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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

By Ryan Drago
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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.

Our goal is to provide a clear reflection of the community, and share stories about issues and events in your town as well as those about your neighbors, family and friends; in essence, a clear reflection of the community. We provide news that is difficult to find anywhere else.

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Every year we invite residents to join those who already subscribe to the *Barre Gazette*, so they too can be informed and join their neighbors in keeping up-to-date on so many aspects of the community. We do that by mailing an issue of *Barre Gazette* to everyone in Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Petersham and Rutland on us, so you can see for yourself what types of information we provide.

If you want to know when and why your taxes go up, who is running for election, what successes and challenges are in your school system, what others are doing to make your community a better place, and so much more, we hope you will consider subscribing.

We also value your opinions and ideas. Please let us know what's important to you by picking up the phone and calling us. Let us know if we're meeting your expectations.

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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
Turley Publications, Inc.

Board hears request to expand common garden

By Ellenor Downer
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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

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
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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

By Paula Ouimette
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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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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Walk/Run supports dementia awareness

A Walk/Run 5K to support dementia awareness will take place Saturday, Sept. 26 with kick off at 11:30 a.m. at Smoke Crest Farm, 830 Springhill Road, Barre. Registration is \$15 before the event and \$20 the day of registration.

Designer Pancake Breakfast

The next Designer Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star takes place on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St. People may create their favorite pancake with chips, nuts, fruit and more. The complete breakfast includes designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and always real maple syrup. Cost is adults \$10 and children 6 and under \$5. All are welcome.

Church yard sale

On Saturday, Oct. 3 the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre participates in the Town Wide Yard Sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The church offers table space for anyone wishing to participate. People must donate their profit to the church and take home any items they do not sell. The yard sale happens rain or shine. In case of rain, tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall. The Supper Committee will sell hamburgers and hotdogs the day of the yard sale.

Eastern Star chicken barbecue

Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star holds their annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 26 with pickup time at 1 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St. The meal consists of 1/2 chicken, homemade Coleslaw, baked potato, bread and cranberry sauce. It is cooked by the their great barbecue cooks with their special touch. Price is \$18 each. Reservations are needed by Monday, Sept. 21. People may call or message Dolly at 508-826-7535.

Town wide yard sale

The Town Wide Yard Sale sponsored by the South Barre Common Committee, takes place Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. It will be held rain or shine. To reserve a spot at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre or to have their address placed on the town wide map, people should send \$10 per participant payable to the South Barre Common Committee. It should be mailed to South Barre Common Committee, P.O. Box 103, South Barre, MA 01074. They should include their name, telephone number, residential address and location of the yard sale if different from the resident address. Town maps may be picked up at Nornay Park the day of the yard sale at 8:45 a.m. People may email mgendron3331@gmail.com with any questions.

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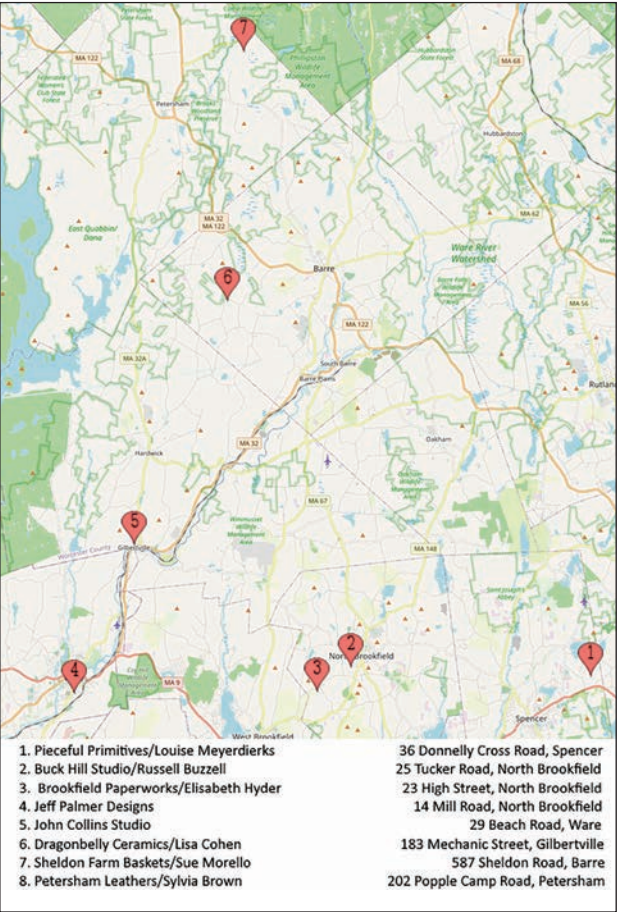
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Back Roads Studio Tour is Oct. 3-4

The Back Roads Studio Tour will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 and 4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and includes studios in Barre, Gilbertville, North Brookfield, Petersham, Spencer and Ware.

Studios include Pieceful Primitives, Lou Meyerdierks, 36 Donnelly Cross Road, Spencer; Buck Hill Studio, Russell Buzzell, 25 Tucker Road, North Brookfield; Brookfield Paperworks, Elisabeth Hyder, 23 High St., North Brookfield; Jeff Palmer Designs, 14 Mill Road, North Brookfield; John Collins Studio, 29 Beach Road, Ware; Dragonbelly Ceramics, Lisa Cohen, 183 Mechanic St., Gilbertville; Sheldon Farm Baskets, Sue Morello, 587 Sheldon Road, Barre; and Petersham Leathers, Sylvia Brown, 202 Popple Camp Road, Petersham.

For more information about the Back Roads Studio Tour and the featured artists and crafters, visit backroadsstudiotor.org.



Submitted Photo

This map shows the locations of studios participating in this year's Back Roads Studio Tour, to be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.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 28. 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 – Buttermilk chicken, herbed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, fresh fruit, marble rye bread

TUESDAY – Beef stew, steamed rice, corn, fruit crisp, diet = apple-sauce, biscuit

WEDNESDAY – Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, vanilla mousse, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Hot dog on bun, baked beans, Coleslaw, baked apples and applesauce, mustard

FRIDAY – Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruited ambrosia, Italian bread

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

Cultural Council accepting grant applications

HUBBARDSTON – The Hubbardston Cultural Council, part of the Massachusetts Local Cultural Council network, will be accepting grant applications for the 2026–2027 cycle until Thursday, Oct. 15 at 11:59 p.m.

The Council invites individuals, nonprofits, schools and other local organizations to submit proposals for creative, educational and community-based cultural programming.

The Hubbardston Cultural Council is one of many Local Cultural Councils across Massachusetts supported by the state's Mass Cultural Council. Collectively, Local Cultural Councils award more than \$7 million annually to support over 7,500 cultural projects statewide.

The HCC is committed to promoting excellence, access and diversity in the

arts, humanities and interpretive sciences to enrich the quality of life in the Hubbardston community.

The deadline to apply for an HCC grant is Oct. 15 at 11:59 p.m. The HCC will begin reviewing applications in November.

Typical awards range from \$500 to \$750, supporting projects such as operating support, ticket subsidies, field trips, artist residencies, public art, fellowships and community programming.

Both individuals and organizations are eligible to apply.

In addition to meeting the standard state guidelines, proposals will be evaluated on:

Applicants who have secured a local venue that can accommodate the anticipated size of the audience

Evidence of the applicant's dedication to the program. Ability

to advertise and publicize their activity to the Hubbardston community. Projects that serve the demographics of Hubbardston. Projects that celebrate what makes Hubbardston interesting, such as its history, agriculture, and rural character

Projects that support the Hubbardston community and the surrounding area. Addresses the cultural needs of our community or supports diverse forms of cultural activities. Programs that are free and open to the public

People may visit the hubbardstonma.gov/170/Cultural-Council for more information and to apply for a grant.

For further information or to arrange an interview with representatives of the Hubbardston Cultural Council, people should email Laura Foley at laura@lauramfoley.com or call 978-820-0046.

Auxiliary hosts Fall Harvest Festival and Bake Sale

N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D – American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 will host its annual Fall Harvest Festival and Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The festival will be held at American Legion Post 41, 163 North Main St. (located behind Subway).

Join the auxiliary for local vendors and crafters, homemade baked goods, a white elephant table and

great raffles. A few tables are still available for vendors/crafters. This event is open to the public with no admission fee.

Please contact Andrea at adupell@charter.net for more information.



OAKHAM

by Ellenor Downer
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OHA holds open house

The Oakham Historical Association will have an open house Sunday, Sept. 22 from 1-4 p.m. There will be a presentation about the Quabbin Reservoir at that time. This month's presentation addresses the hundredth anniversary of the Ware River watershed. It is a talk about the creation of protections for the drinking water and the Quabbin Reservoir. It is presented by Maria Bieter, interpretive services supervisor. The presentation is free and open to the public. There will be refreshments following the talk.

Dismas Farm collection

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, is collecting items for Dismas Farm during the month of September. Items include: new twin-sized sheets and blankets, new pillows and bath towels, laundry detergent sheets, toilet paper, paper towels and other cleaning supplies, new men's work boots, sneakers and gloves, new men's sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts sizes large to XXXL and fuel gift cards to help with transportation costs. People may drop off items on Sunday mornings. There is a collection bin in Fellowship Hall.

