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Langlois wins select board seat

Victory was by one vote 234-233

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OAKHAM – Almost 31% or 474 of the 1,530 registered voters went to the polls last Thursday for a special town election.

Residents elected Aaron L. Langlois to fill a vacancy on the Select Board by 234 to 233 voters for his opponent Michael M. Brunelle. Langlois will serve on the board for the remainder of an unfinished term held by Bradford Taylor, which expires in May 2024. Taylor resigned in July.

Also on the ballot was a debt exclusion question for the purchase of a replacement tanker engine for the Fire Department. At the Thursday, Sept. 14 special town election 363 voters said yes to the fire truck and 107 no.

The ballot election was the final step in the process to fund this capital expense through a Proposition 2 ½ override, which will end when the truck is paid off. Voters already approved the expenditure at the June Annual Town Meeting, which was contingent on the passing of an override.

The new truck should be in service in about a month. The dealer had a new truck in stock as a town in Vermont refused to accept delivery of the truck they ordered as it was not the color red they ordered.

Generally, it would take up to three years for delivery of a new truck from the time it was ordered.

Ware River Watershed Public Access Plan finalized

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

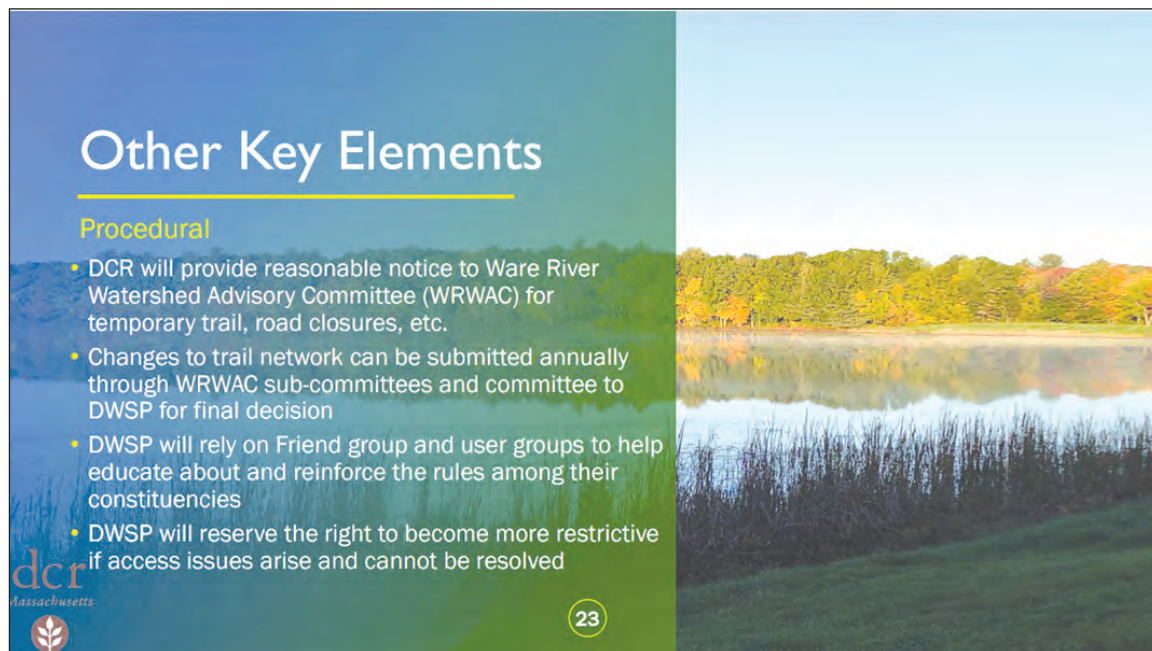
BARRE – The people have not only spoken; they have been heard.

The Ware River Watershed Advisory Council had a public meeting at the Quabbin Regional High School on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Chair of the WRWAC, Jeffrey Schaaf along with the Council members efforts to continue to allow public access to the watershed paid off.

It has been a long time since the Commonwealth began the process. The Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Conservation and Recreation presented their final plan that night by the Director of Natural Resources, Dan Clark.

It had been almost three years since the Commonwealth began the process in 2019, but the pandemic and lockdowns delayed the proceedings to review the DEP policies every ten years. But by the time the DEP met via Zoom on Feb. 23, thousands of concerned citizens had heard that some restrictive changes to the Ware River Watershed Public use policies were planned and they were alarmed.

Many were apprehensive at the Rutland Library that night. Many citizens came to hear firsthand from several representatives from the DEP. The proposals reducing or eliminating some recreational uses of the Ware River Watershed to ensure that the quality of the water was never contaminated and safe to drink into the future appeared not to be based on sound research



The slide show presented at the Quabbin Regional High School last Wednesday night lists procedural elements.

over time.

The question and answer part became heated.

Particularly insightful questions and statements made from two members of the Advisory Council, Dennis Guberski, a Rutland resident and Cynthia Schlener, from Hubbardston, pointed them out.

Anne Gobi, now the newly appointed Mass Director of Rural Affairs, but state Senator at the time, was one of several who said the monitoring and protection program for both the Quabbin and the Ware River Watershed has been exemplary year after year. In fact, they continued to be awarded by the DEP the Public Water System

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Select Board set hearing on Barre Reservoir

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BARRE – The Barre Select Board will hold a public hearing on the old Barre Reservoir on Tuesday, Oct. 3 with state officials in attendance.

Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis said both state officials from dam safety and a state engineer would attend the meeting. He had several dates where the state officials were available to attend and the board selected the Oct. 3 date at their Tuesday, Sept. 5 meeting.

Prior to the hearing, both the state officials and the Select Board would visit the site located off Williamsville Road. Access to the dam is available through the East Quabbin Land Trust land on Flaherty Road.

Select Board Mark Regienus was planning on visiting the site on Friday, Sept. 8. He will take photos of the spillway and dam as residents in attendance asked if there were any photos.

QRSD interim superintendent

Quabbin Regional School District interim superintendent Colleen Mucha attended the meeting to give an update on high school chiller project. She said three of the five-member towns were financing their share of the chiller for the school's Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning unit and the other two-members were paying in full.

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Oakham fire truck featured in 350th parade

BROOKFIELD – Russell and Lisa Willett drove Oakham Fire Department's antique fire truck in Brookfield's 350th birthday celebration parade held this past Sunday.

The yellow engine joined other antique fire trucks from Brookfield, Southbridge and Worcester, and was a favorite of many parade goers.

Russell Willett drives Oakham Fire Department's antique fire truck in Brookfield's 350th birthday celebration parade held this past Sunday. Willett, a Brookfield native, got his start with the Brookfield Fire Department before moving to Oakham.



Oakham's antique fire truck joined others from neighboring towns for Brookfield's 350th parade.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Ware River Park's grand opening set for Sept. 26

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – Three years of dedicated work by the Conservation Commission and countless volunteers has finally paid off, with the completion of Ware River Park and the town's newest segment of the Mass Central Rail Trail.

A grand opening will be held at Ware River Park, located on Lower Road (Route 32) in Gilbertville, adjacent to Hardwick Crossing Country Club and across the street from St. Aloysius Cemetery's lower entrance on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Ware River Park is a 10-acre parcel of land owned by the town, that was under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission. The parcel already featured a gazebo at New Furnace Landing and the Gilbertville Fitness trail, as well as an overgrown canoe launch.

After the Department of Environmental Protection approved the Conservation Commission's notice of intent to work on the parcel, the Commission set to work to tackle the "daunting task" of removing invasive plants.

"This was our COVID project," Conservation Commission Vice-Chair Rebecca Bottomley said. "Bill and I met outside on a picnic table to work on the NOI [notice of intent]."

Bottomley is joined on the Commission by Chair Bill Zinni and members David Larson, Nicholas Paydos and Neal Halin.

Overrun with multiflora rose, Japanese knotweed, oriental bittersweet, barberry, and honey-



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Conservation Commission Vice-Chair Rebecca Bottomley holds a sign for the Mass Central Rail Trail, which runs through the recently completed Ware River Park in Gilbertville.

suckle, the view of the Ware River was almost completely obscured, and the canoe launch was inaccessible.

Through many volunteer cleanup days, the Conservation Commission also removed the trash that had accumulated under the thick vegetation. A large pile of metal debris was recycled by a scrapper.

After clearing the invasive plants and trash, the Conservation Commission worked with Keith Davies of the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council to improve the canoe launch at the gazebo and add Blue Trail signage for paddlers.

Now, there is also a launch further upstream at Ware River Park, where paddlers can take a break and enjoy a picnic at one of the

picnic tables. These picnic tables were built by a volunteer, who donated their labor.

"Two years ago, you couldn't even see the Ware River," Bottomley said. "Now it's a riverfront property."

