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Hubbardston's town meeting quorum to remain at 50

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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 something."

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 statute.

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 statute 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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bers said no. Select Board Clerk Munroe made a 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

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Select Board discusses sign on common

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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 Dixon 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 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.

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Pastor Geoffrey Smith blesses animals



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 Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church held a Blessing of the Animals on the Petersham North Common on Sunday Oct. 1.

The parts of the brief service were written by local youths and were animal-themed. Pastor Geoffrey Smith blessed over twenty dogs, as small as a blind

and deaf Yorkie rescue to as big as an adolescent Newfoundland, as well as two guinea pigs, a calico rescue cat and a chicken.

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

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 empower women through education,

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.

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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. One particular patch of goldenrod attached lots of butterflies

and bees. The sun lighted the scene just right to snap some photos to share in the Turley Publication papers.

CMRPC gives update on Mt. Pleasant Street project

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – A representative from Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission gave the Board of Selectmen updates about the Mt. Pleasant Street Improvement Project.

The design for the project has been fully funded through the Community Block Development Grant Program for comprehensive design and phase one of the two-phase 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 project.

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 then.

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.

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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 began in 2001 and sings mainly in four part harmony. The musicians range from beginners to professional and the age range is from medium sized children to nonagenarians. They put on two concerts, December and May each year and sing all genres of music. Julie Rawson is the director and can be reached by emailing julie@mhof.net and by calling 978-257-1192. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are sliding scale from \$25 per year for students and \$40 - \$70 for adults according to ability to pay.

Backroads Studio Tour

Backroads Studio Tour 2023 featuring artists in the towns of Petersham, Barre, Oakham, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, and Spencer will take place Saturday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. It is a free, self guided tour through the studios of 10 artists. There will be artwork for sale and demonstrations. Arts and crafts will include paintings, leather works and handbags, stained glass, jewelry, baskets, furniture, 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.

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 benefited 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 correctional facility.

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



Submitted photos

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.

"The Sheriff's Office's Organic Farm is a tremendously positive program," commented Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. "The farm allows our department to give back to the communities that we work to keep safe. It also teaches select incarcerated individuals a structured lifestyle, the importance of constructive community involvement and the dignity that comes along with a steady job or purpose." The department will continue their 2023 distributions as long as the growing season will allow.

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



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Town to hold STM

The town will hold a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street.

Horribles parade

The Annual Horribles parade will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28 at noon. Following the parade, there will be a party at the Hubbardston Center School.

Boutique and yard sale

The Town of Hubbardston Senior Center is hosting 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 Center.

Special elections

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

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Coffee with Friends Monday through Thursday at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Seniors will take a Jack O'Lantern trip and luncheon at Wright's Chicken Farm in Rhode Island.

There will be a Medicare seminar on Friday, Oct. 27 at 12:30 p.m. It's renewal time for health insurance. This is an opportunity to ask questions.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Oct. 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 978-355-5027.

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 the program running.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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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 at 6 p.m.
 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.

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.

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Barre Food Pantry holds distributions

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

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

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

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

March of 2020.

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

They 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 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 gro-

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

Food donations

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

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

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

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

Cradle Rock OES holds breakfast

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 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.

Golf and Curl biathlon to be held Oct. 14

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 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

People may visit petershamcurling.org for information and registration.

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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.dismasfamily.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 p.m.

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.m. 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 Leicestershire 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/193bRTDr5h-q4hB-_YKe8SCwvaWzuzXNEfGgmOd51XinA/edit.

Bicentennial Art Show conclude year-long celebration

PETERSHAM - The Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church will be concluding its Bicentennial Celebrations with an Art Show 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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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 that research.

