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The Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2025 hosted a Fall Bazaar last Saturday. Seniors are shown with a banner featuring their supporting sponsors.

## Quabbin seniors host Fall Bazaar

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BARRE – The 2025 Fall Bazaar took place this past Saturday at Quabbin Regional High School.

The Fall Bazaar is a day of fun activities and fundraising to support the senior class. Students of the Class of 2025 put in a lot of hard work and effort to put this fun fall bazaar together to help raise funds for their class activities.

Senior Advisor to the Class of 2025, Davey Ljungberg can only describe the Fall Bazaar as “an event brought back to life.”

He said this senior class fundraiser brings back a fun tradition for the students of Quabbin Regional High School. It is also a fun community event that connects the school community with the town community.

“A little community event to raise money for the senior class,” Ljungberg said.

Ljungberg’s co-advisor is Chris Nosek who is also a big supporter of the Fall Bazaar. Nosek

teaches middle school math and Ljungberg teaches computer science.

This was the second year that the school has hosted a Fall Bazaar to support the senior class since bringing it back. Prior to the pandemic, the Fall Bazaar was a fun, annual event that gave seniors the opportunity to provide fun activities and reach out to the community for support.

Barre Fire Department brought a fire truck and ambulance for a touch a truck event for the families who visited during the Fall Bazaar. Additional funds came

from raffles, the concession stand in operation and a spot to buy some Quabbin High School Panthers merchandise.

Many volunteers consisted of juniors, seniors and parents who helped with running the snack shack, raffles and games. The Fall Bazaar also welcomed a face painter for kids. Fun activities for kids also included arts and crafts, pumpkin painting and many fun outdoor games.

The Fall Bazaar featured several Halloween themed games,

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## King’s Tour of the Quabbin



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Over 100 cyclists participated in this year’s King’s Tour.

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HARDWICK – The King’s Tour of the Quabbin was a fun activity for bicyclists in central Massachusetts.

This event is made possible thanks to the Seven Hills Wheelmen. This year’s tour featured over 100 cyclists who all started at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, which as also the finish line was for both routes.

The Seven Hills Wheelmen is a nonprofit recreational cycling club whose members organize and promote non-competitive road cycling and mountain biking throughout central Massachusetts. Riders of all abilities are welcome, with most rides categorized by pace and terrain.

Other activities the Seven Hills Wheelmen participate in include hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Activities are organized and led by volunteers.

There were new gravel routes that were mapped out for the 2024 King’s Tour. Riders and their bikes could venture on a century or metric century on the road, or a long or short gravel loop around the Quabbin Reservoir, a beautiful destination in the heart of Massachusetts.

All of the routes would bring cyclists to the Quabbin tower.

Helping out with the King’s Tour were Christine Whipple, Steve Plays and Lynne Tolman. Route links and rider packets were provided to all who registered for the tour.

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## Gramarossa honored at QHSUA’s anniversary celebration

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MONSON – The Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance marked two milestones this year – the 10 year anniversary of the alliance’s formation and the retirement of longtime member Gail Gramarossa.

“We have a lot to celebrate,” Rebecca Edwards, Drug Free Communities Grant Director, said at a luncheon held in Memorial Hall to honor Gramarossa and celebrate the anniversary last Friday afternoon.

Gramarossa served as the Prevention and Community Health Director for the town of Ware as well as the Program Director for QHSUA, just two of the many roles she has taken on since she first became involved with substance use prevention dating back to 1996 when she became managing director of STOP (Stop Teenage Addiction to Tobacco).

Gramarossa has also been active serving her hometown community of Belchertown, serving on the Board of Health for six terms from 1998 until 2016 and the Select Board from 2019-2022. Currently, Gramarossa serves on the Belchertown Opioid Prevention Fund Advisory Committee.

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Submitted photos

Eli and Abigail Wisnewski cut the ribbon to officially open Tessa’s Playhouse named in memory of their mother, Tessa Wisnewski.

## Tessa’s Playhouse officially opens



Tessa’s family stand in front of the Tessa’s Playhouse. They are, from left her mother-in-law, Mrs. Wisnewski; husband, Ben Wisnewski; son, Eli Wisnewski; daughter, Abigail Wisnewski and her parents, Denise and Randy Packard.

OAKHAM – Tessa’s Playhouse located behind the Fobes Memorial Library officially opened Saturday, Oct. 5 with a noon ribbon cutting ceremony.

Eli and Abigail Wisnewski cut the ribbon for the playhouse built in memory of their mother Tessa (Packard) Wisnewski. The playhouse has many murals drawn by Samatha Kirkland and landscaping was by Library Trustee Lisa Huntington.

Adjacent to the playhouse is a fun outdoor play area for children, which includes a sand pile and a water pump that really pumps water. There are several benches for parents or grandparents to sit while their children or grandchildren play.

## Oaktobberfest returns and draws large crowd



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Wright Memorial Field was a busy place last Saturday, Oct. 5.



The annual Oaktobberfest event ended with a bonfire after dark.



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# SPORTS

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## Big win for Panthers as they inch toward .500



Kelsey Allen sends a goal kick away.



Alley Majoy runs into pressure.

BARRE – Last week, Quabbin Regional High School girls soccer scored two big wins and a tie to improve to 4-5-2 on the season. The Panthers defeated rival Quaboag 5-1 followed by a 1-0 shutout of Gardner on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The Panthers then tied Maynard on the road. They are looking for one more win to get to .500. The Panthers are on the road at Tyngsborough on Oct. 10 at 4 p.m.



