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# Hubbardston's town meeting quorum to remain at 50

By Ellenor Downer Editor edowner@turley.com

HUBBARDSTON - At the Sept. 5 Select Board meeting, board member Kris Pareago brought up the subject of lowering the quorum for Annual and Special Town meetings from 50 to nine.

The Select Board decided to invite the Town Moderator, Rene Lafayette, to their next meeting.

Select Board Chair Jeff Williams asked the board members for their opinion on the matter. Select Board Chair Heather Munroe said since there had not been an issue with the quorum at town meetings and based on feedback from residents, she was comfortable leaving

the quorum "as is."

Select Board member Pareago said people were not involved and not interested in attending town meetings. Lowering the quorum would insure would the meeting started on time and the town conducted business in a timely manner.

Chair Williams said there were 3,520 registered, active voters in town. The current quorum represented 1.4% of registered voters. He said he had a "hard time with less than 1% of voters" for a quorum.

Select Board member Peter Walker said there was only one time with a quorum issue in 20 years and he was for keeping it the way it was. Select Board Vice Chair Katie Young said she was against changing the quorum.

Town moderator Lafayette said he

spoke not only as moderator but as a student of government, who studied parliamentary government for 40 years. He said was a firm believer if it was not broke, don't fix it. He also said to move forward with such a drastic change in the quorum, it raised a red flag; they must be "up to

He suggested maybe the Annual and Special Town Meetings date should be changed to a Saturday rather than a week night to make it easier for people to attend. He said he also did not agree to lowering the quorum under COVID statue.

According to Town Counsel Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 allowed towns in Massachusetts to temporarily reduce Town Meeting quorum requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the approval of the Select Board and Town Moderator. This statue remained in effect through March 31, 2025. This state law requires public notice and community input.

The chairman then allowed the handful of people, who attended the meeting to speak. All the residents, who spoke, were opposed to lowering the quorum.

Although four of the five Select Board members and the Town Moderator opposed lowering the quorum, the residents asked the board to take a vote on the matter. Chair Williams said changing the quorum stopped when the moderator and the four of the five Select Board mem-

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> motion for the Board to continue to support the 50 quorum. The vote was four to one, with Member

> Pareago voting no. Before the Town Moderator left the meeting he brought up comments made

> > See HUBBARDSTON, page 6

# **Select Board** discusses sign on common

By Ellenor Downer edowner@turley.com

BARRE - Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall said at the Oct. 2 meeting, the town needed its own sign on the Barre Common.

She said the sign would have to meet approval of the Historical Commission. She said discussion on the sign would be on the agenda for the Nov. 6 meeting and the Board would invited both the Historical Commission and the Town Common Committee to the meeting. The Historical Commission, in the past, had resistance to putting an electronic sign on the Common. She asked their input on what the town sign should look like for their okay.

She said the best location for the sign would be by the Welcome to Barre sign. American Rescue Plan Act or left over town common funds could be used.

Select Board member John Dixson said he found out there were instructions on what a sign funded through Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency fund could and could not post. The sign, located on Route 122 by Quabbin Plaza was for safety issued such as posting of road conditions, road closures and weather warnings. No advertising messages of meetings or event were allowed.

# **Interim Town Administrator**

Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis said the town currently used gov office for their website service. He said he looked into finding another web provider as the current system did not offer a lot of features. Town Web offered things the current provider did not such as links to the town's social media accounts, a citizen portal, which directed inquires made by users to proper place. They also would provide a transcription of all meetings

Interim Town Administrator Balukonis said the cost was similar. Gov office costs \$4,160 per year.

See BARRE, page 6



# Pastor Geoffrey Smith blesses animals



Submitted photos

The two Guinea pigs are Penn and Bentley and are held by Mark and Cassidy VanScoy.



Argos gets blessed by Pastor Geoffrey Smith with the **Graeff family present.** 

PETERSHAM - The and deaf Yorkie rescue to as big Blessing of the Animals on the ico rescue cat and a chicken. Petersham North Common on Sunday Oct. 1.

were written by local youths and were animal-themed. Pastor Geoffrey Smith blessed over twenty dogs, as small as a blind

Petersham Orthodox as an adolescent Newfoundland, Congregational Church held a as well as two guinea pigs, a cal-

After the Blessing, a raffle for a \$25 gift card donated by Pet The parts of the brief service Supplies Plus was held, with pet food donations as the price for a ticket. The collected pet food was donated to local shelters.

# **CMRPC** gives update on Mt. **Pleasant** Street project

**By Paula Ouimette** pouimette@turley.com

NORTH BROOKFIELD -A representative from Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission gave the Board of Selectmen updates about the Mt. Pleasant Street Improvement

The design for the project has been fully funded through the Community Block Development Grant Program for comprehensive design and phase one of the twophase construction project. He said phase two construction will require future CDBG funding.

"The need to do this project on Mt. Pleasant was identified in the West Side Neighborhood Infrastructure Planning Study... the project limits will include then entire length of Mt. Pleasant Street from North Main Street to High Street. The design will address the current substandard conditions in drainage, water, as well as pedestrian and road system improvements," the representative said.

At the Sept. 26 meeting, Doug Bush of Haley Ward Engineering said phase one construction will install new water mains, water service lines and hydrants, as well as temporary road surface repairs. Sewer and drainage will be part of phase two of the construction proj-

The CMRPC representative said construction for phase one is expected to start in the spring. **Flooding** 

Ray Baillargeon of Conroy Avenue said he has been dealing with flooding in his backyard since he bought his home 14 years ago. He said he was unaware of the issue when he bought the property, but flooding was a problem even before

Baillargeon said there were two grants totaling \$400,000 that he was told could have been used to make the repairs, but the money was used for streets and sidewalks instead.

"I tried getting this thing fixed because it floods my property if I get torrential rain...my whole backyard becomes a lake," he said.

> See NORTH BROOKFIELD, page 11

# International "Harmony, Inc." local chapter celebrates 50 years

By Eric Goodhart Correspondent

The women that make up the a cappella "Surround Sound" four-part harmony group are celebrating their 50th anniversary this Saturday, Oct. 7 at St Edwards Church in Westminster from 2-5 p.m.

It was in 1973 that a group of women, all of whom had a love of singing came together to found what has brought joy for them and audiences in Central Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire.

They are the local chapter of Harmony, Incorporated, an international, non-profit organization. Its purpose is to empow-

friendship and a cappella singing in the barbershop style. Contests and conventions are held each year for the purposes of educating members in the performance of the craft, bringing together the membership to see the all the groups perform.

Since 1959, the parent organization has expanded from its North Eastern roots to include chapters throughout North America from California to Newfoundland and from Manitoba to New Mexico. It has been very effective in expanding its youth outreach to create excitement about the a cappella barbershop art form to a wider audience.

er women through education, See HARMONY INC., page 11

# **Goldenrod attracts monarch** butterflies and bees

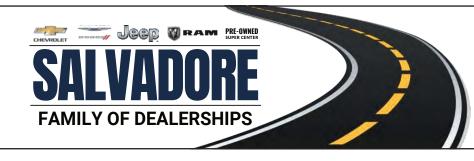


Three monarch butterflies gather nectar from this goldenrod plant. They are gathering energy for their long migration to Mexico for the winter.

A couple noticed some monarch butterflies while watching an osprey at a pond in Warren. rod attached lots of butterflies papers.

and bees.

The sun lighted the scene just right to snap some photos to One particular patch of golden- share in the Turley Publication



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# News of the Towns



# **Eastern Star** holds breakfast

Cradle Rock Order of Eastern Star will sponsor a Designer Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St.. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$6 for children under 10 years of age. People may design their special pancake. Full breakfast includes; pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. All are welcome to attend.

### **American Legion Auxiliary**

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. in the American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road. Refreshments committee members are Melissa Fales, Melinda Cheney and Kirsten Grudzinskas. A penny sale will be held. Members should bring some goodies.

### American Legion Post #2

The band, Crawdad, returns to American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. People are invited to come in and hear the band. Entry fee is nonperishable food items for those who need some assistance.

### 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 begin 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, paperworks, hooked rugs, needlework, ornamental and functional woodworks. People may visit the website at www.backroadsstudiotour.org for more information and maps.

# Editorial deadline reminder

Deadline for e-mailed press releases is noon on Monday. Deadline for hard copy is noon on Friday.

Peter Durant

**State Senate** 

# **Sheriff's Office donates** fresh organic produce

BARRE - While New England experienced record periods of rainfall this year, the staff and inmate work crew at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction managed to maintain adequate growing conditions for the Department's Organic Farm program.

The inmates, who are eligible to opt into the farm program, pick and wash the produce daily before it is distributed throughout Worcester County. This year, over 60 food pantries and non-profit organizations across Worcester County benefitted from the Worcester County Sheriff's Organic Farm.

Nearly 500 pounds of fresh organic vegetables and fruits are harvested every day on the grounds of the farm in West Boylston. From squash to corn and cantaloupe to eggplant, the 15-acre farm grows a wide variety of healthy produce that is provided to those in need or used for meals in the correction-

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach team recently visited the Barre Senior Center and delivered over 100 pounds of fresh organic produce. These fruits and vegetables were used "Folks enjoy the produce offered



Worcester County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach team delivers Fresh Organic Produce to the Barre Senior Center.

by the WCSO and it is truly appreciated and welcomed," said Eileen Clarkson of the Barre/ Hardwick Senior Center. "Folks hope to see the offerings and wish to say thanks to the WCSO for their support and donations."

Since taking office in 2011, Sheriff Evangelidis has remained committed to developing the

organic farm and serving the communities he represents. The Worcester County Jail and House of Correction boasts the largest organic farm on a correctional facility in Massachusetts.

Organic Farm is a tremendously positive program," commented Worcester County Sheriff Lew our department to give back to incarcerated individuals a strucconstructive community involvealong with a steady job or purlong as the growing season will

Freshly picked produce from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office's Organic Farm ready for distribution all over the county.

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"The Sheriff's Office's Evangelidis. "The farm allows the communities that we work to keep safe. It also teaches select tured lifestyle, the importance of ment and the dignity that comes pose." The department will continue their 2023 distributions as

**Barre Dining Center** 

is Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Hubbardston

Ellenor Downer

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School, Elm Street.

Center.

**Town to hold STM** 

The town will hold a Special Town Meeting on

Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center

Horribles parade

Saturday, Oct. 28 at noon. Following the parade, there

Boutique and yard sale

a boutique and yard sale from October 6-9 at 7 Main

St. from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. On Friday, Oct. 6,

parking will be available at the Hubbardston Center

School due to road work on Main Street. Parking

is available at the Senior Center Saturday through

Monday. There will be a variety of boutique items,

antiques, collectibles, household goods, clothing, toys,

books and more Proceeds from the yard sale benefit

programs and services of the Hubbardston Senior

**Special elections** 

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

**Senior center events** 

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.

Seniors will take a Jack O'Lantern trip and luncheon

27 at 12:30 p.m. It's renewal time for health insurance.

There will be a Medicare seminar on Friday, Oct.

at Wright's Chicken Farm in Rhode Island.

This is an opportunity to ask questions.

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St.,

A Special Election for Massachusetts State Senate

The Town of Hubbardston Senior Center is hosting

will be a party at the Hubbardston Center School.

The Annual Horribles parade will take place on

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. 9. 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

MONDAY - Columbus Day No Meals Served

TUESDAY - Greek chicken, steamed white rice, spinach, pears, pumpernickel bread

WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, chuckwagon corn, fresh fruit, marble rye bread THURSDAY - Turkey supreme, cornbread

stuffing, roasted California blend vegetables, apple crisp, diet = baked apples, Italian bread FRIDAY – Lemon pepper fish, Delmonico

potatoes, roasted broccoli, vanilla mousse, peasant bread, tartar sauce

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

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Noreen Bechade

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# News of the Towns

# **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

### BARRE.

Election Day – Oct. 10 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Conservation Committee – Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Library Trustee – Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. 250th Anniversary Committee - Oct. 11 and Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Barre Housing Authority – Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. DPW Commission – Oct. 12 and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. Board of Health – Oct. 16 and Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. Select Board – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board – Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. Sewer Commission – Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals – Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. Cemetery Commission – Oct. 26 at 11 a.m Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. Water Commission – Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm.

### HARDWICK.

Paige Library Trustees – Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. Planning Board – Oct. 10 at 6:30 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 3 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. Historical Commission – Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Conservation Commission – Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Board of Registrars – Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Board of Health - Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.

Planning Board - Oct. 19, Nov. 1 and Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting – Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Conservation Commission – Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. Parks and Recreations - Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. Select Board - Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board – Oct. 18 and Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. Downtown Development Committee -Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

### **OAKHAM**

Select Board - Oct. 16, Oct. 30 and Nov. 13 Board of Health - Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.

# **PETERSHAM**

Board of Health - Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. Cemetery Commission - Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. Board of Assessors – Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. Petersham Historic District – Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. Planning Board – Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Council on Aging – Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.

# **RUTLAND**

Finance Committee – Oct. 5 at 6:15 p.m. Earthworks Board – Oct. 5 and Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Special State Primary Election – Oct. 10 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Select Board Joint Meeting with Ad Hoc By-law Committee – Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. Economic Development Commission –

Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. Select Board Hearing – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. Ad Hoc By-law Committee – Oct. 17 at 1 p.m. Capital Improvement Planning Committee-Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

# **Cradle Rock OES**

BARRE - On Saturday, Oct. 21 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Cradle Rock Order of Eastern Star will hold a Designer Pancake Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge

Cost is \$9 per adult and \$6 for children under 10 years of age. People may design their special pancake. Full breakfast includes; pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

# Golf and Curl biathlon to be held Oct. 14

round of golf, with a single curling match. Registrations of full teams, partial teams and individual participants and includes ice time to practice on

Friday evening, Oct. 13. There will be curling instruction for those new to curling as well as breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, Oct. 14

tion and registration.

