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Durant and Teabo vie for senate seat

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Two candidates are running for the State Senate seat for the Worcester & Hampshire District at the upcoming Tuesday, Nov. 3 State Election.

Incumbent Peter Durant of Spencer is seeking reelection and he is being challenged by newcomer Shannon Teabo of West Brookfield.

A Meet the Candidates forum will be hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond, Ware Community Television and Turley Publications on Wednesday, Oct. 21. The forum will be broadcast on Ware Community Television (www.waretv.org), and an article will appear in the Oct. 29 issue of the Barre Gazette.

During the forum each candidate will be given the opportunity to answer questions and talk about themselves.

Below are the statements submitted by each candidate, explaining their reasons for seeking election to the State Senate.



State Sen. Peter Durant



Shannon Teabo

State Sen. Peter Durant

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving the 22 communities of the Worcester and Hampshire District.

In that time, we've made real, meaningful progress, and I'm running for reelection because there's still so much more we have to get done.

My public service started in local government, when I sat on the Finance Committee and became a selectman in my hometown of Spencer, after years as a small business owner. That's where I learned the struggles of a small town, what town budgets look like from the inside, and what happens to that budget when Beacon Hill issues a mandate but doesn't pay for it.

I took those lessons to the State House in 2011 as a state representative, and on my very first day, a tornado ripped through the towns I represented. I learned very quickly how diverse and complex this job is, and that more often than not, the issues find you, not the other way around.

Since that day, through 12 years in the House and now in the Senate, I have been on the ground every day working for the people I serve.

Sometimes that means helping families who never expected to need it. When homeowners across the district found themselves at risk of losing their homes to foundations crumbling from pyrrhotite-tainted concrete, I championed legislation to help them, and we passed it through the Senate unanimously.

I am pressing hard for it to become law. We're also working on PFAS contamination in the water supply of several of our towns, and a lack of healthcare options in the western part of the district.

I take watching over your tax dollars seriously, which is why I continue to push for the legislative audit voters demanded. I'm also working toward a fairer formula for towns with PILOT agreements, where large shares of state-owned land leave them with a fraction of what full taxes would bring in.

And I've put that Spencer lesson to work pushing back when Beacon Hill oversteps. When one town didn't adopt the zoning the MBTA Communities Act requires, the state moved to withhold funding from the Wachusett Regional School District, punishing students in five towns for a decision none of their school committees made. I called that out publicly, and the administration reversed course.

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Oakham STM takes place Oct. 26

By Ellenor Downer
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OAKHAM – A Special Town Meeting takes place Monday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Oakham Center School, Deacon Allen Drive.

The Town Clerk reminds residents, who are not registered to vote, the last day to register to vote to be eligible to vote at the STM is Friday, Oct. 16 at 5 p.m.

The STM has five articles on the warrant. Article 1 asks voters to amend the purpose of the appropriation previously approved under Article 3 of the Sept. 6, 2025 Special Town Meeting in the amount of $50,035.

The $50,035 allotment was to equip a new Highway Department truck with a plow and wing package including all costs incidental and related thereto. This article would allow the appropriation to be used to equip two new Highway Department trucks with plow and wing packages including all costs and related thereto. No additional appropriation required.

The next three articles seek transfers from the General Stabilization fund. Article 2 asks voters to transfer $2,454.31 or any other sum to pay bills from a prior fiscal year. This article requires a 9/10 vote since it involves paying prior fiscal year bills.

Article 3 asks voters to transfer $2,500 or any other sum to cover budget deficit resulting from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts final conference budget being less than anticipated. This article requires a 2/3 vote.

Article 4 asks voters to transfer $2,319.91 or any other sum to cover a deficit in the Emergency Management Grant Account for FY 2025. This also requires a 2/3 vote.

The final article 5 seeks approval from the town

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Select Board interviews town administrator candidates

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
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HUBBARDSTON – The Select Board interviewed two candidates for town administrator at their meeting last Wednesday, following a search and recommendation by the town administrator search committee.

The town has not had a permanent town administrator since December 2025, having interim town administrators Sean Fitzgerald and Tim Bragan since then. The candidates interviewed on Oct. 7 included Matthew Boiteau and James Ryan.

Matthew Boiteau

Boiteau was interviewed first, and introduced himself as an Army veteran who served for over six years and did three tours overseas, before spending time as an operations manager for the United States Postal Service out of the Franklin post office.

He then worked as a data analyst for the Town of Shrewsbury before taking up his current position as the Assistant Town Manager in Concord.

Boiteau said he has a degree in political science and oversaw about 30 people in a union environment in the postal service, and in the town manager's office, Boiteau said he's worked with several departments including the financial team to build budgets.

Boiteau said he did some research on Hubbardston, and understands that about 60% of their budget goes to the Quabbin Regional School District, leaving the other 40% for the municipal budget.

Boiteau said he knew about the municipal building project for 48 Gardner Road, and is working on a certificate for project management. Boiteau also said he understands some of the town employees are new.

"I provide clarity, consistency and follow through," Boiteau said. "It would be a real honor to serve the Town of Hubbardston."

Boiteau said in his role, he has gone out into the field and reviewed the status of projects with department heads and where their budgets are at, saying he'd do the same thing in Hubbardston. He said he is working with an economic vitality manager in Concord who knows state contacts, and also has a network of town administrators from the area he would work with.

"If you guys give me a task, I'll give you an answer," he said.

He noted some projects he's been working on, such as revitalizing MCI Concord and revitalizing the town's town house, which was a tense situation because the facilities managers and residents who were made responsible for it wanted different things, but he worked to balance the two sides and make the project start to run smoothly.

Boiteau said he worked to build the fiscal year 2027 budget in Concord, and in Hubbardston he would engage with the accountant, treasurer/collector, and finance committee to get a full picture of the budget. He said Concord did priority budgeting rather than line item budgeting.

He said the role of the town administrator is to provide guidance to the select board, and if there are projects that need to be done, they should be put on his plate. Boiteau also talked about grants, and the importance of keeping track of them, where the money is going and making sure any matches are paid on time.

Boiteau said if he were hired, he would set a 90 day plan to meet staff, understand responsibilities, align interests and goals, and attend as many board and committee meetings as possible. He described a "three pronged approach" of "people, priorities, progress."

Boiteau noted his lack of experience as a weak point, but said he is good at researching and would attend professional development events through things like the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and would also learn how to engage with residents.

"I hold myself to a very high standard," he said.

When asked about handling a very difficult situation, Boiteau said he'd manage the situation when there are chaotic moments and rely on department heads to formulate a plan. Boiteau said he did logistics in Iraq during service.

"There's very little that rattles me," he said.

Boiteau said he has experience in union situations since there were several in the postal service, and noted that sometimes people in unions will argue what a contract states, such as what routes to do and the timing of them, and it's important to document situations like that correctly.

"We all have jobs, they all have to get done," he said.

Boiteau also said he has experience with human resources situations in the military and in the postal service, where he managed the day-to-day, and he said he would pursue any accreditation or training needed as a town administrator.

Speaking about technology, Boiteau said he has leveraged several types of it including Microsoft Lists and various dashboards that track projects and costs, along with another dashboard that tracks

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Board of Selectmen discusses opioid settlement funds

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen met last Tuesday and discussed the first steps in figuring out where to spend money that was acquired by the town through a federal opioid settlement, according to Chair Jamie Gilman.

There was not a specific number given at the Oct. 6 meeting as to how much the town received, but Gilman said there was a preliminary meeting of officials that could become an opioid task force in the future.

Gilman said the meeting, which happened in mid-September, consisted of Peter Orsi, who is an EMT and a selectman in town, representatives from the Haston Free Public Library, the principal of the North Brookfield High School, and other non-profit representatives from North Brookfield and other areas.

Gilman said the meeting talked about opioid addiction and its effect on North Brookfield, and the school was advocating for drug education.