While working to clear the parcel, the Conservation Commission collaborated with Cynthia Henshaw, executive director of the East Quabbin Land Trust to secure MassTrails Grant Program funding.

With the help of Brown's

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News of the Towns



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Listening holds perennial sale

Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., is hosting an opportunity for people to acquire perennials and to do it for a good cause. On Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m.-noon, Listening will host "Gifts from the Garden," allowing people to select perennials from the Center's abundant flower gardens for a donation, helping to support the nonprofit organization. Listening's garden features Shasta daisies, phlox, blue amsonia, Carolina all spice, asters, iris, yellow helianthus, pachysandra, coreopsis, a variety of hostas and more. People should bring a shovel or trowel and a plant-carrying container and help dig and divide these plants. For more information, they may email director@listeningwellness.org.

Quabbin homecoming

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

Backroads Studio Tour

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

Food Pantry reminder

The Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Sept. 13 and 21 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

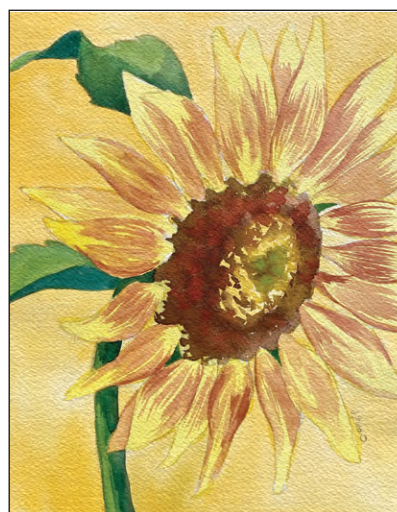
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Listening celebrates fall with classes for all ages



Submitted photos

Artist Jen Swan is teaching an art class for adults, Art for Adults – Botanical Workshop, which explores your favorite flowers, herbs and trees through pen and ink and watercolor.

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BARRE – Fall classes for kids and teens have already kicked off at Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., but there are still opportunities to take part in some of the many creative and fun programs.

Teen Circuit Training with Rhonda Hamer will be held over five weeks on Mondays, starting Oct. 30 and running through Nov. 27 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Children ages 12 and up will build strength and stamina by completing a variety of exercises at multiple stations. Hamer will lead participants through alternating exercises, balancing work and rest, using different workout styles.

Teen Circuit Training will mostly use bodyweight movement for the training, with plenty of good music to move along to. This program is open to all abilities.

The cost for Teen Circuit Training is \$60.

Starting Monday, Nov. 6, Hamer will help kids "take-over" the kitchen just in time for holiday cooking season.

"Kids Takeover the Kitchen" will be held for ages 8-12 for three Mondays from Nov. 6-20 from 4-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$18 per session, or

\$45 for all three.

Children will learn to make fun, seasonal and tasty food, while honing their kitchen skills. The Nov. 6 session will focus on breakfast; Nov. 13, lunch and dinner; and Nov. 20, snacks and desserts.

Listening's Executive Director Laura Dusha Nelson said adult classes have also taken off, including Jen Swan's Art for Adults – Botanical Workshop, which explores your favorite flowers, herbs and trees through pen and ink and watercolor.

Classes are Friday, Sept. 22, 29 and Oct. 13 from 10-11:30 a.m. The cost of the class is \$75, and participants will need to bring watercolor paints, various sized flat and round brushes, watercolor paper or block, black micron pens, pencil and an eraser.

More adult art classes are planned for the near future, Dusha Nelson said.

"Listening has heard of several people interested in this class," Dusha Nelson said. "If you have other days and times that work better for you, please reach out to Listening."

Dusha Nelson said Listening Wellness Center has a lot more to offer this fall, including holiday classes such as Holiday Gift Making, Holiday Themed Teen Circuit Training and Reindeer Games.

Swan will lead Holiday Gift Making on Mondays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and 11 for ages 6-11 from 4-5:15 p.m. The cost is \$60.

This festive workshop series will allow children to make handmade gifts for friends and family includes ornaments, paintings, snow globes and fresh pine arrangements.

Hamer will continue Teen Circuit Training with a holiday theme on Monday, Dec. 11 from 2:45-3:45 p.m. for ages 12 and up. The cost is \$12.

Hamer will also host Reindeer Games on Monday, Dec. 11 from 4-5 p.m. for ages 5-12. The cost is \$12.

During Reindeer games, children will enjoy a variety of seasonally themed games and fun.

Scholarships for these upcoming programs are available through Listening Wellness Center's generous donors. People can apply for a scholarship by emailing director@listeningwellness.org or by selecting the "scholarship" ticket in the event on the website, listeningwellness.org.

These programs are funded in part by local Cultural Councils including Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, Hubbardston Cultural Council and Oakham Cultural Council.

Hubbardston

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Author to talk about Red Sox history

On Monday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. author Marin Gitlin of the "Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine Book" will be at the Hubbardston Public Library, Main Street.

Participants will embark on an enlightening journey through Boston Red Sox history with the author. This presentation features exciting and nostalgic videos of the greatest and most fascinating players, teams, events and moments in franchise history. The program also includes trivia questions for patrons to ponder and covers Sox history from the Royal Rooters, who launched Red Sox Nation, to Babe Ruth to Ted Williams to The Impossible Dream Season of 1967 to Lynn, Rice and '75 to the heartbreak of 1986 all the way to the four World Series championships and beyond. It will conclude with a question-and-answer period. Author Martin Gitlin will have autographed and personalized copies of his book available following the program. People should call 978-928-4775 to register.

Special elections

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

Yard sale reminder

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

Senior center events

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

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Sept. 25. 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 – Omelet with western sauce, herbed potatoes, green beans and tomato, Rice Krispie treat, pumpernickel bread

TUESDAY – Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas, fresh fruit, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Baked ham with pineapple cherry glaze,* mashed sweet potatoes, roasted Brussels sprouts, cinnamon pears, peasant white bread

THURSDAY – Stuffed pepper casserole, mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, birthday cake, diet = small piece, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Ranch chicken,* red bliss potatoes, spinach, apple crisp, diet = applesauce, French bread

*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Ware River Nature Club lists events

The Ware River Nature Club will sponsor birding at Winimuset Wildlife Management Area and the New Braintree area on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 7 a.m.

The leader is Rodney Jenkins. The group will meet in

the Winimuset WMA parking lot on Ravine Road, between Route 67 in New Braintree and Route 32 in Hardwick. Participants will explore the area for early fall migrants.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Rutland Public

Library, 280 Main St., Route 122A, Rutland. Katilyn Mathis, PhD will talk on the small but mighty: ant-plant interactions in human managed ecosystems. She is Assistant Professor in Biology Department at Clark University.

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Barre Cultural Council applications due Oct. 19

BARRE – The Barre Cultural Council has set Thursday, Oct. 19 postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and actives in Barre including exhibits, festivals, concerts, short-term artist residencies or performance in schools, workshops and lectures. The Barre Cultural Council will also entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups to provide subsidies for school-ages children to attend cultural field trips.

The Barre Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and town in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grass roots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency which then allocates funds to each community.

Application forms and more information about the local Cultural Council Program are available online by visiting MassCulturalCouncil.smartsimple.com. The Barre Cultural Council can no longer accept paper applications per Mass Cultural Council.

News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Sewer Commission — Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee — Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board — Sept. 27 at 4 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee — Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission — Sept. 28 at 11 a.m.
 Felton Field Commission — Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging — Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee — Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustee — Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority — Oct. 12 at 3 p.m.
 Board of Health — Oct. 16 and Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals — Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee — Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.
 Water Commission — Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission — Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Selectmen — Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District — Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board — Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 6:45 p.m.
 Board of Health — Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Registrars — Sept. 30 and Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.
 Recycling Commission — Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees — Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging — Oct. 11 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library — Oct. 11 at 4 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Agricultural Advisory Committee — Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Planning Board — Sept. 21, Oct. 4 and Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cultural Council — Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health — Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Commission — Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting — Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Parks and Recreation — Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Friends of the Library — Sept. 21 at 6:15 p.m.
 Select Board — Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.
 Downtown Development Committee — Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board — Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Health — Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.

PETERSHAM

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

RUTLAND

Earthworks Board — Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board and Ad Hoc By-law Committee Joint Meeting — Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing — Sept. 26 at 6:45 p.m.
 Select Board Public Hearing — Oct. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Special State Primary Election — Oct. 10 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

FOSC to hold Halloween Fun Day Oct. 7

GILBERTVILLE — Friends of the Stone Church will present a Halloween Fun Day with arts and dance activities at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free for children of all ages, the program will offer spirited ghost dances and games, mask-making, painted pumpkins, cookies to decorate and other fun. Local artist and crafters will instruct and refreshments will be served. Reservations are requested. People should visit either <https://forms.gle/Kq194HygDjD1riu68> or by call Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552 by Thursday, Oct. 5. Youth under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

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Scott Leslie and Daneilla Gaudreault take first place

HUBBARDSTON — Overcast, humid and threatening rain, the weather was challenging for running and walking on Saturday, Sept. 9 for the 26th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K

Run/Walk.

