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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago
Anita Falco with the Lions mascot during the annual Hubbardston Field Day at Curtis Field.

Field Day returns to Curtis Recreation Field

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HUBBARDSTON – The annual Field Day returned to Curtis Recreation Field on Saturday, Sept. 19 for a day's worth of festivities. The event is supported by a grant from the

Hubbardston Cultural Council with funding provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Field Day is organized by members of the Hubbardston Lions Club with a total of about 45 members helping out this year. Kellianne Iacaboni and Joyce Green are co-chairs of the Field Day, which is their

biggest event of the year. All the funds go back to the community and to those in need. Field Day in Hubbardston has grown over the years. Green says she recalls the event when it was "the days of tug of wars and sack races." Iacaboni remembers going to Field Day as a child and

said the event itself has been around for decades. The Lions Club took the tradition over years ago and have allowed expansion on the festivities of Field Day. One of the expansions was to allow vendors to enter Field Day. Curtis Recreation

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A message from the Turleys

Dear Reader,

Every week a team of reporters, editors and people who assemble the paper work hard to bring readers information they need to know about their community. It's hard work and we love it.

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We love being a part of this community and maybe even, in a small way, a part of your family.

We hope to be arriving each week at your home holding up that mirror, *Barre Gazette*.

Patrick Turley, CEO
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Board hears request to expand common garden

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BARRE – Two residents requested permission to expand the garden at the end of South Common at the Select Board Tuesday, Sept. 8 meeting. The present garden contains native perennials and is ten feet in diameter. Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall said where they wanted to expand was where the Department of Public Works piled the snow from Common Street. She said Grove Street Extension would be a more suitable location. There was a section of that area set aside for plantings and currently was mostly weeds and grass. She suggested they talk to the Barre Common Committee about establishing a garden there. The Board did not approve the expansion of the

existing garden and gave permission only to maintain it. They will put use of Grove Street Extension site on their next meeting agenda.

Town Administrator report

Town Administrator Melanie Jackson said Purple Heart Day went "very well." She thanked Dennis Fleming, Tony Musnicki, Paul Varney, Evan Proctor and the remainder of the American Legion Post. They had 30 people participate along with American Legion Post 2 and Purple Heart Recipient Evan Proctor.

The Town Administrator reported a third party vendor from Bishop & Associates LLC will conduct property inspections of about 392 properties for the Board of Assessors. This is to maintain compliance with the Department of Revenue's directive to inspect each property in Barre at least once every 10 years. Notices were mailed to all homes that were set to be inspected.

The Woods Memorial

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Nicholas Malnati named sergeant

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HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board met last Monday, where Police Officer Nicholas Malnati was sworn in as sergeant. Police Chief Ryan Couture said the role of sergeant is a major role in a small police department, and the department posted the position internally to gauge interest. He said they were looking for someone with experience, knowledge, skills and who would be a good fit for the role. Couture said since Malnati started working for Hubbardston about a month ago, he has already helped with recruiting qualified officers to fill vacancies, and working together with other officers to figure out how to cover 24 hours as a crew of three full-timers. "It's my great pleasure to announce his hire and promotion to sergeant," Couture said. Malnati was sworn in by Town Clerk Melody Green.

Voting hours

The board approved the state election warrant for Nov. 3 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School gym. They also announced early voting hours, running from Oct. 17-29 at 48 Gardner Road. The office will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Oct. 17 and 24, which is the last day to register to vote in the state election. Hours will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Oct. 19, 21, 22, 26, 28 and 29. Hours will be 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Oct. 20, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Oct. 27. Oct. 17 is the last day to register to vote for the special town meeting, being held Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School gym.

Native American canoe

Ed Blanchard and Pam Mitchell, both residents of Comet Pond, were present at the meeting to discuss a Native American canoe that has been in the possession of the Worcester Historical Museum since 1893, but

was found at Comet Pond in Hubbardston. The pair were seeking a letter of support from the Select Board to the museum to essentially put Hubbardston in the queue for the canoe. Blanchard said that the museum indicated that they want the canoe to go back to the Town of Hubbardston. They said that they are in contact with the museum, who are working with federal and local Native American tribes, including the Nipmucks, to negotiate the rightful owners of the canoe. According to Blanchard and Mitchell, the canoe has not been on display in the museum for several years now. Blanchard and Mitchell said should the Nipmuck tribe not want to take the boat back, Hubbardston should be next in line for it since it came from the town. They said that they are working with Bill

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School Committee selects new member

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The School Committee held a special meeting to interview candidates to fill a vacant seat on the committee. One of the two candidates who came before the committee on Sept. 8 was Tonya Matthews, who recently served on the School Committee. "I think that being on the School Committee not that long ago, that I could be of help as it goes forward and seeing the different things that have transpired...like the talk of school tuitioning out," Matthews said. Matthews said she has lived in town for about seven years and she loves the community. "I have found North Brookfield to be such a

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Annabelle Mazyck gains control of the ball and runs up field.



