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## Special primary election results

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On Tuesday, Oct. 10 there was a special primary election to fill the vacancy for Senator in General Court for the Worcester and Hampshire District.

The election had only on contest and it was on the Republican Ballot. Bruce K. Chester, 30 Pine St., Gardner and Peter J. Durant, 109 Charlton Road, Spencer vied for slot to run as the Republican candidate in the state election on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Anne Gobi of Spencer, a Democrat, resigned her seat in the state Senate to become Director of Rural Affairs for the state.

In Barre, Peter Durant was the top vote getter with 96 votes (40 precinct 1 and 56 precinct 2) and Bruce Chester received 51 votes (28 precinct 1 and 23 precinct 2). The trend of Durant receiving the most votes also occurred in New

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## Citizens revive Barre Taxpayers Association

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BARRE – A handful of people attended the second meeting of the newly revived Barre Taxpayers Association in Allen Hall at the Woods Memorial Library on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The next meeting of the Barre Taxpayers Association will be on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Allen Hall of the library.

Neil Anders with help from Sam Lipson revived the defunct organization. Sam Lipson said John Meilius and others formed the Barre Taxpayers Association many years ago due to concerns on how town government was being run. He also said in the past this association made a difference and Barre could be a better organized town.

At the meeting, Anders invited each person to say why they were interested in the Barre Taxpayers Association. The group voiced concern over the lack of transparency and accountability of town government. They expressed a need to know what's going on. Many wondered why more people were not involved in town government.

Others said they didn't really understand a lot of the workings of town government. Another resident said not many people vote in the town elections. The overall consensus was the need for more people to become involved and to have some

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## Quabbin Youth Football watch high school game



Turley Photos by Mary Whitelaw

Quabbin Youth Football team attended the Quabbin Regional High School Football game Friday, Oct. 6



Quabbin Youth Football Cheer Team attended the Quabbin Regional High School Football last Friday, Oct. 6.

## Dusha Nelson announces her resignation from Listening

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BARRE – After nearly 11 years in her role as Executive Director of Listening Wellness Center, Laura Dusha Nelson has announced her resignation, as she prepares to start a new career path as an End Of Life Doula and a National Board Certified Integrative Health and Wellness Coach.

Dusha Nelson came to the Listening Wellness Center as a client when she had first moved to the area. She was working at a job in Worcester at the time, when one of Listening's practitioners reached out to her.

"One of the practitioners reached out to me and said the position was opening and asked if I was interested," Dusha Nelson said. "It was a very part time position at that point."

A lot has changed at Listening Wellness Center since Dusha Nelson became executive director, with the addition of new practitioners, more classes and programs, and the inclusion of mental health therapy.

Growing with Listening was the role of executive director, which became full-time as the center increased its reach in

Barre and surrounding communities.

Dusha Nelson said her greatest accomplishment at Listening has been attracting and retaining new practitioners, along with networking and giving the community diversity.

"Oftentimes people don't know what Listening is or anything about it," Dusha Nelson said.

She said she never realized the positive impact she had on the community, until she announced her resignation in order to return to school.

"I never thought I made an impression," she said.

Dusha Nelson also navigated Listening into its 20th year in 2020, through the complexities of the pandemic, working with practitioners to continue offering services safely, while utilizing online platforms and social distancing.

Getting Listening Wellness Center through the pandemic, was one of the things that motivated Dusha Nelson to enter this new chapter in her life.

"It made me reflect and say, 'I want to do more and for more people,'" she said, and she would accomplish that by following her dream to become and End Of Life Doula and a

National Board Certified Integrative Health and Wellness Coach

"I had an idea prior to taking this job of going into therapy and/or coaching," Dusha Nelson said. "It's always been in the back of mind."

As an End of Life Doula, Dusha Nelson will support clients in advanced planning of their death, including legacy projects, care coordination, conducting life reviews, vigil planning and assisting with their wishes.

She said being an End of Life Doula can also involve doing things like going for a walk with clients or taking care of their relationship with their family.

"It's really about companioning them, that person, and holding space for them in their family...whatever that looks like for the individual circumstance," she said.

Dusha Nelson also plans to provide bereavement support and education in the future.

"People don't talk about death and dying ahead of time. If we talk about it upfront, it makes the process so much easier for everyone," she said.

In her role as a National Board Certified Integrative

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## Select Board holds hearing on Old Reservoir Dam

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BARRE – The Barre Select Board held a public hearing on the old Reservoir dam with several state officials from the Department of Conservation and Recreation and an engineer from AECOM in attendance.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall opened the public hearing and invited the officials present to discuss the situation at what was called the Old Reservoir Dam. Jennifer Bream Doyle, the project engineer said the DCR was looking at the need to either rebuild or removed six abandoned dams in the state. The Old Reservoir Dam in Barre was one of them.

The dam was on the list as a failure of the dam would cause possible loss of lives and extensive property damage. She said the dam was considered abandoned because the original owners were all deceased and there was no record of descendants. She said the DCR approached the town with three options, which the state would fund.

The options were repair to bring the dam into compliance with current dam regulations, a partial removal of the dam or complete removal. For the repairs to take place, the town must agree to take

ownership of the property and to maintain and keep the dam compliant with state regulations and in proper condition.

Some of the things the state would do before beginning the project would be a condition assessment, topographical study, sediment sampling, subsurface investigation and spillway adequacy determination.

Doyle said the dam was 20 feet high and 690 feet long with an earth embankment, concrete and masonry structure. The deepest part of the reservoir is about eight feet. It had a capacity of 590 acres and was in poor condition.

The dam was not at capacity due to a partial breach in 1987. Failure of the dam resulting in a complete breach would impact South Barre Center, Mechanic Street, Worcester Road, Barre Center and the Allen Pond Dam, located downstream to the reservoir dam on the Prince River.

Bill Soloma of DCR Dam Safety said inspections said of the dam remained below capacity following the rains in July. They would prefer a partial breach or full removal of the dam, but the decision rests with the Barre Select Board. The 30 plus people in attendance wanted to rebuild the dam rather than either of the two options.

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## Seniors enjoy coffee with local police



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Lt. Joseph Brown joined seniors at the Barre Senior Center for conversation while enjoying coffee and pastries.

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BARRE – The first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. brings seniors and local police together for a cup of coffee at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road.

The Barre Senior Center provides hot coffee, pastries, and a social interactive atmosphere to the residents of Barre, Hardwick and New Braintree. For the local police departments and the town residents, it's an opportunity to build relationships throughout the community.

Joining the seniors for the month of October was Barre Police Lieutenant Joseph Brown. A regular visitor to the Barre Senior Center, Brown enjoys the time to go visit and socialize with the seniors and share what goes on in their community.

Brown also uses this opportunity to let seniors ask questions, make introductions and try to develop new relationships with those new

to Barre and neighboring towns. Brown enjoys getting to know the residents and sharing numerous stories with each other.

"It's a chance to get to know your residents," said Brown.

Brown is a lifelong resident of Barre, and he joined the Barre Police Department in 2008. He has been lieutenant for over a year.

Being involved with serving the town he calls home only makes coffee with his senior friends more meaningful.

The police departments of Barre, Hardwick, and New Braintree rotate for monthly coffee meetings so every officer can get a chance to interact with the citizens. The monthly coffee meetings have been going on for over five years and has always been beneficial to the seniors and the police force.

"The biggest benefit is the relationships created from this activity," said Brown. It "makes the seniors more comfortable and the

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# News of the Towns

**Round Town**  
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## Class of 2025 hosts Fall Bazaar Oct. 14

The Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2025 is hosting a Fall Bazaar at the school, 800 South St., on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be games, food, live music and fun. Sponsors of the event include Fidelity Bank, Hardwick Crossing Country Club, Barre Pizza, Higgins Powersports, Meadowbrook Orchards, Wholesome Farmers Market, Old Furnace General Store, C&C Pools, J&J Family Restaurant, White Valley Motors and Hardwick Farmers Co-Op Exchange.

### Crawdad

The band Crawdad will perform Saturday, Oct. 28 from 2-6 p.m. and Barre American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road. People are invited to come in and hear the band. Entry fee is nonperishable food items for those who need some assistance.

### Eastern Star breakfast

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

### Backroads Studio Tour

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

## 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. 16. 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 — Salisbury steak with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, herbed carrots, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

TUESDAY — Chicken Fajitas, Spanish rice, black beans and corn, sour cream, Mandarin oranges, pita bread

WEDNESDAY — Teriyaki beef, steamed rice, broccoli, pineapple, fortune cookie, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY — Potato crunch fish, potatoes au gratin, green beans, tapioca and diet tapioca pudding, marble rye bread, tartar sauce

FRIDAY — Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, mixed vegetables, Rice Krispie treat, Italian bread

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

## Volunteers make repairs to Ware River Park gazebo

By Paula Ouimette  
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HARDWICK — Volunteer efforts at the newly completed Ware River Park in Gilbertville continued this past week, with work being done to repair and improve the gazebo at New Furnace Landing.

Conservation Commission Vice-Chair Rebecca Bottomley said work to the post and beam structure started earlier last week, and is already almost done, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Christian Gudman of Hardwick Post & Beam, Marc Courchesne of The Lone Wolf Craftsman and Bill Tinker, master electrician.

"All three of these people have given their time and talents," Bottomley said.

The gazebo was built in 1999 by former Hardwick Post & Beam owner Ridge Shinn, using a grant secured by the East Quabbin Land Trust to develop the parcel of land. The gazebo provides breathtaking views of the Ware River and is a popular spot for picnickers and those passing through town.

Back in 2017, the Conservation Commission noticed that one of the posts was starting to rot and they replaced the bottom third of it. Since that time, other posts have started to rot due to weather and exposure over the past 24 years.

Current Hardwick Post & Beam owner Gudman has donated new posts and beams, as well as his equipment. Courchesne spent countless days using pressure treated lumber to close in the lower section of the gazebo, and replace rotten boards on the walkway.

"He's gratefully donating a lot of his time," Bottomley said of Courchesne, who also volunteered to develop the trail. "He's doing this out of the goodness



Repairs were made to replace rotting posts on the gazebo.

of his heart. He's a talented guy."

The pressured treated lumber was provided by the Conservation Commission.

Tinker repaired the gazebo's existing wiring, installing lighting inside the structure and floodlights outside, which will help with safety in the park and discourage vandalism and litter.

"We want to protect this gazebo," Bottomley said. "It's a beautiful spot."

Bottomley thanked Gudman, Courchesne and Tinker for their efforts to repair the gazebo and serve the community through their volunteerism.

"They want to help the town," she said.



Bill Tinker of Hardwick, master electrician, volunteered to make repairs to electrical wiring and installed floodlights outside and lights inside the gazebo at New Furnace Landing, part of Ware River Park in Gilbertville.



The underside of the gazebo was enclosed to protect it from vandalism and littering.



Submitted Photos

Rotten boards have been replaced on the walkway to the gazebo.