Celebration of Service

There will be a Celebration of Service for Rev. Tim Hanley on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. He has 50 years as an ordained minister. A reception will follow the service.

Senior Center news

On Tuesday, Sept 29, there is blood pressure and glucose screening from 11a.m.-1 p.m. at the Senior Center. No appointment is needed. On Wednesday, Nov. 4 at noon there will be a Healthcare Options presentation at the Senior Center. event we would like to publicize: Wed Nov 4 at noon, there will be a Healthcare Options. People should call 508-882-4073 to register.

Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 9 a.m. *note change of time, \$3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. an additional \$1 will be collected separately for use of the building at both these classes. A separate sign in will be kept by the town at each class as well. Walking groups and weigh in are on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

Station Loop Ramble takes place Oct. 18

NEW BRAINTREE – The 15th Station Loop Ramble takes place Sunday, Oct. 18 from 9:30 a.m.

There is a kids run, five-mile classic and 5K run/walk. All events incorporate part of the Mass. Central Rail Trail and start on Depot Road, at the intersection of West and Hardwick Roads

The 5 mile classic is a hilly road and trail race with a flat fast finish on the Mass. Central Rail Trail. The kids run and 5K run/walk are entirely on a flat course on the Mass. Central Rail Trail. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Race begins and ends at the site of the former New Braintree Train Station, travels past scenic farmland through deep woods and skirts the Ware River. Start time is 9 a.m. for kids run, 9:40 a.m. 6 to 12 years old (¼ mile), 10 a.m. 5 mile classic and 10:05 a.m. 5K run/walk.

Awards ceremony is at 11 a.m. Entry fee is free ages 5 and under, \$10 ages 6-12, \$25 early bird online registration by Oct. 17, \$30 day of adult registration and \$35 family registration for up to four members.

People may register www.eqlt.org/station-loop-ramble/. People may call 413-477-8229 for more information.

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Council on Aging – Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Oct. 8 at 1 p.m.
Water Commission – Oct. 13 at 5 p.m.
DPW Commission – Oct. 13 at 6 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee – Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.
Board of Health – Nov. 9 at 5 p.m.

HARDWICK

Paige Library Trustees – Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 7 at 12:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Oct. 14 at 3 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Town Administrator Search Committee – Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.
Board of Library Trustees – Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Oct. 7 and Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Hubbardston Cultural Council – Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.
Candidate’s Night for upcoming State Election – Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 15 at 4 p.m.
First Meeting House Preservation Committee – Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.
Board of Health – Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.
Special Town Meeting – Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Health – Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.
Library Trustees – Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m.
Advisory Finance Committee – Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Oct. 2 at 9 a.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Oct. 13 at 11 a.m.
Council on Aging – Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Rutland Development and Industrial Commission – Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.
ADA Commission – Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.

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Select Board hears PFAS update

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HARDWICK – The Select Board met Monday where Dr. Richard Romano of the Board of Health along with licensed site professional Scott Parker updated the town on the recent findings of PFAS, otherwise known as forever chemicals, in some testing and private wells in the vicinity of the Hardwick Farmer’s Co-Op.

These chemicals have the potential to cause cancer according to Romano.

According to Parker and Romano, one of the contaminated wells is at the site of the proposed police station on Lower Road.

History of the site was given, with the presenters saying it was previously a landfill or dump that closed in the 1960s, but had cars and burning operations. They also said that there was a tractor equipment store nearby.

Parker said the state has just recently started requiring municipalities to test for PFAS in the wells, but had asked for general monitoring about 20 years ago.

Parker said the drinking water limit set out by the state is 20 parts per trillion, and several testing wells and residential wells are over that limit, but there are also several wells that were undetectable, or below the limit. The presenters said there’s a 500 foot radius from a contaminated well that also has to be tested.

However, there was one resident that as of the meeting did not consent to testing, but during the meeting it was announced that they did.

There were concerns from an abutter to that resident as to why they would not test the well at

the house, with Parker saying they cannot assume it is contaminated and draw another circle, nor can they force a private resident to grant them access to their well.

According to Parker, if a private residence is found to have water over the limit from a test from a public board, the town is required to provide bottled water, or some other alternative drinking water to that house. If someone decides to test on their own, it is their responsibility to contact the Department of Environmental Protection, according to Parker.

He also said PFAS is highly treatable with a filter. Parker noted that PFAS is found in thousands of products, including toilet paper, so it is already in every septic system in the country.

Ware River Park

Rebecca Bottomley of the Conservation Commission gave a presentation about some of the history of Ware River Park, culminating in the announcement that there is a plant for pollinators event on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., where native plants will be planted.

Recent history of the area, according to Bottomley, is vegetation control, volunteer clean-ups, gazebo replacement and enhanced lighting, murals about the human history of Hardwick and trail expansion.

Bottomley said there is also a Source to Seas cleanup event happening Saturday, Oct. 3, and this year is the 30th year it’s happened. The event is put on by the Connecticut River Watershed.

IT discussion

The board welcomed

Jacob Gorham from Anevry, a local information technology company out of West Brookfield that provides IT services for municipalities and nonprofits, according to Gorham. He said some projects he hopes to complete in the next year are digitization efforts, digital infrastructure projects, Wi-Fi improvements, an equipment inventory, and setting up cloud backup.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said there will likely be some items to declare surplus after the inventory is finished.

Associate Planning Board member

Bill Cole, chair of the Planning Board, explained that a recent bylaw change awaiting approval by the Attorney General will allow the town to implement an associate Planning Board member, who would sit in on site plan reviews in the event of an absence on the board, or a conflict of interest.

He said the member would have no requirement to attend all meetings, just know about site plan reviews set to happen. The associate member would be appointed in a joint session of the Planning Board and Select Board.

Accountant

The board discussed the possibility of making the Accountant position full-time, rather than the current part-time hours, 19 hours a week.

Caggiano said with the amount of cleanup that has to be done, 19 hours may not be enough, and it could be a full-time position, but that brings in salary and benefits. She said the salary would be about \$85,000

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Author Duffy presents about Native Americans

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HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society presented a talk with author Donald Duffy at its annual meeting held in the Town House last week.

At the Sept. 17 meeting, Duffy shared information from his newest book, “Native Americans React to British Incursions: In the Central Massachusetts and Connecticut Highlands, and the Connecticut River Valley”.

His book is focused on what he termed the River Indians, or indigenous people who lived along the Connecticut River and its tributaries.

Duffy began by talking about Niniquabbin, a Wabbaquasset, born

in the area that is now Woodstock, Connecticut.

Woodstock, Connecticut was once referred to as New Roxbury, and was a part of Massachusetts.

The name “Niniquabbin” could have a couple of meanings, Duffy said, with one translating “to be in danger, to be in peril” and the other to describe a person who causes danger or peril.

“I think that might have been the meaning of the name Niniquabbin,” Duffy said of the second translation.

Duffy said that John Perry of Brookfield referred to Niniquabbin in a 1703 letter to Massachusetts Governor Dudley, calling him Joseph Niniquabbin. Perry wrote the governor to share concerns about Niniquabbin harassing and threatening

farmers, referring to him as part of a group “a few rambling Indians” who were “evil minded men and disposed to mischief.”

“In 1702 Niniquabbin told Perry he would burn their hay if he was not paid for land,” Duffy said.

It is unknown if Niniquabbin was involved in the Feb. 29, 1704 attack on the inhabitants of Deerfield, as only the names of the English and French were recorded.

The next time his name appears in documents is when he joined English forces against the French during Queen Anne’s War and went to sea. This information came from a document sent to the Massachusetts Bay government.

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Cultural Council seeks applications

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The Hubbardston Cultural Council is one of many Local Cultural Councils across Massachusetts supported by the state’s Mass Cultural Council. Collectively, Local Cultural Councils award more than \$7 million annually to support over 7,500 cultural projects statewide. Typical awards range from \$500 to \$750, supporting projects such as operating support, ticket subsidies, field trips, artist residencies, public art, fellowships and community programming. Both individuals and organizations are eligible to apply. People may visit the hubbardstonma.gov/170/Cultural-Council for more information and to apply for a grant. For further information or to arrange an interview with representatives of the Hubbardston Cultural Council, people should email Laura Foley at laura@lauramfoley.com or call 978-820-0046.

Art show

The Cultural Council of Hubbardston is holding an Art Show at the Meeting House, on the Common, on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The show will focus on local artisans and sponsors are the Council on Aging and the Cultural Council, both of Hubbardston. The theme is based on historical barns of Hubbardston. Those who wish to exhibit should call Cindy at 978-928-5526 for information or to reserve a spot at the event. All are welcome.

Fall boutique and yard sale

Hubbardston Seniors are collecting items for their fall boutique and yard sale. Items may be dropped off at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St. is now collecting items from now through Sept. 25 for their fall boutique to be held Sept. 25, 26 and 27. Gently used, clean clothing, shoes, pocket-books, and other items are welcomed. The seniors remind donors that the items should be in good condition; items they would buy for themselves. Key times to drop off items are Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. This annual fundraiser has been a big success and all the profits go toward upgrading and keeping the Senior Center in great condition. Some of the proceeds go toward special events for the town’s seniors; many programs are free of charge. Also, on these dates there will be a huge Yard Sale that will include a bake sale, luncheon and other items for all ages such as toys, gifts, household goods and games. Electronics and large or fabric furniture will not be accepted.

