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Oakham Historical Museum receives new donations

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OAKHAM – One never knows what interesting displays or acquisitions visitors to the Oakham Historical Museum, located on Old Turnpike Road, will find.

The Oakham Historical Association held their second to last open house of the season on Sunday, Sept 24. The final open house of the year, until the museum reopens in May 2024, will be Sunday, Oct. 29 from 1-4 p.m.

Curator Linda Housman set up a display of the now defunct Oakham Lions Club memorabilia. Paul Rochette one of the 23 charter members of the club when it formed in 1994 donated several items and written records. Some of the items were a large bell used by the Club's Lion Tamer during meetings, Lions Club tee shirts and a list of the charter members.

Charter members included: James Barnhill, Mark Blanchard, Armand Boutin, James Cameron, Normand Carpenter, Dennis Casault, Marcia Casault, Walter Derrick, Deborah Donlin, Gary Donlin, Leo McCaffrey, Tom McCaffrey, Gene Mesch, Denise Packard, Randy Packard, George Paradis, Paul Rochette, Nathan



Turley Photos by Ellenor Downer
This octagonal structure was located at one time at Coldbrook Springs. Later, it moved to another location in Oakham and was recently donated to the Oakham Historical Museum by Barbara Bechan.



These dolls belonged to Patricia Dunham (1926-2020) and were donated to the museum by her daughter Laurie Oburchay, a descendent of James Dean, one of the first settlers of Oakham. The woven reed bassinet was found in the Lincoln barn on Lincoln Road, Oakham. It is from the mid 1800s and was donated by Gail Osbourne of Oakham.

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Fr. Callahan celebrates 25 years of service

By Ryan Drago
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BARRE – In celebration of 25 years of service to the church, Rev. James “Jamie” B. Callahan of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be reuniting with friends of the past and friends of the present during a whole day celebration on Sunday, Oct. 1.

With the celebration approaching, Callahan reflected on his entire journey as a pastor and his earlier studies that brought him to his commitment to the church. Not only is the celebration for “Father Jamie,” but it is also a celebration for the parish communities that he has been a part of for a quarter of a century.

“A whole day celebration of the parish communities as well,” said Callahan.

Early in his childhood, Callahan never had the idea of serving the church in his mind.

Growing up in Hudson, Callahan attended public schools and would later spark an interest in meteorology. The link to religion in his family began with Callahan's great-grandfather.

His great-grandfather was actively involved in religious practices and had a nativity scene to

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Annual homecoming bonfire a ‘sweet’ success

BARRE – The annual homecoming bonfire, co-sponsored by Q-Drug and the Quabbin Regional School District, with support from the Barre Fire Department and Robinson's Lumber, was held following the football game this past Friday night.

Students, family and faculty all enjoyed the warmth of the bonfire, and some delicious s'mores.



Assistant Principal for School Culture Jason Gilmartin (second from left) toasts marshmallows with Quinn Geary, Kayla Sherblom, Riley Bassett and Natalia Marchand.



Quabbin students enjoyed the warmth of the bonfire, a homecoming weekend tradition co-sponsored by Q-Drug and the Quabbin Regional School District with support from the Barre Fire Department and Robinson's Lumber.



Turley Photos by Mary Whitelaw
Anna and Makaylah roasted marshmallows over a grill to make s'mores.



Quabbin football player Connor Breeds and Assistant Principal for School Culture Jason Gilmartin enjoyed their s'mores.

A message from the Turleys

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 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, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland and Petersham, 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, 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.

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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.

Sincerely,
Patrick Turley, CEO
Keith Turley, President
Turley Publications, Palmer

Board to interview four Town Administrator candidates

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BARRE – Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis in his report explained the interview process for a new Town Administrator at the Monday, Sept. 18 meeting.

On Monday, Sept. 25, the board will conduct public interviews of the four candidates for the position presented by the consulting firm. He said the first interview was at 4:15 p.m. and the last one at 8:45 p.m. The consultant will meet with the Select Board at 4 p.m. to brief them.

Interim Town Administrator Balukonis said the board members would receive a packet on the candidates at the end of the week. Names of the candidates become

public information the night of the interview. He asked the board to indicate to him what questions they wanted to ask from a list provided by the consulting firm.

He said the Board will meet after the interviews to possibly decide on a candidate. He said a decision on the new Town Administrator, if made that night, would be conditional on an extensive background check of the individual.

He said a decision did not have to be made on Sept 25, but he said the sooner the better. A fifth finalist accepted another position and dropped out of the interview process.

Ruggles Lane School

The Quabbin Regional School District informed the board the battery chargers for the entrance and

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Select Board meetings are now being recorded

Aaron Langlois joins as new member

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OAKHAM – The Oakham Select Board meetings are now being recorded and will be available on YouTube when the system is completely set up.

The Monday, Sept. 18 meeting was the first meeting recorded in many years when Public Education Government Funds from Charter Spectrum covered the cost of equipment and a stipend for someone to run the equipment. They were then broadcast on the town's cable access channel.

The new system, which is a work in progress, did a trial set up at the board's meeting with a temporary set up of a microphone. An internet technician explained

how it would run. He said it was the board's decision if they wanted a simultaneous broadcast or to post the meeting later. The system had a closed caption option viewers could access. It also allowed for remote access to the meeting via a chat. Viewers would be muted and to speak the host would need to grant permission.

New member

Select Board Vice Chair Lucy Tessnau, who presided as Chair Donald Haapakoski was unable to attend the meeting, congratulated and welcomed the newly elected member to the Select Board, Aaron Langlois to the board.

Council on Aging

Council on Aging Chairman Barbara Wreskinski, who attended the meeting, said Zumba and functional fitness classes were outgrowing the voting room. Both classes have increased participation from the senior community.

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No. 4 Schoolhouse to hold annual meeting

President Joyce Dea announces the 2023 Annual Meeting for the No.4 Schoolhouse on Saturday, Oct. 4 14 at 1 p.m. at the No. 4 Schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Road. Elections of Officers, Directors and Trustees will all be held. All members are needed and please invite neighbors and friends interested in supporting the No.4 to attend as well. Volunteers are always needed especially for the upcoming Halloween and Christmas parties. They hope to begin to plan for Barre's 250th Anniversary events in 2024.

Circle of Song

Circle of Song meets every Thursday night at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, from 7 -8:30 pm. The concert for this winter will be on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. also at the Barre Town Hall. Circle of Song is a multi-generational chorus, which began in 2001 and sings mainly in four part harmony. The musicians range from beginners to professional and the age range is from medium sized children to nonagenarians. They put on two concerts, December and May each year and sing all genres of music. Julie Rawson is the director and can be reached by emailing julie@mhof.net and by calling 978-257-1192. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are sliding scale from \$25 per year for students and \$40 - \$70 for adults according to ability to pay.

Backroads Studio Tour

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

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Fall colors begin to appear



Photo by Ellenor Downer

Fall is here and the leaves are beginning to show their autumn colors of red, orange yellow. This is a scene from Hubbardston.

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COA to host Candidates Night

The Hubbardston Council on Aging will host a Candidates Night on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hubbardston Senior Center, 7 Main St.

This is an opportunity for people to meet the candidates running for Anne Gobi's former seat as State Senator and to find out where they stand on the issues that matter to them. Topics will likely include: education funding, transportation and infrastructure, taxes and the state budget, Healthcare and social services, job growth and economic development, environment and energy and more.

Special elections

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

Senior center events

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

Barre receives \$7,542 MIIA Grant

BARRE — The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, the town's property and casualty insurance provider, awarded the town of Barre a \$7,542 grant to fund safety and risk management activities and equipment.

Barre used the grant funds to purchase a comprehensive camera system that will enable efficient diagnosis of infrastructure issues such as breaks and clogs in the sewer and culvert systems, as well as to perform routine inspections of sewer, culvert and catch basins more easily. Municipalities frequently use cable-driven camera systems for inspections to help mitigate damage from flooding and reduce the need for excavation.

"As an additional tool onboard our sewer system maintenance vehicle, this portable camera unit will allow

us to inspect sewer mains and storm drains all year long if needed — without us having to worry about the influence of cold weather that could impact other types of equipment," said Thomas George, Chief Operator of the Barre Wastewater Treatment Facility. The new unit will enable full inspection of sewer lines from inside town residences and businesses when a blockage is suspected, helping to prevent potentially costly damages, George said.

For the 2023 fiscal year, MIIA awarded \$1 million to fund over 180 grant requests from members for public safety activities and equipment. Municipalities were able to conduct safety trainings, procure safety equipment, purchase infrared cameras and security equipment for schools and thermography cameras for pub-

lic works departments, among many other initiatives.

"MIIA is proud to partner our member communities to provide solutions for effective risk management, cost savings, and enhanced employee safety," said Stan Corcoran, MIIA Executive Vice President. "Barre and many of our other members are able to benefit from these grants to help mitigate costly insurance claims, particularly in areas where we commonly see issues and losses arise."

The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association is the non-profit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. As a member-based organization, MIIA's focus is to provide excellent service and quality risk management solutions to nearly 400 cities, towns, and other public entities in Massachusetts. For more information, people may visit <https://www.emiia.org> and www.mma.org.

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 Oct. 2. 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 — Chicken pesto, couscous, Roman blend vegetables, yogurt, pumpernickel bread

TUESDAY — Burger with chili and cheese, green beans, herb potatoes, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

WEDNESDAY — Roast pork with gravy, cranberry stuffing, country blend vegetables, strawberries, marble rye bread

THURSDAY — American chop suey, broccoli and red peppers, corn, Lorna Doones, French bread

FRIDAY — Jambalaya, rice pilaf, green peas, fruit ambrosia, white bread

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

Church tag sale rescheduled to Sept. 30

NORTH BROOKFIELD — A tag sale will be held at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be plants (indoor and outdoor), puzzles, books, clothes, kid's stuff, kitchen and household items, treasures, and more. Name your own price.

FCOA to hold Yuletide craft fair Nov. 18

RUTLAND — The Rutland Friends of the Council on Aging sponsors a Yuletide Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior/Community Center, on 53 Glenwood Road.

There will be vendors, lunch and bake sale at affordable prices. The FOSC is looking for vendors for their craft fair. If interested, they should call 508-886-7945.

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Noreen Bechade
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Danyele Lundgren
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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Cemetery Commission – Sept. 28 at 11 a.m.
 Select Board – Oct. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Oct. 3 and Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.
 Election Day – Oct. 10 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustee – Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Oct. 12 at 3 p.m.
 Board of Health – Oct. 16 and Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.
 Water Commission – Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm.
 DPW Commission – Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Health – Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Registrars – Sept. 30 and Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – Oct. 10 at 6:45 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Oct. 11 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Oct. 11 at 4 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Oct. 16 at 2 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Oct. 16 and Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Conservation Commission – Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – Oct. 4 and Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Downtown Development Committee – Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Town Administrator Search Committee – Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Select Board – Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30 and Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Sept. 29 at 9 a.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Oct. 5 at 6 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Oct. 10 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Select Board Public Hearing – Oct. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Special State Primary Election – Oct. 10 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Artists are announced for the Backroads studio tour

BARRE— The artists and artisans of central Massachusetts Backroads Studio tour will be opening their studios this fall, on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the towns of Petersham, Barre, Oakham, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield and Spencer.

This year the tour welcomes two new members, Dena Hengst from Oakham and Frank Bly from Hardwick. Hengst studio will showcase her beautiful paintings, prints and notecards, many of which depict ocean shores, waterfalls and water surfaces. Bly's studio, established in 1971, features beautiful paintings of landscapes, flowers and wildlife. Bly's friendship with Norman Rockwell has been inspirational to his work.

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

In the town of Barre you will find three studios including Deer Run Studio where

metalsmith Bonnie Waterhouse works with sterling silver, semi-precious stones, fused glass and crystals to create rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings and ornaments.

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

A short drive from there takes tourists to Stained Glass by Robert Hill. Hill enjoys building artwork from glass that has texture and character. Hill's favorite pieces are those designed for gardens.

Another short drive brings tourists to New Braintree where they can visit David Thompson's wood shop studio. Thompson has a collection of handcrafted one-of-a-kind spoons, bowls and kitchenware. Thompson also builds a variety of unique interior and exterior furniture pieces.

In the town of North Brookfield, there are two more studios to visit. At Palmer

Design Group, you will find Jefferey Palmer who handcrafts beautiful furniture using time honored techniques of mortise and tenon and dovetail joinery. Palmer's natural oil finish glows with the warmth of a valued heirloom.

Nearby is Brookfield Paperworks where Elisabeth Hyder will welcome you to view her beautiful boxes, journals, cards, framed art and collages. Vibrant colors and beautiful design combine to create gorgeous "art you can use."

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

Be inspired by the different studios and demonstrations this self-guided tour has to offer, while experiencing the autumn beauty of our serene New England backroads. For more information and a map, please visit our website at backroads-studiotour.org.

Barre Food Pantry holds distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday Oct. 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Oct. 11 or in the evening on Thursday, Oct. 19, whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of the COVID-19 sub variant viruses.

Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as they have since

March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Oct. 11 and Oct. 19 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

Volunteers

On Tuesday night, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m., the Barre Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to

unload incoming groceries from their truck, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the following morning. If people can help pitch in for an hour on the Oct. 10, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

Food donations

The Barre Food Pantry also needs food donations. People may bring shelf-stable groceries (cans, boxes and bottles) to the Woods Memorial Library, the Barre Senior Center, the Barre Health Center or the Taproot Bookstore at 5 Exchange St.

Volunteers should not arrive on Oct. 11 and 19 without first calling Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921, Dave Petrovick at 978-852-1696 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people should visit the website to check for updates at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Keep Homestead Museum to hold open house

MONSON – An open house at the Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 1-3:30 p.m.

There will be a short program "Buttons in the Barn" at 1:30 p.m. for visitors of all ages

to learn about the wide variety of materials, including shell, metal and glass, used in the manufacture of buttons.

After the program, visitors are invited to explore a large assortment of buttons to create their own unique button display.

All materials will be provided for free.

Admission to the program and museum is free, however donations will be accepted. For more information about the museum visit www.keephomesteadmuseum.org.

Correction

There was an error in the Calendar of Events about the Celebration for Father Jamie's 25th year in the priesthood. It said the pig roast was free. It is not and requires reservations and the reservation deadline is past.

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OHA cancels dinner dance

The Oakham Historical Association Dinner Dance at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, on Saturday, Oct. 21 has been cancelled due to a schedule conflict.

Benefit breakfast

The Oakham Congregational church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a benefit breakfast for Leominster flood victims on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8-9:30 a.m. The menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Free will donations will be accepted to for our neighbors in Leominster.

PTO Book Fair

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

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

Dismas Farm fall harvest days

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

Lesson and Carols

Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church. Rehearsals will begin at next month at a time and date to be determined. This year's cantata "Go Sing It on the Mountain" by Pepper Choplin.

Church news

This Sunday, Oct. 1 is Communion and Family Sunday at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School. Sunday School resumes the following Sunday.

Medicare 101 educational event to be held Oct. 17

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest St., will be hosting an educational presentation on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m. for current beneficiaries and for those who will soon be eligible for Medicare.

The information is specific to Massachusetts. The session will run from 1 to 1.5 hours, including time for questions.

The presentation will be conducted by Ed Spater, a licensed Insurance agent, who will explain the basics of Medicare including:

Why it's important to evaluate your current Medicare coverage each year.

The pros and cons of each of your Medicare coverage options.

What to consider when deciding which Medicare coverage option is right for you.

Ways to save money and get better Medicare coverage in 2024.

For accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings call 774-271-5199 or 711 for TTY callers.

Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

Nonagenarian war veteran asks about extra credit for his service

Dear Rusty

I'm turning 95 this year and am caretaker for my wife in our 70th year of marriage. I served before 1968 (1951-53) during the Korean War. How do the "special extra credits for military service" work for me? Is it retro-active? My wife, who only worked a short time, gets half of my Social Security so would it affect hers, too?

Signed: Korean War Veteran

Dear War Veteran

First, I want to express my gratitude for your wartime service to our country and I also applaud your 70 years of marriage. Thank you, and congratulations.

Regarding the "special extra credit" for military service, Social Security FICA taxes weren't withheld from military pay prior to 1957 so you didn't pay Social Security payroll taxes from your military earnings during the years you served.

As a result, Social Security would have no record of your military earnings during those 1951-1953 service years. But when you claimed Social Security later in life, they would have asked if you served in the military and given you "special extra credit" in the form of presumed earnings for your service years.

They likely would have asked for a copy of your DD-214 and would have added \$160 to your earnings record for each active duty month during those 1951-1953 years. Note they do not give you an extra amount of Social Security; rather, for benefit computation purposes, they reflect your earnings for those years a bit higher than are shown in your earnings record, which would likely show zero for your service years.

For example, if you served 12 months active duty in 1952, when your Social Security benefit was calculated they would consider your 1952 earnings as \$1,920 (\$160 x 12), instead of the zero shown in your record because you didn't actually pay FICA tax on your military pay. But whether those extra earnings credits would have any effect on your Social Security benefit is a separate item.

Assuming you had earnings from regular employment over your lifetime and paid into Social Security from those non-military earnings, you became eligible for Social Security benefits from earnings outside of your military service. If you worked and earned a decent salary for at least 35 years, then those special extra credits for your military service years would have no effect on your Social Security benefit.

If you had less than 35 years of regular non-military employment, then those extra earnings added for your military service years counted and provided you with a slightly higher Social Security benefit when you claimed.

So, the bottom line is this: if, over your lifetime, you worked for at least 35 years paying into Social Security via FICA payroll or self-employment tax, then the "special extra credits" for your military service years had no effect on your Social Security benefit. But if you worked less than 35 years in which SS taxes were withheld from your earnings, then those "special extra credits for military service" contributed to and increased your Social Security benefit when you claimed.

However, even if you worked for over 35 years outside of the military and the extra credits didn't matter for your Social Security benefit, your service to our country did, indeed, matter a great deal. From one veteran to another, thank you again for your service to our country.

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Letter to the Editor

Landfill will not cover costs of EMS service

This letter follows up on the recent letter from Dr. Richard Romano in the Ware River News regarding reestablishing an EMS service in Hardwick as proposed by Casella Waste Systems.

Our Town of Hardwick Finance Committee stated in our spring Town Meeting that Hardwick is well within our financial responsibilities. I agree that adding more expenses at this time is not prudent and Town systems are running smoothly.

The monies promised by Casella/Roche landfill proposal are not necessary or desired.

As a prior Board Member of the Hardwick Rescue Squad in the mid-1980s and then in the mid-2010s, our analysis of expenses and services delivered clearly indicated that closing the service was our best option. Maintaining our services was prohibitive.

A ground floor EMS with administrative costs, state of the art equipment, purchasing a new ambulance and ambulance station, staffing, training and hiring highly professional personnel is exorbitantly expensive.

We do live in a small town that requires an average of only three-to-four "runs" per week. These are currently covered by nearby fully staffed ambulance services in Barre, Ware and West Brookfield.

The cost/benefit ratio for a new Hardwick Rescue Squad would be unacceptable to the taxpayer. Any objective financial evaluation would put to rest the Casella/Roche deception that an ambulance service is affordable and needed by the town.

Sincerely,
Robert Page
Hardwick Villages for Responsible Growth
Hardwick

In Past Pages

5 years (Oct. 4, 2018)

After a few years with no Oaktobfest, the popular event returns to Oakham Saturday, Oct. 13. Some new people are involved in the planning and some of the past volunteers are back again. Chris Dunbar of the Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee says, "Com on over to Wright Memorial Field in Oakham for our bi-annual Oaktobfest celebration. There will be lots of things to do for children and adults of all ages. The Great Ball Roll returns and the numbered balls will roll down Maple Street about 4 p.m. Many describe the ball roll as one of the "coolest events in Oakham."

Barre Town Administrator Andrew Golas said the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Dec. 4 would delay the setting of the tax rate. The assessors must report all STM articles, even non-financial ones to the Department of Revenue. The delay would create a cash flow issue and the town might have to borrow money. He said if the town borrowed \$500,000 at 5% the interest would be about \$12,000. He said if the tax bills did not get sent out by Dec. 31, both quarter bills would not be due until May. The month of February was a big financial burden to the town as a school assessment payment was due.

A doctor, a former state Senator and residents attended Monday night's Barre Selectmen's meeting in support of a K-9 unit. Dr. Stephen Earls of the Barre Family Health Center said the dog's presence in the schools would be a deterrent to student drug use, at an age when they are most vulnerable to the effects of drugs. Former state Sen. Stephen Brewer said he was one of nine members of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation. He said the foundation members would be meeting with the Police Chief to discuss possible funding awards for the K-9 unit. Brewer said he hoped the board would give the "green light to the chief" for the K-9 team. Police Chief John Carbone gave a presentation for selectmen and the public in attendance. He said the K-9 team consisted of one officer and one dog, a German Shepherd or Belgian Malinois. The K-9 lives with the officer and upon retirement of the dog at about eight years old, would become the officer's pet.

10 years (Oct. 3, 2013)

The Petersham Select Board chairman, Rick Marsh, announced that the state legislature has approved the request that the town be allowed to apply for a 20 year loan for the demolition of the Nichewaung Inn buildings. Marsh commented because the town now has 20 years to repay the loan and therefore a lower payment per year, there can now be funding mechanism in place to finish the entire project at one time, rather than do it piecemeal, starting with asbestos removal.

The Oakham Board of Selectmen appointed Tina Lindsey of New Braintree as Animal Control Officer at their Monday

LOOK BACK Barre Bicentennial Queen and her Court - Oct. 27, 1973



File photo

The Barre Bicentennial Queen and her court are from left, Gail Dorsey; Cheryl Varnot; Jayne Franciose, Queen; Mary McDonald and Kathleen Miknaitis.

night meeting. They interview three candidates, but only Lindsey was a certified ACO. She served as ACO in the town of Hardwick and Ware as well. The other candidates were Barbara Hall and Dave Robinson. All three candidates had experience with dogs, cats and large animals. Lindsey said she has worked with animals for 30 years either running riding stables or petting zoos. In 2005 she became a certified ACO. Chairman of the Selectmen, William Storie, made the motion to hire Tina Lindsey, as she was the only certified ACO of the candidates. Oakham Police Chief Fred Gehring said Lindsey was also a police officer and he asked the board to appoint her as a special police officer as well.

Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers" offers both tears and laughter. Director Tim Waite in his introductions states that Simon won a Pulitzer Prize and a Tony award for this play. The play is set during World War II in Yonkers and takes place in Grandma Kurnitz's apartment located about the Kurnitz's Kandy Store. Son Eddie (Michael Blaney) asks his mother played by Celia Daniels to take care of his two sons, Jay (Sam Berthel) and Arty (Sam Pelligrino) for the eight months that he would be gone with a new job selling to factories through the South. He went to a loan shark to borrow money for medical expenses for his wife, who passed away from cancer. Now he owes him \$9,000 and the note is due this year.

25 years (Oct. 1, 1998)

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

grant requests, but only 29 projects were selected for funding for \$900,000 in grant awards for fiscal year 1999.

A reasonable apples by an abutter to the Hubbardston Center School basketball court at the Sept. 22 Hubbardston Selectmen's meeting caused the selectmen to modify a 6 p.m. curfew imposed recently for that facility. The curfew had been established to deal with a problem of vandalism and littering that has increased in recent months. June Hubbard-Ward, who lives next door to the school, expressed her disappointment with the curfew saying that a lot of children, her own sons included, take their basketball very seriously. She said there is no other local court on which they can practice. "A few who hang out there are spoiling it for the many" she said.

I'm going to pass on the magic. Washington was magic," said teacher Dorothy Verheyen after her return for a three-week conference in Washington D.C. sponsored by the National Geographic Alliance. The Ruggles Lane School fifth grade teacher was one of three teachers in Massachusetts invited to attend the all expense paid conference held July 5 to 24. She returned to Ruggles Lane with \$1,000 worth of materials, a wealth of knowledge and a commitment to share her experience with pupils and other teachers in the area. The them of the conference sponsored by the National Geographic Society was "People, Places and Patterns: Geography Puts the Pieces Together."

38 years (Oct. 3, 1985)

The residents of the Barre area didn't sit around with their hands in their pockets on Thursday, Sept. 26. They were out "Battering down the hatches" as the old saying goes and preparing for what weathermen predicted to be the first major hurricane to hit the area in almost 30 years. From noon time on, the

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is hard to believe September is almost over and Halloween things need to be put out for display.

We have had so much rain this summer that it does not seem like we had a summer. There was no flea market on Sunday.

I have started to bring in my house plants as the mornings have been in the 50s. The Amaryllis will go into the basement until they start to put out shoots and the rest of the plants will go in the living room.

I went to the Stars and Stripes diner for brunch with two friends on Friday. They are displaying pictures of veterans on a big flag they have painted on the wall. I will give them a few pictures I happen to have.

They want the pictures to be 4 by 6 inches and they will provide the frames. The room is well decorated in a patriotic theme including the plates that the meals are served on.

This week I made chicken soup with noodles and added carrots and peas. I also made an apple pie as a friend had given Ken some apples from his trees.

I did not attend the Field Day as my legs were not

working well, but I was able to receive a couple loaves of bread to put in the freezer.

The quote for the week is "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel," by Maya Angelou. That is how I feel about my friends, who I had brunch with this week. We have gotten together for a number of years.

This and That

The road I live on has a lot of trees on the side of the road and is very dark at times. I noticed when people walk along the road they really need to wear a bright color. It can be very dangerous for them.

I have to walk across the road from my driveway to get my mail and quite often I have had to stop traffic in order to get across. There is a hill and a curve in which you can not see cars or bicycles coming down. Because of my age, I am not walking as fast any more. People need to watch out for the elderly.

Have a good week and enjoy life.

Compost is a near neutral source of humus, a well-balanced fertilizer and soil tonic good for all types of gardens and even the lawn.

The garden plot is looking better, but I still have lots of weeds to deal with. I've been told that if you miss one year's seeding it's seven years weeding, so there is no way I am going to take the easy route and rototill them in.

