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## Quabbin hiking club scales Mt. Flume

BARRE – In the midst of the changing seasons, the Quabbin Regional High School Hiking Club along with chaperones, Mr. Haley, Ms. Trumbull, Mrs. Frost and Mr. Cammuso embarked on a trip to Lincoln in the White Mountains of New Hampshire this past weekend, Oct. 3, 4 and 5.

The weather was perfect and everyone had a wonderful time. The club stayed in a beautiful campsite right next to the river. They took two great hikes, including a trip up 4,328 foot Mt. Flume. Everyone made it to the summit, and a few of the team added on Mt. Liberty 4,459 foot.



Submitted photo

The Quabbin Regional High School hiking club posed for a photo on a mountain they climbed in Lincoln, New Hampshire this past weekend.

The students seemed to really embrace and enjoy the time outside and they were just great. Taking students on trips like this allows Quabbin's staff to see students in a different setting and they are always so impressed by the resiliency of the students when things might get challenging or

hard. The staff always reports how kind, supportive and encouraging the hikers are to one another especially during these tough moments.

This will be a memorable moment for the hikers that were able to attend. They will remember with great fondness not just the beauty of the mountains but also

their sense of accomplishment and even courage. What will stand out the most for them is the bonds and connections that were built between students and students and staff. It was a great opportunity.

The QRHS Hiking Club continues to do several day hikes throughout the year.



The view in the White Mountains was breathtaking.

## SB increase ambulance rates

By Ellenor Downer  
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BARRE – The Select Board met with Fire Chief Andy Lange to discuss new rates and to utilize a collection agency for past due ambulance bills.

The Fire Chief said currently the charges for Basic Life Support are \$1,150; Advance Life Support 1 \$1,350 and Advance Life Support 2 \$1,950. He said he looked into other towns and opted to recommend the fees Westminster charges. BLS \$1,500; ALS 1 \$2,100 and ALS 2 \$2,500. The last time Barre's rates increased was six years ago in 2019. The Select Board approved the new rates.

He also recommended using a collection agency for past due ambulance bills. The agency, First Financial, takes 33% of what they collect. HMOs and Blue Cross pay the full ambulance fee. Medicare and Medicaid only pays \$350 regardless if the service is BLS or ALS 1 or 2. The Select Board voted to authorize the Town Administrator Melanie Jackson to work with the Fire Chief in signing the appropriate documents for the collection agency.

### Common fence rails

A member of the Town Common Oversight Committee met with the Select Board to discuss the replacing of the fence rails on North Common. He said many of the rails are broken and rotting and there were about 200 rails. Select Board

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## 10th annual walk supports domestic violence survivors



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Students from the Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force led the 10th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk hosted by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force this past Sunday.

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WARE – Sunday afternoon, Veterans Park was filled with community members and allies in support of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force's annual walk to bring awareness to domestic violence and put an end to abuse.

This was the 10th year the walk took place, led by members of the Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force. High School Senior Maia Lamothe was the master of ceremonies for the event.

This year also marked the 15th anniversary of the high school task force and the 25th anniversary of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force.

Lamothe introduced state Rep. Todd Smola, who

spoke about the importance of each task forces' work and the walk.

"Every single year we have this event, it grows," Smola said.

Smola said people between the ages of 16-24 are at a higher risk to experience domestic violence, and he recognized the work the high school task force has done to improve these statistics.

In his role as a state representative, Smola said he and his counterparts are aware the impact domestic violence has on the person experiencing abuse, and the barriers that prevent them from leaving. Some barriers are financial, and others involve fear of harm to their children or their pets.

"These are very difficult, very challenging decisions a victim of domestic violence has to make," he said. "It's

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## North Brookfield School Committee heard presentation about Crew Program

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NORTH BROOKFIELD –Teacher and class advisor Caitlyn Malone gave a presentation about the high school's Crew Program to the School Committee, which she said will help cultivate a culture of belonging for students with the guidance of teachers.

At the Sept. 22 meeting, she said the Crew Program includes workshops to develop skills, utilizes the Project Adventure program and course, develops student portfolios, as well as uses My Career and Academic Plan and Second Step.

Malone said the Crew Program will also offer students time for reflection.

"Reflections are super, super important with this type of education and thought process," she said.

Malone said they are still in the early stages of rolling out the Crew Program but she plans to have Crew competitions, monthly challenges, Crew "siblings," service projects, off-campus trips and more.

### Superintendent's report

Superintendent Timothy McCormick said he is "very pleased" to start the school year with few vacancies, a challenge many school districts faced. He credited the principals and directors for their hard work to hire staffing.

"We're in a very good spot," he said.

McCormick said the school district is receiving a state grant in the amount of \$40,000 to go toward professional development for the leadership team and data cycles for teachers.

"Looking at all kinds of

student data and making sure we're becoming more of a data-minded school district," he said.

McCormick said the school district will be working with a software company to track attendance and provide real-time feedback. He said the software is also linked to the school district's high school math curriculum.

"What this program will do is guide our teachers and help our students with some in real time supports," he said. "It gives students questions, response to their answers, gives them feedback on their answers...it doesn't give them the answers, but it helps support them in their learning."

McCormick also noted that he was selected as one of 24 superintendents to serve on the Mass Superintendents Support Network. He said each month, the network

meets and works through issues.

"It's another way for us to kind of be connected with members of other communities in the state, and also for me to have some thought partners when issues come up that I don't have the answer to," he said.

McCormick said the school district received 31 robot kits for elementary students from True Robotics, a Worcester-based company. He said the middle and high schools have their own robotics kit already.

### Vocational school policy

McCormick said this past spring, the commonwealth passed new regulations regarding the lottery system for vocational schools.

"They want a clear policy," he said.

McCormick said things won't really change from

what the school district is doing right now. He said receiving vocational school, Bay Path, will continue to fund a bus to pick up any interested North Brookfield students to provide them with a tour of the vocational school and its programs.

He said the school district will continue to support equitable access to vocational schooling for students.

### Administrators' reports

Elementary School Principal Arthur Murphy said Measures of Academic Progress testing was held Sept. 22-Oct. 2. He said the testing measures student achievement and growth in the areas of reading, math, language usage and science.

"These tests are used by schools to gather data," he said.

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# News of the Towns



**ROUND TOWN**  
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**American Legion Auxiliary meets Oct. 13**

American Legion Auxiliary Barre meets on Monday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. Refreshments will be served by Melissa, Melinda, and Kirsten. There will also be a penny sale at this meeting. So people should bring their goodies.

**OES breakfast**

Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star, will hold a designer pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 for children under age 6. People can create their own designer pancakes with all kinds of goodies. The full breakfast included pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

Create your own designer pancakes with all kinds of goodies. Full breakfast includes, pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. All are welcome.

**Barre Food Pantry**

The Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Oct. 16 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. People should not arrive to volunteer on Oct. 16 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463. People may visit the website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

**Berthiaume staff office hour**

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

**Historical Society announces two events**

**RUTLAND** – The Rutland Historical Society is hosting a fall scavenger hunt on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the Wood House, 232 Main St.

Participants will discover the interesting facets about the town's history as they search the collection of artifacts for clues to locate the highlighted items. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. the craft and vendor sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society, Central Tree Middle School PTO and Wachu Makin' will be held at the Central Tree Middle School, 99 Rutland Heights Way. Admission is free. To reserve a table or for more information, people may email [rutlandmahistoricalociety.org](mailto:rutlandmahistoricalociety.org).

## NBSB has successful Back to School Supply Drive

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – The North Brookfield Savings Bank announces the success of its annual Back to School Supply Drive.

This initiative reflects the bank's ongoing commitment to supporting the communities it serves by ensuring local students have the essential tools for a successful academic year. They believe that every child, regardless of their financial circumstances, should have the opportunity to start the school year feeling confident, excited and ready to learn.

NBSB expresses heartfelt gratitude to their community members, employees and neighbors for

their generosity. Thanks to these contributions, the bank successfully collected 852 school supply items and over \$700 in monetary contributions.

"Community is at the heart of everything that we do, and the success of our Back to School Supply Drive has allowed us to give back and provide students with the essential supplies they need to thrive," said Audrey

Shampine, marketing manager at North Brookfield Savings Bank.

"We are proud to hold our annual supply drive, making a positive impact for students as they prepare for the new school year." The bank

proudly partnered with the Old Mill Pond School, West Brookfield Elementary School, North Brookfield Elementary School, East Brookfield Elementary School, Warren Community Elementary School, Brookfield Elementary School, Cold Spring School and Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School through their Back to School Supply Drive.

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's Community giving efforts and the convenient banking products and services offered, people may visit [www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com](http://www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com).

North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown and the Three Rivers Village of Palmer.



## Let's talk about contact lenses

By Dr. Kelly Bado

A lot of people misunderstand the impact a contact lens can have on the eyes. It is considered

A medical device which is why a doctor is in charge of your care. Contacts are made of varying

Forms of plastic. Each brand has it's own recipe. A lens has a diameter radius and power.

The radius is the central curvature of the lens. We choose radius based on the

curvature of your Cornea. Some are steep more powerful others flat less power. The fit is important for health and comfort.

Unless the contact is fitted properly the eye will consider the lens as a foreign body rejecting it with discomfort blur discharge short life and blurry vision. It is critical to adhere to wearing schedule. Also important is visiting your doctor yearly. The tissue of the cornea and eye structures like the sclera and lids are examined.

Over wear is a common problem. Casual care results in infection ulcers conjunctivitis. This will keep you out of lenses. As you can see it is critical that you wear contacts with respect.

If you experience foreign body sensation red eyes blurred vision remove the lens and seek professional help. Wearing glasses is vital when you think something isn't right with your contacts. Err on the side of caution. You will be able to wear lenses with smart care.

## Jeff Belanger to present N.E. legends

**NEW BRAINTREE** – On Saturday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall the New Braintree Library and Friends of the New Braintree Library will present New England Legends by Jeff Belanger.

He seeks out history, folklore, ghosts, monsters and legends from all over the

world and in people's back yards. His talk presents highlights from his own adventures, a look at the investigation process and compelling audio and visual paranormal evidence.

Belanger is one of the most visible and prolific researchers of folklore and legends today A natural storyteller, he's the award

winning, Emmy-nominated host, writer and producer of the New England Legends series on PBS and Amazon Prime. This program is funded by the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a State Agency. This program is free and open to the public.

## 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. 13. 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 meal served.

**TUESDAY** – Chicken stir fry, steamed rice, roasted broccoli, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread

**WEDNESDAY** – Vegetable cheese

bake, herbed potatoes, jardiniere vegetables, mixed fruit, Italian bread

**THURSDAY** – Bahn Mi pork with sauce, carrots, coleslaw, baked cinnamon pears, sandwich roll, mayo

**FRIDAY** – Lentil stew with cheese, rice pilaf, roasted California blend vegetables, lemon pudding, diet = sugar free vanilla pudding, marble rye bread

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

## Quabbin NJROTC receives distinguished unit designation

**BARRE** – The Quabbin Regional High School National Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps has been named a Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors for the 19th time out of the past 20 years.