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# Father and daughter run in Kingdom Marathon



Shown from left are Alison Fairbairn; Abbie Castriotta; Mark Castriotta; Ben Jones, overall first place finisher and Hanson Menzies.

BARRE - Mark Castriotta of Barre and daughter Abbie Castriotta of White River Junction, Vermont completed the Northeast Kingdom Marathon in Island Pond, Vermont on Saturday, Sept. 16.

While both have run a number of 1/2 marathons in the past, this was their first attempt to complete a full marathon (26.2 miles). The Northeast Kingdom Marathon is a free Marathon designed to support

the local economy of the rural area of northeastern Vermont.

For more information on future marathon dates search, people may visit brightonrecreationvt.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

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

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 "drivethrough" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. Based on the success of distributions so 978-852-1696 or Chuck Radlo at 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 978-355-6463.

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

https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/.

# Oakham Ellenor Downer edowner@turley.com



# **Church holds** 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.

### 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.

### **Senior Center**

A lunch and learn with the Board of Health will take place Friday, Oct. 6 at noon in the Oakham Senior Center, lower level of the Oakham Town Hall. On Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. there will be a meet and greet with Melissa Gleick on Elder Law. Movies are "Indiana Jones on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 1 p.m. and "Practical Magic" on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 1

The meal site will celebrate October birthdays on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 11:45 People should call 508-882-5251 to reserve a meal at least 48 hours in advance. The meal that day is chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, tomato and cucumber salad, birthday cake, diet = small piece, hot dog roll. Halloween Bingo and pizza will take place Friday, Oct. 27 at 12:30 p.m. Flu Clinic

A flu clinic will be held on Monday, Oct. 23 from 12:30-3 p.. at the Oakham Senior Center, 2 Coldbrook

Road. The Oakham Board of Health is happy to be able to assist Oakham seniors and New Braintree at the Oakham Senior Center with this year's annual opportunity to receive an influenza vaccination. This is done in collaboration with the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition and conducted by nursing staff from VNA Care. People may register at this link on by visiting https://docs.google.com/forms/d/193bRTDr5hq4hB- YKe8SCwvaWzuZXNEfGgmOd5lXinA/edit.

# **Bicentennial Art Show** conclude year-long celebration

PETERSHAM - The Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church will be concluding its Bicentennial Celebrations with an Art Snow on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 14 p.m. at the Petersham Town Hall, 1 South Main St.

The Church's Bicentennial Committee has issued an Open Call for Art for works of any medium that depict in any of three categories: Hope & Faith in a religious context, any aspect of POCC at 21 North Main St. or depictions of the Trinity or Community Service. Works are still be accepted, by EOB on Friday Oct. 6 at the Petersham Town Hall. More information is available on the Church's Facebook page.

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# holds breakfast

Hall, 71 Pleasant St.

All are welcome to attend.

PETERSHAM - The annual Golf and Curl Biathlon Tournament is a widely anticipated

Petersham Curling Club event kicking off the start of the curling season.

Whether you are a curler, who golfs; a golfer, who curls or someone who just tries to do both, this event will be perfect. The one-day biathlon combines a

People may visit petershamcurling.org for informa-

Are you having difficulty communicating

This group will be held in zoom, is

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# Opinion

# Guest Column



# Taxpayer asks about federal taxation of **Social Security benefits**

**Dear Rusty** 

Why are my Social Security benefits being taxed at all? The Social Security FICA payroll taxes taken out of my paycheck while I was working were paid with taxable income.

Signed Disgruntled Taxpayer

### **Dear Disgruntled Taxpayer**

Many Americans share your belief that federal taxation of Social Security benefits is unfair because we pay into the program through payroll taxes on our taxable earnings. Unfortunately, Congress took a different view in 1983 when taxation of Social Security benefits was first enacted at a time Social Security was having financial issues.

Congressional logic back then was that a beneficiary only personally pays 50% of the Social Security contributions made, the other half is paid by the employer, so, since your Social Security entitlement was only half paid for by you and the other half by your employer, the portion of your benefit attributable to your employer's contributions should be taxable. So, it's that other half, the portion of your benefit which resulted from employer contributions, which the 1983 Congress decided should be taxed. So, starting in 1984, if a beneficiary's overall annual income from all sources exceeded \$25,000 for a single filer or \$32,000 for those filing married-jointly, half of that person's Social Security benefits became part of their income taxable by the IRS.

That was how it worked until 1993 when a new and different Congress added another threshold which, if exceeded, resulted in up to 85% of Social Security benefits received during the tax year becoming taxable. The logic used for the 1993 law was that beneficiaries, on average, would only personally pay for about 15% of the lifetime benefits they would eventually receive, leading that Congress to conclude that if your combined income from all sources exceeded the higher threshold,\$34,000 for single filers and \$44,000 for those filing married/jointly, up to 85% of your benefits should be taxable.

Please understand that I'm not defending nor endorsing those historical Congressional views, but I have researched why Social Security benefits are taxable at all and the above is what I've learned from

For information, the Association of Mature American Citizens has long advocated for eliminating federal taxation of Social Security benefits or, at the very least, raising the thresholds at which benefits become taxable. The income thresholds for taxing Social Security benefits were established in 1983 and 1993, but those thresholds have never been adjusted for inflation.

When taxation of Social Security started in 1984, less than 10% of beneficiaries paid income tax on their benefits, whereas today that percentage is over 50% and growing. If you want to add your voice to those who oppose federal taxation of Social Security benefits, you may wish to contact your Congressional Representative to do so. And it is worth noting that eleven U.S. states, to varying degrees, also levy income tax on Social Security benefits.

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# **NEWS & FEATURES**

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage

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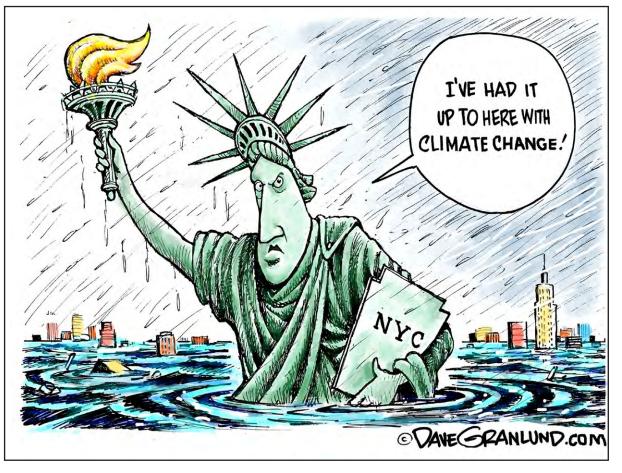
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# In Past Pages

5 years (Oct. 11, 2018)

Center Cemetery, adjacent to the Petersham Town Hall, will be the site of a ghost walk in Petersham Sunday, Oct. 21 from 3-5 p.m. The ghost walk will be "haunted" by personalities from Petersham's past. Learn more about Petersham' history as our ghostly guests greets their visitors. Petersham's Historic Ghost Walk will allow one and all to step back in time and meet neighbors (deceased) from the past, played by actors from the local community. Each ghost will tell his or her story and let people know what life was like when they walked the Hilltop Town. Some of the phantom inhabitants will be Dr. Flint, the much loved town doctor, who died in the Spotted Fever epidemic of 1814 and Maris Wilder, whose gravestone from 1749 is the oldest in the Village Cemetery.

Don Rich, a third generation fire chief in Barre, recounted stories he learned form his grandfather and father along with his experiences and research on the town fire department at a recent historical society program. One of his earliest remembrances was when he was five years old and at the Barre Plains Fire Station with his father and grandfather. He decided to swing on one of the doors while it was opening. He caught a finger in the door and lost the tip of a finger. His grandfather, Louis Rich, put a towel around it. His father, Frank Rich, retrieved the fingertip and took him to the doctor. The doctor thought the tip could be reattached and so they headed to Mary Lane Hospital in Ware. He was right and today the finger is still intact.

Fifth generation farmer, Will Stevens, had an exciting and important job to do during the annual Harvest Fest at his farm, pumpkin foreman. While thousands visited Carter and Stevens Farm in Barre over the weekend for their yearly festival and to celebrate 80 years of farming, Stevens was hard at work in charge of a giant trebucher. The machine, initially exercised in medieval warfare as a weapon built to hurl large boulder at enemies over long distances was transformed by Stevens into a functional piece of equipment. The trebuchet Stevens mastered was originally used and left by the crew of Dunkin Donuts when they came out to the farm six years ago to shoot a commercial for their new a the time pumpkin spiced coffee. After Stevens made the necessary adjustments to get it to working order, instead of using boulders and used pumpkins, turning the war machine into a fundraising machine instead. The money this year went to Camp Putnam in New Braintree.

# 10 years (Oct.10, 2013)

The annual Oaktoberfest held this past Saturday in Oakham offered events for everyone. With rain the day before and the day after, Saturday fortunately had a window of good weather. The day started off with a one-mile children's race followed by a 5K run//walk for older children, teens and adults. Eighteen chil-

# LOOK BACK Barre Bicentennial Parade - 1974



The Budweiser Clydesdales were part of Barre's Bicentennial Parade on Aug. 17, 1974.

dren participated in the run. The top place winners were: Nick Kent first place; Owen Mahoney second and Kelan Mahoney, third place. In the 5K run Peter Lewis was overall winner followed by Tommy Lee in second place and David Maher in third. The first female was Dominique Engle with Jen Laramaee second and Alexis Topper third. Sue Sheridan was firs place walker and Tom Sheridan second. Karen Lewis was third place walker.

The Barre Board of Selectmen signed the final draft of the regional animal agreement that includes Barre, Princeton and Rutland. One change would have one selectmen from each town participate in the appointing of the Animal Control Officer in the event of a vacancy at their meeting held on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Other conditions included providing quarterly reports and the requirement that the regional ACO budget be approved by a majority of member

The Petersham Selectmen Peter George and Tim Clark held a brief open session Select Board meeting before adjourning to an executive session. Select Board chairman Rick Marsh was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Selectmen approved a disposal of excess roadway and tree materials policy drafted by Selectman Peter George. The policy calls for any excess roadway and tree materials to be stockpiled and disposed of in accordance with the surplus property policy of the Select Board, sold or reused.

# 25 years (Oct. 8, 1998)

The town, through the Barre Commons Advisory Committee will send a grant application this week to the Department of Environmental Management seeking funds to improve the town common. Sarah Dyer, chairman of the Commons Committee, said the town must follow certain

procedures to be eligible for the construction grand. The town has already received a grant of \$37,800 to pay for engineers to draw up a plan. Dver said it was originally thought the town's share of the project would be \$13,000, but because of increased funding, the town's share is now \$16,000. The Village Improvement Society has pledged \$8,000 and the town must come up with the other \$8,000.

Hubbardston Selectmen approved the renewal of a threeyear gravel removal permit for the Pitcherville Sand and Gravel Operation at their Sept. 28 meeting despite objections of the legal counsel of a rival operation, which abuts it. The Selectmen made no changes to the permit, which was originally issued in 1989. Christopher Dahlstrom, legal counsel for Anne Martinelli and Susan Proulx of the D.J. Palme Nominee Trust, raised objections, regarding some perceived inadequacies in the engineering inspection reports given to the Selectmen by Bruce Saluk, the town's engineer.

Barre Christian Pre-School will hold a Trike-A-Thon on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 20 and 21 at the Barre Congregational church beginning at 10:45 a.m. The event will raise money for the school's financial aid account. All are invited to watch. Those who wish to sponsor a child may call 978-355-2333. The rain dates are Oct. 22 and 23.

# 38 years (Oct. 10, 1985)

Drug and alcohol abuse by Quabbin students and school policy set up to prevent it were discussed at Monday night's Review and Reform School Committee meeting attended by concerned parents, teachers and administrators. Dr. Richard Allen, acting chairman, made it clear that policy would only be discussed. The purpose of

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# Guest Column

# Wonderful Community **College options**

By Eric Goodhart Correspondent

Since I started writing about the "Community College Option" I have noticed some changes for the

I doubt it had anything to do with what I have written, but more to do with a heightened awareness of the importance of education designed to help students achieve his or her goals but also strengthen the Commonwealth and recover from the most recent pandemic and business damaging lockdowns.

Springfield Technical Community College sets the example for websites. People may visit

http://www.stcc.edu.

A short few months ago, as I began to research the CCs in the western part of Massachusetts, I noticed that STCC was a bit flat and uninspiring. It is no longer that.

STTC has one of the best websites I have seen. It is easy to navigate and presents its programs clearly and invitingly. It has also taken advantage in a most enthusiastic and responsible manner the newly rolled out Mass-reconnect program instituted by Governor Healey for all the

# Community Colleges in the Commonwealth.

The Governor has included 20 million dollars in the state budget called the Mass-Reconnect program.

It is a program for Massachusetts residents 25 years of age or older to earn an associate degree or certificate for free at Springfield Technical Community College or any other Massachusetts public community college.

Tuition and fees are covered and students will receive an allowance to pay for books and supplies. Listen to WAMC's Pioneer Valley Bureau Chief, Paul Tuthill's on point interview of the STCC President, John Cook. The college offers frequent Zoom webinars for those wanting to learn more. Login and register by visiting https://www.stcc.edu/ pay-for-college/massreconnect/.

The average age of an undergrad at STCC is currently 26. That is not unusual since the majority of CC students are 24 or older on all of the campuses. They are coming to further their educations while working full time. They want to new learn new skills and enter occupations and take advantages of opportunities they did not have immediately following high school.

But that does not mean that STCC does not have offer economic advantages for younger students. They have a newly revamped Dual Enrollment program that enables high school students get a head start on college by earning transferable college credits and saving money to many four-year colleges. Though Ivy League colleges rarely give college credit for such courses, they show the admissions committee at the "most" competitive colleges that the student has taken the initiative and has the intellectual curiosity to stretch him or herself to go learn beyond the basic requirements. If they did, most accepted students could start as sophomores.