There are seven strategies for the funds that were outlined at the meeting including treating opioid disorder, supporting those in recovery, finding connections to care and harm reduction, assisting those in the criminal justice system, supporting pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal absence syndrome, preventing the misuse of opioids and imple-

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Submitted photo

Members of the Quabbin Regional Hike School Hiking Club and their chaperones pose at the summit of Mount Moosilauke, elevation 4,802 feet.

Quabbin Hiking Club climbs Mt. Moosilauke

By Madeleine Boisselle
Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2027

Over the weekend of Oct. 2-4, the Quabbin Regional High School Hiking Club ventured north to Benton, New Hampshire, which is nestled on the western side of the White Mountain region.

Fourteen students and four chaperones spent two nights at the Wildwood Campground on the Kancamagus Highway.

While the weather was a bit rainy on the first day, the students and faculty's spirits remained high, as the group was excited to make the most of every second within the wilderness. After pitching their tents on Friday, the club visited the historic Basin in nearby Lincoln, which featured various waterfalls and flumes for all to enjoy.

On Friday night, the club also participated in a "Search and Rescue" presentation hosted by The Pemigewasset Valley Search and Rescue Team which taught the students valuable skills on how to be safe and prepared when hiking.

Thankfully, on Saturday the rain ended and the group was ready for the tough

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ROUND TOWN

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Theater presents 'A Murder Is Announced'

Barre Players Theater, 64 Common St., presents "A Murder Is Announced" on Fridays, Oct. 16 and and Oct. 23; Saturdays, Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Oct. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m.

This play is adapted from the Agatha Christie's novel for the stage by Leslie Darbon. It is directed by Rebecca Gleason. General admission is $20 and seniors and children are $15. It is supported in part by the Barre Cultural Council and Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information or tickets, people may visit www.barreplayerstheater.com.

Meat raffle

Barre American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, will hold a Thanksgiving themed meat raffled on Sunday, Nov. 8 with the doors opening at 1 p.m. and the raffle starting at 2 p.m. The bar will be open and hot dogs and chili will be for sale. There are five tables of meat to be raffled and a 50/50 raffle. All are invited to attend and show support for the Legion.

Early voting

Town Clerk Ellen Glidden announces the deadline to request a vote by mail ballot for the Nov. 3 State Election is Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. Applications are available from the Town Clerk's Office or online www.sec.state.ma.us/ele. The town will hold In Person Early Voting at the Henry voting for the Nov. 3 state election. It takes place at the Woods Building, located at 40 West St. first floor on the following dates: Saturday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct 24 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 20 through Thursday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 27 through Thursday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Vote by mail applications are also available at the Town Clerk's Office or online at www.townofbarre.com. The last day to register to vote will be Saturday, Oct. 24 by 5 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office located at 40 West St., will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Oct. 24.

Barre Food Pantry

The Barre Food Pantry will hold food distribution on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 5:30-7 p.m. To maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Oct. 15 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. People should visit the Barre Food Pantry website at http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm and the Facebook page athttps://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/ for updates.

Historical Society hosts 250th exhibit

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society hosts a 250th exhibit on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 1-3 p.m.

in the Rutland Historical Society, 232 Main St.

People are invited to browse the artifacts and displays and learn what life was like for the founding fathers and early residents during the American Revolution. Light refreshments will be available.

Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk this Sunday

WARE – On Sunday, Oct. 18, the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force will host its 11th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and Community Gathering.

The event will begin at 1 p.m. at Veterans Park on Main Street (or Ware Town Hall in case of rain).

State Rep. Todd Smola, District Attorney David Sullivan, and others will speak at the event. There will be a free children's bike raffle, free donuts and hot dogs, a photo booth, music, and children's art, all followed by a short walk through downtown Ware.

Reese McKeever, member of the renowned Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force, will emcee the event and students will lead the Walk.

Jesse Trzpit , who coordinates the High School Task Force, explained, "The Walk is such an important event not only for the community but also for the students because it creates a presence for everyone and lets victims know that they are not alone; there are supports out there, and ways to get help even when it may not seem like there is a way out. As a group, we like to come together in solidarity with everyone and we feel that even if we can help even just one person, we are working toward ridding the world of domestic violence."

Task Force members hope the Walk will raise awareness about domestic violence and local services available, especially in light of two recent domestic violence murders in nearby towns. Diane Opper of Belchertown was killed in March 2026, and Emma Pastercayk of Palmer was killed in May 2026 in a hotel room at UMass Amherst.

For those seeking help, local advocacy services are available through Behavioral Health Network in Ware at 413-967-6241. For those who use abuse, but want to change and become safe, a Call for Change Helpline can be reached at 877-898-3411. The Task Force can be reached on Facebook, at www.waredvtaskforce.org, or at wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com.

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. 19. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a presign 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 – Honey mustard pork, red bliss potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, dinner roll

TUESDAY – Spaghetti and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, baked cinnamon pears, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, three bean salad, fruited ambrosia, hot dog roll

THURSDAY – Garlic herbed chicken, herbed stuffing, Brussels sprouts, cake, diet = half piece, pumpernickel bread

FRIDAY – Beef stir fry, steamed rice, broccoli and red peppers, Oreos, marble rye bread

*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change.

All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of $3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.

New Braintree Town Clerk lists Nov. 3 election voting information

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Town Clerk announces early in person voting information for the Tuesday, Nov. 3 state election.

Early in person voting takes place at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, on the following dates: Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 19 from 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 26 from 7-9 p.m.

The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 3 election is Saturday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.

Deadline for vote by mail applications is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. Absentee applications are also available for those who will not be present the day of the election, with the deadline at noon on Monday, Nov. 2.

People may call Jessica Bennett, Town Clerk at 508-867-2071 with questions or via email at Townclerk@newbraintree.gov.

St. Mary's Women's Club news

ORANGE – St. Mary's Women's Club in Orange started the 2026-2027 Club Year with a mystery ride and dinner, followed by a slide presentation by Maureen O'Brien and Fay O'Brien Ott about their trip to Jamaica with the Missionaries to the Poor.

They followed in the footsteps of their parents and the late Rev. John Roach volunteering their time with the needy.

Following the slide presentation, Women's Club members received their program booklets for the 2026-27 Club year.

Twenty-four members and Spiritual Advisor Rev. Mark Glover met at the Parish Center, split into two groups and traveled by separate routes to the South Athol United Methodist Church, where the women's group served them a pork dinner with roasted veggies and a brownie sundae for dessert.

Over the years the club has donated thousands for renovations, furnishings, repairs, and special needs like altar server robes, a new refrigerator and dishwasher and dishes and silverware for the Parish Center.

Last year the club joined the Knights of Columbus and Jeff Cole in funding a Christmas concert by the Orange Community Band in the church Dec. 12. The plan is to repeat that concert in the church on Friday, Dec. 18 this year.



OAKHAM

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Cantata rehearsals start Oct. 20

Cantata rehearsals begin Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road. This is the 30th year of the annual Lessons and Carols. This year cantata is The Heart of Christmas by Pepper Choplin. Rehearsals are one to one and half hours long. All singers are welcome and reading music is not required.

Early voting hours and voter registration

The Town Clerk announces early voting hours for the Tuesday, Nov. 3 state election and voter registration deadlines. The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Meeting in Friday, Oct. 16 at 5 p.m. The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 state election is Saturday, Oct. 24 by 5 p.m. Early voting dates are Sunday, Oct. 18 from noon-6 pm.; Monday, Oct. 19 from 2-7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 26 from 2-5 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 2-5 p.m. Voting and registration are held at the Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road.

Finance Committee seeks members

The Oakham Finance Committee is looking for new members. Finance experience is preferred, but not mandatory. Complete the volunteer application form available on the Oakham Town Website and submit it to admin@oakham-ma.gov or mail it to Maribel LaRange, Town of Oakham, 2 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, MA 01068.

Override presentations

The Proposition 2 1/2 override informational presentations take place on Thursday Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 12:30 p.m. Both will be held in the main room of the Senior Center.