Senior Center news

All artists are welcome to attend the art

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

I’m eevaluating my retirement plan; what are my options?

Dear Rusty:

I am 69 1/2 years old now and applied for Social Security at the end of June.

I am still working and was planning to begin my retirement in September. A couple of factors arose for me to question if I made a hasty decision by applying for SS.

The employer I have been working for the last 29 years has asked if I would stay on a little longer, which would be good because we have some debt I want to lose before I retire.

I was reading about suspending Social Security and continuing to work. If I understand it right, if I suspend my SS, no payback will be required, and I can continue to work until I’m ready to retire. No spousal benefits taken yet.

Signed: Reevaluating my Retirement

Dear Reevaluating Retirement:

I’m assuming you asked for your Social Security benefits to start in September (when you originally planned to retire), but that you won’t be 70 years old until March 2027.

If that is correct, be aware that you will not immediately get all of your earned Delayed Retirement Credits when your benefits start in September – you will only initially get the DRCs you have earned through the end of 2025.

That’s because Social Security usually applies DRCs in January of each year. So, what will happen is that your September benefit amount will lack the 5.3% DRCs you earned in 2026, until January 2027 when they will apply the DRCs earned in 2026 to your monthly payment amount.

Said simply, your initial September benefit will not include your full age 69.5 entitlement because it won’t include the 5.3% extra you earned in 2026. That extra monthly amount will be awarded in January 2027.

FYI, if you were to, instead, claim for your SS benefits to start in the month you turn 70 (March 2027), you would get your full age 70 amount immediately (SS awards all earned DRCs if benefits are claimed to start in the month you turn 70).

Now, on to your question: Yes, if you take your benefits effective with September 2026 you can suspend your benefits, but you can only suspend them until the month you turn 70. And if you are suspending your benefits, you will not need to repay Social Security for any benefits you happen to receive

before you suspend.

As is obvious, you will not receive any SS payments while your benefits are suspended, and you will earn DRCs for the months your benefits are suspended, resulting in a higher monthly amount at age 70. Also, since you have already passed your SS Full Retirement Age, you can work and earn as much as you like, without your Social Security benefits being negatively affected.

Regarding your comment “No Spousal benefits taken yet.” FYI, you cannot get spousal benefits while your benefits are suspended, nor can your wife get spousal benefits from you while you SS retirement benefits are suspended.

To be clear, spouse benefits are only paid when one spouse’s benefit at their FRA is less than 50% of the other spouse’s FRA benefit. Spouse benefits are always based upon FRA entitlements, not on the larger amounts which will result from waiting longer to claim.

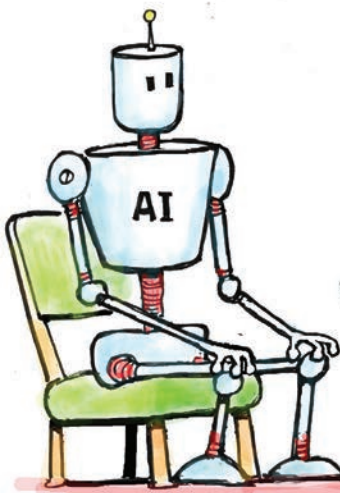
In other words, your wife would only be eligible for a spousal benefit from you if her FRA entitlement was less than 50% of your FRA entitlement (not your age 70 SS entitlement). And she cannot get a spousal benefit while your benefits are suspended.

To recap: Yes, you can suspend receipt of your SS retirement benefits until the month you turn 70 and get credit for that delay (resulting in a higher benefit). And, yes, you can continue working as long as you wish and your benefits will not be negatively affected.

And just for added information, you can also ask Social Security to withdraw your current application for SS benefits and then reapply in January 2027 for your benefits to start in March 2027, the month you turn 70. You have both options.

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DREAM APPLICANT FOR SCHOOL SHORTAGES...



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In Past Pages

5 years (Sept. 30, 2021)

Master stone masons Rick Longbottom and Eric Prentiss of Stone Builders Masonry have been donating their skill and sweat in a much needed upgrade to Massachusetts’ Central Tree, a state-registered historical landmark located along Central Tree Road in Rutland. This venture is part of an Eagle Scout Project by Scout Candidate Joe Lancaster of Rutland. Contributions and materials by Sansoucy Stone and Evan Starbard are adding to the project. The finished project will replace the dilapidated fence that previously adjoined the landmark and replace it with a custom built semi-circle stone sitting wall and a state historical marker. The Rutland Historical Commission and the Rutland Tricentennial Committee are actively involved in the project with a formal unveil and proclamation to soon follow.

Noted farmer and author, Wendell Berry said, “If you don’t know where you are, you may not know who you are.” Larry Buell, native of Petersham and local historian, believes strongly in this principle and has been instrumental in sharing local history and lore since moving back to his boyhood town over fifty years ago. To further this work, Buell will offer a program on the “Biography of the Place: A Sense of Place” tour in the Eastern section of Petersham on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 2-4 p.m. People should meet on the Petersham Common. Buell has a depth of understanding of this section of land since founding the Earthlands Program Center in 1987, 34 years ago. The tour, which will include carpooling and moderate hiking to sites, will include early history of the Indigenous Nipmuc people; early homestead sites long gone and the emergence of new landscapes for education, community and conservation.

The Hardwick Board of Selectmen discussed hold-

Look Back

Accident Hardwood Crossing



Photo Courtesy of Barre Historical Society

This accident occurred on July 27, 1954 at Hardwood Crossing, Hubbardston Road, Route 62 at Granger Road. The driver of the truck only suffered minor injuries.

ing Trick or Treat this year because it was canceled last year due to the pandemic. The Police Department suggested having Trunk or Treat on the Common, an event that has worked out well in previous years. Selectmen Vice-Chair Julie Quink said prior to the pandemic the town always had Halloween events at the municipal building, and she would like to see that continue if possible. The board agreed it would be ideal to offer Trunk or Treat in the villages of Gilbertville and Wheelwright, in addition to the Common. Selectmen Clerk H. Robert Ruggles did not want children from the villages to be left out of festivities. The board will discuss their Halloween options with both the Police Department and the Board of Health.

10 years (Oct. 1, 2016)
Not available

25 years (Sept. 27, 2001)
Hardwick Town Moderator Ryan Witkos outpolled two others to capture the Republican 5th District primary and will face Spencer Attorney Anne Gobi in the Oct. 23 special election. Gobi beat out Greg Caille, a former aide to state Sen. Stephen M. Brewer (D-Barre) to win the Democratic primary. Gobi’s

strength was her total in Spencer, where she carried the town 1,310 to Callie’s 149. Gobi overall picked up 2,002 votes to Caille’s 1,764. On the Republican side, Witkos earned 928 votes in the ten-town district, easily outpolling challengers E. Lee Bombria IV with 356 and Larry Hassenfus, who won 463 votes.

For the third time since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, the Quabbin Reservoir was closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic because of security concerns. The latest closure was ordered after two small planes violated the reservoir’s 500 foot ceiling restriction last weekend. The Massachusetts State Police, along with the Federal Aviation Administration, are investigating. Rangers from the Metropolitan District Commission, which is responsible for the 40 square miles of area encompassing the reservoir, has been posted a main gates and all entrances are barricaded. In addition, security was tightened around this new treatment station in Ware, which lies at the head of a long aqueduct system delivering water to Springfield, Chicopee and South Hadley.

It’s called a stook and sim-
See PAST, page 6

Raised beds? Why not!

I have to say that today I am having a hard time thinking of something to write about.

As I scan my mind of all the seasonal gardening topics, I come up blank. Winter squash? Done it. Mums? Ditto. Seed saving. Yup.

So, on this rainy Sunday, I give you all the luck of the draw. I will grab a gardening book off of my shelf, twirl the pages, and where my finger lands, I will expound on the subject. It may not be autumnal, but it will be interesting, I guarantee that.

Here we go...

The book I grabbed from the shelf was “The Dirt Cheap Green Thumb,” by Rhonda Massingham Hart. My finger landed on page 189, with the heading “Raise Your Beds, Not Your Expenses.”

I have some experience with raised beds. In my home garden I have four rock-edged beds. Prior to that I had beds edged in pine slabs.

My friend uses hemlock edged beds and is happy with them. I envy how neat and

orderly they are. Another friend is using galvanized metal beds this year. They seem to be all the rage.

Her tomatoes and peppers continue to produce like gangbusters even late in the

season. She has just gotten back into gardening after a two year hiatus and

I am proud of her and happy she has been so successful.

Let’s begin our chat with some of the advantages of raised bed gardening.

The first one that comes to mind is that you can be selective about the soil you fill it with. I’ve enjoyed using the Coast of Maine Raised Bed Mix.

Blending loam and aged manure or compost at a 2 to 1 ratio is another option.

Additionally, raised beds make it easy to concentrate fertilizers where they are needed.

In large garden plots we often broadcast fertilizers and other amendments throughout the bed. Some inevitably gets wasted in walkways or around hills of plants.

Raised beds can be constructed to suit your needs. I wanted to be able to reach into the middle of my beds from either side, so they are about four feet wide.

Some gardeners construct them 36 inches wide so there is less of a stretch.

