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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.

Turley Publications has been doing so for over 60 years now, and enjoys being an integral part of the community.

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 the *Barre Gazette* to everyone in Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Petersham & 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.

You can also call us to let us know about an important event in your family's life. That's why we're here.

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, the *Barre Gazette*.

Patrick Turley, CEO
Keith Turley, President
Turley Publications



Courtesy photos by Janet Wilde

The volunteers pose for a photo at the Barre Historical Society annual yard sale.

Barre Historical Society has successful fundraiser

BARRE – The annual Barre Historical Society fundraiser yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 20 was a huge success.

The society earned valuable income for the ongoing work of the Barre Historical

Society and Museum efforts.

The Historical Society Board of Directors thanks all who contributed in many different ways. They could not have been successful without these various contributions. Volunteer time,

donating treasures, making recommendations on the event planning, shopping the sale, sponsorships for breakfast and lunch (Tracy LaRosa Realty, Corner Coffee Co. and Red Tomato) all contributed to the suc-

cess. A thanks also to those making calls and stopping by to find out how to help and especially those attending the event. A dedicated-dozen or so, who hosted a table or area all day long deserve a special thanks.



Cashiers for the day at the Barre Historical Society yard sale held Saturday, Sept. 20 were Barbara Potter, left and Eileen Bohigian.



Shoppers look through the many yard sale items at the annual Barre Historical Society yard sale.

Police promotions celebrated at pinning

By Paula Ouimette
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NEW BRAINTREE – Residents from New Braintree and Hardwick gathered in the Town Hall this past Sunday to celebrate the recent promotions and accomplishments of Police Department staff.

Acting as master of ceremonies was Lieutenant Ryan Daley of the North Brookfield Police Department, who first met Police Chief Kevin Landine 25 years ago, and developed a close friendship.

Daley commended both towns' Select Boards for voting to appoint Landine



TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY PAULA OUIMETTE

Hardwick-New Braintree Police Chief Kevin Landine thanked everyone present for his promotion to that position at a celebration and pinning held this past Sunday in the New Braintree Town Hall.

as chief following the retirement of James Ayotte earlier this year.

"The department will be in capable hands," he said.

He also noted the accomplishments of the department, and how it is regarded as "one of, if not the most professional in the area."

Daley invited Town Clerks Jessica Bennett and Ryan J. Witkos to each give the oath of office to Landine, who was then pinned by his wife Katherine and daughters Emma and Abigail.

Landine thanked every-

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High Plains playground almost finished

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall reported at the Monday, Sept. 15 meeting the new High Plains playground was almost complete except for some odds and ends.

She said signage needed to be installed including a sign showing the playground funding that included American Rescue Plan Act funds and a grant. She said, No smoking, vaping and marijuana use signs must also be installed.

She recommended the Select Board work with the Board of Health in placing the no smoking, vaping and marijuana signs at the new playground. Several parents complained about marijuana use at the playground this

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Town moves forward with mitigation plan

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OAKHAM – A staff member from Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission attended the Monday, Sept. 15 meeting to give the Select Board a presentation on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan and the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program.

He said there was quite a bit of overlap between them so the state recommended making one plan. Communities, who complete the MVP program, become certified as an MVP community making them eligible for MVP Action Grant funding. He said these grants require matching funds, but last year the state did not require the match in the grants approved. He hoped they would continue with that policy in the future.

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

by Ellenor Downer
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Hike to fDCR property set for Sept. 28

The Jacob Riis and Heath Hike takes place on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the former site of his home in Barre, now Department of Conservation Water River Watershed land. Participants will meet at the Barre Historical Society 18 Common St. or at the site by visiting <https://maps.app.goo.gl/HQFFiNssfrVogyn79>. Jacob Riis was one of the most influential journalists and social reformers of the early 20th century. He was an immigrant whose photographs changed the way America looked at the human cost of poverty; he was friends with President Theodore Roosevelt, and did you know he spent the last few years of his life in Barre. He referred to its rural beauty and the hope of a simple life, as "Our Happy Valley." People will visit his former home site on the grounds of the DCR Ware River Watershed, then they will cross the street to the beautiful Barre Heath, Riis' front yard, where an ongoing restoration project is recovering this critical biodiversity habitat. Hike is moderate, with some overgrown and uneven footing. Please bring water and sun and tick protection. Registration is required.

Barre Players Theater

The Barre Players Theater, Inc., 64 Common St., presents "Prima Verde Inn" by Peter and Teresita Brimms on Oct. 24 and 25 and Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 31 at 9 p.m. Anthony Masciaglioli is director and Noah Tardiff stage management. The play is rated PG-13. On Halloween night the re will be a costume contest and a chance to win prizes. For tickets people may visit www.barreplayers-theater.com. General admission is \$20, \$15 for children 12 and under and seniors 65 plus and older. Organizational and production support are provided by the Barre Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Berthiaume staff office hour

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna, invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance with. They may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting. On Thursday, Oct. 16 from 9-10 a.m. there will be an office at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road.

QRSD schedules quarterly meetings with municipal leaders

BARRE – Once again, the Quabbin Regional School District will be holding quarterly meetings to meet with the municipal leaders of the five district towns of the Quabbin Regional School District.

At this time, they have scheduled meetings on the following dates: Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.,

Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m., March Public Hearing Date TBD and Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m.

All meetings will take place in the Educational Support Center located at 872 South St. in Barre.

Meetings will be posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

History at Play presented program on Lucy Stone

By Ryan Drago
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HUBBARDSTON – The Hubbardston Historical Society welcomed guests for a production of "I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone."

This presentation was presented by History at Play, which was founded in 2010 by Artistic Director Judith Kalaora. This event held at the Williamsville Chapel in Hubbardston was supported by a grant from the Hubbardston Historical Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

History at Play offers solo and ensemble programs with an emphasis on women's history. Kalaora is a professional educator, writer and living historian. Kalaora took on the role of Lucy Stone (1818-1893) in a one-woman play that highlights the life of Stone and her efforts in promoting rights for women.

Kalaora as Stone shared the life story of the Massachusetts born abolitionist. Stone was born in 1818 at her family's farm at Coy's Hill, which is in Warren. Despite the lack of support from her own family, Stone pursued an education and enrolled at Mount Holyoke Female Seminary.

There was a delay in Stone's educational pursuits as she felt an obligation to tend to her family after experiencing the loss of her older sister. She returned to family's farm at Coy's Hill to support her family.

The stage at Williamsville Chapel was decorated with props and seating appropriate to the 19th century. There were also photographs of notable people who crossed paths with Lucy Stone.

In her spare time, Stone read stories about Abby Kelley Foster, an abolitionist and committee organizer for the American Anti-Slavery Society. Stone traveled by stagecoach to see Kelley

Foster speak in Springfield.

Studying hard while traveling Stone would seize an opportunity to attend a college that would admit women, Oberlin College in Ohio. During her time at Oberlin, Stone did work but was not getting equal pay.

During her time in college, Stone was motivated to pursue public speaking. Kalaora portraying Stone told the story of how she refused the honor of being commencement speaker. In 1847, she received her degree at Oberlin College, becoming the first female college graduate from Massachusetts.

After college, Stone still had the desire to pursue public speaking and was still ambitious to speak on women's rights. In addition, Stone would speak on further topics including anti-slavery.

Acting as Stone, Kalaora referenced the saying, "suffrage is not a political issue." Despite protesters attending her public speaking events, Stone refused to stop speaking and support the causes.

What Stone thought was needed was a national convention. A women's right convention would take place in Worcester and 1,000 people were in attendance.

A few months before the convention, Stone contracted typhoid fever. Due to Stone's illness, Paulina Wright Davis would be the principal organizer of the first National Women's Rights Convention. This was held at Brinley Hall in Worcester and Stone was still able to attend the convention.

"Knowledge is power," Kalaora said (as Stone) as she continued to advocate for women's rights. In the 1850s, Stone would soon meet Henry Brown Blackwell, who she would call "Harry".

Blackwell met Stone by watching her speak. Short period of time later, Blackwell proposed to Lucy Stone, but she said no. The second time



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Judith Kalaora of History at Play performed as Lucy Stone in this historical production of "I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone" at the Williamsville Chapel in Hubbardston.

was the charm as Stone married Blackwell in 1855. The wedding was held at Stone's farm on Coy Hill. Stone decided not to take her husband's name and stayed being Lucy Stone.

Kalaora talked about how the American Civil War (1861-1865) had halted the women's rights movement as the nation was divided. During this presentation the actress portraying Stone would share a piece from the Emancipation Proclamation from 1863, which was an executive order by President Abraham Lincoln.

Stone started the American Woman Suffrage Association in 1869 with her husband to focus on achieving women's suffrage through state-level campaigns. The association ran for 20 years and also published Woman's Journal.

Kalaora did an excellent job in performing "I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone" retelling the extraordinary life of a woman in the 19th century advocating for women's rights and dedicating her life's work to battling inequality on all fronts.

For more about History at Play, visit www.historyatplay.com.



OAKHAM

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Seniors plan trip to Tower Hill

The Oakham Senior Center plans a trip to the New England Botanical Garden at Tower Hill, 11 French Drive, Boylston, on Friday, Oct. 3. They should plan their own transportation and meet at the visitor reception area at the botanical garden at 11 a.m. French Drive is a right hand turn after leaving the Boylston Town Center. The entrance to the Botanical Garden is an almost immediate left. The cost is \$7 and can be paid at the reception area at the botanical garden on Oct. 3. Lunch is available at the Botanical Garden at participants expense and is followed by a tour of the gardens. If seniors would like to join this trip, they may call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 or email us COA@Oakham-Ma.gov to register.

BSER shavings sale

Bay State Equine Rescue are taking orders for the fall bagged shavings sale. Minimum order is 10 bags. Cost is \$6.25 per bag up to 149 bags and \$6 per bag with 150 plus order. The bags are 3.25 cubic feet compressed and 7.5 cubic feet loose. Pickup of orders will be at Camp Marshall, 92 McCormick Road, Spencer on Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 8:30-11 a.m. They will be filling order directly from the supplier's trailer. Purchasers will need to have their own people to load the shavings onto the truck or trailer they are using to transport the shavings. Payment is by cash or check made payable to Bay State Equine Rescue at time of pickup. People may email sah@baystaterescue.org or call Sharon at 508-221-8474 to order. Supplies are limited. If people don't need shavings, they may donate to the rescue at Bay State Equine Rescue, 415 Hunt Road, Oakham, MA 01068.

Veterans pancake breakfast

The Worcester Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps will host a free Veterans pancake breakfast for Veterans and their family members on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Oakham Fire Department, 178 Barre Road.

Berthiaume staff office hour

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Fall prevention program

Monday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. Fire Chief Tim Howe will present a program on fall prevention at the Senior Center. People may stop in at the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up, call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

Ongoing senior events

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

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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. 29. 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 – Teriyaki beef, steamed rice, broccoli, pineapple, fortune cookie, whole wheat bread

TUESDAY – Egg frittata, stewed tomatoes, O'Brien potatoes, tapioca, diet = sugar free tapioca, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Chicken piccata, bowtie pasta, roasted Brussels sprouts, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel

THURSDAY – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, herbed carrots, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

FRIDAY – Lemon pepper haddock, wild rice, green beans, fruited ambrosia, marble rye bread, tartar sauce

*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.