As I pull up the weeds by hand, I vow to be a better weeder next year, or better yet, mulch more and weed less.

My chickens, however, are thrilled with my shortcomings! They gobble down those seed heads faster than their morning dose of carrot peelings.

At last, I have a clean slate. In preparation for sowing winter rye seed, I scuff up the soil surface.

If any Jumping Worms cross my path, I feed them to the chickens. Stay tuned for an entire article on the subject of these invasive worms next week.

Once prep is complete, I rake the soil smooth and broadcast the seed. At a rate of four pounds per one thousand square feet of garden, I use ten pounds.

It's a good idea to divide the seed in half and try to cover all the area you have once, then go back and fill in the light spots with the rest. After the seed has been sown, I'll drag the flat end of a steel rake over the soil surface to bury it ever so slightly.

My goal is to have the seed sprout now, so that its roots will hold the soil and its nutrients in place over the off season. Winter rye will put on an amazing amount of top growth by spring- weed whack or mow it first to make incorporating easier.

I am also contemplating "tarping" it to solarize the soil at the same time, then working in the dead plants by hand. Either way, if you do this for a few years in a row you'll watch the organic matter content of your soil soar, reportedly at a rate of three to four thousand pounds per acre!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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 pouimete@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Cleaning up and planning ahead

Let's just say that all the rain made vegetable gardening a real challenge this year.

Why don't we call it a wrap and do what we can now to get ahead of the game for next year!

Most of my veggie plants have already called it quits. Other than a half row each of carrots and beets, and the last succession of green bean plants, there is pretty much nothing left to harvest in my main garden.

I still have some great peppers in the raised beds. Clean up will start in the main garden for now.

Where do I begin? First, I will haul off whatever I can to the compost pile, excluding as many weeds as possible. I will also leave out thick plant stalks such as broccoli; they will take too long to break down.

Diseased plants are also a no-no; they belong in the trash.

Think of the compost pile as an outdoor lasagna made of layers of brown and green plant parts. Brown, carbon rich ingredients (such as chopped leaves) can be layered with green, nitrogen rich ingredients (such as grass clippings, over grown vegetables and scraps, and those non-weedy plant parts) to get the pile cooking.

Add a shovel full of garden soil or finished compost per layer to inoculate it with microbes and water well. Let the pile sit for a year or turn it frequently for faster results.

PAST PAGES, continued from page 4

IGA in Quabbin Plaza had a steady stream of milk and bread buyers. "We haven't had such business since the last snowstorm warning," John Coppolino of the IGA said. By supper time, the bread shelves were looking sparse and the gas lines were long. The double-barreled line in front of Honey Farms was reminiscent of the gas crunch a few years ago.

What was touted as being the worst hurricane since 1938, weakens in intensity by the time it hit Central Massachusetts on Friday

afternoon, Sept 27. There were 50-60 mile per hour winds with gusts up to 85 miles per hour at Worcester Airport. Hurricane Gloria, which originally packed 130 mile per hour winds, turned into a weak-hurricane or tropical storm. Tree-lined streets disappeared under a cover of leaves, branches and occasional downed trees and telephone poles. A few homes in the area sustained damage from falling trees, but the comparison with hurricanes from the past was not there. Damage was minimal and was minimized by the fact that area businesses and homes were prepared. The biggest problem that beset the

region was power outages. Over 600,000 homes were without power.

Barre Selectmen approved a 10K or 6.2 mile Walk-a-Thon to be held Sunday, Oct. 6 starting at 1 p.m. from Quabbin High School and lasting approximately two hours. Those walking will be collecting money to go into a fund to buy two trees. The trees will be planted at Quabbin in memory of Michael Newell and John Belafatto, who died in an automobile accident recently and were students at Quabbin High School. The Walk-a-Thon is being sponsored by friends of the boys.



Northern harrier

I received an email about the sighting of a Northern harrier in Warren from a man who reports bird sighting for this column on a regular basis.

The Northern harriers is the only harrier in North America. Harriers are very distinctive hawks, with long wings and long tails. They are about 18 inches long. The male is gray above and white underneath and the female is larger than the male and brown above and streaked brown underneath.

They are usually seen flying low over the ground in open country. At close range, the face of Northern harrier resembles an owl. Unlike most hawks it may rely on its hearing like an owl to help it locate prey as it courses low over the fields.

Males tend to fly lower and faster than females. The female lays four to six pale bluish-white eggs in a platform nest of sticks and grasses placed on the ground. The female remains with young most of time at first and the male brings food and delivers it to female, who feeds it to young. After the young are about two weeks old, the female does much of the hunting for them.

They feed mostly on small mammals and birds. They also eat large insects especially grasshoppers as well as snakes, lizards, toads and frogs. May feed on carrion, especially in winter.

Ruby throated hummingbirds

Ruby throated hummingbirds still being seen. Pittsfield and Williamstown, Gill, Longmeadow, Amherst, Princeton, Petersham reported sightings to Massachusetts Audubon Society on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26.

Loon fact

The Loon Preservation Committee provides loon facts in a newsletter. Loons usually sleep on the water unless they are incubating a nest and loon cams captured nesting loons sleeping while incubat-

ing. To sleep, a loon will turn its head and rest it on its back, tucking its bill into its scapular feathers.

The newsletter said, "If you see a loon sleeping during the daytime, don't worry. Loons sleep in short bursts that may happen at any time, day or night." Daytime sleeping bouts tend to be a little shorter, averaging 14 minutes than nighttime one, averaging 24 minutes. Loons spend more time sleeping at night than they do during the day. When sleeping, loons tend to prefer open water, further from the shoreline.

Sightings Warren and Brimfield

Besides seeing a Northern harrier, a birder reported in an email two great egrets at a no-named pond on New Reed Street. He said, "On South Street at the pond with an osprey nest one juvenile, who fledged a few weeks ago, was still visiting the nest and perching in the tree with the nest. A second osprey had fledged from the nest and had left the area around the pond over two weeks ago."

He also said, "I did see two osprey flying high over the pond on New Reed Street. The birds were quite high, well above tree top level with one bird following a couple of hundred yards behind the first. They were too far away to tell if it was an adult being followed by a juvenile."

In another email, he said, "There was a flock of hen turkeys with some young. We have not seen many turkeys near out property for a couple of years, probably because this area was had hit by sponge moths (used to be called gypsy moths) and we haven't had a decent acorn crop in several years. He said there were about 20 birds in all with two different age groups based on the size of the young birds."

He said, "As I was watching a young gray fox appeared and that got the turkeys even more excited. I could see the fox moving around and the turkey were running back and forth, however it didn't seem as though the fox was stalking the turkeys. After several minutes a dozen of the turkeys flew away into the woods. I didn't see where the rest of the turkeys of the fox went."

The birder sent an email in mid-September and commented about how I like juncos. He said, "Juncos are harbingers of the coming change in seasons and my wife has the exact opposite reaction to their arrival that you do, 'oh no the juncos are back'"

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

New Braintree Library holds Story Times

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, offers their next Story Time programs on Mondays, Oct. 9 and Oct. 23 at 9 a.m.

This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays

at the library. On Oct. 9, the program will feature "Let's Go on a Fire Truck" by Rosalyn Albert and "Firefighters Help" by Dee Ready. Although the Oct. 9 date is a holiday, Story Hour will still be held. The New Braintree fire department will bring a fire truck to story hour in recognition of

Fire Prevention Week.

Monday, Oct. 23 will feature "Halloween Mice" by Bethany Roberts and "It is Halloween" by Laura Appleton-Smith. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business for more information.

Oktoberfest celebration benefits Town House

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Join The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Common Ground Ciderworks, 31 East Brookfield Road.

Sing and dance to the music of The Chipmunks German Band. You can also enjoy delicious food, shop creative local vendors, take part in games for all ages and try

your luck with exciting raffles.

Raffle prizes include an original painting of the Town House, a Misty Harbor Resort two-night off-season stay for up to six people, four reserved tickets for a Worcester Red Sox game in April or May 2024, an Old Sturbridge Village Family Pass for four, a boy's bicycle from Whitco Sales, an area rug from Caron's House of Carpets, a rustic wooden

bench crafted by Rick Lauder, an Ecotarium Day Pass for two adults and two children, a Strandz Hair Salon \$50 gift certificate, a 308 Lakeside \$50 gift card, a Hardwick Crossing \$25 gift card and two \$25 gift cards from Hannaford's Supermarket.

Enjoy all the fun of Oktoberfest while supporting the restoration of the North Brookfield Town House.

Trinity Church concert benefits Dismas House and Farm

WARE – Ask Me Now will perform a free concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.

A mission offering will be

taken for Dismas House and Farm, a ministry for those who were formerly incarcerated.

The quartet specializes in delivering interesting arrangements and treatments to time-tested favorites and lesser-known

gems. They play a wide variety of jazz standards, blues, swing, ballads, Brazilian and something they call "sophisti-pop" for your listening pleasure.

For more information about this group go to: askmenow.live.

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North Brookfield

Superintendent shares goals and introduces new staff

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Interim Superintendent Tim McCormick introduced the school district's new interim Director of Student Services, Ann Knapp to the School Committee.

"Ann is a veteran to special education," McCormick said at the Sept. 19 meeting. "We're very happy to have Ann on with us full time."

McCormick said all positions are now filled at the Jr./Sr. High School. He said they are still in the process of hiring two special education teachers at the Elementary School, as well as two paraprofessionals and one applied behavioral analysis-certified staff member.

McCormick said they also need to hire a district-wide English Language Learner teacher.

He said interviews are still being held to fill these positions.

McCormick said they are looking at ways to fund a shortfall from an out-of-district placement for a student that had previously opted to school choice out of North Brookfield Public Schools.

"The community was billed for this student," McCormick said, and he has been tasked with determining how this expense can be covered.

He said the cost of out-of-dis-

trict placements had increased 8% over the previous year, which is less than the 14% increase experienced in other parts of the commonwealth.

McCormick also discussed his goals as superintendent for the upcoming school year.

His first goal would involve starting a strategic planning process with up to 22 school district stakeholders.

"What this process will do is allow us to continue to reflect about what's going well...what needs to be changed for the district," McCormick said. "This will help us frame some of our overarching goals for the next three or four years as we look to improving our instruction, improving our community and making sure that North Brookfield is a place that students and families want to be."

He said the plan will help the school district monitor its progress over the next few years.

His second goal involves working with teachers and staff and supporting them to achieve their professional goals. He said staff observations and evaluations will make sure the schools are hitting targets.

His third goal involves his participation in the new superintendent induction program, which meets about 12 times a year with coursework, as well as networking.

McCormick said this has been

a great resource for him and this is his second year in the program.

McCormick said he was also selected for a cohort, along with superintendents from across the country.

"Superintendents who are facing similar challenges across the country are networking, working together, to kind of come up with common solutions," he said. "I think this is very relevant to what we're doing here in North Brookfield."

His fourth goal is to look at the school district's curriculum, and make sure it aligns with the commonwealth's standards.

For his fifth goal, McCormick will continue to develop a "more robust" STEM pathway. The school district was awarded a Project Lead the Way grant for grades six through eight.

McCormick said they will be applying for a PLTW Launch grant for elementary school students.

"This will lead into future opportunities for our Jr./Sr. High School," McCormick said. Having the STEM pathway, "will really give our high school students a better opportunity...we really want to get this up and running as soon as possible."

Regionalization update

School Committee Chair Ron Ryel said the school district's attorney has reviewed and returned the updated regionalization agree-

ment to the Regional Agreement Amendment Committee Chair for further review and discussion.

Administrator's report

High School Principal John Diorio said the first middle school dance for grades seven and eight was held recently. He thanked volunteers and chaperones for making the dance a success.

He said Elise Dealey will be teaching math and science.

"She's looking forward to using her skills to make real world connections to our students and prepare them for college and careers," Diorio said.

Sloan Anderson, a graduate of North Brookfield High School and former North Brookfield Youth Center staff member, will be starting soon as a paraprofessional.

"He's looking forward to starting a career in education," Diorio said.

Diorio said that juniors and seniors will be attending a college fair at Mount Wachusett Community college, after which they will tour Assumption College and possibly Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Elementary School Principal Sarah Priestley welcomed Trish Meadows as the new grade six math and science teacher.

Knapp said the school district's tier-focused monitoring report was

"one of the strongest" she's seen in a while, and she is currently working on a response to the report.

Recognition

McCormick said he wanted to acknowledge and thank all staff for a "fantastic" opening to the school year, and completing full days of school despite a heat wave. He also thanked the students for their efforts on those days.

Trip approvals

Caitlyn Malone, advisor for the Student Council, requested approval for two overnight trips.

One is the Executive Board retreat at Springfield College's East Campus Outdoor Learning Center. Malone said seven students will be attending the retreat with her, for a program run by a facilitator at Springfield College.

"It's a really great opportunity for them," she said.

The second overnight trip is the annual Massachusetts Association of School Committees' Spring Conference in Hyannis, which is held over three days at the Hyannis Resort and Conference Center.

Malone said all student council members from across the state (about 1,000 students) attend and participate in workshops.

"There's two really amazing guest speakers there," she said. "What's great is that they're able to learn so many things and then

bring it back here."