Race Director Mark Wigler thanked the participants as well as the sponsors and gift donors for their role in making this library fundraiser a successful family friendly event.

A total of 77 runners and walkers registered for the annual event. Many 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 over \$3,500 from Saturday's event to assist in ongoing library operations and scholarship activities.

Perennial winner, Rutland resident and Quabbin alum Scott Leslie beat Templeton resident and Quabbin alum Jeremy Zglobicki to win the 26th Annual Run/Walk in a time of 17:37. Zglobicki's



Daneilla Gaudreault of Hubbardston took first place in the woman's division.



Submitted photos
 Scott Leslie of Rutland took first in the men's division.

second place finish was an excellent 18:33. Winner on the women's side was Daniella Gaudreault of Hubbardston finishing in 24:17.

First male race walker was

David Kymalainen of Gardner in a time of 38:57 while the overall First place walker and women's winner was Fiona Levey of Northborough in 33:28.

Historical Society presents history of the 'Phillipston Doodlebug'

PHILLIPSTON — The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc. presents "Phillipston's Doodlebug Comes Home" on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Phillipston.

The program is free and all are welcome.

The Doodlebug was converted from a 1926 Model T Ford and used by the highway department to mow along the roadsides. The department used it until the 1960s when it was sold to Barre. Later it was acquired by a collector in Petersham, who recently decided to sell it.

A Historical Society member realized the value of the old equipment and the how important it would be to have it returned to its hometown. There was no time to lose in making the purchase. An antique like that is sought after.

People will hear the story of its history, its return, and hear its engine run on Tuesday, Sept. 26. The Doodlebug will be on display in the church parking lot in the center of town, parked right beside a 1926 Model T Ford to



Submitted photo
 Phillipston's 1926 Doodlebug arrives at the Historical Society of Phillipston.

show what it looked like before it was converted to a Doodlebug.

After participants will hear how nicely the old engine runs, they will adjourn to the church vestry and hear its story told by the team that made it all happen, Mike Flye, Brookside Motors and Mike Como.

The Historical Society of

Phillipston, Inc. was established in 2000 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The purpose of the Society is to cultivate and encourage an interest in the history of Phillipston and to establish and maintain a museum. Throughout the year, the society holds regular programs that are open to the public.

New Life Assembly of God hosts family fun day

SOUTH BARRE — New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., will host a Family Fun Day on Saturday, Sept. 30, from noon-4 p.m. on the South Barre Common, Main Street.

This event will feature food, carnival-style games and family-friendly entertainment. 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 online at www.NewLifeBarre.org. The organizers look forward to seeing many families attend.

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PTO lists events

The Oakham/New Braintree PTO will sponsor the annual Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 10 through Friday, Oct. 13 during school hours at the Oakham Center School, Deacon Allen Drive. A special night event will be held Thursday, Oct. 12 from 6-8 p.m.

A Monster Mash Halloween celebration will be held Friday, Oct. 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the Oakham Fire Station, Barre Road. Volunteers are needed for both of these events and those wishing to help should email onbpto@gmail.com.

School schedule

There will be no school for students on Friday, Oct. 6 due to a curriculum day for teachers and staff. There is no school on Monday, Oct. 9 due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Dismas Farm fall harvest days

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

OHA dinner dance

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

Oakham Museum

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

The Center's annual Music & Car Show returns Saturday

HARDWICK — Get ready to kick up your heels for a rockin' good time at The Center at Eagle Hill, 242 Old Petersham Road, this Saturday, Sept. 23 from 1-4 p.m.

Come as you are or roll up in your vintage car for The Center's annual Music & Car Show, this year featuring Rave On! Electrifying music, classic cars, and plentiful food will make this an afternoon not to miss.

Inspired by some of the most influential music ever written, Rave On was formed to keep the music of the 1950s and 1960s alive for all to hear. Rave On will take you back in time to when Rock & Roll was just emerging, and the jukebox and dance floor was all that was needed for a good time.

Experience the thrill of listening to Buddy Holly's classic hits as well as songs by Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis, Etta James, Richie Valens, Dion, and many more. Rave On will have you dancing in your seats and bopping down the aisles.

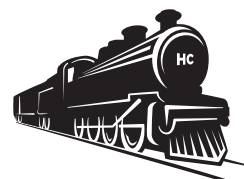
Tickets are \$20; tickets for students under 12 are free. The Center also offers discounted \$10 tickets to EBT cardholders through Massachusetts' Card to Culture Program.

For tickets and information, visit www.thecenter-ateaglehill.org or call the Box Office at 413-477-6746. In case of inclement weather, this outdoor concert will move indoors with general admission seating.

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Opinion

Guest Column



Will opening a joint account affect my disabled father's "SSI?"

Dear Rusty

I live in Michigan and my senior disabled father lives in rural Kentucky. His income is part Social Security and part disability. I talked to a local credit union near his home and explained I would like to open a joint account. They said as long as he comes in with his ID it's possible.

My question is will adding money to our joint account affect his SSI and disability?

Signed: Caring Daughter

Dear Caring Daughter

First, I need to clarify that there are two types of disability programs administered by the Social Security Administration – Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income. The acronym "SSI" normally refers to "Supplemental Security Income," which is a benefit for disabled senior adults and children, who have very little income and very few assets.

"SSI" is not Social Security income; rather it is a general benefit program jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and the State in which your father lives. In contrast, Social Security Disability benefits are earned from working and are not affected by the recipient's assets, as are "SSI" benefits.

From what you've written, I assume that your father may have a small Social Security retirement benefit (because he has reached his full retirement age and SSDI isn't available after full retirement age) and he is also receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits.

If this is the case, although your father's Social Security retirement benefit would not be affected by opening a joint account at the credit union, his Supplemental Security Income disability benefit likely will be.

As co-owner of the joint account, your assets would count towards your father's "SSI" asset limit and your assets, as well as any "in kind" assistance you otherwise provide, would likely put your father over the SSI income/asset eligibility limit and result in his SSI benefits being terminated.

So, although the credit union may be willing to open a joint account for you and your father, I'm afraid that would result in your father losing his SSI benefits, leaving him with only his small Social Security retirement benefit.

You may wish to review the SSI eligibility information at this link: www.ssa.gov/ssi/eligibility or you could contact the Social Security Administration and ask to speak with someone experienced with Supplemental Security Income matters.

For clarity, "SSI" assistance is jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and each State's Human Services department, and assistance available varies somewhat depending on the recipient's state of residence. Thus, since your father lives in Kentucky, you might also contact that state's human services agency to discuss your options for providing remote assistance to your father without jeopardizing his Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit: www.chfs.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx.

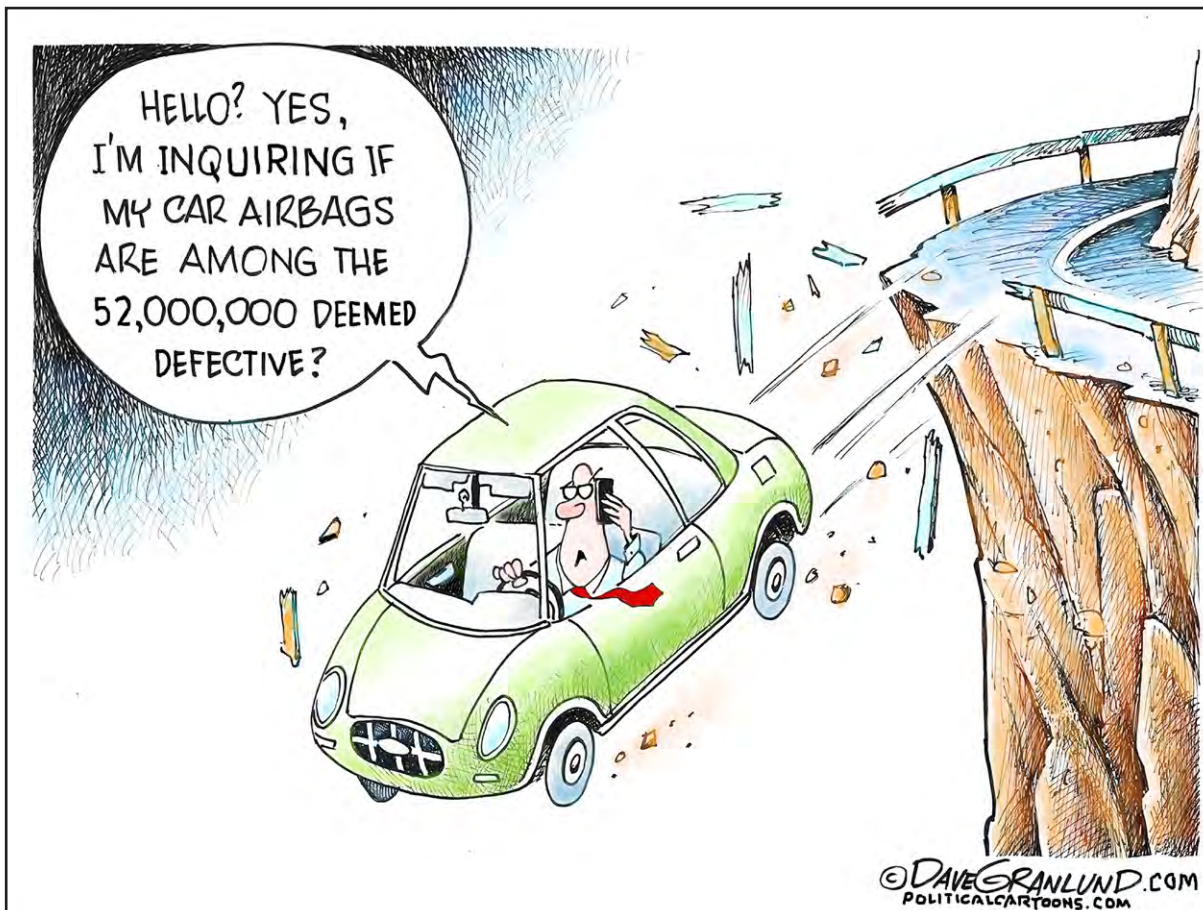
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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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In Past Pages