## Hubbardston

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## Taste of Hubbardston takes place Oct. 18

The Hubbardston Economic Development Committee invites residents to their "Taste of Hubbardston" event on Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 5-8 p.m. at the Pinecrest Lodge, 84 Bemis Road. This is a fun community event celebrating all of the great local food and beverage producers in Hubbardston. Admission is free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be available for sampling. People should RSVP by emailing [EDC@hubbardstonma.us](mailto:EDC@hubbardstonma.us) by Friday, Oct. 13 if they can make so samplings can be planned accordingly.

### Special Town Meeting

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

### Horribles parade

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

### Senior center events

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

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

## Barre Food Pantry holds distribution

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

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

Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020.

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

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

### Food donations

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

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

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

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE.

Barre Housing Authority – Oct. 12 at 3 p.m.  
 CMRPC Barre Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 12 at 5:30 p.m.  
 QRSD Student Services Subcommittee – Oct. 12 at 5:30 p.m.  
 QRSD Building Grounds and Safety Subcommittee – Oct. 12 at 6 p.m.  
 QRSD Technology Subcommittee – Oct. 12 at 6 p.m.  
 QRSD School Committee – Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – Oct. 12 and Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Oct. 16 and Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.  
 Select Board – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.  
 Sewer Commission – Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.  
 Zoning Board of Appeals – Oct. 19 and Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee – Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.  
 250th Anniversary Committee – Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Oct. 26 at 11 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Nov. 1 at 1 p.m.  
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.  
 Felton Field Commission – Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Water Commission – Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

### HARDWICK.

Capital Planning Committee – Oct. 16 at 3 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Water District – Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – Oct. 16 and Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Oct. 16 at 6:45 p.m. and Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Master Planning Steering Committee – Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Historical Commission – Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Registrars – Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.  
 Library Trustees – Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.  
 Recycling Commission – Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Parks Commission – Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Oct. 19, Nov. 1 and Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Oct. 24, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.  
 Special Town Meeting – Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.  
 Cultural Council – Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Select Board – Oct. 24, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Oct. 25 and Nov. 22 at 6 p.m.  
 Downtown Development Committee – Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Select Board – Oct. 16, Oct. 30 and Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Select Board – Oct. 12 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Advisory Finance Committee – Oct. 12 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Oct. 13 at 9 a.m.  
 Petersham Historic District – Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Select Board Hearing – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.  
 Event Committee – Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Ad Hoc By-law Committee – Oct. 17 at 1 p.m.  
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Oct. 19 and Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Earthworks Board – Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Planning Board Public Hearings – Oct. 24 at 6:45 and 7 p.m.  
 Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing – Oct. 25 at 6 p.m.

## Agronomyfest celebrates vineyard's fifth anniversary

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
 Staff Writer

OAKHAM – The Agronomy Farm Vineyard, 338 Ware Corner Road, celebrated five years of being open with Agronomyfest, with music, wine, food, and games for all to enjoy.

Sunday, Oct. 8 was a beautifully crisp fall day and perfect for outdoor fun for all who attended the vineyard's special celebration. There were two food trucks with local businesses Off the Hook Roadside Eatery and Say Cheese Gourmet Grilled Cheese.

The Oakham Cub Scout Pack 144 also had a table selling many different flavors of delicious popcorn and sweet chocolate covered pretzels; the perfect salty and sweet snack.

Owner and operator of Agronomy Farm Vineyard, Marissa O'Connor, and her husband, Corey, planted the vineyard in 2014 with two types of grapes: Marquette and Cayuga. The two grapes make delicious red and white wines that are made at the vineyard.

In October of 2018, the vineyard opened a Tasting Room to the public with tables, chairs, and tasty snacks to pair alongside the delicious wines and hard ciders.

"It's always been our dream to do this," O'Connor said. "I love being able to share this experience with others."

O'Connor wants all who come to the vineyard to relax and unwind and have fun tasting the wine and enjoying the beautiful scenery.

The vineyard has also hosted (and will host more) events like farmers markets, stone-fired pizzas on Fridays over the summers, and workshops that teach how to pair different wines with foods, the art of charcutier, and private events like weddings, graduations, birthdays and more.

"We hope people who come here can relax and enjoy and spend time with friends and fam-



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Three friends enjoyed their wine tasting at Agronomyfest held at Agronomy Farm Vineyard this past Sunday.



Caleb, Chris, David, Mike Groner, Asher, and Ben Baker of Oakham Cub Scout Pack 144 sold popcorn to fund their future trips.

ily in the outdoors," O'Connor said. The best spot is bar far the gazebos along the banks of the pond.

Friends Sarah Ferragamo, Jessica Smith and Jody O'Day loved the vineyard, and found their favorites were the Pineapple Ginger Slider and Cosmic Love.

The vineyard hosts live music

on the weekends with local artists and more, and is the perfect place to relax for an afternoon.

For more information, follow Agronomy Farm Vineyard on Facebook, visit [www.agronomyfarmvineyard.com](http://www.agronomyfarmvineyard.com), call 508-212-9889 or email [agronomyfarmvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:agronomyfarmvineyard@gmail.com).

## Oakham Cultural Council accepting applications

OAKHAM – Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs are now being accepted.

Organizations, schools and individuals are invited to apply to the Oakham Cultural Council for grants that support cultural activities in the community. Applications should be addressed to Linda Saupe, Oakham Cultural Council Chair, 33 Barre Road, Oakham, MA 01068 and postmarked no later than Monday, Oct. 16.

The Council supports a variety of artistic projects and activities in Oakham, including exhibits, field trips, workshops, lectures, demonstrations by artists and craftsmen, and musical performances.

The Oakham Cultural Council will distribute \$5,500

in grants in 2023. Projects funded in whole or in part by the Council in 2022 included historical research and document preservation, health and wellness programs, a children's play garden, a demonstration of drums and percussion instruments and a variety of musical events and concerts, among others.

The council frequently partners with local organizations such as the Fobes Memorial Library, the Oakham Council on Aging, Oakham Parks and Recreation, Oakham Historical Museum and the Friends of the Oakham Bandstand to bring arts experiences to the community. All groups and individuals are welcome to apply.

The Oakham Cultural Council is part of a network of

329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Application forms and information about the Local Cultural Council program are available online at [http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc\\_public.aspx](http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx).

For more information on Oakham Cultural Council grants, people may call Linda Saupe, OCC Chair, at 508-882-5225 or email [saupe@mac.com](mailto:saupe@mac.com).

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## Flu clinic to be held Oct. 23

A flu clinic will be held on Monday, Oct. 23 from 12:30-3 p.m. at the Oakham Senior Center, 2 Coldbrook Road. The Oakham Board of Health is happy to be able to assist Oakham seniors and New Braintree at the Oakham Senior Center with this year's annual opportunity to receive an influenza vaccination. This is done in collaboration with the Leicestershire Regional Public Health Coalition and conducted by nursing staff from VNA Care. People may register at this link on by visiting [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/193bRT-Dr5hq4hB\\_YKe8SCwvWzuzXNEFGmOd51XinA/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/193bRT-Dr5hq4hB_YKe8SCwvWzuzXNEFGmOd51XinA/edit).

### Coldbrook Springs Walk postponed

Due to the rainy forecast for this Saturday, Bob Locke decided to reschedule the Coldbrook Springs Walk to Saturday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. Participants should meet at the intersection of Coldbrook Road and the Rail Trail, just South of Worcester Road.

### Swamp Walk

The Swamp Walk to the 500 plus old Black Gum Tree is still scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at the corner of New Braintree Road and Gaffney Road. They should wear boots.

### Pen pals

The Oakham Council on Aging Penpal Program with the fourth grade students at Oakham Center School is off to a great start. The first student letters will be ready for pickup at the back door of the Forbes library on Monday, Oct. 30. Senior replies should be returned to our "mailbox" by the Wednesday, Nov. 8 deadline. Pen pals should remember to print their reply. Since our "mailbox" is outside this door, pickup and drop off is available 24/7 regardless of weather conditions. Thank you for your participation in this learning experience for our students.

### Church fair

The Harvest and Holly Fair sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will be held Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Fair Committee seeks crafters and vendors for the day of the fair. Cost is \$20. Anyone interested in having a table should call Ellie Downer at 774-262-5882 or email [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com). The church will have a baked table, cookie walk, snack bar, craft table, raffles, quilt raffle and white elephant room.

### Bake sale

The Oakham Congregational Church will hold a bake sale at the church the day of the election on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. In addition to baked items, coffee will be sold and quilt raffle tickets.

### Church benefit breakfast

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

### Dismas Farm fall harvest days

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

### Lesson and Carols

Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church. Rehearsals will begin at next month at a time and date to be determined. This year's cantata "Go Sing It on the Mountain" by Pepper Choplin. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 6-7 p.m. at the church. All are welcome to sing in this special Christmas cantata.

## Editorial deadline reminder

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

## Masonic open house at Mt. Zion Lodge on Oct. 21

BARRE – Mt. Zion Lodge of Freemasons, 71 Pleasant St., will hold an open house on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. A pancake breakfast will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. A firetruck will be there from 9:30 a.m.-noon. There will also be mums for sale, along with free face painting.

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# Opinion

## Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

### How do disability programs affect Social Security's budget?

Dear Rusty

I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs. My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government? When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them?

Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind

No part of Social Security's "budget" is used to pay Supplemental Security Income. SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security Trust Funds.

SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, Social Security Disability Insurance benefits are for employed Americans, who become disabled and unable to work full time. SSDI benefits are meant to provide limited income replacement for the disabled worker and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

The DI fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers, who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this separate DI trust fund, not from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund.

Payroll taxes collected for disability purposes are deposited in the DI Trust Fund as interest-bearing government bonds, and those DI assets are redeemed as needed to pay SSDI benefits. FYI, SSDI (disability) benefits stop when the person reaches full retirement age, at which point the beneficiary is automatically switched to regular SS retirement and after which their benefits are paid from the regular Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund.

"Regular" Social Security retirement benefits, spousal benefits, dependent benefits and survivor benefits are paid from Social Security's OASI Trust Fund, which receives most 5.3% of the 6.2% FICA Social Security tax withheld from the paychecks of American workers. As of the end of 2022, the OASI Trust Fund held about \$2.7 trillion in interest bearing government bonds.

Neither SSI or SSDI affect this "regular" OASI Trust Fund - only true SS retirement benefits and benefits for dependents of the retiree are paid from the OASI Trust Fund. As an aside, Social Security reform is needed to prevent the OASI Trust Fund from being fully depleted in 2033.

To answer your last questions, the Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund was established in 1956, after which SSDI benefit payments to eligible disabled American workers began. Federal "Supplemental Security Income" assistance was codified into law in 1974. And, as you likely know, Social Security retirement, spousal and dependent benefits were enacted in the 1930s, before the first monthly Social Security check was mailed in January 1940. The impetus behind these programs? Avoiding poverty for the neediest among us. Without these programs, at least 22 million more Americans would be living below the poverty line.

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## Letter to the Editor

### We need to respect our laws regarding immigration

US Courts have a long-standing rule denying relief to individuals with "dirty hands" who seek the Courts' help. This applies to civil actions at all levels.

This rule should be consistently applied to all types of requests to the Court, including asylum seekers requesting permission to enter the US. Individuals illegally entering the United States, have broken our laws. They have "dirty hands" and should be denied the legal asylum they ask the Court to provide.