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Maya Putnam winds up to boot it.



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Middle school field hockey in action

BARRE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Quabbin Regional Middle School had its first action of the regular season, hosting Wachusett’s middle school field hockey team. The Panthers are back in action on Sept. 28 against Clinton.



Sadie Russell fights to get the ball away from an opponent.



Turley photos by Jeffrey Haynes

Ellia Noel gets low to scoop the ball forward.



Sophia Eaton wins better body positioning for control.



Everlee Bourgeois, left, and Evelyn Kania race up field with the ball.

Girls get another win

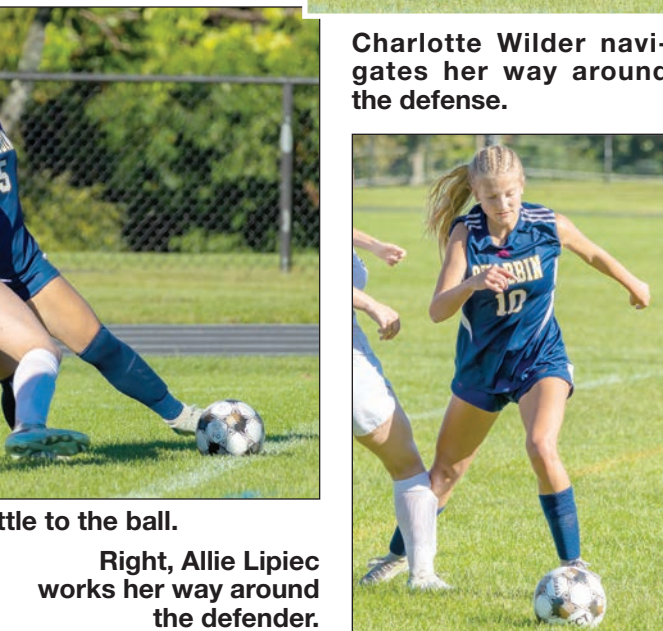
BARRE – Last Thursday afternoon, Quabbin Regional High School girls soccer defeated Narragansett 7-1. The Panthers also defeated Mahar Regional 7-1 last Tuesday. The Panthers are now 3-0-1 on the regular season. They are back in action on Thursday, Sept. 24 against Clinton on the road. They are at Ayer Shirley on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m.



Sierra Lambert wins the battle to the ball.



Saylor Bissonnette creates some space to keep control of the ball.



Charlotte Wilder navigates her way around the defense.



Right, Allie Lipiec works her way around the defender.

Adalyn Cranston races ahead of the opponent for possession.

Busy start to season for Pathfinder

HOLYOKE – It has been a busy first two weeks of the regular season for Pathfinder boys soccer. The Pioneers have already played five games, winning three of them.

Last Tuesday, the Pioneers visited Holyoke High School and battled to a 1-1 tie. Following that, Pathfinder defeated PVCIC and Commerce both by 4-0 scores. Coming up, the Pioneers will host Southwick on Monday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at Legion Field.



Ian LaPete tries to stop a Holyoke attacker.



Christian Ribeiro looks to get around an opponent.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Ian Sauri-Neves tries to get by a defender.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Abigail Carmody brings in a pass.



Josephine Boyko heads off the ball on defense.



Evelyn Wood makes her way up the field.



Makaela Tourville starts to dribble after taking possession.

Pioneers get split of first two games

SPRINGFIELD – After a postponement delayed the start of the season for Pathfinder Tech girls soccer, the Pioneers got things going with two games last week.

To open the regular season, Pathfinder defeated Commerce on the road in Springfield 4-2.

The next day, the Pioneers made a long trip north and suffered a 6-1 loss at Athol and are 1-1 to start the year.

Coming up on Tuesday, Sept. 29, the Pioneers will host Duggan Academy at 4 p.m.