1st Annual Heartfelt Messages Lion's Club Fundraiser

Heartfelt Messages - Connections from your Loved Ones in Heaven with Vanessa Lynn, Psychic/Medium




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Applications for Barre Cultural Council due Oct. 16

BARRE – The Barre Cultural Council set Thursday, Oct. 16 postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community. These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Barre including exhibits, festivals, concerts, short-term artist residencies or performance in schools, workshops and lectures. The Barre Cultural Council will also entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups to provide subsidies for school-ages children to attend cultural field trips.

The Barre Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 local cultural councils serving all 351 cities and town in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grass roots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency which then allocates funds to each community. To file an application, people may email barreboards@townof-barre.com or call 978-355-2504, extension 134.

Laura DiCaronimo makes finals in poetry contest

WINCHENDON – The Beals Memorial Library Prize for Poetry selected Laura DiCaronimo of Hubbardston as a finalist. She was selected for her poem, “Mother’s Daughter.” Now in its sixth year, the competition drew the attention of 87 poets from around the Bay State and the Monadnock region of New Hampshire. The award ceremony will be held at the library, 50 Pleasant St., on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m., when the top ten finalists will read their submissions. Directly after the readings, a panel of three distinguished judges will announce the prize winners. Prize money of \$250 for first, \$100 for second and \$50 for third will be awarded to the contest’s three best poems.



Laura DiCaronimo

Laura DiCaronimo is a poet, optician and wife. She is the inaugural Dan Lewis Fellow and is a board member of Worcester County Poetry Association. She organizes, hosts and curates The Openest Mic, a traveling open mic series. Other competition finalists include Sarah Hall of Athol; Howard Kogan of Ashland; Lilla Lyon of Peterborough, N.H.; Miriam O’Neal of Plymouth; Connolly Ryan of Florence; Hillary Smith-Madden of Greenfield; Lynne Viti of Westwood; Prudence Wholey of Shelburne and Karolina Zapal of Florence.

Jurors for the contest are poets Sara Letourneau, 2023 winner of the Beals Prize for Poetry, Managing Editor at Heart of the Story Editorial & Coaching Services and author of “Wild Gardens”; Maria Williams, author of White Doe, winner of the 2023 Verse Daily Prize, and A Love Letter to Say There is No Love and Cleo Rohn, current holder of the 2024 Beals Prize for Poetry. For more information, people may call the library at 978-297-0300. This event is funded in part from a grant from the Winchendon Cultural Council and nd by the Friends of the Beals Memorial Library.

HUBBARDSTON

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Vaccine clinic set for Oct. 17 ant 18
The Hubbardston Board of Health working with the Hubbardston Senior Center and with Walgreens Pharmacy of Gardner offers a Vaccine clinic on Friday, Oct. 17 from 3-6 .m. and Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7 Main St. In addition to the Influenza vaccine, the Covid, pneumococcal and RSV vaccines will be available. Special request will be honored for other preventative vaccines for tetanus, shingles, measles and chickenpox. People should sign up so they have sufficient quantities of vaccines available. People may stop by the Senior Center to sign up or call BOH at 978-928-1400, extension 215 and leave a message. The message should include name, telephone number, type of vaccine or vaccines and how many needed of each for their family.

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

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

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Quabbin Regional School District Central Office Subcommittee – Sept. 29 at 4 p.m.
Planning Board – Sept. 30, Oct. 1, Oct. 7 and Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m.
Barre Common Oversight Committee – Oct. 2 at 5 p.m.
Select Board – Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Trustees – Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Oct. 14 and Nov. 10 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – Sept 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – Sept. 29 at 3 p.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m.

Select Board – Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Oct. 8 at 3 p.m.
Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee– Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Conservation Commission – Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Fire Highway Building Committee – Sept. 25 at 4 p.m.
Cultural Council – Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.
Finance Committee – Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.
Town Administrator Search Committee – Sept. 29 6 p.m.
Zoning Board Appeals – Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.
Rep. Berthiaume’s Office Hours – Oct. 14 from 11 a.m.-noon

Planning Board – Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Library Trustees – Sept. 25 at 5 p.m.
Board of Health – Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Special Town Meeting – Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.
Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – Oct. 14 9-9:45 a.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Oct. 3 at noon
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Oct. 14 at 10 a.m.
Petersham Historic District – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.
Council on Aging – Nov. 10 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Town Charter Committee – Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Select Board Public Hearing – Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.

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port weight loss group
Fridays at 10.30 a.m. Functional Fitness is held at the New Braintree

Town Hall. Donation is \$3 per class. Hot Lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are need-

ed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15p.m. at 508-882-4072.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Should I claim Social Security early because it is going bankrupt?

Dear Rusty:

My best friend is going to be 62 and wants to begin taking her Social Security immediately.

Her reasoning not to wait is the thought that it is going to run out in 10 years, so she wants as much of her money before that happens. I have paid into Social Security my entire working life (44 years and counting). What are your thoughts on taking it as soon as you are eligible?

dent that Congress will soon address Social Security's future financial dilemma, and we have been working on potential solutions. We have, for several years, been providing these suggestions to various members of Congress, and those members are now considering our proposals. Thus, we do not suggest making a Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bankrupt.

That fear is unfounded. Instead, we suggest that everyone decide when to claim based upon their individual personal situation, considering their need for the SS money, their life expectancy, and their marital status. And remember, claiming early (before one's SS full retirement age (FRA)) also means Social Security's Annual Earnings Test will apply (the AET limits how much can be earned from working before FRA is attained).

So, our thought on the wisdom of taking Social Security as soon as you are eligible is that it is often not a wise decision and certainly not if that decision is made based on fear of Social Security "not being there" soon. Instead, we suggest making your Social Security claiming decision based upon your unique personal circumstances, including, especially, your life expectancy, financial need and marital status.

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Signed:
Uncertain what to do

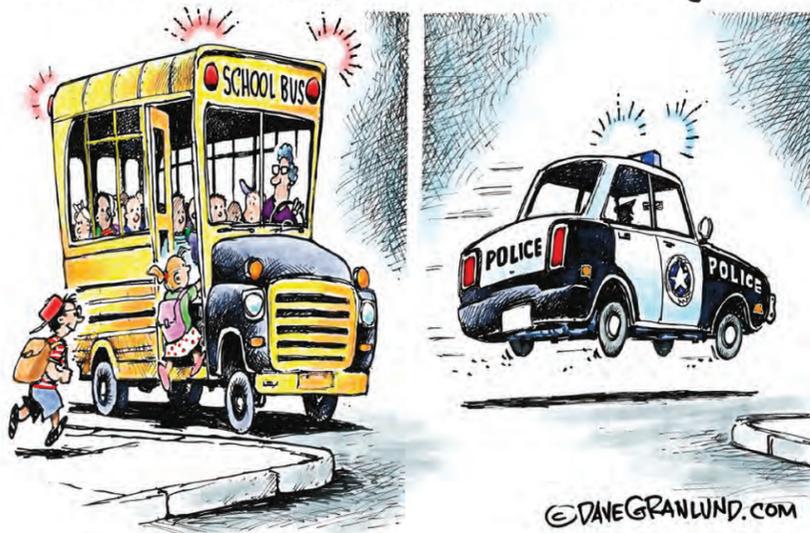
Dear Uncertain:

Deciding when to claim Social Security is a sometimes-confusing task, but no one should ever claim SS early because they believe Social Security will go bankrupt in the near future. Social Security cannot and will not go bankrupt. What your friend may be referring to is the fact that Social Security will be facing some financial issues in 2033 unless Congress acts soon to reform the program. And they will act, but likely not until they must.

The fact is, Social Security still has about \$2.7 trillion in reserved funds which are now being used to pay full benefits. If that Reserves balance were to be fully depleted, then Social Security would need to go to a "cash basis" (essentially, paying out in benefits only what is received in SS taxes), which would result in about a 21% cut in everyone's benefit. In other words, even if Congress neglected to reform the program, beneficiaries would still get about 79% of their monthly benefit starting in about 2033/2034. Hardly anyone believes that Congress will fail to eventually reform Social Security and, in fact, they already know how to do that reform (they just currently lack the bipartisanship to accomplish it). But neglecting reform would amount to political suicide for all members of Congress, which is extremely unlikely to happen.

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In Past Pages

5 years (Oct. 1, 2020)

It took Hubbardston voters about 30 minutes to say yes to all six articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant Thursday, Sept. 24. The first article amended the budget vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting June 20, 2020. The total amended budget, which included a transfer of \$100,000 from free cash, was \$3,919,248.99. Voters also said yes to the QRSD assessment of \$4,879,933 in article 2 with two opposed. Articles 3 and 4 passed unanimously. Article 3 transferred \$15,000 from free cash to capital stabilization fund and article 4 transferred from free cash \$231,800 from free cash to capital expenses.

Voters said yes to an amendment regarding the appointment of the planning board, associate member in article 5. The final article granted an easement to the Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center on town owned land located at 21 Gardner Road, as shown as Assessors Map 5C, Lot 134A and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 54791, Page 67 for a radio communication tower.

Sarah Latka of Loring Road read a letter at the Sept. 21 Barre Board of Selectmen's meeting regarding the proposed paving of the road.

She said she wanted her letter entered as a

Look Back Merry Old England Faire – 1995



File photo

Carmen and Bill Gelinas dressed as members of the Royal family at the Merry Old England Faire on the Barre Common. Everything reminded attendees of England, even the drizzly weather.

public record. She said she was concerned with Barre's paving its gravel roads. She said gravel roads are scenic and she enjoys walks and watching amphibians crossing the road. She also said color of asphalt detracts from the view and scenic road and asphalt roads increase speed. In her letter, she said several paved roads in town were in terrible condition such as Town Farm Road and Williamsville Road and the funds should be allocated to those roads.

Barre Selectman Chairman Gregory O'Sullivan said he would like to see the town clerk

move to the first floor of the Henry Woods Building. He said the town clerk's major concern was access to town records in the vault. He said a vault or safe on the first level could contain records the town clerk used regularly and the basement vault house the archives. He said records could be scanned electronically.

10 years (Oct. 1, 2015)

Carter and Stevens Farm will hold its tenth annual Harvest Festival and charity benefit on Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 11,

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A picture is worth a thousand memories

This column was prompted by a picture. You see, a coworker got out her phone and showed me a vase on her table that was filled with the most interesting velvet red flowers.

"What are these?" she asked. "Coxcomb or Celosia," I replied, and I went on to explain how the flower looks like a rooster's comb, hence the plant's name.

Seeing the image brought me right back to the late 1980s and early 1990s where I had a business growing dried flowers and crafting them into wreaths and arrangements that I later sold at area craft shows. It was a fun experience that I shared with my parents.

Read on to revisit some of my favorite flowers for drying.

Celosias make excellent dried flowers. They are available in three distinct types,



of the three. "Flamingo Feather" has rose tips with a silvery base. Pick often for an abundance of side shoots.

Globe Amaranth is another flower that is popular once dried. Clover-like heads on sturdy stems make great bouquet fillers. Nearly all varieties bloom well in the heat of the summer, producing even more flowers after they are harvested.

Cut when head reach the size of your thumbnail for best performance.

Lemon Bee Balm or Lemon Bergamot is the most underused of all the flowers mentioned here, but it shouldn't be! Whorls of mauve-pink bracts are best cut when three inches long.