5 years (Sept. 27, 2018)

Quabbin seniors Ellie Shea and Joseph Day took full advantage of "Quabbin Navy Week" last Tuesday and Wednesday during the day at Quabbin Regional Middle High School in Barre. Between Navy Bands, Navy Seals, Navy Administrators and many things in between, there was something of interest for everyone. "I liked seeing the USS Constitution crew," said Shea. "The Navy Band blew me out of the water," Day said. Both Shea and Day are cadets enrolled in Quabbin's highly successful and well respected NJROTC program, led by Captain Daniel Brennock and Lieutenant Kathleen Frydel. Students in both the middle and high schools were able to participate in the various things offered.

Oakham Selectmen opted to hold a special town meeting to address several budget cuts made at the annual town meeting. Selectmen did not include employee raises in the budget and hoped if the town received additional revenue and it did, the board would hold a special town meeting in the fall. The cost of the raises would be \$11,278. The Board also opted to include a request from Wachusett Greenways for upkeep of the hiking trail through Oakham. It was not part of this year's budget, but the town funded \$1,000 the previous year.

"Why is it important that parents adhere to guidelines during certain situations? What is the difference between a Lockdown and a Shelter in Place?" Those were just a few of the many topics brought up and discussed last Wednesday evening in the Quabbin Regional High School auditorium during a safety presentation offered to parents and members of the community. Although open to anyone, only a small group of people attended the informative session presented by Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir and all of the current administrators at each of the Quabbin District schools. One of the biggest mix-ups the administrators addressed, were the differences between a lockdown and shelter in place.

10 years (Sept. 26, 2013)

Selectmen met Friday night to sign the final contract Cranston Fire doing business as the Spartan ERV for the delivery of a new pumper truck. Selectman Bill Storie, Chairman, signed for the board. The fire truck will be delivered this Friday. Fire Chief Tom Stay and Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Nahkala made a trip to Smithfield, Rhode Island where the truck is getting its lettering. They also brought the radios to be installed. The fire truck will be showcased at the Oakham Fire Department open house on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Once again the Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee will sponsor the annual Oktober Fest on Saturday, Oct. 5 from noon-dusk. New this year the committee joined up with the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library to hold the Great Oakham Ball Roll on

LOOK BACK Nutrition Site - 1999



Volunteers at the Barre Nutrition Site posed with new manager, Cindy Alexandrovich, right rear. From left are Mary Rotondo, Virginia Unitis, Joanne Lussier and Anne Plante.

the same day. It has been several years since this popular event was held and it was held in April, not October. Ball roll tickets are \$5 each and benefit the Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library and the Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee programs. Tickets may be purchased at the Fobes Memorial Library and at the Parks and Recreation tent on Wright Field, the day of the event. Grand prize is \$1,000 and there are many other prizes as well.

After being called unfit for duty by a consulting architect, the George Gilbert Building passed test put to it by local inspectors of the health, buildings and fire. Chairman of Selectmen Richard Kmieciak reported that the Hardwick board's meeting on Sept. 23. "Doesn't look like we need to close the doors on it immediately," said Kmieciak. The large 19th century school building now houses the Senior Center, the Youth Center, the Food Pantry and also supplies of the local emergency management teams. A town committee this summer proposed closing the building for the winter to save fuel. Both the senior and youth centers voiced objections. Later, the architect hired to assist in planning for a new senior center advised against trying to rehabilitate the Gilbert Building.

25 years (Sept. 24, 1998)

Theodore Curtis has long held as his philanthropic creed the biblical admonition to do good in secret and not let your right hand know what your left is doing. Thus may Hubbardston residents have been unaware of his generous, but low key contributions to his town over many years. Curtis, who usually avoids publicity like the plague was finally caught flat-footed by a conspiracy of the Lions Club, his family and town and government officials on Sept. 11. Brought to the Hubbardston Recreation Field through a ruse by his wife Marilyn, he was honored by a gathering of about 75 of his fellow townspeople and witnessed the unveiling of a bronze plaque to one of a pair of new brick gateposts, which named the town's recreation field as Curtis Field.

Barre Selectmen are concerned about a new state program that loans money to residents to whose septic systems are failing. At the Annual Town Meeting voters approved an article that would allow the town to loan Barre residents up to \$200,000 in low-interest loans to make mandatory repairs to their failing systems. Loans are made through the Board of Health and payable over a period of time. The state loans the money to the town for the borrowing. Town Administrator Lorraine Leno said there are two applicants waiting for these loans and nothing can be done until the bond papers are drawn up. She said the loan is set up like a betterment fee. Selectman Charles Chase said he is concerned someone will default on the loan and the town will be stuck the payment to the state.

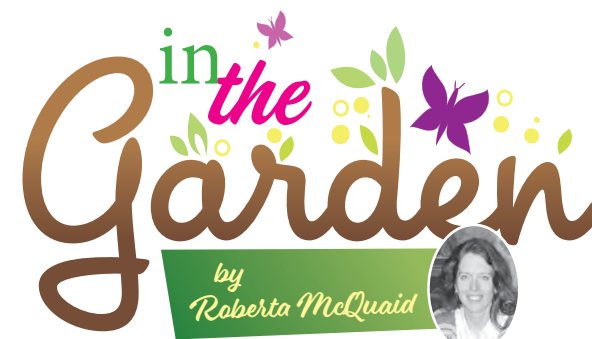
The Oakham Board of Selectmen met with three department heads, Fire Chief Richard Howe, Police Chief David Galena and Highway Superintendent C. Kevin Currier at the Monday, Sept. 21 meeting to get input for the new Personnel Board. Selectman Chair Robert Leary said the board wants to complete its files and would like copies of mutual aid agreements, quarterly reports form each department and updated job descriptions. Selectman Leo McCaffrey said there have been department changes. The ambulance is now part of the Fire Department, not the Police Department. He said records on sick days, injuries and training are needed. It is also necessary for the departments to get together and make plans for moving into the new municipal building. It should be ready for occupancy by the end of November.

38 years (Sept. 26, 1985)

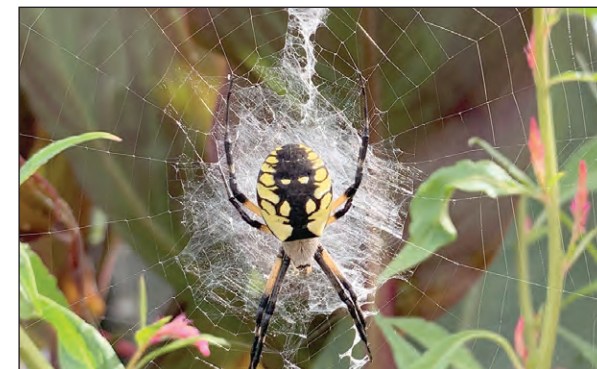
Barre Selectmen, Police and Fire officials and town dispatchers discussed upcoming changes in Barre's dispatching system at Monday night's Selectmen's meeting. However, any final decisions were delayed until after Oct. 2, when Lorraine Leno, Administrative Assistant, will have

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Guest Column



Friends in the garden



Submitted Photo

This garden spider, an Argiope, is a helpful friend to gardeners.

For the last couple of weeks, I have been eagerly observing a garden spider in one of my flower beds. It is so beautiful.