In addition, there are summer programs for students starting at age 11. They range from art and fashion design to forensic programs to learning the art of debate. The debate course's goal is to give children training to debate topics of interest while exploring the fundamentals of insightful conversation. Children will learn much needed change the world around them. The cost of these four-to-fiveday summer programs range from free to \$189.

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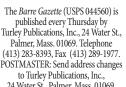
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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is hard to think it is fall and winter will be on the

We never had a summer just rain. Yesterday I spent the morning sorting my recipes that needed to be filed. I came across this recipe that my late friend Carol Mannisto Maicki sent to me. We liked to exchange family recipes.

### **CRISPY POTATO WEDGES**

4 medium Russet potatoes, cut into large wedges

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 garlic cloves, minced (optional) Reduced sodium ketchup (optional)

Put potatoes in large bowl; add cold water to cover. Let stand 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Spray baking sheet with vegetable oil. Drain potatoes in a colander. Spread on double layer of paper towel. Cover with a

second layer of towels. Press to dry. Put potatoes in clean, large bowl. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss to combine.

Arrange single layer on baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes. Use spatula to turn and sprinkle with garlic. Bake till golden around 20 minutes. Turn baking sheet after 10 minutes for even browning.

### This and That

I also found this recipe for making perfect boiled eggs. Depending what you want them for this is what they said to do.

Bring pot of water to a boil. Fill another bowl with cold ice water. Reduce pot of boiling water to a rapid simmer, taking a slotted spoon lower the eggs into the water. Cook to the desired doneness. Put eggs in the iced water to stop the cooking. For eggs to use in a potato salad cook for 12 minutes for firm set. For a runny yolk egg cook for 5 minutes. I used to always get a surprise when I went to check the eggs.

I have started to bring in my favorite house plants as the nights are starting to get cold. I also took some clippings from the coleus plants as I don't plan to bring in the big pots of them. I am hoping to root some as they usually root easily.

We had two deer visit us recently and they had a feast on the tomato plants, geranium plants, hostas and the greens of the carrots in the planter. I guess they thought they needed to be trimmed.

It is hard to have a garden in the woods. We have too much wildlife. I guess they were here first.

I have been working on some watercolors as I did not want to forget how to do it. I really have too many pictures and cards. I do give a lot to the Historical Society and the Senior Center to help them earn some cash. Kathy Molesky also has some at her consignment shop in case anyone is looking for cards.

There are so many things one must do to get ready for winter. I have a supply of sand and shovels handy. I hire a plow man for the driveway. I got enough salt for the water softener for winter. I need to get someone to help start the generator in case we loose our electricity this winter. The firemen were so helpful last winter.

I understand the foliage is starting to turn on Route 68, especially in the swamp areas. It will be very colorful this year. We have mostly pine and oak in our backyard so we don't get much color, just a lot of acorns and branches that fall. Last year the ice storm took down so many branches that we could not even walk in our backyard and a tree or two fell across the

I never know when I go to go down the driveway if I am going to be able to get out. I have a hard time crossing the road to get the mail also as the cars come down the hill so fast. I guess I will have to start carrying a sign that says "slow down senior crossing."

Most of my neighbors are polite and stop for me. do wish that people walking on Ragged Hill Road would wear a bright color. With all the foliage on the trees it is hard to see them walking.

I will be glad when Main Street is finally finished. Most do not have favorable comments on that project. I wonder how it will be when the plows have to plow the sidewalks and road.

Do they call that progress? Taking most of the trees down for a bike trail. I guess I am just a country girl and always will be.

Have a good week and enjoy life.

# What I know about **Jumping Worms**

I recently saw a comment on social media about a woman that had so many night crawlers in her yard she thought she'd go into the fishing bait business.

I question if she really had night crawlers or the Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm.

This worm has been getting a lot of attention lately and for good reason. It is seemingly showing up everywhere!

Amynthas species are the worms that are a cause of concern. The common name of Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm is logical due to the fact that these worms thrash about when disturbed; some would even call it violent slithering, hence the snake connotation.

But worms are a good thing, yes? Not in this case. This particular type of worm differs from the European earthworms that we like to see in our garden, happily aerating the soil and leaving behind nutrient rich worm castings.

Invasive worms live in the first few inches of soil only and devour organic matter at an alarming rate, leaving behind large castings that look like coffee grounds or gravel but are devoid of nutrients and liter-

If you think about your tomato or marigold plant and the depth of their roots: what organic matter is left for the plant if the worm eats it all?

Likewise, what is left for other, less aggressive worms. Not much.

This time of year, Jumping Worms are easily identified. First and foremost, look for their crazy movements.

If you suspect you have them, pick one up and examine the ring (clitellum). If it is about one-third of the way down from the worm's head, is smooth, whitish and goes all the way around the body of the worm, you've got them.

Earlier in the season the ring will not completely encircle the worm; identification then is a little trickier. Worms tend to be reddish- purple in color with a slight iridescence.

Unlike European earthworms, Jumping Worms do

not survive the winter. Beginning in August and going into the fall months, they lay eggs (no mate needed!) in cocoons that do have the ability to overwinter.

The cocoons look like small, round soil aggregates. In a recent experiment where researchers looked at the effect of heat and cold on the cocoons, there is promise that heat will kill the eggs and young in the

What does this mean for us? I think a lot about solarization and how to do that effectively. One research document I read indicated that cocoons die at 104 degrees; worms at 85 degrees.

The recommendation was to lay clear plastic (1 mil thickness for a home garden) on the soil for at least two-to-three weeks or until the soil temperature reaches 104 degrees for three days. This is thin plastic, mind you, but it should be OK in most garden settings free from animal visitors.

Weighting it with would prove helpful for windy situations. Clear is better than black for this purpose.

There is little else pesticide-wise that experts are recommending to combat these pests. Hand picking the adults is an option. The best way to combat them is prevention. Too

late for some of us, but for those of you who do not have them or have them in one part of your yard and not in another I can make some recommendations. Be careful about garden inputs. Plants you pick

up at swaps or from a friend may unknowingly have cocoons in the pot.

Compost you bring in or move around your yard may affect areas that aren't infested. Make sure your compost pile gets hot, hot, hot!

Consider unused bait.

A friend thought she was doing a good thing by releasing bait into her garden. In the spring the worms looked like average night crawlers, but they were simply immature invasive worms...talk about wanting to cry.

Since cocoons are in the first few inches of soil, think about your tools, tillers, shoes or wheelbarrows and such. Although the worms are bad for the garden, they are not poisonous to pets or other animals.

It's hard to look at this subject optimistically, but we gardeners are an optimistic lot.

Otherwise, would we do it all over again year after year despite blights and infestations, floods and droughts, early frosts or scourging heat? Of course,

Maybe with a little more caution, but we certainly

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 pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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the meeting was to come up with questions and a way to answer those questions, so the full School Committee could decide how policy could be improved to prevent substance abuse problems or changed to aid the students already with drug and alcohol problems.

Massachusetts Electric Company continued to make effort to restore service to its customers in the aftermath of clock work was done by nearly 2,000 employees and outside crews, who were on duty since the storm hit. These people worked 16-hour shifts in order that Mass. Electric could restore power and try to answer questions to all customers as quickly as possible. The restoration was a tall order, due to the widespread nature of the storm and resulting extensive outages. However, Mass. Electric was making progress - considering that in the 60 hours from when Gloria passed through at

Hurricane Gloria. Round the more than 210,000 customers of the 238,000 that lost power had been brought back on line.

"We all Gloria was coming so we got ready for her." The Police, Civil Defense, Fire Department, Highway Department and set up a system of communication and central coordination to avoid duplication of effort as much as possible. The Police Department, in addition to performing regular duties, handled reports of downed wires and trees, controlled traffic and monitored activity at he evacuation shelter at the Quabbin about 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, Regional High School.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGES, continued from page 4

Speaking of saving money on a four-year college, STCC, has made a special effort of offering College Level Examination Program tests to anyone. One does not have to be a registered student at STCC. Since unfortunately, freshman year at too many four-year colleges is like the fifth year of high school, passing CLEP courses can avoid that. Students, who take CLEP exams, designate the schools where the College Board should send their scores. Students, who have their scores reported to STCC, should refer to the list of course equivalents listed on their website. These are the only CLEP exams accepted for credit by STCC. Only currently enrolled students registered in degree or certificate programs at STCC can be awarded CLEP cred-

student is thinking about taking a CLEP exam, check with the prospective colleges to see if they are accepted and what the passing test score needs to be. With the advent of the www and the Internet beginning in what seems like yesterday, 1994, most shoppers in the 21st century have now become accustomed to making decisions on website searches so check out STCC.

In addition, for better or worse, there has been an enormous growth and money being earned by magazines from US New & World Reports to Forbes in what is now

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called the "rankings game." The emphasis has mostly been focused on the traditional four year private

But there is a website where a Of course, if a college bound potential "buyer" can shop for the "best buy" in community colleges, as well as thousands of private four-year colleges. Sometimes a student may benefit from leaving home to go to a CC beyond daily driving distance. Visit the link to all the CCs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at https://www. niche.com/colleges/search/ best-community-colleges/s/massachusetts/.

> Enjoy touring from home. But the student should visit and talk to students before applying. The current student's candid, uncensored reviews on this site will be eye-opening, if not simply helpful.

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# Senior Center to host fall yard sale

By Eric Goodhart Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON - This Friday through Monday, Columbus Day, the volunteers at the town's Senior Center invite everyone from a 100-mile radius to find what they need and somethings they did not even know they needed for four full days from 9 a.m.-4 p.m..

Don't worry about the possible precipitation, attendees and the outside selections will be protectreplete with a wonderful selection event so others

of wearing apparel, suitable for can enjoy. whatever is in style. By the way, none of the donated

selections have a price on them. It is purely up to the shopper to determine the value. As Marvin Gaye once sang "Let your conscious be your guide." You may even spot his rare LP album visit https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=56w2tpeEmqo.

Though you may be reading this on a Thursday or Friday, if you have something that you no longer ed by a tent. The Boutique on the need, or books that you have read inside of the Senior Center will be you can still donate them to the their calendar.

This special event is just one of many that the Senior Center offers. Throughout the year, there are fund-raising events to help pay for good causes and projects the community needs. For example, on Wednesday, Oct. 18, thanks to a generous donation from a citizen, there will be a delicious Spaghetti Supper inside the Senior Center at 7 p.m. Plus, on Friday, Oct 27, there will be a talk at 12:30 p.m. on the current and future Medicare







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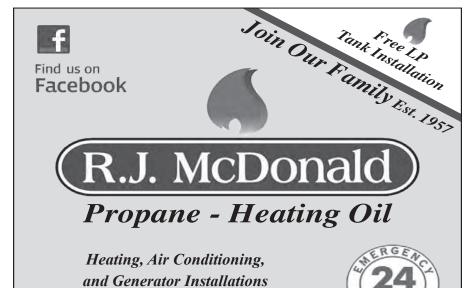
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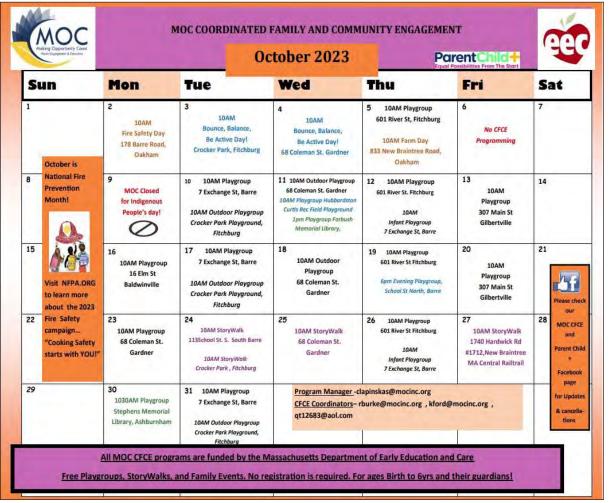






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about him at the Sept. 5 meeting by a Select Board member. Addressing Select Board member Walker, he said he "was shocked by his comments."

### **Special Town Meeting**

The Select Board voted to close the warrant for the Thursday, Oct. 26 Special Town Meeting. The

warrant was open for two weeks five member towns must sign the and closed Sept. 18.

### Other business

The Select Board signed the Inter Municipal Agreement, which allowed all five member towns to set the interest rate on the five-year loan for the chiller based on enrollment as of Oct. 1, 2022 rather than based on enrollment over the period of the loan, which was for five years. All

Katie Young, special events coordinator, said the Boy Scouts would be holding a costume race as a fundraiser for the troop on Saturday, Oct. 7. Also movie night will be held on Oct. 7 beginning with a band playing at 4 p.m. and the movie shown at dusk at the Curtis Recreation Field, Route 68.

# Historical Society participating in yard sale

BARRE - The Barre are a hard working group, sup-Historical Society is participating in Barre's Town Wide Yard Sale and will be ready to sell on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 9 a.m.

People are invited to stop by the Barre Historical Society and Museum located at 18-20

Historical Society members

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# Lace up for Station Loop Ramble run/walk Oct. 15

NEW BRAINTRREE - East Quabbin Land Trust is getting ready to host its 12th annual Station Loop Ramble on Sunday, Oct. 15 on the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m.

All events incorporate part of the MCRT and start at the intersection of West and Hardwick

roads, at the site of the former New

Braintree Train Station. Race routes

travel past scenic farmland, through

deep woods, and skirt the Ware

The 5-mile Classic at 10 a.m. is a hilly road and trail race with a flat fast finish on the Mass Central Rail Trail. The Kid's One Mile at 9:30 a.m. and 5K Run/Walk at 10:05 a.m. are entirely on a flat course.