Celebration for Rev. Tim Hanley

On Sunday, Oct. 18 during the regular 10 a.m. worship service there will be a celebration of Rev. Tim Hanley of his over 50 years of ministry. The Oakham Congregational Church will award him the title Pastor Emeritus. A special coffee hour will follow the service in Fellowship Hall.

Senior news

Proposition 2 1/2 informational presentations takes place Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 10 at at 12:30 p.m. in the main room at the Senior Center. Podiatry clinics meet Mondays, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. by appointment only. They should call 508-882-4073 to request an appointment. A Harvest Potluck luncheon takes place Friday, Oct. 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Oakham Congregational Church. People should call 508-882-4073 to sign up.

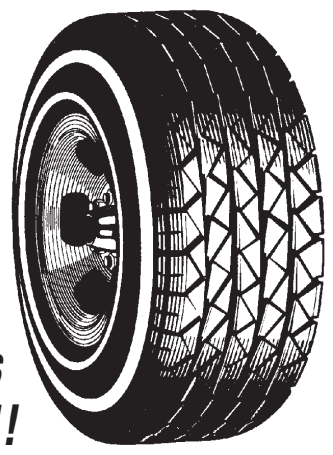
Also the COA is still looking for those interested in attending the Healthcare Options informational presentation to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at noon in the Senior Center. Ongoing activities include puzzling Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m., regularly scheduled yoga Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Zumba Gold in New Braintree Town Hall Wednesdays at 9 a.m. *note change of time, $3 per class and Functional fitness class Fridays in New Braintree Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. an additional $1 will be collected separately for use of the building at both these classes. A separate sign in will be kept by the town at each class as well. Walking groups and weigh in are on Thursdays at noon.

Congregate hot meals

Congregate hot meals are held Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

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Historical Commission – Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.

Select Board – Oct. 19 at 5 p.m.

Board of Assessors – Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board – Oct. 20 and Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Cemetery Commission – Oct. 22 at 11 a.m.

Government Structure and Cost Advisory Committee – Oct. 26, Nov. 30 and Dec. 28 and Jan. 25, 2027 at 1 p.m.

Felton Field Commission – Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging – Nov. 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Board of Health – Nov. 9 at 5 p.m.

Barre Housing Authority – Nov. 12 at 1 p.m.

Finance Committee – Jan. 5, 2027 and Jan. 19, 2027 at 6:30 p.m.

HARDWICK

Capital Planning Committee – Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.

Gilbertville Water District – Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission – Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Wheelwright Water District – Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

Council of Aging – Nov. 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Paige Library Trustees – Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Council on Aging – Oct. 15 at 4 p.m.

Select Board – Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

First Meeting House Preservation Committee – Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board – Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Community Preservation Committee Annual Public Hearing – Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

Special Town Meeting – Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

Agricultural Commission – Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Friends of the Library – Oct. 15 at 6:15 p.m.

School Policy Subcommittee – Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Library Trustees – Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Zoning Board of Appeals – Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.

Board of Assessors – Oct. 30 at 9 a.m.

Conservation Commission – Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Council on Aging – Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board Public Hearing – Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.

Community Heart & Soul launches on Oct. 21

Residents are invited to shared ideas, stories

NORTH BROOKFIELD – For many years, town organizations have worked individually to meet the needs of various segments of the community – seniors, veterans, business owners, youth and faith-based groups, neighbors in need of food and fuel assistance.

Now there is an opportunity to join together in a town-wide effort to identify North Brookfield's strengths and weaknesses, form a consensus and put these efforts toward meeting the most pressing needs of the entire community

If you care about your town and the people in it come join others on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6-7:30 p.m. at the North Brookfield Junior Senior High School Kiva Room for the launch of North Brookfield's Community Heart & Soul initiative.

Come learn about the CH&S program, share your ideas, and see what you can do to help chart the future of North Brookfield.

Over the course of the Community Heart & Soul project, which is expected to take up to two years to complete, those involved will attempt to reach every resident in North Brookfield to gather their stories. From these stories, they hope to find common themes of what residents love most about the area and their hopes for the future.

These themes will become the guide and be used to identify needs, improve connections, and develop a long-term action plan for the future of the community. In this way North Brookfield residents will be directly involved in shaping their town's future and working together to achieve it.

Come meet your neighbors and talk about your town. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

Pizza, salad and fall treats will be served.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – A Halloween costume swap will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m.-noon.

Drop off costume pieces that you or your family members are not using and take home new-to-you pieces that others brought in.

Jewelry making

Think Pink on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. for a jewelry making class in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

National Grouch Day

Thursday, Oct. 15 is National Grouch Day at the library from 2-7 p.m. Come moan, sulk and complain among friends.

Leave a vinegar message for all to read. Come have a horrible time and munch unpleasant snacks, compete in a complaining contest and generally dislike each other's company.

Ed the Wizard

Ed the Wizard presents magic and fun, Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2:30 p.m. brought to you by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council and the Libraries of Hardwick at the Hardwick Town House, 40 Common St.

Ed the Wizard brings awe and excitement with vanishes, sleights of hand, and humorous hi-jinx. Easy magic effects will be shared; learn to perform for family and friends.

Needle felting

Needle felt a mushroom on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. Come make a cute felted mushroom decoration perfect to sit on a shelf or hang.

All materials provided. A $3 donation will help cover material costs.

Halloween tattoos

Come in for a Halloween tattoo during library hours Oct. 27, 28 and 29. Get a spooky, temporary glitter tattoo.

First-come, first served, so this activity will be available as time permits.

Face painting

Face painting at the Paige Memorial Library will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Liz will be ready with her brushes, so come get your face painted for Halloween.

A donation will help cover material costs. Sign up for a spot ahead of time by emailing or calling.

Appointments are available every 10 minutes.

Trail of Treats

The Paige Memorial Library will be at the Trail of Treats on the Hardwick Common – Saturday, Oct.31, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Ongoing programs

Join the Paige Memorial Library for Wednesday morning Story Hour and activities beginning with "getting to know you time" at 10:30 a.m. and story and activities at 11 a.m. Homeschoolers are welcome and can access books and materials through our library and through Interlibrary Loan.

The Friends' Book Sale is ongoing. The Book Club and the Cookbook Club meet monthly.

The Paige Writers meet every other week. Friends of the Paige Memorial Library, the Movie Committee, the new Hardwick Gardening Club, and the PML Volunteers are open to new members.

The library staff would like to start a teen group where creative teens can come together and make art, discuss music and culture, and relax. Anyone interested should let the library staff know.

Share ideas for books, the library of things, programs, speakers, or more. Please email, call or stop in.

For more information, visit www.paigelibrary.com, find the Paige Memorial Library on Facebook, email paigelibrary.hardwick@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

Group of alumni participate in Career Exploration Day

BARRE – Instead of gathering for a traditional class reunion, a group of Quabbin Regional High School alumni decided to celebrate their shared connection to their school by giving back to the next generation.

The alumni will return to Quabbin Regional High School on Friday, Oct. 16 from 9-11 a.m. to participate in a Career Exploration Day with current students, sharing their personal career journeys, experiences after high school and the different paths they have taken since graduation.

In addition to the alumni, a variety of community members and professionals will participate in the event, bringing additional perspectives, experiences, and insights about careers, education, training and opportunities available to students.

The event will give students an opportunity to hear directly from people, who once sat in the same classrooms and faced many of the same questions students are considering today: What should I do after high school? How do I choose a career?

Do I need college? What other options are available?

"We are excited that our alumni chose to make their reunion an opportunity to give back to current Quabbin Regional students," said Abigail Rigney, principal of the Quabbin Regional Middle High School.

"There is something especially meaningful about students hearing about career journeys from people who walked these same hallways. Alumni can provide a perspective that is relatable and real, and they can help students see that there isn't necessarily one straight path from high school to a successful career, " Rigney said.

The Career Day is part of Quabbin Regional School District's ongoing efforts to connect students with career exploration and real-world learning opportunities.

By bringing professionals into the school, students can ask questions, learn about careers they may not have considered, and begin thinking about the education, training, skills and experiences they may need to reach their goals.

Quabbin Regional recently joined the River East School to Career Partnership, expanding opportunities for students to connect classroom learning with careers, local employers and community resources.