Spider foes might balk at that particular choice of words. But if the shoe fits, wear it!

This spider is indeed a beauty. Over an inch long, yellow and black in color and attached to an intricately woven web, the spider on guard, waiting for unsuspecting prey.

Many years ago, when I grew flowers that were members of the Celosia genus in a big cut flower garden, it seemed this particular spider was a frequent visitor. I haven't seen one like it in a few years.

Lo and behold, she's attached to some plumed celosia, doing her thing. Read on to learn more about a real hero, garden style!

This particular garden spider goes by the name of Argiope (rhymes with calliope). Besides its brilliant color, other distinguishing characteristics include a large, egg-shaped abdomen, three claws on each foot, and a foot wide (or larger) web that has a zig zag band of silk called "stabilimenta" running through its center.

The argiope makes its home in most of the lower 48 states, Mexico and Central America as far south as Costa Rica. It prefers sunny areas among flowers, shrubs and other tall plants to construct its web.

If weather permits, the female spider will construct and repair her web both day and night and will remain there unless food is scarce, or disturbances are frequent. Males generally roam in search of a mate, and when they find one will sometimes build a small web nearby to begin courtship.

Although their vision is rather poor, males get their intentions across by plucking and vibrating the females' web.

Once mating is complete, it is presumed that males die. Females produce up to three brown egg sacks, each one containing 300-1,400 eggs.

The sacks are positioned close to mom, nearby her resting position in the center of the web.

Unfortunately, she will die prior to or as a result of the first hard frost, and although her eggs will hatch within the sack they do not emerge until spring. In warmer climates the female argiope may

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Finally we got a nice day for the flea market on Sunday. I didn't buy much only some delicious looking plums, but it was nice visiting with the dealers.

I did not attend Field Day, but my handyman bought me two loaves of bread. He also showed me pictures of the new pavilion that was built at Curtis Field.

I need to pot up my herbs from the garden that I want to save like the "A Gardener" suggested. I usually have a hard time saving them over winter, but I keep trying. I also need to bring in my big pot of geraniums in before the first frost. I was able to keep them over last winter.

I understand the Aaltos have their pumpkins out on the lawn for sale now so I will go down and get a couple to go next to my scarecrow. Some of the mums have gone by now.

Here is a recipe that should be fun and easy to make.

POTATO PANCAKES

- 2 eggs
- 3 cups grated potatoes
- 4 tablespoons grated onions
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 tablespoons cracker crumbs
vegetable oil

Beat eggs well. Squeeze moisture from mixture of grated potatoes and onions. Add to beaten eggs and mix in other ingredients. Heat vegetable oil in large frying pan. Spoon in potato mixture in quantity to suit your desires. Fry until edges are golden brown, then turn.

This and That

With the cooler weather it seems there are less mosquitoes so I have been able to go out and weed the gardens and deadhead the spent flower heads. I like to keep some of the seed pods of the coneflowers for the birds.

Ken got some apples from a neighbor and we made an apple pie. Our apples are still growing.

I remember when we used to pick Concord grapes down to Barre Falls and my mother made a lot of grape juice and some jelly. We also made some wine and jelly with elderberry berries.

I received some delicious freezer pickles from a former resident, who lives in Phillipston. They were delicious. We do not have a garden this year.

Have a good day and hopefully autumn will be better weather than this summer was.

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award by performing above and beyond the standards required.

In a very impressive show of concern by citizens when they are informed with the facts and come together to make their views known has clearly shown what can be accomplished from the ground up. At the end of that meeting in February there were over 8,000 citizen signatures presented to the Director Natural Resources, Dan Clark to share with the MA DEP and the EPA in Boston. There were many more comments made on line for a few weeks after the February meeting on the DEP website set up for public feedback.

All of that and spearheaded by Jeffrey Schaaf and the WRWAC Council's efforts have clearly been influential in the overall favorable outcome in the final recommendations made by the DEP announced on Sept. 13 at Quabbin High School.

They are now posted for the Public to see on the www.Mass.gov website. Simply use your favorite search engine and ask for: "2023Ware River Public Access Plan Final". Download the PDF. It illustrates the Existing policy, the DEP First Draft and the Final policy. Feedback from some of the attendees was positive rather than negative in any substantive way.

Perhaps there is still some caution and final review of the plan



Submitted photo

Quabbin Reservoir's Winsor Dam is the largest dam in Massachusetts at 2640 in length.

will be when the WRWAC meets on Thursday, Oct. 5. At that time there will be an official statement made.

Part of the reason for the delay was the newly elected Governor Healey had much on her plate and did not fill the position of Massachusetts Commissioner of the DEP until March. That person is Bonnie Heiple an attorney with an impressive resume with a focus on environmental and water protection issues.

Governor Healey has said this about her. "As commissioner, Bonnie Heiple will be focused on protecting our residents and our most precious resources from harmful contaminants and the threats of a changing climate." It seems much state and national and global policy has its origin based on "climate change".

In addition, Governor Healey also appointed a new Commissioner of the DCR, Brian Arrigo, former Mayor of Revere. He has already said he wants to be the "longest serving" person in that office. There has been quite a turnover in the Department with a Commissioner being replaced six times over the last eight years.

At the end of the Quabbin meeting Dan Clark stated that the final plan included a statement that the "Division of Water Supply Protection DWSP will reserve the right to become more restrictive if access issues arise and cannot be resolved." Therefore, the members of the WRWAC urge all citizens using the beautiful natural resources of the Commonwealth, public and private to continue to be careful stewards of the land.

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She said per the Regional School Agreement borrowing would have a fluctuating rate based on early school enrollment over the period of the loan. She said since the loan was for a short period of time over five years, she checked with their legal counsel if the interest rate for the other three towns could be based on the same rate as the two towns funding upfront.

Counsel determined the rate could be the same for all five-towns if the towns signed an inter-municipal agreement. The rate of the loan will be based on student enrollment as of Oct. 1, 2022.

Interim Superintendent Mucha also discussed the District's new buildings policy, which would require if at all possible that staff from the school's plants and facilities department be present when projects happen in all the school buildings. She said the staff knows the buildings and it would help prevent mishaps. She said district staff would also meet with town officials before the projects begin.

Town Administrator interviews

The Select Board voted to interview the four or five finalists presented by the consulting firm for the Town Administrator position on Wednesday, Sept. 27 starting at 4 p.m. The interviews are open to the public. The Select Board will ask each candidate the same questions. If all goes well, the town should have a new Town Administrator by December.

Interim Town Administrator report

Interim Town Administrator

Balukonis said he received a notice of appeal on the dog issue on Valley Road. The hearing before a Magistrate at East Brookfield District Court would take place virtually on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

He said the treasurer was holding an auction of public property for two parcels acquired through tax taking at Land Court. They included a house and garage located at 21 and 31 North Brookfield Road respectively and a dwelling in disrepair with 3.9 acres on 259 Summer Street.

The auction will take place Wednesday, Sept 20 at noon in the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St.

DPW meeting request

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall requested the Department of Public Works Commission Chair John Chase hold the meeting where paving of roads would be discussed in the Henry Woods Building instead of at the DPW Building. She said this would allow for the televising of the meeting as the Selectmen's Meeting room in the Henry Woods Building was the only location with recording equipment. She said people were interested in this agenda item and she hoped the DPW Chair would be interested in holding this particular meeting in a more public setting.

Select Board Vice Chair John Dixon said he met with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and DPW Superintendent Jason Pimental regarding funds available such as Tax Increment Financing and Complete Streets. MassDOT will fund road work on Route 62 and it would include Mechanics Street as well. They also will fund work on the bridge on Valley Road. If there was any land acquisition required

for the project, the town would be responsible for that part of the project.

Police Chief requests

Police Chief James Sabourin said he received a quote of \$1,000 per year for five-years for a Police Department service. Currently, the town has service through the Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center.

Chief Sabourin said having their own server would eliminate the delay in logging on through Rutland. Select Board Chair Marshall said the town's regional agreement with Rutland need to be looked at as the town may already be paying for the service they now have through the regional agreement contract. She said if that were the case, he would have to wait until the agreement expired.

The Police Chief said he was having trouble filling traffic details. He would like to have a civilian police auxiliary unit for traffic details when officers were unavailable. He said the unit would consist of up to ten people would complete certification in a flagging course and possess First Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation certificates.

Other business

Select Board Vice Chair Dixon said he was willing to continue as the Alternate member to Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

The Select Board granted use of the Town Hall to the Circle of Song on Thursday evenings and to the Barre Taxpayers Association for Wednesdays, Sept 13 and Sept. 27. They also approved the proposal the Town Clerk received for codification services of town bylaws.

Local authors share their works at orchard event



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
Authors Kristi Lee Seymour and Diane Buzzell show their memoirs of faith, family, and love.