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A PLACE OF TRUE CONTENT

*In the quiet, deepest moments of a day to hold and keep,
A gentle kiss of pure intent that speaks of thresholds crossed,
Gives birth to whispered words of passage, to a place of true content.*

*Through the many years we've known each other,
That spark of life and hope has kept us close,
Then, out of purest understanding, comes a walk to higher ground.*

*Friendship is a precious gift of life, to treasure and hold dear,
And never take for granted through indifference or intent,
We have grown and nurtured it, like the sweetest of fruits.*

*Just now and then a quiet moment opens a door to share one's soul,
A chance to let your guard down long enough to cross the line,
Between friendship and that higher form of feeling called intimacy.*

*To cross that threshold carries with it a certain bit of risk,
The soul exposed requires a mirror image to exist,
So, there we were, in a place few people ever get to see.*

*Oddly, sleep did not come easy in the hours that followed,
I have no idea why. Perhaps not wanting this blessed time to end,
Perhaps not sure if we'll ever see that time again. Can't say.*

*Perhaps, in the safe haven of coming close, but not quite there,
One dares not take that step for fear of losing what's familiar,
And take the chance that reaching out will not be returned in equal shares.*

*But this, I find, is not the case, for here it seems we are,
To seek the higher plane of sharing the reaches of our souls,
And spend a moment pure in time in a place we've not yet been.*

*To welcome times without restraint, when friendship lays behind,
And seek to find a higher calling, something unexpected and unknown,
We warmly welcome this transition, to A Place of True Content.*

– B. SPLAINE

NO SENSE

*Itsy bitsy spider
Tiny little mouse,
I've always been afraid
You'd really like my house.*

*When I should be in a dream,
I may be on a stool.
May even hear me scream,
Looking like a fool.*

*Never take a peek,
Afraid to check the trap.
Yet persist to hear you squeak,
You play me for a sap.*

*What really is a hoot
Is what really keeps me calm.
A monthly pricey boot,
The burglar alarm.*

*No matter how I try,
Continue with this strife.
No Sense to tell a lie,
Hell bent to end your life.*

– Patricia Masten

Designer
Pancake
Breakfast
Oct. 10

BARRE The next Designer Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star takes place on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St.

People may create their favorite pancake with chips, nuts, fruit and more. The complete breakfast includes designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and always real maple syrup.

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Guest Column

Tragedy can happen anywhere, anytime

By A.B, Splaine

Every day of every week, month, year, decade, even century, somewhere in the world a tragic event occurs.

Whether it's the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 or Pearl Harbor in 1941 or the World Trade Center in 2001 or the incredible flooding in Nepal just days ago; no generation is spared.

All are hard to believe when you first hear of them, but personal tragedies like the one we've been witness to in the northeastern Massachusetts community of Duxbury with the mother on trial for strangling her three small children seem inconceivable that they would happen in this day and age and so close to home.

You want to ask whether there is something going on in our world that is so twisted that it puts these kinds of thoughts in people's minds. Our outrage at the loss of these three children demands retribution.

And yet, there are people on the jury deliberating the fate of Lindsey Clancy who have questions about whether she was in full command of her faculties when she did this horrific thing.

Even though this happened less than one hundred miles from these Pioneer Valley towns we live in, we should not think for a moment that such a thing could not happen here, because it did.

On March 21, 1901 Elizabeth Ann Craig and

Frank Narramore and their six children lived in nearby Coldbrook and were desperately poor. Fearing the separation of her family and their possible deaths from starvation Elizabeth took the lives of all six of her children and then tried, but failed, to take her own life.

In his funeral oration, Barre Congregational Church minister Charles Talmidge condemned the act and put the blame on Frank Narramore's failure to provide for his family and for the failure of the community to prevent it.

Mrs. Narramore stood trial for the murder of her eldest child and was found not guilty by reason of insanity. She was committed to a state asylum in Worcester and was released five years later. Both Elizabeth and Frank Narramore disappeared into society, never to be heard from again.

The preceding paragraph comes from the inscription on the gravestone set in memory of those six children, in the graveyard on the grounds

of the former Rutland State Hospital.

When I heard of this tragedy recently from a close friend, it put me in mind of so many thoughts impressed upon the hearts of my sisters and I by our mother so long ago.

Things like, "There but for fortune go you or I" and "Walk a mile in my shoes before you judge me". Little bits of wisdom imparted from one generation to another, worth far more than wealth or title.

I know little or nothing about Lindsey Clancy as to what kind of hell she was living in when she snapped, but the simple fact that "Twelve good men (and women) and true" cannot find an answer, speaks volumes about our jurisprudence system and ourselves for taking the oath of a juror seriously before voting for something we're not sure of.

Would that we'd take our citizenship equally seriously at every opportunity to practice it.

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group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross

stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at

1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

GARDEN from page 4

In my four beds, I have a pretty good crop rotation system going. Each crop does a slide to the next bed each year. That way it is four years before onions are grown in the same space. Another interesting thing I have set up is that onions, for example, follow melons in my rotation. I grow the melons on black plastic. All season long the black plastic is limiting weeds from germinating, so that hopefully next year, the onions, who hate weeds, will see less weed pressure.

Raised beds warm up quicker in the spring, and stay warmer later into the fall. Sometimes the edging material helps with that.

My rock beds, for example, hold heat. So does the metal to some degree.

In mid spring, prior to the frost-free date, raised beds can be easily fitted with hoops on which plastic or polyester row covers can be draped to offer even more frost protection. They can also be covered with the black plastic I mentioned to grow crops like melons or peppers, who appreciate the heat.

With raised beds you will likely never need your rototiller. Beds can effortlessly be turned over by hand from either side. Typically, unless you walk all over them, the soil in the raised beds stays nice and friable, as well.

If I need to get into my beds, say to separate crops, sometimes I will position



Submitted Photo by Dawn Rudnansky

a plank across the width of the bed, and step on that to disperse my weight, therefore avoiding compaction. Plants always grow better in loose soil.

I almost forgot the obvious! Raised beds are easier to work with. Beds are typically a foot or so tall, sometimes a bit taller.

Bring out a short stool to the garden and you can comfortably sit and work in the beds. No more long periods of stooping or crouching.

Well, I hope you enjoyed reading this luck of the draw column as much as I did writing it! And if you hav-

en't gardened in a couple of years, give raised beds a try and maybe you will be as fortunate as my friend, with six foot tomato plants still going strong at the end of September!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Library summer reading program had 939 attendees for the 43 free programs from June 23 to Aug. 1. Also during that period there were 4,455 visitors to the library, roughly 120 patrons per day.

She said a sign in Barre about high taxes and the condition of roads was not completely accurate. She said the sign assumes town taxes pay for roadwork in town. While there is a general fund "road repair" account, these funds aren't used for road resurfacing.

Road resurfacing is funded through Chapter 90 monies from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. All projects required MassDOT approval prior to work being done.

She said Barre's FY

2027 Chapter 90 funds was \$425,681.81 with a rural allotment based on road mileage and population on rural roads of \$323,302.33 for a total of \$748,984.01.

Town well

Select Board Chairman Marshall thanked all who helped with the water problem. She said the cost for hauling water into town, purchased from the town of Templeton, would be charged to the Enterprise Fund. She said the well situation was on "reasonable footing." The town was looking into a new well, but it would take four or five years to get another well up and running.

Amendment Host
Community Agreement

Barre has two major medical marijuana facilities in town: one indoors and

one outdoors. The 2024 policy and procedures for medical establishments needed to be upgraded to include how to apply and needed an application marijuana and equity plan. Town Counsel looked over the document and approved the upgrades. Select Board member Richard Stevens made a motion to adopt host community agreement for medical marijuana and the board approved

Revolving fund for
Felton Field

The Town Accountant recommended a revolving fund for Felton Field of \$2,000. Rental money for use of the field will go into the revolving fund and used for winterizing rest rooms and electrical. The amount of money, hereafter, would be set every year at the Annual Town Meeting.

HUBBARDSTON
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Shea, who owns a museum in town, and would house the boat until the town finds a viable place to keep it, but they want the town to have ownership of the artifact.

Blanchard said they are offering private funds for the transport, casing and installation of the boat, and said he has used private funding in the past for things like monuments in town. Blanchard said if the town does get ownership, it could be placed in the town offices or the First Meetinghouse.

Betty Ann Sharp, who serves on the First Meetinghouse Preservation Committee, said there are many years of work to be done at the building before they know if it's a safe place to house artifacts.

Katie Young, chair of the Select Board, noted that the director of the museum in Worcester wrote a letter telling the town to refrain from

impeding in their negotiations with the Nipmuck tribe, and said if the town itself writes a letter, it could come off poorly.

Young also noted that the town of Barre recently got sued over Native artifacts. She also noted that since the boat is so large, at 12 feet long, it would be nearly impossible to get it into town buildings.

She said the town is not a museum and the canoe should go to the Nipmuck tribe.

Select Board member Kris Pareago disagreed, saying if the town were to get possession of the canoe, they should place it in a public area where people can come in and learn the history of the artifact and enjoy it. He said if the town owns it, they can do what they want with it, and try their best to preserve it.

Pareago made a motion to allow interim town administrator Timothy Bragan to write a letter on the town's behalf to the

museum indicating that they would like to be next in line for the canoe if negotiations determine the Nipmuck tribe do not want it. The motion passed 3-1.