Stems are weak, so mix in with other flowers to keep heads upright or attach stems to a wooden pick for added

strength.

Most of us are familiar with the Strawflower, a stiff petaled flower that feels dry even in the garden! To dry, simply insert a 23-gauge wire up through a tiny bit of the stem and into the flower's calyx, just barely into the head itself. This will give the strawflower a strong "stem" for use in floral arranging.

After the flowers have been wired, be sure to let them dry fully, upright and in the dark to preserve their rich hues. You can also simply pluck the heads and dry them on a cookie sheet in the dark for hot-gluing later on.

Love in a Mist or Nigella is an old-fashioned beauty that has light blue, white or rosy pink short-lived flowers followed by really neat brown striped seed pods. When fully dry these look like pepper shakers, dropping their seeds to an fro. The pods are desirable for dried wreaths and arrangements.

Keep picking as soon as the heads are fully developed

to keep the plant producing.

Prince's Feather is a member of the Amaranth family and grows lush plumes worth of a prominent place in your arrangements. Smaller side shoots are great for more delicate work.

Colors are typically shades of burgundy. Plants can grow anywhere from eighteen inches to several feet tall so site accordingly.

Winged Ammobium is a two foot tall, floppy annual that has an abundance of tiny white flowers. It is best picked when the center of the flowers just starts to show its yellow color.

If you wait too long, the centers will turn brown and unattractive. Gather small bunches of ten to twelve stems and secure them with rubber bands. Here too attach a wooden florist pick to tiny bunches for ease in floral arranging- besides giving the stem some strength, it will give it additional length.

See GARDEN, page 5

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I went to the Senior Center's yard sale on Saturday and Sunday.

I could only carry so much on Saturday so went back for the goodies on Sunday also. I know I really don't need anymore stuff but. I got three picture frames, so I thought . But when I got them home ,I found out they were water color paintings of three of my watercolor class and the teacher. So of course I will keep them as paintings. I also bought two nice skirts, but they are going to be made into penny rug projects.

The seniors and their grandchildren worked hard to make money to improve their meeting rooms. I was surprised how they have changed as I have not been able to go to meetings lately. The former Selectmen's room is also being used for their activities. The rooms have been painted and new flooring installed.

I had a nice visit from Ken's nephew from New Hampshire. Mike took Ken to the Dottie's Rock trail dedication on Wednesday and he tried out his wheelchair. He also received several hugs from the ladies, who attended.

I have brought in most of my house plants and will do the rest when it predicts freezing weather. My cry out for corn stalks received a response and now I have a nice stalk with the pumpkins. I was going to put them with the scarecrow, but decided to put them on the front deck.

I made a quick banana bread that I saw on the iPad recently.

QUICK BANANA BREAD

3 ripe bananas
1 cup peanut butter
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 eggs
Mash the ripe bananas in the bread pan, add peanut butter, baking powder

and 2 eggs and stir. Bake for 50 minutes in 350 degree oven. People may add some chocolate chips or nuts if desired. I served it with cream cheese.

This and That

I am still having trouble with mice in the car. I put some cotton balls with peppermint flavor on them as I heard mice do not like the smell, but they took the balls away. I have caught two in traps though. I guess we will have to borrow a neighbor's cat.

I am trying to get some projects done with the house before winter sets in. Being a homeowner is not as easy when you get older. One of our nieces plans to sell her home and live in a condo as she said they do the work for you. I hope she is right.

Have a good week and enjoy fall. I heard from a niece in upper New Hampshire and she said the foliage is changing quite fast.

Class of 2026 rise n shine early

BARRE – On Wednesday Sept. 17, 2025 members of the Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2026 got up early and joined together to watch the sunrise over the Quabbin Regional Middle High School.

The start of senior year is filled with hope and promise and these students wanted to celebrate together.

Students, families, and staff all brought plenty of food and drinks to satisfy even the hungriest of seniors. Families and administrators manned the grills and griddles. Pancakes were scooped up right off the grill and for those that wanted something a bit more savory the breakfast wraps were a huge hit.

Seniors were ready to make memories. Some came prepared to make Tik Tok videos by bringing a picture of themselves when they were little and then they added a video of themselves that morning. Others had made special shirts to commemorate their senior year and their long lasting friendships. A group of seniors even brought a generator and their Xbox so they could engage in some friendly competition before the start of school.

The vibe of the morning was fun and engaging. Students gathered together and mingled throughout the



Submitted photos

These Quabbin Regional High School students display the special tee shirts they made with the sun rising behind them.



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morning as uplifting music set the tone for the day. Soon several teachers and staff

joined the students. The seniors were very touched that the teachers joined them and eagerly engaged in conversations.

It was clear that this group of seniors are already thinking about future plans and their big dreams that lie ahead. For now, though, they are going to enjoy every moment they have left together here at Quabbin and so will we!

Students enjoyed breakfast as they watched the sun rise on Wednesday, Sept. 17.



Members of the Quabbin Regional High School line up for breakfast at the annual senior sunrise watch.

Letter to the Editor

Energy infrastructure effect dairy and beef cattle

As agricultural communities face increasing pressure from energy infrastructure projects including high-voltage transmission lines, Battery Energy Storage Systems and substations it's important to understand how these developments may affect livestock health and productivity.

Both dairy and beef cattle are sensitive to environmental stressors and emerging research suggests that Electro Magnetic Fields and stray voltage can have measurable impacts. The effects on dairy cows include reduced milk yield. Exposure to stray voltage can cause stress and discomfort, leading to lower feed and water intake, which directly reduces milk output. It may also create behavioral changes. Cows may avoid milking parlors, hesitate to enter feeding areas or show signs of agitation when exposed to low-level electrical currents. Chronic exposure creates health risks, by potential

increasing the risk of mastitis, interfere with milk let-down and reduce reproductive success.

There is also an economic impact. Lower productivity and increased veterinary costs can quietly erode farm profitability over time. Beef cattle may avoid water troughs or feeding stations if they sense electrical interference, leading to reduced weight gain and slower growth. EMFs and stray voltage can elevate cortisol levels, affecting immune function and overall health. Stress and disrupted behavior may reduce breeding success and calf viability. Cattle may avoid areas near power lines or substations, disrupting pasture rotation and grazing patterns.

Studies show that cattle naturally align their bodies along the north-south axis, but this behavior disappears near high-voltage lines, suggesting interference with their internal compass. Soil and water quality is impacted. Infrastructure runoff,

fire risk, and electromagnetic interference may affect soil microbes and water sources, indirectly impacting forage quality and animal health. There are so many long-term unknowns. While some effects are documented, others remain under-researched. The cumulative impact of multiple stressors of noise, light, EMFs, and land disturbance could pose greater risks than currently understood.

As towns consider energy projects near farmland, it's essential to weigh the potential risks to livestock health and agricultural viability. Cattle are not just passive bystanders; they are sensitive, productive animals whose well-being directly affects local economies and food systems.

We are a Right to Farm community. We must remain what we are and have been for generations. NO B.E.S.S. in Barre.

Robert Kane
Barre

GARDEN from page 4

An attic or barn loft are the best options in which to hang your harvest to dry. Flowers dried in the dark will retain their vivid colors very well and the heat will dry them out quickly.

Make small bunches of fresh cut flowers, securing them with a rubber band, not string. The rubber band will shrink along with the stems as they are drying. Hang them upside down and you will be rewarded with straight stems and upright

heads.

Have fun experimenting with floral arranging or wreath making with these everlasting flowers.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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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Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 - 2 p.m. Down Range Sports, Barre

You can bring a picture or have one taken on these dates. Other pictures of family and friends who have served are welcomed also.

Any questions, call Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886 or email: dfflynn@turley.com



Recycling Center offers bulk waste day

HARDWICK — The Hardwick Recycling Center, 2011 Barre Road, will hold a Bulk Waste Collection Event on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8 a.m.-noon.

This event is open to the residents of Hardwick and surrounding towns. A recycling center sticker is not required.

Please note, there are fees per item charged to cover the cost of hauling and processing. Cash or check payment to "Town of Hardwick"

accepted.

Prices are as follows: mattress/waterbed mattress/futon, \$30; couch, \$30; sleeper sofa bed/pullout couch, \$40; loveseat/upholstered chair, \$25; pool table, \$25; wall unit cabinets, \$20; large entertainment center, \$20; sink, \$15; ceiling fan/upright fan/box fan, \$10; toilet, \$20; carpeting/foam carpet backing, \$15; kitchen/dining table, \$15; bookcase/bureau, \$15; trash compactor, \$10; wooden chair/end table/

coffee table/night stand, \$12; car seat (baby/child), \$7; bulk Styrofoam (bagged), \$5; and suitcases, \$5.

The staff and volunteers reserve the right to price or reject other items not listed above accordingly on site.

For more information, people can email recycling@townofhardwick.com or stop by the Hardwick Recycling Center during open hours. Volunteers are also needed during the Bulk Waste Collection Event.

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past weekend. Smoking, etc. was not allowed on town property.

She said the Board of Health had the responsibility to levy fines. The Select Board did not and would require a Town Meeting vote to allow them. The Board approved working with the BOH on the necessary signage and enforcement.

Select Board Chairman Marshall thanked the Department of Public Works for doing all the ground preparation and placing of footings on the site prior to installation by the contracted provider. They saved the town a lot of money. She also thanked the Select Board Vice Chairman Mark Regienus and Member Richard Stevens for their work on the playground.

PEG funds

Dennis Dextrauder from the Quabbin Regional High School attended the meeting to request the town pay 75% of the \$11,250 share of the HUDL focus camera system subscription from Public Education Government funds. This subscription allowed the broadcasting of sports and other school events on the town's public access channel. He said for years the town paid the bulk of the fee through PEG funds. The last couple of years the school's athletic department provided the funds.

Select Board Chairman Marshall said this was an appropriate use of PEG funds, which comes from fees charged by the town's cable provider to subscribers, to help fund public access programs and equipment, etc. The Select Board unanimously approved using PEG funds for the town's share.

Mass Central Rail Trail

Cynthia Henshaw of the East Quabbin Land Trust and a representative from Wachusett Greenways requested a letter of support from the town to continue the rail trail. The rail trail

eventually would connect Boston to Northampton. She said a portion of the trail came from the Wachusett Greenways section and the Hardwick/New Braintree section on EQLT land to meet in Barre. EQLT was currently working on the section from New Braintree and Barre. The Select Board unanimously approved their letter of support.

Overpayment of DPW wages

Chairman Marshall said she cautioned a vote at this time to use town counsel in regards to overpayment of wages of the previous DPW superintendent, Jason Pimental. She said state agencies most likely will be levying fines on the individual. The town did not have a definite figure on the overpayment amount, only an amount mentioned in the Inspector General's report sent to the town this summer.

She said the town had incurred tremendous legal debt, needed further information and guidance from the Inspector General's office. She said it was "premature" to look at an amount and there probably was "more to come."

Member Richard Stevens agreed. He said the item should continually be put on the agenda and the public had a right to know what was happening. Vice Chairman Regienus said the town should conduct a forensic audit, which should provide a number on the amount overpaid to the former DPW Superintendent. The board voted to take no action, but would keep the item on the agenda. When they had an accurate number, they intended to have Town Counsel seek restitution on the town's behalf.