Adults must accompany children running this course. Each mile is marked, and mid-run water stop

Post race refreshments, games,

entertainment, free raffles for all entrants, and much more.

Entry fees for online early birds (through Oct. 14) are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 10 and under); day-of registration on Oct. 15 is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children; seniors, veterans and first responders are \$20; and family registration is \$35.

For more information or to register, visit eqlt.org. and click on "Station Loop Ramble."

# BARRE

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Town web had a one time starter fee of \$995 and then a yearly rate of about \$3,600 for four years. He said he would provide the board with final recommendations at a later meeting.

Barre Reservoir dam Select Board Member Mark Regienus said he visited the site of the Barre Reservoir dam recently. He said the spillway was breached years ago and water always flows through the spillway. He said he visited after a heavy rain and the water level was about four feet

board will be meeting with state officials and residents tomorrow night on Tuesday, Oct. 3. **Inter Municipal Agreement** 

below the top of the dam. The

The Select Board signed an Inter Municipal Agreement with the other member Quabbin towns and the Quabbin Regional School District. This agreement would allow a one time change in the Regional School agreement for borrowing money to purchase a replacement chiller to the Quabbin Regional High School Heating Air Conditioning and Ventilation

System. The IMA would allow the inter-

est on the borrowing to be based on the Oct. 1, 2023 student enrollment to determine the five member towns share rather than use student enrollment numbers over the five year term of the loan.

Pole hearing continuation

The Select Board continued the pole hearing with National Grid for Williamsville and Farrington roads. The pole locations were not staked by the sub contractor and the Department of Public Works Superintendent Jason Pimental was unable to approve the pole locations. The board continued the hearing to Monday, Oct. 16 at 6

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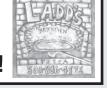
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# Calendar of Events



### THURSDAY, OCT. 5

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 preform 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.

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 damitc4@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, OCT. 7

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.

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 callKathy 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

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Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.

New Braintree church holds fundraiser

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derful opportunity to do some

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list of items the church will be

selling. People may call Joanne

Harder at 1-508-981-4786 for

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At this point, they are still col-

NEW BRAINTREE – The ing and entertainment and a won-

# Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. 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. 7. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Stephen Craven, MaryAnn DiPinto, Bill Fichtel, Chris Giglio, Christine Girouard, Eric Goodhart, Evelyn Luukko, Sandy McLeod, Tammy Phillips, E.V. Price and Mikhayla Wixon correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of Brigham Pond dam Route 68 and Old Princeton Road, Hubbardston.

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.dismasisfamily.org for more information.

### MONDAY, OCT. 9

STORY TIME will be held at he 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.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY will hold its nonthly meeting today at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. Refreshments committee members are Melissa Fales, Melinda Cheney and Kirsten Grudzinskas. A penny sale will be held. Members should bring some goodies.

# 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-

iting the café for a bite to eat or

and some items will be for differ-

ent ages. Pokémon cards might

make an appearance Parents,

spouses, children, neighbors and

friends are invited for a "differ-

ent" kind of fun while helping pay

the bills at that beautiful church

This event is family friendly

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.

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

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

### FRIDAY, OCT. 20

NIGHTMARE ON MAIN STREET, a haunted house experience will take place today from 6-10 pm. At the Emilia K. Hope Community Center, 173 North Main Street, North Brookfield. Advance tickets are now on sale for \$10 and are available by visiting coalitionforaheslthynb.org. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

SUPPORT GROUP for grandparent raising grandchildren will be held today from 9:30-11 a.m. at Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. This group meets the third Friday of every month. People should call 508-796-1411 or email yiwfrycyouice@sevenhillsorg to register or for more information.

### **SATURDAY, OCT 21**

SPOOKFEST sponsored by the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield invites people to a Halloween celebration and Haunted House today from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. located by North Brookfield High School, 10 New School Drive, North Brookfield. There will be a food truck festival, Maker's Market (vendors), Trunk or Treat, costume contest and prizes, ticketed fun zone with bounce house, petting zoo, pumpkin painting, exclusive games, hay pile prizes and more. Fun Zone wristband tickets are \$5 per person in advance and \$7 at the door.



# Fidelity Bank partners with local business owner to assure the long-term vibrancy of local landmark

"Fidelity Bank

has been a great

community partner

to Barre over the

years and we are

enthusiastic for

what the future will

bring as we work

the building"

Fidelity Bank is excited to announce a collaboration with a local business owner and investor to assure vibrancy of downtown landmark building. The building at 56 Common Street, where the Fidelity Bank banking center is located, was recently sold to Quabbin Realty, LLC. As the long-term anchor tenant, Fidelity Bank will continue to service the financial needs of the Barre community following the sale.

"We are excited to collaborate with Quabbin Realty, while we continue providing the LifeDesign promise our clients have come to know and trust in Barre," said Edward F. Manzi, Jr., chairman and CEO, Fidelity Bank. "As the building's anchor tenant, we look forward to having an integral role in Quabbin Realty's vision to bring new life back into the building and we remain committed to stay in Barre for decades to come."

The building, which has been home of the Fidelity Bank banking center since 2016,

also offers 15,000 sq. ft. of versatile office, medical, and education workspace, as well as ample parking for staff and visitors. It is located

in downtown Barre on the beautiful and historic

"We are happy to have Fidelity Bank on board as our long-term tenant at 56 Common Street," said Carl W. Lindley, owner, Quabbin Realty, LLC. "Fidelity Bank has been a great community partner to Barre over the years and we are enthusiastic for what the future will bring as we

work together to revitalize the building to serve our tenants as well as their customers."

In addition to Fidelity Bank's commitment to continue serving clients at the Barre location, the bank also remains committed to continuing the legacy of the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation. The \$1.5 million Foundation was established when Fidelity Bank merged with Barre Savings Bank in together to revitalize 2016. The foundation now has a value in excess of \$2 million. In addition to the Bank's LifeDesign Community Dividend annual giving the

and to Barre Savings Bank for decades prior, foundation awards more than \$100,000 in grants to the Barre community annually. To learn more about the foundation, visit www. barresavings.org.



# FALL FESTIVITIES at the FARM

building on the hill.

drink.

Halloween Spooktacular featuring live music, great food, and local craft beer as part of the New Braintree Halloween festivities on 10/28.

Pop-up Beer Garden featuring local brews made with local ingredients is every Sat/Sun through October. 10/7, 10/8, 10/14, 10/15, 10/21, 10/22, 10/28, 10/29.

Check FarmerMatt.com for details & more events.



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Seth Twarog cleats the ball supporting a great defensive effort by the Panthers.



Alijah Flint with a big save for Quabbin.

# Tobin's pair lifts Quabbin



A group of Panthers jump for the ball.

Collin Lindley blocks a shot for the Panthers



Quabbin scores a goal.

# Geary and Dilling deliver for Quabbin cagers

BARRE – When time and score situations arise in a game the question always becomes just who do you go to in order to make it work. Well, the team simply goes to the 'go-to's' and the Quabbin cagers found two of them to pull out a big win over Blackstone Valley Tech 36-35.

It was the combination of guards Jacoby Dilling and then Quinn Geary in the final minute of regulation that propelled the cagers to their second consecutive win in the Whitinsville Fall Basketball league.

With the score tied at 33-33, lead guard Jacoby Dilling split defenders and drained a short pull-up jumper with 20 seconds left on the clock to give his team, Ground Up Properties, a two-point lead once again. The Quabbinians had led most of the game before BVT came back to knot the score in the final minute of play.

However, BVT tied the score again with 9 seconds remaining and a quick time out by Coach Tim Hay was needed to draw up situational strategy and tactics. Despite the BVT full-court press an inbounds pass to guard Jaxon Warburton was quickly delivered into the hands of junior swingman Quinn Geary. The Quabbin captain busted out of the pressure press in transition and was fouled with four seconds on the clock.

Geary promptly and confi-



Power forward Kyle Clark uses a quick and effective ball fake get his opponent skyward to compete his layup.

dently went to the free throw line and made the first of his two free throws to give his team a onepoint advantage. The second attempt was missed but by the time the BVT player has secured the rebound the buzzer had

Submitted photos sounded and the Quabbin cagers

upped their record to 2-0. Leading the scoring column for the cagers was junior Quinn Geary with 19 points including four three-pointers and four loose ball recoveries. Freshman Jacoby

Quinn Geary elevates for two of his 19 points

as teammate Nick Whitelaw prepares to clean up any miss.

Dilling finished with 8 points and 4 assists in the win. Dilling's ability to find the open player on his team continues to improve.

Junior Kyle Clark was

See BASKETBALL, page 10

# Panthers even record with win at Murdock

WINCHENDON - Last Saturday, Luke Salvadore had three touchdowns scored and led Quabbin Regional to a 37-8 win against Murdock. The win would lift the Panthers to 2-2 for the season. Quabbin would score twice in the first quarter, both with two-point conversions to take a 16-0 lead. They would keep Murdock off the scoreboard until very late in the game after

building a 37-0 lead.

Salvadore would run for 171 yards on offense and Chase Talbot added a 35-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Talbot finished with 65 yards rushing. Jaxon Warburton would also score one of Quabbin's touchdowns with a short run.

The Panthers are back home against Ayer Shirley on Friday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

# **COLLEGE NEWS**

# Nassir finishes 17th at WSU meet

WESTFIELD - Westfield State freshman Nathan Sylven (Wrentham, Mass./King Phillip) was the individual winner as the Owls ran to a third-place team finish at the season-opening Keene State Alumni Invitational in Keene, N.H. on Saturday.

Sylven traversed the 5-kilometer course in 16:07, 11 seconds ahead of his closest competition and matching his personal best

Junior Will Buckley (Plymouth, Mass./North) was next for the Owls in sixth place in 16:34, and the Owls had a tight grouping as John Nekitopoulos (West Springfield, Mass.), Matthew Hall (Duxbury, Mass.), Abdi Nassir (New Braintree, Mass./Quabbin) and Gordon Johnson (Hanson, Mass./Whitman-Hanson) took 15th through 19th place.

The Owls had seven personal-record or course-personal-record times.

The Owls placed third in the team rankings behind Southern Maine and the Keene State alumni squad.

Westfield will next be in action at the Trinity College Invitational next Saturday.

# **Pioneers** keep winning

PALMER - With the exception of a setback in their season opener, Pathfinder boys soccer has kept on winning. The Pioneers defeated Hampden Charter last Wednesday 10-1 followed by a 1-0 win over Smith Vocational. With a number of postponements last month, the Pioneers still have a lot of games yet to play in October. The Pioneers head to Franklin Tech on Friday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m.



Seth Mitchell readies a long throw-in.



Basem Yaseen looks for an opening to



Seth Mitchell tries to steal the ball for the Pioneers.



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# **Sports**

# Owls hold on for first victory

WESTFIELD - Westfield State's Max Margeson (Littleton, Colo./Mullen HS) and Alec Rodriguez (Westfield, Mass.) combined for a memorable interception return play for a touchdown to lift the Owls to a 17-10 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy at Alumni Field on Saturday to bring a happy conclusion to Family and Champions Weekend.

Margeson delivered a perfectly timed hit on MMA wide receiver Andrew Brightman (Wareham, Mass./Upper Cape Tech) to jar loose the ball on a catch, with the ball pinging directly to Owls' linebacker Rodriguez for the interception at the MMA 32-yard line. Rodriguez returned the ball a couple of yards before Brightman snagged him by the ankle, and Rodriguez handed the ball off to Margeson, who rambled 30 yards through traffic for the touchdown to give Westfield a 17-10 lead with 9:07 left in the third quarter.

The Owls hung on down the stretch for the win, improving to 1-4 on the season and 1-2 in the MASCAC. MMA slips to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the league.

The two teams traded salvos in the first half, with the Buccaneers getting on the board on their first drive of the game with a 7-play, 73-yard march that was capped by a 29-yard TD pass to Brightman on deep post route completion

from quarterback Marc Murphy (Norwood, Mass.).

Westfield answered on their first drive, getting a big 52-yard kick return from Christian Julian (Hingham, Mass.) to set up the drive at the MMA 32. Seven plays later, Westfield's Jordan Smith (Coventry, Conn.) rumbled four yards up the middle for a game tying TD.

The two clubs traded field goals in the final 10 seconds of the half. MMA got a 24-yard TD from Logan Tsaika (E. Freetown, Mass./ Appoquonet) to take a 10-7 lead with eight seconds left in the half.

Westfield got the ball back on the ensuing kickoff, and Owls QB Gabriel Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) found Danny Farrell (Milford, Mass.) on a 25-yard completion and a personal foul on the Buccaneers gave the Owls the ball at the MMA 22 yardline with four seconds left in the half.

Westfield State first-year kicker Cooper Harvey (Niskayuna, N.Y.) booted a 39-yard field goal as time expired to tie the game 10-10 at the half.

Neither team particularly threatened the end zone after the big interception return by the Owls. MMA drove the ball as far as the Owls' 38-yard line with less than two minutes to play, but Tyler Cooley (Randolph, Mass./Arch. Williams) dropped Murphy for a loss on third down, and Murphy's long bomb try to Brightman on fourth down fell incomplete to end the threat, and Westfield knelt on the ball three times to run out the clock.

Fernandez finished 14-25 passing for 138 yards. Farrell finished with six catches for 65 yards, and Smith rushed for 77 yards on 25

For MMA, Murphy completed 12 of 23 passes for 206 yards with a TD and an interception. Daniel Molloy (Franklin, Mass.) led the rushing attack with seven carries for 22 yards, and Brightman finished with eight catches for 96 yards. Molloy added three catches for 54 yards.

Defensively, Cooley led the Owls with 13 tackles, and Cam Danahy (Kingston, Mass./Silve Lake) added nine. Dylan Clark (Bellows Falls, Vt./BFA) came up with two big plays with two tackles for losses of 12 yards.