Upcoming events

There will be a car show at the Rod and Gun Club on Oct. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., a scarecrow and pumpkin carving contest at the First Meetinghouse on Oct. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. as a fundraiser and trick or treating will be held Oct. 31 from 5-8 p.m.

Consent agenda

The board unanimously approved a consent agenda including the reappointments of Connie Strittmatter to the Cultural Council and David Horne as Alternate Building Inspector, the appointment of Guro! Tuncman to the Board of Health and the approval of the June 15 meeting minutes.

The Select Board will meet next on Oct. 5.

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ply put it is a shock or pile of sheaves of grain. The grain was the flint corn that members of the New Braintree Historical Society, Sept. 29 at a field located at Thistle Rock Farm on Adams Road in New Braintree. The group busily went about the tasks of cutting stocks and then putting them into the stooks to field dry the years of corn for

a husking bee event planned later in the fall. Donald Adams and his nephew, Rick Adams planted the flint corn in the spring to harvest in the fall and to be husked at a husking bee as part of the 250th anniversary celebration in New Braintree.

38 years (Oct. 1, 1998)

The Department of Environmental Management has selected to town of

Barre to receive a Historic Landscape Preservation Grant worth \$37,800 to develop a rehabilitation plan for the Barre Common area. In a letter to Sarah Dyer, chairman of the Barre Commons Advisory Committee, DEM Commissioner Peter Webber wrote, "The town of Barre submitted an excellent proposal in a competitive field." DEM received 70 applications representing over \$2.5

million in grant requests, but only 29 projects were selected for funding for \$900,000 in grant awards for Fiscal Year 1999. Dyers said, "This is the first step. The second step is to apply for the Public Works Economic Development grant worth \$1 million. That application has already been submitted."

A reasoned appeal by an abutter to the Center School

basketball court at the Sept. 2 Hubbardston Selectmen's meeting caused the selectmen to modify the 6 p.m. curfew imposed recently for the facility. The curfew had been established to deal with a problem of vandalism and littering that has increased in recent months. June Hubbard-Ward, who lives next door to the school, expressed her disappointment with the curfew, saying a lot of children, her own sons included, take their basketball very seriously. She said there is no other local court on which they can practice. "A few who hang out there are spoiling it for the many," she said. She said she has repeatedly asked for more police to patrol to patrol the area.

"I'm going to pass on the magic. Washington was

magic," said teacher Dorothy Verheyen after her return from a three-week conference in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the National Geographic Alliance. The Ruggles Lane School fifth grade teacher was one of three teachers in Massachusetts invited to attend the all-expense paid conference from July 5 to 24. She returned to Ruggles Lane with a \$1,000 worth of materials, a wealth of knowledge and a commitment to share her experience with pupils and other teachers in the area. The theme of the conference sponsored by the National Geographic Society was "People, places and patterns." Geography puts the pieces together." This is the theme that will be promoted during Geography Awareness Week, Nov. 15-21.



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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.



Ian Sauri-Neves tries to get by a defender.

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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.

Sports

Candlepin League News

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Bondsville League

WARE – Week two of the Wednesday Night Bondsville League commenced at Roll-A-Way Lanes on Sept. 16.

After two weeks, Spare Parts has yet to lose a game and is 14-0 to start the season. The team leads in both the league and in the west division.

In week two, P&J Meats bowled against Slow Burners. In game one, Slow Burners defeated P&J Meats with a score of 451-440.

In game two, Shaun Midura of P&J Meats found the range and scored 121 to help his team win 478-415.

In game three, P&J Meats won again with a score of 440-425. Midura finished with 108 and a three-game series of 326.

P&J Meats win all seven points as the final score was 1358-1291.

Spare Parts bowled against the Flaming Bowling Balls in week two. In game one, Jared Demitri of Sparts scored 130 to lead his team to a 482-407 win.

In game two, Spare Parts won again with a score of 479-471. Demitri scored 109 while his teammates, Steven Daniel and John Jebb, scored 108 and 107.

In game three, Spare Parts completed the three-game sweep by winning the last game 460-456. Demitri scored another 109 on his way to the score of 348.

The final score was

1421-1334 in favor of the undefeated Spare Parts.

The Night Hawks bowled against Spare Tires during week two. In game one, Night Hawks were successful at winning by score of 440-416. Darryl Sinclair of Night Hawks began the night with 115.

In game two, Night Hawks won again by a score of 464-454. Gavin Sinclair of Night Hawks lead the team to victory with 122.

In game three, Spare Tires pulled ahead of Night Hawks with a score of 431-429. D. Sinclair finished with 122 and a series of 339.

The final score was 1333-1301 in favor of Night Hawks.

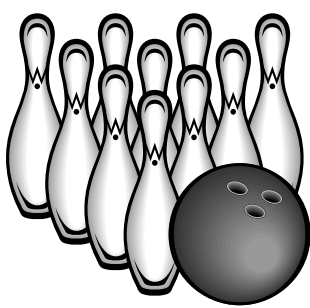
The Cannonballs bowled against the 2025-2026 League Champions Fire Mountain. In game one, Fire Mountain beat the Cannonballs by a score of 476-468. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain began with 111.

In game two, Micah Hinckley scored 121 as the Cannonballs won by a score of 502-497. Trott had a strong game of 123 but fell short against Hinckley of the Cannonballs.

In game three, Cannonballs stayed hot as they won the last game 490-447. Hinckley finished with 114 for a 334 series.

The final score was 1460-1420 in favor of Cannonballs, who start off the season 10-4.

The Pincesses bowled against Zeke’s Freaks during week two. In game one, Pincesses beat Zeke’s Freaks by one pin, 458-457.



Pete Ducharme of Zeke’s Freaks scored 110.

In game two, Ryan Breen of Zeke’s Freaks scored 109 to help the Freaks win 474-436. Keith Ferenz of Pincesses had a good game of 103.

In game three, Pincesses won by a score of 449-442. Kevin “Kras” Krasnecky of Zeke’s Freaks finished the night with 109.

The final score was 1373-1343 in favor of Zeke’s Freaks.

On the last two lanes of Roll-A-Way Lanes, Rolliies bowled against the Ironmen. In game one, Ironmen defeated Rolliies by a score of 474-459.

Billy Brunk of Ironmen started the match with 127, while Sue Horton of Rolliies started with 128.

In game two, Ironmen won again by a score of 450-435. Substitute bowler for Ironmen Phil Clough scored 114 to keep Ironmen in the lead.

In game three, Ironmen completed the sweep as they defeated Rolliies 466-411. Jason Swistak of Ironmen had scores of 111, 104 and 121 on his way to a series of 336. Brunk had a series of 331. final score was 1390-1305 in favor of Ironmen.

Next Hall inductees announced

BARRE – Tickets for the 11th Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame Induction are now available for the Nov. 7 ceremony to be held at Teresa’s Restaurant, 315 Palmer Road, Ware, MA. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the induction ceremony.

Seven individuals and a pair of championship teams will be honored. Dating back

to the first induction in 2002, this will bring the total number of individual inductees to 72 in addition to 11 teams.

The induction class includes Louis Panaccione ’75, Eugene Rich ’95, Matthew Brunelle ’08, Stephany Halfrey ’15, Thaddeus J. Gumula Contributor and Athletic Director, Coach Cheryl Adams, Coach Debra Spinelli, 1979 Field Hockey

Team and 1998-99 Boys Varsity Basketball Team.

Tickets are \$50 and may be obtained by calling Hall of Fame Chairman Ted Gumula at (413) 348-0414 or through the mail by contacting: Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 874 Barre, MA 01005. The last date to purchase tickets will be Oct. 23. All checks must be payable to Quabbin Regional School District.

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great community. So welcoming and friendly,” she said. “I would like to see the school become stronger and the community around the school become stronger. I think that we have so much potential here and that there’s so much good to be had here.”

Matthews is a mother, and she has worked as a teacher, playgroup facilitator, developmental specialist and nanny. She has also been a special needs foster parent.

Matthews said she has a lot of personal experience as a parent of special needs students, and she understands the importance of IEPs and a strong special education program.

“I want to be a part of building the special needs facet of the school system to have a better reputation,” she said.

Candidate Deb Arnold said she has a “soft spot” for

North Brookfield schools, and she had four children go through the school district.

“I just feel called to help with making a better community, and I also believe in the public school system... we have a lot going for us,” she said. “In general, public schools, I think, have made this nation what it is.”

Arnold said she served nine years on the School Committee at the time the high school was built. She is currently an observer on the Rural Schools Committee for the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Arnold said she has lived in town for 44 years, and she works as the secretary of the First Congregational Church, a position she has held for 35 years.

“I kind of stick to things once I start doing them...I don’t give up easily,” she said.

Arnold said she has “done everything” on the School Committee, including writing

policies and negotiating contracts. She has also worked with the Finance Committee to build the school district’s budget.

Arnold said during this time, the Finance Committee recommended more than just net school spending for the school district’s budget.

“The school makes the town,” she said.

Arnold said there is value to having a small school, where students can get individual attention and “don’t slip through the crack.”

Arnold also worked on the North Brookfield Educational Task Force.

The School Committee members voted 3-1 to appoint Matthews to fill the vacant seat.

School Committee Chair Matt Grant said Matthews will next go before the Board of Selectmen for appointment to the committee.