The School Committee approved both requests.

Student Council report

Student Council member Olivia Giangrande updated the Committee about the Council's last day of school activities, including making milkshakes and nondairy treats with the Hanson's for all to enjoy before summer break.

Giangrande said the Student Council invited seventh grade students to the school to answer any questions and concerns they had, as well as show them the various opportunities available to them.

An activities fair was held for seventh and eighth grade students, allowing them to sign up for clubs and activities.

Homecoming spirit week was held Sept. 24-29 and Homecoming Day was Saturday, Sept. 30 with soccer and field hockey games at 10 a.m. and noon, respectively. Concession stands will be available during the games.

Giangrande said each grade will have the opportunity to set up a booth to fundraise for their grade level.

A Homecoming Dance for grades nine through 12 will be held Sept. 30 from 6-9 p.m. with concessions available.

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Selectmen appoint new full-time police officer

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen welcomed Nicholas Newman, a new full-time police officer to the town's Police Department.

At the Sept. 12 meeting, Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said after reviewing the numbers, it was determined that it would be more economical to hire a full-time police officer to meet the Police Department's needs.

Newman has lived in town since 2013 and worked for the Department for over a year as a part-time officer. Newman has put himself through the bridge program at the Police Academy to be eligible for full-time status.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Newman to a full-time position.

Police Chief Mark Smith said

Newman has "put the time in" with the Department.

"He learned fast because he had to learn fast," he said. "He's done a great job...he's definitely going to be an asset to the Department."

Turnout gear

Fire Chief Joseph Holway discussed turnout gear needs for the Fire Department. He said the lease for the 12 sets of gear previously purchased is running out this year.

Holway said the lease was about \$8,000 each year.

"We were hoping to carry the lease through to get the other 18 sets for the 30 altogether," he said.

Unfortunately, Holway said the price of turnout gear has gone up substantially. He said research has shown that the gear breaks down after 10 years and needs to be replaced, even if it's not being used.

"The stuff has gotten extremely

expensive," Holway said. Interest rates for leases have also gone up.

Holway suggested purchasing six sets of turnout gear each year to lessen the financial impact. The Department could purchase four sets using local funds, and purchase an additional two sets through state grants.

He said if they purchased four sets outright (without a lease), it would cost the Department \$15,000. The gear would take about 16 weeks to arrive after purchase.

Holway said the Department also needs new Nomex hoods to wear under helmets, as the ones they currently have are outdated.

"We've slowly but surely gotten everything up to speed," with National Fire Protection Association standards, Holway said.

Gear that's older than 10 years could still be utilized by pump

operators, which Holway said isn't ideal, but it's an option.

Holway said air packs and turnout gear are two places they don't want to cut corners on.

Sign board

The North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency said the sign board poses a safety hazard, as the cable lets go when lowering the board. The display is also not turning on, so messages cannot be displayed.

The cost to repair the sign would be \$550. The Board approved a motion to have the sign repaired.

Highway Department purchases

The Board approved the Highway Department's request to spend money from the Highway Vehicle account to purchase a hydraulic motor for the sander and 125 pounds of barrel grease. A muffler for the 2000 sander, weld-

ing steel for the plows and salt neutralizer will come from the Snow and Ice Removal account.

New copier

Administrative Assistant Ashley Barre said they are no longer able to get supplies for the town's copy machine, and the company they currently use will not return phone calls or emails.

The Board approved a new contract with another company, Ricoh, which they have used in the past. The contract includes services, labor, parts, toner, staples, etc.

Cable survey

Petraitis said the local public access has created a cable/internet/phone survey, which is available on the town's website, northbrookfield.net, under "Town News." Information gathered will be used in the town's contract negotiations with Charter Communications/Spectrum.

Highway barn renovation
The Bay Path School Committee approved the town's request to have students in the cabinetmaking, carpentry, drafting, electrical, HVAC/R and plumbing trades help renovate the Highway Barn at 65 Donovan Road.

Capital Improvement committee

The Board accepted the resignation of Michelle Petraitis from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Joseph Trentacosta was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Appointment

Tara Hayes was appointed to the Council on Aging as an alternate member.

One-day liquor license

The Board amended the date of a previously approved one-day liquor license for Still Hart's Café from Sept. 16 to Oct. 7.

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Rollins, Warclaw Smichinski, Kathy Usher, Tom Usher and Jocelyn Wile.

Paul Rochette also donated metal tongs, which were used to move ice blocks from the delivery wagon or truck to the ice box. The tongs dates from the time blocks of ice were used to keep perishable foods cold before the advent of the refrigerator.

Another acquisition was a small octagonal building built in the late 1800s, which came from the Coldbrook Springs section of town, which is now watershed for the Quabbin Reservoir and managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The small building ended up at the home of Dick and Barbara Bechan and served multiple purposes over the years. Barbara Bechan donated the structure to the Oakham Historical Museum and Eliot Starbard moved the structure to the museum property. Several

visitors inspected the structure at the open house. It will undergo restoration. The cupola sits on a table in the Young Annex.

Other new donations included the original sign from the Crawford Repository on Coldbrook Road donated by Jason Benoit of New Braintree, a hay collector from the mid 1800s used on the Crawford Farm and a device to measure a horse's neck to make the correct size halter, also from the mid 1800s.

Grace Grimes White of Texas, who grew up in Oakham, donated a framed peacock embroidered and crocheted by her Aunt Flora May Crawford Clifford between 1939-1940.

Next to the framed peacock were two bottles donated by Denise Collette, who found them in Oakham. One of them was dated 1929.



The cupola from the octagonal structure now is stored in the Young Annex at the Oakham Historical Association museum. It and the structure will undergo restoration.

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pray in front of in his household.

The praise used by Callahan's family members before him is the Rosary devotion.

The Rosary is the dialogical prayer of the faithful interacting with God and expresses the feelings of joy, sorrow, healing in the life of Christ as well as the mysteries of our salvation. The Rosary can be prayed individually and communally in a group.

These practices would be passed down by Callahan's great-grandfather to his grandmother and her siblings.

The studies and practices of religion continued through Callahan's mother, Dolores. His mother had six children, one girl and five boys.

Callahan was the youngest of the six children.

At one point, his mother was ill with scarlet fever and managed to get through the sickness. His mother would soon take up and pray the Rosary devotion.

She would dedicate herself to Mary and Callahan reflected on the question his mother would ask during her prayers, "Who is the lady in blue?"

The lady in blue refers to Mary as the person who carried Christ shrouded and protected by Heaven. In art and sculpture, Mary is most commonly seen seated or standing in the sky amongst the clouds and dressed in a white robe and blue veil, cloak or sash, so she can watch over her children.

Callahan graduated from Hudson High School and attended Boston College. Although Callahan had a passion for studying meteorology, he had praying the Rosary implanted in his mind.

In his mid-20s while attending college, Callahan would periodically think about getting more involved in prayer.

"Something is telling me to pray more," said Callahan.

Through his family, Callahan

had learned the Rosary, and his inner calling only became stronger. It was a time where he had found a new path for himself and went on to discover what this new calling was.

Soon after, Callahan had the idea of priesthood on his new journey. He would go on to study for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Brighton.

Callahan was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Daniel P. Reilly on June 6, 1998, in St. Paul Cathedral.

Following his ordination, Callahan served as associate pastor of Our Lady Immaculate Parish in Athol and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Mission in Royalston.

In addition to his service, Callahan would serve St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Athol and St. Peter Parish in Petersham. Callahan's service as an associate pastor in Athol would go on for seven years.

On June 25, 2005, Callahan was named Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Worcester. Two years later, he was appointed Pastor of St. Anna Parish in Leominster.

The parish is also part of the St. Anna Catholic School where Callahan also served for six years.

While reflecting on his 25-year journey in priesthood, Fr. Jamie recalled some challenges he faced. Some came about while he was the pastor at St. Anna's in Leominster.

He had no prior experience working in a school, especially in an administrative role. However, Callahan learned persistently in this new environment and would make sure the school would still have a Catholic identity.

The most challenging obstacle in his journey was the early days in his priesthood and just being thrown into the role. To Callahan, it was something you would learn more of as you go along.

"Trying to organize your thoughts and give a simple preach," said Callahan.

While giving a sermon, it tends to be something a priest would memorize and give to a good-sized crowd for 10-12 minutes. It was a learning curve, but Callahan learned as he went forward in his priesthood.

In the summer of 2013, Callahan was brought to the St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Barre and South Barre, where he is the current pastor.

At the time, the parish would be formed with the merger of two faith communities, St. Thomas-a-Becket and St. Joseph's churches. The chosen patron was Saint Francis of Assisi, a saint known for his love and devotion to Jesus Christ and founder of the Franciscan Order.

Although he knows about the celebration, Callahan believes the 25th anniversary of his ordination is not just for him, but for all in the parish communities. For this celebration, Callahan went back to celebrate at all the parishes he served.

All places that were part of his journey in priesthood.

"Celebrating my whole journey and a great way to celebrate one moment," said Callahan.

The celebration on Oct. 1 will begin with a 10 a.m. with mass under the tent at St. Thomas-a-Becket Church, 398 Vernon Ave., South Barre. Following the mass, coffee and muffins will be for sale and hot dogs and hamburgers will also be sold all afternoon as part of the celebration.

A pig roast dinner will take place at noon. As part of the celebration, the harvest craft fair will take place from 1-5 p.m. with live music, children's games, raffles, auctions and a grand prize table.

The live music will be provided by the group, The Otters. There will be a bake shop available during the fall festival; a chance to get some cookies, muffins, cakes, pies, breads or candy.

All involved are excited to be a part of the full day of activities, while simultaneously celebrating a great milestone of Callahan's 25th anniversary of ordination.

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exit signs at Ruggles Lane School need to be replaced. The cost was \$9,200 or \$14,000 depending on the type of batteries selected by the Select Board. They will ask the QRSD plant and facilities director to attend their next meeting to give them the advantages of each system so before the board made their decision.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall said an emergency generator would be a costly solution. In the past the board tried to get a generator through grants, but was not successful in part because the town already had an emergency site, Quabbin Regional High School.

The interim Town Administrator said he asked for a proposal for the town website to make it more user friendly than the present set up. He talked with a provider, who offers a

four year guaranteed rate of \$3,600 per year. The proposal would also include the start up costs.

Playground update

Select Board Vice Chair John Dixon said the board needed to meet with vendors for a proposed playground. Chair Marshall said it was a good time to order playground equipment. The board needed to select a site, provide the vendors with an assessor's map, determine the age level then various playground companies would give the board proposals following a site visit. Possible sites included High Plains, but parking was an issue; Rice Park and possibly at the Public Safety Building if the town owned all the land by that building.

She said it might be difficult to get all the vendors together at one meeting. The board might have to hold two meetings.

Recording of meetings

The Department of Public Works said they will meet in the Selectmen's Meeting room at the

Henry Woods Building. If the town purchases portable video equipment, they would meet at the DPW Building. Select Board member Mark Regienus said the room at the DPW was small and their might not be room. Chair Marshall will have the building commissioner look at the location.

Town Farm Road

Tom Gravel, who owns property on Town Farm Road, said all kinds of water and silt were coming down the road onto his property and the culvert pipe was blocked. He would like to have the pipe moved to within ten feet of his property line. He said the Conservation Committee was going to do a site visit, but he had not heard back from them. The board will contact the Conservation Committee and ask them for an impact evaluation on the property as well as contact the DPW Superintendent Jason Pimental and the DPW Commission.

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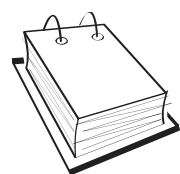
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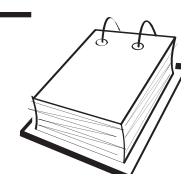
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Calendar of Events



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CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS are held every Thursday night, at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. The choral group of 23 years sings in four-part harmony and often in other languages. People may email julie@mhof.net or call 978-257-1192 for more information. They perform several concerts during the year. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are sliding scale from \$25 per year for students and \$40 - \$70 for adults according to ability to pay.

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

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

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

CLASS OF 1961 REUNION for South Hadley High School Class of 1961 is planning a get-together in South Hadley on Thursday, Oct 5. Members of the Class of 1961 are encouraged to attend. Organizers do not have everyone's contact information, so they most likely did not receive the email sent about this event. Members of the class, who wish to attend, should email Judy Mitrolka Izatt at jizatt@charter.net and put "get-together" in the subject line and she will get back to them with more specific information.

YULETIDE CRAFT FAIR sponsored by the Rutland Friends of the Council on Aging seeks vendors for the annual Yuletide Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior/Community Center, on 53 Glenwood Road, Rutland. If interested, they should call 508-886-7945.