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Brookfield Orchards hosted a local author's fair this past Saturday and many authors came on that windy and blustery day to share their published books.

The wind didn't stop the authors from coming, or the many others who came to purchase their books.

Thom Ring's stand featured books about race cars, motorcycles, and more for all ages. Ring loved sports and spent time writing for several newspapers before moving on to fiction.

His books follow his past working with children that have received brain injuries, and his books are meant to bring awareness to those who suffer with brain injuries.

"I write books a kid who doesn't like to read will love to read," Ring said.

Ring has always had a passion working with children and his neighbor, Cynthia Daigle Xenakis wrote a children's book with an accompanying workbook centering around anti-bullying, which encourages children to have empathy.

"You've got to start early with kids - they need to learn to be kind young," Xenakis said.

She is a retired guidance counselor, and used much of her knowledge to write the book and workbook in ways children will understand.

Micael Frey, a current student at Quinsigamond Community College and studying image, is a three-time published author featuring a two-book series and the first book of a new one.

"I'm always thinking of writing," Frey said. "I love to be able to express my ideas."

His love for writing and enthusiasm is apparent as he strives to publish more books in the future.

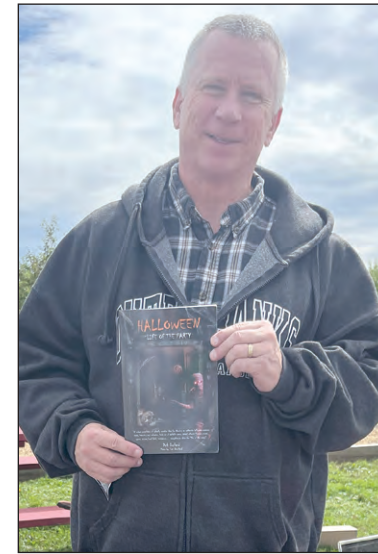
Christine Noyes' booth held three different genres of books including a children's book series, a memoir and three books of a six-book mystery series.

Noyes began writing in 2018, only three weeks after the passing of her husband. From there, she wrote a beautiful poem titled "Distance", and writing became her therapy and her passion.

Her children's series featured a bear that looks like her late husband and talks about the wonderful hugs he gave. His memory lives on in Noyes and her beautiful gift.



Dawn Gray is shown with her imaginative werewolf series that takes place in a fictional Massachusetts town.



James C. MacIntosh is shown holding his best-seller and award-winning murder mystery novel.

The love of family is reflected strongly in the work of author and illustrator, Shawn Boyle. He began writing when he was a stay-at-home dad with his two children, where he created stories to entertain them.

His books' illustrations are all done by children, and he takes these drawings and puts them together in comic picture books. His work is for kids and reflects his desire for kids to express themselves through art and enjoy a good story.

Kristi Lee Seymour shared her beautiful testimony of loss and redemption in her book, "Deeply Rooted". She shared her desire to show people that hardships don't mean it's over, and that there is always hope.

"I wanted to bring people hope and show them to never give up on their dreams," Seymour said.

Seymour's faith had a strong influence on her book, and her book is beautifully written to show that you are never alone, even in your struggles.

Author Diane Buzzell wrote a book about the story of her family, where she tells the story beautifully in a memoir of faith, hope, love, and familial ties.

The book features drawings and photographs from her family, including a genealogy and even a few delicious recipes to try.

Jacqueline Seymour is a creative of many areas, and not only did she have a children's book series, but also a CD of her own original pop music.

She also works as an actor, and starred in a movie on Amazon, "The Wizard's Books", which is



Sharon Healy-Young holds her best-selling mystery.

based off of the book series by Joe Cimenera. She truly has a wide range of talents.

Sharon Healy Young was there with her mystery series and is proud to announce her next book coming out in 2024. Her books follow a young woman through mystery and time travel intrigue!

James C. MacIntosh is a writer of murder mystery, and for those who love true crime, his books are a hit. He had published many, many books, and his best seller, "Teacups in the Snow", even won an award.

Ware author Dawn Gray had her own fantastic series which depicts werewolves in a fictional town in Massachusetts between Ware and Belchertown called "Collins".

The town has the most supernatural activity in the state and is known for its large number of werewolves. The series was written after a plot and trailer were filmed, and it's possible it could one day become a television series.

Following the theme of the supernatural, Dick Durland's book was featured with spooky Halloween décor, and the book itself is about ways to make your Halloween party every scarier than ever.

His partner in crime, Sue Durland, is the photographer for the spooky scenes and Halloween décor. For all ready for Spooky Season, be sure to check out his book.

The local author's fair showcased the pure talent of these authors, and shoppers were happy to take home new stories of life, struggles, and spooky mysteries.

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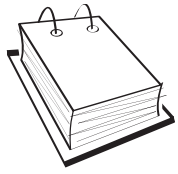
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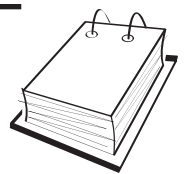
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Calendar of Events



Where is this?



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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. 25. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Stephen Craven, Bill Bowles, Evelyn Luukko and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the sign on the Mechanics Street side of the Barre Town Hall in Barre.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

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

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

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

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

CLASS OF 1961 REUNION for South Hadley High School Class of 1961 is planning a get-together in South Hadley on Thursday, Oct. 5. Members of the Class of 1961 are encouraged to attend. Organizers do not have everyone's contact information, so they most

likely did not receive the email sent about this event. Members of the class, who wish to attend, should email Judy Mitrolka Izatt at jizatt@charter.net and put "get-together" in the subject line and she will get back to them with more specific information.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

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

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

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

STORY TIME will be held today at 9 a.m. in the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. The story is "Perfect Square" by Michael Hall. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business for more information.

STEM PROGRAM will be the topic of a program hosted by the Holden Grange at the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden today at 7 p.m. Holden residents, Susan Swanberg and Kathy Mills, volunteer members of the Board of Directors of the Beverly School of Kenya, will speak about the successful STEM program which integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics skills into the already-diverse curriculum at this private, co-educational school. Having visited the school several times, Swanberg and Mills will share their experiences through a narrated visual presentation. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend this free event. For more information, people may email holdengrange78@gmail.com or call 508-886-2341.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

PHILLIPSTON'S DOODLEBUG returns today at 7 p.m. to Phillipston with a program sponsored by the Historical Society at the Congregational Church of Phillipston, 62 The Common, Phillipston. The 1926 Doodlebug was a machine converted from a 1927 Model T Ford and used by the highway department to mow along the roadsides. The department used it until the 1960s when it was sold to Barre. Later it was acquired by a collector in Petersham, who recently decided to sell it. People at the program will hear of its history, its return and hear its engine run from Mike Flye, Brookside Motors and Mike Como, who made the return of this machine possible.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

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

FAMILY FUN DAY will be hosted by New Life Assembly of God-60 Main Street, South Barre on South Barre Common, Main Street, South Barre today from noon-4 p.m. This event will feature food, carnival-style games and family-friendly entertainment. As always, there is no cost to attend! For more information contact Pastor James Foley at 978-355-6407 or visit the church online at www.NewLifeBarre.org.

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

HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION will be held by the Holden Grange at the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden today at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to enjoy some home cooking, have some fun,

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Quabbin football holds on for first win

SPENCER – Last Friday night, Quabbin football scored early and often, but David Prouty kept pecking away, including a fourth quarter score. But the Panthers were able to hold them off for a 34-29 win, their first of the season. Prouty opened the scoring, but Quabbin scored two straight with Jake Leazott getting a 10-yard touchdown reception and Bryce Venne getting an interception he took back for a touchdown. Luke Salvatore would then score on a three-yard run to put the Panthers up by two scores. The Panthers would lead 26-15 at half-time. Salvatore would score again in the third quarter, but Prouty came back with a pair of scores to make the game close at the end. Jaxon Warburton went 6-for-11 passing for 108 yards. Salvatore had 113 yards on the ground. Venne, in addition to his 50-yard interception return, also had 93 yards receiving on three catches. Quabbin is now 1-1.



Jake Leazotte crosses the goal line after a reception on the 7-yard line.

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Jaxon Kelley leads the block as Luke Salvatore takes the handoff from quarterback Jaxon Warburton.



Ed Geurtin and Ryan Wreschinsky team up on the tackle.



Bryce Venne with a pick-6.



Farrah Wojick takes a shot on goal.

Panthers edged by Spartans

BARRE – In the rain last Monday, two goals in the third quarter lifted Oakmont over host Quabbin Regional. Quabbin dropped to 2-1 on the season with a 1-1 Mid-Wach record. Makenzie Casey and Annabelle Magill scored the goals for the Panthers.