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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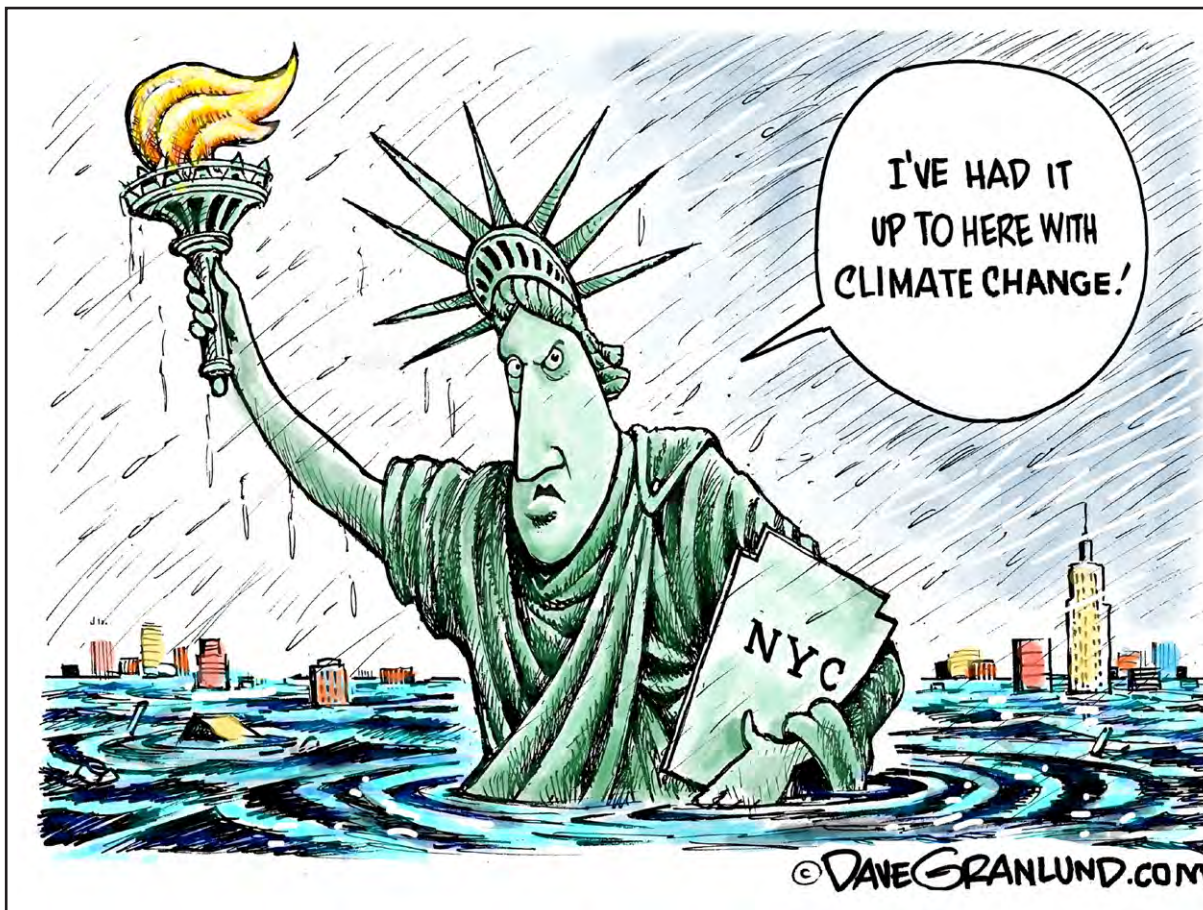
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Guest Column

Wonderful Community College options

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

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

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.

STCC 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/masreconnect/>.

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-five-day summer programs range from free to \$189.

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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's history as our ghostly guests greet 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 from 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 trebuchet. 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 Oaktobberfest 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 Laramae second and Alexis Topper third. Sue Sheridan was first 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 towns.

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 grant. The town has already received a grant of \$37,800 to pay for engineers to draw up a plan. Dyer 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 three-year 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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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 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

five member towns must sign the IMA.

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 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 Common St.