Grant said after Matthews is appointed and sworn-in, the committee will reorganize.

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per year, plus about \$30,000 in benefits, compared to the current \$45,000 per year.

Appointment

The board appointed Gio Giannetti as the Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator following an interview with Caggiano. Dr. John Mott of the Board of Health and Jen Kolenda of the Assessors. Caggiano said he has a human resources background.

Sewer items

The board set the sewer rate at \$1,299 per equivalent dwelling unit, which the town has about 740 of, according to Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker. He said the Eagle Hill School accounts for 116 of them, and they are billed on outgoing wastewater, which is unique to them.

Caggiano said this will affect the bills of Jan. 1, 2027 when quarterly billing starts.

The board also dis-

cussed a violation at Quabbin Estates with Sewer Superintendent Scott Potter, who said they are clogging up the Wheelwright system, and have not paid a fine imposed on them.

He said they have reached out to two engineers to solve the problem.

Trick or Treat

The board set the trick or treating hours for 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, and will meet next on September 21.



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In the Classroom

Pathfinder Tech welcomes new principal

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PALMER – As Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School reopens for the new year, the community welcomed Principal Jay Taylor to the staff.

Taylor has a diverse background in education, which has involved working in multiple roles as both a teacher and an administrator. He described himself as feeling honored and excited to be joining Pathfinder Tech.

“Each role taught me something different and helped shape who I am as school leader,” Taylor said.

This week, Taylor is coming off of the late-week Professional Development ahead of students arriving at Pathfinder this past Monday. This served as Taylor’s opportunity to introduce himself to the staff, and discuss all the opportunities the school has to offer and why he loves technical vocational education.

“People see relevance in their learning,” Taylor said. “Schools like Pathfinder Tech have the opportunity to change the trajectory of people’s lives.”

“Above all I have an uncompromising dedication to students. What works best for students is the compass I bring to instructional leadership,” Taylor said. “My leadership style is being visible, being present, interacting with students and being available in hallways. My goal is to be the first person that welcomes every kid into the building.”

“It used to be if you didn’t fit into this box that the school system expected, then you’d be ‘discarded’ to a vocational school,” Taylor said. “Nowadays, it’s the place where everyone wants to be.”

Taylor shared a story from his own background as an illustration of what vocational technical schools like Pathfinder are for.

“When I was young, I wanted to be a lawyer forever, everyone knew that,” Taylor said. “I went to college as a prelaw student, and organically had a conversation with a professor who said he used to be a lawyer making millions in New York City, but never had time for his family. He said teaching was the best thing.

“At the time, I thought maybe law wasn’t for me,” Taylor continued. “Sophomore year, coming home for Thanksgiving, I

announced I didn’t want to be a lawyer anymore, and would maybe become a teacher someday.”

Taylor proceeded to switch majors to political science as an easy way to transfer credits. He was able to obtain a highly coveted internship for Senator John Kerry and worked in his Western Massachusetts office, where he performed clerical duties, ranging from opening letters, responding to emails, writing proclamations and putting everything through Kerry’s auto-pen.

“It was awesome,” Taylor said. “They actually asked me to stay on even after I graduated.”

After graduation, Taylor didn’t know what to do with his degree until he happened to run into a friend at a social gathering who was a substitute teacher at Taylor’s old high school.

“I absolutely loved it,” Taylor said. “I was the substitute everyone requested.”

That summer, Taylor encountered another friend, who was in charge of Duggan Middle School in Springfield, and invited him to teach English. After teaching at Duggan for a year and passing his Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure, Taylor moved to a middle school in Chicopee, where he taught social studies to seventh and eighth grade.

In Chicopee, Taylor worked as a soccer coach for the high school, and applied to teach social studies at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, the local vocational technical school. Taylor said this is when people started recommending that he apply to be an administrator.

“I left Chicopee to work in Westfield as the supervisor of social studies, where I supported all the social studies teachers in grades five-12 by doing evaluations,” Taylor said. “It was good, but I didn’t work with kids anymore. I really wanted to be able to work with kids and also be an agent for change.”

This is when Taylor decided to pursue a position as assistant principal, which he filled at Lawrence School in Holyoke after the COVID-19 pandemic. Taylor then moved to Baird Middle School in Ludlow when the principal resigned.

He described being “voluntold” by the superintendent to take on the responsibility



Jay Taylor

of supporting the interim principal.

“I got a lot of pressure to throw my hat in, and was offered the position,” Taylor said. “I loved it at the middle school. It was a great learning experience and took a lot of hard

work.” Taylor described the early days at Baird as “really dysfunctional and unorganized,” but he was able to put systems in place to support learning and restore calmness to building.

“Through hard work, that building dramatically changed,” Taylor said. “Now people go to the building and say it’s one of the quietest middle schools. People are smiling when they had never smiled before.”

Taylor said he was able to work together with the staff at Baird to improve the culture at the school.

“I really liked that, and the kids were great,” Taylor said. “But I had itching to get back into high school and specifically vocational school. Since I taught at Chicopee Comp, I had always enjoyed working there, and I loved that kids were able to see the relevance in their learning through vocational schools.”

Besides the increased relevance of technical programs, Taylor also appreciates the strong connections that vocational schools have with their communities. He has said that teaching at the high school level feels more rewarding and impactful for the students.

“Every single place I’ve worked has been a meaningful experience, but most gratifying for me, personally, has been the high school level,” Taylor said. “Vocational schools like Pathfinder provide opportunities to seriously change the trajectory of someone’s life. When you graduate from a school like Pathfinder, you’re not just career-ready, but also college capable.”

Having worked at multiple vocational technical schools, Taylor said that Pathfinder has a unique advantage by serving nine different communities in the area.

“Chicopee Comp (and other vocational techni-

cal schools) all have great instructors, administration, students, and communities they serve, but Pathfinder has a broader availability to service students,” Taylor said. “We pull in students from all different towns, so we have more diversity economically and socially. We have the opportunity to create these cultures and bring people together, that’s something I’d say Pathfinder has an advantage in that sense.”

Taylor also spoke about the cutting-edge equipment at Pathfinder, saying that the school “offers the best materials and resources for our students.”

“I got my first tour of the building with the Head of Maintenance, and I felt like a kid in a candy store going through the tech programs and seeing the tools,” Taylor said.

Though he said talking about himself was “the most uncomfortable part” of his day, Taylor shared a little bit about his home life. His wife, Dr. Elizabeth Taylor, also works in education, in the field of school psychology.

“I absolutely love her, she’s the best,” Taylor said. “The best Professional Development I get is at dinner table, talking with her.”

The Taylors live in Feeding Hills with their two children, Catherine, age 10, Matt, age 8, and their black labrador, Shep. Taylor said Matt, who shares his name with his father but goes by his middle name, is an athlete who plays hockey, lacrosse and soccer, and Catherine, nicknamed “The General,” seems to have inherited his drive to be a lawyer.

“I’m deeply affected by my family and take any chance I get to spend time with them. They’re the anchor in my life, and I love them more than anything,” Taylor said.

Pathfinder Tech is about to start offering classes in medical assisting at its Cold Spring Campus in Belchertown. Taylor mentioned the school is considering expanding its offerings to include things like veterinarian studies and criminal justice.

If you’d like to know more about what Pathfinder Tech has to offer, you can visit their website at PathfinderTech.org.

The Stone Church Cultural Center concert series

HARDWICK – The Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville, has announced its 2026-2027 concert season, opening on Saturday, Sept. 26th.

The series will feature four ticketed programs, in addition to four free concerts from the Weir River Jazz Ensemble and Weir River Concert Band. This is the first season with Artistic Director, Mary Mackenzie, at the helm.

“I am thrilled to be a new member of the Hardwick arts community, and part of my mission with the concert series is to share unique classical artists and programs with the community” said Artistic Director and soprano Mary Mackenzie in a press release.

“This season will feature familiar faces like pianist Diana Fanning from Vermont, performing a dynamic solo piano program featuring works by Beethoven, Czech composer Leoš Janáček, Debussy, and Chopin, and fan-favorite organist Peter Krasinski, who will be creating his own unique accompaniment to Buster Keaton’s innovative silent comedy, ‘The General,’” she said.

To open the season, Mackenzie will present “Wild & Tended” with pianist Matthew Jaskot.

“This program is my love letter to art song

and its evolution, featuring some of my favorite German, French and American composers and songs that I have performed over the past 20 years,” Mackenzie said.

For the season finale, the Stone Church will present “Voyages” by Grammy-nominated classical and world music artist David Krakauer and acclaimed pianist/composer/producer Kathleen Tagg.

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“Voyages” brings together all aspects of their music making- influences range from interlocking African drumming patterns to jazz to Romantic symphonic music to minimalism to klezmer.

Season subscriptions and individual tickets are now available online from the Stone Church’s box office. www.friendsofthestonechurch.org

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“Niniquabbin agreed to join efforts to take Port Royal,” Duffy said.

Port Royal was the capital of New France, which is now Nova Scotia.

Duffy also spoke about the “lost town” of Greenwich, which was one of four towns disincorporated to create the Quabbin Reservoir. He said there is little known about the Native Americans who lived in the other towns that made up the Quabbin Reservoir.

Duffy said Greenwich was known for having good soil for crops, and an abundant supply of Atlantic salmon in the river. When the salmon spawned “it was like Christmas time” for the Native Americans, who would catch the fish and smoke the meat.