The only year it was not recognized was during COVID-

due to the shutdown there was no recognition that year. This award is given annually to schools whose NJROTC Program ranks in the top 30% of all of the programs in each NJROTC area. The selection is based on excellence attained in administration, academic per-

formance, military proficiency and host school support.

This honor allows the administrative head of the Quabbin NJROTC unit to nominate three eligible cadets for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy and three to the U.S. Military Academy and three to

the U.S. Air Force Academy. This is an incredible opportunity for Quabbin High School students.

The QRSD is so very proud of the NJROTC cadets and grateful for the leadership of Lieutenant Frydel and Captain Brennock.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Oct. 14 and Nov. 10 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commission – Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.  
 Cable Advisory Committee – Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee – Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.  
 Quabbin Regional School District Committee – Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Select Board – Oct. 20 at 5 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Oct. 21 and Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Oct. 23 at 11 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Nov. 5 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Barre Common Oversight Committee – Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Nov. 5 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustees – Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Board of Park Commissioners – Oct. 9 at 6 p.m.  
 Agricultural Commission – Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Oct. 22 at 4 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Sewer – Oct. 9 at 5 p.m.  
 Water Commissioners – Oct. 9 at 5 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – Oct. 9 at 5 p.m.  
 Rep. Berthiaume's Office Hours – Oct. 14 from 11 a.m.-noon  
 Council on Aging – Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Finance Committee – Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Oct. 10 at noon  
 Rep. Berthiaume Office Hours – Oct. 14 from 9-9:45 a.m.  
 BESS Public Hearing – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 8 at 10 a.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Oct. 14 at 10 a.m.  
 Board of Health – Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Nov. 7 at 9 a.m.  
 Advisory Finance Committee – Nov. 8 at 10 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Nov. 10 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Cultural Council – Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Oct. 9 at 6 p.m.  
 Finance Committee and Select Board Joint – Oct. 14 and Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.  
 Select Board Hearing – Oct. 14 at 7 p.m., Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. and Oct. 20 at 6:15 p.m.



Submitted photo

Worcester Winds will perform on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville.

## Worcester Winds perform in Gilbertville

GILBERTVILLE – Worcester Winds, a decet of professional music teachers and musicians from Worcester County, will perform at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m.

Presenters Friends of the Stone Church will serve snacks at a reception following the concert. Tickets at \$25 w/xG can be purchased at the door or through Friends of the Stone Church website under the concert season listingS friendsofthestonechurch.org.

Conducted by Luis Torres, the group consists of two flutes, two clarinets, two

oboes, two bassoons and two French horns. They will perform the "Barber of Seville Overture" by Gioachino Rossini, "Masques et Bergamasques" by Gabriel Fauré, "Serenade, Op. 104" by Solomon Jadassohn, "Excursion" by Patrick Glenn Harper (b. 1977), "On Music by Arthur Sullivan" by Robert Spittal (b. 1963) and "The Teddy Bear's Picnic" by John Brattan. Performers include Toni Brown, Deborah Cole, Lucy Colwell, Ray Cox, Glenn Godfrey, Meredith Lord, Brian Repeta, Judy Schmitz, Sarah Smongeski, and Jessica Stolecki. The groups's website is worces-

terwinds.org.

FOSC participates in the Card to Culture program of the Mass Cultural Council, by extending discounts to EBT, WIC and ConnectorCare health plan insurance cardholders. Eligible participants may request up to two free tickets at the box office on the day of the event. They should bring EBT, WIC or Connector Care health plan card for 2025.

This concert is funded in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which receives funding from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Paige Memorial Library announces upcoming October events

HARDWICK – The twelve watershed towns will showcase their unique charms Oct. 10-13.

This is organized by the Friends of the Quabbin as a celebration of the Quabbin Region's rich history, breathtaking landscapes and vibrant communities. <https://quabbindays.org/>

Representing Hardwick, the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, will be open on Saturday, Oct. 11 for those who want to tour the beautiful 120 year old library building, which looks much as it did in 1905.

The Hardwick Historical

Society will offer their popular Ghost Walk on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 12. The Hardwick Historical Society Museum will be open during the event. There will be a spirited retelling of Hardwick's history.

On Saturday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m., author David Payne who will read from "Anthropods," a collection of nineteen short stories that blur the lines between what we know and understand and what is alien, foreign and strange. These anthropods - objects and animals given

human-like traits and feelings - are glimpses into worlds just on the edge of our own, some of them closer than others. Come to the Paige Library for a thought-provoking event!

Children meet at the Paige Library on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. to play and then enjoy stories at 11 a.m. with art and science projects to follow. Registration is not mandatory, but extremely helpful in the planning and providing adequate materials.

It's a lovely season for Pickleball at Goddard Park. Paddles and balls are available

at the Paige Memorial Library, next door to Goddard Park, and can be checked out during open hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, people may call the Parks and Recreation Committee: Gail Ann Anderson, Chairman at - 978-257-4107. Other members are James Broussard, and Kristin Doucas.

For more information and to sign up to hold aplace, people may email [Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com) or call 413-477-6704.

## Hardwick Ghost Walk returns this Saturday

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Ghost Walk is happening again on Saturday, Oct. 11 with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 12 in the cemetery next to the Town House on the common.

Visitors will come to the beautiful old cemetery in the center of town beginning at 5:30 p.m., and stay as darkness falls. You will hear the ghosts tell stories of people who lived in Hardwick during years of the American Revolution and of tremendous change. Those changes affected their personal lives, the community, and the world

around them.

On the night of the Hardwick Ghost Walk, the ghosts share knowledge of how the real person who is buried in the graveyard experienced life. Their ghosts can tell you what happened in their families, their churches and the town when they were alive.

The ghosts will talk about their feelings as they and their families lived through those years when land was cleared for new settlers, religion was central and contentious, and illness swept through families. The

Revolution evolved and brought sweeping change to the people and the lay of the land.

On the night of Oct. 11, the ghosts will stand by their beautiful gravestones and invite you into their lives. The Hardwick Historical Society will be serving refreshments.

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The Hardwick Ghost Walk returns this Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. to the cemetery next to the Town House on the common.



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**Caboodle**  
 Friday, October 31st 7pm-11pm  
**- HALLOWEEN PARTY - Uncle Country**

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# Opinion

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Second No Kings Day planned for Oct. 18

Months ago, members of the Barre chapter of the national group Indivisible gathered for No Kings Day on the Common with millions of others across the nation to protest violations against the U.S. Constitution by the Trump administration. The current administration has doubled down its attacks on democracy, making it even more urgent to take action. Thus, we are hosting "No Kings Day 2," on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Barre Common. We welcome all who recognize the extraordinary danger that Trump and his administration pose to our democracy, to join us to make their voices heard.

A few months ago, I posted an invitation on the Barre Residents Forum to join us to peacefully gather on the Barre Common to stand up for our democracy, a right protected by the Constitution. I was surprised by the volume and tone of some of the responses. Many area residents made assumptions about why we had objections to the policies of the Trump administration and

some accused us of being traitors, communists and hired actors paid by George Soros. One commentator asked if we didn't have anything better to do with our time than to rally on the Common. To that profound question, I answer that nothing could be more valuable use of our time. What could ever be more important than standing up for democracy?

Those of you who have driven through Barre on Sunday afternoons have noticed that we are still there, standing up for democracy. On a recent Sunday, a woman rolled down her car window and yelled at us to "get a life." And to the folks who have yelled at us to "get a life," I cannot imagine a better way to "get a life" than loving democracy so much that we take the time and find the courage to defend the great democratic principles that have characterized our nation for almost 250 years.

We will not be silenced during this time when we are perilously close to losing our liberty.

**Diana Canterbury**  
Barre



## When will my disability become my regular Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I hope you can answer this question.

I'm currently receiving Social Security Disability benefits, and I will be turning 65 in February 2026. I'm confused as to how Social Security Disability transitions to regular Social Security, and when. I assume it's age 65, but maybe it's my retirement date?

Also, does the amount remain the same or will it change? I'm not working. I've been on SSDI for about 15 years. Thank you.

Signed: Disabled Senior

Dear Disabled Senior:

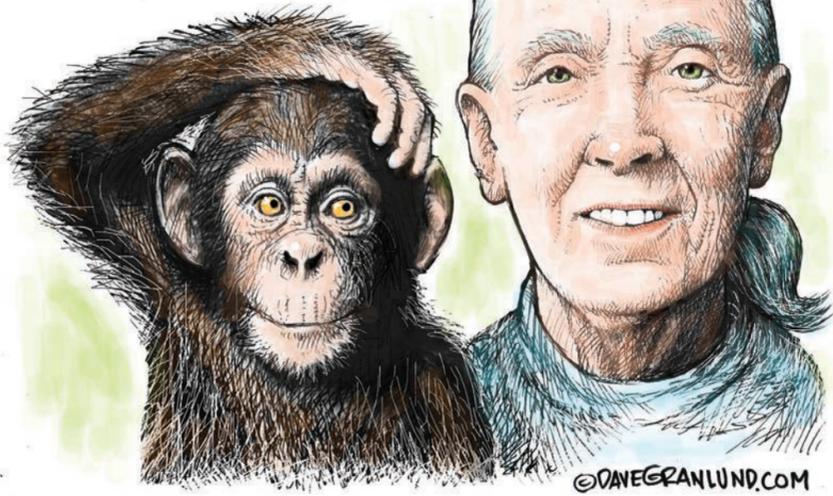
If you are collecting

Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, those SSDI benefits will automatically convert to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit when you reach your SS Full Retirement Age, which, in your case, is age 67. For information, FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on your year of birth, and the full retirement age for everyone born in 1960 or later is age 67.

The change from SSDI to your regular Social Security benefit will be transparent to you because your monthly benefit

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## Jane Goodall 1934 - 2025



## In Past Pages

5 years (Oct. 15, 2020)

Selectmen chair Gregory O'Sullivan said the board received letters from 13 addresses with 24 residents supporting paving of Loring Road and more than two against. During its Monday, Oct. 5 meeting, the two selectmen present, O'Sullivan and Dylan Clark, heard comments from residents of dirt roads in town. Chair O'Sullivan said the idea of listening tonight to resident comments was to get more information before the Department of Works meeting Wednesday, Oct. 14 where the issue of paving the gravel roads would be on the agenda. He urged residents to attend the Zoom DPW meeting as well. O'Sullivan said the roads belong to the town and said the opinion of people not living on the roads counted as well. Robyn Donati said gravel roads wash out at two spots during heavy rains; paving will make the road safer. Richard Donati also favored paving the road. Ed Latka said it would be a terrible safety hazard to pave this road. He said he had photos of a washout last January at the corrugated bridge over Smith Brook. He said it was an area of concern and when flooded, water flows into a neighbor's front yard.

Collector, Alex Haggerty reminds residents the Fiscal Year 2021 Real Estate and Personal Property second quarter tax bills are due Monday, Nov. 2. Residents may pay online using a credit or debit card (fees apply),

## Look Back Halloween in Hubbardston — 1995



File photo

Hannah and Molly DeLisle are a couple of cute flowers.