TA report

Town Administrator

Town Administrator Melanie Jackson said she was working on procurement for the DPW and grant work for the playground project. She and Sandy Hood, Administrative

Assistant, moved their offices downstairs. In addition, she revised the ambulance contract with Hardwick and attended multiple meetings. She said the auditor's report was delayed as they needed to include the Inspector General's report. It should be available soon.

Halloween parade

The Board approved the Ruggles Lane Parent Teachers Organization request permission for their annual family fun Halloween parade from North Common to Ruggles Lane Elementary School on Friday, Oct. 24 from 6:15-8 p.m.

Wage authorization

The Select Board approved a wage authorization for Michael Granger as a seasonal plow at \$30 per hour. They also approved the wage authorization of \$31.64 per hour for Daniel Cassavant, the new DPW hire as an equipment operator.

Other business

The Select Board accepted the resignation of Bruce Velozo from the Council on Aging. They approved the signing of the contract on weight and measures with the state of Massachusetts. They appointed Nina Belanger to the Barre Cultural Council. They held off on appointing the Board of Health member until they heard from the two Board of Health members that they approved the appointment. The appointment would be until the next town election.

They also approved a Special Permit for the Barre Awesome Ride for a group of mountain bikers to be held Sunday, Oct. 5 to begin and end at Steve Salvatore's home on Oakham Road. They approved a one day special liquor license for the event as well for Seven Saws Brewing LLC.

Chairman Marshall said several people asked if there was Trunk or Treat this year. She said she would check with Police Chief James Sabourin as well as when Trick or Treating would be held in Barre.

Fall colors begin to dot the landscape



Turley photo by Ellenor Downer

The fall equinox arrived on Monday, Sept. 22. Only one maple tree displays fall color in this field in Oakham. As the days go by more tree leaves will change from green to orange, red or yellow.

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His presentation was the last step before the plan goes to the public for them to review. He said the plan would be posted on the town's website within two weeks by visiting <https://www.oakham-ma.gov>.

After the public review, the plan will be sent to Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, who in turn would forward to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It would then be sent back to the town for final review. The plan was good for five years and needed to be updated every five years.

A primary purpose of the plan was to break the cycle of risk. It included education awareness programs, local planning and regulations and evacuation planning. Hazards for Oakham were wildfires, flooding, severe snowstorms, ice storms, thunderstorms and hurricanes. He said a structure fire last year in town could have caused even more damage. Fortunately the fire was contained, but not before the fire spread to a nearby wooded area fueled by high winds and draught conditions.

Invasive species were a problem in Oakham and included Japanese knotweed, emerald ash borer, spongy moth and beech leaf disease. CMRPC sent out a survey and received a 3% response. Concern voiced in

the survey were well contamination or drying up, downed trees and wires. Some responded they had no concerns. The town had a tree trimming program and utilized mutual aid. Some recommendations were reconfiguring dry hydrants and having beaver mitigation tools for residents to borrow.

STM warrant

The Select Board signed the five article Special Town Meeting for Monday, Oct. 6 at the Oakham Center School, Deacon Allen Drive, at 7 p.m. Following a motion to approve signing of the warrant, Lucy Tessnau, constable, signed and posted copies of the warrant. The warrant will also be posted on the town website at <https://www.oakham-ma.gov>.

Appointments

Shawn Seeley said he was willing to resign from Advocates for Conservation of Oakham's Rural Nature and Safety to serve on the Conservation Commission. Phil Warbasse of the Planning Board also spoke on behalf of Seeley serving on the commission. Currently, the commission was short a member and had trouble making a quorum. The Select Board voted to appoint him to the Conservation Commission until June 30, 2026. Seeley agreed to resign from ACORNS.

The Select Board received two applicants

willing to serve on the BESS Committee, Matthew Broderick and David Graham. Select Board Vice Chairman Michael Brunelle and Member Dennis Bergin voted to appoint them as the two at large members of the newly established five member committee. Select Board Chairman Donald Haapakoski abstained due to conflict of interest as an abutter to the proposed Battery Energy Storage System on Coldbrook Road. Other members appointed to the committee were Phil Warbasse, Planning Board; Lucy Tessnau, Conservation Commission and Dennis Bergin, Select Board. The appointment of the members was until June 30, 2026. Matthew Broderick agreed to resign from ACORNS to serve on the BESS Committee.

Broderick, Graham and Seeley then went to the Town Clerk to be sworn in. Administrative Assistant Mirabel LaRange agreed to post the agenda for the first meeting.

Other business

A resident said the Conservation Commission should adopt a bylaw. She said it appeared a bylaw failed many years ago, but one was never adopted. She said the Commission was not following state statutes and it would be better for the Conservation Commission to adopt their own bylaws.

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Police Chief Kevin Landine is pinned by his wife Katherine and daughters Emma and Abigail.



Lieutenant Robert Toupin is pinned by his wife Stephanie and children Mackenzie and Benjamin.

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one how attended the celebration, giving special appreciation to his family for their unwavering support and understanding.

“They never skip a beat helping me get out the door,” he said of his wife and daughters. “This job couldn’t be done without family and friends.”

Being a police officer is something Landine dreamed about since he was a small child and he joined the New Braintree Police Department after finishing the academy. Now, he is the third full time police chief of the combined Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department.

“I started as a 19 year old kid who thought I knew everything about law enforcement and was quickly humbled,” he said.

Landine thanked both Select Boards for appointing him, and the number of residents who wrote letters of support for his promotion.

He also thanked the members of his department

and said he couldn’t run the department without each of them.

Landine then called Lieutenant Robert Toupin and Sergeant Ryan Gentile to the stage take the oath of office and be pinned by their families.

Landine said he has known Toupin for 16 years and said his investigative work has “truly been his niche.”

“Rob has been my go-to right hand and was an obvious choice,” Landine said of his promotion to lieutenant.

Landine said Gentile has been on the department for over 10 years and specialized in all things motor vehicle. He also graduated top of his class from the academy.

“He has been a sounding board to myself and the other officers,” Landine said.

Landine recognized the other members of the department, including Officer Andrew Ronnau, who was given the department’s Lifesaving Award for his heroic actions to save



Police Chief Kevin Landine is shown holding a citation received from state Sen. Peter Durant (left) and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume (right).

a resident at a Gilbertville house fire earlier this year.

Ronnau arrived to the scene within one minute of the 911 call coming in, and encouraged the resident to jump from the second story window, as the house was completed consumed by fire. He then dragged the unconscious woman up an icy hill for 45 yards to the front of the house and provided medical care until the ambulance arrived.

Ronnau “without a doubt,” saved the life of this resident, Landine said. The woman is now home and mostly recovered thanks to his actions.

State Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume both presented Ronnau with citations from the Senate and the House of Representatives to recognize his response to this call.

“You are most certainly a hero,” Berthiaume said.



Sergeant Ryan Gentile is pinned by his wife Dana and daughter Sophia.

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Lieutenant Robert Toupin received a citation from state Sen. Peter Durant (left) and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.



Hardwick Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos gave Police Chief Kevin Landine the oath of office.



New Braintree Town Clerk Jessica Bennett gave Police Chief Kevin Landine the oath of office.



Sergeant Ryan Gentile received a citation from state Sen. Peter Durant (left) and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.



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Columbus Day weekend, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Each year its fully operational, multi-generational farm opens its doors to the fall harvest and festival goes for its traditional New England autumn jubilee. The main attraction is sure to be the pumpkin destruction, their famous trebuchet. Throwing pumpkins over 600 feet, the catapult was originally the focal point in a Dunkin Donuts pumpkin spice coffee commercial that was filmed right on the farm a few years ago.

Petersham Selectmen met with Bob Legare, assistant building inspector, regarding roof damage to town buildings. Hailstorm of Aug. 4 damaged highway, police, fire and school buildings. Hail stones as large as 1.75 inches hit the Petersham area. Legare along with representative from Roof Pros, William Laity and Amanda Engstorm inspected the roofs of all town buildings with the exception of the brick office building next to town hall. Damage was significant on the north and west facing slopes. The Town Hall was the only building that escaped damage.

Oakham Selectmen at the request of Highway Superintendent C. Kevin Carrier authorized the disposal of a 1989 International dump truck and a 2000 Dodge Durango. Carrier said the two vehicles were not serviceable and he wished to use the money received for them to purchase a new air compressor. The present air compressor is at least ten years old and does not always work.

25 years (Sept. 29, 2000)

Barre smokers and nonsmokers alike made their voices heard during a public hearing Monday night on a draft regula-

tion, which would ban smoking in public places. The hearing held in the Barre Town Hall drew 20 residents, who spoke on both in favor and against the proposed regulation, often reaching an angry crescendo over the right to choose where to smoke versus the right to stay healthy. The three member board convened the hearing in partnership with the Board of Health Tobacco Alliance in Leominster, of which Barre is a charter member.

The state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs in conjunction with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission will present the results of a recent Build Out analysis to the Barre Selectmen on Monday, Oct. 2 at 7:45 p.m. in the Henry Woods Municipal Building. The Build Our projects potential growth in the town, including population, students, housing units, industrial/commercial space, roads, water use and solid waste generation on current zoning regulations and available developable land in town.

The Oakham Planning Board reviewed the final draft of the proposed communications tower bylaw amendments at their Monday night meeting. The Board acted on several of the suggestions people discussed at the public hearing on the bylaw amendment held Sept. 11. Acting on the recommendation of Fire Chief Richard Howe the height limit of a structure will remain at 35 feet.

38 years (Oct. 1, 1987)

It was the weather that raised havoc with the best laid plans for the commemoration of Oakham's 225th anniversary this past weekend. With the rain and bone-chilling wind refusing to let up, Marcia Casault finally was obliged at 11 a.m., Sunday to postpone the whole program for the

day. Casault is secretary to Oakham's 225th anniversary committee. She and fellow committee members, Bill Dermody, Norman Drolet and Maude Stone have sponsored numerous events through the summer, leading to a grand climax on Oct. 4. But on Oct. 4 it was not to be. According to Casault, the fireworks display will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. The display will originate on the grounds of the Center School. There will be no parking in that immediate area.

Senator Robert D. Wetmore (D-Barre) has announced that a \$3,000 grant has been awarded to the Town of Hubbardston under the Incentive Aid Program. The program is administered by the Executive Office of Communities and Development. The Senator explained that awards are made on the basis of applications submitted by municipalities and school districts. The competitive program is designed to increase management efficiency resulting in cost savings and municipal effectiveness. Hubbardston will use this grant to conduct a computerized feasibility study for the town.

Eighty years ago the Friday Club, one of Barre's oldest, began on Sept. 13, 1907 at the home of Mrs Robert G. Williams on James Street with a limited membership of 16. Bertha Bailey Rice, one of the founders and its first president passed away in April of 1912 at the age of 35. At the 20th anniversary of the club, Elsie Haves Smith wrote and read the following: "It seemed fitting that members honor the founder and first president in some unusual manner. It was noted to establish a fund, the income of which should be used to provide prize awards to the children of Barre in an annual spelling contest."

Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

The Practice of Prayer Part 2

How are we to pray? Christ Jesus offered the following instruction, positing what I deem to be a pattern for effective prayer:

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

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

11 Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

Let's begin to examine this pattern for prayer one segment at a time:

1) Our

What is the first term in the Lord's Prayer? It is the tepprrm "our," which is both highly impacting and all-too-often overlooked. Of course, we do well to realize that Jesus called us to the place of private prayer (Matt. 6:5-6), following His example (Luke 5:16).