There are existing legal procedures available to request entry into the U.S. prior to doing so. Generations of immigrants have abided the legal method in effect at the time with excellent results. Non-compliers to those rules were turned away. That is the simple, immediate and fair solution to the current immigration problem.

Unfortunately, we seem incapable of respecting our own laws. Instead of immediately turning around illegal immigrants and sending them back across the border, we bus them to cities creating havoc for law-abiding citizens.

The reasons immigrants want to enter the U.S. have always been compelling. We should welcome them. That is the essence of this country, as is the respect and compliance with our laws. Our leaders need to honor their constitutional oath to uphold all the laws, not just the ones they agree with.

Paul Gallo  
Barre

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## In Past Pages

5 years (Oct. 18, 2018)

Richard Sullivan of Powers and Sullivan gave the Quabbin Regional School District an unqualified opinion, the best rating a Certified Public Account firm gives. He said the district made a profit of \$230,000 this year, as revenue was slightly higher for school choice and circuit breaker. The Quabbin Regional School District committee did not have to tap the emergency and deficiency account. He praised Cheryl Duval, director of administrative services for closing the books within 45 days after the end of the fiscal year. His firm conducted the annual audit in mid-August. He said he and his staff received timely responses to all information asked. His firm found no findings in regard to spending of federal funds.

The Petersham Select Board on Oct. 9 voted unanimously to authorize the distribution of wood bank vouchers to Petersham residents beginning Monday, Oct. 15. Voucher holders may pick up wood at the Petersham Transfer Station site off Route 122 beginning Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wood bank vouchers may be obtained at Town Offices, 3 South Main St., in the Select Board Office during office hours on Mondays-Thursdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m.-noon.

Connor Foreman's Eagle Scout project came one step nearer to completion with the declaration of the town of Oakham as a HEART Safe community. Tina Dixon, CMED supervisor and American Heart Association Training Center coordinator, presented a plaque to the town of Oakham recognizing it as a HEART Safe community. Connor Foreman, his parents, Scout leaders and a fellow Boy Scout attended last night's selectmen meeting. Selectmen accepted the plaque and will hang it in the foyer of the town hall. Foreman raised funds to purchase five signs showing Oakham as a HEART Safe community. He ordered the signs and when they arrive, he will install them at five locations in town. The installation of signs will be the last piece before his Eagle board review.

10 years (Oct. 17, 2013)

It has been almost a year since the closing of the Petersham Country Store, but the store's future looks promising in part to strong support from the community and East Quabbin Land Trust. Cynthia Henshaw, EQLT Executive Director, in an update said that various procedures were necessary to get to a closing date that is anticipated for November. A recent press release from EQLT stated, "Among other recent steps, approval of the status of the shared septic system has been completed by the local Board of Health and sent to the Department of Environmental Protection as is standard."

The Petersham Open Space and Recreation Committee is in the process of reviewing and updating the town's Open Space and

### LOOK BACK Antiques Show - 1979



File photo

This display was in front of the Barre Town Hall for the Antiques Show on Nov. 10, 1979.

Recreation Plan. State policy mandates that municipalities update their Open Space and Recreation Plans every five years in order to be eligible for government grants. Chairman Robert Clark and his committee have meticulously reviewed the current plan and are in the process of recommending goals for the new plan.

This time of year, the Quabbin Reservoir is especially beautifully with colorful foliage reflected in its waters. Many people, however, are unaware of how this spectacular setting came to be. The Friends of the Quabbin and the Ware Community Theatre are collaborating to offer "Quabbin a Musical," a play about the reservoir's creation. Performances are scheduled for Nov. 7 - 10. "This play tells the human side of the story," said Cynthia LaBombard, Vice President of the Friends of Quabbin. "It's a story that needs telling." "Quabbin: A Musical" was written by Dorothy Johnson and award-winning composer, Steven Schoenberg, both of New Salem. It's set in 1938 in the fictitious town of North Village, a composite of the four towns that were taken for the project: Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott.

25 years (Oct. 15, 1998)

The latest offering of the Barre Players, "I Never Sang For My Father," opened to a minuscule audience on a rain swept night that seemed a fitting setting for this emotional swept production. The cast gave their all, as they do every time, whether in fun and frolic or grim reality, which this certainly was. Direct Liz Hodgen offers her feelings in a program paragraph, which says in part, "I was passionate about doing this play because it embodies so many universals we all may face during our lifetimes and which we hope will leave you emotionally drained, yet deeply satisfied that in facing stressful family situations, you are

not alone." The entire theme of the play, which has been thoroughly discussed in pre-play publicity, deals with the problem of what to do with aging parents, especially the kind that don't surrender gracefully to their rocking chair and power of attorney.

At the Oct. 1 meeting of the Barre Historical Society, Carole Garipey was the featured leader. She chronicled the two-year project of writing the book, "Queen Lake - A History." It is a fascinating book filled with the reminiscences of people who have lived nearby and camped there through the years. Carole interviewed over 60 people. Pictures old and new numbered over 80. Among the photos is that of a primitive dug-out Indian canoe found at the bottom of the lake by Athol frogmen in the 1960s. It remains on display at the Phillipston library. A picture of a powered parachute in a tree was taken in January 1998. Phil Stevens of Barre was flying up the lake when a strong gust of wind "spun him around and whisked him out of control, across the lake."

On Columbus Day at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the 70 works of art by 30 members of the Barre Arts Association residing in seven towns were ready to be taken down. The BAA Fall show had been a highly successful event chaired by Gail Murphy and Susan Coles. On Saturday, 118 visitors walked through the front door of Barre Town Hall. Sunday saw 175 visitors. Monday was not so busy with 17 arriving. As the show wound down, Joshua Smith, BAA president, was tallying the votes for visitors choice of "Best of Show." Top vote getter was an oil painting by Pat McInnes of East Brookfield, a copy of "Portrait of a Woman" by Robert Compin, an artist of the 15th century.

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It was a fairly pleasant week of weather. Days have been warm and evenings cool. The days are getting shorter.

I had a nice visit with our oldest daughter and her husband and put them both to work. She accompanied me to get a good load of groceries and will later help me stock the larder for winter. It was fun to see where she put the various groceries away.

She helped me with a few problems I had on my computer and did my toe nails. Her husband put salt in the water softener and went and got chicken wings for a special evening treat.

On Sunday, my other son-in-law came and ran the generator for about 15 minutes and cleaned up the area. It is important to run the generator ever so often..

I sewed four eye glass cases made from wool with embroidered flowers and a bag to carry a camera with the same decorations. I hope they will sell at the next craft show. I also have been going through my magazines and clippings articles I want to save and recipes I want to try.

Our granddaughter is featured in Cosmopolitan

Magazine in Tik Tok with 15 million followers in makeup. It is the September/October issue of the magazine.

I was given a book called, "How Not to Become a Little Old Lady." This is one I thought was very funny. Two little old ladies have been playing cards together for fifty years. One day one of them says to the other, "Now don't get mad, but I've forgotten your name. What is it?" The other little old lady glares at her for a couple of minutes and then says, "How soon do you need it?" Everyone needs a laugh every day.

I made an easy oven meal the other day. I put pork loin sliced thin, summer squash, cauliflower, carrots, mushrooms, broccoli, onions and sliced potatoes in the oven with a little tomato sauce. I cooked it for three quarters of an hour at 350 degrees.

### This and That

The foliage is starting to turn and some areas of town where it is swampy is quite pretty. Now comes the leaves for raking. I noticed that there are no acorns this year. We live in the middle of an oak forest.

### Other sightings

Other sightings for Oct. 6 reported to Massachusetts Audubon Society included a Townsend's warbler at Plum Island, a prothonotary warbler in Winchester and several reports of clay-colored sparrows.

### Loon Preservation Committee

Loon Preservation Committee staff and volunteers in the month of September focused on a number of important post-season tasks including storing nest rafts on shore for the winter (over 140 rafts statewide), pulling and storing the signs that were used to protect vulnerable loon families, rescuing loons in distress and beginning the process of quality checking the data collected during the summer months.

LPC staff rescued five loons in distress throughout the state during the month of September. Rescuing a loon is just the first step in getting it the help that it needs. They thank the veterinarians and rehabilitators who worked with us to evaluate and treat ailing loons: the wonderful veterinarians and staff at VCA Capital Area Veterinary Emergency and Specialty, Hopkinton Animal Hospital, and Meadow Pond Animal Hospital, who helped with x-rays, blood work and assessment of rescued loons; Dr. Mark Pokras, who consulted on all cases and provided valuable insight and suggestions for care; and Maria Colby of Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation, who housed, fed and provided daily care and treatment to all five loons rescued in September.

Sadly, LPC also continued to collect and necropsy dead loons throughout the state, nine total in September. While it is always sad to lose a loon, being able to determine the cause of death for individual loons allows LPC to collect valuable data on the challenges that the loon population is facing.

### Feeders

I put out my suet feeder during the day and take it in before dusk so the bears don't take the suet and feeder. I have lost quite a few feeder that way. I have downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers coming to the suet as well as white-breasted nuthatches and black-capped chickadees.

I also have a small tray feeder for meal worms and bird seed. I put a small amount of the meal worms and seed each day. The birds empty the feeder so the bears only find an empty tray.

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



By Ellenor Downer

LeConte's sparrow



On Friday, Oct. 6 Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a sighting of a LeConte's sparrow in Longmeadow.

The LeConte's sparrow is about five inches long and has a dark crown with a white central stripe. It also has reddish-brown streaks on a gray nape. The upper breast and flanks are buff colored.

It has a orang to buff orange face surrounding a gray ear patch. Other distinct features are a flat head and a short tail with fine streaking on the upper breast of juveniles.

This sparrow feeds on the ground and eats grass and weed seeds as well as insects. The female lays three to five light gray eggs with darker marks in a cup like nest of grasses placed on or just about the ground. They breed in Canada and winter in the Florida Gulf states.

To avoid danger, it often runs through grasses rather than flying over the grass. It may sing during the day and night. LeConte's sparrows inhabit marshes, wet meadows and weedy fields. Their song is a high-pitched buzz with accents at start and end like "tika-zzzzz-tzt."

## ELECTION RESULTS, continued from page 1

Braintree and Oakham. In New Braintree, Durant had 32 votes and Chester 11 and in Oakham Durant had 77 and Chester 27 votes. There were no candidates on the Libertarian ballot.

In Hubbardston, the trend on the Republican ballot was opposite of Barre, New Braintree and Oakham. Bruce Chester was the top vote getter with 108 and Durant 97.

Jonathan Zlotnick, 164 Sherman St., Gardner, candidate for the Senator in General Court for the Worcester and Hampshire

District was the only candidate on the Democrat ballot. In Barre, he received 58 votes (35 precinct 1 and 23 precinct 2). In New Braintree, Zlotnick received 14 votes and in Oakham, he received 24 votes. In Hubbardston, Zlotnick received 45 votes on the Democrat Ballot.

Voter turnout for this special primary was low. In Barre, Town Clerk Ellen Glidden reported a 5.01% voter turnout with 207 (104 precinct 1 and 103 precinct 2) of the 4,134 registered voters (2,073 precinct 1 and 2,061 precinct 2).