PIE AND COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER to support the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors is accepting pre-order Lyman Orchards ten delicious flavors and five classic flavors of cookie dough. Purchasers just have to thaw, bake and serve. Ordering is easy, simply call Dee Mitchell at 413-813-9660 or email at damiite4@comcast.net for an Order Form or pick up form at Wilbraham Senior Center. Frozen Pies and Cookie Dough will be delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 15 for pick up after 1 p.m. at the Wilbraham Senior Center. Friends of the Wilbraham Seniors will also deliver to Wilbraham Residents for a \$10 fee and \$12 for neighboring towns. Funds raised are used for the programs and services of the Wilbraham Senior Center

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

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

TOUR OF COLDBROOK SPRINGS will be held

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, Oct. 2. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. **Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Raul Laborde, Evelyn Luukko and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the railroad tracks on Route 32 in the Old Furnace section of Hardwick just after the store.**

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

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

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

HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION will be held by the Holden Grange at the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden today at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to enjoy some home cooking, have some fun, and support a local pantry. The supper menu includes

meatloaf, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, bread, coffee, tea, milk, and homemade apple crisp. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children under 12. For reservations, call 508-829-6293 or email masonfarm2@aol.com.

Following the supper, there will be an auction of home-grown produce, flowers, and homemade food and craft items. Proceeds will benefit the Wachusett Food Pantry.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

CELEBRATION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN PRIESTHOOD for Father James B. Callahan, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 398 Vernon Avenue, South Barre will hold a 10 a.m. outdoor Mass followed from 1-5 p.m. by music by The Otters, crafters, bounce house, raffles, bake shop and hamburgers and hot dogs for sale on church grounds. All are invited to this special event.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

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

HALLOWEEN FUN DAY sponsored by the Friends of the Stone Church will be held at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville today from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be arts and dance activities. Free for children of all ages, the program will offer spirited ghost dances and games, mask-making, painted pumpkins, cookies to decorate and other

fun. Local artist and crafters will instruct and refreshments will be served. People may visit at <https://forms.gle/Kq194HygDjD1riu68> or call Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552 to make reservations by Thursday, Oct. 5. Youth under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ART SHOW will be held today from 1-4 p.m. at the church, located at North Street, Petersham as part of the church's bicentennial celebrations. The theme is "Hope and Faith" is open to any medium and has three categories: Depictions of Hope and Faith in a religious context; Depictions of Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church and Symbolic depictions of the Congregational-Unitarian Schism (the Trinity, Trinitarian vs Unitarian, the Social, Emotional or Community pain of Church splitting apart). Drop-off deadline is Friday, Oct. 6 by 5 p.m. More details are available by visiting the church's Facebook page or call the Church, 978-724-8808.

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

MONDAY, OCT. 9

STORY TIME will be held at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree today and Monday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library. Today, the program will feature "Let's Go on a Fire Truck" by Rosalyn Albert and "Firefighters Help" by Dee Ready. Although it is a holiday, Story Hour will still be held. The New Braintree fire department will bring a fire truck to story hour in recognition of Fire Prevention Week. Monday, Oct. 23 will feature "Halloween Mice" by Bethany Roberts and "It is Halloween" by Laura Appleton-Smith. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business for more information.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

BARRE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION will take place today from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 5:30-7 p.m. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning today or in the evening on Thursday, Oct. 19, whichever is more convenient for them. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Oct. 11 and 19 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or way-back of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

FABULOUS 50s DANCE sponsored by Vantage Care of Wilbraham will be held today from 7-11 p.m. at the Ludlow Polish American Citizens Club, 355 East St., Ludlow. This evening dance party will feature music from the 50's with RADBU DJ Productions who will have you singing along and rockin' the night away. There will be dance lessons starting at 7:30 p.m.. A photo op area will be set up. Prizes will be awarded for the best outfits and dance moves. 1950's attire is not required. Snacks and a cash bar will be available and the night will end with a fabulous raffle. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors. The price is \$15 per person to attend. All attendees must be 18 years or older. Tickets may be purchased by calling Ann Marie Gaudette at 413-599-4803 or by stopping by the Wilbraham Senior Center at 45B Post Office Park, off Boston Road, in Wilbraham.

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Cougars get exciting win over Quabbin

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Following back-to-back winning seasons, the expectations were not as high for the Quaboag football team coming into the 2023 campaign.

After the first three weeks of the regular season, the Quaboag players have proven their doubters wrong.

The Cougars improved their record to a perfect 3-0 following an exciting 14-6 non-league victory over the Quabbin Panthers before a large crowd at Alumni Field in Barre, last Friday night.

"A lot of people thought that we were going to take a dip this year and have a losing season," said Quaboag head coach Dave Shepherd. "The coaching staff talked to the players before the season. We told them that they needed to keep this program where it has been during the past couple of years and not to let it go backwards. We're now 3-0 and I'm very proud of these guys. They showed a lot of heart in tonight's game."

Including their three wins this season, the Cougars have posted an impressive 22-4 combined record since the start of the 2021 regular season.

The Cougars' first two victories of this season were against Western

Mass. opponents. They squeaked out a one-point win at Ludlow in the season opener before posting a 34-0 shutout over Palmer in the home opener.

Quabbin (1-2) was looking to kick off their home slate and homecoming weekend with a victory. The Panthers lost at Gardner in the season opener before posting a 34-29 road win against David Prouty.

"I thought we played very hard in tonight's game," said Quabbin head coach Wayne Page. "We had several scoring chances in the second half. We just need to capitalize on them a little bit better."

All of the touchdowns were scored during the first half.

After winning the coin toss and electing to receive the opening kickoff, the Cougars put-together a nine-play scoring drive.

Senior running back Tyler Withers carried the ball five times for 46 yards during the opening series. Junior running back Cam Evans also had two carries and junior RB Brasen Sauriol contributed with a five-yard run.

Following a short run by sophomore quarterback Jacob Cacace, Withers capped off the opening series with a six yard TD run. Withers also added the extra point



Turley photos by Ray Duffy

Adam Adams with an interception for the Panthers



Luke Salvadore stretches for the extra yards.



Chase Talbot punches through the line.

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Quabbin field hockey best Quaboag



Makenzie Casey shoots for Quabbin's second goal.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Quaboag's John O'Neill and Quabbin's Shelly Zalneraitis are the longest tenure varsity field hockey coaches in Central Massachusetts.

When the longtime friends



Farrah Wijick puts Quabbin's first goal in the net during action last week.

renewed acquaintances last Friday afternoon, the Quabbin Lady Panthers were able to celebrate a 3-1 non-league home victory.

"It's always a lot of fun whenever we play John's team," said Zalneraitis, who has been the varsity field hockey coach at Quabbin Regional for the past 35 years.

"We're very competitive during the game, but we're good friends after the game. This is a very big win for us."

"This has always been a big rivalry game for us," said O'Neill, who's in his 41st season as the Quaboag varsity coach. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for Shelly. Her team is always very good and they're a first-class program. Playing them always makes us a better team."

The Lady Panthers had a 4-1-1 overall record following the home win.

"This victory will give us some momentum heading into our next game against Sutton," Zalneraitis said. "We always play very well at home and I'm very happy with the way that we're playing right now."

The Lady Cougars, who won



Goalie Julianna Stanger earns a shutout for Quabbin against Westborough.

See FIELD HOCKEY, page 12

Pioneers shut out Dragons

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Pathfinder Tech junior forward Evan Costa entered last Wednesday's Tri-County League match against the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Dragons with a team-high five goals.

Led by Costa, who recorded his second hat-trick of the regular season, and senior goalie Richie Gula, who posted the first shutout of his varsity soccer career, the Pioneers posted a 5-0 victory on a perfect late summer afternoon.

A year ago, Pathfinder Tech swept the season series against P.V.C.I.C.S., who are a co-ed team this season. Only nine players signed up for the Dragons girls' soccer team and those players had the opportunity to join the boy's squad.

Last Wednesday's victory pushed the Pioneers overall and league record to 2-1.

After losing to Athol, 6-3, at home in the season opener, the Pioneers, who had a couple of matches postponed due to the weather, got into the win column for the first time with a 5-1 win over Franklin Tech in another home match. Costa recorded his first hat-trick of the regular season in that contest.

Costa is also one of the Pioneers tri-captains, along with senior Kenny Brouillette, and junior Seth Mitchell.

The Dragons made the bus trip to Palmer from Hadley with a 3-1 overall and league record. They had outscored their first four opponents, 14-4.



Brody Wetrnicka fights for possession of the ball.

In the middle of the opening half, Costa, who's a forward, split a pair of defenders before firing a low shot into the left corner past junior keeper Damian Loinaz, who made five saves during the first 40 minutes of the match. Freshman Owen Pear was credited with the assist.

Pear, along with sophomore Jaiel Nevue-Roman, sophomore Adonis Dupre, and junior Elijah Jez, attend Palmer High School. They're able to play soccer for the Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity team as part of a co-op.

A couple of minutes later, Costa fired a shot from the top of the box into the back of the net giving his team a 2-0 advantage. The Pioneers second goal was assisted by Nevue-Roman.

The best goal of the entire

See PATHFINDER, page 12



Cayden Bousquet charges down the field.

Opening win for Quabbin hoopsters in new league

BARRE – The fall basketball season presents a new set of challenges and opportunities and the Quabbin hoopsters are certainly embracing that path. A new fall league has been organized in Whitinsville, a departure from the Worcester League the Quabbinians have been part of for a few seasons. While a longer distance for the locals, the Quabbin program has always adhered to playing any team, anytime and just about anywhere. And this league presented new competition and a new schedule with games played on weekends. For coaches Tim Hay and Luke Brownell, it was also about a roster with some new faces on the

squad. With only one senior back, captain Nick Whitelaw, the coaches were excited to also have a number of returning underclassmen from the summer program combining with several new additions. The team answered the opening game contest at the Whitinsville Community Center with a 51-30 win over Sutton. Led by juniors Quinn Geary and Kyle Clark, combining for 31 points, the Quabbin cagers held a 22-19 halftime lead and expanded it over the second half to take home the victory. Geary led the team with 17 points including draining three trifectas from beyond the arc and then added to his repertoire by slashing to the basket for more

points. The co-captain is back both bigger and stronger certainly making his presence impactful at both ends of the court. Confidence is said to come from demonstrated ability and Geary along with teammate Kyle Clark are making it known that they are warriors and quite ready to help lead their team. Clark used his strength and size to emphatically haul down 11 rebounds making it known he was enjoying the role as the 'Big Dawg.' The power forward works hard on his conditioning and the results have been paying dividends on the court. Co-Captain Nick Whitelaw has become an excellent floor gen-

eral especially on the defensive end as evidenced by his ability to draw a charge seemingly each game and just erase many of his teammates defensive miscues with his help and recover defense. Junior Zeke Santoro, a solid and athletic 6'2", continues to improve and added a trifecta and four strong rebounds to the team effort. Returning junior Luke Salvadore sparked the team with his hustle and energy. And he impresses with his physicality on the court. Salvadore scored 6 points on strong drives to the rack zone and figured in three loose ball recoveries as he always seems to win the 50-50 battles.

Jaxon Warburton is getting

better in his role as the floor general and his confidence handling the ball and driving to the basket is growing. The junior is also Quabbin's football quarterback and exhibits that quality all coaches admire, toughness. Also joining the team were eighth graders Aidan Crane and Brady Patchen along with freshman Matt Wade. All three made positive contributions in their debut and although giving size and experience to the opposition they remained undaunted. Patchen, a combo guard-forward player, added seven points with several strong takes to the iron

See HOOPSTERS, page 12

Pioneers edged by Franklin Tech

PALMER – Last Friday night, Pathfinder football was defeated by Franklin Tech 14-7. Pathfinder would drop to 1-2 on the season as it gets ready to start its Tri-County Conference schedule.

Pathfinder opened the season against Palmer with a 33-6 win, but then lost consecutive games against Athol and Franklin Tech.

Coming up this weekend, the Pioneers will meet Springfield International Charter School for the first time. The game will take place at American International College in Springfield at 6:30 p.m.

Sports

Football fans cheer on Panther's at homecoming

BARRE – The bleachers were filled with Quabbin Regional High School football fans, wearing red, white



Quabbin football fans proudly cheered for their team, decked out in star-spangled attire at this past Friday's homecoming football game.

and blue, at this past Friday's homecoming football game against Quaboag Regional High School.



Quabbin Regional High School students posed for a photo during this past weekend's homecoming football game.

Turley Photos by Mary Whitelaw

Monadnock season concludes with championship races

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Five track champions were crowned last Saturday – Nate Wenzel and Michael Yeaton both first timers – as Monadnock Speedway closed out its 2023 racing season on Championship Day at the high-banked quarter-mile.

Late Model ace Tim Wenzel won his crown for the second season in row. Louie Maher is now a two-time king of the Mini Stocks, and then there's Chris Davis. Davis ran a conservative race Saturday to wrap up his fourth Pure Stock title, those along with a Mini Stock championship to boot.

Cole Littlewood and Geoff Rollins led the swarming 19-car NHSTRA Modified field to the green Saturday, with the 100-lap-per not only deciding the 2023 track championship, but also contested as the third of four NHSTRA Quest For The Cup races.

Defending track champ Tyler Leary entered Saturday two points ahead of Nate Wenzel, while Wenzel sat atop the Quest leaderboard. Others, including Rollins, were in the Quest hunt too, a battle that will be decided at Lee.