Historical Society members

are a hard working group, supporting the privately owned, nonprofit Barre Historical Society and Museum organization, where the collection of Barre's treasures, stories, facts and data of Barre are archived. They are "Saving Yesterday For Tomorrow."

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either mailing in a check payable to Barre Historical Society Inc., P.O. Box 755, Barre, MA 01005-0755 or paying via Venmo directly to @barrehistoricalsociety. Individual membership is \$20 per year, family is \$30 per year, corporate is \$100 per year or life membership is \$200 per individual.

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 River.

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 provided.

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 eqtl.org, and click on "Station Loop Ramble."

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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

below the top of the dam. The board will be meeting with state officials and residents tomorrow night on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Inter Municipal Agreement

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 p.m.

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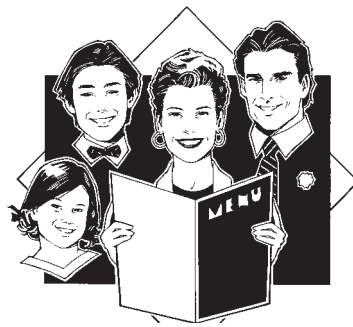
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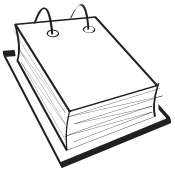


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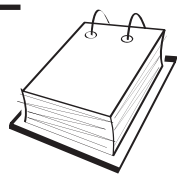
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Calendar of Events



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 perform several concerts during the year. New members are always welcome. Membership dues are sliding scale from \$25 per year for students and \$40 - \$70 for adults according to ability to pay.

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

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 damate4@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 call Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552 to make reservations by Thursday, Oct. 5. Youth under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

New Braintree church holds fundraiser

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Congregational Church will be holding a fundraiser at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. There will be a wide variety of items for sale; gift certificates galore and many fun items sold in box lots or individually. It will be a great afternoon of socializ-

ing and entertainment and a wonderful opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. At this point, they are still collecting items for this event and will accept any gently used items large or small to add to the long list of items the church will be selling. People may call Joanne Harder at 1-508-981-4786 for pickup or questions. Plan on visit-

ing the café for a bite to eat or drink. This event is family friendly and some items will be for different ages. Pokémon cards might make an appearance. Parents, spouses, children, neighbors and friends are invited for a "different" kind of fun while helping pay the bills at that beautiful church building on the hill.

Where is this?



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

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY will hold its monthly 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-

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 coalitionforahelthynb.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@sevenhillsg.org 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.

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

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, and to Barre Savings Bank for decades prior, 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 common.

"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."

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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 2016. The foundation now has a value in excess of \$2 million. In addition to the Bank's LifeDesign Community Dividend annual giving the foundation awards more than \$100,000 in grants to the Barre community annually. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.barresavings.org.



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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.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy

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 inbound 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 one-point advantage. The second attempt was missed but by the time the BVT player has secured the rebound the buzzer had

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

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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 time.

Junior Will Buckley (Plymouth, Mass./North) was next for the Owls in sixth place in 16:34, and the Owls had a tight group-

ing as John Nektopoulos (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.



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Seth Mitchell readies a long throw-in.



Basem Yaseen looks for an opening to pass.



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 Tsai (E. Freetown, Mass./Appoquonnet) 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 carries.

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.

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 race.

A final green-white-checked 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 season.

"The green-white-checked 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 three-time 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.

Education

FSU hosts International Delegation to learn about police program



Submitted photo

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 neighboring states. The sixth recruit officer 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 future career in public safety. Recruit officer Jordyn Gagliardi said her brother is a police offi-

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 Nemer.

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 children to senior citizens.

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immense on the boards as the 6'4 power forward hauled down 11 cars, many with emphasis that sent a message that he is becoming chairman of the boards.

Guard Jaxon Warburton contributed three loose ball recoveries

and five defensive deflections as the 6'0 junior is establishing himself as one of the premier defenders.