For the alumni participating in the Career Day, the event is about more than simply returning to their former school. It is an opportunity to share what they have learned since graduation and help students as they begin thinking about their own futures.

Quabbin Regional School District serves students from the communities of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, and Oakham. The district is committed to preparing students for success beyond high school by providing opportunities for academic growth, career exploration, leadership, and connection to the community. People may visit QRSD.org.

River East School to Career is a nonprofit partnership connecting students, schools, employers and community organizations to expand career exploration and work-based learning opportunities. The partnership supports students through career development, employer connections, mentorships, internships, career events, scholarships and other opportunities that help young people prepare for life after high school. People may visit RiverEastSTC.org.

Are you having difficulty communicating with your partner, struggling with boundaries, and healthy relationships?

We invite you to join us Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm to explore these topics and more.

This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661.**

HUBBARDSTON

by Ellenor Downer
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BOH holds vaccine clinic

The Hubbardston Board of Health contracted with Walgreen Pharmacy to hold a vaccine clinic for ages 6 and up on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Senior Center, Main Street. Vaccines offered include flu, COVID, shingles, measles, pneumonia, tetanus and others. People may sign up for vaccines at the senior center or call the Town Clerk at 978-928-1400, extension 202. People should include their name and what vaccine and how many. This helps that the right amount of vaccines are available at the clinic.

Apple program

The Hubbardston Historical Society presents Christie Higginbottom, who will speak on the Infinite Variety of Fruit: Historic New England Apples on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 1-3 p.m. in the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road. Suggested donation is $10 per person. Participants will learn about and taste the Nonesuch and other historic apple varieties. People may email hubbhistory1767@gmail.com to RSVP.

Scare crow and pumpkin contest

First Meeting House Preservation Committee host a scare crow and pumpkin contest on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. in the First Meeting House, Main St. There will be prizes and certificates for different categories. There is no preregistration for the Scare crow contest or Pumpkin contest. People should bring their entry to the common at the First Meeting House 2 Main St. There will be prizes and certificates for different categories. The entry fee for the scare crow contest is $5 entry fee, pumpkin contest entry fee $1 and vote for your favorites with a $1 per vote fee. In addition, there will be fall themed games, Do It Yourself crafts, grave yard tour and scavenger hunt. Hot cider and hot chocolate will be served.

Cultural Council seeks applications

The Hubbardston Cultural Council, part of the Massachusetts Local Cultural Council network, will be accepting grant applications for the 2026–2027 cycle until Thursday, Oct. 15 at 11:59 p.m. The HCC will begin reviewing applications in November. The Council invites individuals, nonprofits, schools and other local organizations to submit proposals for creative, educational and community-based cultural programming. People may visit the hubbardstonma.gov/170/Cultural-Council for more information and to apply for a grant. For further information or to arrange an interview with representatives of the Hubbardston Cultural Council, people should email Laura Foley at laura@lauramfoley.com or call 978-820-0046.

Senior news

All artists are welcome to attend the art group at the Hubbardston Senior Center every Friday from 9-11 a.m. A new activity at the Senior Center is the Creative Needle and Thread activity every Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. All are invited to bring projects, such as embroidery, cross stitch, sewing and quilting. Questions may be directed to Michelle at 508-450-4476. Yarn-It-All group meets from 10 a.m.-noon. Knitting and crocheting projects will be worked on, and those who have questions will get help from others who attend. Games of Pitch are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and the first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Cribbage is played every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Bingo is every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and Wii Bowling is every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Functional Exercise Classes are held at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Christ Memorial Church tag sale Oct. 17

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The tag sale at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine.

There will be plants, puzzles, books, clothes, kids' stuff, kitchen and household items, treasures and more. Name your own price.

Help support the North Brookfield Food Collaborative by bringing non-perishable items. Use the Spring Street door should the weather force the tag sale inside.

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Opinion

Letters to Editor

Reader urges all to vote

By now I believe a great majority of people in this country have woken up to the extraordinary danger we are in as a nation.

They know that the present administration is a mortal enemy to our constitution and hostile to democracy and the rights of all citizens to vote without fear and intimidation. However, there is still a sizable minority, who see things quite differently.

We saw on Jan. 6, 2021, how disruptive and violent that minority can be and if not for one individual, a true profile in courage, we could have been victims of a coup d'etat, seriously.

So nearly seven years later, yes, "the most important elections of our lifetime" is on Nov. 3 and we're hearing some of the same dangerous rumblings from the administration about stolen elections, voter fraud, non-citizens voting, ad nauseam.

All of it is specious, intended to intimidate us from voting. The enemies of democracy have decided that the fewer people who vote, the better their chances are to maintain power and continue their autocratic project to control all levels of government forever.

The members of Indivisible Barre are here to beg you not to be afraid. Get out and vote and do so early if possible. Early voting begins in Massachusetts on Oct. 17. Here in Barre you can do so at the Henry Woods Building at 40 West Street. If you can't do it then, you still have other days in October to do so.

The beauty of voting early is to put your vote into a vault, like a bank. It's there, it is safe, sure to be counted. Nov. 3 is the national voting day, vote in Barre at your precinct site, either the Senior Center District 1 or the VFW District 2.

Barre Indivisible is part of a nationwide non-partisan, pro-democracy movement on Saturday, Oct. 17. Please join us at 10:30 a.m. at the Barre Common.

Bring a friend and family to protect our precarious democracy. There will be a table with voter registration forms available to take away if you aren't already registered to vote. Later, many of us will take the short walk to the 40 West St to vote – early. Go to NoKings.org for more information.

Kevin Canterbury
Barre

Candidates spend millions of dollars

Political candidates spend millions for non-stop, frequent, repetitive TV ads praising themselves and berating their opponents.

Most ads preach the candidate's profound concern for every voter and promise to make things better. On and on they go.

How many folks believe what they say? How many voters are annoyed with hearing the same banter over and over?

Wouldn't it be much more persuasive if candidates actually did something helpful prior to the election. What if they were to spend a chunk of their campaign funds helping people deal with the high costs for food, gas, clothing, medicine, etc.

A million dollars of campaign funds could buy and distribute 40,000 $25 prepaid gift-cards for everyday essentials; or sponsor mobile dental, medical, veterinary clinics or resolve any number of other un-funded needs in the local communities, which candidates should be well aware of.

Although these one-time, "small" dollar actions won't solve the major long-term problems facing many voters, they do demonstrate a candidates' willingness and reliability to take actions that really help. Someone voters could trust.

Paul Gallo
Barre



In Past Pages

5 years (Oct. 21, 2021)

Fall Harvest Days were held at Dismas Family Farm, 687 Lincoln Road, Oakham, on Oct. 2, 9 and 16. This year instead of one large harvest day, Dismas Farm opted to host three smaller harvest days. There were hay rides, pumpkins and fall treats at the farm.

Now that the insulation contractor had the issue with the sprinkler system at the New Braintree Grade School remedied and Worcester Elevator completed work on the school elevator, students should return to school Monday, Nov. 15. Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Sheila Muir presented a time line for the return of pre-school, kindergarten and grade 1 students to the New Braintree school at last Thursday school committee meeting. She said the state will inspect the elevator Oct. 21.

She met with the school principal of New Braintree and Oakham schools, Patricia Worthington and teachers and would send out a letter to notify parents of the students Oct. 15. A virtual parent information session would be held Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. Also on Oct. 20 breakfast/lunch schedules and bus transportation would be finalized.

As summer ends and the leaves start to turn, North Brookfield Savings Bank is gearing up for their Annual Fall Food Drive fundraiser, offering the perfect chance to share some kindness, support the Community and help those in need during the season of giving. North Brookfield Savings Bank's Fall Food Drive fundraiser, held from Oct. 25 through Nov. 20, helps provide much-needed food items to local neighbors and families in need. For every item collected through the community, North Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute $1, for a total of up to $3,000, to help fund the pantries' operations. The bank's goal is to collect at least 3,500 items total, but the bank will be contributing monetarily and is issuing a challenge to the community. Community members are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items, paper goods, toiletries or any monetary donations at any of NBSB's convenient

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Look Back
Spelling Bee – 1985



File photo

The winners of the Ruggles Lane School spelling bee sponsored by the Friday Club were from left, Amy Luukko, first place; Brian Bordeaux, second place and Kristin White, third place.