Of those registered voters 643 are Democrats (324 precinct 1 and

319 precinct 2), 510 Republicans (248 precinct 1 and 262 precinct 2), 10 Libertarian (5 precinct 1 and 5 precinct 2), 2,934 Unenrolled (1,473 precinct 1 and 1,461 precinct 2) and 37 Political Designations (23 precinct 1 and 14 precinct 2).

In New Braintree Town Clerk Jessica Bennett reported a 7% of voters or 58 of the 823 registered voters casting ballots. In Oakham, Town Clerk Christine Mardirosian reported 129 registered voters casting ballots. In Hubbardston, Town Clerk Candace Livingston unofficially reported a 7% voter turnout or 251 of the 3,556 registered voters going to the polls.

## PAST PAGES, continued from page 4

38 years (Oct. 17, 1985)

Confusion over how may overtime hours dispatched had worked since April 15, how the hours were to be accounted for and by whom, led to a shouting match between Selectman Earl Sample and part-time dispatcher Stella Crawford at the Oct. 7 selectmen's meeting. All the information in question is contained in the police log and since pay voucher were filled out for the overtime hours work day the dispatchers it will be necessary for someone to go through the log book to determine, who get paid

and how much.

The appointment of Robert C. Osborne as Postmaster of Petersham has been announced by Northeast Regional Postmaster General John G. Mulligan. Osborne will be formally sworn into office in ceremonies scheduled on Wednesday, Oct. 9 for 2 p.m.. He will take the oath of office from John Wallace, Director of Employee and Labor Relations, Springfield. Osborne was appointed by Postmaster General Paul N. Carlin, in accordance with Merit Selection Procedures of the 1971 Postal Reorganization Act. He began his postal career in 1960 as a part-time flexible clerk at the Athol Post Office. He also worked

as a rural carrier at the Westminster Post Office.

A brief ground breaking ceremony and reception took place Tuesday afternoon on Old Princeton Road in Hubbardston as work officially began on a 36 unit elderly and handicapped apartment complex The Hubbardston Housing Authority sponsored the event on behalf of the owner. Hubbardston Elderly Housing, Inc. Designed by the architectural firm Larkin Glassman and Prager Associates, Inc. of Brookline, the two two-story buildings will provide efficiency apartments and 27 one-bedroom units as well as common laundry facilities and community gathering space.



## Planning ahead for raised beds!

My friend Jacquie is very proud of the tomato plants she grows each year.

She squeezes them into the little garden adjacent to the front door of her condo, and has even grown some in hanging containers. I received this question from her via text a few weeks back, and by the sound of it she wants to expand her gardening endeavors:

"For those of us that like to plan ahead, what are the pros and cons of raised bed gardens, and if you decide to go that route, what is the process?"

There are several advantages to gardening in raised beds. If the ground you would normally garden in is too sandy or too clayey, you can stop dealing with those troubles when you switch to raised beds!

You can carefully choose the soil that you fill the beds with. I personally love the Coast of Maine brand Raised Bed Mix, but I am sure there are resources online for mixing your own blends.

You can also plant more intensively, meaning fewer weeds! Concentrate fertilizers, lime and compost right where you need them, saving money along the way.

You can start working the ground earlier in the spring because it warms up quicker in raised beds. You don't have to worry about soil compaction as much either, because rarely, if ever, will you have to step into the beds.

You no longer have to weed the rows like you would in a normal garden, or will you have to worry about mulch or other materials to cover the rows with.

One drawback might be the cost to get started. Between the edging materials and the mix, you end up filling the bed with, it could get darn expensive.

First, you have to decide on what type of material

you'll use to edge the beds with. There are pros and cons there too, but more on that in a bit.

A minimum depth of one foot is needed for most crops barring corn; that crop would need a deeper bed. On the flip side, if the ground beneath the raised beds is usable (i.e., not contaminated or pavement etc.) then you could potentially make the beds not as quite as deep, figuring plant roots will penetrate out from the walls.

Wood, stone, brick, pavers and cinder blocks are all possible edge materials. Simple raised beds can even be made within hay bales!

Beds made from pine slabs may only last a few seasons; rock type edging will last indefinitely.

One drawback to beds made out of hardscape materials might be the fact that they dry out more readily. Although that would not have been an issue this year, it could be down the road.

I had a number of raised beds that I made in an old tennis court on my property. They were edged in field stone because I had an endless supply on my property.

Free, yes! Beautiful, yes! But practical, not so much.

On a hot summer day, I was sometimes out there watering two or more times!

The new galvanized metal raised beds seem to be rising in popularity. I know very little about them or how readily they dry out in between waterings.

As far as bed width goes, usually no more than four feet wide is recommended. That way you can reach inside comfortably.

I have been very successful growing peppers, zucchini and onions in my raised beds. Flowers and herbs also seem to do very well.

Tomatoes perform okay, but for me, green beans seem to be unhappy. There isn't enough room for winter squash, and I've never attempted corn.

Refresh your soil each year with the addition of compost and fertilizer. Because the bed is like a big container, the soil can get exhausted after a season of use.

I would say gardening in raised beds is worth the investment. Start out small and expand if you feel you enjoy having more to take care of.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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police more comfortable."

As many seniors attend for coffee, billiards, and quilting, more than a dozen join their guest officer.

Brown looks forward to joining the seniors again over morning coffee. He also hopes to continue establishing relationships with the residents.

"We want to continue interacting with citizens and continue to develop our relationship with them," he said.

For upcoming events, the Barre Senior Center has a monthly newsletter called the Silver Spirit. Events go on daily offering numerous activities.

Coffee is offered in the morning and lunch in the afternoon.



Seniors come from the towns of Barre, Hardwick and New Braintree for different activities offered at the senior center.

Activities include billiards, corn-hole, quilting, bingo, yoga, cribbage and art groups.

Eileen Clarkson currently serves as director of the Barre

Senior Center, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Barre Senior Center can be reached by calling 978-355-5004.

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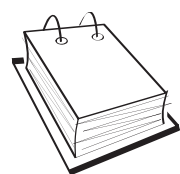
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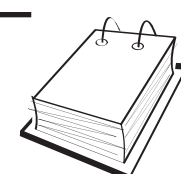
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# Calendar of Events



## THURSDAY, OCT. 12

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

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

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

**PIE AND COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER** to support the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors is accepting pre-order Lyman Orchards ten delicious flavors and five classic flavors of cookie dough. Purchasers just have to thaw, bake and serve. Ordering is easy, simply call Dee Mitchell at 413-813-9660 or email at [damate4@comcast.net](mailto:damate4@comcast.net) for an Order Form or pick up form at Wilbraham Senior Center. Frozen Pies and Cookie Dough will be delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 15 for pick up after 1 p.m. at the Wilbraham Senior Center. Friends of the Wilbraham Seniors will also deliver to Wilbraham Residents for a \$10 fee and \$12 for neighboring towns. Funds raised are used for the programs and services of the Wilbraham Senior Center

## SATURDAY, OCT. 14

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

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

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

**BACKROADS STUDIO TOUR 2023** featuring artists in the towns of Petersham, Barre, Oakham, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, and

## Where is this?



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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. 14. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. **Bill Bowles, Gary Brigham, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Philip Warbasse** correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the New Braintree Historical Society at the corner of Oakham and Utley roads in New Braintree.

Spencer will take place today and Sunday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. It is a free, self guided tour through the studios of 10 artists. There will be artwork for sale and demonstrations. Arts and crafts will include paintings, leather works and handbags, stained glass, jewelry, baskets, furniture, paperworks, hooked rugs, needlework, ornamental and functional wood-works. People may visit the website at [www.backroadsstudiotour.org](http://www.backroadsstudiotour.org) for more information and maps.

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

## SUNDAY, OCT. 15

**FAMILY FILM** will take place today at 4 p.m. in Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester. Tickets are free - \$5. This is a cinematic afternoon featuring the showing of "The Haunted House" starring Buster Keaton and "The Phantom of the Opera" starring Lon Chaney with live musical accompaniment by principal organist, Peter Krasinks on the Hook Organ.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 17

**GENEALOGY PROGRAM** sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St., Rutland, will take place today from 7-9 p.m. at the society/museum. The program is free and open to the public. Bonnie Bohnet from Central Mass Genealogical Society will

lead the program for both beginners and those, who are working on their family tree but stuck finding that missing relative. Refreshments will be served following the presentation. Finding family roots is a gift to give to descendants. For more information, people may call the Rutland Historical Society at 508-886-4893.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 19

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

## FRIDAY, OCT. 20

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

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

[yiwfrycyouice@sevenhillsorg](mailto:yiwfrycyouice@sevenhillsorg) to register or for more information.

## SATURDAY, OCT 21

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

**DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by Cradle Rock Order of Eastern Star will be held today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$6 for children under 10 years of age. People may design their special pancake. Full breakfast includes; pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. All are welcome to attend.

**NEW BRAINTREE CHURCH FUNDRAISER** will be held today at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree at 2 p.m. There will be a wide variety of items for sale; gift certificates galore and many fun items sold in box lots or individually. It will be a great afternoon of socializing and entertainment and a wonderful opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. At this point, they are still collecting items for this event and will accept any gently used items large or small to add to the long list of items the church will be selling. People may call Joanne Harder at 1-508-981-4786 for pickup or questions. Plan on visiting the café for a bite to eat or drink. This event is family friendly and some items will be for different ages. Pokémon cards might make an appearance. Parents, spouses, children, neighbors and friends are invited for a "different" kind of fun while helping pay the bills at that beautiful church building on the hill.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 22

**ETHAN K QUARTET CONCERT** sponsored by the Princeton Arts Society will be held today at 1 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 14 Mountain Road, Princeton. The concert is free. All are welcome. A \$10 donation is appreciated. While the band's repertoire ranges from "straight-ahead" to modern groove-oriented jazz, this performance will concentrate on the classic standards of composers like George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington and others. Ethan Kaczowka (AKA Ethan K) is a jazz guitarist from greater Boston who studied at Berklee College of Music with additional instruction from Ed Lucie, Steve Kirby, Richie Hart and Peter Bernstein. The quartet includes pianist/keyboardist Evan Waaramaa, bassist Greg Toro, and drummer David Andrew Moore.

**MANY VOICES MECHANICS HALL YOUTH SINGERS CONCERT** will take place today at 4 p.m. at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester. Tickets are free - \$5. The Singers will present their performance entitled "Legacy." Rooted in themes surrounding persistence, inner strength, and empowerment, Legacy champions each singer as they overcome every possible obstacle. It recognizes their capacity to change the world for the very best. Each member will realize their ability to create a legacy built upon strong morals, hard work and love for one another. Musical selections include "Hall of Fame," "True Colors," "Shine Like Stars" and the world premiere of their new anthem "Many Voices, One Song."

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## TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, continued from page 1

change in town government. One attendee said he wanted to see 100 people here.

The need for an update to the town website, lack of reports being published and the lack of an industrial tax base were other concerns discussed. Several said they liked small towns and did not want to see Barre grow in the way Rutland and Paxton have.