Elizabeth Matheson blocks the ball.



Bianca Wilder sends a pass up the middle of the field.



Elizabeth Matheson gets the pass away.

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## Young Panthers stay in match with Maynard

By Tim Peterson  
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BARRE—Freshmen and sophomores are normally members of a junior varsity team at most high schools. That's not the case for the boys' soccer team at Quabbin Regional High School.

There are a total of 13 sophomores and freshmen listed on the Panthers varsity roster and it has been a learning experience for them this fall.

Quabbin was trailing, 3-0, against Mid-Wach C League rival Maynard five minutes into the second half.

The young Panthers managed to close the gap to 3-2, but the Tigers scored a pair of late goals, and they headed home with a 5-2 victory, last Thursday afternoon.

"I saw a lot of positive things in today's game despite the outcome," said Quabbin head coach Ryan Wine. "We're a young team and I just want my players to keep improving in every game that we play this season."

Quabbin, who lost to Maynard, 6-1, at the beginning of the regular season, had a 1-9-1 overall record following the home loss. The Panthers only victory was a 1-0 home shutout versus Tahanto Regional on September 12. They also played a 3-3 tie at Littleton 14 days later.

There are only two seniors listed on the Quabbin varsity roster. One of them is Ethan Salvatore. The other senior is Kevin Boles, who's sidelined with an ankle injury that he suffered during a summer league game.

"Ethan is a strong kid and we're happy that he's a member of our soccer team this year," said Wine, who graduated from Quabbin Regional in 2012. "Kevin suffered an ankle injury in a summer league game and he's probably out for the season."

We really do miss him a lot.

The Panthers only junior is Collin Lindley, who's a starting defender.

Salvadore, Boles, and Lindley are also captains, along with sophomore James Cook.

Wine made a couple of changes during the game against the Tigers (7-1-3). He moved sophomore Nathan Cruz, who's a starting defender, to a midfield position. Cook was moved to a wing position.

"Nathan is a physical type of a player and having him in the middle makes a difference against good teams like Maynard," Wine said. "We also switched (sophomore) Logan Bruley to defense. We just want to keep the players positive."

Two eighth graders also saw action in a varsity soccer game for the first time since Wine has been coaching the team. They are Eli Fox and Cavin Rivard, who were the first two players off the Panthers bench.

"This is the first time we've played eighth graders since I've been the varsity coach," Wine said. "I thought they played very well."

Maynard took a 1-0 lead on a header by senior Miller Norris following a long throw-in from the left sideline from junior Alexander Mendez during the sixth minute of the opening half.

Nine minutes later, junior Anuar Alvarez gave the visiting team a 2-0 advantage on a chip shot over Quabbin sophomore Alijah Flint following a corner kick. Flint finished the home match with ten saves.

"Alijah is averaging between ten and twelve saves per game," Wine said. "He's kept us in a lot of games this season. He's a very good goalie."

The Tigers, who held a 2-0 half-time lead, scored another goal five minutes into the second half on a rebound shot by freshman Abraham Brown.

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Anthony Arventos scrambles around looking to pass.



Cassian Kowalik goes for the tackle.

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## Pathfinder falls to SICS

PALMER – Last Saturday morning, the Pathfinder Tech suffered a 40-30 loss against Springfield International Charter School. The Pioneers put up their best offensive performance of the year. Unfortunately, the Pioneers fell behind 12-0 in the first quarter.

The Pioneers would outscore the Cybercats in the final three quarters, but could not make up the early deficit. Pathfinder drops to 0-4 on the season. The Pioneers face Monument Mountain on the road this Friday night at 7 p.m.



Nicholas Pfister looks for the end zoneers.



Dustyn Cook makes the reception.

## Pathfinder handles Putnam



Cayden Bousquet crosses to the right side of the field with the ball.

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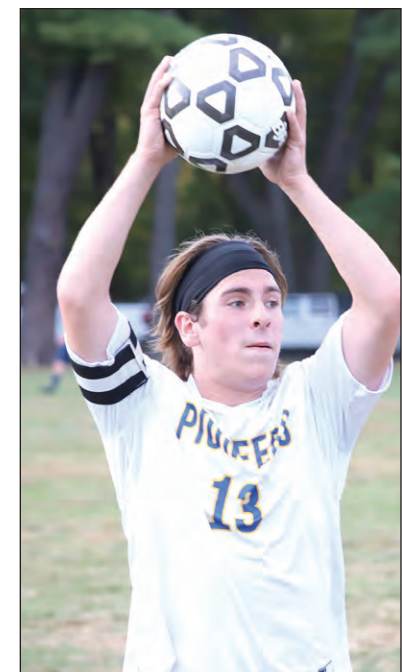
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SPRINGFIELD—Despite playing only two home matches during the first month of the regular season, the Pathfinder Tech boys' soccer team entered October with a 6-2 overall record.

The Pioneers road journey continued as they defeated the Putnam Voc./Tech Beavers, 5-1 at Forest Park in Springfield last Tuesday afternoon.

"We haven't played Putnam in a few years, so we really didn't know what to expect coming here," said Pathfinder Tech head coach Dave Wilson. "This is a very good win for us. We didn't suffer any more injuries or get any yellow cards."

The Pioneers only two losses have come on the road against



Zander Auffrey makes a throw-in.

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### Correction

In last week's coverage of Quabbin versus Quaboag football, the paper incorrectly reported Quaboag as the winner of the game. Quabbin won the game 34-0. We apologize for the error.