When to wash and when not to wash, that is the question

In the Garden
by Roberta McQuaid



This is one of my more funnier titles, isn't it? It occurred to me that not everyone knows which fruits or vegetables should be washed prior to storage.

Just yesterday I was pondering this topic myself, wondering if my fresh picked apples should be washed before I stored them away in the fridge.

Read on to learn the answer to that question as well as the same for other crops. While we're at it I will provide additional tips to help achieve lengthy storage.

Apples should not be washed prior to storage. There is a protective waxy covering over the fruit that helps to increase its shelf life.

Experiments prove that washing it off caused the apples to spoil much more quickly. Placing unwashed apples in a plastic bag that is either left open or has perforations in it then putting the bag in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator will give them the best chance at longevity. This method provides both air flow and humidity.

Want to store carrots or beets? Use the same method.

You will have to cut back the greens first, however. If you leave them on they will pull moisture from the roots rendering them limp. Cut back to a half inch or so.

If your carrots or beets are super muddy it's best to let them air dry briefly to get some of the extra dirt off, but just like apples, that protective waxy layer should not be washed off. If you are hoping for a long storage life, it makes sense to go through your bags of produce to remove any that begin to rot so that they won't infect their neighbors.

There is something to be gleaned from the old adage "one bad apple spoils the whole barrel."

Likewise, never wash potatoes before putting them in storage! Gently brush off dirt and store them in a single layer in the darkness around 55 degrees.

Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Potatoes should not be stored in the refrigerator. It changes their texture and makes them prone to rot.

I think it's safe to say that we would never consider washing onions or garlic prior to storage. We should, however, gently brush off the dirt near the roots and bottom portion of the bulb. After onions are properly cured, store them at temperatures close to 40 degrees.

Place apples, bananas, and tomatoes away from onions, these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen, causing onions to sprout prematurely. Ethylene will also encourage potatoes to sprout.

Use onion bulbs that have two centers first; they won't store well. Garlic stems should be cut back to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location in mesh bags or on slatted trays etc.

Softneck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding.

In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

Keep your garlic fists intact; once broken apart, individual cloves do not keep as long.

Gently wash winter squash in a 10% bleach solution prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees; in this case it will help prevent rot.

The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age. The same advice for washing prevails for pumpkins and gourds.

As the harvest season continues, may these tips help to ensure that you get the longest possible storage life. A much deserved reward after all of your hard work!

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ALL THEY ASK TO BE

I wonder day-by-day what causes hate to rise,
What characteristic missing leads to thoughts so cruel,
That people deny others the very rights they claim for themselves.

The practice of hatred is as old as man himself,
Genesis tells of Cain and Able, of jealousy and murder,
Of families split apart and left to crumble around discord.

Men whose lust for power and greed ignore those human rights,
In favor of seeking their own agenda regardless of who gets hurt,
Or how many lives are lost or destroyed along the way.

It makes my blood boil to even consider it all,
And seek a solution of a kind that all can agree
Will be successful in stopping the growth of hatred.

But alas I fear there is no cure for a sickness out of hand,
That feeds on itself like Covid and spawn's new hatreds all the time,
Is there nothing we can do to produce a renaissance of caring?

The only thing I can see ahead to strip away these hates,
Is to see each other as human beings, not soldiers for this cause,
Or disciples for that, but simply brothers and sisters of the human family,

Easy enough to say and consider, but hard to do,
How can we all contribute to peace in the world if we won't
Give up our need to control each other's thoughts and freedoms.

To place one who's skin is different than ours, in a place no one deserves,
Or judge the placement of a Mezuzah near one's entry as innately bad,
Is no different than to think, "No Irish need apply".

The accident of anyone's birth is unavoidable and typical of nothing,
Each nation has its eminent and its criminals to be sure,
So how do we look past these intellectual crutches and find truth.

The answer lies in the mirror you look into each day,
Do you really see who's looking back?
Is there someone there who understands these things?

Each of us can make a difference if we first understand ourselves,
If the ill-content of our world is more than you can stand,
Begin by looking into your own soul and put that right.

When we love the image looking back for all its faults and fears,
And see there one we can love in spite of them,
There is no reason to persist in hating those we do not know.

Each of us has things we dislike in others, but don't see
Those qualities we might admire, if only we'd agree
To understand that a human being, is All They Ask to Be.

– B. Splaine

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE
For our rural way of life in changing times

Thoughts on our Community Resilience

By Rita-Renee Toll-Dubois

Ecological resilience is the capacity of an ecosystem to absorb disturbances and reorganize while undergoing change, so the community's needs are well met for the present and future generations.

The Earth has experienced multiple mass extinctions, severe disturbances due to climate change, asteroid impacts, vast volcanic eruptions, and has recovered, producing diverse and complex ecosystems.

What does it mean in terms of human community resilience? Perhaps it, too, is the capacity to move forward after a major disruption - such as a natural or financial disaster; a major global supply chain rupture; a major war or genocide and ethnic cleansing; or a global or national epidemic/pandemic.

People, as a species, and as nations, have survived and recovered, but there has been tremendous loss of human life, territory, culture, language, safety, identity, or quality of life. Not everyone who survived these disasters survived healthy, intact, and able to return to a state of equanimity.

Does our own community have the resilience and capacity to bounce back, to endure, to thrive? And if so, can it adapt and respond quickly and efficiently?

This is a relevant question given the state of the US and the world at this moment, with climate change intensifying storms, with our national economic picture, healthcare system, even some might say, our political system, not serving us well.

The capacity of any entity to carry on depends in part on its ability to adapt to new realities, fulfill the tasks of daily/weekly/yearly existence, and the strength, abundance and quality of the resources available.

Is Barre a resilient community? To answer this question, we have to know whether it is able financially, socially, governmentally, and environmentally to care for all its residents and carry out effectively and efficiently the tasks that a town needs to address.

Does Barre have the necessary resources to withstand a natural disaster, a major global supply chain rupture, an epidemic, a military conflict, a governmental, institutional, communications, or electrical infrastructure collapse?

We are a community that came together as best we could during Covid, yet as time wore on there were simmering tensions.

Among the residents we have many tools and a lot of know-how and experience fixing things, keeping things going. We have a culture of neighborliness.

Yet I wonder: do we know where the community members live who are unable to evacuate a building by themselves? Are we set up to be sure they get out safely and have what they need to live?

Do we know who is willing to share the food they grow so others do not go without? Will it be enough? How and where will it be distributed? To whom? By whom?

Do we know how we would stay informed if the communications and/or electrical systems failed, as they did recently in Gary, Indiana, where tornados knocked out electricity for whole neighborhoods for three weeks and large trees fell on houses, cars as well as power lines, making it impossible for emergency vehicles to reach folks for medical assistance.

Do we know who are medical practitioners who could care for the wounded in the event that emergency services are not available? Are necessary medical supplies available? Is there back-up if there is no fuel available for emergency vehicles?

I think it important to accept, if not at least consider, that there may be an emergency so grave, so large, so unfamiliar and unexpected that the folks trained and equipped to help will not be able to do all that is needed. What then?

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branches anytime from Oct. 25 through Nov. 20, with the proceeds going directly to local food pantries.