Liam Hines (Quincy, Mass./ North Quincy) led MMA with seven tackles. Owen Shea (Scituate, Mass./Norwell) made five tackles, 2.5 TFL's and a sack.

Westfield heads into its bye week, before returning to host its homecoming game against UMass-Dartmouth on Saturday, Oct. 14. MMA faces UMass Dartmouth next Saturday, Oct. 7 with a 4 p.m. kick off in North Dartmouth, Mass.

# Education

# **FSU** hosts International Delegation to learn about police program



A delegation from the Srpska Republic of Eastern Europe visited Fitchburg State University to learn about its groundbreaking police program.

FITCHBURG - For the second time this year, Fitchburg State University welcomed an international delegation to learn more about its groundbreaking police program and its mission to respond to evolving community needs in the profession.

The university hosted several public safety and education professionals from the Srpska Republic in Eastern Europe earlier last month. The visit to Fitchburg was part of a tour of several police agencies organized for the delegation by PH International and included retired Fitchburg Police Chief Edward Cronin, who has long worked with the international agency.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Patricia A. Marshall greeted the delegation and explained the police program's goals of training future officers with a comprehensive educational background that includes human services, psychology and sociology. Its participants complete a comprehensive criminal justice curriculum in four years, followed by a 17-week academy that results in their certification to work in municipal police departments in Massachusetts and neigh- future career in public safety. boring states. The sixth recruit Recruit officer Jordyn Gagliardi course graduated Friday,

Sept. 15; all 11 of its members have already been hired by police departments.

Professor David Weiss talked about the evolution of the policing profession and the genesis of Fitchburg State's police program. The model adopted at Fitchburg State more closely resembles how teachers and nurses are prepared for their careers, he explained. "When somebody wants to be a nurse, they don't walk into a hospital and say, 'Hire me,'" he said. They go to university."

Students from the university's seventh recruit officer course attended the visit and engaged in a lively discussion with their international guests in which they recounted their own paths to explore careers in public safety and how their academic and skills training will serve them.

Class leader Jenna Morse, who will graduate in May and complete the academy next summer, said her interest in the profession grew from interactions with her own high school's resource officer. She said the critical thinking skills she and her classmates are learning from their university studies will be helpful in her

cer in Western Massachusetts and his commitment to his community had inspired her to follow a similar path. Recruit officer George Haddad cited the valuable coursework in human services and psychology he had taken, and how it would assist him in his work. Others said they anticipated teaching in their future as well, either during or after their police careers. "In a way, you're always going to be teaching as a police officer," said fellow recruit officer Aidan

Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest F. Martineau, who has hired several of Fitchburg State's police program graduates, told international visitors he is a strong believer in the program. "We used to believe we could arrest our way out of every problem," the 37-year veteran of law enforcement said. "Today, the current trend in policing is moving in the right direction. It begins with trust, it begins with transparency. It's about creating relationships. With trust, positive things can happen."

Fitchburg Police Lt. Jeffrey Howe explained his work with the department's community engagement team and its efforts to build relationships with the city's diverse populations, from school-

# Bonsignore heads for Thompson for big event

NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C. – After 150 laps at North Wilkesboro Speedway, Justin Bonsignore brought his No. 51 machine home in third-place on Saturday night. As the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour made their debut at the North Carolina oval in the Brushy Mountain Powersports 150, Bonsignore ran inside the top-five for much of the

A final green-white-checkered finish where Bonsignore lined up in fifth was exactly what he needed in the Phoenix Communications entry. Bonsignore followed fellow championship contender Ron Silk up through the field to finish third, just behind Silk.

In the title battle, Bonsignore will hold a two-point lead heading for the final two races of the

"The green-white-checkered restart definitely helped get us back to the podium," Bonsignore said. "We got a good jump on the final restart. It was a good night for us. We were just a bit tight on the second set of tires. It's going to go down to the end. It's going to be a championship battle for

the ages."

Bonsignore will move to Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park next on Sunday, Oct. 8 for the Sunoco World Series 150. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is part of a three-day event at Thompson next weekend.

For more information on threetime NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates, including from the track on race day.

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# Residents share ideas for Mary Lane Hospital site

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

WARE – It was standing room only at the Ware Senior Center last week, as community members joined representatives from the Hospital Review Committee and HKT Architects Inc. in a visioning session for the Baystate Mary Lane

About 100 residents from Ware and Hardwick attended the session on Sept. 20, to discuss the future of the South Street property, which served as a hospital for almost 100

Named after founder Lewis Gilbert's late wife Mary Lane, the hospital was built using a trust established to provide health services to the residents of Ware and Gilbertville.

Now, Baystate is working to transfer the remaining outpatients services to Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer by the end of the year, remove hazards and demolish some or all of the buildings.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the Gilbert Trust still exists, with around \$6-7 million in its endowment which generates around \$325,000-350,000 a year.

The purpose of the visioning session was to get feedback from residents about possible uses for the

"We'll get to hear your ideas for what goes on that site," Beckley

Janet Slemenda and Amy Dunlap of HKT Architects Inc. have been working with the town to find possible uses for the site.

Slemenda said her firm has assessed all of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital's buildings on the 21-acre site, noting that parking lots are in poor condition and not Americans with Disabilities Act compliant. There are stormwater issues as well.

The site is zoned as suburban residential and any reuse of the site will require rezoning, Slemenda

"There's a lot of site development that is very costly," she said.

A landscape engineer noted that there is a rare species zone on the site, which is located in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund holds a print of artist Jacob Knight's painting of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital, which was commissioned by the Hospital for its 75th anniversary. The original painting hangs in the Young Men's

flood zone B (moderate flood hazard). Seven trees will need to be removed and overgrown hedges will need to be addressed.

Library Association.

Slemenda said the landscape architect said the site could be well-suited for a park or recreation-

Dunlap said there are areas of the hospital that were under renovation, but not completed. Wallpaper is falling down, and other parts of the buildings are deteriorating due to being vacant for so long.

"That's the status of a lot of the spaces," Dunlap said.

Dunlap said the hospital doesn't have a lot of windows, so it would offer limited views outdoors if it was repurposed for office space, and it is not energy efficient and would need "substantial work" to

She said the buildings operate as a campus, with a shared HVAC system, which "wouldn't make sense for any other repurpose."

Many residents in attendance expressed their anger about Baystate Mary Lane Hospital's closure, and how it's loss has impacted the health and wellbeing of people across the region.

Several residents said the only

thing the site should be repurposed to would be another medical facility.

Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund said there is a "lingering bitterness" toward Baystate, as well as distrust around the involvement of Westmass Area Development Corporation in Mary Lane Hospital's decommissioning, which two former Baystate employees have ties to.

"The building as it is, could still be a medical place," Granlund said.

When asked if Baystate had placed any stipulations on the property preventing other medical facilities from taking it over, Beckley said, we have not heard that yet."

Granlund said he has spent the past 28 months researching the hospital's closure, producing an 83-page investigative report, which is available at both the Library and Senior Center.

"I'm not going to talk about the past," he said, but rather the roles of former Baystate Eastern Region President Michael Moran and Baystate Trustee John Maybury on Westmass' board of directors.

He questioned Westmass CEO Jeff Daley, who attended the session, about Moran and Maybury's possible involvement with the hospital's decommissioning.

"We're all being played here to some degree," Granlund said. He said his concerns now aren't about what happened in the past, but what could happen in the future.

"They [Baystate] need to know they will not get away without being exposed," Granlund said.

Granlund asked Daley if Westmass was going to be developers of the site, to which Daley replied, "right now, no."

Dunlap reminded residents that the purpose of the visioning session was to gather ideas for the site, not to make recommendations for its

'We don't have any preconceived ideas," she said for the prop-

Hospital Review Committee

member Terry Smith said the hospital was built in the early 1900s, prior to any modern environmental standards, and he said his number one concern is that the town could end up assuming liability for any hazards associated with the site.

Smith, an engineer, said medical waste was incinerated and buried on the grounds as potash.

He said the property is assessed at \$11 million, and as a nonprofit, Baystate was not required to pay taxes on it. Beckley added that whoever assumes ownership of the site next would be paying taxes unless the town takes it over.

"At some point, you have to let go of what happened in the past and move forward," Smith said. "We should never take title to this property...we don't have the resources in the town to put into this."

Smith said HKT Architects Inc. was hired based on qualifications, and paid through grant funding.

Residents were asked the following questions about the site:

What do you consider to be the most valuable feature or aspect of the Mary Lane Hospital site? If the site were to be developed

into a single use, what would you envision that use being? If the site were to be developed

into a mixed use development, what would you envision? Do you envision any town controlled use of the

What concerns you the most about the future development of the

What would you like Baystate's legacy to the town to be?

Jodi Chartier said she would like Baystate to honor the legacy of the Gilbert family that "has done so much for this community."

Almost all attending the session agreed that they would like the site to remain a medical facility or hospital. Other suggestions included a YMCA or town offices.

Some suggested building an urgent care or similar facility at another location in town.

Access to medical care has been a top priority of the Hospital Review Committee, Smith said, but it doesn't have to be on this site, and he asked residents to keep in open mind during this process.

# **Lilac Hedge Farm celebrates** the autumn season



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas Lilac Hedge Farm had a colorful selection of pumpkins during their events this past weekend.

By Emily-Rose Pappas

Staff Writer

RUTLAND - The fall season brings with it many traditions here in New England, and Lilac Hedge Farm included many fun events for their weekend-long celebrations.

From Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, the Farm hosted a variety of events including pumpkin painting, live music, a keg obstacle course, and a Jump Pad for kids.

There was lots of tasty food including kettle corn, pies, ciders, craft beers from local breweries, and the Farm's signature ice cream and a special bratwurst dinner from the Farm's kitchen.

Live music was courtesy of talented musician Lizzy Marquis, who played classic country songs and original music for all to enjoy. Bit T's BBQ Jerky House also had a food truck serving delicious jerky.

Heidi Cooper, the general manager, has worked at the Farm for five years, since before its opening to the public two years

Despite the rainy season, Cooper and the rest of the farm's staff have combined their two annual events into a fun, fall extravaganza.

"This is a blend of Oktoberfest and our Harvest Fair. This is the kick-off to all things fall," she

The Oktoberfest vibes featured a keg obstacle course where participants had to move and roll an empty keg through a series of obstacles to the finish to see who could complete the task the fasted. There was also a stein-holding content (filled with water) to test strength and resilience.

The Harvest Fair featured beautiful pumpkins of reds, oranges, and yellows from Fey Mountain Farm, as well as a pumpkin painting contest. We strive to be a place where

everyone can enjoy something," Cooper said.

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Baillargeon said a previous Highway Department superintendent wanted to create a retaining pond on his property, but nothing has been done.

He has four catch basins around his property, but with this year's heavy rainfall, his basement flooded multiple times. He lost three water heaters and two sub pumps due to the damage.

"I just want it fixed," he said. "I pay taxes for my property, and I can't use it."

Baillargeon said proper catch basins need to be installed, as the four existing ones (installed in the early 1900s) are all illegal.

"Where the pipes are, I can't use that area and half of my property is pipes," he said. He said he also has a hole in his yard, from when the Highway Department had to repair a broken pipe on his property.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said the Board will keep the discussion going and try to come up with some ideas to remedy the situation.

### Electrical aggregation The Board approved a draft of a

letter supporting bill H.3852, an act supporting electrical aggregation programs in the commonwealth. This bill will help municipalities with electrical aggregation programs, offering a reduced electrical rate to residents. Aggregation programs can also

increase the use of cleaner energy.

The letter states that many municipalities have filed electrical aggregation plans with the Department of Public Utilities and have waited years for approval. About half of the municipalities in the commonwealth do not have electrical aggregation plans.

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Barre said the town filed an electrical aggregation plan with the DPU in 2019 and it has still not been and infant.

# **ARPA** requests

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair John Tripp read a letter from Jamie Flamand of the Water Department regarding a request for a new water main extension at the new Highway Department on Donovan Road.

The Water Department had also submitted this request to the American Rescue Plan Act Committee for consideration.

The letter said the "existing well system is not a viable source of potable water.'

The water main extension would begin at East Brookfield Road, go up Donovan Road, ending about 150 feet before Town Farm Road. It would include 1,100 feet of sixinch ductile iron pipe, one hydrant, one-inch domestic water service and two-inch utility service into the Highway Barn.

Tripp said the well was fine when they bought the building, but it's not enough for the Highway Department's domestic needs.

Tripp said the Water Department also requested \$100,000 from ARPA to resurface the town's water storage tank.

"These are projects that need to be done," Tripp said.

Tripp said the Tree Warden had also made a request for ARPA funding to cut dead trees back from the side of the roads, citing that downed limbs have caused power outages.

# **AED** pads

The Board approved using ARPA funds to purchase AED pads in the amount of \$531. This is a change from a previously approved request of \$296.

Barre this equipment is for the Town Offices, and they had originally requested adult

pads and were told they should purchase additional sizes, such as child

# **Asphalt cutting**

The Parks and Recreation requested approval to spend \$250 from the budget to cut asphalt on the Common.

Brandon Avery of the Parks and Recreation said a part of the basketball court's asphalt that's "badly broken up" needs to be cut and removed.

Once it's removed, the area could be useable again, and would be a good location for a pickleball

# Plow valve

The Board approved the Highway Department's request to spend \$400 for a hydraulic valve for the plow from the Snow and Ice account.

# Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Parks and Recreation member Michelle Thayer

# Pole hearing

A National Grid engineer requested the installation of a new utility pole on Brickyard Road for a newly constructed house. The same pole will be used to supply power to additional houses that will be built next to the new house.

The Board closed the hearing and voted in favor of the utility pole placement.

# **Contract review**

The Board of Health presented a contract to the Board of Selectmen for repairs to the landfill swales. The Board will approve the contract after it has been reviewed by town counsel.