ACH transaction online, bank check or money order. To pay online, people may go to [www.townofbarre.com](http://www.townofbarre.com). Additional payment options include U.S. mail or the payment drop box outside the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St. The Henry Woods Building is currently closed to the public.

The board approved a request to use the Common for Barre Scary Halloween Saturday, Oct. 31 and voted to waive the fee. Selectman O'Sullivan said he was fully in favor of holding Halloween and trick or treating. He said anyone uncomfortable with

handing out treats, could turn off the light and not participate. Parents uncomfortable about having children participate, do not need to send their children trick or treating.

10 years (Oct. 15, 2015)

Construction on the Barre Common project continues to move ahead. A section of Mechanic Street, Common Street, Moulton Street and part of Exchange Street had pavement removed. The contractors finished State 1 and they are now working on Stage 2. Stage 2 involves

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## The Garden Lady answers a unique question on a unique plant

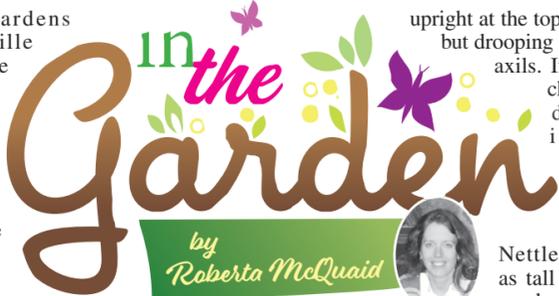
Sue, who gardens in Gilbertville called the Garden Lady with a question about Stinging Nettle. Apparently, she has it growing in numerous places on her four-acre property and wants to eradicate it.

"Roberta, are you familiar with this plant?" All I could say, was "Ah, yes," and then I began the story.

Not too long ago I was grabbing weeds by the handful, stuffing them into a bucket. Suddenly, out of the corner of my eye I saw the familiar saw-tooth shaped leaf and distinctive hairy stems within my clutches. As soon as my brain registered what I had just plucked, my hand started to sting...burn, really.

Yup, I was fooled again by stinging nettle. Ice helps a little, but usually the burn has to run its course.

Once you have identified stinging nettle, it won't be hard to miss. Urtica



upright at the top of the plant, but drooping from the leaf axils. If these three characteristics don't make it unique enough to spot, look for height and girth! Nettles can grow as tall as five feet, maybe more, and make large colonies easily, thanks to a tangled web of underground runners that sprout new stems every few inches.

Once it has gotten a foothold it can be difficult to eradicate - think mint but on a larger, pickier scale! Expect to find it growing in rich soil along the forest's edge, in moist woodlands and even flood plains.

If you shuddered at my suggestion of eradicating stinging nettles, chances are you are aware of some of its reported health benefits. Some herbalists even go as far as to plant it on purpose!

I'll admit I even bought some dried leaves once to use

along with other herbs in a spring tonic rich in vitamins and minerals. Although it grows wild all over my property I was afraid to harvest it! Since then, I have learned that once cooked or dried, the sting disappears.

Nettles have been used to treat all kinds of ailments over the years. Urtication was a common, albeit curious, practice in ancient times. It involved slapping inflicted body parts with bunches of stinging nettles to impart a cure of a particular ailment.

Slapping below a man's navel was thought to improve his virility. If a paralyzed limb was slapped it was hoped feeling would be renewed.

There are other bizarre accounts of the application of this herb. I read one case of crushed leaves being packed into the nose to stop a nose-bleed. Ouch! Or used in juice form to make hair grow. Grow? Maybe, but stand on end a definite!

All kidding aside, there are other benefits of nettles that go beyond folklore.

Studies are being conducted for its use in treating prostate problems, asthma, allergies and arthritis.

Whether or not nettles are part of your apothecary chest, be sure to handle them with kid gloves! Although the stinging and burning sensation may last for only a few minutes, it very well could last for hours!

That brings me back to Sue's question. There are multiple ways to try and eradicate the plant. You can suit up and hand pull or get the mower out and mow the area as you would the lawn. Repeated mowings during active growth will eventually kill it.

You can also take a soil test and make the necessary recommendations to improve the soil to a point that the grasses in your field will thrive and choke out the stinging nettle. Small areas can be covered in black plastic - again, you would do this when the plant is in active growth. Usually a month or

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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Who said it was autumn? Weather has been like summer or spring. It is nice to have it where the mosquitoes are not around though. I did find one tick on my neck so they are even confused.

I was looking over my supply of cookbooks and realized I had quite a collection of them. My favorites are The Betty Crocker Cook Book and The Victory Garden Cookbook by Marian Morash. This last book is especially helpful during vegetable season. I just bought the book for my eldest daughter as she has a great garden of vegetables. In fact, she grew the pepper plants that I recently got 15 green peppers.

I made a leak and potato soup from the book today. I bought Brussels Sprouts and plan to make this recipe with them.

### Brussels Sprouts Halves Tossed In Butter

1 pound Brussels Sprouts  
4 to 6 Tablespoons butter  
Juice of half a lemon  
Salt and pepper  
Trim and wash the sprouts, steam until barely tender. Halve each sprout lengthwise.

Melt butter in a large sauce pan, toss the sprouts and cook until heated through. Add lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste. Toss again before serving. Serves 4 to six.

### This and That

My youngest daughter did a craft show in Lancaster and sold some of my craft items. I am sorry I cannot attend them anymore as I loved to see all the things people made. This is the season before Christmas so there are a lot of craft shows in the area.

The yard sales have been in most towns and the flea market is very popular for people to get rid of things they no longer need or find bargains like I used to do. My home is full of Rietta Ranch items and items that my oldest brother brought me.

I did find a hair receiver for my collection at the Hubbardston Senior Center yard sale. The lady attending the table did not know what it was. Editor's note: A hair receiver is a small pot, typically made of ceramic, bronze or crystal, with a hole in the lid, kept on the dress-

ing table in the Victorian era to store hair removed from brushes and combs.

I have most of my houseplants in the house and am trying to decide what else needs to be done before the first frost. I still have potatoes in two planters on the deck and I'm anxious to see if I get any potatoes.

I got hit on the head with an acorn while blowing the leaves off the deck and it hurt a lot. Guess with the dry conditions some acorns are falling early as are the leaves. We really do need rain.

I gave a helper a pot of coleus as I can't bring in all the pots I have. Coleus root very easily so I had a lot of them on the deck. I brought in the geraniums and hopefully they will survive another season.

Have a nice week and try to get in a walk, but wear colorful clothing when you walk on back shady roads so traffic can see you. I noticed on Ragged Hill Road it is hard to see people walking when they wear black or dark brown. Like the hunters maybe they should wear fluorescent.

## Water Is Life

By Elizabeth Martin

Until I left Chicago and lived in the Mojave Desert in the early 1970s, I took water for granted.

In the desert the human use of water to change the landscape was very obvious. Each of the scattering of houses was surrounded by trees that were clearly not native to the desert, which confirmed my vague idea about water: water must just be there, everywhere, right under the ground. All you need to do is dig a well and the water will be there.

Now I know how wrong that is. Aquifers are complex and variable. They can be depleted or even used up. The first book I read that made me think about water was "Cadillac Desert," about water policy in the American West. The extent of the manipulation of water sources to make human habitation possible was an eye-opener.

For instance, the water of the Owens River in California was appropriated for the city of Los Angeles,

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turning the Owens Valley farming community into a desert. I learned that under all of the Great Plains, from the Dakotas to Texas, is an enormous body of water called the Ogala Aquifer, that irrigates the vast farm fields of the midwest and supplies water to homes and businesses.

This book, published in 1986, stated that at the then-current rate of use this aquifer would be entirely depleted in about 40 years. Now forty years have passed, and the rate of water use has surely increased.

In the intervening years I kept expecting to see some plan emerge, or at least some alarm raised. Recently I read a book about the response of people in charge of water use in that region, Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains. The plan is to

just go on using the water till it's gone and then they'll try to think about what to do. Really - that's it. Along with water depletion is the relentless poisoning of the land for the benefit of people who are already rich and who often don't even live there.

In Massachusetts today we are blessed with plentiful water, many rivers and springs. At the same time we are in a long drought. The Boston metropolitan area has for the past 80 years drawn off many millions of gallons of water each day from Central Massachusetts.

Pressure on our waterways, forests, and farmland will only intensify in the future. It would be better to think about protecting local resources now rather than wait for an emergency, because life requires water.

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amount will remain the same. SSDI benefits were originally awarded to you based upon your full retirement age entitlement when you applied for SSDI, even though you hadn't yet reached your FRA when you went on SSDI. Thus, the monthly benefit amount will not change because it is based on your lifetime earnings record, from before you became disabled.

FYI, although age 65 was once Social Security's "retirement age," full retirement age for Social Security today is based on the year you were born. So, your SSDI benefit will automatically switch to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit as soon as you reach age 67. Essentially, the only thing that will change is the Social Security Trust Fund from which your benefits will be paid.

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## Enjoying dinner on the farm

By Jeff Landry  
Guest Columnist

I had dinner outside at Farmer Matt's one late afternoon in July.

It's both idyllic and bucolic here in New Braintree and a bit different from the cities of New York or San Diego. This evening the only patrons left, other than myself, were a large family from Kentucky and this was their quaint idea of a vacation. They came from rolling green hills to be in more rolling green hills.

It made me grin as if I had been sipping on a little too much of their smooth, barrel-aged whiskey before dinner. The family is large and multigenerational and the young boys were playing a rough and tumble version of, "Catch me if you can," with exuberance on freshly cut field. They were having one grand ole time.

While watching this play I inhaled the most cherished aroma of freshly cut grass I've experienced in some time. It was said that freshly mown fields of hay are one of humanity's favorite fragrances and since I'm feeling especially human today, I'll second that notion.

The patrons, I'll call, "the gobblers," sit and eat on picnic tables that are set to the side and back of the establishment on a nice hilly green - more green for our friends from Kentucky.

One could catch some breeze up there even on a hot day and there were pleasant views of Farmer Matt's farm dotted with both fields and woodlands to the East and West.

While enjoying my meal, Matt's dog rested his head on my lap. He is a gentle English Springer Spaniel.

He is quiet and even polite in his begging as if to say,

"Just a morsel please, kind sir."

He didn't make a sound and there was no drooling. He had apparently perfected the art of begging and just uses the power of his eyes to overtake me.

I'll call him Spot, like the dog in the delightful down to earth books we used to read in grammar school. We read stories about dogs and other children so we could break the code and learn the art of reading. Those old books and school supplies had a smell, an aroma and feel to them that I loved as a young boy. They remind me now of this earthy place. It's as if Farmer Matt's was some kind of a time machine or Tardis I had stepped into. I look around for a telephone booth...

Who was to know that Spot would end up here at Farmer Matt's almost 75 years later? Like me, Dick and Jane would be equally surprised.

Spot has a whitish grey coat with giant black spots from head to dog toe and long droopy black ears.

I can tell he has worked his magic on several hundred past customers. I give him more than one morsel, but I always look to make sure no one sees me do it.

I slowly, subtly scan the surrounding environment left to right, then right to left and if the coast is clear we become partners in crime.

