservation Commission Notice of Public Meeting Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public meeting will be held on a **Request for Determination of Applicability** requested by New England Power Company for developed and maintained parcels associate with a National Grid Substation and Transmission Line located at 659 South Barre Road.

From: New England Power Company
170 Data Drive
Waltham, MA 02451
To be held on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office, Third Floor, of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.
Ronald Rich, Chairman
09/18/2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Oakham, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the northerly side of the Old Turnpike Road aforesaid, at the intersection of said road with the westerly side of the Barre Plans Road aforesaid;
Thence westerly along the Old Turnpike Road, two hundred fifty (250) feet, to a point at land now or formerly of Moran aforesaid, which point is thirteen and 25/100 (13.25) feet easterly from a Worcester County Highway Bound;
Thence North 69° 42' West, three hundred ten (310) feet to a fence;
Thence North 3° 30' East, three hundred sixty-three (363) feet along a fence;
Thence North 11° East, thirty-three (33) feet;
Thence South 85° East, sixty (60) feet;
Thence South 51° 30' East, ninety-nine (99) feet to a bend in a stone wall;
Thence along said stone wall by the following courses; North 77° East, one hundred sixty (160) feet; North 85° 30' East, one hundred forty (140) feet; North 73° 15' East, eighty-five (85) feet to the intersection of said wall with another wall at the westerly side of the Barre Plains Road aforesaid; all of the preceding courses are along said Moran land.
Thence southerly along said Barre Plains Road, two hundred seventy (270) feet to a point near the end of the last described stone wall;
Thence southwesterly along said Road, one hundred seventy (170) feet, to the point of beginning. Containing 5.5 acres, more or less.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22837, Page 343. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
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Local pastors offer sermons

The Practice of Prayer Part 1

I have spent years studying the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

These works detail the life and ministry of Christ in vivid detail, including His interactions with the apostolic band. In all of my many readings, I have never once read an account in which His followers request His instruction concerning any of the following: a) how to raise the dead; b) how to exorcise demons; c) how to heal the sick; or even d) how to preach a sermon.

I have heard such requests from modern church leaders and beyond, but no such words are found on the lips of Jesus' closest followers. Might we be asking amiss? However, we do see His own request particular instruction on the matter of prayer. Consider the following biblical excerpt:

Luke 11:1a (NIV)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."

I find this quite interesting. I have to wonder if the apostles somehow perceived prayer to be the source of Jesus' power. Let us remember that Christ often withdrew from the masses for the purpose of prayer (Luke 5:16). Might it be that they keyed in on this reality and took note in kind? Should we not do the same? Thus said, note how the Lord taught us to pray:

Matthew 6:9-13

9 This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

This is the most famous pattern for prayer in Scripture. I say pattern because I believe this is precisely what His teaching was intended to be. I do not believe that it was Christ's will for us to simply memorize and mindlessly repeat words, particularly in light of the preceding text: "And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words." (Matt. 6:7).

No, I deem it better to receive His teaching as a pattern for effective prayer. How are we to pray? What are we to pray for? What does He call us to prioritize as we seek Him? This prayer-the Lord's Prayer-offers succinct answers to such queries. In the weeks to come we will review the components of this prayer.

We have much to learn together.

Until next week, thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me using the information below. Also, check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Our God wants to save us."

Scripture Reading:
John 3 v 13-17

I. Introduction

There are a few basic needs in our lives that must be met for us to survive and thrive and to get to a place of well-being and personal growth.

These include being loved and cared for, feeling safe and secure, having enough to eat, water to drink, and a place to live. These are only some of the fundamental needs that humans have. In order for our loved ones to feel safe, we will do whatever we need to do to protect them, our homes, our animals and other important parts of our lives. Let's examine this passage to understand why God seeks to save humanity.

II. Our God wants to Save us
In the earlier verses in John Chapter 3, Jesus is in a serious conversation with Nicodemus, a Pharisee, and member of the Jewish Council. He questioned Jesus about his, Nicodemus' understanding that it is only through God's presence with Jesus, that He was able to do His work and all the miracles He performed. Jesus responds by telling him that to see the kingdom of God, one had to be born again.