Anders said often there is little discussion at Town Meetings and when the "Select Board say yes, the hands go up." He said without the power of this group, it will continue this way. One of the taxpayer association goals was to investigate issues and then give a report on it and to obtain the data to do this.

Anders said the Department of Public Works was not accountable to the Town Administrator. He said the town had several Town Administrators over the past years and most only stayed three years.

He said the Select Board hired a consulting firm for \$3,500 to do what the town administrator search committee did for free in the past.

Anders said he wanted to get some "degree of organization and discussed how frequently they wanted to meet and opted to meet on a monthly basis. They booked the use of Allen Hall on the second floor of the library for their next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. The library closed at 8 p.m. so the meeting will end before closing time and allow time to tidy up the hall.

## DAM HEARING, continued from page 1

Robert Kane said the town needed to hold onto this water. It is feeding our own aquifers and removal could affect wells water supply.

Repair to the dam was the lowest cost of the three options, but the \$1,433,000 cost did not include maintenance costs to the town over the years in perpetuity. A partial breach would cost \$2,476,000 and full removal \$3,317,000.

Select Board Vice-Chair John Dixon said it was also important if the town takes ownership to have a permanent right of way to the dam for inspections, maintenance and even public recreation. Chair Marshall said the best decision if it is a vital water resource would be for the town to keep ownership. She said it would be a financial commitment on the part of the town with maintenance costs estimated initially at about \$10,000 per year.

The next step in the process was for the Select Board to formally take a vote to repair the dam. The state will completely fund the repairs to the dam.

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## Panthers get above .500



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**Luke Salvatore crosses the goal line for Quabbin's first touchdown.**

BARRE — Last Friday night, Quabbin football notched above .500 with its third win of the season, a 20-14 triumph over Ayer-Shirley. With the score tied 14-14, Jake Leazott caught an 11-yard pass from quarterback Jaxon Warburton in what would be the game-winning score. Luke Salvatore and Warburton had the other touchdowns for the Panthers.



**Ed Guertin with a flying tackle.**



**Jake Leazotte scores on a great pass.**



**Bryce Venne catches a game ending interception.**

## Casey's goal holds up in Panthers win



**Makenzie Casey dribbles the ball past the defender.**

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE — When the Lady Panthers faced Mid-Wach B rival North Middlesex in their annual senior game under the lights at Alumni Field, last Wednesday night, a member of the freshman class became the hero.

Makenzie Casey whose older sister, Kylie, is one of the Lady Panthers seniors, scored an unassisted goal late in the third quarter leading a 1-0 shutout victory over the Patriots.

"I felt very good after scoring the goal because it was a very special night for my older sister and the other five seniors," Makenzie Casey said. "I have been teammates with my sister on the field hockey team since I was the sev-

enth grade. It has been an amazing experience to play on the same field hockey team with her. She's one of my role models."

Kylie Casey, who joined the varsity field hockey team as a freshman, has also enjoyed being teammates with her younger sister.

"It has been awesome playing field hockey with my younger sister during the past couple of years," said Kylie Casey, who's planning to study computer science in college. "Makenzie is an incredibly talented field hockey player and it's an honor being on the same field with her. I knew that she would make the varsity team in the seventh grade."

Their mother, Jillian, is an assistant coach for the Lady Panthers varsity field hockey team. She also played field hockey at



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**Madelyn Stauder digs for the ball.**

Shrewsbury High School.

The other Quabbin seniors, who were honored during the postgame ceremony, are Camryn Orsini, Julianna Stanger, Gracie Talbot, Annabelle Magill, and Madylin Breault, whose younger sister, Olivia, is a sophomore on the varsity field hockey team.

"It's always great whenever you win on senior night," said longtime Quabbin head coach Shelly Zalernaitis. "I've coached a lot of outstanding senior classes over the years, but this year's senior class is one of my all-time favorites. I had most of them as students and it's a great group of

kids. All of them are outstanding leaders and they've played different roles on the team."

During the school day, Zalernaitis is a sixth grade math teacher.

Stanger, who's a three-year varsity player, is the Lady Panthers starting goalie. She made four of her five saves during the fourth quarter, which kept the shutout intact.

"I knew that this was going to be a close match because we tied them earlier in the season," said Stanger, who would also like

**See FIELD HOCKEY, page 8**



**Senior Annabelle Magill intercepts the pass**



**Senior Goalie Julianna Stanger makes a save.**



**Justin Davis makes his way up the left side of the field.**

## Pathfinder gets two

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The Pathfinder Tech boys varsity soccer team posted a pair of victories against the Pioneer Valley Christian Academy Eagles in a span of 24 hours last week.

The final score of the first meeting between the Tri-County League rivals was 4-1. That contest took place at Pathfinder Tech, last Tuesday afternoon.

The following afternoon, the Pioneers, who defeated the Eagles on the soccer pitch for the first time since 2016, traveled to Springfield and posted a 4-0 shutout victory.

"This is actually the first time in my coaching career that my soccer team has faced the same opponent on back-to-back days" said Pathfinder Tech head coach

David Wilson. "We're going to play the same way in tomorrow's game like we did today."

The Pioneers, who also defeated Franklin Tech, 4-1, on the road last week, entered this week's action with an 8-1 overall record, which is also their league record.

"We lost our first game of the season before putting together a winning streak," Wilson said. "We still have a lot of work to do to get ready for both the Western Mass. and state tournaments."

Pathfinder Tech, who lost to Athol at home in the season opener, was ranked third in the latest MIAA Division 5 power rankings. Despite his team being ranked in the top five, Wilson isn't a big fan of the power rankings system.

"I don't really think we're a

**See PATHFINDER BOYS, page 8**



**Evan Costa pops up the ball.**



**Seth Mitchell clears the ball away.**

## Quabbin girls soccer falls to Maynard



Turley photos by Ray Duffy

**Sydney Gagne and Hannah Baxter chase down the ball.**



**Brooke Austin with a kick save.**

BARRE — Last Thursday afternoon, Quabbin girls soccer suffered a loss against Maynard High School 3-0. With the defeat, Quabbin is now 0-5-4 this season.



**Angelina Feliciano steals the ball.**



**Amy Stauder passes to Ailey Mayjoy.**

# Sports

## Bubar steals show in Granite Series win

LEE, N.H. - Corey Bubar was probably not the favorite to win Sunday evening's Bosowski Properties 150. But in the season finale for the Granite State Pro Stock Series, Bubar stole the show.

The Windham, Maine, racer held off Jimmy Renfrew, Jr. to claim the \$8,500 victory at Lee USA Speedway, closing out Lee USA Speedway's year-ending Russ Conway's Oktoberfest spectacular.

And well back in Bubar's mirror, fellow Pine Tree State native Travis Benjamin drove a patient race to earn the GSPSS championship.

Sunday's season finale earned intrigue before the drop of the green, with a \$2,000 bonus offered to any top-five starter who would forfeit their position on the grid if they could come back to win. Derek Griffith, the 2015 GSPSS champion, answered the call, lining up shotgun on the 28-car field to chase the bounty.

Bubar, starting outside of Ryan Green, jumped into the lead early, building an advantage over Green in the opening stint as Griffith picked his way through traffic.

When a yellow flag flew on lap 35, Griffith had already clawed his way to 12th with plenty of laps left.

On the restart, Renfrew surged to second, pursuing Bubar until a wreck in the back of the field brought out another caution on lap 47. Reigning champion Joey Doiron pitted from fifth, while Griffith cycled through to eighth for the restart. Benjamin, well ahead of challenger Brandon Barker in the title race, was tenth.

Bubar held off Renfrew's advances on the restart, but the Candia, N.H., youngster prevailed, making his way to the front and leading at halfway. A long green-flag run allowed Renfrew to stretch the gap between himself and Bubar, but Bubar reeled Renfrew in as they dived through lapped traffic. A slow car ahead of Renfrew at just the right time gave Bubar an opening, and Bubar charged back through to take the lead.

Griffith's bid for the bounty went up in smoke with 31 laps to go, as he shredded a right-front tire running fourth. Griffith rejoined the field after a tow, but his shot at the win was all but over

and he would rebound to finish eighth.

Bubar brought the field to green, and while Renfrew hassled him for a couple laps, he was able to pull away down the stretch. In his first series start of the season, Bubar raced to his second GSPSS win and his first since winning at his home track, Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, in 2021.

Renfrew followed Bubar home in second, with Green, Dave Farrington and Angelo Belsito rounding out the top five.

And with an eleventh-place finish, Travis Benjamin completed his championship season, becoming the tenth different driver to fly the GSPSS champion's banner. The Belfast, Maine, veteran, a former NASCAR racer and multi-time regional champion, won the first two outings of the season and committed to a full-time schedule that saw him finish out of the top-five only once all year.

The Granite State Pro Stock Series and president Mike Parks extend their gratitude to the tracks, teams and sponsors that made this 2023 season possible, and hope to release details on next year's schedule soon.

## T-Birds fall in preseason tune-up

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds erased a 2-0 second intermission deficit before the Providence Bruins squeaked out a 3-2 overtime win in the final preseason matchup at Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Colten Ellis and Brandon Bussi kept the opposition off the board through 20 minutes before the Bruins connected for two quick goals in the second from Marc McLaughlin and Reilly Walsh

respectively. Providence held the 2-0 edge into the final period of regulation.

However, the T-Birds showed some comeback magic as Drew Callin and Hugh McGing each tallied goals of their own just 27 seconds apart, and just 4:06 into the third, the game was dead-locked, 2-2. Ellis even helped his own cause, picking up the secondary assist on Callin's marker.

Despite being outshot 35-21 in regulation, Springfield got the game to overtime thanks to 33 Ellis stops, but Providence got the last laugh as John Farinacci beat Ellis at 1:35 of OT to secure the Bruins win.

The T-Birds open their regular season slate next Saturday, Oct. 14 against Hartford, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the MassMutual Center.

## Cambridge half-marathon registration open

CAMBRIDGE - Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard

University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are USATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

Race registration includes quarter zip pull over (half marathon participants) or long sleeve shirt (5K participants), five complimentary CambridgeSide parking passes, training plan, race bib with timing chip, and finishing

medal. Register for both races at CambridgeSide.com.

Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (CambridgeScholarshipFund.org) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.

# Education

## Colleges and Universities list graduates

### Mount Wachusett Community College

Gardner  
Associate Degrees

Shannon Caponigro of Barre, Hannah Marie Conlin of Barre, Christina Jewel Hills of Barre, Krimson Kelley of Barre, Lydia Stone of Barre, Rachael R. Strom of Barre, Zachary W. Teschner of Barre, Nitasha Virginia Gates of Gilbertville, Rachel C. Lucia of Gilbertville, Maddison Paige Willigar of Gilbertville, Maija Alexis Blomquist of Hubbardston,

Cole Boudreau Carignan of Hubbardston, Laureen M. Dell of Hubbardston, Nichole M. Hazel of Hubbardston, Samantha Pearl Hobby of Hubbardston, David M. Magoon of Hubbardston, Sophia Renee Milko of Hubbardston, Shanique Cyganiewicz of New Braintree, Samuel J. Gagnon of New Braintree, Jessica Rae Holmes of New Braintree, Jennifer Nichole Davie of North Brookfield, Esther K. Asare of Rutland, Marleen E. Boucher-Ripley of Rutland, Christine Elizabeth Jean of Rutland, Denise Marie Richard of Rutland, Melanie A. Chapman of South

Barre and Lori Ann Rojcewicz of South Barre.

### Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester, NY

Brock Dyer of Barre  
Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in computer science

### University of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, AL

Ruvimbo Makonyonga of Hubbardston  
Master of Public Health

## Monty Tech recognized as one of Mass Save® Climate Leaders Winners

BOSTON - The Sponsors of Mass Save® announce the newest cohort of Mass Save Climate Leaders.

This distinguished recognition honors fourteen recipients across Massachusetts for their ongoing efforts to curb energy use and lead the Commonwealth to a net zero future. The 2023 Mass Save Climate Leaders represent a range of industries including education, grocery, healthcare, hospitality, municipalities, and more. Each winner has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the environment by leveraging incentives offered by the Sponsors of Mass Save to curb their organization's greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency.

Each Climate Leader has implemented operational changes to increase energy efficiency. These entities have demonstrated commitment to the climate in numerous ways, including investment in onsite renewable energy, completion of a 15,000 LED

light fixture, and installation of a new energy management system that automatically lowers energy usage. Together they have saved tens of millions of kWh over the past five to ten years. For comparison, an average residential home in Massachusetts uses a little more than 10,000 kWh per year. These efforts not only impact their communities in a positive way but are essential to supporting the Commonwealth's clean energy goals.

"Leading on building decarbonization is critical for the Commonwealth to meet its climate goals. I applaud these 14 institutional leaders for their efforts to address energy efficiency throughout their buildings," said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. "DOER will continue to work closely with the Mass Save Sponsors in support of these leaders and look forward to celebrating more of their successes."

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"Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School has made numerous investments over the last two decades to improve energy and operational efficiency in their facilities, creating incredible savings through installations," Alec O'Meara, Media Relations Manager from Unifit. "The school has also invested in its students, providing instruction which will translate to effective implementation in their chosen construction fields as the state looks to create a clean energy future."

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to play field hockey at the collegiate level. "I'm so happy that we pulled out a win tonight. Everyone made a key contribution."

Kylie Casey, Orsini, and Talbot are key members of the Lady Panthers defense, along with junior Sydney Slattery and freshman Violet Kelley.

Magill and Breault are starting forwards.

The Lady Panthers, who tied the first meeting with the Patriots, 1-1 on September 14th, had a 5-2-2 overall record following their senior night victory.

Makenzie Casey had the Lady Panthers lone shot on goal during the first half.

Casey scored an unassisted goal following a penalty corner with 2:24 remaining in the third quarter. It was her sixth goal of the regular season.

"When I shot the ball, it went off the back of a North Middlesex player before going

into the goal," Makenzie Casey said. "The official still called it a goal because the opposing player was in the way when I shot it."

Zalernaitis is very glad that she'll be coaching Makenzie Casey for three more years.

"Makenzie is such a great team player because she makes the players around her better," Zalernaitis said. "This is her third varsity season and she's only a freshman."

According to Zalernaitis, Melissa Shamgochain, who graduated from Quabbin Regional in 1998, was the last seventh grader to play for the Lady Panthers varsity field hockey team. Shamgochain, who was a two-time All-American field hockey player at Assumption College, was inducted into the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

The Patriots (4-4-2) had three penalty corners during the final 15 minutes of the match. Stanger, who posted her fourth shutout of the season, made saves on each of them.

"The last quarter was very

intense, and I was very nervous," Stanger said. "I was just trying to watch the ball the entire time. It just felt great when the final buzzer sounded. We're like one big family and this is just a very special team to me."

A Quabbin player dribbled the ball down the field as the final seconds ticked off the scoreboard clock.

In the fall of 2027, Kylie Casey, who's looking forward to playing field hockey at Worcester State University next year, will be sitting in the bleachers watching her younger sister play in her senior game. Makenzie Casey would probably like to celebrate a victory in that game just as her older sister did last week.

"That's going to be another exciting night," Kylie Casey said. "I'm really looking forward to coming back and watching my sister play field hockey."

The Lady Panthers celebrated a 2-0 home win over Marlborough the following afternoon.

## PATHFINDER BOYS, continued from page 7

top five team. They haven't factored in our strength of schedule yet and our ranking will go down at that point," he said. "I'm not a fan of the power ranking system because it favors the eastern part of the state. We tend to get forgotten about out here in the west. We just need to keep winning games."

The score of last Tuesday's home match was tied 1-1 early in the second half when Pathfinder sophomore Adonis Dupre took over the spotlight offensively.

"Adonis played very well during the second half of today's game," Wilson said. "He's not a pure goal scorer, but he's a pure striker. Whenever he has an opportunity, he knows how to put the ball into the net."

During the 51<sup>st</sup> minute, Dupre weaved around a couple of defenders before firing a low shot into the back of the net past Eagles sophomore goalie Andrew Vilakis (6 saves) for an unassisted goal.

Dupre scored his first goal of the regular season in a 10-1 home win versus Hampden Charter at the end of September. He's also one of the four players listed on the Pathfinder varsity soccer roster

who attends Palmer High School.

The other three players from Palmer High are junior Elijah Jez, sophomore Jaleel Nevue-Roman, and freshman Owen Pear. They're able to play soccer for Pathfinder Tech as part of a co-op.

A couple of minutes later, Dupre lined a shot from the top of the penalty box into the net following a corner kick taken by senior Kenny Brouillette.

"Both of the goals scored by Adonis were well struck," Wilson added. "He's one of the smallest kids on the field, but he came up big for us in today's game. I'm looking forward to coaching him during the next couple of years."

Dupre's second goal of the match gave the Pioneers a 3-1 advantage.

The Pioneers scored their final goal during the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute. This time, Dupre delivered a pass to junior Evan Costa whose shot attempt deflected off the goalie's knee before crossing the goal-line.

Costa entered this week's action with a team-leading 17 goals. He scored 15 goals as a sophomore.

"Evan is our leading goal scorer this season," Wilson said. "He's a very hard worker out there."

With less than five minutes left

in regulation P.V.C.A. freshman Nathan Hill was issued his second yellow card resulting in a red card. Hill was also suspended for last Wednesday's match.

"It was the first time I saw him play, but I thought he was one of their stronger players," Wilson said. "He was dangerous coming down the left side."

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead in last Tuesday's home match in the middle of the opening half.

The scoring play began with a throw-in from the left sideline by junior Seth Mitchell. The ball bounced around the box before Costa put it into the net.

The Eagles scored the equalizer six minutes into the second half on a free kick. The kick was taken from the right sideline by freshman Jake Morozov. The shot floated into the left corner over the head of senior goalie Richie Gula (3 saves), who was looking into the bright setting sun.

The home team retook the lead again five minutes.

The four Pioneers goal scorers in the road victory against P.V.C.A. were senior Riley Sanderson, freshman Cayden Bousquet, Pear, and Costa.

Gula was credited with eight saves in his fourth shutout of the regular season.

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- Chain bar with lots of games (abbr.)
- In a way, struck
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- County in the S. Pacific
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# Church News

## Local pastor offers sermon

### Through the Psalms Part 8

Last week we noted three recurring themes in the Book of Psalms: a) God as the God of covenant; b) the work of God throughout history; and c) the presence of God amidst personal life and living. Let us continue our exploration of the key themes of the Psalter with the following:

#### 1) God as King

The psalmists ongoingly address the kingship of the Lord. As such, He is most worthy of our faith, reverence and obedience. Consider the following declaration of king David, as he revels in the King of kings and Lord of lords:

#### Psalm 47:1-4, 8-9 (NIV)

1 Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

4 He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

8 God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

#### 2) The Law of God

The psalmists often touch upon the Law of God and the wonder

of Scripture. Please consider this excerpt from Psalm 19:

#### Psalm 19:7-11

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

#### 3) Blessing and Curse

Relatedly, the psalmists often address the themes of blessing and curse. What happens to those who heed His Word? What of those who reject? Note the following:

#### Psalm 1:1-6

1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither- whatever they do prospers.

4 Not so the wicked.

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

#### 4) Forgiveness

Finally, the Book of Psalms touches upon the theme of pardon. The psalmists celebrate God's willingness to show mercy.

#### Psalm 32:1-2, 5

1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

5 I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

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

Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services. Check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) for more information.

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## All Day Celebration for Fr. Callahan's Anniversary

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BARRE – A day of celebration brought hundreds of people to congratulate St. Francis of Assisi Parish's priest Rev. Jamie Callahan for his 25th anniversary of ordination.

The yard behind St. Thomas-a-Becket in South Barre was flooded with friends, family, and members of the parish community to join Callahan and be a part of the ongoing festivities.

Following his speech, the visitors would enjoy a pig roast dinner in honor of Callahan. After the meal, the annual harvest fair festival took place on the grounds of the parish.

The fair offered live music, crafts, games for children, bake shop, raffles, and an auction table. The music group The Otters performed throughout the day and provided entertaining tunes for the joyous occasion.



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Rev. Jamie Callahan celebrates 25 years of priesthood at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Sunday, Oct. 1.

Members of the St. Francis Women's Guild were distributing envelopes containing tickets for the Grand Raffle taking place at the fair. A chance for spectators to win some nice

prizes while celebrating. Callahan received a lot of applause, greetings, and gratitude during the celebration. Achieving a great milestone of 25 years in the priesthood.



A photo display documented Fr. Jamie Callahan's time in the priesthood.



Fr. Jamie Callahan smiles after being congratulated following his speech.

## Sisters write bilingual children's book

ATHOL—Asian-American sisters Emma Barrett, 11, and Belley Barrett, 8, of Orange have created Sister Detectives, a bilingual children's book in Chinese and English, according to the publisher Haley's.

Sponsored by eleven Massachusetts Local Cultural Councils, the book is available in separate simplified and traditional Chinese versions.

"Sister Detectives' combines English with Chinese translations in a fun mystery for children from all backgrounds," writes Diane Kane, author of "I Never Called Him Pa" and "Don Gateau, the Three-Legged Cat."

"Authored by real-life sisters, Sister Detectives features sisters on a quest to solve an ice cream mystery," writes Maria Wen Adcock, author of It's Chinese New Year, Curious George. "Adorable illustrations support this sweet cultural book filled with relatable themes."

Cynthia Liu Barrett, raised in Chicopee with Chinese as her first language, facilitated editorial and layout processes for her daughters' book. Their dad, John Barrett, facilitated digitizing illustrations.