Sometime after 1708, Niniquabbin moved to Greenwich. In his book about the Quabbin Reservoir, author Walter Clark noted: “The early Indians of Greenwich belonged to the Nipmuc Tribe...The plantation was named after King Quabbin, a local chief.”

Duffy said arrowheads and other Native American relics were found in this area, dating back a considerable time, including bowls made from soapstone.

“Their use ended hundreds of years before Niniquabbin arrived in the Greenwich area,” Duffy said.

To learn more about the River Indians and Duffy’s research, people can check out his books at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

VENDORS FOR CRAFT FAIR are needed for the Rutland Friends of the Council on Aging craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Rutland Senior Center, Glenwood Road, Rutland. Those interested can get information at calling 508-886-7945.

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS take place today from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. This four part chorus is always looking for singers who enjoy a good time and don’t mind working hard for a beautiful blend. This season’s picks are: “A Doc” arranged Christmas medley; “Come to the Woods” by Jake Runestad; “Feels Like Home;” “Carol of the Bells;” “Down in the River to Pray;” “Hallelujah Chorus” and Sign No More, Ladies,” an original from Tom Martin.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

HISTORY AT PLAY with a presentation by Deborah Sampson, entitled “A Revolution of Her Own” takes place today at 7 p.m. in the Williamsville Chapel 4 Burnshirt Road, Hubbardston. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. People may RSVP to hubhistory1767@gmail.com. This program is partially funded by the Hubbardston Cultural Council.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

ART SHOW sponsored by the Cultural Council of Hubbardston and the Council on Aging in the Meeting House, on the Common, Hubbardston, takes place today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The show will focus on local artisans. The theme is based on historical barns of Hubbardston. Those who wish to exhibit should call Cindy at 978-928-5526 for information or to reserve a spot at the event. All are welcome.

PRINCETON ART’S 35TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT “Songs and Stories: The Mess and Magic of Making Musicals” takes place today at the First Congregational Church, 14 Mountain Road, Princeton at 7 p.m. The day begins with an interactive afternoon workshop for young people in fourth through eighth grades. For more information email contact@princetonarts.org and ask for From Page to State workshop registration information. The program is made possible by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation.

CHICKEN BARBECUE sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star takes place today with pickup time at 1 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. The meal consists of 1/2 chicken, homemade Coleslaw, baked potato, bread and cranberry sauce. It is prepared by the their great barbecue cooks with their special touch. Price is \$18 each. Reservations are needed by Monday, Sept. 21. People may call or mes-

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Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

This week’s mystery photo is from Petersahm. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, Sept. 28. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Rosemary Horan and James Laramee correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was a view of the Oakham Town Hall showing the fire escape and entrance to the Senior Center.

comes area hams and anyone curious about amateur radio to reach out and get involved. Whether you’re a licensed operator, a lapsed one looking to get back on the air, or simply curious what ham radio is all about, there’s a place for you in the club as it heads toward its 40th year. For more information about QVARC, upcoming events, or how to get involved, visit www.qvarc.com or find the club on Facebook at Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club.

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

FREE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP takes place today at 6:30 p.m. in the New Salem Public Library, 23 South Main St., New Salem. No specialized camera equipment is necessary to participate in the workshop or to explore photography during Quabbin Days. More information can be found at the New Salem Library website www.NewSalem.cwmars.org.

QUABBIN DAYS MONTH LONG PHOTO CONTEST takes place during the month of October. Residents of Athol, Belchertown, New Salem and Pelham are invited to grab their cameras or smartphones and capture what makes the Quabbin Region so special as part of this month-long photography event being held in conjunction with Quabbin Days. The contest is being conducted in partnership with four libraries – the Athol Public Library, Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown, New Salem Public Library, and Pelham Library, and is open to residents of those communities. Photographs entered in the contest must be taken during the month of October 2026 and may be taken in any of the 12 towns that make up the Quabbin Region. The deadline for submitting photographs is on Saturday, Oct. 31 at midnight.

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

IRISH COMEDY SHOW sponsored by the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors takes place today with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield St., Wilbraham. All tickets must be purchased in advance at the senior center. Tickets are \$20. All proceeds to support multiple programs and services for Wilbraham Seniors. For more information people may call Matt Villamaino 413-896-2206 or visit the Wilbraham Senior Center.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

BARRE TOWN WIDE YARD SALE takes place today from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre offers table space for anyone wishing to participate. People must donate their profit to the church and take home any items they do not sell. The yard sale happens rain or shine. In case of rain, tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall. The Supper Committee will sell hamburgers and hotdogs the day of the yard sale.

sage Dolly at 508-826-7535.

FESTIVAL OF FORGOTTEN ARTS hosted by Rutland Historical Society takes place today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the Lower Rutland Town Common, Rutland. This is a fun day exploring and learning about bygone arts and crafts such as quilting, pottery, chair caning, rug hooking, butter making and more. The event will be held rain or shine. There is no charge to participate and crafters and artists are welcome to sell their product. To participate, they must be willing to demonstrate and share information about their craft. If interested, they should email rutlandmahistorical@gmail.com for more information.

MUSICAL BINGO, PIZZA AND SILENT AUCTION sponsored by the Mary and Martha Sodality takes place today from 608 p.m. in Dugan Hall at Sacred Heart Church, 22 West Main St., West Brookfield. Pizza and beverages are available beginning at 6 p.m. Musical Bingo starts at 6:30 with music spanning the decades. Prizes are awarded. There is a silent auction. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the office at 508-867-6469 or emailing maryandmartha-sodality@gmail.com. Proceeds help support parish and community needs/activities. This is a 21 and over event.

PLANTING DAY hosted by the Hardwick Conservation Commission takes place today

from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. next to the gazebo at New Furnace Landing, Gilbertville. Parking is available across the street at Hardwick House of Pizza. Volunteers are needed to help plant native plants to stabilize the slope and attract pollinators. People should wear sturdy boots and work gloves and bring a hand trowel for planting. Volunteers can sign up for the whole day or work in shifts from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1-4 p.m. They should RSVP to Becky Bottomley by emailing b2b3bottomley@gmail.com.

WALK/RUN 5K to support dementia awareness will take place today with kick off at 11:30 a.m. at Smoke Crest Farm, 830 Springhill Road, Barre. Registration is \$15 before the event and \$20 the day of registration.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

SCIENCE PLAYGROUP coordinated by CFCE MOC takes place today at 10:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. The target age group is 6 and under. All are welcome and parental supervision is required.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

QUABOAG VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB meets today at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 73 Central St., West Brookfield. All are welcome to attend. QVARC warmly wel-

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 16
11:55 a.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasant Street, Officer/Chief Advised
12:30 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:04 p.m. Safety Concern, South Street, Call Transferred
3:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Barre Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
5:25 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Barre Police Headquarters, Information Taken
5:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Valley Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Aug. 17
2:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Mayo Road, Transported to Hospital
3:56 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Austin Street, Negative Contact
10:58 a.m. Safety Concern, Broad Street, Report Filed
11:36 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Negative Contact
3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
4:06 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Walnut Hill Road, Returned
4:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Trafalgar Square, Mutual Aid Transport
9:44 p.m. Noise Complaint,

Ruggles Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
Tuesday, Aug. 18
9:36 a.m. Larceny and Theft, Dana Road, Officer/Chief Advised
11 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:55 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party
6:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Trafalgar Square, Transported to Hospital
10:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Burnshirt Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Wednesday, Aug. 19
8:41 a.m. Threats, Lane Road, Officer Spoke to Party
10:03 a.m. Complaint, Barre Police Headquarters, Information Taken
2:56 p.m. Fire – Miscellaneous Fire, Mill Road, Investigated
5:35 p.m. Fire – Vehicle Fire, Summer Street, Investigated
9:04 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, Gone on Arrival
9:11 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Thursday, Aug. 20
1:09 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Nelson Street, Report Filed
11:18 a.m. Serve Warrant, Scott Road, Removed to Court
Arrest Arnold, Charles James, 25, Oakham
Charges All Other Offenses

1:35 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Non-Police, Ruggles Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
2:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Possible Dehydration, Old Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital
2:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizure, Valley Road, Mutual Aid Transported
4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
5:15 p.m. Erratic Operator, Wheelwright Road, Negative Contact
7:01 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Negative Contact
8:53 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned

Friday, Aug. 21
12:35 p.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Negative Contact
7:37 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Austin Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Aug. 22
2:16 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Station Road, Negative contact
9:01 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Report Filed
12:23 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Peach Street, Report Filed
7:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pleasant Street, Transported to Hospital
10:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Hubbardston Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 16
6:52 a.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Brigham Road, Fire Extinguished
8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
9:36 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Skyline Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
10:48 a.m. Property Damage, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Watson Lane, Transported to Hospital
2:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, River Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:32 p.m. Noise Complaint, Laurelwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:34 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Skyline Drive, Information Given
7 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Report Filed
7:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Pleasantdale Road, Mutual Aid Transported
9:06 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Checked Secured

Monday, Aug. 17
3:48 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed
4:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Trafalgar Square, Mutual Aid Transport
5:30 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party
9:01 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland Police Department, Main Street, Call Transferred