Yet there is also a place for communal or corporate prayer, which is captured by His inclusion of the word "our." When was the last time you joined together with a fellow believer to petition the Lord? Do you have people in your life with whom you can pray? I do hope so. If not, we would love to get the chance to connect with you and seek our God together.

2) Father

How are we to approach the Lord? As One who has become our Father by faith in Christ. I revel in the following selection from the Gospel of John (1:12b): "... to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." How glorious! Yet let us delve deeper.

The term "Father" com-

pels us to reflect upon the nature of our God. Let me ask: what are the attributes of a good father? Some might posit that a good father is characterized by being present, compassionate, and/or given to both the provision and protection of his children.

Yet is the Lord not the perfection of any noble trait we might connect with fatherhood? When we approach Him, let's do so rooted in the knowledge that He fully embodies every attribute found in the best dads.

This being said, if God is our Father through faith, what does that make those who believe? Such become His children. How beneficial it is to revel in your role as a child of God! This speaks to a position of favor, intimacy and divine access. However, it also speaks to obligation, for those who live as the children of One so great should seek to honor His Name.

We must not live as children of the King of kings and Lord of lords in a dishonorable way, sullyng His renown in the earth. When we seek God in prayer, we do well to consider and reflect upon our responsibility as His beloved sons and daughters.

3) In Heaven

Jesus taught us to pray to the God who is in heaven. Why is this particular phrase important? Is it necessary to have the GPS location of the One we seek? No! This aspect is not so much about the location of God, but the location of everything else in relation to Him. Where is He? He is seated in heaven: that is, a place of dominion, supremacy, and sovereign power. There is nothing and no one who rivals Him, for the whole creation exists subordinate to His rightful authority. Therefore, the things that keep you up at night don't cause Him to worry.

The things that scare you hold absolutely no sway over Him. There is benefit in pondering such truths amid prayer, for much anxiety is immediately abated when we recognize the greatness of our God. Next time the devil or circumstances intimidate you, remember the might of your Father in heaven.

4) Hallowed Be Your Name

What happens when we prayerfully recognize the fatherly nature and power of God? We are moved to spiritual worship, which is captured by this declaration of the holiness of God. When we proclaim that He is "holy," we herald that He is incomparable, unparallel and unequaled by every metric. Who loves us like our God?

Who is morally pure like our God? Precisely who is His equal in terms of power or splendor? Even the angels in heaven-who have been in His presence for untold millennia-cannot help but cry out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isa. 6:3). Those who take the time to know Him in prayer will join this ongoing chorus, recognizing the wonder that is our Lord

As we close, I want you to note that we have not yet asked God for anything in prayer. We have taken the time to revel in His fatherly nature and in His authority, being moved to worship, yet we have not offered anything in the way of petition.

You see, I think that we often approach God wrongly, and fail to receive from Him in kind. He refuses to be treated like a genie or your personal Santa Claus: He is to be honored by those who would seek Him. We all do well to remember this.

We will continue in the Lord's Prayer in the next edition. Until then, thank you for taking the time to

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

BAGGED SHAVINGS SALE sponsored by Bay State Equine Rescue are taking orders for the fall bagged shavings sale. Minimum order is 10 bags. Cost is \$6.25 per bag up to 149 bags and \$6 per bag with 150 plus order. The bags are 3.25 cubic feet compressed and 7.5 cubic feet loose. Pickup of orders will be at Camp Marshall, 92 McCormick Road, Spencer on Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 8:30-11 a.m. They will be filling order directly from the supplier's trailer. Purchasers will need to have their own people to load the shavings onto the truck or trailer they are using to transport the shavings. Payment is by cash or check made payable to Bay State Equine Rescue at time of pickup. People may call Sharon at 508-221-8474 or email sah@baystaterescue.org to order. Supplies are limited. If people don't need shavings, they may donate to the rescue at Bay State Equine Rescue, 415 Hunt Road, Oakham, MA 01068.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

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

FALL FESTIVAL at Central New England Equine Rescue, 96 New Braintree

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Sept. 29. Robert Augustine, Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Bridgette Lachance, James Laramie, Jeremy Varnum and Philip Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Rte. 32 intersection at the Old Furnace canoe landing in Hardwick.

Road, West Brookfield, will take place today from noon-4 p.m. CNEER for over 20 years have offered community support rescuing horses. There will be pony rides, face painting, pumpkin decorating, local vendors, deli-

cious food, drinks and desserts. Deux Amis will provide live folk and jazz music. The Hampden Mounted Police will also be present.

HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION sponsored by the Holden Grange will take place today at 5:30 p.m. in the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden. The menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, bread and homemade apple crisp with ice-cream. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. For reservations, people may either call 508-829-6293 or email holdengranger78@gmail.com. The evening will conclude with an auction of home-grown produce, flowers, homemade baked goods, handiwork, and more. Proceeds will benefit the Wachusett Food Pantry.

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

MUSICAL BINGO EVENT for age 21 plus sponsored by the Mary and Martha Sodality from Saint Carlo Acutis Parish at Scared Heart Church, 22 West Main St., West Brookfield will be held today from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include pizza, two tickets for wine or soft drinks and Musical Bingo from the 40s, 50s and 60s. For tickets, people may call the parish office at 508-867-6469 and for more information they may email maryandmartha11@gmail.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

HIKE TO FORMER JACOB RIIS PROPERTY will take place today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants will meet at the Barre Historical Society 18 Common St., Barre or at the site in Barre by visiting <https://maps.app.goo.gl/>

HQFFiNssfrVogyn79. Jacob Riis was one of the most influential journalists and social reformers of the early 20th century. He was an immigrant whose photographs changed the way America looked at the human cost of poverty; he was friends with President Theodore Roosevelt, and did you know he spent the last few years of his life in Barre. He referred to its rural beauty and the hope of a simple life, as "Our Happy Valley." People will visit his former home site on the grounds of the DCR Ware River Watershed, then they will cross the street to the beautiful Barre Heath, Riis' front yard, where an ongoing restoration project is recovering this critical biodiversity habitat. Hike is moderate, with some overgrown and uneven footing. Please bring water and sun and tick protection. Registration is required.

NEW PERMANENT EXHIBIT opens at The Gardner Museum, 28 Pearl St., Gardner "My Beloved Homeland," Gardner's Influence on the Art of Harrison Cady. The public is invited to the opening celebration today at 3 p.m., featuring a ribbon cutting, remarks and a special raffle as the Museum honors the remarkable legacy of Gardner's most famous native son. Harrison Cady (1877-1970) is among America's most beloved artists of the Golden Age of Illustration (1880s- 1930s). Known for his brilliant draftsmanship and playful sense of humor, Cady produced thousands of images for children's books, newspapers and popular magazines. He is best remembered for his long partnership with Thornton W. Burgess, bringing Peter Rabbit and a host of animal characters to life for generations of young readers.

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

NEW MASS CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL dedication takes place today at 1 p.m. at the rail trail entrance at 190 Manning St., Holden. All are invited. The dedication and opening is of the newest sections of the Mass Central Rail Trail in Holden between Manning Street and Rte. 31 at Mill Street. People will enjoy refreshments and an opportunity for a tour of the new trail.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

DEADLINE FOR 120TH ANNIVERSARY JAZZ LUNCHEON is today. The event will take place Sunday, Oct. 12 from 1-6 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 52 Summer St., Springfield. Cost is \$100 per person. People should RSVP by Sept. 30. For more information, they may call Debbie at 413-782-7050. Tickets also available by visiting [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). There will be a luncheon and special performance by Connie Fredericks-Malone. She is a singer of blues, jazz, soul and the sister of the great bluesman, Taj Mahal.

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Calendar Policy

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



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

Barre Gazette ~ November 6, 2025

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Turnovers help Quabbin in win



Steven Smith takes the rush.



Adam Adams catches the high snap.

BARRE – Last Friday night, Quabbin hosted its first home game of the season. Following an interception and another turnover from a safety, the Panthers jumped up to a big lead and eventually led 36-0 at halftime.

The Panthers would defeat visiting Quaboag 36-8. Wes Sanderson, Adam Adams, Chase Talbot, and Owura Ankoma-Mensah had touchdowns. Joey Flynn had a pick-six with a 15-yard interception return for a score. Quaboag got one touchdown from Thomas Belizzi with a three-yard run in the fourth quarter.



Owura Ankoma-Mensah returns a punt.



Chase Talbot attempts a point-after kick.



Braiden Bradley passes on the run.



Keegan Grieco takes down a ball carrier.



Wes Sanderson heads for the left side on a carry.



Jacob Cacace tries to squeeze out another couple of yards.



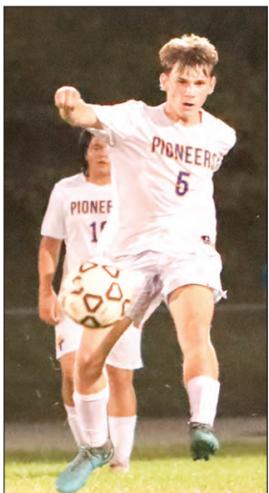
The Quabbin offensive line attempts to block.



Jontae Todd attempts to make a tackle.

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Pioneers, Indians battle to draw



Cayden Bousquet focuses on bringing the ball into play



James Vulpe leads the charge as he brings the ball down the field.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE— After beginning the regular season with a 4-1 home win over Hopkins Academy, the Ware boys' varsity soccer team were outscored, 22-1, in their next four matches.

Ware was trailing Bi-County East rival Pathfinder Tech, 2-0, in the middle of the first half before storming back.

The Indians, who scored a goal before halftime, netted the tying goal with ten minutes left in regulation. Last Thursday night's contest, which was held at Veterans' Field in Ware, ended in a 2-2 draw.

"Our past few games hav-

en't been very much fun, but tonight's game was a lot of fun," said Ware head coach Charlene Valle. "All of the players worked very hard, and we played well as a team. Everyone stepped up."

The Indians had a 1-4-1 overall record and a 0-3-1 league mark following the home tie, while the Pioneers made short trip back to Palmer with a 2-2-1 overall record and a 1-2-1 league record.

Pathfinder Tech head coach David Wilson wasn't as excited as the Ware head coach was following the match.

"I'm not very happy with this result," Wilson said. "We draw."

See SOCCER, page 12



Olivia Holmes sends the ball into the circle.



Sarah Moshin is closely pursued.

Indians score a win over Palmer

PALMER – Last Monday, North Brookfield High School field hockey scored a 3-0 win on the road at Palmer High School. The Indians are now 1-4 on the season. The Indians had three losses prior to beating Palmer. The Indians did fall to Northbridge 4-0 on Sept. 18. Coming up next, the Indians will host Shepherd Hill on Friday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m.



Noah Gilette is pressured near the sideline.



Sophia Giangrande tries to break away with the ball.



Abbie Lindberg guides the ball toward the left side of the field.

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Owen Pear heads the ball during play.

Sports



Turleysports

Athlete of the Month

NAME: Maria Hamm
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Hamm had a goal and an assist for the Panthers in their 6-0 win over Oakmont last week.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.



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Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Bondsville League

WARE – It is week three of the Wednesday night Bondsville Candlepin League at Roll-A-Way Lanes.