"During COVID," Cynthia Barrett said, "Emma wrote the story because she and Belley had been constantly playing detective. In September 2020, we looked for bilingual Chinese/English books and couldn't find any. Then I

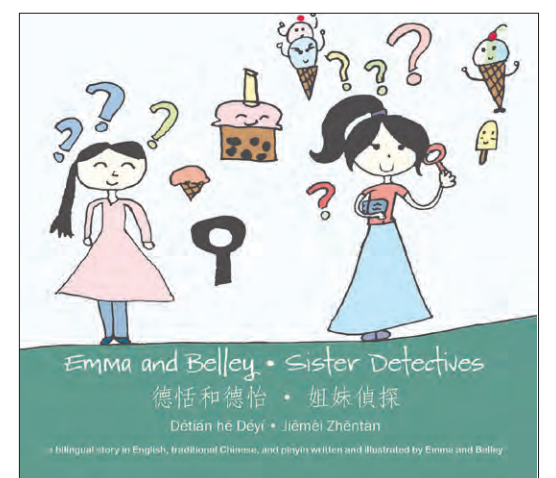
thought, what could be better than a bilingual story written and illustrated by children?"

Emma and Belley Barrett attend Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School in Hadley. Kathleen Wang, principal, said "I'm proud of our students' writing, artwork and creativity and especially happy it's a bilingual book."

Cynthia Barrett said her mother, Hsiaoyen Liu, a professional translator, assisted with translation of Sister Detectives. Alvin Cohen, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, professor emeritus of Chinese copyedited Chinese text. Debra Ellis copyedited English text.

Cynthia Barrett said she wrote a book about college life when she was a student at UMass and her mother facilitated its publication in Taiwan.

The Barrett sisters will read from "Sister Detectives" at library events including Saturday, Oct. 21 at noon in Wheeler Memorial Library, Orange; on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 11:30 a.m. in Athol Public Library; on Monday, Nov. 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Hadley Public



Submitted photo

The cover of the book "Sister Detectives" written by Emma Barrett, 11 and Belley Barrett, 8, of Orange.

Library and on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 3 p.m. in Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow.

Sister Detectives is available at Trail Head in Orange, at Amherst Books, at New Salem General Store, and from the publisher Haley's. The book is also available from online vendors.

Sponsoring local cultural councils are Athol Cultural Council, Chicopee Cultural Council, Gardner Cultural Council, Hadley Cultural Council, New Salem Cultural Council, Orange Cultural Council, Phillipston Cultural Council, Shutesbury Cultural Council, Templeton Cultural Council, Warwick Cultural Council, and Wendell Cultural Council.

## Unitarian Church to hold indoor yard sale

HUBBARDSTON – The First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, will hold their annual fall indoor yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

There will be spices, rummage, white elephant, books and puzzles, coffee and pastries, toys and games and knitting. In addition, there will be a quilt raffle and a cord wood raffle. People may also purchase lunch of homemade sandwiches, pickles and chips, beverages and homemade pies and other desserts. Take out is available.

## Rutland Congregational Church now offers Saturday service

RUTLAND – For those who can't make it to church on Sunday, the First Congregational Church of Rutland is now offering Saturday Worship Services at 4:30 p.m.

The Saturday Service features pre-recorded contemporary music. All are welcome to attend. Sunday services continue to be held at 8:30

a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School for children grades preschool and up being offered at the 10 a.m. service.

For more information, people may call the church office at 508-886-4453, email [rutlanducc@gmail.com](mailto:rutlanducc@gmail.com) or visit the website or check out their Facebook page.

## Methodist church to hold Bluegrass Gospel Service Oct. 29

WEST BROOKFIELD – A Bluegrass Gospel Service is planned for 10 am Sunday, Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. at George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 West Main St. with local musicians on guitars, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, stand-up bass, spoons and voices.

The service will feature bluegrass gospel music with meaningful messages of faith, interspersed with background stories. These ser-

VICES, which are planned for months with a fifth Sunday, have been very well attended, drawing many from the surrounding community to the music and its uplifting messages of redemption and hope.

All are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the service. For more information, people may call Heidi Jeldres at 978-989-5736 or email Heidi.jeldres@gmail.com.

## Rutland Historical Society to host genealogy program

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society will host a genealogy program on Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 7-9 p.m. at the society/museum, 232 Main St.

The program is free and open

to the public. Bonnie Bohnet from Central Mass Genealogical Society will lead the program for both beginners and those, who are working on their family tree but stuck finding that missing relative.

Refreshments will be served following the presentation. Finding family roots is a gift to give to descendants. For more information, people may call the Rutland Historical Society at 508-886-4893.

## 8th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk is Oct. 15

WARE – On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force will host its 8th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, beginning at 1 p.m. at Veteran's Park.

In case of rain, the event will be held in the Town Hall.

Student members of the

renowned Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force will lead the event. Nation-wide young people ages 16-24 are at the highest risk for relationship violence.

State Rep. Todd Smola and other community members will speak. There will be music, exhibits, and a raffle followed by a short walk

through downtown Ware.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Task Force encourages the community to come out and show your support.

The Task Force can be reached on Facebook, at [www.waredivtaskforce.org](http://www.waredivtaskforce.org), [wrvdivtaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:wrvdivtaskforce@gmail.com), or by phone at 413-758-0605.

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Health and Wellness Coach, Dusha Nelson will help clients reach their own goals, whether it be personal development, environment, movement, work life balance or spirituality.

"I believe that we all have what we need within us...we have the wisdom within us," she said. "We facilitate the change, and we want it to be sustainable change for them...it's really a wonderful experience, sometimes you're stuck in something and it's like a lightbulb came on and it came from yourself. You just needed to talk through it."

Dusha Nelson will continue as executive director through the end of the year as the Listening Wellness Center looks for the ideal candidate to usher the organization into the next 20 plus years and beyond.

"I hope that we find somebody who is even more community centric and passionate about serving

a community...someone who can bring it to the next level," she said.

Listening Wellness Center's Board of Directors are grateful for Dusha Nelson's service to the organization and the community.

"As Listening board members and long-time colleagues of Laura's, we were excited to hear about Laura's plans for professional development and admire her for venturing out to begin her own journey as a health and wellness practitioner. We are honored to have been a part of her professional path for so many years, and are excited that she has grown her wings and is ready to fly!" Board members Dedie

King, Jocelyn Langer and Renee Malowitz announced in a press release.

A complete job description for the position of executive director is available at [listeningwellness.org/leadership-staff/](http://listeningwellness.org/leadership-staff/), with applications being accepted through Oct. 20.

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, Sept. 17**  
12:20 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Oak Street, Investigation On-going  
4:29 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Depot Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, Sept. 18**  
9:02 a.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls, School North Street, Information Taken  
4:51 p.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, Hubbardston Road, Officer Took Call

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
12:58 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Worcester Road, Entry Gained  
11:51 a.m. Falls, South Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
12:03 p.m. Public Assist, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
4:32 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Phillipston Road, Officer Advised

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
1:08 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Valley Road, Negative Contact  
3:23 a.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, James Street, Investigated  
9:05 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Information Given  
9:14 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasant Street, Negative Contact  
9:57 a.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Farrington Road, Negative Contact

11:58 a.m. Keep the Peace, Exchange Street, Area Patrolled  
6:12 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Kendall Street, Officer Advised  
6:16 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Covered Bridge Road, No Fire Service Necessary

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
10 a.m. Property Lost and Found, South Street, Message Delivered  
3:54 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
5:08 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Worcester Road, Animal Returned to Owner  
5:30 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Stetson Road, Peace Restored  
5:35 p.m. Swelling, Exchange Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:44 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, High North Street, Information Taken

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
5:35 a.m. Assist Motorist, West Street, Vehicle Towed  
2:05 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Town Wide, Message Delivered  
2:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Spring Hill Road, Area Search Negative  
8:54 p.m. EMS – Falls, Marsh Road, No Transport Required  
9:14 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person, Elm Street South, Investigated

**Sunday, Sept. 23**  
12:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning  
3:47 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Palmer, Negative Contact  
9:56 a.m. EMS – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, South Street, Transported to Hospital  
4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning  
5:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issue  
6:06 p.m. CPR Adult > 8 years, Summer Street, Report Filed  
7:42 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Pleasant Street, Referred to Other Agency  
8:32 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Williamsville Road, Referred to Other Agency  
9:29 p.m. Police – Noise Violation, Party, James Street, Negative Contact  
9:50 p.m. Police – Noise Violation, Party, James Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:26 p.m. EMS – Neurological/Head Injury, Harty Road, Transported to Hospital

**SOUTH BARRE**

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
Police – Fraud/Forgery, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party

## Rutland Police Log

**Monday, Sept. 18**  
12:06 a.m. EMS – Diabetic, Pioneer Circle, Transported to Hospital  
2:08 a.m. Police Noise Violation, Party, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Landry, Clayton Arthur, 43, Rutland  
Charges: Disturbing the Peace  
8:41 a.m. Traffic Hazard, Pommogusset Road, Referred to Other Agency  
8:46 a.m. EMS – Falls, Anthony Drive, Transported to Hospital  
12:23 p.m. Traffic Hazard, Central Tree Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
1:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Marzoll, Michael W., 68, Oakham  
Charges: Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Vehicle  
3:05 p.m. EMS – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
7:16 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:56 p.m. Female Down in Roadway, Prescott Street, Public Assist  
9:35 p.m. EMS – Stroke (CVA), Crestview Drive, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
9:22 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court – Virtual, Administration Complete  
9:37 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester, Negative Contact  
11:20 a.m. EMS – Breathing Difficulty, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital  
11:27 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pommogusset Road, No Action Required  
12:56 p.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), East Hill East Road, Transported to Hospital  
1:20 p.m. Animal – Found, Wauwinet Road, Animal Returned to Owner  
1:22 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Wachusett Street, Gone on Arrival

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
12:35 p.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
2:13 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:36 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Report Filed  
5:51 p.m. Animal – Found, Paddock Road, Animal Returned to Owner

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
2:51 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist  
7:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Verbal Warning  
1:04 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pommogusset Road, Officer Advised  
2:02 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Kosta Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:26 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Pommogusset Bridge, Message Delivered  
5:14 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained  
11:34 p.m. EMS – Abdominal – Back Pain, Wheeler Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
12:58 a.m. EMS – Falls, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
2:46 a.m. EMS – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Wheeler Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:29 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
10:46 a.m. Property Damage, Pommogusset Road, Report Filed  
11:48 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer Took Call  
1:16 p.m. Police – Trespassing, River Road, Officer Took Call  
1:55 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Main Street, Report Filed  
3:20 p.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, East County Road, Information Given  
5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
5:55 p.m. EMS – Neurological/Head Injury, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
6:38 p.m. EMS – Seizures, Laurelwood Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:42 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Intervale Road, Negative Contact  
8:16 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Crestview Drive, Information Taken

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
8:37 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Pommogusset Road, Public Assist  
8:40 a.m. EMS – Childbirth, South Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:51 a.m. Soliciting, Crawford Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:16 p.m. Police – Noise Violation, Party, Wachusett Street, Negative Contact  
8:08 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Spencer, Negative Contact  
8:26 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oakham, Administration Complete  
8:43 p.m. Out-of-Town Booking, Oakham, Administration Complete  
11:17 p.m. Swollen Left Leg, Madisyn Avenue, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, Sept. 24**  
10:51 a.m. Harassment, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Whitehall Road, Public Assist  
3:48 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Building Checked/Secured  
4:09 p.m. EMS – Falls, Wachusett Street, Public Assist  
7:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning  
7:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued  
7:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, Sept. 17**  
7:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
9:03 a.m. EMS – Overdose/Poisoning, Old Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital  
5:03 p.m. EMS – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Old Princeton Cutoff, No Fire Service Necessary