I can both hear and see a murder of crows in the lower fields near some water. They are working the fields from nearby majestic white pine trees. Crow chatter is a nice example of animal talk, communication with purpose, with verve and gusto and Farmer Matt has been stirring up the field's soil with his old tractor.

Even though he is bailing

hay, his tractor tires work the earth like four spoons, stirring it up and this excites the crows because he is also bringing up dinner for them. Everyone and everything eats at Farmer Matt's.

Barn swallows are working the sky above for bugs. The sky they seem to swim in today is beautiful with high elevation thin wispy clouds called, "mare's tails." Near them, but at a different elevation, are more solid and less vaporous herringbone shaped clouds and both types of clouds indicate a change in weather. The heat and humidity clings like barnacles to the underside of a boat. It has been oppressive and a change would be most welcome. This part of the world and all of its creatures would breathe a big sigh of relief should the,

"mare's tails" get the upper hand and sweep in cooler weather from the northern realms.

The Barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), is an amazing flier. They glide and dart about as if the sky was theirs and no one else's. Their calls are dry and scratchy and sound like, "svit, svit." They are a colorful, gorgeous bird in so many ways. Their long forked tails and sleek bodies cut through the air with the greatest of ease.

They return with their catch to the big red barn moving in and out of it through open windows without glass. The window frames are old and tilted to different sides. How they have managed that, I have no idea. They look like they may have come from a fun house that a carnival left behind here many years ago.

The red paint is peeled and worn. The barn windows are, in some abstract

way, holding onto dear life. They represent classic New England architecture slipping back into the vault of time.

The young hatchling Barn swallows can be heard chirping from their mud strewn nests high up in the barn rafters.

They are anticipating their dinner before it even arrives. It's as if they have built in radar and they can see mom or dad on their internal screens before they even make it to the tilted windows. If the swallow babies had chins they would be propping them at the edge of the nest with both mouths and eyes wide open in anticipation.

Farmer Matt is bailing hay in the lower fields while I eat my plate that is still full of veggies. We are both grazing green, each in his own way.

The Greek physician and teacher Hippocrates taught 25 centuries ago that life is derived and maintained through the green colored life force energy that is in each of us. I thank Hippocrates for his far reaching understanding of the human condition. It is from him the oath of, "First, do no harm,

"comes. It is an immensely deep, heartfelt promise when people take on the task of helping and healing others.

It is near the end of the day and the robins are also chirping and seem to be saying, "Cheerily, cheer up, cheer up" and they are working the verdant fields for worms to feed their young...all good for the soul. Little do the worms know how important they are to this place and it's ecology. Tilling the fields with their small soft bodies, barely making a sound and contributing food, nitrogen and minerals to the matrix of life here. No effort goes to waste at Farmer Matt's.

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more is necessary for this route to be successful.

Spot spraying with weed killers in another option but one that I only use as a very

last resort. Good luck!

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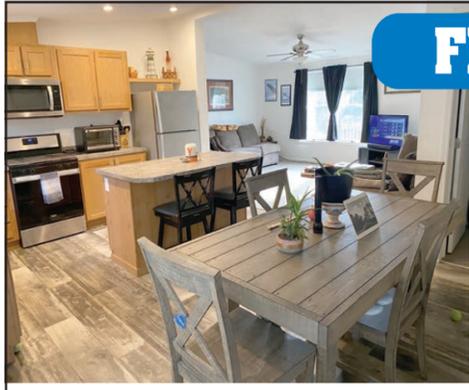
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# Public Safety

## Rutland Police Log

### Sunday, Sept. 14

2:43 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 5:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued  
 8:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Lewis St. Report Filed  
 11:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 3:23 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Wachusett Street, Entry Gained  
 6:59 p.m. Noise Complaint, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated  
 10:11 p.m. Complaint, Nancy Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital

### Monday, Sept. 15

1:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed  
 Summons Noble, Gregory M., 41, Holliston  
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C 90 S23

5:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
 9:22 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised  
 10:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Prospect Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 10:36 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 2:55 p.m. Complaint, Brintnal Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital  
 6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
 7:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

### Tuesday, Sept. 16

7:14 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Central Tree Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 1:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 2:02 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed  
 4:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Valley View Circle, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed

Summons Hill, Allison Martha, 47, Barre  
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
 6:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning  
 10:44 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Campbell Court, Officer/Chief Advised  
 11:01 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Negative Contact  
 11:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Charnock Hill Road, Transported to Hospital  
 11:34 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Campbell Court, Area Search Negative

### Wednesday, Sept. 17

5:54 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Newman Drive, Officer/Chief Advised  
 7:50 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed  
 10:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Barre Paxton Road, report Filed  
 11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
 11:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation

Issued  
 11:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning  
 12:17 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
 1:57 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Birchwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 7:19 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Whitehall Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Oakridge Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 8:57 p.m. Threats, Miles Road, Report Filed

### Thursday, Sept. 18

5:54 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, East County Road, Negative Contact  
 8:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 10:57 a.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

1:09 p.m. Harassment, Edson Avenue, Report Filed  
 1:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Rutland Prison Camps, Transported to Hospital  
 1:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
 1:53 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pommogussett Road, Report Filed  
 3:54 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Wachusett Street, Information Taken  
 5:03 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Verbal Warning  
 7:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Pleasantdale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 8:36 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, East County Road, Negative Contact  
 9:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Turkey Hill Trail, Transported to Hospital

### Friday, Sept. 19

10:29 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Scott Road, Transported to Hospital  
 12:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, East County Road, Written Warning  
 1:08 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Campbell Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:33 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Miles Road, Prisoner Bailed  
 Arrest Finnegan, Kevin, 21, Rutland  
 Charges Vandalize Property c266 \$126A, Assault with Dangerous Weapon  
 4:48 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Miles Road, Investigated  
 4:51 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Skyline Drive, Officer/Chief Advised  
 10:35 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Report Filed  
 11:52 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Verbal warning

### Saturday, Sept. 20

7:22 p.m. Complaint, Bushy Lane, Area Search Negative  
 9:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Pommogussett Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 9:52 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Watson Lane, Investigated  
 10:18 p.m. Harassment, Skyline Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

## Oakham Police Log

### Monday, Sept. 15

7:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 7:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 8 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lincoln Road, Written Warning  
 8:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
 5:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital

### Wednesday, Sept. 17

1:45 p.m. Complaint, Barre Plains Road, Negative Contact  
 1:57 p.m. Complaint, Crocker Nye Road, Officer Spoke to Party

2:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 8:24 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Spencer, Negative Contact

### Thursday, Sept. 18

8:29 a.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Barre Road, Officer/Chief Advised

### Friday, Sept. 19

10:21 a.m. Speak to the Chief/Officer, North Brookfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 11:12 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Scott Road, Transported to Hospital  
 9:01 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Spencer, Negative Contact

## Barre Police Log

### Sunday, Sept. 14

8:19 a.m. Larceny and Theft, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:30 p.m. Harassment, Barre Police Headquarters, Report Filed  
 2:19 p.m. Threats, Old Coldbrook Road, Report Filed  
 8:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 8:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Jewett Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
 9:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Elm North Street, Mutual Aid Transport

### Monday, Sept. 15

7:54 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

### Tuesday, Sept. 16

9:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/

Unknown, Station Road, Transported to Hospital  
 9:38 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Loring Road, Mutual Aid Assist  
 12:25 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ruggles Lane, Officer Spoke to Party  
 1:55 p.m. Identity Theft, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party

### Wednesday, Sept. 17

5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
 6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
 7:07 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Coldbrook Road, Returned  
 7:58 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Gone on Arrival

### Thursday, Sept. 18

1:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Ruggles Lane,

Transported to Hospital  
 12:34 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 10:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, School South Street, Report Filed

### Friday, Sept. 19

10:05 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, South Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:44 p.m. Complaint, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Exchange Street, Removed to Court/Lockup  
 Arrest: Kalitzidis, George Abram, 25, Springfield  
 Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit, Stop/Yield, Fail To

### Saturday, Sept. 20

1:01 a.m. Lockout (Home or

Vehicle), South Street, Referred to Other Agency  
 2:20 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital  
 6:32 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, West Street, Information Taken  
 6:49 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, West Street, Referred to Other Agency  
 9:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Required, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:34 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Old Hardwick Road, Investigated  
 5:59 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Returned

### South Barre

Tuesday, Sept. 16  
 6:51 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, South Street, Officer/Chief Advised

### Wednesday, Sept. 17

3:40 p.m. Safety Concern, Oakham Road, Officer/Chief Advised

## New Braintree Police Log

### Thursday, Sept. 25

2:30 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled  
 5:10 p.m. Safety Hazard, Padre Road, Referred to Other Agency

### Friday, Sept. 26

6:41 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Services Rendered  
 11:43 a.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Report Taken

### Saturday, Sept. 27

10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning  
 4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued

### Sunday, Sept. 28

4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

### Sunday, Sept. 14

11:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Morgan Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
 7:19 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Brigham Road, Recovered  
 11:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Mutual Aid Transport

### Monday, Sept. 15

9:19 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Worcester Road, Removed from Scene  
 1:29 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Hale Road, Returned  
 2:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unattended Death, Underwood Road, Report Filed  
 2:59 p.m. Complaint, Pitcherville Road, Gone on Arrival

### Tuesday, Sept. 16

1:18 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 7:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital  
 8:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Mutual Aid Assist  
 8:15 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Birches Road, Reports Filed  
 3:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
 7:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Worcester Road, Public Assist  
 8:50 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Worcester Road, Unfounded  
 9:19 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Worcester Road, Investigated

### Wednesday, Sept. 17

6:18 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Birches Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
 7:12 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Gardner Road, Entry Gained

### Thursday, Sept. 18

11:57 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, New Templeton Road, Returned  
 12 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Call Transferred  
 3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

### Friday, Sept. 19

7:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Public Assist

12:13 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Worcester Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 6:48 p.m. Complaint, Halfrey Road, Negative Contact  
 7:08 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Highbridge Road, Officer Spoke to Party

### Saturday, Sept. 20

7:09 a.m. Complaint, Old Westminster Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:18 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Prentiss Hill Road, Information Taken  
 5:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Public Assist  
 6:30 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Penobscott Avenue, Referred to Other Agency  
 7:30 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Penobscott Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

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## Church News

### Local pastors offer sermons

#### The Practice of Prayer Part 4

How are we to pray?

Christ offered the following instruction, providing a pattern for healthful prayer:

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

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

11 Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

Let us continue our series by delving into this portion of the text:

Matthew 5:11

11 Give us today our daily bread.

God's care for us is not limited to spiritual matters alone. Rather, He has concerned Himself with our most basic of needs, and what could be more fundamental than daily sustenance! The Lord expands upon this theme in the following selection:

Luke 12:22b-32

22 . . . Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

27 Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you-you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

Consider that we are called to seek our heavenly Father for "daily" bread. Praying for daily provision forces us to recognize God as our ultimate source, fostering humility, belief and perseverance. I often wonder if the abundance we know as a nation has crippled our ability to see the Lord as our provider versus the local Walmart. Do you know God as your provider? Are you convinced of both His ability and willingness to provide? Can you proclaim with the apostle Paul that He is diligent in meeting your every need according to the rich-

es of his glory in Christ (cf. Phil. 4:19)? Will you seek Him accordingly? Close your eyes, look to God in faith and say it with me: "Give us today our daily bread." May the Lord show Himself faithful.