Nick Whitelaw led the defensive effort once again as the Quabbinians held their opponent to under 40 points which is a team goal. Aidan Crane, Harley Patchen and Hayston Hay made contributions at both ends of the court with Hay adding a key three-pointer on offense.

BVT was

attacking in the paint throughout the game but with Zeke Santoro and Matt Wade available to provide valuable minutes and added toughness in the paint the threat was reduced and the defense very effective.

This is a young team and everyone is getting solid playing time leading to valuable experience as Coach Tim Hay works on the offensive and defensive combinations.

The cagers will play undefeated Douglas in the next week and hope to remain at the top of the standings.

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Residents share ideas for Mary Lane Hospital site

By Paula Ouimette
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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 Hospital site.

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 years.

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 property.

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

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 said.

"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 Library Association.

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

Slemenda said the landscape architect said the site could be well-suited for a park or recreational trails.

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 make it so.

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 repurposing.

"We don't have any preconceived ideas," she said for the property.

Hospital Review Committee

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

for five years, since before its opening to the public two years ago.

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 were 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

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 said.

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 fastest. 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.

Administrative Assistant Ashley

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

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 six-inch 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 and infant.

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 court.

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.

HARMONY INC. continued from page 1

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 to meet every week to practice and 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 women.

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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Members of Harmony, Inc. will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 7 at St. Edwards Church in Westminster from 2-5 p.m.

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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 Violation
 10:21 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Hale Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision – Fire, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital

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

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 Agency
 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 to Party
 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 Aid Assist

Tuesday, Sept. 12
 1:52 a.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Bemis Road, Mutual Aid Transported

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Sept. 25-Oct. 2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 17 building/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 town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Sept. 26
 4:28 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 27
 2:54 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Thursday, Sept. 28
 4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Friday, Sept. 29
 11:36 a.m. Fire Alarm, Bernard Whitney Road, Investigated
 12:57 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Wine Road, Officer Handled
 5:36 p.m. Hazardous Incident, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed

Saturday, Sept. 30
 9:07 a.m. Death Notification, Parsons Road, Message Delivered
 10:24 a.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Williamsville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 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 Party
 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

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Sept. 3
 5:44 p.m. Noise Violation, Party, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Sept. 5
 11:34 Property Returned, Barre Road, Property Returned
 12:14 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Crocker Nye Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
 4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
 5:07 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Bullard Road, Officer Advised

Wednesday, Sept. 6
 8:45 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield Court, Court Duty
 3:27 p.m. Fumes/Gas Leaks, New Braintree Road, Investigated
 5:03 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist
 11:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity, East Hill East Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Sept. 7
 11:53 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Gaffney Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Sept. 8
 11:09 a.m. Larceny/Theft, Ware Corner Road, Report Filed
 12:57 p.m. CPR Adult >8 years, Spencer Road, Report Filed
 7:03 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Maple Street, Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Sept. 9
 3:35 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), North Brookfield Road, Removed Hazard
 7:32 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Lincoln Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, Sept. 10
 8:25 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Oakview Lane, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Sept. 12
 2:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Sept. 13
 2:29 p.m. Falls, Scott Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lincoln Road, Written Warning
 6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 7:10 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Coldbrook Road, Removed Hazard

Thursday, Sept. 14
 3:52 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Robinson Road, Report Filed

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

Saturday, Sept. 16
 10:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
 12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
 12:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
 3:09 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Sanders Road, Referred to Other Agency
 5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
 5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, Sept. 17
 4:27 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Ware Corner Road, Public Assist
 4:54 p.m. Unwanted Party, Parmenter Road, Report Filed
 5:21 p.m. Complaint – Noise, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

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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 Assist
 2:34 p.m. Trauma, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East 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, Worcester
 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 Assist
 1:25 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Wachouset 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, Main 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/Vehicle, East County Road, No Police Service Necessary
 10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 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 Party
 5:15 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-