Leary took the lead from Rollins on lap three but, seven circuits later, it was open-wheel rookie Scott Zilinski at the point, his mirror soon filled by Trevor Bleau's ride and, just behind that,

JT Cloutier's.

Bleau took charge on lap 19 but his stay up front was brief, as Cloutier had the lead three laps later. In front, he'd open a huge lead until a lap 43 caution – one of a dozen on the afternoon – brought the pack back to his bumper, and Zilinski to his side.

Getting the jump, Zilinski began his second run at the head of the class on lap 44, again with some major thunder at his back bumper. Wenzel, his nostrils filled with the warm aroma of a pending championship, took over on lap 74, and he never looked back.

When Leary and Zilinski made contact in turn three five laps later, the title chase was over. Cloutier, who'd survived an unnecessary bouncing off the frontchute wall back on lap 59, got back up for second on the 80th go-round, then following Wenzel under the checkers to conclude his own successful season.

With Wenzel earning his first NHSTRA track Modified crown, and solidifying his point lead in the Quest chase, he joined his younger brother, Tim, in celebrating their 2023 sibling Monadnock championships. With Cloutier strong in second, Kimmy Rivet, who earlier this summer survived a horrific crash, ended her summer on the podium with a third-place finish.

Rollins, who struggled through

a largely forgettable Saturday afternoon, made masterful use of no fewer than four trips to the pits to stay on the lead lap and finish fourth, keeping his Quest hopes alive for the series' finale next month.

Tim Wenzel, as his brother Modified hot shoe Nate would do later in Saturday's event, closed out his championship summer with an exclamation point, romping to his track-high sixth victory of the summer in the Late Model main.

Taking the lead from Andrew Brousseau on lap 19, Wenzel never looked back. Brousseau, though, didn't fare as well. Picked off by a lapper with three to go, he finished fifth on the day. Hillary Renaud concluded her successful summer in second, and Claremont's Dylan Zullo used a last-lap pass to earn the third-place hardware.

Cameron Sontag rocketed to his third win in a row in the Mini Stock feature, taking the lead from Louie Maher with two laps to go. Maher, though, offered little resistance, riding his runner-up finish to the 2023 championship. Pat Houle, in his strongest run of the summer, came home third.

Colton Martin, trading rides for the day with Andrea St. Amour, blew the field away to win Saturday's Pure Stock feature. Chris Chambers, in St.

Amour's team car, was second, and Zach Zilinski earned the first of his two Championship Day trophies in third.

Chris Davis, who'd seen a title slip away from him in last year's season finale, stayed clear of trouble Saturday, cruising home in fifth to add another championship trophy to his large collection.

Zach Zilinski wired the Six Shooter feature to win his second in a row. Steve Miller Jr. stayed glued to the 16-year-old pilot's bumper to finish second, while Michael Yeaton's third-place run netted him the 2023 championship.

Markus O'Neil led all the way to score his second Young Gun victory of the year Saturday. He had four-time winner Owen Zilinski draped all over him for most of the way but never faltered en route to victory. Addison Brooks came home third.

Oval-tracker Cole Littlewood, aboard the family Honda, won Saturday's Spectator Race finale, stealing the win out of the last turn from Xander Stillwell.

Last Saturday's 2023 Championship Day event concluded Monadnock Speedway's 2023 racing season. The high-banked speedplant will take on a new and improved look in the coming weeks, as it receives an entirely new racing surface, its first since the initial paving was completed a half-century ago.

Education

COLLEGE NEWS

Elmira College announces Key Award recipients

ELMIRA, N.Y. – Elmira College announces this year's recipients of its annual Key Award.

Local students receiving Key Awards are: Alyssa Senecal of Rutland, Jaxon Kelley of Barre and Brianna Caponigro of Barre. This year's award was given to 783 students in 16 states. A tradition that goes back to 1935, the Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

"This award is given to students with the potential to excel academically, serve as leaders, and go on to enjoy success in life," said Charles Lindsay, president of Elmira College. "We hope they will choose to make Elmira College their place."

Sponsored by the EC Alumni Association, the Key Award recognizes students for high scholastic achievement, leadership, citizenship and participation in extracurricular activities.

Colleges and universities list President's and Dean's Lists

Southern New Hampshire University
Manchester, New Hampshire

Summer 2023 President's List

Local students making President's List are: Leslie Wallace of Ware, Alexis Lane of Ware, Alexa Desantis of Rutland, Jamison Przypek of Ware, Christopher Cunningham of Oakham, William Melendez

of Hardwick, Alexis Paquette of Rutland and Kristy Melanson of Hubbardston.

Southern New Hampshire University
Manchester, New Hampshire

Summer 2023 Dean's List

Local student making Dean's List is Jessica Jardine of Rutland.

Retired HCC president named to Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

HOLYOKE – Recently retired Holyoke Community College president Christina Royal has been named to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education by Gov. Maura T. Healey.

Royal, who lives in Northampton, was one of three new board appointments announced Sept. 19, along with the reappointment of board chair Chris Gabrieli.

"Equity is at the center of our administration. I'm proud to be appointing members of the Board of Higher Education who share this commitment and will work to expand access to affordable, high quality higher education for every student," Healey said. "Massachusetts has long been a leader in higher education, and I'm confident that under the leadership of Chair Gabrieli and the other board members we will continue to

lengthen our lead and deliver results for the people of Massachusetts."

The 13-member Board of Higher Education is the statutorily created agency in Massachusetts responsible for defining the mission of and coordinating the Commonwealth's system of public higher education and its institutions.

"I am grateful to serve on the Board of Higher Education for Massachusetts and look forward to supporting our system of public higher education in a new capacity," said Royal. "As president of HCC for seven years, equity was a significant priority, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue this work at the state level, in support of our students and institutions."

Royal, who wrapped up her tenure as the fourth president of HCC in July, is the president of Infinite Unlearning, LLC.

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Athlete of the Month

NAME: Julianna Stanger
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Quabbin's field hockey goalie has led the Panthers to a 4-1-1 record, including a shutout last week against Westborough.

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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giving his team a 7-0 lead with 7:54 remaining in the first quarter.

Junior quarterback Jaxon Warburton kept the Panthers first offensive series alive by completing an 11-yard pass to senior tight-end Jake Leazott on third down. However, the drive stalled, and Quaboag senior Chucky Smith tipped the punt by junior Bryce Venne.

The Panthers offense quickly got the ball back following an interception by sophomore Adam Adams, who was injured in the fourth quarter.

Following another Quabbin punt, the Cougars put-together a quick three play scoring drive. All three plays were runs by Withers, who scored his second TD on an 11-yard run. He started out going left before cutting back to the right side on his way into the endzone on the second play of the second quarter.

Withers finished the game with a total of 128 rushing yards on 18 carries.

"The offense got us off to a good start in the first half," Shepherd said. "The defense carried us in the second half."

Trailing 14-0, the Panthers responded with a 17-play scoring drive covering 69 yards.



Ed Guertin gets the sack.

Early in the drive, junior running back Luke Salvatore picked up a first down on a three-yard run up the middle. Warburton also completed a fourth down pass to Venne for another first down.

Sophomore running back Chase Talbot ran the ball three times for 19 yards before Warburton crossed the goal-line from the one-yard line with 1:38 left in the opening half.

Quaboag senior Jaden Ostiguy tackled Talbot at the one-yard line on the two-point conversion play.

The Panthers received the second half kickoff and put-together another long drive.

Salvatore carried the ball eight straight times and gained 58 yards on that series.

The Panthers moved the ball down to the Cougars 6-yard line before senior Bryce Douglas recorded a sack on third down. Then an incomplete pass in the end zone on fourth down gave the ball back to Quaboag.

"Our defense played very well during the second half," Ostiguy said. "It just feels amazing to be 3-0 now."

Quaboag will be looking to make it 4-0 when they play another road game at Worcester North at 3pm on Saturday afternoon.

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Local pastors offer sermons

Through the Psalms Part 6

The Book of Psalms is a collection of 150 Hebrew lyric poems.

As such, the Psalter abounds with literary devices commonly connected to works of poetry. Last week we addressed both simile and metaphor. In this edition, let us further consider the literary devices present in this ancient work.

1) Hyperbole

Hyperbole is a figure of speech that conveys a concept using deliberate exaggeration for dramatic effect. Hyperbole falls into the category of poetic license and, therefore, should not be interpreted as literal fact. Consider the following example:

Psalm 42:3

3 My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

2) Personification

Personification is a figure of speech in which human attributes are given to something nonhuman.

Psalm 148:3-4, 7-10

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

9 you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

10 wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds...

3) Anthropomorphism

This tongue-twister is a literary device in which human qualities are attributed to God, that we might more readily understand Him.

Psalm 10:12

12 Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God.

Do not forget the helpless.

Psalm 34:15

15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry.

4) Acrostic Poetry

Biblical acrostic poems are poems composed of a sequence of uses of the Hebrew alphabet in alphabetical order. A number of the psalms are acrostics to varying degrees (e.g., Psa. 9-10; 25, 34, 37, 111, 112, 119 and 145).

The longest and most famous example is Psalm 119. Its 176 verses are divided into twenty-two stanzas, one stanza for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Within each stanza, each of the eight verses begins, in Hebrew, with that letter. Please consider what a feat something like this would be to write! Imagine trying to craft a poem using this format in the English language: i.e., eight-verse sections starting with the successive letters of our alphabet!

5) Pros and Cons of Literary Devices

It must be noted that such literary devices present a challenge, in that they place immense demands upon the reader. They require more activity of thought than a direct statement, necessitating time. Moreover, they involve a far greater risk on the part of the writer, who must trust their audience to rightly interpret the imagery versus absorb it in an overly-literal manner.

However, such elements do have their benefits: a) poetic texture enhances the beauty or artistry of a piece; b) literary devices arrest the attention of the reader, making

truth more impacting; c) such devices force the reader to slow down to meditate upon the Word; d) such devices aid in the process of memorization and remembrance; and e) such communicate much truth in a short amount of space.

When you study the Book of Psalms, take the time to explore its poetic nature. Look for biblical simile and metaphor, pondering deeply the meanings presented within. Look also for hyperbole, personification, anthropomorphism, and the use of acrostic structures. The Psalter will come alive if you are willing to put in the time to learn such elements and more!

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below. Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come.

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*"The Kingdom of Heaven
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Scripture Reading: Matthew 20 v 1-16 1.

Introduction: Much of our material lives are centered around contractual obligations. When we work, we expect to be paid, and we expect to be paid fairly. It works out that way for some, and then there are many who do not get compensated fairly.

As an example, we see the strike of the United Auto workers with their demands and expectations against car makers, which is still not resolved. They are still in negotiations, expecting that they be paid fairly. There are other forms of expectations in our lives. In our personal lives we expect to be treated with respect by our loved ones and friends and in the workplace.

We expect truth and honesty in our relationships around various issues. We also expect that people will listen to us when we express ourselves. These kinds of expectations are effective when they are met and when they are reciprocated. It gives us all peace of mind when we earn enough money, when we feel loved and respected and especially when we are at peace with God and with one another. It makes us feel good inside, and it makes us feel well.

2. The Landowner and his workers

In our passage we read about a landowner and the workers he hired to work in his vineyard. What a generous and hardworking employer he was, to get up early in the morning to find workers and then to go back a little later in the morning to find some more workers, and again and again till much later.

He did not need all these workers, but he could see they were standing around doing nothing and others not being asked to work perhaps. He went out again and again to find workers to help him in his vineyard. He also seems to operate

quite differently to most employers. He pays them all the same amount of money, even though they started at different times.

The first ones very early in the morning, and the last ones he recruited at the eleventh hour, which was the 5 p.m. hour of the day. What a discrepancy of hiring and payment. It is therefore normal for the first ones to complain about being paid the same as the ones who started late.

They worked the whole day and in the heat of the sun, and these last ones worked only one hour. From a human perspective and expectation, this sounds so unfair to these workers who started early.

On the other hand, we see a landowner who is generous, who must have realized these were family men who needed work to help their families. He acted out of compassion towards these individuals.

It still sounds a little unfair to the early starters, and so when they complained to him, he reminded them of his contract with them, that he agreed to pay them one denarius. He did not change his contract with them, just because he hired others later in the day. He therefore had the right to do with his own money as he pleased, he said.

3. Conclusion: The Kingdom of Heaven Cannot be Earned

This story sounds so counterintuitive to best business practices. We don't know whether the early starters returned the next day or whether they were hired for only one day. What we do know is that Jesus is telling this as a parable to make a point, to teach His disciples a lesson about the Kingdom of Heaven.

He says in verse 1 that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this landowner. It is counterintuitive and countercultural to what they're used to. The first will be the last and vice versa. It is about the reversal of human expectations, says R.T. France in his commentary on Matthew. France continues by saying that in the Kingdom of Heaven God rules by grace, not by human ideals of deserving.

The landowner therefore represents God, and God rules differently than the way we rule on earth. God operates from a place of Spirit and eternal blessings. God does not treat one person differently than the other. God gives to all the same love, grace and mercy.

No one person can claim more of the goodness and generosity of God. No one can therefore receive a higher reward in the Kingdom of Heaven. And so, the Kingdom of Heaven cannot be earned. It is a gift from God to us all, and as we stand ready, God passes by, and reaches out to call our names to receive all the blessings from God. This is a lesson for the disciples as they tried to make sense of the way of Christ. His way is so far beyond the material way of life.