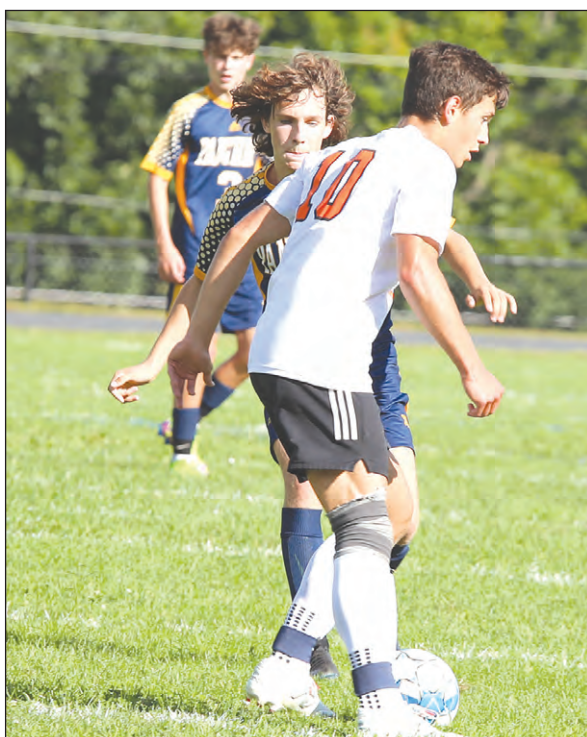
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Kylie Casey scores Quabbin's second goal.



Julianna Stanger makes a kick save.

Twarog tallies twice in Panthers win

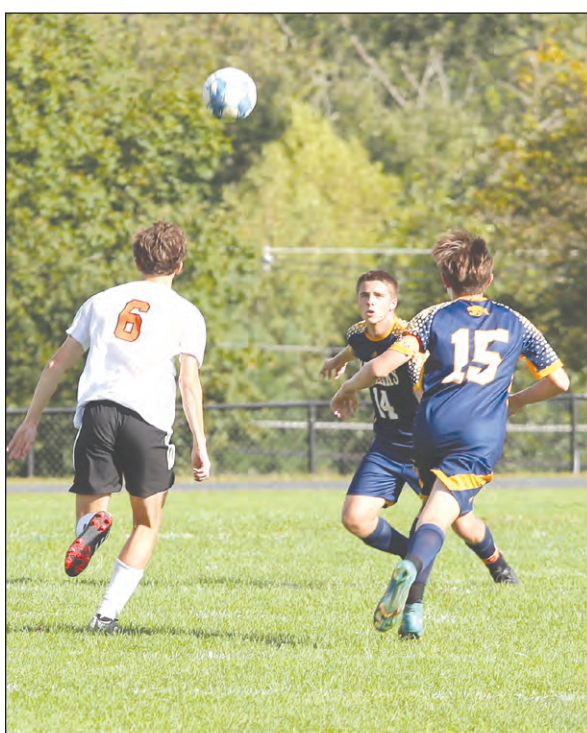


Seth Twarog challenges the ball.

BARRE – Quabbin boys soccer picked up its second win of the season with a defeat of visiting Maynard last Tuesday. Seth Twarog scored both of Quabbin's goals. Jacoby Diling and Jenkins Miller each had assists as the Panthers Alijah Flint grabbed the win, allowing just one goal.



Jenkins Miller chases after the ball



Gavin Mayjoy heads the ball out of the Quabbin zone.



Mike Tobin moves the ball upfield.



Emily Hoad tries to work the ball out of the defensive end.

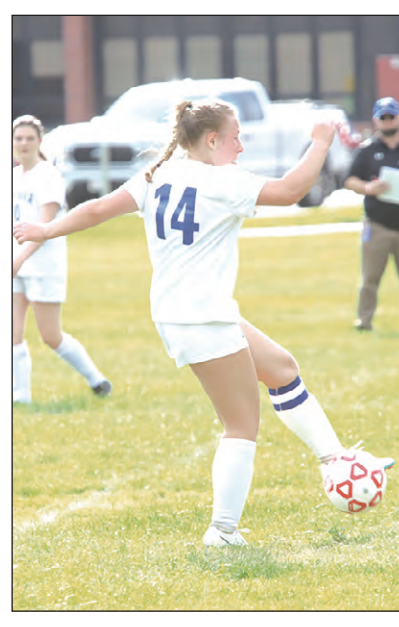
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Pioneers edged by Renaissance

SPRINGFIELD – Last Friday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer went to halftime in a 1-1 deadlock, but Renaissance tacked on two goals in the second half for a 3-2 win. Pathfinder is 0-2 to start the fall. The Pioneers lost to Athol 7-0 last Wednesday afternoon. The Pioneers look for their first win on Sept. 21 against Sizer School of Central Mass.



Goalie Addison Doktor makes a low save.



Samantha Lowe passes the ball away with a quick touch.



Reilly Ireland stops the ball.

Quabbin soccer teams to unite for Press Box Challenge

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

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

During halftime of the alumni game, the 1973 State Champion boys' soccer team – Quabbin's first state champs in any sport – and 1992 State Finalist boys' soccer team, and the cheerleaders of both squads, will be introduced. Both teams were coached by the late Quabbin Hall of Fame coach Ray Turcotte, who will be represented that evening by members of his family.

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

There will be no admission fee to the games, but those in attendance will be asked to contribute at the door to one of two canisters marked "Team of 1973" or "Team of 1992." The team raising the most donations will have a sign posted in their honor on the new press box on completion.

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

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

Sports

T-Birds start season Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds, the proud AHL affiliate of the St. Louis Blues, today announced their slate of promotions and theme nights for the 2023-24 season, presented by MGM Springfield. The T-Birds will host 36 home games from October to April inside the MassMutual Center.

The Calder Cup quest begins on Saturday, Oct. 14 for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. In the team's annual tradition, fans will be treated to a pregame Block Party on the property of MGM Springfield from 4:00 - 6:00 PM presented by Community Bank N.A. with the support of the Springfield

Business Improvement District (BID). The outdoor bash will feature live music, food, and drink. Thunderbirds fans will have the opportunity to get their hands on a plethora of giveaway souvenir items this season, beginning on Opening Night with jersey-shaped rally towels on each and every seat at the MassMutual Center.

"On the heels of a record 15 sellouts last season, we are continuing to aim higher to ensure the Thunderdome remains a definitive home-ice advantage for our team," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "Our fans will always remain our number one priority, and this year's promotions and theme nights reflect that,

as there truly is something in it for everybody. We cannot wait to get another unforgettable season underway."

Fans interested in attending Opening Night can take advantage of a value offer with the purchase of a Dunkin' Opening Night Pack, which starts at \$100 in the Defense Zone, \$115 in the Attack Zone sections and \$130 in the Center Value Zone sections. Fans who purchase a pack will receive: two (2) tickets to Opening Night on Oct. 14; four (4) vouchers redeemable at any regular season game in 2023-24 (subject to availability); one (1) T-Birds hat; a Dunkin' gift card; and one (1) Single Day Big E admission*.

Westfield State girls get big win

WESTFIELD - Westfield State junior forward Delaney Parker (Orange, Mass./Mahar HS) notched her 52nd career goal to set the Owls' career goals record in a 5-0 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's soccer match at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Westfield, the defending conference champs and picked first in the league's pre-season poll, looked the part as they outshot Buccaneers 28-0 in the first half, and 37-1 in the match. The Owls improve to 3-3, 1-0 MASCAC. Mass Maritime is now 0-4, and 0-1 in the league.

Parker's record-setter was the Owls fifth goal of the first half, as she scored on PK after the Owls Ryan Moran was taken down from behind while attacking the goal in the 42nd minute.

Parker's shot was just off the left side of Buccaneers starting goalkeeper Brady Deschamps (Brewster, Mass./Nauset).

"It feels great," said Parker. "I could tell the shots I was taking

earlier were just me in my head. I was thinking 'I need to get it' but I was just off."

The crowd surged with excitement for each Owls scoring chance for Parker, but she delivered a couple of shots high over the cross bar in the early going.

"Even the PK wasn't great," she said, throwing up her hands. "But it went in, and now it's over with."

Westfield made sure the game was over by the half.

Tia Tollis (East Longmeadow, Mass.) put the Owls on the board in the eighth minute with a nice header off of a corner kick from Jaida Cochran (Middleboro, Mass). Kiana Maratsuka (Mililani, Hawaii) delivered a pair of goals, both on feeds from Parker, and Kiana Patel (Nairobi, Kenya) tallied her first collegiate goal with an assist from Maratsuka as the Owls got out to the big early lead.

The Owls peppered Deschamps with 28 total shots as she made 11 saves in the first half. Reagan Kerecz (Tolland, Conn./Ethel Walker School) played between the pipes for the Bucs in the second half and came up with six saves to

keep the Owls off the board in the second frame.