Nicodemus did not understand Jesus' response. Jesus explained that being born again through the Holy Spirit leads to understanding heavenly matters; that the Spirit of God will open their eyes and hearts and souls to experience the matters of the Kingdom of Heaven. If they did not believe His teachings about earthly things, they would be unable to comprehend heavenly matters. He then talks about Himself as the Son of Man, indicating that He alone has come from heaven - His original dwelling with God - and possesses complete knowledge of all that God knows. He then draws a comparison between Moses, who acted as a mediator for Israel and God by lifting

up the snake in the desert and providing relief for the people, and Him, the Son of God, who also needed to be lifted up from the cross and death and must be recognized as sent by God to offer salvation and eternal life.

The Son of God was sent because of the love of God for the world, even though the world as a whole does not respond to this divine call and love. God's concern is for the darkness, the suffering, the injustices, the lack of love for human life, and more.

To bring salvation to the world, God's Son came to preach about the love of God, to demonstrate what that love means, which is to love one another and to love God, to take care of the poor and the widows, to set the captives free, to heal the sick and more.

All these things require an inner commitment to the wholeness of all of humanity and the struggles we face. It is important therefore to recognize who the Son of God is, and to allow Him and the values He stood for, into one's life to save us from our own destructive behaviors. He is God's gift, because of God's love for the world. To ignore Him is a shame, and an unfortunate choice to stay in spiritual darkness and to refuse the salvation that God has to offer us.

III. Conclusion

Dear members and friends of our congregation...God wants to save us and save this world. While we spend the money and time to secure our homes and to protect our loved ones, God wants us to recognize the dark spaces in this world that need saving as well. God wants to reach into our lives too to help reveal the dark spaces we may have and God wants to remove them, heal us, and reconcile us with God, the Giver of life, love, peace, and compassion and with each other. God is always there, reaching out to us, speaking to us through God's word, cleansing us through God's Spirit, and opening the door to God's Kingdom.

May God help us all here to reflect on this word of Jesus Christ to Nicodemus, to the crowd who heard it too, to the Evangelist who wrote this Gospel and to the rest of the world, to see the saving work God wants to do through us to bring this world to a place of love, peace and safety. May it start with us today and into the future.

Amen
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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 24

12:49 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester, Mutual Aid Assist
 10:28 a.m. Animal – Lost and or Found, Williamsville Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:50 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, West Street, Area Patrolled
 5:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gauthier Road, Public Assist
 8:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gauthier Road, Public Assist

Monday, Aug. 25

1:12 a.m. Threats, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:03 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Valley Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:48 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed
 5:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, School North Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 8:08 p.m. Harassment, Nelson Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Nelson Way, Transported to Hospital
 11:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
Tuesday, Aug. 26
 9 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Old Petersham Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:50 p.m. Erratic Operator,

West Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:14 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gauthier Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Wednesday, Aug. 27

11:03 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Walking Trail Rte. 122, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:23 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Woods Road, Public Assist
 2:57 p.m. Safety Concern, Summer Street, Information Taken
 3:03 p.m. Speak to the Chief/Officer, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:21 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Williamsville Road, Information Taken
 6:31 p.m. Erratic Operator, James Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 6:47 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished

Thursday, Aug. 28

9:38 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Allen Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:39 a.m. Keep the Peace, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:57 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Butterworth Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:29 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, School North Street, Information Taken
 5:44 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, No Action Required

7:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 8:33 p.m. Serve Warrant, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup
 Arrest Mancevice, Derek S., 41, South Barre
 Charges Warrant

Friday, Aug. 29

11:17 a.m. Complaint, Pleasant St., Officer/Chief Advised
 12:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transport
 2:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 Summons Rousea, Korissa Janyll, 24, Gilbertville
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 3:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 11:33 p.m. Road Condition Notification, West Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Saturday, Aug. 30

12:43 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Exchange Street, Mutual Aid Transported
 11:14 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), School South Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:34 p.m. Unwanted Party, West Street, Party Departed without Incident
 4:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Gauthier Road, Negative Contact
 8:09 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Party Departed without Incident

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 24

12:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Alvarenga, Kai Lucas, 29, Framingham
 Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08% C90 S24(1) (A), Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit * C90 S17
 3:25 a.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Alvarenga, Kaio Lucas, 29, Framingham
 Charges Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08% C90 S24(1) (A), Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit * C90 S17
 11:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:51 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Memorial Drive, Negative Contact
 12:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, North Brookfield Road, Confirmed Accidental/Misdial
 4:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Jackson-Gulley, Athena E., 28, Marlborough
 Charges Warrant, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No, Licenses Not in Possession
 6:14 p.m. Safety Concern, Wachusett Street, Negative Contact
 6:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed
 7:13 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Lot, Welch Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:27 p.m. No Trespass Order, Stevens Way, Report Filed
 8:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ten Rod Road, Negative eContact
 9:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