Sunday, Sept. 10
 12:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 12:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 7:05 a.m. Extreme Pain, East 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 – Fire, Pommogussett Road, No Fire Service Necessary

Monday, Sept. 11
 4:41 a.m. Fire – Arcing Wires, East County Road, Fire Extinguished
 4:19 p.m. Power Outage, Crestview Circle, Information Taken
 6:44 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Fisherman's Road, Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, Sept. 12
 10:59 a.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:08 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Public Assist
 1:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Anthony Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:51 p.m. Falls, Village Way, Transported to Hospital
 3:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Phillips Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, Sept. 13
 7:55 a.m. Trees in Wires (Not on Ground), Brintnal Drive, Referred to Other Agency
 9 a.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:32 p.m. Property Returned, Main Street, Property Picked Up

Police, DCR Ranger, Investigated
 7:20 p.m. Property – Found, Sedona Circle, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:53 p.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, 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
 Summons: Kakooz, Abubakar, 30, Lowell
 Charges: Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 11:17 a.m. Property Returned, Kenwood Drive, Chief Took the Call
 12:57 p.m. CPR Adult > 8 years, Spencer Road, Report Filed
 3:25 p.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:50 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 7:14 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Intervale Road, Information Given
 7:17 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Sassawanna Road, Negative Contact
 9:16 p.m. Fumes/Gas Leak, Walnut Street, Investigated
 11:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:31 p.m. Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued
 11:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, Sept. 9
 12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vista Circle, Citation Issued
 12:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Public Assist
 1:33 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:11 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Glenwood Road, Negative Contact
 9:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 11:49 a.m. Sick/Unknown/Possible Heat Stroke, Turley Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 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 Lane, Transported to Hospital
 4:37 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Miles Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 5:17 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 6:51 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, Sept. 10
 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 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), 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, Rutland
 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. 11
 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
 3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 4:49 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 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

Monday, Sept. 11
 4:41 a.m. Fire – Arcing Wires, East County Road, Fire Extinguished
 4:19 p.m. Power Outage, Crestview Circle, Information Taken
 6:44 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Fisherman's Road, Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, Sept. 12
 10:59 a.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:08 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Public Assist
 1:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Anthony Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:51 p.m. Falls, Village Way, Transported to Hospital
 3:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Phillips Road, Report Filed

Wednesday, Sept. 13
 7:55 a.m. Trees in Wires (Not on Ground), Brintnal Drive, Referred to Other Agency
 9 a.m. Abdominal – Back Pain, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 12:32 p.m. Property Returned, Main Street, Property Picked Up

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 Assist
 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 Stop, East County Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Dumais, Travis Ronald, 27, Hubbardston
 Charges: Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Speed, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 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
 10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:115 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Written Warning

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. EMS – 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

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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.

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 transformed? The path of righteousness

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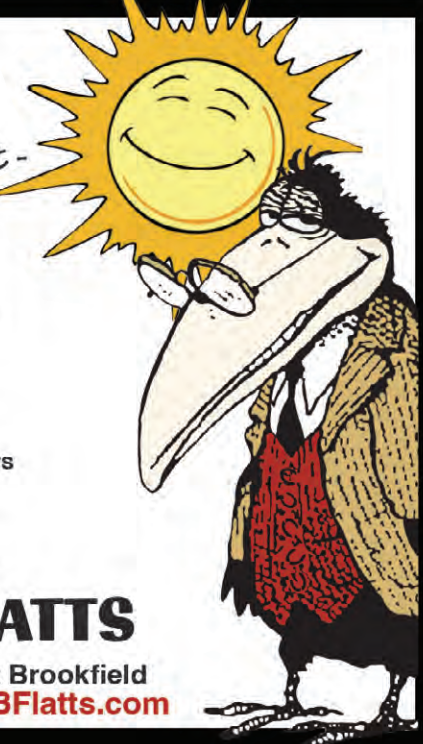
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