We will continue in the Lord's Prayer in the next edition. Until then, thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me using the information below. Also, check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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#### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost "Hold on to your Faith." Scripture Reading: II Timothy 1 v 1-14 and Luke 17 v 5-6

##### I. Introduction

Many of us plan and live our daily lives, according to our needs and desires, what we want to do, and what we would like to achieve.

We all have different needs and resources and we also face different challenges. We sometimes have just enough, and other times we have plenty. We sometimes feel well and healthy and other times we face health challenges.

Those challenging experiences require from us the strength from within to face those experiences and overcome them. As people of faith, we are called to draw on our faith in God to meet these situations. Although the disciples and apostles encountered significant challenges, both Christ and Paul encouraged them to remain steadfast in their faith. Let's have a look.

##### II. Hold onto your faith

Both passages describe faith as fundamental to both the Christian experience and to effective Christian leadership. According to Acts Chapter 16 v 1-5, Timothy accompanied Paul on his missionary travels, and through their efforts the churches grew daily in faith and strength. Timothy was also Paul's diplomatic representative in Thessalonica and Corinth.

So, Timothy was a close colleague of Paul, and Paul had a deep affection for him. They worked together, preached together and grew the churches together. Paul knew about Timothy's strong faith, which stemmed from his grandmother Lois and mother, Eunice. Paul, who is in prison, sends this message to Timothy to be strong, to keep the faith and not to be afraid to testify about Christ, who was persecuted and crucified on the cross.

He must have a sound teaching of the gospel and must hold onto his faith, even when facing difficulties. In verse 6 Timothy is instructed to fan into the flame the gift God gave him, which is

his ministry for which he was ordained. He must stir the fires, and let the word of God come through, so growth can happen, and souls can come to God. Be strong my brother, he says, and speak the word of God with no fear.

In Luke, the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith after He told them about the nature of sin and that when their brothers and sisters sin, they must rebuke and forgive them. If they sin seven times against them, and asked for forgiveness seven times, they must forgive them. To forgive someone who hurt you, made life difficult for you, is what Christ wants from them.

Jesus knew this was not the easiest thing to do but gave that example of forgiveness as something that is part of Christian life. To do this, they asked for more faith. Christ's response is amazing. If they had faith as small as a mustard seed, they would be able to uproot the mulberry tree, which had an extensive root system, and rather difficult to impossible to uproot it, and then be able to plant it in the ocean, which would be even more of an impossible task.

If they did that, the mulberry tree would obey them. Elsewhere Jesus used the example of how they would be able to move a mountain, if they had the faith of the small mustard seed. They did not need more faith. They just needed to use a little faith to forgive and to face any difficult challenges.

##### III. Conclusion

Paul knew what it meant to truly believe and lead a Christian life, overcoming many challenges along the way. He knew what it took to build and grow a church and showed his fellow apostles how to do it. They must fan into the flames that which God gave them, their calling. They all faced obstacles and persecution but persevered through their faith.

Each of us is uniquely called to serve both within the church and in our wider communities. We are called to love, to serve, and grow our church. We are called to speak about the good news of Christ wherever we go, and we are called to have faith like a mustard seed, and God will do the rest. God requires from us to trust God in everything, our church, our lives, our health, our finances and all the storms and challenges we face. But more... we must have faith in God to change circumstances in our lives, our communities, our nation, and this world.

Our faith in God will allow God to move the mulberry tree, the mountain and the divisions we encounter, the unforgiving lives we live, and God will heal and reconcile us and bring peace. May God help us to hear the encouraging voice of Christ each time we face enormous challenges. May God help us to hold onto our faith.

Amen.

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

## Obituary

### Eileen (Thompson) Mullaly, 84

Eileen Mullaly died on Sept. 19, 2025 in Kenner, Louisiana at the age of 84. Eileen was born in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1941 and graduated from Regis College in 1963. She obtained her Masters Degree in Human Services from Keene State College in 1991. She was the daughter of Howard and Mary Thompson, lifelong residents of Barre, where Eileen spent her childhood.

Eileen began her career as a social worker in

Boston, where she eventually met her former husband Robert "Bob" Mullaly. They then embarked on sometimes joint careers which brought them to opportunities in Knoxville, Tennessee, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and eventually Keene, New Hampshire.

Eileen is survived by her former husband, Bob



with whom she remained close; her twin sons, William and James, who live in New Orleans, Louisiana; her brother Jack and five grandchildren:

Tanner Mullaly (28), Cullen Mullaly (16), Meghan Mullaly (14) Ryan Mullaly (14) and Rylie Mullaly (8).

Please include Eileen in your thoughts and prayers

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#### DEATH NOTICE

**Mullaly, Eileen**  
Died Sept 19, 2025

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grading all three different road sections: Moulton Street, Exchange Street and Mechanic Street to the municipal parking lot. Baltazar Contractors, Inc. of Ludlow already graded Common Street. While Stage 1 took three months, Stage 2 will take about one month.

Members of the Quabbin Regional School District heard a shortened version of a presentation by the District's Attorney on observing holiday activities in the public schools, entitled "December dilemma." Earlier in the day, teachers listened to the unabridged version of the presentation and then had the opportunity to ask questions of Attorney Michael Joyce of Nuttal, McAvoy and Joyce. He cited the first amendment, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting free exercise thereof or abridging the freedom of speech." He explained there was a crucial difference between government speech and private speech. Schools fall under the government category. He stated the key was to treat all religions and non-religion equally and to remain neutral.

Dave Thomas of Seaboard Solar came before the Hardwick Selectmen to discuss net metering, a program that allows customers of electric distribution companies to generate their own power and offset their electricity usage. Thomas had come before the Selectmen during their meeting on Sept. 14 for a discussion on a net meeting proposal for

a solar project his company had in West Brookfield. During the meeting, he discussed how the program would work including that the project was under the existing net metering cap, which is equal to a utility's historical peak load.

#### 25 years (Oct. 12, 2000)

An interesting and detailed account of how to save lives including your own, was presented to the members of the Petersham Grange three representatives of the public safety arm of the town. Fire Chief Dana Robinson and Robert Laford, a fire prevention specialist, training officer and former member of the Orange Fire Department, were on hand to bring the safety message beginning with the carbon monoxide detector.

Faith Clarkson of Athol, daughter of Steven and Eileen Clarkson, was installed as Worthy Advisor on Saturday, Sept. 23 by Jennifer Downer, Past Worthy Advisor of the Assembly. Lynn Downer, Paula Downer and Sally Clough, all Past Worthy Advisors of the Assembly were also on the installing suite. Other officers installed were Charlene VanCott, Worthy Associate Advisor; Paula Downer PWA, Sister of Charity; Bethany Guilbault as Sister of Hope and Amy Warren as Faith.

Robert and Irene Stevens received a certificate of recognition from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, for working the land for over a century at the Big E on Sept. 17. This award recognized the

Stevens Farm for service since 1789.

#### 38 years (Oct. 15, 1987)

St. Joseph's new Parish Center will be dedicated Saturday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. with a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by the Most Rev. Timothy J. Harrington, DD, Bishop of Worcester Diocese. Celebrant will be Most Rev. Bernard J. Flanagan, DD, Bishop Emeritus. A banquet will follow in the Parish Hall.

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

Eighty years ago the Friday Club, one of Barre's oldest, began on Sept. 13, 1907 at the home of Mrs. Robert G. Williams on James Street with a limited membership of 16. Elsie Hawes Smith wrote, "It was just a friendly little club where members brought their work and often their babies, to enjoy the sociability of meeting together and gains some worthwhile thought from listening to informal programs."

## Hardwick Community Church announces Sunday meeting

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Community Church will meet at the Hardwick Universalist Church on the knoll Sunday, Oct. 12 at noon.

This long dormant federation of the two churches on Hardwick Common seeks any and all interested in building

and strengthening community life. Everyone is welcome, church and unchurched, to work toward a future of mutual cooperation that unearths our history, serves local needs, and anticipates a peaceful future together.

Join the church members Sunday at noon to

input your ideas for a healthy and peaceful life here. All local churches and organizations invited to these planning meetings that are the ground floor for Community Spirit.

For more information, call Judy Kohn, member at 413-967-7391.

## RMV announces driver's education

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles announced that, starting Monday, Sept. 22, all classroom instruction provided by professional driving schools will transition back to an in-person format.

The RMV has been in communication with driving schools, customers and other stakeholders, explaining how this change will result

in enhanced student engagement, stronger learning outcomes, equal opportunities for all schools and improved road safety.

The option of remote (virtual) classes was introduced as an accommodation during the pandemic. Effective Sept. 22, a live instructor will be required to teach all classes including the parent class. There will be a maximum of 30 students per class for

a student/teacher ratio of 30:1. Research supports that in-person learning fosters better focus, higher engagement and more effective preparation for safe driving.

For information, people may visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/drivers-education-programs>. For the latest RMV updates and information, people may follow the RMV at MassRMV on X, formerly Twitter.

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never that simple.”

Smola presented a citation from himself, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and state Sen. Peter Durant to Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator Monica Moran to commemorate to work this volunteer organization has accomplished.

Moran said hundreds of people in the communities of Ware, Warren and Hardwick have been a part of this effort. She said she was honored to have been a part of it.

Next to speak was Attorney Erin Aiello, Chief of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit for the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, who shared information about the new law that recognizes coercive control as abuse.

“Abuse is not always visible,” Aiello said. “It is about power, not just violence.”

Aiello said awareness of domestic violence is the first step for abuse prevention, and the coercive control law is a step forward. Coercive control is “just as real, just as harmful” as physical violence.

“Everyone deserves a life free from fear, free from violence and free to be themselves,” she said.

Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force Co-Advisor Jesse Trzpit said the task force is starting to see an increase in student participation.

“It's nice to see the school come together as a whole,” he said.

Trzpit said the students have been working on writing prompts, and that their answers are displayed on the windows of the high school's library for all to see.

“We hope that one day we can live in a world free of domestic violence,” Trzpit said.

Student and task force member Olivia DiRienzo said this year the students are learning about healthy relationships and how to recognize controlling behavior.

“We will continue to do our small part to educate our peers and help someone in

an abusive relationship,” she said.

Task force member Melissa Hutchins then read the words of domestic violence survivors who wanted to share their stories.

“Domestic violence has no boundaries or biases,” she said. “You are not alone. We're here for you.”

Walk founder Jennie Simmons and Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot shared a list of milestones the task force has worked to reach over the past 25 years, helping to bring resources for domestic violence survivors closer to home.

Moran then presented Dan Orszulak, Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force co-ordinator with the Community Champion Award for his nearly two decades of commitment to the cause. She said his efforts have transformed lives.