During week three, Ironmen bowled against the Slow Burners. In game one, Ironmen won a close game by a score of 469-466. Steven Swistak of Ironmen bowled his first night of league and started the match with a 114. Jody Orszulak of Slow Burners began the match with a 115.

In game two, Slow Burners defeated Ironmen by a score of 458-444. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners bowled 110 and Billy Brunk of Ironmen bowled a 116 during game two.

In game three, Slow Burners won the last game by a score of 475-464. Orszulak finished the match with 112 and Brunk finished with a 123, the highest game bowled in the match. Slow Burners won total pinfall by a final score of 1399-1377.

Cannonballs bowled against Flaming Bowling Balls during week three. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls defeated Cannonballs by a

score of 513-451. Joe Mullen of Flaming Bowling Balls had a good game with 110.

In game two, Flaming Bowling Balls won again by a score of 514-470. Mullen followed up with a 105 in game two. Keith Marchesalt of Cannonballs bowled a 106 after an opening game of 108.

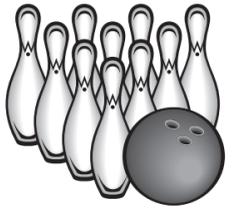
In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls won for a three-game sweep over Cannonballs, 507-504. Marchesalt finished with a 112 and a series of 326. His teammates Sally Czarnecki and Suzie Czarnecki finished strong with scores of 104 and 105.

Flaming Bowling Balls win seven points and total pinfall by a final score of 1534-1425.

Night Hawks bowled against Sandri in week three. In game one, Night Hawks were victorious by a score of 452-436. Bob Hutchinson of Sandri bowled well with a 122 and Lee Robinson of Night Hawks had the highest score on his team with a 112.

In game two, Night Hawks won by a score of 402-375 (scratch totals). Robinsons bested his second game with a 120.

In game three, Sandri won by a scratch score of 422-373. Gavin Sinclair of Night Hawks finished strong with a 120 and a series of 333. Rich



Picotte of Sandri finished strong with a 116. The official scores of this match will be determined soon once handi-cap is configured.

Fire Mountain bowled against Spare Parts in week three. In game one, Fire Mountain defeated Spare Parts by a score of 348-310. In game two, Fire Mountain won again by a score of 394-335. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain had the highest game of the week with a 137.

In game three, Fire Mountain won again by a score of 350-325. Trott finished with 102 and a three-game series of 335.

Fabulous Four bowled against Zeke's Freaks in week three. In game one, Zeke's Freaks won by a score of 463-429. In game two, Zeke's Freaks won again by a score of 499-448. Steve Orszulak of Zeke's Freaks bowled a 107 and his teammate Pete Ducharme bowled a 103.

In game three, Zeke's Freaks won for a three-game sweep over Fabulous Four, 455-445. The final score was 1417-1322.

SOCCER from page 11

dominated the first half and had plenty of scoring chances. It's very frustrating, but you have to give a lot of credit to Ware. They fought very hard and played with a lot of heart."

It was the first meeting on the soccer pitch between the two squads since the 2022 regular season. The two meetings that season also ended in ties.

One of the Indians key players in last Thursday's match was senior goalkeeper Jack Gaudreau, who made a total of 22 saves.

"I think Jack has a chance to finish his varsity career with more than 700 saves, which will be a new school record," Vallee said. "He always keeps us in every game even when we're losing. He's a fantastic goalie."

Gaudreau was aided by a strong defense led by senior Kyle Kaczuwka, sophomore Jaedon Warren, and sophomore Levi Ramirez.

The Pioneers did take a 1-0 lead during the 13th minute of the opening half when senior Adonis Dupre put a shot into the right corner of the net for an unassisted goal.

A couple of minutes later, junior Cayden Bousquet fired another shot on goal for the visiting team, but Gaudreau made an outstanding diving save.

Bousquet assisted on the Pioneers second goal, which was scored on a tap in by senior Jaleel Roman in the 24th minute.

The Indians got on the scoreboard two minutes later following a free kick goal from about 30 yards out by sophomore Matt Skutnik. The ball sailed into the back of the net past freshman goalie Elijah Hodge.

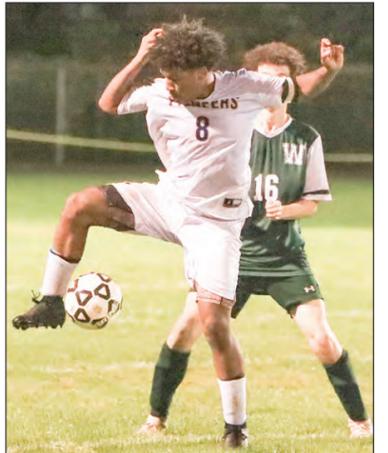
"Whenever Matt takes free kicks closer to the goal, they usually go over the crossbar," Vallee said. "I knew that he could score a goal from that distance. It also set the tone for the rest of the game."

The Pioneers had eight more shots on goal during the final 15 minutes of the first half, but the score was still 2 to 1 at the break.

Hodge, who made three saves in the first half, was replaced by junior Gavin Peters (5 saves) at the start of the second half.

Ware senior Ryder Cahalan had several scoring chances in the first twenty minutes of the second half.

Another shot by Cahalan



Jaleel Roman knocks the ball down to gain control.

struck off the right post with ten minutes left in regulation. Then senior Kaleb Kanozek passed the ball to freshman Raymond Kularski, who scored his first varsity goal tying the score at 2-2.

"Ray is a first-year member of the boys' soccer team," Valle said. "His tying goal pumped up the rest of the team. Everyone was very excited for him."

Ware had a corner kick and a free kick during the final five minutes, but the match ended in a tie.

The second meeting of the regular season between the rivals is scheduled to take place at Pathfinder Tech on October 10.

T-Birds make more personnel changes

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds have announced a hire and multiple promotions to their business staff heading into the new season. Sophia Mackin has been hired as Coordinator of Digital and Social Media, Frank Grimaldi has been promoted to Director of Ticket Operations and Retention, and Steve Brousseau has been promoted to Senior Account Executive.

Mackin joins the Thunderbirds after serving as a social and digital media intern with the team for the previous two seasons. A native of East Longmeadow, Mass., Mackin graduated



from UMass-Amherst in May of 2025.

Grimaldi, a Springfield native, is an original staff member of the Thunderbirds front office, having been with the club since the team's inception in 2016. He served as an Account Executive from 2016 to 2018 before transitioning to his ticket operations & retention role before the 2018-19 season. He is an alumnus of Western New England University.

Brousseau joined the Thunderbirds front office full-time during the 2021-22 season after spending two seasons as a game-day intern with the team. A native of Freeport, Maine, Brousseau has been recognized for his excellence, having been named a finalist for the

Howdy Award this past April for outstanding customer service in the hospitality industry. He is an alumnus of Springfield College.

In addition, the Thunderbirds have also brought in Andrew "Guam" McCormic as Retail Office Coordinator and Ethan Vattaso as Gameday Operations Assistant.

McCormic served as the Gameday Operations Assistant last season before transitioning into this role, where he will assist in gameday merchandise and retail sales. He is a 2025 graduate of Springfield College and will be entering his fourth season with the T-Birds organization.

Vattaso, a current undergraduate at Springfield College, is entering his third season as part of the Thunderbirds' gameday staff. He will manage the staff and oversee live entertainment elements throughout home game nights at the MassMutual Center this season.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 3

SENIOR TRIP sponsored by the Oakham Council on Aging will go to the New England Botanical Garden at Tower Hill, 11 French Drive, Boylston, today. They should plan their own transportation and meet at the visitor reception area at the botanical garden at 11 a.m. French Drive is a right hand turn after leaving the Boylston Town Center. The entrance to the Botanical Garden is an almost immediate left. The cost is \$7 and can be paid at the reception area at the botanical garden on Oct. 3. Lunch is available at the Botanical Garden at participants expense and is followed by a tour of the gardens. If seniors would like to join this trip, they may call the Senior Center at 508-882-4073 or email us COA@Oakham-Ma.gov to register before the event date.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

MASS CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL will hold a walk, run or bike event sponsored by Wachusett Greenways today at 10 a.m. All are invited. The event takes place at the rail trail entrance at 190 Manning St., Holden. Parking for the gathering is located across the street from the 190 Manning St. rail trail entrance. DCR DWSP does not allow dogs on Wachusett watershed land. Wachusett Greenways is offering a variety of distances for folks of all ages and abilities to enjoy part or all of the rail trail between West Boylston and Holden. People may sign up for the free walk, run or ride of their choice: 1, 2, or 4.6 Mile Walk; 1, 4.6 or 10 Mile Run or 2, 10 or 18 Mile Bicycle. All begin and end at the 190 Manning St., Holden, MCRT entrance. People may register by calling Colleen at 508-479-2123.

FLANNEL AND FAITH COMMUNITY SUPPER will take place today from 5-7 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Rutland. All are welcome. People should come dressed in their finest flannel shirts. They will enjoy a meal of soups, stews, warm cider and sweet treats while sharing in the blessings of faith and fellowship. They will

be collecting new or gently used men's and women's flannel shirts to donate to the Veterans Shelter in Worcester. Donations are gratefully accepted to support future community meals.

ANNUAL BACKROADS STUDIO TOUR 2025 featuring artists in the towns of Petersham, Barre, Oakham, New Braintree, Gilbertville, North Brookfield, and Spencer will take place this year today and Sunday, Oct. 5 from 10 am.-5 p.m. It is a free, self guided tour through the studios of nine artists.

There will be artwork for sale and demonstrations. Arts and crafts will include paintings, pottery, leather works and handbags, stained glass, jewelry, baskets, furniture, paperworks, hooked rugs, needlework, ornamental and functional woodworks. For more detailed information and maps, people may visit the website at www.backroadsstudioutour.org.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

MANY VOICES ON STAGE, a free, family-friendly Discovery Day, takes place today from 3-5 p.m. for all ages at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester. Whether people are curious about singing, looking to get involved or simply want to experience the magic of Mechanics Hall, this event is the perfect place to start. The event includes live performance by Youth Singers and the audience can sing alongside them in the Great Hall. There will be program presentation where children can learn about the free youth choir program, rehearsal schedule and performance opportunities. There will be concessions and community tables. There will be on site registration for new singers in grades 4 to 8. People may visit mechanicshall.org/event/many-voices-mechanics-hall-youth-singers-discovery-day/.

MONDAY, OCT. 6

VACCINE CLINIC will take place today from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive by the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition. The health coalition serves

Oakham, Hardwick and New Braintree. CVS Pharmacy offers the following vaccines: high dose/regular dose flu, shingle, Covid, pneumonia and RSV. The location is wheelchair accessible. People may call to sign up at 508-892-7008, extension124. People should bring their insurance card. This clinic is open to all. If 20 people register to have vaccines in Hardwick, the LRPHC and CVS will have a clinic at the Paige Memorial Library.