10 years (Oct. 20, 2016)

Barre Selectman Charles Chase in hope to bring closure to the police chief selection impasse moved to appoint Deputy Chief John Carbone of Clinton, Connecticut as Barre's police chief. Chase's motion included that acting chief James Sabourin remain at the acting chief rate rather than going back to his sergeant's salary that was part of his interim contract. Selectman Matthew Urban, who supported John Carbone for police chief, amended the motion by Chase. He said that the police department overtime account was already overrunning at 2%. He stated that if they added an assistant chief as well as a chief, the townspeople might question why they were paying for two chiefs. Urban moved that the motion read to hire John Carbone as police chief and to review the budget, union contract and make every effort to keep James Sabourin at his current rate. Chase said that he tried to come to some agreement and that he really wanted to recognize Sabourin for his hard work as acting chief. He commented that the town had a contract for Sabourin that it would hold his sergeant's position open and if not selected as police chief, he would return to that role and at that rate of pay. Chase said, "I don't' feel that is right." Sabourin's rate as acting chief was $74,000 per year. The chief's rate was $74,294. The board agreed to work with various bodies that included the union, the new chief, Sabourin and the budget to redefine Sabourin's position in a non-union role. Selectmen will now begin negotiations with Carbone in executive session.

Last Friday, Oct. 7 marked the first fundraiser event for the Hardwick Youth Center. The theme was a Glow in the Dark dance geared toward children ages 5 to 12 years old with teenage members of the youth center volunteering to work at the event. Kimberly Wright has served as director of the Hardwick Youth Center for three years. The center provides educational programs, field trips, snacks and after school sessions for children living in Hardwick proper as well as its villages of Old Furnace, Gilbertville and Wheelwright. When Wright first started overseeing the Hardwick Youth Center, there were only five to six children actively participating. Today, the Hardwick Youth Center serves over 300 children throughout the area. The goal of the fundraiser was to provide more programming for the children by supplementing the town budget.

Oakham Selectmen held a hearing for a farm pouring license for Agronomy Farm Vineyard at hearing. The board voted to take the matter under advisement and send a written response in two weeks.

No one opposed the granting the license at the hearing. Several neighbors attended in support of the endeavor. Corey and Marissa Connor, 338 Ware Corner Road, bought the property in 2013 and planted 1 1/2 acres of grape vines in 2014, with red and white hybrid varieties that do well in this area. Mr. Connor said they expect a crop next year. They will be building a tasting room. This year they made wine using purchased juice from New York. The couple applied for federal and state licenses and received approval for all wine made and bottled on their property. They plan to be a seasonal operation March through November and open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon-6 or 7 p.m. They currently have 400 cases of wine with a goal of 2,000 cases. Both of them work full-time and hoped to have the vineyard a full-time operation in ten years. Future plans including hosting weddings. They said they did not anticipate a restaurant on the property.

25 years (Oct. 18, 2001)

Tuesday morning, juniors and seniors gathered in the Quabbin Regional High School auditorium to witness a mock trail/ The mock trial was the continuation of a staged accident last spring at the school presented by the Quabbin Regional Students Against Destructive Decisions organization. The jury was comprised of students and the prosecutor, defense attorney and judge were all students. Under the scenario played out over a period of two hours, the accused played by a student was indicted on two counts of motor vehicle homicide and a single count of driving under the influence and causing serious bodily injury.

For nearly 90 minutes last week, the two victors of their respective state primaries, Republican Ryan Witkos and Democrat Anne Gobi, faced a panel of reporters and took questions for a standing room only audience in the North Brookfield Town House, their only scheduled debate before Tuesday's special election. For Witkos of Hardwick and Gobi of Spencer, the goal of the debate was to capture the independent voters, those who choose neither side in the primary.

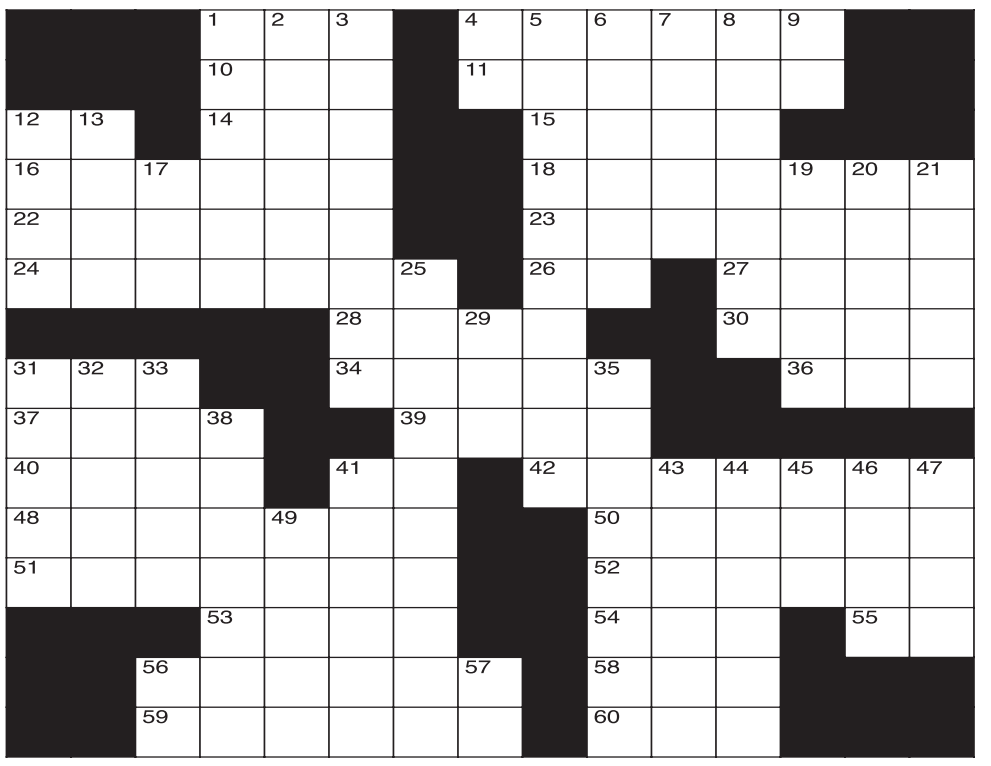
The Barre Board of Selectmen received a copy of bridge inspection form MassHighway on the following bridges: Powder Mill Bridge, Old Coldbrook Bridge and Hubbardston Road Bridge. With he exception of Powder Mill Bridge, the bridges got good and very good reports. The Hubbardston Road Bridge received a good and very good marks and the Old Coldbrook Bridge got good marks with some minor problems. Powder Mill Bridge is in need of a concrete deck and steel plating. The new plates should be coming soon and that repair will be made.

38 years (Oct. 22, 1998)

Sen. Stephen M. Brewer, D-Barre, said an amendment to the Assault Weapon Ban exempts veteran's organizations from the provisions, which prohibited the carrying of unloaded weapons in any public way. As it stands now, the current law, which is referred to as Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1998, prohibits veterans and veterans' organizations from carrying unloaded weapons during parades and ceremonies on public land. As a member of the legislative Committee on Public Safety, Brewer has worked diligently with the committee and many of his colleagues in the legislature, to draft amendments that exclude veterans and veterans organizations from these provisions. The result of this hard work is Senate Bill 2236.

The two Oakham Selectmen present at the Monday, Oct. 19 meeting, Robert Leary and Clayton Rice, signed the transfer of the cable television license from Charter Communications Inc. to Paul G. Allen. Chairman Robert Leary asked the representative present to look into the possibility of providing cable access to several roads in town that did not get cable when it was originally installed. The representative said he would look into that.

A group of about a dozen residents supporting Loring Barrett's selection as Hubbardston's new police chief attended the Oct. 13 Selectmen's meeting. They presented Selectmen with a petition containing over 1,000 signatures. An accompanying letter requested the Selectmen appoint Barrett "without further delay" as police chief of Hubbardston.



CLUES ACROSS
1. Small Eurasian deer
4. Province in Northern Ireland
10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A notable one was "blue"
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Sullies
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Tools you may need
30. A pledge
31. They start the alphabet
34. Silk garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Longtime mayor of Rio
39. Hot meal
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. $10 bill
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. National capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. European government entity (abbr.)
56. Bike parts
58. Friend to "Barbie"
59. Stretched to see or hear
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN
1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Wages
4. International organization of countries
5. Engravers of gems
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital worker
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. Alternative identity
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate to a time of year
29. Creative work
31. Recesses
32. Largely forested municipality in Germany
33. Rider of Rohan
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Nazis
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Member of British nobility
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 6

Planting day restores slope at Ware River Park

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – The Hardwick Conservation Commission and about 20 volunteers made quick work of restoring the slope by the Ware River Park gazebo at New Furnace Landing in Gilbertville this past Sunday.