The Board also received the bidding services proposal from the BSC Group for the Downtown Complete Street Project, which will also be reviewed.

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The recent pandemic lasting two years prevented the public to enjoy Surround Sounds singing at a variety of events like National and local holidays, Chamber of Commerce events, churches and senior centers. Nonetheless, they continued continue their friendship sometimes via Zoom. Now they are back on track to renew public appearances. In fact, they are looking for more women. Those interested to learn more about joining the group can email Linda Parviainen at liparve@gmail.com. They may visit the Chapter's website at www. SurroundSoundChorus.com

Their weekly rehearsals include something for everyone: a mix of chorus and quartet singing, plan-

ning for shows, contests and other performances and general fellowship. Young or old, four-part harmony sung a cappella is a great way for women to share their desire to sing with three or thirty other

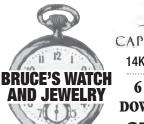
Each rehearsal is designed to foster the learning of a cappella singing in a highly supportive, non-threatening environment. Most of the singers have little or no formal training in music. The ability to read music is helpful, but definitely not a prerequisite. Those interested in learning more about their community support efforts can email Jan LeClair at JMLsings@yahoo.com.



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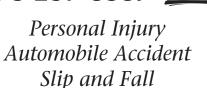
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# **Through the Psalms** Part 7

What themes are present in the Book of Psalms? What topics do the psalmists ongoingly touch upon in their poetic works?

### 1) Covenant

God is a God of covenant. That is, the Lord has established binding agreements with humanity at key intervals in history. The psalmists often address the covenants of God both with and through figures like Noah, Abraham, Moses and David. Note the following selection for the sake of illustration, wherein the writer notes the promise of the Lord to David of Israel:

### Psalm 89:1-4, 28-29, 35-37 (NIV)

1 "I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

3 You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations." Selah

28 "My steadfast love I will keep for him [David] forever, and my covenant will stand firm for

29 I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens.'

35 "Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to

36 His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me.

37 Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies." Selah

2) The Presence of God in History

Similarly, many psalms focus upon the work of the Lord in the midst of history. Beyond the covenantal promises of God, biblical writers highlight His works in the earth (e.g., the Creation, Exodus, the Exile, etc.). Note this example, which touches upon the Exodus in the days of Moses:

# Psalm 105:26-36

26 He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen. 27 They performed his signs

nong them and miracles in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made the land dark; they did not rebel against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die.

30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats throughout their country. 32 He gave them hail for rain,

and fiery lightning bolts through their land. 33 He struck down their vines

and fig trees, and shattered the trees of their country. 34 He spoke, and the locusts

came, young locusts without number, 35 which devoured all the veg-

etation in their land and ate up the fruit of their ground. 36 He struck down all the first-

born in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength.

Why are the psalmists so consumed with God's activity in history past? As one author posits, the "psalmist is not an historian. He is not interested in the past for its own sake. Rather, the psalmdeeds in times past as the basis for their confidence in the midst of current trouble."

3) The Presence of God in Personal Living

Finally, the psalmists often celebrate the working of the Lord in their own lives. Thus, the activity of God was not something relegated to seasons past. Rather, there was an abiding intimacy in the present (i.e., and unto the future)! The seminal example of such sentiments and more is this ode of David:

### Psalm 23 (NKJV)

1The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

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# **Eighteenth Sunday** after Pentecost

"Christ Knows our Hearts and our Minds"

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.

# **Scripture Reading:** Matthew 21 v 23 -32 1.

Introduction: Every day, we encounter individuals around us, at home, our neighbors, at the stores, our work, and here at church. We strive to live our lives authentically and do the best we can to love and show kindness to those around us. We also encounter individuals in various volunteer and leadership positions in life, and we ourselves have our own positions at home, at work, and here at church.

We sometimes ask ourselves and reflect on how we behave and act from our positions in these diverse settings and how others perceive us. Are we at peace with others and what they are meant to do and are we at peace with ourselves and what we are meant to do in life and here at church.

2. Christ knows our hearts and

This morning, our passages consist of two distinct parts, yet with the same focus. In the first section, Jesus is teaching in the temple courts in Jerusalem,

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ist reflects upon God's wonderful surrounded by numerous people, including the chief priests and the elders. He is being questioned by these leaders regarding the authority by which He was teaching, followed by a counter question by

> Instead of answering them, He asked them what they thought about John's Baptism, whether it originated from heaven or from human beings. The question is about the authority and essence of John's baptisms, since John was sent ahead of Jesus to lead His ministry and message. He would also baptize Jesus, after which Jesus was filled with the Holy

> So, in this first passage we are dealing with these temple leaders, who felt their authority was threatened by this man from Galilee coming here to their temple, invading their territory and therefore they questioned the authority by which He claimed He was doing these things. They are afraid to answer Him about John, so they told Him they don't know.

> In the second passage Jesus asks them a two-fold question, "What do you think" about these two sons who were asked by their father to go and work in the vineyard. The first one refused to go, but then changed his mind. The second one agreed to go, but then did not. He then asked, "which of the two did what their father wanted?" Their response was, "The

> Then Jesus returns to address the question of John the Baptist, sort of saying to them, you know who he was. You know that he came through the power God, sent ahead of Me, who would come after him. You know that. He came to speak about the way of life according to the will of God. You heard him, and you decided not to repent and not to believe him.

> This is what will happen, He said, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors, and prostitutes whom you despise and consider beneath you, believed him and so will be entering the Kingdom of God before you." And so, Jesus, continued, you answered correctly about the two sons. It was the first one who did the right thing.

He did what his father asked him to do. He repented his negative behaviors, turned around and went and worked in the vineyard. It is one thing to know the correct answer, but it is another to do what that son did. You did not. You refused to believe and listen to John the Baptist, and now you are challenging my authority, knowing who I am, but refuse to believe me, and therefore you refuse to do the will of God. You will be shown the way by the very ones whom you consider beneath you.

3. Conclusion

"What do you think?" is the question Jesus asked these religious leaders, knowing what was going on in their minds and in their hearts. He was not going to entertain their interrogation about His authority. He wanted them to reveal their own thoughts and the things that went on in their hearts, their intentions and lack of openness for the work of God through others, such as John the Baptist and He, Jesus, the Christ.

Today, Christ is asking a similar question to us as leaders and volunteers serving God and our congregation and our community, "What do you think"? He is waiting for the answer we will give Him. Did you say yes, and did not go, or did you say no and

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# **Obituaries**

# Bessie E. Difley, 109

BARRE -Bessie E. Difley died at her home in Barre on Sept. 23, 2023.

She was 109 years old, a slight-sized woman, who had an out-sized impact on her family, friends, town and its citizens.

She was a Barre resident for 107 years. Her parents, John B. and Nellie G. Montgomery, moved to South Barre when she was two years old. She and her husband George E. Difley moved to their Barre home when they married in 1939 where she lived for the rest of her life.

Bessie graduated from Framingham State Teachers College and taught school in Barre until she had to stop when she married because married women were not allowed to teach in those days.

Her daughters, Martha and Jane, were born early in WW ll and shortly after the war, respectively. The school system then begged Bessie to come back to teaching in the early 1950s. She taught grades 1 through 3 at the Roger Langley School and later at Ruggles Lane School until she retired in 1978.

Bessie was involved in many community organizations and she didn't just belong, she was a full participant - Red Hats, Women's Fellowship, a craft group, a quilting group, Women's Club, Eastern Star, the Golden Age Club, a bridge group and the Barre Congregational Church among others.

Music was important in Bessie's life. She loved lively songs. She played the piano and sang with the Swingin' Singin' Seniors. She loved line dancing and both took lessons herself and enjoyed teaching others the steps at the senior center.

She loved the ocean. She and her family vacationed every summer at Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, until George died. Then she, her daughters, and granddaughter vacationed at York Harbor, where they walked at Harbor Beach almost daily

Bessie was a committed walker. An avid reader and a fan of David Baldacci mysteries, she walked to the Barre Library weekly for books. Her daily walks around town and especially around the Common into her eleventh decade are the stuff of legend.

Numerous people began walking, inspired by her example. Her doctor attributed her long healthy life to walking. And while she agreed, when asked, she claimed her longevity was because she "didn't eat the school lunches." She was presented the Boston Cane at a ceremony at the senior center when she was 100.

On outings with her friends, she was the human GPS. She knew how to get to places via the back roads. Bessie, who preferred to be called "Bess" in her later years, was known for her love of ice cream and knew the location of every ice cream stand in Central Massachusetts and beyond.

She loved Barre and all it had to offer. She was always game to participate in celebrations and community events. She rarely missed the Memorial Day or Veterans Day exercises on the Common. She always voted. In 2017, at the age of 103, she was the Grand Marshall for the Barre Christmas Parade and, despite the chill, she rode joyfully in a red convertible, waving to parade-goers.

Bess was pre-deceased by her parents, her husband George, her sister Marguerite Craig and husband Lawrence, and her grandson Timothy Jordan. She leaves her daughters,

Martha Jordan of Northampton, Jane Difley and her partner Craig Fournier of Webster, New Hampshire, Paul Jordan, Jr. of Wheelwright, and grandchildren Alise Jordan of Barre and Neil Jordan and his spouse Danielle Royer of Erving. She also leaves great-grandchildren Ryan Jordan and Nathan Jordan and his fiance Maddy Bradley.

Services will be held on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.. at the Barre Congregational Church. A reception will follow the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, please take a walk in Bess's honor. Better yet, take a walk

Donations in her honor will be gratefully received by the Barre Congregational Church, P.O. Box 936, Barre, MA 01005.

Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

# **DEATH NOTICE**

Difley, Bessie E. Died Sept. 23, 2023 Funeral Service Oct. 12 at 11:30 a.m.

# St. Mary's Women's club to hold Parish Fair

ORANGE - St. Mary's Parish in Orange will hold its 101st annual Parish Fair on Saturday, Oct. 14 with doors opening at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center on West Myrtle and Cheney Streets.

The fair features a cash/ scratch ticket raffle, a 50/50 contacting Maureen Riendeau. raffle and a themed basket rafhas become famous throughout the area for its extensive display of over 50 prizes. A Restaurant Gift Certificate raffle has proved popular for many years and gift certificates come from all over the area, from Shelburne Falls to Leominster.

Coffee, sweet breads and sandwiches are available and a beef stew dinner with homemade pie will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Popcorn and creamees will be sold all day. The food and candy tables will feature pies, cookies, breads, jellies, pickles, peanut brittle and fudge.

A children's table features games and prizes for young children. Prize winners for the raffles will be announced beginning at 2 p.m., followed by phone notification of winners and clean up. There will be no tag sale this year.

Ruth Cormier is Kitchen Chairman and her crew of Eva Zilinski, Deb Gauvin, Rose

Amodeo and others will prepare stew, make sandwiches and cut the home-made pies to be served with lunches. While pies will be available at the baked goods table, and several frozen, unbaked pies will be available, pies may also be pre-ordered by

Linda Piragis and Yvette fle. The Center Table raffle LaCroix chair the candy and baked goods table, offering fudges, peanut brittle and seasonal treats. Dara LaPlante and family will preside over the children's table. Tammy Waters and Kathy Mitchell will be selling chances for the Cash and Scratch Ticket Raffle and the 50/50 raffle. Kelly Cellana will offer plants, cemetery boxes, and berry bowls. Anne Colo chairs the themed basket raffle, and Carole Krouse and Pat Lussier have collected restaurant gift certificates for the raffle and will be assisting with the Raffle sales.

Maureen Riendeau chairs the Center Table raffle. Rosalie Carville, Joanne Sahagian and Robin LaCroix are bankers for the event. Sue Simonds organizes the puzzle table and has been collecting jigsaw puzzles all year. Emily White has contacted several vendors for a new addition to the Fair.

Many other Club members and Parishioners will be assisting with the various tables during the day.

CCD Students and parents assist in set up and many other parishioners help with manning tables, organizing tables in advance and cleaning up after the Fair.

Bruce and Kathy Mitchell will supervise after-fair cleanup. It is truly a Parish event and proceeds benefit the Parish and community.

Proceeds from the Fair are used for scholarships, Parish needs (altar cloths, vestments, rectory and Parish Center repairs) community events (Starry Nights, Christmas lighting and other community programs. Over the years the Club has earned thousands of dollars for the benefit of the Parish and Community,

Maureen Riendeau is Fair chairman. People may call 978-249-6336 for additional information, or to offer donations or help.

# Barre Gazette ()BITUARY POLICY

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# **Kevin Mooney will do in-person poetry** reading at Petersham Art Center

PETERSHAM - Poet and artist Kevin Mooney will share his poetry and his experiences creating his literary and artistic visions at an in-person reading and display of his work, "Poetry: In His Own Voice," at the Petersham Art Center, 8 North St., on Sunday, October 8, at 3:30 pm.

"I am so privileged to be invited to read here in Petersham from my collection of original poetry,' says Mooney. "I will share how my artistic expression came to be, how it evolved, and the process I use to create each poem. I will include previous works and new ones, some with my spiritual philosophy. And being a patriotic American, who does not sit on the fence, I will also include my works called My Flag and Prayer to My Uncle Sam."

"I am especially excited about my upcoming exhibition in Dundalk, Ireland, in 2024," adds Mooney. Mooney's art installations, including, "A Field of Poetry" and "The Secret Language of Intimacy", have been displayed art festivals throughout the United States, and his work will be traveling to Ireland next year. His lifelong pursuit of poetic expression has resulted in the highly acclaimed two-part poetry series, "The Wandering Crane."