Monday, Aug. 25

9:19 a.m. No – Trespass Order, Stevens Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:02 a.m. Complaint, Autumn Wood Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:08 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:17 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Finn Park Road, Report Filed
 12:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:20 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Campbell Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 1:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 2:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Freeman, Jessica Ann, 23, Hubbardston
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 Summons Wade, Benjamin

Tuesday, Aug. 26

10:18 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Whitehall Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 208 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Farview Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Paulino Monteiro, Alisson Vinici Cinixiuua, 28, Clinton
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 2:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 3:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:06 p.m. Harassment, Highland Park Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 407 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 429 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:35 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Brunelle Drive, Report Filed
 4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Citation Issued
 6:27 p.m. Harassment, Highland Park Road, Report Filed
 8:51 p.m. Building/Property Check, Whitehall Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, Aug. 27

5:56 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Memorial Drive, Transported to Hospital
 7:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 7:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:58 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Services Rendered
 12:19 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Crestview Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:35 p.m. Fire – Motor

Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:47 pm. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished
 7:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Main Street, Mutual Aid Transport
Thursday, Aug. 28
 10:54 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, River Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:27 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Welch Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 8:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Philips Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 8:48 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 9:31 p.m. Noise Violation Party, Inwood Road, Peace Restored

Friday, Aug. 29

9:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Prescott Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 11:59 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 2:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Forest Hill Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:23 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Prospect Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:38 p.m. Complaint, Stevens Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:16 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pleasantdale Road, Report Filed
 10:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Saturday, Aug. 30

3:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 6:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Julie Ann Circle, Mutual Aid Transport
 8:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 9:27 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Pleasantdale Road, Service Rendered
 11:21 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative
 12:49 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Glenwood Road, Report Filed
 8:17 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Glenwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 24

4:08 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Simond Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Aug. 25

10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:01 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Main Street, Call Transferred
 7:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Birches Road, No Transport Required

Tuesday, Aug. 26

12:19 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Williamsville Road, Call Transferred
 6:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Flagg Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Aug. 27

10:08 a.m. Missing Person, Lombard Road, Report Filed
 11:35 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Information Given
 12:22 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fire, Thompson Road, Fire Extinguished

12:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Brigham Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:45 p.m. Escort/Transport, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

1:12 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pitcherville Road, Office/Chief Advised
 1:58 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Brigham Street, Report Filed
 3:51 p.m. Safety Concern, Root Road, Referred to Other Agency
 6:47 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished
 7:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Brigham Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Aug. 28

5:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Dogwood North Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:44 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Bemis Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Carlson, David J., 72, Hubbardston
 Charges Assault, Destruction

of Property c266 §126A
 5:30 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, George Howard Road, Report Filed
 8:38 p.m. Safety Concern, Old Boston Turnpike, Negative Contact

Friday, Aug. 29

11:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Moosehorn Hill Circle, Transported to Hospital
 9:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Aug. 30

8:06 a.m. Alcohol Withdrawal, Birches Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:12 p.m. Recovered/Confiscated Property, Main Street, Returned
 5:20 p.m. Suspicious Object, Gardner Road, Investigated
 5:49 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital

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Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 24

11:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Jackson-Gulley, Athena E., 28, Marlborough
 Charges Warrant, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No, License Not in Possession

Monday, Aug. 25

9:43 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Oakham Police Department, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Aug. 26

10:18 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Aug. 27

1:55 p.m. Emergency

Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive, Syncope, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:47 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Pommogussett Road, Fire Extinguished

Thursday, Aug. 28

10:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, Barre Road, Information Given
 7:06 p.m. Animal – Quarantine/Invest, Coldbrook Road, In Custody of ACO
 9:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Aug. 29

10:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Response, Bechan Road, Report Filed
 3:08 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Ware Corner Road, Referred to Other Agency
 3:15 p.m. Lockout (Home or

Vehicle), East Hill Road, Entry Gained
 3:50 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 9:22 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Aug. 30

9:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 11:21 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative
 1:18 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Turnpike Road, Report Filed
 1:49 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

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