He calls us to have higher expectations of ourselves and of our world, of our church, our families. He asks us to be different, to live our lives like this landowner, giving of ourselves, filled with compassion. He asks that we look around and see where we can create a different kind of fairness, that of dignity and respect that looks and feels like the Kingdom of God. May God help us all to answer that call.

Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser
Barre Congregational Church
30 Park St., Barre

Rutland church celebrates three centuries of community

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

RUTLAND – Rutland's First Congregational Church just marked a significant milestone, celebrating its 300th anniversary as a congregation.

The anniversary was celebrated Sept. 17, with a special sermon and events. Church members spent time going over the history of the church with a slideshow of its history, and recognized several members who were celebrating 50 years of membership.

The church's beginnings in 1723 put it before the founding of the United States as a country, and that is definitely something to celebrate. The amount of history within the walls of the church is something to be treasured.

Pastor David Fish has led the congregation in Rutland since Jan. 1, 2013, and calls it his home church.

"We are a welcoming church, understanding that people come from all sorts of backgrounds," he said.

Rutland is a very community-centered town," Fish said.

"It is very much in touch with its past. Being able to celebrate this 300th anniversary and see the joy in so many faces of the participants was to me a privilege and a blessing," he said.

The church offers a variety of weekly activities and events within the community. They will hold Bible studies that will begin this fall for all ages.

The town hosts concerts on the common where they will go to sell kettle corn with the proceeds going toward the church's outreach.

The congregation opens their arms warmly to all who enter their doors, Fish said.

"My goal is to have people understand God did not make throw away people," he said. "I believe that the great command to love exceeds all things."

The people of Rutland's First Congregational Church strive to make outreach their goal in as many ways as possible, wanting everyone they come across to feel the love of God.

A huge part of their mission's statement is a historical part of their congregation, and that is to go out to the people of Rutland.

"We welcome and seek Christ's living presence in our town and beyond. Our Church is a place of worship, inspiration, learning and discovery. We serve our community and are the arms, hands and voice of



Members of the congregation and community enjoyed a special sermon on Sept. 17 to mark the congregation's 300th anniversary.

God's love."

The church has a large children's ministry as well and they have Sunday school during both of their Sunday services, one at 8:30 a.m. and another at 10 a.m. They also broadcast services online to continue their outreach to those who cannot attend in person.

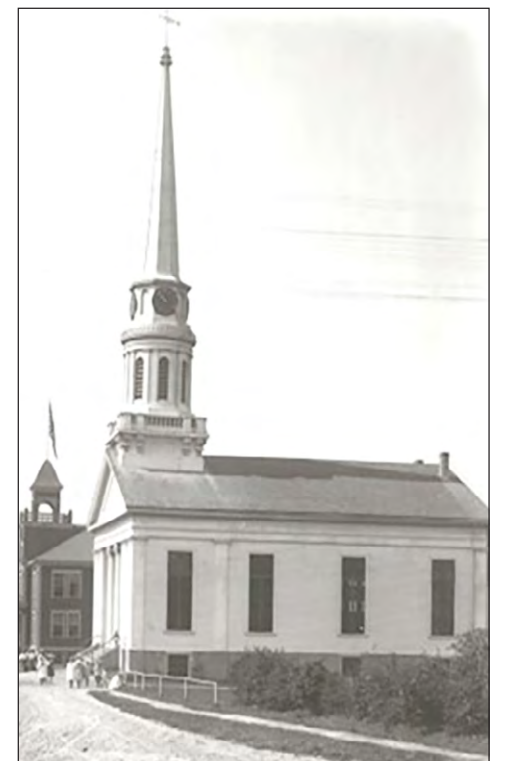
The work the congregation does in the community and within its church family is something that Fish feels is an important part of being a follower of Christ.

"I see volunteerism as a sign of God's work. While money is important to the life of the church buildings and ministry, the human connection is God's love in action," he said.

They host and plan multiple opportunities four outreach throughout the year including a turkey dinner every Thanksgiving open to the public. They have also hosted movie nights and other fun events.

Part of their 300th celebration, other than the connectedness and outreach to the community and town, was fellowship with one another and all who attended.

"Because if there was love



The First Congregational Church has a rich history in the town.

our ego would have to take a back seat to the needs to look out for and take care of one another regardless of who or what that other person may be," Fish said.

Fish wants to teach his congregation to put others before themselves, and they do this by going out and volunteering.

The church is an important and integral part of the community, and stands today after 300 years, to show that community bonds can stand against the tests of time.

First Congregational Church to hold turkey dinner on Nov. 4

RUTLAND – The First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., will hold its annual drive thru turkey dinner on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15 per meal and includes: turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, butternut squash, dressing, rolls with butter and apple crisp. People should call 508-886-4453 to reserve a meal or meals by Saturday, Oct. 21.

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Special state primary

The two Select Board members signed the warrant for the Special State Primary on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Constable Denise Collette signed the warrant and would post it that night. The poll, located in Town Hall, will be open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Voters will be selecting candidates for Senator in General Court, previously held by Anne Gobi, who resigned recently to take a position as Director of Rural Affairs.

Inter-municipal Agreement

Cheryl Duval, Quabbin Regional School District Director of Administrative Services, attended the meeting to get the Board to sign an Inter-municipal Agreement, which would allow the member towns to borrow money without following the Regional School

Agreement procedure for the purchase of a chiller. The agreement required the interest rate be fluctuating based on school enrollment over the period of the loan. The chiller is part of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system at the Quabbin Regional High School.

Two of the five member towns, Oakham and New Braintree, opted to pay their share outright and not borrow. The other three members will borrow for a period of five years. This Inter-municipal Agreement would allow all the towns not just Oakham and New Braintree to base the rate of the loan on student enrollment as of Oct. 1, 2022. The district's council recommended the IMA route so all would be charged the same rate. All five towns must say yes.

The Oakham Select Board wanted all three members pres-

ent to sign the agreement and would do so at their next meeting on Monday, Oct. 2 when Chair Haapakoski was present.

Other business

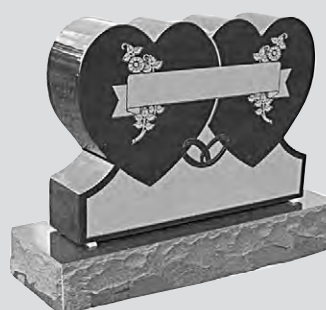
The Select Board said they were waiting for their town counsel's review on the process to accept Longview Drive as a town owned road so it can be plowed by the town this winter.

Select Board member Aaron Langlois asked that the list of American Rescue Plan Act projects be posted on the town website. It will include money already spent as well as proposals. He also requested that town boards, committees and the community have an opportunity to provide input on proposals for ARPA projects.

They also discussed the need for a new highway truck to replace a 26 year old International truck.

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Season's last BBQ+Beer+Band said 'goodbye' to summer

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE – It was just a couple of days short of the beginning of fall when the drive-up from West Brookfield brought one to Farmer Matt's spread in New Braintree and to the event known as BBQ+Beer+Band.

The event had been held over the season and the Sept. 21 edition would be the last for the year.

Planned outdoor events in Massachusetts are always at the mercy of the weather and this summer has seen more than its share of monsoon like climate, but luck was with Farmer Matt and the day was as pleasant as one could ask for. Early evening saw many in T-shirts, though later would see most don jackets or sweaters as it would feel more autumnal.

The event was scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m., but it was all more or less flexible as some arrived early and others drifted in. The band was playing when we got there, but we chose to walk around and take in the view of cows grazing in fields electrically fenced as cattle



Spoooner Well performs at Farmer Matt's BBQ+Beer+Band event.

Turley Photos by Richard Murphy



Farmer Matt takes a short break during his BBQ+Beer+Band event held this past Thursday.

tend to roam.

Our ramble ended up at the stand of Lost Towns Brewing. Manning the taps were Alex and Troy and on tap were brews with names such as Wet Hopped Cream Ale and Barn Kat Kölsch and others, all worth sampling.

We had covered the beer aspect of the night, so we took the beverages back to a picnic table to contemplate "BBQ" aka barbecue.

Farmer Matt provided a more than adequate menu for the carnivorous among us. From burgers to ribs to brisket, hot dogs and more. The herbivores were catered to with a veggie burger.

After no little study of the bill of fare, our decision was made. It would be the pulled pork sandwich.

If that were not enough, the reverse side of the menu had many side dishes to choose from. For those unsated, tempting desserts were available from cheesecake to brownies.

Now to the band. They had been playing all along whether the audience was wandering or ordering or sitting down. The band was the popular and local Spoooner Well.

Spoooner Well is a rather unique moniker. The name references a murder and two firsts.

Joshua Spooner was a wealthy local loyalist during the Revolutionary war. Joshua and his

wife, Bathsheba, had a special relationship. She despised him.

Bathsheba conspired with three men to murder her husband. When the deed was done, Spooner was thrown down his well. Thus, the origin of the band name.

Bathsheba would get in the record books as one of the defendants in the first capital murder case in U.S. history as well as the first woman executed in the new republic.

Now one may look upon that as a dubious honor, and not something we Brookfielders might want to brag on, but it did lead to a band of musicians who write "music inspired by murders from the 1700s" and who "perform at breweries, wineries, weddings, and parties" per their bio.

As the proverb has it, "It's an ill wind that blows no good."

They are "multi-instrumentalists" who "will swap instruments during every set." The group seemed to grow as the evening proceeded, adding an electric mandolin player and a fiddler later on.

It was a rousing performance enjoyed by the attendees.

Farmer Matt was everywhere at once, superintending the festivities. We were able to catch him and discuss what is coming next.

Thursday was the final BBQ+Beer+Band, but autumn has events coming up.

There will be several Pop-Up Beer Gardens at Farmer Matt's through October. These will consist of locally crafted brews infused with local ingredients and great live music.

It will be a kind of a rolling Octoberfest.

The next one will be on the last day of September, and then next month they will be on Oct. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22.

The last two, on Oct. 28 and 29, will be held in conjunction with the New Braintree Halloween Party on one of the dates.

The Pop-Up Beer Gardens will begin at noon and continue until 8 p.m.

September is past, but the party continues.



Lost Towns Brewing's Alex and Troy offered local craft beer.



Young TJ was running around with abandon, but here he is in mom's arms.

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their first three games of the season, are now 3-2.

"This is one of the youngest teams that I've ever coached," O'Neill. "We lost a few players to graduation. We also had a couple of other players decide not to return this year. I think it's something that's happening in a lot of other varsity sports."

While it was the only meeting of the regular season between the two squads, they could possibly meet again in the Division 4 state tournament.

"We moved down to Division 4 before the start of the season," Zalneraitis said. "We could potentially play them again in the state tournament."

Quabbin, whose total enrollment is 568, is the second largest school in Division 4 behind East Bridgewater High School. Quaboag has a total of 321 students.

Quabbin has now won the last three meetings with Quaboag. The final score of last year's match was 3-0.

The start of last Friday's contest was delayed about twenty minutes because the Quaboag

bus took the long route to Barre.

The Lady Panthers took a 1-0 lead with 5:51 left in the first quarter following a penalty corner goal by sophomore forward Farrah Wojcik, who fired a shot into the cage past freshman goalie Riley Gray (8 saves), who's a first-year varsity player. Junior midfielder Haley Ayer was credited with the assist.

"We scored two penalty corner goals in today's game, which was very important," Zalneraitis said. "It's always important to take an early lead."

With 1:20 left in the opening quarter, a shot attempt by Quaboag junior tri-captain Katelynn Swistak rolled into the cage. The goal wasn't allowed because the shot was taken from outside the circle.

The Lady Cougars' other tri-captains are senior's Isabelle Burgess, and Ayla Iwaniec, who didn't play against Quabbin.

The Lady Panthers had another penalty corner at the end of the opening quarter. This time, Ayer's shot was deflected over the end line by Gray.

The home team took a 2-0 advantage with 6:10 remaining in the second quarter following another penalty corner goal by

senior forward Madylin Breault, which was assisted by freshman midfielder Makenzie Casey.

The Lady Panthers held a 2-0 halftime lead.

Quaboag sliced the deficit in half when freshman forward Josie Hescocock converted a penalty corner goal with seven minutes left in the third quarter.

"I was a little bit nervous when they made the score 2-1," Zalneraitis said. "Quaboag is a very good team, and they could've easily tied the score."

Quabbin senior goalie Julianna Stanger didn't see very much action, as she only had to make two saves.

The Lady Panthers retook a two goal lead on a corner goal by Makenzie with 2:51 showing on the scoreboard clock.

Nine minutes into the final quarter, Swistak fired a wicked shot on a penalty corner, but the ball hit off a Quaboag player resulting in a turnover.

"Had that shot gone an inch to the right, it probably would've been a goal," O'Neill said. "Had the ball hit a Quabbin player, it would have been a penalty stroke."

Neither team scored a goal during the final quarter of the match.