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
5:22 a.m. EMS – Sick/Unknown, Old Princeton Cutoff, Mutual Aid Transport  
8:11 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, New Templeton Road, Negative Contact

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
2:49 a.m. Police – Noise Violation, Party, Mt. Jefferson Road, Unfounded

3:22 p.m. Identify Theft, Williamsville Road, Report Filed  
4:18 p.m. EMS – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Barre Road Cutoff, Transported to Hospital  
5:38 p.m. EMS – Falls, Healdville Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
4:52 a.m. EMS – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, High Street, Mutual Aid Transported  
11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Barnicle, Jacob N., 31, Fitchburg  
Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Inspection/Sticker No  
6:40 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Upper Intervale Road, Officer Advised

6:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, High Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: McLaughlin, Francis C. 38, Hubbardston  
Charges: Unlicensed Operator of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker No

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
12:53 a.m. EMS – Sick/Unknown, Princeton Cutoff Road, No Fire Service Necessary  
12:03 p.m. EMS – Falls, Barre Road Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, Sept. 24**  
5:07 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed  
7:46 p.m. EMS – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Old Princeton Cutoff, Referred to Other Agency

## Oakham Police Log

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

**Monday, Sept. 18**  
6:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, South Road, Information Taken  
9 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
10:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
11:20 a.m. EMS – Breathing Difficulty, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:56 a.m. Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), East Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
10:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Spencer Road, Written Warning

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
1:56 a.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Coldbrook Road, Referred to Other Agency  
3:10 p.m. Tree in Wires (Not on Ground), Coldbrook Road, Referred to Other Agency  
8:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Scott Road, Negative Contact

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning  
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued  
5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued  
5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
6:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
7:09 p.m. Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Old Turnpike Road, Investigated  
9:18 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist  
9:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
10:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
8:40 a.m. EMS – Childbirth, South Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:51 p.m. Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Farm Pond Road, False/Accidental/Defect Alarm  
1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued  
7:53 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Rutland, Prisoner Bailed  
Arrest: Pietrowicz, Keven S., 50, Auburn  
Charges: Operating Under the Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Marked Lanes Violation, Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle

## Floating wheelchair awards available for ponds and beaches

SUDBURY – Small Miracles in Life Exist Massachusetts has created an opportunity for communities and residents to apply for a floating beach wheelchair for their local ponds and beaches to expand the organization's successful floating beach wheelchair donation program.

SMILE Mass is a 501 C3 non-profit organization dedicated to helping families raising children or adults with disabilities enjoy happy, healthy memories through education, vacation, and recreation experiences. "There is something special about the beach, and no matter one's age, a day at the beach always makes life a little easier," explained SMILE Mass founder and president Lotte Diomed. "Because it is such a magical place, SMILE Mass wants everyone to have the opportunity to enjoy the beach, regardless of their disability. We believe the little things in life can make memories that last a lifetime for everyone."

SMILE Mass donates floating beach wheelchairs each year to public beaches to make beaches more accessible to the disabled population in New England. They currently have over 180 donated beach wheelchairs throughout New England. A list of participating beaches can be found at <https://smilemass.org/initiative/beach-wheelchairs/>

Due to the overwhelming demand for the program, the organization has launched the SMILE Mass Floating Beach Wheelchair Awards Program. This allows towns and cities throughout New England to apply for a beach wheelchair.

The application can be found here and filled out by any member of the community by visiting <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=13427>.

The award cycle for the 2024 program is open until Sunday, Dec. 31. Award recipients will be notified by March 31, 2024.

For more information, people may visit [www.smilemass.org](http://www.smilemass.org).



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Floating wheelchair provided by SMILE are available at many Massachusetts beaches and ponds.

## Red Cross seeks blood donations

MEDFORD – The American Red Cross continues to experience a national blood and platelet shortage and asks the public to book a time to give as soon as possible.

Donors of all blood types are urgently needed, especially type O blood donors and those giving platelets. The Red Cross offers three ways to make a donation appointment that can help save lives:

Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross experienced a significant blood and platelet donation shortfall in August, contributing to the current blood and platelet shortage. To ensure the blood supply recovers, the Red Cross must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week over the

next month to meet hospital and patient needs.

As a thank-you, those who come to give Oct. 1-20 will receive a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities at the Worcester Blood Donation Center, 381 Plantation St., Worcester are: Thursday, Oct. 12 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15 from 8:30-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 16, Tuesday, Oct. 17 and Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 12:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 19 from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 20 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with paren-

tal consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, people may visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [CruzRojaAmericana.org](http://CruzRojaAmericana.org) or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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## STAFF WRITER

Turley Publications, based in Palmer, is seeking a storyteller who is curious about everything, and who understands how town government works to join our team of weekly reporters.

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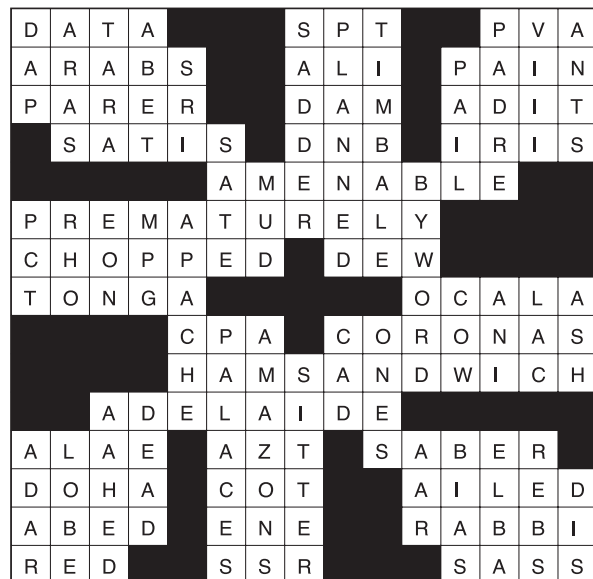
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# 3rd annual TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K Oct. 29

STURBRIDGE— The Rotary Club of Sturbridge has announced that its popular TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K, and Fun Walk will return on Sunday, Oct. 29. According to race director Klaus Hachfeld the family-friendly event offers two timed races, including a 5K trail run and fun walk, and a 1K road race.

The timed 1K road race for pre-teens (12 years and under) starts at 9:30 a.m. It will be a road race along Old Sturbridge Village Road, making it accessible to persons with mobility challenges. The timed 5K trail run and fun walk will start at 10 a.m. using Old Sturbridge Village Road and the Arbutus Park Trail in the Leadmine Mountain Wildlife Conservation Lands.

All activities begin at the OSV Education Center on Old Sturbridge Village Road. Parking will be available in the Education Center lot.

The event also includes a costume parade for younger children, free games, and relay races beginning at 9 a.m. at

the Education Center, and organized by a volunteer team from Burgess Elementary School. No pre-registration is required for the children's activities.

"This year, we've added a special prize for the best costume in both races," says Hachfeld. "Judging will be by popular choice during the presentation ceremony at the end of the race."

Pre-registration is now available on the RaceWire website at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=13548>

All participants who pre-register by Oct. 21 will get a TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K and fun walk t-shirt. On-site registration will also be available starting at 8:30 a.m.

The Trek Sturbridge Halloween 5K and fun walk is a Sturbridge Rotary Club fundraiser, with all profits going to local student scholarships and other community needs projects. For additional information, visit the Sturbridge Rotary Club website at <https://sturbridgerotary.com/> or email the race director at [laserklaus@gmail.com](mailto:laserklaus@gmail.com).

# Country Bank receives Corporate Citizenship Award

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts announces The Boston Business Journal has once again named Country Bank a honoree in its annual 2023 Corporate Citizenship Awards, recognizing the region's top corporate charitable contributors.

The Business Journal annually publishes this list to highlight companies that promote and prioritize giving back to their communities. "It is with honor that we present our list of the Top Charitable Contributors in Massachusetts, companies who gave \$100,000 or more to Mass.-based charities in 2022. Collectively, they gave \$423 million in cash contributions, a true example of the business community coming together to help those in need. We are proud to celebrate these organizations who give both money and time to make our communities a stronger and better place for all," said Boston Business Journal Market President and Publisher Carolyn Jones.

During this year's celebration on Sept. 7, 100 companies qualified for

the distinction by reporting at least \$100,000 in cash contributions to Massachusetts-based charities last year, as noted above. This year's honorees include companies from such industry sectors as financial and professional services, health care, technology, retail and professional sports.

Country Bank, ranked 44th, employs 220 staff members within Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester counties. The bank's team of Difference Makers actively promote the bank's mission of making a difference in their communities by volunteering for various non-profits throughout the year.

"We are honored to be recognized by the Boston Business Journal for Country Bank's philanthropic efforts. As a community bank, it is our mission to help make a difference in the lives of others," stated Paul Scully, President and CEO at Country Bank.

Country Bank serves Central and Western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, Springfield and Worcester.

# Public Notices

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, Selectmen Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 40 West Street, Barre, MA requested by Ken

Goodwin for a variance for a 12' x 16' extension to an existing attached garage per Zoning 140-14, Dimensional Requirements, located at 153 Root Road, Assessor Map G, Lot 244 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 28647, Page 340.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit

comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street – Suite 5, Barre, MA, [barreboards@townofbare.com](mailto:barreboards@townofbare.com) or contact the Boards' Office at 978-355-2504 ext. 8.

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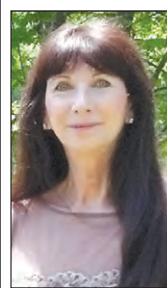
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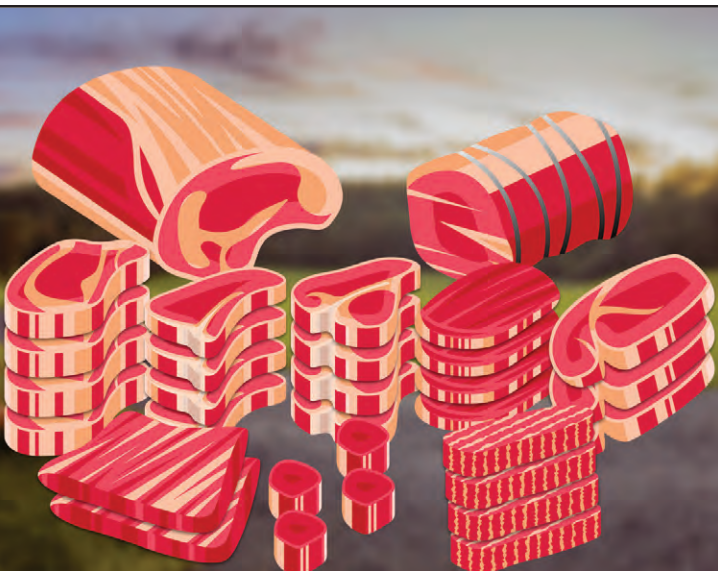
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