SUNDAY, OCT. 12

L A N C A S T E R HISTORICAL SOCIETY presents a program entitled "Hidden Treasures: The Art of Lancaster's Chandler Family Women" today at 2 p.m. in the Hawkins Fellowship Hall of the First Church of Christ, Unitarian located at 725 Main St., Lancaster. This program will feature one of Lancaster's once prominent families and the recently discovered "Treasure Trove" of artwork created by women of the family plus that of their close friend, Anna Henshaw Whitney. This event is free to LHS members and for a \$5 fee for others attending. For more information, people may call 978-733-6907.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

BENEFIT DINNER to support the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard sponsored by the Wilbraham Knights of Columbus Council 10195 will be held today at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. The survival center helps to feed and clothe over 400 individuals monthly in Wilbraham, Hampden, Ludlow, Indian Orchard and 16 Acres. The menu features a homemade chicken parm Italian dinner complete with pasta, salad,

bread, coffee and cannolis. The event will include numerous raffles and musical entertainment with sing-a-longs. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by emailing George Reich at tickskoc10195@gmail.com or may be picked up at after Mass in the St. Cecilia rotunda starting on Saturday, Sept. 27.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

14TH STATION LOOP RAMBLE sponsored by East Quabbin Land Trust will take place today at 9:30 a.m. There will be a Kids run, 5-mile classic and a 5K run/walk. The 5-mile classic is a hilly, road race with a flat fast finish on Hardwick Road. The kids run and 5K walk/walk are entirely on a flat course on the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Adults must accompany children on their race course. There will be pace race refreshments, games, entertainment and much more. Awards ceremony are at 11 a.m. There will be early bird online registration of \$25 by Friday, Oct. 17. After deadline registration is \$30 and family registration, \$35. For more information people may call 413-477-8229 or visit www.EQLT.org/station-loop-ramble/.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Worcester Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps will take place today from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Oakham Fire Department, 178 Barre Road, Oakham. The free breakfast is for Veterans and their family members.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

SMALL WORKS AND HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE sponsored by the PrincetonArt Society takes place today from 6-8 p.m.; Nov. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 21 from 6-8 p.m. and Nov. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Princeton Community Center, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton. There will be unique and artisan made jewelry, cards, paintings and prints, ornaments, fabric items, ceramics, wooden gifts and more.

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

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Seek Peace and Pursue it."

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2 v 1-7 and 1 Peter 3 v 8 - 12

I. Introduction

I believe that we all need peace, safety and security and we all need a place to live, food to eat and to be in good health.

These are basic aspects of life that contribute to well-being comfort, and a sense of calm. This morning, we especially want to focus on the importance of experiencing peace in our lives. Whether in our homes, in society or here at church, we all need peace and loving kindness.

No one wants to be hurt, disparaged, disrespected or ignored. The need for peace is widely recognized yet maintaining and achieving it

has proven to be consistently challenging over time.

coexist harmoniously within a community.

II. Seek Peace and Pursue it

The following two passages highlight the significance of the Christian community's calling and character. Paul writes to Timothy, his brother in Christ in Ephesus, urging him that prayers and intercessions be made for all people and for all those in positions of authority, so that everyone can live a peaceful and quiet life.

Praying for both the righteous and the ungodly, including those seen as enemies, so they may find salvation and understand God, reflects a godly life. It pleases God that they, the authorities, be prayed for, for proper governance and for their salvation, which would result in a peaceful life where all people have their basic needs met, experience safety rather than fear, and can

In 1 Peter, the apostle addresses the churches in Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia rejoicing in the work God had done through them so they could spread the message of a living hope to these regions. During a period of persecution, these apostles believed it was essential to provide guidance to the churches regarding proper conduct and the practice of prayer. They are called to live in a way that pleases God, even if they face hostility and injustices in the broader society.

They had to distinguish themselves from what they saw in the outside world. They must be different. They must show cohesiveness, a kind of harmony that is different from the outside world. They must rid themselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander, and must crave the spiritual milk like a newborn baby. (Chapter 2 v 1 and 2).

A true Christian life, Peter says, is a life lived in harmony with one another, where there are compassion, kindness and humility. It is a life committed to the well-being of the whole community. It is a community where each person's role and calling conform to the overall purpose of the community. There exist a shared perspective and a mutual understanding, whereby they can consider situations from each other's viewpoints.

It is a place where they must avoid retaliation and acting in a negative way. They must seek peace and pursue it. The community of faith is a place of peace, and mutual understanding and they must pursue this, because the Lord's eyes are on the righteous, and attentive to their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

III. Conclusion

Dear members and friends of Barre Congregational Church... the apostles of the early church, and the early church itself faced enormous challenges. As followers of

Christ, they still lived in a society where there were injustices and persecution and hostility, and they needed to remain steadfast in this newfound faith of love and compassion. They were called to be the church of Christ, loving God and loving their neighbor as themselves and loving the stranger as Jesus did.

The church today is an extension of this early church and we as the church of Christ must show love and harmony within and amongst each other. We are called to find mutual understanding as we work to deal with our disagreements. We must be like Christ, humble and not retaliate against the other, but be a blessing to each other. It is hard to live up to these standards, but this is the light of God we must carry within us and shine outward among ourselves and into a world which needs the light so much.

We are also encouraged to offer prayers for all people, including those in leadership positions, regardless of how we feel about their behaviors and performance, in the interest of promoting peaceful coexistence. It is our calling as followers of Christ, and so we ask God to help and strengthen us to pray, seek peace and pursue it always.

Amen.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 31
 12:36 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Worcester Road, Information Taken
 12:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Wylie, Timothy J., 59, Westfield
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 8:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Varney Lane, Transported to Hospital
 9:01 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Worcester Road, Removed from Scene
 11 a.m. Safety Concern, Wheelwright Road, Returned
 12:28 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Wauwinet Road, Referred to Other Agency
 12:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Exchange Street, Transported to Hospital

2:14 p.m. Complaint, Common Street, Negative Contact
 5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Monday, Sept. 1
 3:23 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non Police, South Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Sept. 2
 5:14 p.m. Property Damage, Williamsville Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Exchange Street, Mutual Aid Transport

Wednesday, Sept. 3
 10:48 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Ruggles Lane, Peace Restored
 3:02 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Lombard Road, Fire Extinguished

Thursday, Sept. 4
 9:42 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Oakham Road, Negative Contact
 11:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 3:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Trafalgar Square, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Sept. 5
 3:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Worcester Road, Cancelled
 3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
 5:36 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Returned
 6:10 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Report Filed

7:43 p.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, Barre Police, Information Given

8:04 p.m. Erratic Operator, Moulton Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Newton Street, Mutual Aid Transport

Saturday, Sept. 6
 7:16 a.m. Missing Person, South Street, Returned
 10:56 a.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact
 12:10 p.m. Fire – Public Service, Wauwinet Road, Rescued
 10:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Farrington Road, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, Sept. 8
 12:17 p.m. Harassment, Lower Road, Spoken To
 3:07 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Officer Handled
 4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Criminal Complaint
 5:14 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Dispatch Handled
 7:13 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patril Hollow Road, Patient Refusal

Tuesday, Sept. 9
 10:16 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered
 3 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled
 11:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency, South Barre, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 10
 4:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Officer Handled
 7:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Sept. 11
 11:12 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Spoken To
 12:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Spoken To
 7:22 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Prospect Street, Spoken To
 8 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Sept. 12
 8:50 a.m. Investigation, Prospect Street, Services Rendered
 11:53 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered
 3:46 p.m. Assist Citizen, Out of Town, Officer Handled
 7:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, Sept. 13
 6:58 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
 12:15 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:44 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
 5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Report Taken

Sunday, Sept. 14
 8:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Transported to Hospital
 1:13 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated

Monday, Sept. 15
 12:28 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Services Rendered
 3:37 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Bridge Street, Referred to Other

Agency
 3:59 p.m. Assist Citizen, Brook Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:30 p.m. Investigation, Greenwich Road, Negative Contact
 7:36 p.m. Complaint, Prouty Road, Officer Handled
 9:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Sept. 16
 10:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 1:46 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Spoken To
 2:12 p.m. Investigation, Prospect Street, Negative Contact
 2:36 p.m. Assist Citizen, Town Hall, Services Rendered
 4:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, School Street, Spoken To
 5:28 p.m. Investigation, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 17
 8:29 a.m. Utility Issues, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
 9:17 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Spoken To

Thursday, Sept. 18
 2:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3 p.m. Complaint, North Street, Officer Handled
 3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Friday, Sept. 19
 8:13 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Main Street, Report Taken
 8:51 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:30 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Barre Road, Report Taken
 6:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Sept. 20
 11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:40 p.m. Disturbance, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
 8:25 p.m. Disturbance, Greenwich Road, Investigated
 9:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Services Rendered
 11:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Sept. 21
 6:53 a.m. 911 Fire Alarm, High Street, Services Rendered
 7:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Sept. 22
 6:09 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 31
 7:50 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
 11:13 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:19 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Call Transferred
 3 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Princeton Road, No Action Required
 6:38 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ragged Hill Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Entry Gained
 2:26 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Madison Way, No Action Required
 8:42 p.m. Noise Complain, Maple Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Sept. 2
 5:23 p.m. Noise Complaint, Kruse Road, Negative Contact
 6:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pitcherville Road, Dispatch Handled
 7:24 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Returned

Wednesday, Sept. 3
 6:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Penobscott Avenue, Information

Given
 3:02 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Lombard Road, Fire Extinguished
 3:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brigham Road, Written Warning
 4:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Mayo Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 8:46 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Sept. 4
 8:24 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Madison Way, Mutual Aid Transported
 12:40 p.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:33 p.m. Animal Lost and/or Found, Williamsville Road, Returned

Friday, Sept. 5
 12:24 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Williamsville Road, Located/Found
 2:54 p.m. Harassment, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, New Westminster Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:27 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Information Taken

Saturday, Sept. 6
 11:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Grimes Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Seminole Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 11:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 31
 11:56 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist
 3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Honorat, Romario M., 33, Fitchburg
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 8:04 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Warning
 1:22 p.m. Notification, East Hill East Road, Referred to Other Agency
 3:02 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Lombard Road, Fire Extinguished
 9:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 9:36 p.m. Vandalism, Crawford Road, Report Filed

Thursday, Sept. 4
 8:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 9:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 9:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Coldbrook Road, Written Warning

10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 11:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 1:48 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Scott Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Headache, Lincoln Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Friday, Sept. 5
 2:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 2:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 2:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 3:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Worcester Road, Cancelled
 3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 3:20 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, East Hill Road, Report Filed
 5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Sept. 6
 11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 12:26 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East Hill East Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:40 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), New Braintree Road, Removed from Scene

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Aug. 31
 7:25 a.m. Welfare Check, River Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:11a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained
 9:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:25 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:55 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Pleasant dale Road, Referred to Other Agency
 12:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 2:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Memorial Drive, Transported to Hospital
 2:34 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency
 2:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Briar Wood Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Mutual Aid Transport
 3:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Mutual Aid Assist
 4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Watson Lane, Transported to Hospital
 11:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Rorick, Brandon

Robert Anthony, 29, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle
 11:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 11:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Written Warning
 11:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Prospect Street, No Action Required

Monday, Sept. 1
 12:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 6:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 9:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
 10:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Marean, Meagan Claudia, 27, Gardner
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 10:59 a.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Information Taken
 1:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 2:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:12 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 5:46 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Pleasantdale Road, No Action Required
 7:09 p.m. Erratic Operator, Nancy Drive, Negative Contact
 8:29 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leaks, Inwood Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Sept. 2
 12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 12:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:15 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Leominster, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 4:17 p.m. Assault and Battery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Juniper Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:24 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Returned
 7:33 p.m. Property Lost and/or Found/Surrender, Rutland Police Department, Returned
 7:42 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Sept. 3
 12:26 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Falls, Village Way, Transported to Hospital
 8:35 a.m. Keep the Peace, Pleasantdale Road, Report Filed
 11:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/