Westfield used 26 players including two goalkeepers. Kayla Santucci (Agawam, Mass.) didn't face a single shot in the first half in getting the win, and Michaella Monchecchi (Windsor, Mass./Wahconah) came out of the net to play a wide shot from Deschamps, who played in the field in the second half, late in the game on the only serious incursion into Owls territory for the Buccaneers.

Parker now has 52 goals, one more than Owls hall of famer Sandy (Pinto) Graham '97. Parker shares the team lead with Maratsuka with five goals each this season. Parker led NCAA D3 in goals with 31 as a freshman and added 16 in her sophomore season.

Westfield State was playing its first home game of the season after starting with four straight on the road. The Owls travels took them from Gorham, Maine to Cortland, N.Y. while playing schools from Maine, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. Westfield traversed 1,114 miles in facing those four foes.

Bonsignore adds 11th Riverhead Raceway win at crucial time

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – Saturday night's NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race at Riverhead Raceway came down to the final five laps, with the two championship contenders battling it out to the finish.

At the checkered flag, Justin Bonsignore scored his 11th career Riverhead Raceway victory, tying Mike Ewanitso for the most all-time at the New York bullring. The

win was also his 40th career in NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competition and fifth of the 2023 season.

Bonsignore is one of just four drivers in the history of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour to win 40 events. He is currently just two wins behind tying Ted Christopher for third on the all-time list.

With the win, Bonsignore took

over the points lead over Ron Silk with just three races remaining in the season. Silk finished third on Saturday after the two battled down the stretch.

"Tying Mike Ewanitso has been a goal of mine since I was fortunate enough to start winning races here on the Whelen Modified Tour," Bonsignore said. "I wish

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Education

FSU graduates Sixth Police Recruit Class



Submitted photo

Officer Jonathan Revil of Bridgewater addresses the sixth Police Recruit class.

FITCHBURG – The 11 members of Fitchburg State University's Sixth Recruit Officer Course graduated Friday, Sept. 15, completing their certification to work in municipal police departments in Massachusetts and other states.

All 11 members of the group have already been hired by municipal and collegiate police departments.

The program was developed by Fitchburg State in collaboration with the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee. The members of the sixth ROC graduated with their Bachelor's Degrees in criminal justice in May and days later began a 17-week police academy that concluded with Friday's ceremony and also marked the start of their Master's Degrees in criminal justice.

Graduate Jonathan Revil of Bridgewater gave the class address, in which he recounted the sixth ROC's beginnings amid the COVID pandemic, when they stood at attention in front of their computer cameras. There were 55 members of the class at that time, of whom only 11 were still in the program by the graduation on Friday. Those 11 quickly became one team, he said.

"We have been challenged physically, mentally and academically," Revil said. "I can proudly say I would go to any call with any of the 10 brothers and sisters sitting before me today."

University President Richard S.

Lapidus recognized the students for successfully completing the challenging curriculum and strict standards by which they had to abide throughout their time in the program. "Fifty-five students started the program with you as freshmen, and today we graduate only 11, all of which have been hired prior to this graduation," President Lapidus said. "It's a credit to all of you that you kept your focus through unprecedented times."

MPTC Executive Director Robert Ferullo congratulated the graduates on their achievement and said they personify the future of the profession. "You folks are the ones who are going to make a difference," Ferullo said.

In her address, Academy Director Lisa Lane McCarty compared police officers to superheroes, whose superpower was sacrificing time with loved ones and risking their own personal safety to protect others.

The ceremony included awards to members of the class, including a new award in honor of Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr., who was killed in the line of duty on May 22, 2016. The award was presented to ROC member Parker Luther of Sudbury by the fallen officer's parents, Ron and Sharon Tarentino and his sister, Caitlin.

A special award was presented to State Rep. Michael Kushmerek, who participated in physical training with the recruits during the

academy so he could learn more about how the recruits are prepared. He has been a vocal advocate for the program and its importance to the evolution of police training.

At the ceremony, which was attended by guests including family and friends of the graduates as well as police leaders and elected officials, University Police Chief Michael J. Cloutier administered the oath of honor.

The members of the 6th ROC, and the departments that have hired them, are: Joshua Barber of Sandwich (hired by Yarmouth Police Department); Noah Buentello of Hopkinton (hired by Hopkinton Police Department); Jonathan Butler of Worcester (hired by Franklin Police Department); Grace Kerr of Holliston (hired by the Fitchburg State University Police Department); Joseph Lamarca of Billerica (hired by the Billerica Police Department); Parker Luther of Sudbury (hired by the Franklin Police Department); Andrew Morris of Ludlow (hired by the Fitchburg State University Police Department); Jonathan Revil of Bridgewater (hired by the Bridgewater Police Department); Elizabeth Scott of Yarmouth (hired by the Yarmouth Police Department); Phillip Sloan of Mansfield (hired by the Foxborough Police Department) and Martin Zimei of Leominster (hired by the Franklin Police Department).

HCC fall session II classes start Sept. 25

HOLYOKE – Prospective students have two more chances to sign up for classes at Holyoke Community College for the fall 2023 semester.

Fall session II classes begin Monday, Sept. 25 and run for 12 weeks.

Fall session III classes begin Monday, Oct. 3, and run for seven weeks.

Full fall semester classes at HCC (14 weeks) began Tuesday, Sept. 5. All fall semester classes conclude by

Thursday, Dec. 21.

Students who enroll for HCC's flexible fall start dates have the opportunity to take a variety of courses both on campus and online in anthropology, biology, business administration, communication, culinary arts, economics, English, English as a Second Language, geography, human services, Latinx studies, law, management, marketing, math, nutrition, music, psychology, sociology, Spanish and veterinary and animal science.

To see a full list of courses and sections, people may visit hcc.edu/flex-fa23.

The HCC Admissions and Advising offices are located on the first floor of the HCC Campus Center and are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday from 8:30-4:30 p.m.

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QCC employee named President of New England AHEAD

WORCESTER – The New England Association of Higher Education and Disability has announced Terri S. Rodriguez, associate director of Student Accessibility Services at Quinsigamond Community College, has been elected AHEAD president for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Rodriguez served on the board of New England AHEAD since 2015 as the community college representative, moving into the role of vice president/president-elect last year. She is the first representative of a community college to be elected president of the organization. The president sets New England AHEAD's direction and provides oversight for all activities of the association and is a liaison to the national AHEAD organization.

New England AHEAD members are comprised of postsecondary disability services professionals, ADA Compliance Officers and accessibility support staff from two-year and four-year colleges and universities, including graduate and technical schools, across six New England states. Currently, 140 professionals representing 70 institutions are members of New England AHEAD. New England AHEAD provides disability service professionals with a network of local colleagues and accessible consultation and professional development opportunities.

Rodriguez, a resident of Holden, first joined Quinsigamond Community College in 2001 and has held several roles supporting the college's efforts to provide access and academic opportunities to students with disabilities. Rodriguez has presented locally and nationally on issues of disability, recently in June at the Postsecondary Disability Institute in Boston.

"Terri is a tireless advocate for students with disabilities and supports individual colleagues here at the college in their understanding of disability resources and what access means on many levels," said Director of Student Accessible for Massachusetts Inclusive Higher Education students. "Terri brings her voice to conversations about inclusive campus culture and supports disability and belonging in her various roles at the college. I am pleased to see Terri recognized and be the first New England AHEAD president from a community college," she said.

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SUNDAY, OCT. 1

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

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

HALLOWEEN FUN DAY sponsored by the Friends of the Stone Church will be held at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville today from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be arts and dance activities. Free for children of all ages, the program will offer spirited ghost dances and games, mask-making, painted pumpkins, cookies to decorate and other fun. Local artist and crafters will instruct and refreshments will be served. People may visit at https://forms.gle/Kq194HygDjD1riu68 or call Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552 to make reservations by Thursday, Oct. 5. Youth under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ART SHOW will be held today from 1-4 p.m. at the church, located at North Street, Petersham as part of the church's bicentennial celebrations. The theme is "Hope and Faith" is open to any medium and has three categories: Depictions of Hope and Faith in a

religious context; Depictions of Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church and Symbolic depictions of the Congregational-Unitarian Schism (the Trinity, Trinitarian vs Unitarian, the Social, Emotional or Community pain of Church splitting apart). Drop-off deadline is Friday, Oct. 6 by 5 p.m. More details are available by visiting the church's Facebook page or call the Church, 978-724-8808.

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FLEA MARKET PLUS will be held at the First Parish Unitarian Church, 90 Main St., Worcester today from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. People may rent a table for \$25 to sell their stuff like crafts, vintage and antiques and should reserve early as space is limited by calling 508-757-2798 or emailing office@firstunitarian.com. People may recycle their electronics, appliances, cell phones, bicycles and more.

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