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match was scored by junior midfielder Justin Davis in the 34th minute. He lofted a shot from about 25 yards along the right sideline. The ball deflected off both the crossbar and the left post before landing into the left corner for an unassisted goal.

Three minutes later, a shot attempt by Pear rolled towards the goal before it was tapped over the line by junior forward Talon Clark, who netted his first goal of the season. Clark scored five goals as a freshman.

Holding a commanding 4-0 halftime lead, Costa achieved his second straight hat-trick with an unassisted goal past five minutes into the second half.

At that point, the only remaining question was if Gula would be able to celebrate his first career shutout in a varsity match. He only had to make one save in accomplishing that feat.

Gula took over the starting duties from Colin Holt, who transferred to Hampshire Regional.

Gula received plenty of support from his defense led by junior Ethan DeBettencourt, junior Zander Auffrey, Mitchell, and Brouillette.

Two days later, Gula recorded another shutout in a 6-0 road victory against St. Mary's of Westfield.

Five different Pathfinder players scored in that contest led by senior Riley Sanderson with two goals.



Justin Davis looks to clear the ball.



Talon Clark chases down the loose ball.

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while collecting seven ball deflections on defense. Crane, who along with Patchen can also handle the ball, was a factor too with seven of his own ball deflections leading the team with Patchen. The two middle schoolers also combined for six loose ball recov-

eries utilizing their quickness.

Freshman Matt Wade was effective at both ends of the court for the Quabbinians. Wade is a power forward and his athleticism will fit in well for the blossoming transition game. He can run the court and finish strong. Coach Brownell, a transition center himself, has cited his exceptional passing ability in the post. Wade

finished with five impressive rebounds which is an area both coaches Hay and Brownell are stressing and focusing on improving. experience.

The team will play Blackstone Valley Tech in the next game. The league is strong with Grafton, Northbridge, Douglas, Hopedale and Nipmuc also playing in the Whitinsville Fall League.

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Pathfinder teacher hosts 30th and final car show

By Dallas Gagnon
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PALMER – After 30 years of hosting Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School annual car show, Collision Repair teacher Craig Sankey hosted his final show Sept. 17 and is passing the torch. “It’s very bittersweet...we’ve met so many wonderful people over the years and lost great people within the community,” said Sankey.

He said that after hosting the show for three decades, he and his crew believe their “time has come,” adding PRVTHS Superintendent Eric Duda “wants the show to continue,” and may form a car show committee in the future.

Jeanine Sankey, wife to Craig, said the show started off as an idea 32 years ago, to help offset the costs for students to participate in the SkillsUSA program.

Proceeds from the event have continued to provide financial support for the Collision Repair students to participate in the SkillsUSA competition as well as non-budgeted expenses such as shop shirts and sweatshirts.

Former Collision Repair adult program student Krista Wilson said Sankey “always puts the students first,” and “is big on community.”

“They’ve done so much over the years,” said Wilson.

Sankey “deserves a lot of kudos,” for all he has done for the students and the show, she said.

In the closing remarks, Jeanine Sankey revealed that with the help of PRVTHS Vocational Director Amy Skowyr, \$4,000 worth of sponsorships were secured in addition to the funds raised from the event.



Turley Photos by Dallas Gagnon

Shown from left are Debbie August, Michael Plouffe, Craig Sankey, Jason Bushey, Lauren Sankey, Tom Cote, Jeanine Sankey, Kris Spaulding, Mason Washington, Bonnie Spaulding, Marta Carrey, Glenn Sinon, Jeff Ovitt, Adam Holst and Ron Bushey.

The show generates money from a \$15 vehicle registration cost, a \$3 general admission fee and optional purchases of raffle tickets.

According to Sankey, this year’s car show was the largest and final showing, with over 320 vehicles in attendance.

“Our first show had 58 cars... My wife and I did everything,” said Sankey.

Cousin to Sankey, Bonnie Spaulding, said she and husband, Kris Spaulding, have supported Sankey with the car show since 1997, starting off as volunteer cooks.

“It went from being extremely stressful [as] cooks, to just showing up and filling in,” said Spaulding.

She added after the first eight years or so, the group went from trying to break registration from 100 cars on the lot, to trying to break 200.

“It’s pretty incredible considering how many [vehicles] showed up,” said Spaulding.

Sankey recognized several



Scott Kowalshyn found his 1937 Chevrolet pickup truck 38 years ago while working on a barn. Shown is an original image of what it looked like before Kowalshyn restored it.

al volunteers who helped make the show possible over the past three decades, and said he has received “a lot of great support,” from family and friends.

“We’ve had family by our side for 25 years,” said Sankey. “We couldn’t do it without [them].” said Sankey.

Daughter Lauren Sankey said that although her father’s retirement from hosting the show is “bittersweet,” it will create more opportunities for the family to enjoy attending shows opposed to organizing them.

“It’s a lot of work,” she said. “It takes up our entire summer, speaking with sponsors, going out to shows...handing out fliers,” said Sankey. “Maybe my dad can restore his 1970 Dodge

Dart.”

While Sankey recognized the top 40 vehicles as chosen by himself and a judging team, he showed appreciation for the people “who make things happen.”

“They say it takes a village; we definitely have a village,” said Sankey.

He recognized friends and family, including Donna and Glenn Sinon, Bonnie and Kris Spaulding, Tom Cote, Adam Holst, Jason Bushey, Debbie August, Tom Willard, Rick Bushey, Jeanine Sankey and his parents.

“We have had an amazing crew over the last 30 years,” said Sankey. “We appreciate everything.”

Listening Wellness Center welcomes physical therapists



Dmitry Voloshinov, DPT



Kristie Voloshinov, DPT

BARRE – Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St. has recently welcomed two new practitioners, Dr. Dmitry Voloshinov and Dr. Kristie Voloshinov.

Dmitry and Kristie are both licensed Physical Therapists, offering appointments on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Both practitioners are self-pay only and do not accept insurance.

Listening Wellness Center’s Executive Director Laura Dusha Nelson said there has been a lot of demand for physical therapy within the community, with many people having to travel over half an hour for services.

Dmitry graduated from American International College with a master’s degree in physical therapy. He also holds his doctorate degree in physical therapy from Temple University.

He has been practicing clinician, healthcare executive, and wellness advocate for over 20 years.

Dmitry’s extensive background comes from acute care hospitals, outpatient clinics, acute and subacute care facilities. He has co-founded and managed several rehabilitation organizations and medical practices in western Massachusetts.

Dmitry is a multi-sports admirer, soccer aficionado and has extensive experience in treating musculoskeletal and neurologic disorders, chronic and acute conditions as well as many sports

related injuries. His background includes orthopedics, manual therapy and vestibular rehabilitation.

Dmitry is offering a wellness centered approach to myofascial balancing and postural restoration techniques.

He is accepting new self-pay patients at this time. Please contact Dmitry by emailing vantagewellness1@gmail.com or calling 413-237-0211.

Kristie graduated from Quinnipiac University with a master’s degree in physical therapy. She also earned her doctorate in physical therapy from Temple University.

She has been a clinician, educator, and wellness promoter for over 20 years.

Kristie’s clinical experience stems from working in acute care, outpatient clinics, and workplace ergonomics. She has been a co-founder of multiple outpatient rehab clinics and has focused her career on one to one patient centered care treating musculoskeletal injuries, neurologic disorders, post-surgical recovery, vertigo and vestibular disorders.

Kristie is a provider of holistic, wellness centered approach to myofascial balancing and postural restoration.

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Kelly Silva and Jay Koziol of Ludlow, stand beside Koziol’s Plymouth Duster.



George Hollister stands beside his 2019 Ford Mustang Bullitt.



Bonnie Spaulding, Roger Benoit and Kris Spaulding share a family photo with an award of appreciation from Craig Sankey.

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Public Safety

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Sept. 18-25, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 61 building/property checks, 43 directed/area patrols, 10 traffic controls, six emergency 911 calls, seven radar assignments, three complaints, one investigation, one motor vehicle accident, three animal calls and 15 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Sept. 18
5:33 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Church Street, Officer Handled
6:41 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Church Street, Officer Handled
8:18 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Upper Church Street, Negative Contact

Tuesday, Sept. 19
6:34 p.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Church Street, Services Rendered
6:57 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Sept. 20
7:35 a.m. 911 Lockout, Ridge Road, Services Rendered
3:34 p.m. Investigation, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled
6:25 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Negative Contact
9:51 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Negative Contact

Thursday, Sept. 21
6:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
7:17 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Officer Handled

Friday, Sept. 22
9:40 a.m. Welfare Check, Pine Street, Report Taken

10:43 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, North Street, Spoken To
7:29 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Prospect Street, Officer Handled
8:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, Sept. 23
9:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled
10:40 p.m. Welfare Check, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Sept. 24
5:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, Out of Town, Spoken To

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Sept. 18-25, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 17 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, three traffic controls, three radar assignments, two emergency 911 calls, one scam, two citizen assists, two safety hazards and six motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Sept. 18
8:55 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Utley

Road, Officer Handled
11:14 a.m. Safety Hazard, Wine Road, Removed Hazard
11:50 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered
8:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Unitas Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Sept. 19
2:32 a.m. Safety Hazard, Ravine Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 20
11:49 a.m. Scam, Padre Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Sept. 21
6:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation issued

Friday, Sept. 22
5:58 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

Public Notices

Legal Notice of Public Hearing Request for Determination of Applicability New Braintree, MA
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Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, the Conservation Commission will conduct a Public Hearing held on **October 10, 2023 after 7:15 PM** at the Town

Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA, for a Request for Determination of Applicability for 1470 Gilbertville Road. (Map 409; Parcel 30) submitted by Louis Relerford for

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For every referral or mention of Listening, Roy will make a donation to the Center once the work is complete. Call 978-230-2638 and mention "Listening" to help benefit the Center's capital campaign.

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Brad Roy, owner of Quality Painting and Restoration in Rutland (right) presented a donation to Listening Wellness Center's Executive Director Laura Dusha Nelson on the Center's newly painted deck.



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Local residents participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

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Tuesday, Oct. 3 in Brookfield at the Senior and coffee hour at the Church from 10-10:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 3 in West Brookfield at the Senior Center from 11-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 4 in Spencer at Howe Village Community Hall from 9-9:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 4 in East Brookfield at the Senior Center from 10-10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 4 in the North Brookfield at the Senior Center from 11-11:45 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 5 in the Hubbardston at the Senior Center from 9-9:45 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 5 in the town of Barre at the Senior Center for both the Towns of Barre and Hardwick from 10-10:45 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5 in the New Braintree, at the town hall from 11-11:45 a.m.

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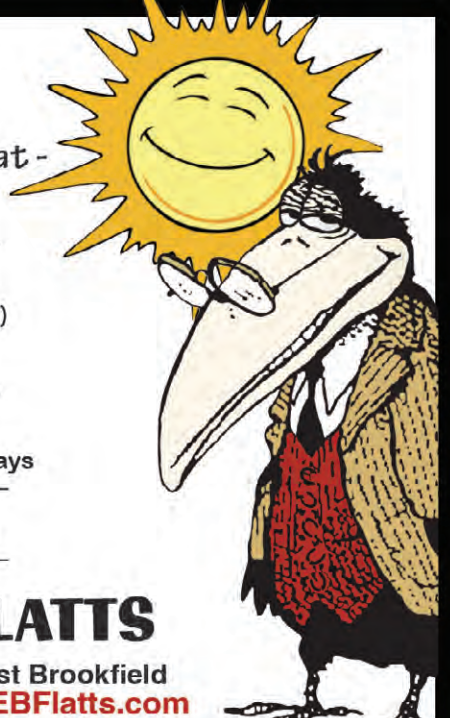
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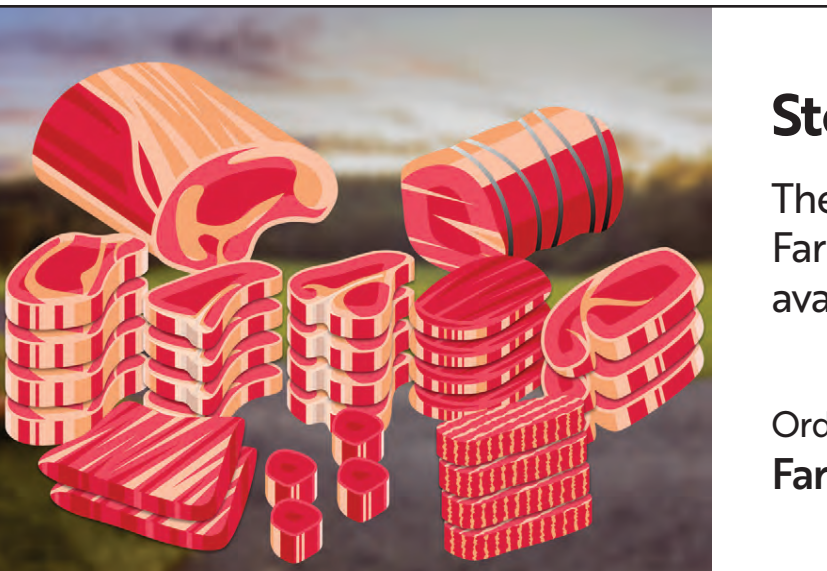
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