Heart Problem, Transported to Hospital
 3:44 p.m. Safety Concern, Inwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:18 p.m. Identity Theft, Cedar Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:30 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Sept. 4
 3:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Birchwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Kenwood Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 2 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Charnock Hill Road, Report Filed
 2:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Headache, Lincoln Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 3:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Sunnyside Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 7:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Hickey, Adam Brian, 41, Jefferson
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Vehicle Towed

Summons Smith, Tiana Marie, 42, Gardner
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 10:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Friday, Sept. 5
 1:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Puffy Eye, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:32 a.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 7:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Transported to Hospital
 10:08 a.m. Unwanted Party, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:59 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Whitehall Road, Report Filed
 4:22 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), East County Road, Entry Gained
 4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Ouellette, Sean P., 49, Westminster
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 5:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Nancy Drive, Transported to Hospital
 6:12 p.m. Erratic Operator, Nancy Drive, Negative Contact
 6:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:03 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasantdale Road, Information Given
 7:12 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Rutland Heights Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 11:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Sept. 6
 12:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 12:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 12:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 1:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 1:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Lippe, Richard W., 49, Worcester
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Failure to Dim High-beams
 Summons Asselta, John Paul, 40, East Brookfield
 Charges Unlicensed/Suspended Operation of Motor Vehicle, Permit
 7:49 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Juniper Lane, Transported to Hospital
 1:15 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, East County Road, Checked/Secured
 4:26 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Mutual Aid Assist
 8:07 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Emerald Road, Referred to Other Agency
 8:42 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Olivia Lane, Checked/Secured

Public Notices

Barre Board of Health Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the policymaking authority vested in the Board of Health by MGL c. 111, § 31, The Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on **October 14th, 2025 at 5:00 pm** on a Battery Energy Storage System & Aquifer Protection Regulations in the Select Boards's meeting room, 1st floor of the Henry Woods Building located at 40 West Street in Barre. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing to submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Board of Health.
09/25, 10/02/2025

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Bids will be accepted until **10:00AM on October 9, 2025**, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Town Administrator's office.

Bid packages will be emailed upon request by contacting: townadmin@townofbarre.com. The Town of Barre reserves

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09/25/2025

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jeanne M. Parker to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated October 28, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37736, Page 115, as modified by a certain modification agreement recorded on October 1, 2015, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54377, Page 361, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, acting in its receivership capacity as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a

Washington Mutual Bank, FA to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded on April 2, 2015, in Book No. 53545, at Page 369 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on January 31, 2017, in Book No. 56681, at Page 393 NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., recorded on June 4, 2019, in Book No. 60499, at Page 210 Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2, recorded on April 15, 2025, in Book No. 71861, at Page 199 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **3:00 PM on October 14, 2025**, on the mortgaged premises located at 9 Barre Plains Road, Oakham, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: A certain tract or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Oakham, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of the Old Turnpike Road aforesaid, at the intersection of said road with the westerly side of the Barre Plans Road aforesaid;

Thence westerly along the Old Turnpike Road, two hundred fifty (250) feet, to a point at land now or formerly of Moran aforesaid,

which point is thirteen and 25/100 (13.25) feet easterly from a Worcester County Highway Bound;

Thence North 69° 42' West, three hundred ten (310) feet to a fence;

Thence North 3° 30' East, three hundred sixty-three (363) feet along a fence;

Thence North 11° East, thirty-three (33) feet;

Thence South 85° East, sixty (60) feet;

Thence South 51° 30' East, ninety-nine (99) feet to a bend in a stone wall;

Thence along said stone wall by the following courses; North 77° East, one hundred sixty (160) feet; North 85° 30' East, one hundred forty (140) feet; North 73° 15' East, eighty-five (85) feet to the intersection of said wall with another wall at the westerly side of the Barre Plains Road aforesaid; all of the preceding courses are along said Moran land.

Thence southerly along said Barre Plains Road, two hundred seventy (270) feet to a point near the end of the last described stone wall;

Thence southwesterly along said Road, one hundred seventy (170) feet, to the point of beginning. Containing 5.5 acres, more or less.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22837, Page 343. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any

and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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Public Safety

New Braintree Police Log

Monday, Sept. 8
5:11 p.m. Utility Issues, Dennis Whitney Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, Sept. 10
9:43 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Scott Road, Transported to Hospital

8:39 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

Thursday, Sept. 11
2:28 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, West Brookfield Road, No Action Required

Friday, Sept. 12
4:27 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Sept. 13
4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

Monday, Sept. 15
8 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 17
12:51 p.m. Complaint, Ravine Road, Negative Contact
10:04 p.m. 911 Misdiagonal, West Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Sept. 18
6:43 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

9:58 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
3:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
6:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Sept. 19
2:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Cut Off Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Sept. 20
8:18 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Barre Cut Off Road, Services Rendered

10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

10:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

10:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

Sunday, Sept. 21
4:49 p.m. 911 Assist Other Agency, Bernard Whitney Road, Services Rendered

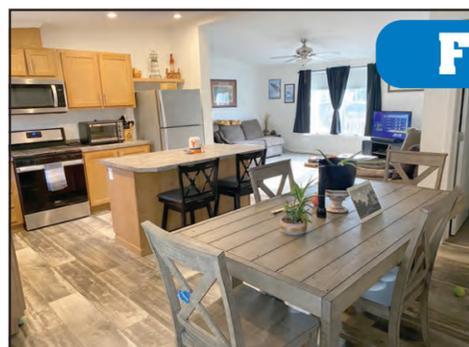
Monday, Sept. 22
7:01 a.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Ravine Road, Services Rendered

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Petersham artist featured at gallery show

By Paula Ouimette
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WEST BROOKFIELD – Well-known Petersham artist Abigail Rorer will present a solo show, “Books, Engravings & Drawings” at West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery, 10 East Main St., opening on Friday, Oct. 3 from 5-7 p.m.

This is Rorer’s first solo show at the gallery, where she has been a member for the past several years, and it will display her intricately detailed and moving works of art, many of which focus on nature and animals.

Rorer grew up outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and attended the Rhode Island School of Design.

“I immediately starting illustrating books and showing in galleries,” Rorer said following her graduation.

In her work as an illustrator, Rorer focused on wood engraving which she started doing fulltime in the 1990s.

Rorer noted that even though it is called “wood” engraving, she actually uses Corian countertops to make her blocks for printing. She said the art would be more appropriately called “relief” engraving.

Rorer not only illustrates books, but she makes fine press books as well. In a fine press book, the type is hand-set one letter at a time.

She then prints it and has it hand bound.

“The type is the same height as a wood engraving block, so the wood engraving is the perfect medium for the illustration in a fine press book,” she said.

Rorer has also illustrated a lot of nature-themed books, using pen and ink drawings as well. Some of the books Rorer has illustrated include the works of Henry David Thoreau, Walt Whitman and many more.

Rorer said her gallery show will feature the work



Submitted Photo

Abigail Rorer’s book “Extinct: The Western Black Rhinoceros” detailed the extinction of this subspecies of black rhinoceros that disappeared in 2011. Rorer will display her books, engravings, silverpoints and drawings at her show “Books, Engravings & Drawings” at West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery, opening on Friday, Oct. 3 from 5-7 p.m.

she did to bring attention to the extinction of the western black rhinoceros, a subspecies from Cameroon, Africa that disappeared in 2011.

Rorer spends a considerable amount of time studying and learning about the subjects of her artwork and fine press books. She even got a behind-the-scenes look at rhinoceros at a nearby zoo, spending time with them and even getting to feed them.

“I worked for really about 10 years for the fine press book about rhinos,” Rorer said. “I wanted to kind of focus on extinction and how we should be ashamed of ourselves.”

Rorer recently finished a book about wetlands with another wood engraver in California, with Rorer focusing on eastern wetlands. The book is set to be released in February of next year.

“Wetlands are just fascinating,” Rorer said. “There are so many images I want to draw...all the dead trees, the waterfowl.”

Rorer will also showcase her silverpoint drawings in the gallery show. The technique is created using a specially prepared paper or panel that has a fine grit to it, which catches the silver when you draw on it.

“It’s a very old medium and you can get incredible detail,” she said.

Rorer said she is looking forward to the Oct. 3 opening of her show, and said she first met gallery owner and fellow artist Rebecca Fay when both were at a gallery in Northampton 35 years ago.

“She is just the nicest person,” Rorer said of Fay.

Rorer described the types of artwork that will be fea-

tured in her show and said it’s, “basically everything and anything.”

“I’m putting in some older stuff that doesn’t get seen very much, and all of my newer work,” she said.

Fay said this is the first show of the fall season at West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery, and spoke about Rorer’s talent.

“She is a real, true artist/artisan,” Fay said of Rorer, adding that the detail of her work is “tiny and meticulous.”

All are welcome to attend the opening reception on Friday, Oct. 3 from 5-7 p.m. and meet with the artist and enjoy friendly fellowship (along with wine and cheese). “Books, Engravings & Drawings” will be on display through the month of October.

For more information about Rorer and her work, visit her website www.theloneoakpress.com.

Upcoming shows and events

West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery will host the 3rd annual Jewelry Show with Cathé Palo and Cassandra Goldwater, opening on Friday, Nov. 7 from 5-7 p.m. and the 9th annual Holiday Group Show featuring gallery artists opening on Friday, Dec. 5 from 5-7 p.m.

The gallery also offers a number of classes and workshops, including “Cosmos & The Cosmos!” an evening of tarot readings with gallery artist Cheryl O’Donnell on Oct. 24; and a decoupage clock making class with Fay on Nov. 20.

For more information or to register, call the gallery at 508-753-8604, email yaf-acceber@hotmail.com, visit westbrookfieldartandframe.com or stop by the gallery during open hours, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Philip Emery participates in Jimmy Fund Walk

BARRE – Philip Emery of Barre will participate in the 2025 Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, Oct. 5.

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“For 36 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has been a cornerstone of support for lifesaving cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber,” said Caitlin Fink, vice president of The Jimmy Fund. “Every participant contributes directly to advancing lifesaving research and critically important cancer care. Walk Day is more than just an event—it’s a celebration of hope and the shared commitment of the Jimmy Fund community.”

The Jimmy Fund Walk takes place along the famed

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All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Street. Finish line activities will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more.

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Rep. Berthiaume and Chief of Staff list office hours

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Office hours will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 9-9:45 a.m. at the WareTown Hall, from 10-11 a.m. at the Hardwick Town Hall, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at the West Brookfield Senior Center and from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Brookfield Town Hall.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14 office

hours are from 9-9:45 a.m. at the Oakham Town Hall, from 10-10:45 a.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall and from 11 a.m.-noon at the North Brookfield Town Hall.

On Wednesday, Oct. 15 office hours are from 9-9:45 a.m. at the Leicester Town Hall, from 10-11 a.m. at Howe Village in Spencer with Tammy Ruda from Rep. Marsi’s Office and from 11:15 a.m.-noon in the East Brookfield Senior Center.

On Thursday, Oct. 16 office hours are from 9-10 a.m. at the Barre Senior Center and from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the Hubbardston Senior Center.

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