Tuesday, Aug. 18
5:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Village Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
6:04 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wachusett Street, Report Filed
7:44 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Soucy Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
12:38 p.m. Fraud or Forgery,

Rutland Police Department, Call Transferred
5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
5:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
8:06 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
8:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Pleasant dale Road, Transported to Hospital
8:45 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival
9:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Aug. 19
12:17 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
12:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Memorial Drive, Mutual Aid Transport
4:15 p.m. Serve Warrant, Maple Avenue, Prisoner Bailed
Arrest Dellacroce, Joseph A., 60, Rutland
Charges Warrant
11:03 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Aug. 20
5:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Village Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:34 a.m. Threats, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
11:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Thurston Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
12:43 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
12:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital
1:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
3:12 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Rutland Public Safety Lobby, Officer Spoke to Party

8:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Anxiety Attack, Bernard Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, Aug. 21
8:03 a.m. Falls, Brunelle Drive, Transported to Hospital
1:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
1:21 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Stevens Way, Officer Spoke to Party
1:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, River Road, Transported to Hospital
2:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
4:02 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Returned
5:15 p.m. Noise Complaint, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
5:33 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Returned
6:06 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Brunelle Drive, Officer spoke to Party
8:28 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Miles Road, Investigated
10:16 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Area Search Negative
10:47 p.m. Missing Person, Bushy Lane, Located/Found

Saturday, Aug. 22
6:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Beverly Hills Drive, Transported to Hospital
8:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
8:18 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Maple Avenue, Recovered
8:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
1:45 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer Spoke to Party
3:42 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wachusett Street, Report Filed
4 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
5:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Maple Avenue, Mutual Aid Transported
9:13 p.m. Erratic Operator, Grizzly Drive, Officer/Chief Advised

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Sept. 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 49 building/property checks, 10 directed/area patrols, 10 radar assignments, three traffic controls, 10 emergency 911 calls, seven citizen assists, one complaint, three suspicious activities, one harassment, one disturbance, two motor vehicle accidents, four animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Sept. 14
10:08 a.m. Welfare Check, Turkey Street, Negative Contact
10:33 a.m. Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Patient Refusal
1:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Dispatch Handled
3:09 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Parker Court, Spoken To
4:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, Parker Court, Spoken To

Tuesday, Sept. 15
5:26 a.m. Assist Citizen, Miner Road, Officer Handled
5:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital
11:08 a.m. Complaint, Summit

Road, Spoken To
11:58 a.m. Assist Citizen, Church Street, Services Rendered
3:17 p.m. Welfare Check, Main Street, Unfounded
3:18 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Turkey Street, Unfounded

Wednesday, Sept. 16
10 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Church Lane, Officer Handled
11:46 a.m. Welfare Check, Main Street, Officer Handled
12:28 p.m. Welfare Check, Church Lane, Spoken To
1:42 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, School House Drive, Citation Issued
6:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Parker Court, Officer Handled
10:38 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, School House Drive, Services Rendered

Thursday, Sept. 17
4:50 p.m. Welfare Check, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
5:44 p.m. Disturbance, Common Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Sept. 18
1:12 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
3:11 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Negative Contact
5:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued

Saturday, Sept. 19
11:42 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
4:51 p.m. 911 Harassment, Broad Street, Arrest(s) Made

Sunday, Sept. 20
5:26 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
1:26 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
1:54 p.m. Utility Issues, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
9:49 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Lower Road, Services Rendered
11:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Church Lane, Officer Handled

Monday, Sept. 21
6:25 a.m. Medical Alarm, Hardwick Pond Road, Transported to Hospital

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 16
3:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Barre Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, Aug. 17
8:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
9:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
10:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
10:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:36 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Negative Contact
11:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Written Warning
2:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written

Warning
5:15 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Mutual Aid Assist

Tuesday, Aug. 18
9:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
10:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
10:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
12:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
2:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
2:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
8:45 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Gone on Arrival

Wednesday, Aug. 19
10:31 a.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, Crocker Nye Road, Information Given
9:11 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Thursday, Aug. 20
11:48 a.m. Serve Warrant, Scott Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest Arnold, Charles James, 25, Oakham
Charges All Other Offenses
12:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Aug. 21
10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Aug. 22
2:51 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Skyline Drive, Cancelled

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 16
7:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Birches Road, Mutual Aid Transport
11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Written Warning
3:23 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Hubbardston Police Department, Report Filed

Monday, Aug. 17
2:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Mayo Road, Transported to Hospital
3:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Grimes Road, Transported to Hospital
4:39 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Mt. Jefferson Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, Aug. 18
7:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, New Templeton Road, Removed from Scene
11 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Williamsville Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:38 a.m. Property Damage, Grimes Road, Report Filed
3:38 p.m. Erratic Operator,

Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
10:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Burnshirt Road, Mutual Aid Transported

Wednesday, Aug. 19
2:11 p.m. Missing Person, Worcester Road, Call Transferred
4:35 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Mt. Jefferson Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:49 p.m. Threats, Streeter Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5:47 p.m. Missing Person, Worcester Road, Report Filed

Thursday, Aug. 20
11:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Low Blood Pressure, Evergreen Road, Transported to Hospital
1:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Gardner Road, No Transport Required
1:46 p.m. Harassment, Streeter Road, Report Filed
3:34 p.m. Harassment, Streeter Road, Officer/Chief Advised
4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Grove Street, Officer/Chief Advised

9:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Westminster Road, Negative Contact
11:31 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, High Bridge Road, Report Filed

Friday, Aug. 21
6:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Transported to Hospital
7:52 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Simond Hill Road, Negative Contact
12:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Lombard Road, Officer Spoke to Party
12:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
12:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Moosehorn Hill Circle, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Aug. 22
7:54 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Brigham Street, Returned
1:05 p.m. Complaint, Adams Road, Area Search Negative
7:14 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Old Boston Turnpike, Removed from Scene

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Sept. 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 25 building/property checks, 13 directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, six traffic controls, three emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, one assist other agency, one complaint, one suspicious activity, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and one

motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Sept. 14
10:54 a.m. 911 Misdeal, Utley Road, Services Rendered
11:25 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported by Helicopter
2:14 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 16
7:20 a.m. Complaint, Ravine Road, Officer Handled
6:54 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Mara Road, Vehicle Towed
8:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pierce Road, Unfounded

Friday, Sept. 18
9:33 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Tucker Road, Transported to Hospital



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Public Notices

Barre Conservation Commission
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation requested by Anna-Lisa Thayer to confirm wetland resource area boundaries located at 160 Lane Road, Site 1, Assessors Map G, Lot 211.

From: Anna-Lisa Thayer
160 Lane Road
Barre, MA 01005
To be held on **Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 7:20 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.
Ronald Rich, Chairman
09/17, 09/24/2026

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boundaries located at 160 Lane Road, Site 2, Assessors Map G, Lot 211.
From: Anna-Lisa Thayer
160 Lane Road
Barre, MA 01005
To be held on **Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.
Ronald Rich, Chairman
09/17, 09/24/2026

Barre Conservation Commission
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation requested by Anna-Lisa Thayer to confirm wetland resource area boundaries located at 0 Lane Road, Site 3, Assessors Map G, Lot 207.
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Ronald Rich, Chairman
09/17, 09/24/2026
New Braintree Planning Board
In accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5, the New Braintree Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, Massachusetts, concerning the following subjects:

- An amendment to the Zoning Bylaw regulating Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU Bylaw)
 - An amendment to the General Bylaws regulating Short-Term Rentals
- A copy of the full text of the proposed amendments and by-laws can be viewed in the Select Board Office during normal business hours, or on the Town's website at <https://www.newbraintreema.us/>
All those wishing to be heard on these matters should appear at the time and place designated above, or send written comments prior to the hearing to the Planning Board at 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531.
Genevieve Stillman, Chair
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CLUES ACROSS

1. A place for worship
7. Referee declaration
10. Torsos
12. Used to introduce something
13. Healing method
14. Takes to the sea
15. Make law
16. French coastal city
17. Hawaiian dish
18. Young of domestic cattle
19. Women's undergarments
21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
22. One after another
27. It's a hot topic these days
28. Folk band frontman

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass
33. They precede C
34. Heavenly
36. Fiddler crabs
37. Major Hindu deity
38. Hebrew given name
39. Cost per mile
40. ___ Romeo, car
41. Rural municipality in Manitoba
44. Narratives
45. "A tragedy had ___ him"
48. Iranian city
49. Praises publicly
50. Founding Father Franklin
51. Herbal tea

2. "Tears in Heaven" singer Clapton
3. Part of a sailing vessel
4. Part of (abbr.)
5. Polynesian garland of flowers
6. Keyboard key
7. One who steals
8. Large oven
9. Former CIA
10. Idea
11. Solomon Islands capital
12. Afrikaans
14. Remove thatch
17. Television network
18. Jalen Brunson is one
20. Title of respect
23. Flowering trees

24. Occurring in a tube
25. Exists
26. Woman (French)
29. Expression of doubt
30. NHL legend Bobby
31. Accomplished
32. Makes slightly wet
35. National Assn. of Manufacturers
36. Not sated
38. Poe's middle name
40. Swiss river
41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music
42. "Shane" actor Ladd
43. Popular whodunit board game
44. Bar bill
45. Ballplayer's tool
46. Indicates near
47. Feet per second

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