After a prayer was given by Deacon Peggy Baxter of the United Church of Ware, those gathered at Veterans Park picked up their signs and walked down Main Street, up Church Street and across Pleasant Street, before returning to the park via North Street.

The Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 provided free hot dogs to all who were there, and Kuku the Clown provided endless entertainment. Roy Erickson supplied the use of his sound system and several resource agencies gave out information and free items.

A free bike raffle was held thanks to a donation from Walmart secured by Police Chief Shawn Crevier. The Warren and Hardwick police departments also provided bike helmets.

**About the task force**

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force currently serves Ware, Warren and Hardwick. The mission of the task force is to prevent and respond to domestic violence in these towns with community-led, community driven initiatives.

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force is funded by a grant awarded to the Town of

Ware by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Community Development Block Grant Program, by the Massachusetts Office of Rural Health, and by donations from the community.

Task force members are a group of over 300 community members, survivors, and representatives from local and county agencies that have been at work preventing and ending intimate partner violence since 2000.

For more information, visit [www.waredvtaskforce.org](http://www.waredvtaskforce.org) or follow the task force on Facebook.



Kuku the Clown took a break from making balloon animals to pose for a photo with walk participants from the Recovery Center of HOPE.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette



Lori Brooks performed before the start of the 10th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.



Quabbin Regional High School student, Sadie, joined the Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.



The Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department was represented by Officer Andrew Ronnau and Clerk Lori Hoffman.



State Rep. Todd Smola presented Monica Moran with a citation from the Senate and House of Representatives to recognize the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force's work over the past 25 years.

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Chairman Maureen Marshall said there was about \$22,000 remaining from the town common project. She asked him to get solid numbers on the cost. She said it was a “big priority” as it was the Common. She also said there may be some grants available as well.

Doug Martin asked the Select Board if they had taken a formal position regarding the lithium battery storage system. The Select Board authorized the Planning Board to seek access to additional legal resources. The Board was not

sure there has been a proposal yet. Currently, the Planning Board received a request for a subdivision with three or four houses. Martin said these battery systems are considered “green energy.” The Select Board said it was premature to give a yes or no at this point. They did sign a letter of support to the town of Oakham, who received an application for a Battery Energy Storage System on land located on Coldbrook Road. Select Board Marshall said when the systems exceed a certain size, the state handles the permitting process not the town. This was the case in Oakham. There will

be a BESS public hearing on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 6-9 p.m. at the Oakham Center School.

**Town Administrator report**

Town Administrator Jackson said she received two large, anonymous requests for public records regarding all emails on the Town Administrator from April 1 to Sept. 29. She said there were about 12,000 emails. She said she was going to petition the Commonwealth for an extension and to charge a fee.

She said interdepartmental transfers per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 33B required all inter-

departmental transfer take place during May and June and the first two weeks of July. To make the transfers after the deadline, a Town Meeting vote is required. They were not done in the time frame. She said with the failure of the proposition 2 1/2 override the transfers totaling \$273,789 and change would cover cuts made to balance the budget. She reached out to the Department of Local Services and was waiting to hear from them.

**CPA study committee**

Select Board Chairman Marshall suggested forming a four member commit-

tee to study the advantages and disadvantages to the town of Barre to adopt the Community Preservation Act. The committee will supply a report and make recommendations to the Select Board. The Board approved the establishing of the study committee.

**Trick or Treat**

Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat on Common Street will be held on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-8 p.m. Common Street will be closed beginning at 4:30 p.m. Barre Savings Charitable Foundation funded the Trunk or Treat this year.

**Comp time**

On the recommendation of the Inspector General's Office, the Select Board approved getting rid of comp time policy. In its place, they would offer flex time with permission to salary employees. If someone worked two hours late, with permission from their department head and/or Town Administrator, could come in two hours late the next day.

Flex time must be used within the two week pay period and would not accumulate. After the approval of the new personnel policies a workshop will be held for all employees.

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Murphy said students will also be tested in the winter and spring to track patterns and trends from the fall test.

Murphy said the school continues to partner with Novak Education for the implementation of the Universal Design for Learning framework.

“UDL is a standards-based curriculum framework that ensures that all students have options and choices for learning,” he said.

High School Principal Brian Beck said the 10th and 11th grade students attended a college fair held at Mount Wachusett Community College and the ninth graders attended the Mass Makers Innovation Challenge at the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Beck said there are currently 30 students in the high school's band program and the donation of musical instruments would be beneficial to increase the band's inventory.

“There are a lot of people who have instruments lying around in their house...and they can put it to good use passing it on,” he said.

Director of Student Services Dr. Michael Baldassarre said grant applications were submitted and the school district was successfully awarded its allocations for the school year.

Baldassarre said he is part of a regional collaboration of special education directors working to improve transportation for students.

He said the students in town are picked up by one van company to transport them to out of district placements. He said it may be possible to share resources with other districts that are transporting students to the same locations.

“We might be able to save some of our resources and reallocate them toward other needs and support services, basically to the benefit of the students,” he said.

Baldassarre said the school

district has two audits taking place this year, including the English Learner Program and the Special Education Program. He said the school district will also have a visit from the Department of Education in January 2026.

“There's a lot of preparation that goes into that,” Baldassarre said.

**Task force update**

School Committee member Matt Grant said the tuition agreement task force met on Sept. 3 to review the cost of tuitioning out to other school districts. He said the task force also spoke with a representative from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Grant said the task force expects to present its final report to the School Committee in October.

**Student Council update**

Student Representative Noah Gillette spoke about the sixth grade orientation, which was held at the end of August.

“We invited the upcoming sixth graders to an orientation...to show them around the high school, teach them how to open their lockers and teach them about their schedule as well as answering questions they may have about what school's like in this building,” Gillette said.

He said the annual activities fair was held for high school students to sign up for clubs and sports, as well as create clubs students would like to see.

A homecoming dance was held for students in grades nine-12, and included pizza, snacks and ice cream. Homecoming continued with a Spirit Week held Sept. 22-26.

Class elections were scheduled to be held during the first week of October.

Gillette invited all community members to follow the Student Council on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. Meetings are open to the public and held every other Monday, starting on

Sept. 29, in the high school kiva from 6-7:30 p.m.

“Please feel free to join us if you have anything you would like to discuss or just like to see how things are run,” he said.

**Financial report**

McCormick reported three financial transfers to the committee. The transfers moved money from the General Fund to the Athletic Revolving account in the amount of \$27; to Grant 309, \$1,320; and Rural School Aid, \$26,056.01.

McCormick said the reason the transfer to Rural School Aid was so high was because the school district had not set up a Rural School Aid fund yet.

“It is now set up and we're accessing that money to offset parts of the budget that we had talked about going back to last spring,” he said.

**Reorganization**

The committee reorganized with Grant appointed

to serve as chair; Tim Canada as vice-chair; and Kristen Giangrande as secretary.

Canada and Woodward will serve on the Policy Subcommittee, Grant and Giangrande will serve on the Curriculum Subcommittee, Dan Riendeau and Giangrande on the Building and Grounds Subcommittee and Canada and Grant on the Negotiations Subcommittee.

**Recognitions**

McCormick and Murphy recognized Kelly Cederlund for her efforts to organize and run the book fair this year.

“Every year we have a different parent who kind of organizes the event,” McCormick said.

McCormick said Cederlund “did a fantastic job” to organize the book fair, which was well attended and successful.

Murphy said the book fair earns the school “Scholastic Bucks” which can be used to purchase books to enhance classroom libraries.

# SPORTS

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## Offense shines in shutout win



Grace Vanoudenhove steals the ball and turns play around.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Following back-to-back home shutout losses to North Middlesex and Clinton, the Quabbin girls' varsity soccer team entered their first ever meeting with Ayer Shirley looking to get back into the win column again.

In a battle of two teams nicknamed the Lady Panthers, Quabbin netted four goals in each half en route to an 8-0 shutout victory in a

Mid-Wach D contest held at Alumni Field, last Tuesday afternoon.

"We hadn't scored a goal in our past two games. We had several different players score goals in today's game, which was very nice to see," said Quabbin head coach John Gillis. "We played really well, and we were able to finish our chances against a very good soccer team."

Quabbin's second home win of the regular season

See QUABBIN GIRLS, page 10



Sadie Kennan heads up the field with the ball.



Anna Labrousse clears the ball away.



Abees Castillo-Clotter looks to get around a Holyoke defender.

## Pioneers have no answer for Holyoke offense

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer, which co-ops with Palmer High School, suffered a 5-0 loss at Holyoke High School. Holyoke, which improved to 8-5-1 and is headed for the tournament, got two goals each from Xevier Davila and Ryan Kennedy. All of Holyoke's scoring came in the second half. Pathfinder fell to 3-6-1 on the season.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Owen Pear advances the ball up the field.



## Pioneers get first win of season

PALMER – After a disappointing 0-4 start, Pathfinder football returned home to face Smith Vocational in a Tri-County matchup.

The Vikings grabbed an early touchdown, but Pathfinder scored 28 unanswered points for a 28-8 victory.

The Pioneers improved 1-4 and actually have a bye this coming week. They will be back in action on Friday, Oct. 17 at McCann Tech at 7 p.m.

Turley photo by Gregory A. Scibelli



The offensive line attempts to hold off Smith Vocational. More photos on page 10.



Christian Riberio sends a pass up the field.



Kenzie Thrope focuses on the ball as she nears the circle.



Emily Schur tries to get the loose ball.

## Panthers field hockey action

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional Middle School field hockey team was in action last Tuesday afternoon. The Panthers hosted Fitchburg on the back field at the high school.

Scarlett McDonald hustles into the circle pursued by several defenders.



Audrey Cutler gets a stick on the ball.



Cayden Bousquet shuffles a pass to his left.



Brody Wetnicka focuses on keeping possession

# Sports

## Pioneers get first win of season



Terynce Senquiz holds the line for the Pioneers.



Caleb Crum looks to keep his run going for the Pioneers



Grayson Griswold passes up the middle of the field.



Jarrett Skowyra starts a return for Pathfinder.

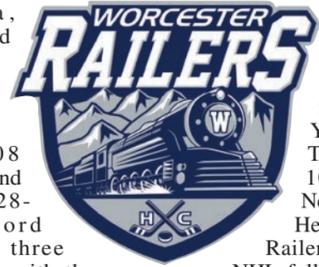
## Railers roster taking shape for season

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders), and Head Coach & General Manager Nick Tuzzolino, announced today that goaltenders Henrik Tikkanen and Tristan Lennox were assigned to the Worcester Railers from the Bridgeport Islanders by the New York Islanders.

Tikkanen, 25, arrives in Worcester in second all-time in franchise history in wins (31), shutouts (4), minutes played (3794), and saves (1889), while being third in games played (65). The 6'9", 223 lb goaltender spent the 2024-25 season largely with the Bridgeport Islanders of the American Hockey League, playing in 30 games with a 4.12 goals against average and a .865 save percentage. All-time in the AHL, Tikkanen has a 14-24-6 record with a .332 GAA and a .890 SV%.