The commission previously removed invasive plants in Ware River Park, including a large stand of Japanese knotweed which was growing around the gazebo.

The invasive Japanese knotweed grows quickly and aggressively and thrives in disturbed areas along riverbanks and roadsides. The knotweed forms dense thickets that pose a significant ecological threat to riparian areas.

With the invasive plant removed, it was essential for the Conservation Commission to restore the habitat with native plants.

In the weeks leading up to the planting day, 10 volunteers installed compost sleeves along the slope, where the plants would be placed, and students from Eagle Hill School removed trash as part of the Connecticut River Conservancy's Source to Sea cleanup.

The restoration project included planting native herbaceous plants such as goldenrod, asters, lupines, butterfly milkweed and more. Willow, dogwood, elderberry and buttonbush were planted further down the slope to help create a root base and prevent erosion.



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Volunteers helped the Hardwick Conservation Commission plant near the gazebo at Ware River Park.

In total, about 30 different plant varieties were planted.

"It was a great success," Conservation Commission member Becky Bottomley said. "People really like coming out and helping."

Joining the commission to complete this project was Landscape Interactions of Greenfield, owned by Evan Abramson.

"We've been working with

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If the state will do that to one school district, it will do it to yours.

The same goes for towns facing state decisions they never asked for. In Oakham, a developer is seeking state approval for a large battery storage facility, and the process has moved forward even though, as we've argued, eight of the nine required permits were never applied for.

I'm fighting it, because a town's future should be decided locally, not with an unaccountable board in Boston.

I also sit on the recently formed school funding commission, specifically to fight for aid that's fair to every community.

This year I sought full funding for Rural School Aid, which the state's own study showed our smaller districts need. It failed strictly along party lines.

Our towns need a senator who will stand up for them even when Beacon Hill's leadership won't.

Every session, Beacon Hill rolls out something it calls new, and far too often it reaches your wallet as another tax, another fee or another unfunded mandate. Our communities don't need more of that, no matter who's selling it.

There's plenty of work still to finish. I'm not asking you to trust a promise.

I have a record of showing up and delivering for this district, and I'm proud of it. I'd be honored to have your vote.

Shannon Teabo

I'm a mother, a Central Massachusetts native, and a first-time candidate for State Senate in the Worcester and Hampshire District.

I am running because our district needs a senator who answers to them and who lives with the same bills and worries as her neighbors.

I am a community member and an organizer, and have spent my time getting neighbors together around the issues that affect daily life in our towns. That work taught me that problems get solved when people speak up and someone is willing to listen.

I grew up in Northborough, graduated from Algonquin Regional High School, and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Worcester State University.

I have worked in the service industry, customer service, a veterinary hospital and human services. Those jobs showed me how many people keep our communities running while stretching budgets of their own.

Seven years ago, my husband and I settled in West Brookfield, for the rural beauty and a place to raise our family.

Like many families here, we feel the cost of living every month. Groceries, heating, childcare, utilities, and healthcare take a bigger bite out of each paycheck, and I hear the same thing from my neighbors.

That is why affordability is the center of my campaign. I want working families, seniors and young people to have a fair chance at a stable life in the towns they call home. I support stronger oversight of utility companies, including limits on yearly rate increases and more transparency when increases are proposed.

I want more help for households struggling with heating costs and with staying cool as summers get hotter. I want Massachusetts to invest in affordable childcare, improve access to healthcare, and bring down prescription drug costs.

No one should have to choose between filling a prescription and paying another bill.

In West Brookfield, we have seen what happens when the state does not keep up. West Brookfield Elementary School closed at the end of June. Residents voted down a Proposition 2½ override in May, and the Quaboag Regional School Committee voted unanimously to close the school and send our students to Warren Community Elementary.

Up to 30 staff positions were cut across the district.

Towns like ours keep going back to voters with overrides to pay for essential services, and every override lands on neighbors who are already stretched.

Boston and the State House must be accountable to the specific needs of rural districts like ours. I will fight for more local aid and for reform of the formula the state uses to distribute it, so it reflects the real circumstances of small, rural towns.

I support investment in public education, affordable housing, roads and bridges and reliable water infrastructure. The communities that help protect the Quabbin and Wachusett watersheds, which supply drinking water to millions of people, deserve the resources to maintain their own infrastructure.

I support new technology that comes with protections for workers and local communities, so residents are never left paying for decisions made by powerful corporations. I believe government should be open about what it is doing, answer for the results and respond when people call.

What can I offer voters? A fighter and advocate for this district.

I am a working mother who organizes with my neighbors, raising my family in a small town and dealing with these costs myself. I have no political career to protect, and I will never forget who sent me to Boston.

When a bill about heating costs, childcare, or local aid comes up for a vote, I will know what it means for a household like yours, because it means the same thing for mine.

If you want a state senator who knows what it costs to live here and knows how to bring people together, I would be honored to have your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

To learn more or get in touch, visit teaboforsenate.com.

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grants. Boiteau said he also uses AI to an extent for data analyzing and budget building, and it should be used as a tool.

"I'm not totally reliant on AI," he said.

Boiteau said he chose Hubbardston because he understands small towns and their needs for economic growth, and said it gives him an opportunity to be hands-on.

"I want to be sure this town succeeds," he said.

James Ryan

Ryan said he was a finance analyst in Wellesley where he worked with a $150 million budget and a five year capital plan with the select board. He then moved to an Assistant Town Manager role in Salisbury managing things like projects, grants, collective bargaining and health insurance, as well as doing HR jobs.

Ryan said he then was the Town Administrator in West Boylston for a short stint where he negotiated a trash contract and then moved on to be a Town Administrator in Templeton where he assembled three versions of a budget in preparation for a town vote on an override, along with a communication plan for residents.

Ryan said he rebuilt the office in Templeton and was in charge of a $200,000 earmark.

Ryan said he has good relationships with superintendents, and knows state leaders including Sen. Peter Durant, and would build a relationship with the state representative in Hubbardston, Rep. Donnie Berthiaume. Ryan said he will continue to monitor the payment in lieu of taxes commission and has a membership at the MMA.

Ryan said he understood the situation Hubbardston is in, having about a $12 million budget with about 60% going toward the QRSD, and a debt amount of $263,000. Ryan said that debt amount is about 2% of the total budget, which is lower than the goal most towns have of between 5-10%.

Ryan said he understands Hubbardston is a Right to Farm community, has a lot of regional agreements and has a strong free cash trend. He said that he has relationships with area towns and experience with regional school district obligations.

Ryan also said he understands the town has a municipal complex project in the works.

Ryan said some of his goals if hired would be to meet with department heads about struggles and goals, and keep an open door policy.

"My goal is to be their support system," Ryan said.

He said one thing he likes doing in towns is a "windshield tour" with the select board, police department or DPW.

When asked about an extremely difficult situation and how he'd prioritize them, including a piece of broken equipment, an angry resident, a prior meeting, a chairman needing to speak and a warrant being due, he gave his prioritization.

Ryan said the first thing is to meet with the chair, the prior department head meeting has to be postponed and the angry resident should be moved to a later date so a legal counsel review can happen. For the broken equipment, Ryan said it depends on the capital budget, and there'd be a potential emergency release of funds.

The warrant would be the last priority on that particular day, he said.

Ryan said some important communication aspects include setting meetings about policy to get people on the same page and copying department heads on emails regarding certain issues. He said the town administrator's report is an important way to keep the select board aware of things going on in town, along with sending them notes on unexpected things in between reports, including major issues like medical or property damages.

Ryan said he'd start to build relationships with the finance committee along with other boards and committees. Ryan said the first day would most likely look like meeting everybody in town hall along with the interim town administrator on current issues facing the town.