Mooney has created his multi-dimensional poetry walk, "Poetry: To Get Lost In," at the Petersham Art Center, which sets a meandering stroll throughout the grounds. The thoughts and poetic imaginings on the signs that are scattered among the trees and gardens evoke a meditation on wisdom, spirituality, and a sense of place in the world. The poetry walk and the indoor exhibit of his



Poet and artist Keven Mooney will give an in-person reading and display of his work at the Petersham Art Center, 8 North Main St., on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3:30 p.m.

continue through Oct. 12.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the poetry reading and sharing of ideas at the Petersham Art Center. The program is free and open to

Petersham Art Center is open

works are on display now and will Wednesday through Sunday from noon-4 p.m. for viewing exhibits and for browsing displays of unique and hand-created works of art by Quabbin area artists and crafters. For further questions and information, people may call 978-

# Photo contest seeks entries for Hardwick calendar

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Christmas on the Common Committee will be holding a photo contest for the chance to be the featured photo in its Hardwick 2024 calendar cover or the picture of the month

Photos must be taken within the

town. Pictures can be nature, animals, people, scenic, etc.

All entries must be emailed to christmasoncommonhardwick@ gmail.com by Oct. 20. Entries must include photographer's name, location the photo was taken, and what month (or cover) you'd like

Voting will open Oct. 21-29 on the Hardwick Christmas on the Common Facebook page.

Calendars will be sold at the upcoming Hardwick Classic Christmas on the Common on Sunday Nov. 26.

# **Public Notices**

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** NOTICE

The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:00 **p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, Selectmen Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 40 West Street, Barre, MA requested by Ken Goodwin for a variance for a 12' x 16' extension to an existing attached garage per Zoning 140-14, Dimensional Requirements, located at 153 Root Road, Assessor Map G, Lot 244 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 28647, Page 340.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street - Suite 5, Barre, MA, barreboards@townofbare. com or contact the Boards' Office at 978-355-2504 ext.

Joshua Smith

10/05,10/12/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and **Family Court** 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO23P3336EA Estate of: Thomas E. Collett

**CITATION ON FORMAL** 

ADJUDICATION To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Nancy A. Collett of Gardner, AK requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Nancy A. Collett of Gardner, AK be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administra-

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain a copy of

the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of

10/24/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return

Date of Death: 11/17/2014 day, action may be taken without further notice to

> UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION **UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS** UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Represent-

ative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administra-

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 26, 2023 Stephanie Fattman Register of Probate 10/05/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Worcester Probate and Family Court** 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO22P3201EA In the matter of: Michael P. Rouille Date of Death: 06/16/2022

CITATION ON

# PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE

REPRESENTATIVE To all interested persons:

A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Raymond T. Rouille, Jr. of Concord NH requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a

private sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/17/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 26, 2023 **Stephanie Fattman** Register of Probate 10/05/2023

# **Public Safety**

# **Barre Police Log**

Nichols Road Investigated

7:05 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down,

7:08 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down,

Worcester Road, Referred to Other

Saturday, Sept. 9

Wires), Grogan Road Officer Advised

South Street, Mutual Aid Transported

Dana Road, Officer Advised

Summer Street, Citation Issued

Ambulance Signed Refusal

Transported to Hospital

Street, Officer Advised

Dana Road, Fire Extinguished

Road, Officer Advised

Public Assist

Public Assist

Hospital

10:19 a.m. Tree Incidents (No

10:25 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, High

10:53 a.m. Assist Other Police

12:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Old

12:29 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down

6:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

8:22 p.m. Falls, Newton Street,

9:40 p.m. Fire - Fire Investigation,

Sunday, Sept. 10

2:19 a.m. Falls, Newton Street,

4:36 a.m. Falls, Newton Street,

12:45 p.m. HazMat Incidents, Devin,

1:28 p.m. Extremely Swollen Legs,

4:29 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

6:48 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, South

Old Petersham Road, Information Given

Monday, Sept. 11

Fire, West Street, Vehicle Removed

Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transport

1:09 a m Motor Vehicle Collision -

3:23 p.m. Breathing Difficulty,

9:56 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Worcester Road, Transported to

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Wauwinet Road, Area Search Negative

Worcester Road, Officer Took Call

Stetson Road, Citation Issued

Street, Transported to Hospital

Transport Required

7:10 a.m. Property - Found,

11:19 a.m. Animal - ACO Call,

2:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

5:46 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Exchange

Wednesday, Sept. 13

1:39 a.m. Falls, Ruggles Lane, No

9:15 a.m. Court Duty, Police

9:19 a.m. Assist Other Police

9:30 a.m. Court Duty, Police

12:20 p.m. Public Assist, South

2:44 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, South

3:16 p.m. Suspicious Activity, West

4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pine

5:33 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Dana

12:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid

Headquarters via Zoom, Court Duty

Headquarters via Zoom, Court Duty

Street, Information Given

Street, Officer Advised

Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tree Terrace, Written Warning

Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Harty Road, Mutual Aid Transport

South Street, Officer Spoke to Party 3:39 p.m. Animal/ACO Call, Everett

Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid

Sunday, Sept. 3

10:30 a.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasant Street, Information Taken 5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, South Street, Report Filed

Monday, Sept. 4 7:51 p.m. Public Assist, Town Farm

Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, Sept. 5

12:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Criminal Complaint Summons: Jankowski, Kyle J., 28,

Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With Unregistered Motor

8:54 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Negative 5:54 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart

Problems, School North Street, Transported to Hospital

9:10 p.mm. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued

### Wednesday, Sept. 6

10:41 a.m. Property Returned, Police Headquarters, Property Returned 10:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, Gilbert Road, Negative Contact

3:32 p.m. Threats, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

# Thursday, Sept. 7

1:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued 2:47 a.m. Tree Incidents, Oakham Road, Removed Hazard

5:53 a.m. Burglary, Butterworth Road, Investigation On-Going 5:57 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, Old Dana Road, Report Filed

1:03 p.m. Burglary, Williamsville Road, Information Given 2:34 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issue, West Street, Officer

Spoke to Party 3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued

4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 9:05 p.m. High Fever, South Barre

Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal 11:37 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, West Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

### Friday, Sept. 8

5:08 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid

11:03 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issue, Almon Thrasher Road, Officer Spoke to Party

1:31 p.m. Animal - Animal Complaint, West Street, Officer Advised 1:55 p.m. Industrial Entrapment Rescue, South Street, Transported to

3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Coldbrook Road, Citation Issued 3:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Coldbrook Road, Citation Issued

4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued

4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued 4:39 p.m. Crepatis, Worcester Road,

ansported to Hospital 5:15 p.m. Animal - Animal

Complaint, Elm South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Road, Referred to Other Agency

6:57 p.m. Tree Incidents, Worcester

South Barre Road, Criminal Complaint Summons: Cranston, James F., 67, South Barre

Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle,

Unregistered Motor Vehicle, 3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Citation Issued

3:36 p.m. Property Damage, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party 3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley

Road, Written Warning
3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Coldbrook Road, Written Warning

### Friday, Sept. 15

9:28 a.m. Animal - ACO Call, Wauwinet Road, Message Delivered 3 p.m. Animal - Bite, Farrington

Road, Information Given 7:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

South Street, Officer Advised 7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle - EMS Breathing Difficulty, Grove South Street, Transported to Hospital

## Saturday, Sept. 16

6:49 a.m. EMS - Abdominal - Back

2:39 p.m. EMS - Breathing Difficulty, Ruggles Lane, Mutual Aid Transported 5:32 p.m. EMS- Trauma, South Street, Transported to Hospital

7:39 p.m. Assist Motorist, Worcester Road, Public Assist 9:20 p.m. Animal - Lost and/or

Found, Coldbrook Road, Information

### Sunday, Sept. 17 12:20 p.m. Police - Fraud/Forgery, Oak Street, Investigation (On Going) 4:29 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Depot Road,

Transported to Hospital

**SOUTH BARRE** Friday, Sept. 8

Street, Officer Spoke to Party Sunday, Sept. 10

12:34 p.m. Suspicious Activity. Main

### 6:18 p.m. Public Assist, Worcester Road, Officer Advised Monday, Sept. 11

11:04 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Information Taken

### Tuesday, Sept. 12 9:45 a.m. Highway/Water/Sewer

Calls, Oakham Road, Message Delivered 9:51 a.m. Highway/Water/Sewer

Calls, Oakham Road, Message Delivered 10:03 a.m. Highway/Water/Sewer

Calls, Oakham Road, Message Delivered 2:54 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer

Calls, Óakham Road, Message Delivered 6:39 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer

Calls, Oakham Road, Message Delivered 9:34 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, Oakham Road, Message

Wednesday, Sept. 13

12:56 p.m. Property Damage,

### Nichols Road, Information Given Thursday, Sept. 14

1:10 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, Wheelwright Road, Message Delivered

# Friday, Sept. 19

9:12 a.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, Peach Street, Information Given

# **Hardwick Police Log**

During the week of Sept. 25-Oct 2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 58 building/property checks, 43 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, 11 emergency 911 calls, 11 radar assignments, five complaints, one investigation, two assist other agencies, three citizen assist, one motor vehicle accident, one harassment, two animal calls and 20 motor vehicle stops in the town of

# Monday, Sept. 25

5:35 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital 6:03 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

### Tuesday, Sept. 26 3:49 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Collins Road, Services Rendered 7:26 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Turkey Street, Transported to

# Wednesday, Sept. 27

1:02 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick/ New Braintree Police Department, Officer Handled

3:50 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Verbal Only 8:26 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle

Operations, Hardwick Road, Negative

# Thursday, Sept. 28

5:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning 11:07 a.m. Harassment, Hardwick/ New Braintree Police Department, Transferred to Court

11:36 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

### Saturday, Sept. 30 4:59 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Moran Road, Transported to Hospital

12:24 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered 3:32 p.m. Investigation, Prospect

Street, Spoken To 6 p.m. Assist Citizen, High Street,

Store Hours: Mon. through Fri: 10am-9pm • Sat: 9am-8pm • Sun: 12 Noon-7pm

Officer Handled

7:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

8:16 p.m. 911 Complaint, Broad Street, Unfounded 11:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick

Road, Spoken To Sunday, Oct. 1

1:40 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out

12:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

of Town, Services Rendered 11:20 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Street, Written Warning 12:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Written Warning 3:07 p.m. 911 Misdial, Upper Church

Street, Officer Handled 4:09 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Out of Town, Taken/

Referred to Other Agency 4:43 p.m. Complaint, Ridge Road, Spoken To

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# **Public Safety**

# **Hubbardston Police Log**

Sunday, Sept. 3

9:57 a.m. Animal - Animal Complaint, Gardner Road, Investigated 11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, Worcester Road, Report Filed 12:53 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Gardner Road, Entry Gained

8:16 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

### Monday, Sept. 4

12:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit, Worcester Road, Information Taken 4:56 p.m. Low Hanging Wire, Old Boston Turnpike, Unfounded

### Tuesday, Sept. 5

5:45 a.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital 8:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision -Fire, New Westminster Road, Criminal Complaint

Summons: Mulcahy, Michael R. Jr., 39, Barre

Charges: Revoked Registration, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Marked Lanes

a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Hale Road, Transported to Hospital 8:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision

Fire, Gardner Road, Transported to

### Wednesday, Sept. 6

10:14 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle) Brigham Road, Entry Gained 1:39 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, New Westminster Road, Investigated 6:05 p.m. Animal - AC Call, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact

6:40 p.m. Abdominal - Back Pain, Cross Road, Transported to Hospital

### Thursday, Sept. 7 5:23 a.m. Breathing Difficulty,

Thompson Road, Report Filed 12:24 p.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty 2:45 p.m. Abdominal - Back Pain,

During the week of Sept. 25-Oct.

2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police

Department responded to 17 build-

ing/property checks, 45 directed/area

patrols, three traffic controls, four radar

assignments, one emergency 911 call,

two assist other agencies, one animal

call and three motor vehicle stop in the

Sunday, Sept. 3

North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke

Tuesday, Sept. 5

Road, Property Returned

Road, Written Warning

Road, Officer Advised

Court, Court Duty

Nye Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

Braintree Road, Investigated

11:34 Property Returned, Barre

12:14 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Crocker

3:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South

4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

5:07 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Bullard

8:45 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield

3:27 p.m. Fumes/Gas Leaks, New

5:03 p.m. Assist Other Police

11:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity, East

Thursday, Sept. 7

Friday, Sept. 8

11:09 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Ware

12:57 p.m. CPR Adult >8 years,

Gaffney Road, Transported to Hospital

11:53 p.m. Abdominal - Back Pain,

Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist

Hill East Road, Negative Contact

Corner Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, Sept. 6

5:44 p.m. Noise Violation, Party,

town of New Braintree.

Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital 8:16 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, High Street, Mutual Aid

Road, Entry Gained

### Friday, Sept. 8

5:06 a.m. Disorderly Conduct, Gardner Road, Peace Restored 12:57 p.m. Property Returned, Main Street, Report Filed

5:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning 7:40 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires, Ragged Hill Road, Referred to Other

9:28 p.m. Unwanted Party, Williamsville Road, Negative Search 9:52 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Sept. 9 12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, Pitcherville Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

2:34 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, No Action Required 8:01 p.m. HazMat Incidents, Old Princeton Road, Investigated

# Sunday, Sept. 10

12:04 p.m. Trauma, Hale Road, Mutual Aid Transported 1:03 p.m. Suspicious Person/

Vehicle, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke 9:08 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Mutual Aid Assist

### Monday, Sept. 11

3:17 p.m. Animal - Found, Malone Road, Animal Returned to Owner 5:26 p.m. Fire - Smoke Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated 7:30 p.m. Fire - Mutual Aid Ambulance, Williamsville Road, Mutual

### Tuesday, Sept. 12

1:52 a.m. Abdominal - Back Pain, Bemis Road, Mutual Aid Transported

**New Braintree Police Log** 

Tuesday, Sept. 26

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Thursday, Sept. 28

Oakham Police Log

7:03 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Maple Street, Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Sept. 9

North Brookfield Road, Removed

Vehicle, Lincoln Road, Officer Spoke to

Sunday, Sept. 10

Tuesday, Sept. 12

2:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Wednesday, Sept. 13

2:29 p.m. Falls, Scott Road,

5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

7:10 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Lane, Transported to Hospital

Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Transported to Hospital

Lincoln Road, Written Warning

Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Coldbrook Road, Removed Hazard

8:25 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Oakview

3:35 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

7:32 a.m. Suspicious Person/

4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West

2:54 p.m. Assist Other Agency,

Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Spencer Road, Report Filed

Hazard

Party

4:28 p.m. Assist Other Agency,

11:38 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Williamsville Road, Gone on

### Wednesday, Sept. 13 9:13 a.m. Vehicle Fires, Hale Road,

Fire Extinguished 10:02 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle) Old Princeton Cutoff Road,

1:10 p.m. Property Damage, Brigham Road, Message Delivered 9:41 p.m. Structure Fire, Maple Avenue, Investigated

### Thursday, Sept. 14

10:51 p.m. Public Assist, Worcester Road, No Action Required 8:49 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Public Assist

### Friday, Sept. 15 8:43 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner

District Court, Court Duty 6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued 8:27 p.m. Disabled Vehicle, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

# Saturday, Sept. 16

9:07 a.m. Death Notification, Parsons Road, Message Delivered 10:24 a.m. Fire - Illegal Burn, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to

12:49 p.m. EMS - Trauma, New Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital 1:40 p.m. Animal - ACO Call.

Simond Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Partv 3 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Williamsville Road, Investigated 3:29 p.m. Animal - Lost or Found, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency 4:34 p.m. Property Damage, Williamsville Road, Report Filed

4:22 p.m. Medical Emergency,

11:36 a.m. Fire Alarm, Bernard

12:57 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

5:36 p.m. Hazardous Incident, Barre

Thursday, Sept. 14

Friday, Sept. 15

- Fire, Worcester Road, Transported to

Saturday, Sept. 16

Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Worcester Road, Citation Issued

Corner Road, Public Assist

Parmenter Road, Report Filed

Other Agency

10:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

12:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old

3:09 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on

5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled,

Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, Sept. 17

4:27 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Ware

4:54 p.m. Unwanted Party,

5:21 p.m. Complaint - Noise. North

Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Ground, Sanders Road, Referred to

3:52 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Robinson

10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision

Tucker Road, Transported to Hospital

Whitney Road, Investigated

Wine Road, Officer Handled

Road, Vehicle Towed

Road, Report Filed

Hospital

Friday, Sept. 29

# **Rutland Police Log**

### Sunday, Sept. 3

8:56 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Information Given 11:09 a.m. Fire - Appliance Fire, Vista Circle, Fire Extinguished

11:16 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid

4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East

2:34 p.m. Trauma, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital

County Road, Written Warning 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

7:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 7:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning 8:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple

Avenue, Citation Issued 8:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

9:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Vehicle Towed 10:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

10:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 10:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Criminal Complaint Summons: Lewis, Saleem S., 22,

Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle, License Not in

Possession 11:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

11:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Kenwood Drive, Citation Issued

# Monday, Sept. 4 12:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street. Citation Issued 12:12 a.m. Noise Violation, Party Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

12:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Amanin, Nash Asare Kwarteng, 23, Worcester

Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Warrant

1:07 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Brook Road, Transported to Hospital 12:06 p.m. Falls, Main Street, Public

1:25 p.m. Animal - Lost and/

or Found, Wachusett Street, Animal Returned to Owner 3:28 p.m. Alarms (Police), Morris

Lane, Prisoner Bailed Arrest: Rushford, Ryan E., 38, Rutland

Charges: Breaking and Entering Building Daytime for Felony

### Tuesday, Sept. 5 8:17 a.m. Court Duty, East

Brookfield District Court, Court Duty 9:39 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Rebecca Ann Drive, Officer Advised 10:01 Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

ain Street Vehicle Towed 11:09 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Irish Lane, Transported to

Hospital 3:46 p.m. Neurological/Head Injuries, Glenwood Road, Mutual Aid

Transport 3:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Maple Avenue, Officer Advised

5:05 p.m. Burglary, Hope Way, Report Filed 6:20 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Main

Street, Report Filed

# Wednesday, Sept. 6

3:09 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

3:39 p.m. Property - Lost, Sassawanna Road, Officer Advised 8:10 p.m. Erratic Operator, Blueberry Lane. Officer Advised

# Thursday, Sept. 7

8:06 a.m. Animal - Lost and/or Found, Main Street, Information Given 8:58 a.m. Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital 9:21 a.m. Suspicious Person/

Service Necessary 10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued

Vehicle, East County Road, No Police

10:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 11:58 a.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Prospect Street, Mutual Aid

Transported 2:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 3:36 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Officer Spoke to

5:15 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-

Police, DCR Ranger, Investigated 7:20 p.m. Property - Found, Sedona Circle, Officer Spoke to Party

Gaffney Road, Transported to Hospital Friday, Sept. 8

12:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning 10:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

11:17 a.m. Property Returned, Kenwood Drive, Chief Took the Call

Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Intervale Road, Information Given 7:17 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

11:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

11:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

11:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

12:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled, 1:33 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Pleasantdale Road,

3:11 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Glenwood Road, Negative Contact

Paxton Road, Written Warning 11:49 a.m. Sick/Unknown/Possible Heat Stroke, Turley Hill Road,

12:06 p.m. Property - Lost and Found, Main Street, Message Delivered 2:11 p.m. Diabetic, Glenwood Road,

Transported to Hospital 3:44 p.m. Weak and Dizzy, Eastern

Miles Road, Mutual Aid Transported 5:17 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre

6:51 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), 11:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

# Sunday, Sept. 10

12:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, 12:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

7:05 a.m. Extreme Pain, County Road, Transported to Hospital 10:58 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Prospect

Street, Report Filed 5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Fire, East County Road, Ambulance

Signed Refusal 8:25 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Oakview

Lane, Transported to Hospital 8:46 p.m. Unconscious/

Unresponsive/Syncope, Arrowhead Way, Transported to Hospital 10:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision

4:41 a.m. Fire - Arcing Wires, East 4:19 p.. Power Outage, Crestview

Circle. Information Taken 6:44 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Fisherman's Road, Referred to Other

Tuesday, Sept. 12 10:59 a.m. Abdominal - Back Pain,

Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital

2:51 p.m. Falls, Village Way, Transported to Hospital 3:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Phillips

# 7:55 a.m. Trees in Wires (Not on

Ground), Brintnal Drive, Referred to Other Agency

Street, Property Picked Up

2:29 p.m. Falls, Scott Road, Transported to Hospital

4:39 p.m. Property - Lost, Rebecca Ann Drive, Referred to Other Agency 5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision

Fire, Main Street, Report Filed 7:07 pm. Property - Lost & Found, Irish Lane, Officer Spoke to Party

11:23 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Information Taken

### Thursday, Sept. 14

7:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued 12:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled. Main Street, Public Assist

2:55 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid

5:33 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Bushy Lane, Officer Advised

6:15 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party 6:46 p.m. EMS - Falls, Pleasantdale Road, Public Assist

7:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning 7:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East

County Road, Written Warning 7:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning 8:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stoop, East

County Road, Criminal Complaint Summons: Dumais, Travis Ronald, 27, Hubbardston Charges: Speeding Rate of Speed

Exceeding Posted Speed, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor

8:58 p.m. Burning Odor, Fernwood Drive, Investigated

9:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 9:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Street, Written Warning 10:115 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop. Written Warning

10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Friday, Sept. 15 10:15 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

10:21 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Mutual Aid Assist 11:29 a.m. Unwanted Party, River Road, Area Patrolled 1:31 p.m. Suspicious Person/

Vehicle, Miles Road, Negative Contact 2:51 p.m. EMS - Welfare Check, Skyline Drive, Transported to Hospital 3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning 3:39 p.m. EMŠ - Seizures, Glenwood Road, Transported to

Hospital 3:52 p.m. EMS - Falls, Ridge Road, Public Assist

4:58 p.m. Vandalism, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

# Saturday, Sept. 16

12:44 p.m. Police - Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Richards Avenue, Negative Contact

12:57 p.m. Fire - Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital 2:10 n m. Tree Incidents

Turkey Hill Road, Message Delivered 3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued

5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued 5:38 p.m. Police - Vandalism, Pommogussett Road, Investigated

5:49 p.m. Neighborhood Dispute, Miles Road, Report Filed Summons: Johnson, Kenneth, 58,

Charges: Harassment, Criminal, Assault, Vandalize Property c266 §126A 6:40 p.m. Traffic Hazard, Maple

Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party 7:05 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party 7:43 p.m. Road Hazard, Main Street,

### Referred to Other Agency 9:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, Sept. 17 6:53 a.m. EMS - Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital 9:24 a.m. Animal - ACO Call. Millbrook Street, Dispatch Handled 12:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle - Disabled,

Maple Avenue, Officer Advised 1:07 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Pleasantdale Road, Information Taken 2:29 p.m. Property Dispute, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

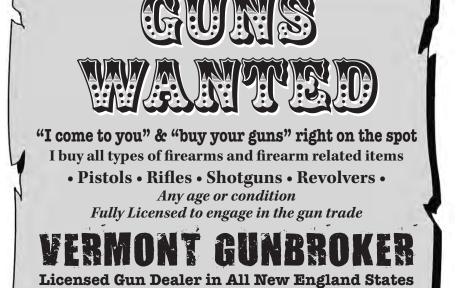
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5 p.m. Harassment, Maple Avenue Officer Spoke to Party 8:03 p.m. Animal - Lost, Main Street, Animal Returned to Owner 8:04 p.m. Animal - ACO Call, Maple

Avenue, Negative Contact

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# 11:53 p.m. Abdominal - Back Pain,

Summons: Kakooz, Abubakar, 30,

Charges: Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

12:57 p.m. CPR Adult > 8 years, Spencer Road, Report Filed 3:25 p.m. Animal - Animal

3:50 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital 7:14 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires),

Sassawanna Road, Negative Contact 9:16 p.m. Fumes/Gas Leak, Walnut Street, Investigated

11:31 p.m. Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

### Saturday, Sept. 9 12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vista Circle, Citation Issued

Barre Paxton Road, Public Assist Officer Spoke to Party

9:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre

Transported to Hospital

Lane, Transported to Hospital 4:37 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic),

Paxton Road, Negative Contact Miles Road, Transported to Hospital Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued

Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued Street, Citation Issued

12:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

### Fire, Pommogussett Road, No Fire Service Necessary

Monday, Sept. 11 County Road, Fire Extinguished

12:08 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Public Assist 1:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Anthony Drive, Officer Spoke

# Road, Report Filed Wednesday, Sept. 13

9 a.m. Abdominal - Back Pain. Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital 12:32 p.m. Property Returned, Main

# SERMONS continued from page 11

have inside? What is going on in your minds and hearts as you are serving Me and your congregation and your community? What is there inside

of you that needs to be trans-

formed? The path of righteousness

went? What are the feelings you

is a path of repentance of things that hinder good relationships with Me and those around you. Do not feel threatened by others who are My children too. Be at peace and be on the path of righteousness.

That is what the Kingdom of Heaven is all about. It is about all of us belonging to God and serving God as One. May God help

us all to answer these questions with hearts and minds that are focused on the things that matter to God. May God help us to behave and act according to the will of God.

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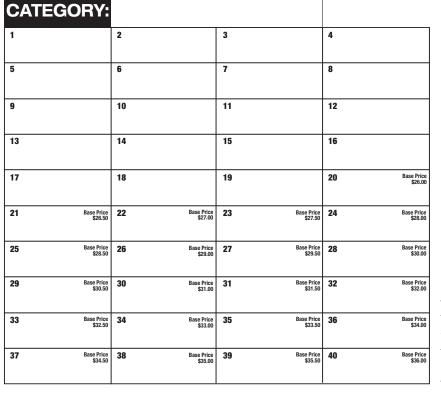
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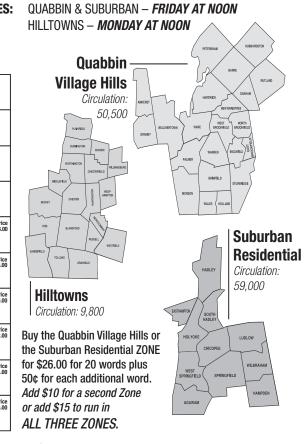
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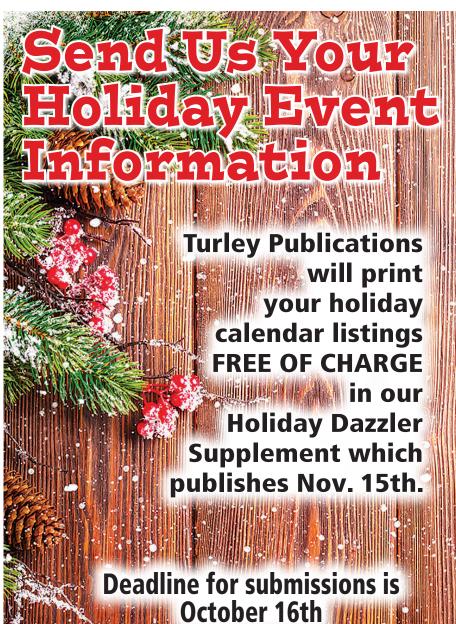
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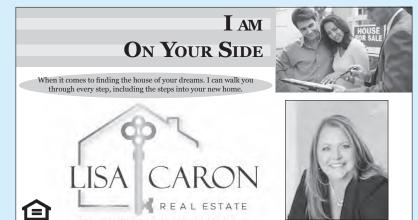


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