With Worcester, the

Lohja, Finland native has a 3.02 GAA, a .908 SV%, and a 31-28-4 record



across three seasons with the club. Tikkanen (31) is 13 wins behind Mitch Gillam (44) as of the start of the 2025-26 season for first all-time in team history. Tikkanen is the first goaltender in franchise history to play parts of four seasons with the Railers.

Lennox, 22, comes to Worcester for the first time since the 2023-24 season, where he appeared in 13 games for the club. Across his time with Worcester, the 6'4", 196 lb goaltender owned a 2.94 goals against average with a .909 save percentage and a 5-6-1 record. The former 93rd overall selection from the 3rd round of the 2021 NHL entry

draft made his National Hockey League debut for the New York Islanders on Thursday, April 10th against the New York Rangers. He is the third ever Railer to debut in the NHL following time spent in Worcester.

Prior to professional hockey, the Ottawa, ON native played in 121 games for the Saginaw Spirit of the Ontario Hockey League. At the junior level, Lennox owned a 3.26 GAA, a .887 SV%, and a 59-45-7 record.

Worcester Regional Airport is the official airport of the Worcester Railers HC and presenting partner of all Railers transactions.

The Worcester Railers HC 2025-26 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Saturday, Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 19 against the Maine Mariners and Adirondack Thunder. The 508 Club is now on sale for the 2025-26 season.

### QUABBIN GIRLS from page 9

improved their overall record to 5-3-1.

The Quabbin Lady Panthers are trying to qualify for the Division 3 state tournament for the first time since the MIAA changed the postseason format in the fall of 2021. The last time that Quabbin played in a postseason tournament match was in 2019. They defeated Hudson, 2-0, in a Central Mass. Division 3 first round game that season before losing to Bromfield in the quarterfinals.

"It has been a long time since we've qualified for the postseason tournament. This win moves us two games over the .500 mark, which is very important," Gillis said. "We have a very big game at Fitchburg on Thursday night. We just need to keep playing the same way as we did in today's game."

The Quabbin Lady Panthers suffered a 2-0 loss against the Red Raiders and were ranked 58<sup>th</sup> in the MIAA power rankings. The top 32 teams in each of the five Divisions automatically qualifies for the state tournament.

The Ayer Shirley Lady Panthers had a 2-7 record following the road loss.

In last Tuesday's match, Quabbin was led offensively by junior Ailey Majoy, who recorded her first hat-trick of the regular season.

"Ailey has been putting the ball into the net a lot more than she did last season," Gillis said. "She scored a hat-trick, which was our third one so far this season."

Senior co-captain Abigail Falconi, who's Quabbin's leading goal scorer, and freshman Allie Lipiec have also recorded hat-tricks this



Maya Putnam heads up the field.

fall.

Elizabeth Matheson, who's Quabbin's other senior co-captain, is sidelined with an injury.

Down at the other end of the field, senior goalkeeper Kelsey Allen, who's a first-year starter, made a total of 14 saves in posting her third shutout of the season.

Allen was replaced with eight minutes remaining in regulation against Ayer Shirley by freshman Zoey Salvador, who didn't have to make any saves.

The anchors of Quabbin's defensive unit are junior's Grace VanOudenhove and Sienna Shaw.

Their other two starting defenders are senior Anna Labrousse and eighth grader Katy Twarog.

Majoy scored her first goal of the match by putting a shot into the right corner of the net past Ayer Shirley freshman goalie Sophia DeBlasio for an unassisted goal during the 12<sup>th</sup> minute of the opening half.

Three minutes later, junior Maya Putnam sent a pass to Majoy, who fired a break-

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Katy Twarog tries to settle the ball.

away shot into the right corner of the net giving her team a 2-0 advantage.

Falconi scored the first of her two goals during the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute by putting a low shot into the left corner.

Quabbin's final goal of the opening half came on a corner kick two minutes later.

Junior Sadie Kennan booted the ball into the box from the left corner. The ball bounced back out to Kennan. She then fired a perfectly placed shot into the upper right corner.

"That was a very nice shot by Sadie on the corner kick goal late in the first half," Gillis said. "She works so hard and I'm very happy for her."

Majoy completed her hat-trick in the middle of the second half with a high shot attempt that deflected into the net off the goalie's hands.

Falconi increased the lead to 6-0 by scoring her second goal in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute.

Rounding out the scoring for the home team was Lipiec, who netted a pair of goals with less than five minutes remaining in the contest.

Quabbin will be looking to sweep the season series when they travel to Ayer Shirley on Oct. 23.



Ailey Majoy gets a foot on the ball.

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**Deadline for Calendar submissions is October 20.**

# Public Notices

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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**NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION  
AND PUBLIC COMMENT  
HEARING**



<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/oakham-battery-project>

**EFSB 25-07 – Moraga Storage, LLC  
(Oakham Battery Energy Storage System Project)**

**Project Summary and Public Comment Hearing Overview**

Moraga Storage, LLC (“Company”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SR1 Rhyndland Holdco I LLC—a partnership between Rhyndland Energy Holdings LLC and Segue Renewable I LLC—has asked the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) to grant individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the Town of Oakham Zoning Bylaws (“Zoning Bylaws”) for the construction of a 180 megawatt (“MW”), four-hour duration (for a combined energy amount of 720 megawatt-hours) battery energy storage system and related electrical infrastructure, including a new substation and a line tap, (collectively, the “Project”) located at 358 Coldbrook Street in the Town of Oakham, Massachusetts. A description of the site proposed for the Project appears below.

To provide oral comments during the public comment hearing (in person, on Zoom, or by telephone), notify Yonathan Mengesha at [Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov](mailto:Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov) or (617) 305-3544. Please provide your name, email address, mailing address, and docket number (“EFSB 25-07”) by **noon the day of the hearing (October 16, 2025)**. Pre-registered commenters will speak first and others will speak afterwards.

The Siting Board also invites written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by **Thursday, October 30, 2025**. Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding (beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or in writing) may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate also must be filed no later than **Thursday, October 30, 2025** and must follow the instructions below.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Public Comment Hearing	<b>Thursday, October 16, 2025</b>
Written Public Comment Deadline	<b>Thursday, October 30, 2025</b>
Deadline to file for intervention or limited participant status	<b>Thursday, October 30, 2025</b>

**Public Review of the Company’s Petitions**

A description of the Project, links to the Company’s petitions, attachments and analysis, and periodic updates are electronically available on the Siting Board’s webpage for the Project at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/oakham-battery-project> (same as the URL link and the QR code at the top of this Notice’s first page). In addition, electronic copies of the petitions and attachments have been provided to the Town of Oakham. The Company also maintains a webpage for the Project at <https://www.moragaenergystorage.com/>.

Hard copies of the Company’s petitions and attachments are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Boston**  
• Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02110
- Oakham**  
• Town Clerk, Town of Oakham, 2 Coldbrook Rd., Unit 1, Oakham, MA 01068
- Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St, Oakham, MA 01068

In addition, the Company’s petitions, including all attachments, are electronically available via the Siting Board’s website at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/dpu/fileroom/#/dockets/docket/12514>

**Public Comment Hearings**

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will

have an opportunity to ask questions and comment about the Project. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. A recording of the public comment hearing will be posted to the Siting Board’s YouTube channel after the hearing at [https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU\\_hearing](https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU_hearing).

The public comment hearing marks the beginning of a formal, state-level decision-making process focused on whether to approve the Project. Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, the Siting Board will determine whether to exempt the Project from zoning requirements of the Town of Oakham, based on whether the proposed Project is reasonably necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

**Intervention and Participation**

Persons or groups who wish to participate in the Siting Board proceeding, beyond providing comments at the public comment hearings or submitting written comments, may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant.

**“Intervenor” or “Party” Status:** An intervenor can participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including participating in discovery (information gathering), participating in evidentiary hearings, filing a brief, presenting comments to the Siting Board on the Tentative Decision, and appealing the Final Decision.

**“Limited Participant” Status:** A limited participant receives documents during the proceeding and may file a brief and present comments regarding the Tentative Decision to the Siting Board.

**Instructions for Filing Written Comments and Requesting to Participate in the Proceeding**

Written comments on the Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be sent to the following three email addresses: [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov); [Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov](mailto:Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov); [akaplan@pierceatwood.com](mailto:akaplan@pierceatwood.com). The filing deadline is Thursday, October 30, 2025. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 25-07); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; (3) a brief description of the document. The email should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

A petition for intervention must state and explain the way or ways in which the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by the Project; a limited participation petition must describe the reason for the petitioner’s interest and the purpose of the participation request.

For more information on the Siting Board’s procedural rules, please see the following link:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-105/download>.

**Accommodation Requests and Language Services Requests**

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. To request an accommodation, please contact:

Melixza Esenyie  
Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity,  
Equity, and Inclusion  
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental  
Affairs  
Human Resources, 9th Floor  
100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114  
[eeadiversity@mass.gov](mailto:eeadiversity@mass.gov), 617-626-1282

In your communication, state the accommodations you need and why you need them. Provide contact information in case the Coordinator needs more information. Provide one week’s advance notice. The Coordinator will consider but may not be able to fulfill late requests.

Language interpretation services are also available upon request to Yonathan Mengesha at (617) 305-3544 or [Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov](mailto:Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov). Include in your request the language required and your contact information. To assist us in accommodating your request, please submit it as soon as possible and at least seven days before the date of the public comment hearing.

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If you have any questions about this notice or any of the Siting Board’s non-discrimination programs, policies, or procedures or believe the Siting Board has discriminated against you, you may contact Melixza Esenyie (see above for contact information) for more information.

**Contact**

For further information about the proceeding, please contact the Presiding Officer at the contact information below:

Daniel Keleher, Presiding Officer  
Energy Facilities Siting Board  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov (617) 305-3623

For periodic updates, please visit the Siting Board’s webpage for this proceeding (accessible via the URL link or QR code at the top of this notice’s first page).

**Project Description**

For its Project, the Company proposes to install 296 lithium-ion batteries, a substation, and other equipment to allow for the transmission of electricity between the batteries and an adjacent and already established transmission line. The Project would be constructed on an approximately 42.9-acre parcel of land (“Project Site”) in the Town of Oakham. The Project construction envelope itself (encompassing all the work for the Project, including the storage of materials) would consist of approximately 18 acres.

The batteries would be rated at a capacity of 180 MW/720 megawatt hours. A portion of the proposed Project Site was formerly an auto salvage and recycling facility. The proposed battery energy storage system (“BESS”) enclosures measure approximately 28.8 feet long, 5.5 feet wide, and 9.1 feet tall. The BESS units would be arranged on concrete pads in a back-to-back orientation in the southeast portion of the Project Site. Each BESS unit would be thermally managed by an integrated cooling and heating system and would contain sensors supporting embedded monitoring and controls. The Project would also include power conversion systems, medium-voltage transformers on concrete slabs, medium voltage cables, and other electric infrastructure.

The Company proposes to connect the batteries to an adjacent existing overhead 115 kV transmission line (Line A127-4) owned by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid via an air-insulated substation (“Project Substation”), an on-site overhead 115 kV line tap that extends about 100 feet, and a 3-breaker ring bus.

The Company proposes that the Project Substation will step up the voltage when electricity is flowing from the batteries to the electrical grid and will step down the voltage when the electricity is flowing in the opposite direction, i.e., from the grid to the batteries, to allow the Project to store the power. The Company proposes to operate the Project consistently with the Massachusetts Clean Peak Standard, which incentivizes storing energy during off-peak periods and discharging electricity to the grid during times of peak load. The Project substation will include substation equipment, graveled yard area, and surrounding security fencing. The substation equipment will include a main power transformer, switchgear, circuit breakers, disconnect switches, and low- and high-voltage buses.

The closest residences to the west and east of the proposed location of the battery containers on the Project Site are approximately 1,800 feet and 1,950 feet away from the proposed location, respectively, and the closest residences to the north and south are approximately 2,200 feet and 1,400 feet away, respectively.

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## VETERANS DAY SALUTE

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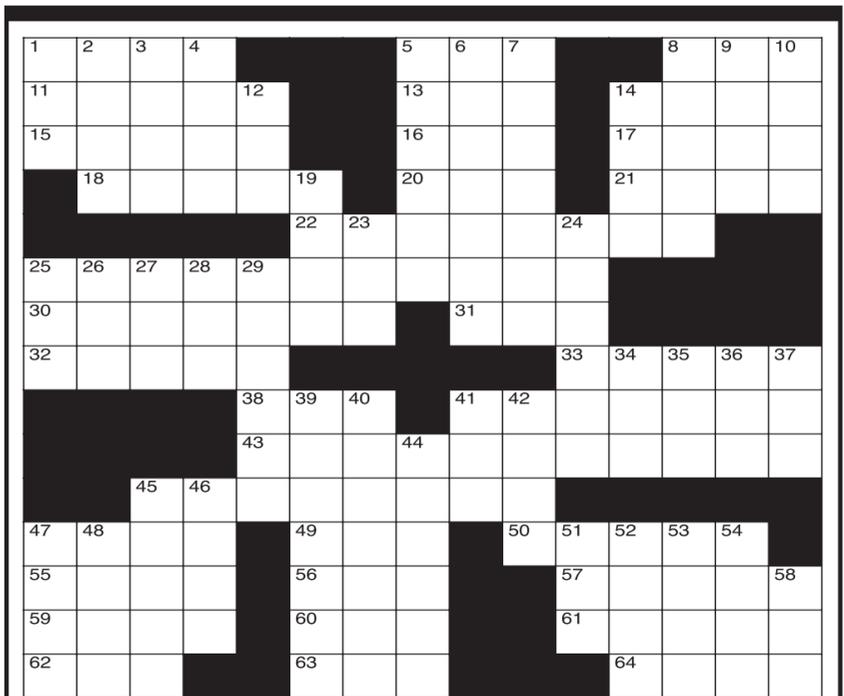
The Barre Gazette will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to [dflynn@turley.com](mailto:dflynn@turley.com) or drop off a photo to **Turley Publications, Inc.**

**Ware River News, 80 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082**  
All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than **Monday, October 13, 2025.**

*There is no cost to submit a photo. No photos will be accepted after deadline. If you would like to use a prior submitted photo, please contact Dan Flynn no later than October 13th (413) 297-5886.*



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- Warm greeting

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- Engine additive
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# Public Notices

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No.  
WO25C0493CA  
In the matter of:  
Saige Claire Begin**

**CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Saige Claire Begin of South Barre, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Saige Willa Gustafson  
IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/21/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: September 19, 2025  
**Stephanie Fattman**,  
Register of Probate  
10/09/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No.  
WO25P3349EA  
Estate of:  
Francis M Cahill Jr  
Also known as:  
Francis M Cahill  
Date of Death: 10/01/2023**

**CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Pro-**

**bate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Buffie Garratt of Palmer, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Buffie Garratt of Palmer, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/28/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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

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

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

Date: September 25, 2025  
**Stephanie Fattman**,  
Register of Probate  
10/09/2025

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice of Public Hearing**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5 (The Zoning Act), that the Planning Board of the Town of Barre will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:45 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, Floor 3.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear testimony and comment from interested persons relative to proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Barre, said amendments having been submitted to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion as Articles on the Warrant for consideration and action at a future Town Meeting to be convened at a place and time to be determined by the Select Board. After the Public Hearing the Board will, as required by law, vote its recommendations on the proposed articles and report them to the Town Meeting.

The following proposed Article for the Town Meeting amends the existing Zoning Bylaw as to the regulation of Battery Energy Storage Systems. This is only a summary and may not be the same as the Article on the final Town Meeting Warrant and is inserted herein for convenience and discussion purposes only.

Summary of Proposed Zoning Article:

Article: 140-10.2  
A copy of the full text of the proposed Article is on file with the Planning Board for review by interested parties during regular business hours or via e-mail [barreboards@townofbarre.com](mailto:barreboards@townofbarre.com). All persons who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board, 40 West Street – Suite 5, Barre, MA 01005 or via e-mail [barreboards@townofbarre.com](mailto:barreboards@townofbarre.com).

Floyd Kelley, Chairman  
10/9, 10/16/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Docket No.  
WO25P2802EA  
Estate of:  
Patricia R. Doty-Cahill  
Also Known As:  
Patricia Rose Doty-Cahill  
Date of Death: 06/27/2025**

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Buffie Garratt of Palmer, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Buffie Garratt of Palmer, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
10/09/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
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Docket No.  
WO25P3313EA  
Estate of:**

**Kevin R Kenary  
Date of Death: 03/19/2025  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Angela M O'Connor of Crownsville, MD** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Ann E Meilus of Barre, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/21/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A**

**Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 22, 2025  
**Stephanie Fattman**,  
Register of Probate  
10/09/2025

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10/09/2025

**BARRE PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provision M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 6, the Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Norma and John McAndrew for a special permit for a noncommercial kennel for property located at 723 South Street, Assessors Map E, Lot 36 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 4464, Page 0373.

All interested parties who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman  
10/09, 10/16/2025

# Calendar of Events

## THURSDAY, OCT. 9

**FREE VIRTUAL CAREER SKILLS WORKSHOP** hosted by Early Risers Toastmasters Club will take place today from 7:30-9 a.m. The workshop is designed to help participants sharpen key professional skills including public speaking, meeting leadership, interview presentation, and facilitation skills. People may register at [earlyrisers.toastmastersclubs.org](http://earlyrisers.toastmastersclubs.org).

**LIBRARY PASSES** are available at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland according to the Friends of the Rutland Library. Library passes are available for free or substantially discounted admission to local museums, including Old Sturbridge Village. This program is funded in part by a grant from the Rutland Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 10

**INAUGURAL QUABBIN DAYS CELEBRATION** will take place today at 10 a.m. at the Quabbin Reservoir Les and Terry Campbell Visitor Center, 100 Winsor Road, Belchertown. The opening ceremony will feature remarks by Quabbin Region state senators, representatives and other invited guests. It is a project of the Friends of the Quabbin ([www.friendsofquabbin.org](http://www.friendsofquabbin.org)) and is being supported through a grant from the Mass Cultural Council's Creative Experiences program. Managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the Quabbin Reservoir and its surrounding lands stand as a model of conservation. For hikers, anglers, nature photographers and history enthusiasts, Quabbin Days is an invitation to experience this extraordinary landscape at its most vibrant.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 11

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

**ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB FAIR** will take place today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. A lunch of beef stew, sandwiches and pie for dessert will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The fair will be held in the Parish Hall, West Myrtle Street, Orange. There will be baked goods, raffles, cemetery baskets, apples, outdoor tag sale weather permitting and more.

**BOOK SALE** will take place today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Petersham Memorial Library on the Common. There will be a preview for Petersham only on Friday, Oct. 10 from 7-9 p.m.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 12

**LANCASTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY** presents a program entitled "Hidden Treasures: The Art of Lancaster's Chandler Family Women" today at 2 p.m. in the Hawkin's Fellowship Hall of the First Church of Christ, Unitarian located at 725 Main St., Lancaster. This program will feature one of Lancaster's once prominent families and the recently discovered "Treasure Trove" of artwork created by women of the family plus that of their close friend, Anna Henshaw Whitney. This event is free to LHS members and for a \$5 fee for others attending. For more information, people may call 978-733-6907.



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**This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Oct. 13. Robert Brand, Bridget Lachance, James Laramee and Crystal Lucchesi correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was taken of the new building at Camp Putnam, Rutherford Road, New Braintree.**

## MONDAY, OCT. 13

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BARRE** will meet today at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre. Refreshments will be served by Melissa, Melinda and Kirsten. There will also be a penny sale at this meeting. People should bring their goodies.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 17

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

## SATURDAY, OCT. 18

**CHURCH BENEFIT BREAKFAST** will take place today from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4

Coldbrook Road, Oakham. Proceeds benefit the Rutland and Barre Food Pantries. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, strawberries, juice, coffee, tea and hot cocoa. The breakfast is open to all. There will be a free will donation of one's choosing. People may also bring non-perishable food items for the food pantries.

**FALL SCAVENGER HUNT** sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society will take place today at 2 p.m. in the Wood House, 232 Main St., Rutland. Participants will discover the interesting facets about Rutland's town's history as they search the collection of artifacts for clues to locate the highlighted items. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

**BENEFIT DINNER** to support the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard sponsored by the Wilbraham Knights of Columbus Council 10195 will be held today at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. The survival center helps to feed and clothe over 400 individuals monthly in Wilbraham, Hampden, Ludlow, Indian Orchard and 16 Acres. The menu features a homemade chicken parm Italian dinner complete with pasta, salad, bread, coffee and cannolis. The event will include numerous raffles and musical entertainment with sing-a-longs. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by emailing [George Reich](mailto:GeorgeReich@ticketskoc10195@gmail.com) at [ticketskoc10195@gmail.com](mailto:ticketskoc10195@gmail.com) or may be picked up at after Mass in the St. Cecilia rotunda starting on Saturday, Sept. 27.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 19

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

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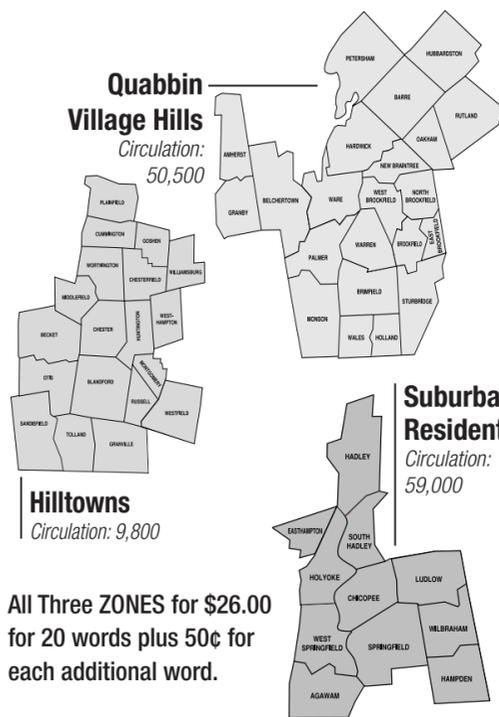
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