Ryan said he would start scheduling meetings on the first day.

Ryan said he is familiar with collective bargaining and negotiations, coming up with proposals on behalf of the town in his time in Salisbury. Ryan said he kept a notebook of the effects of contracts, and gathered information on contracts other towns have signed to compare.

"We don't want to be the lowest…we don't want to be the highest either," he said. Ryan also noted working through some confusing negotiations with a dispatch center during his time in Templeton.

Ryan said he tries to control costs in collective bargaining situations, and projects future years. He said one example of this was reducing sick leave buy back for new employees. Ryan also said he creates a five year capital plan for those expenses. "Police cruisers are just the tip of the iceberg," he said.

Ryan said some technology he uses include Office 365, which has a built in AI for things like spell checking and more, and there are ways to make a centralized database for reports so they are not being sent by email at differing times. He said there's a grant that allows IT to keep track of malware immediately, and it's important to have back-ups.

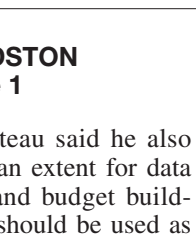
Ryan said he has not managed a project with the scope of the municipal complex, but he has put together health insurance groups, procurement projects over $200,000, and managing vendors. Ryan said he'd meet regularly with the project manager though.

He said that he worked on an insulation/ventilation project at a library in Salisbury, which was a multi-phased project in which he worked with the DPW. Ryan said the town administrator has to be a conduit to keep projects moving, and someone who will keep track of bills and hold contractors accountable.

"You have to scrutinize change orders," Ryan said.

Ryan spoke about grants, saying he would look to see where the needs and opportunities are to dictate which grants he pursues, and also identify when they start coming out. He exemplified going after a MassWorks grant for an often used bridge on Main Street in Templeton which was eligible for a study.

The Select Board will deliberate and possibly vote on the candidates at another meeting.



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The group poses for a photo at the Tunnel Brook trailhead at the start of their hike. Photo by Chris Haley

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climb ahead of them. After about ten miles and four hours of hiking, with around 3,500 feet of elevation gain, all 18 members of the club successfully summited Mt. Moosilauke, which stands at 4,802 feet.

From the summit, the views of the fall foliage were breathtaking and students celebrated their hard work by sharing their favorite snacks with one another, something the club does best.

No matter the hike, club members always watch out for each other, continuously growing closer together every step of the way. This kind of experience not only teaches students the power of perseverance, but also the importance of compassion when overcoming challenges and leading a fulfilling lifestyle.

To cap off the day, many students enjoyed a dip in a cool mountain stream, soon followed by a night of campfire stories, laughter, and gooey s'mores.



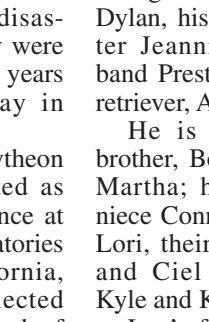
Photo by Carter Bassett

Four hikers head up the Tunnel Brook Trail, surrounded by beautiful fall foliage.

The students would like to especially thank faculty chaperones, Mr. Haley, Ms. Trumbull, Mrs. Frost and Mr. Cammuso, who made the trip happen, giving them an unforgettable opportunity to spend time in nature and connect with one another.

Obituary

Leroy Lendon Dawson, 92



Len was the son of the late Roy and Mildred Dawson and was born and was raised in Barre, Massachusetts. He attended and played varsity basketball at Barre High School where his father was the principal 1930 to 1967, except for the war years.

Len went to the University of Illinois on an NROTC scholarship, followed by three years as a naval officer, which included five months in Lebanon during that country's 1958 Civil War.

During naval service, he married Jimmie Lee Hill. They met the old-fashioned way, "cruising main." Len spotted a pretty girl driving a Mercury, followed her to the Dairy Queen and after some small talk asked for her number.

They began dating and got engaged two months later. Len was soon to be deployed to the Mediterranean for ten months. When he returned, they hardly knew each other. A recipe for marital disaster? Not this time; they were happily married for 65 years until she passed away in 2022.

Len worked for Raytheon prior to being recruited as Vice President of Finance at Optical Coating Laboratories in Santa Rosa, California, where he also was elected to the company's board of directors.

After nine years at OCLI, he decided to become an entrepreneur, opening a printing business and, his great passion, sourcing and selling new-old-stock parts for the restoration of collectible cars, primarily Mopar (Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge and DeSoto).

In 1988 he built a waterfront home and moved with Jimmie Lee to his idea of heaven on earth, Anacortes, Washington where he was a member of Sister Cities, Friday Boys, the Skajit Old Car Club and the Kiwanis Sunrisers where he clocked thousands of hours of community service.

Len took great pride in Roy, his dad, who was a veteran of both World Wars and who carried two terms as president of the Massachusetts High School Principal's Association. Len was often asked during his high school years whether being "the boss's son" was difficult. His response: "Nope. I had an outstanding role model at home and again during the day at school."

Len loved history, old cars, world travel, the Mariners and the Seahawks and most of all, family. Along with Jimmie Lee, he was devoted to his wonderful son Lee, Lee's wife Olga, his grandkids Sofia and Dylan, his wonderful daughter Jeannine and her husband Preston and his golden retriever, Auggie.

He is survived by his brother, Bob and Bob's wife Martha; his niece Jill; his niece Connie and her partner Lori, their children Dawson and Ciel and his nephew Kyle and Kyle's wife Lily.

Len's facebook.com page is open and overseen by Jeannine and Lee at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008334583765&mibextid=wwXIfr&mibextid=wwXIfr.

DEATH NOTICE

Dawson, Leroy Lendon
Died Sept. 15, 2026

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menting prevention education.

Gilman and the board also outlined the work the library does, and read a statement from Library Trustee Chair Harbour Hodder which outlined, in part, that they welcome those in vulnerable situations including substance abuse, food insecurity and domestic abuse.

The statement read that the staff is trained for emergency situations regarding substance abuse, and there are pamphlets with sources around the library, including at the circulation desk and in the restrooms.

COA report

Council on Aging Director Courtenay Rivera gave a report about the Senior Center and noted 319 sign-ins for August with 54 unduplicated and 396 sign-ins for September with 49 unduplicated.

Events over the months included two strength and flexibility classes with 32 total participants, a Bemis workshop with 18 participants, a Quaboag River cruise with 10 participants, a coffee and craft event with 11 participants, a bingo night with 18 participants, a performance from the Greendale Friends Chorus with 16 participants, an event with the Registry of Deeds with 14 participants and the end of summer luau with 20 participants.

The report noted the set time for events at the center, including walking clubs on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., food distribution on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., lunch on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at noon, drawing club on Thursdays at 11 a.m., gentle yoga Thursdays at 11 a.m., functional fitness Fridays at 9:30 a.m., foot care clinics on the first Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., manicures on the third Thursday, blood pressure clinic on the second Wednesday at 11 a.m. and blood pressure plus glucose clinic on the fourth Wednesday from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Highway Department report

Highway Department Superintendent Randy Morgan gave the department's September report and noted roadside cleanup like whacking, mowing, trimming and guardrail cleaning taking place. The department has been grading dirt roads including Douty Road and patching potholes as needed.

The report noted the department is initiating the setup of the brine system for the winter, and cleaning catch basins. The department jetted out clogged pipes on Conroy Avenue and there are some paving projects on North Main Street, which start on Oct. 19 and Stoddard Court and Chase Road which are scheduled for later this year.

Police Department report

Police Chief Ryan Daley gave the department's September report and noted 1,242 calls for service, nine arrests/summons/custodies, 14 civil citations, five parking tickets, seven protection orders and three car accidents.

The department secured a $10,506 grant to be used toward traffic enforcement, field sobriety test training, child passenger safety technician training and national night out funding. The report noted an officer attending a wellness class identifying stress, critical incidents, mental health, peer support and crisis intervention.

The department is one officer down, soon to be a second due to an officer departing, and they are working on filling those positions.

Town House paving

Executive Assistant Mary Beth Kularski put out a statement saying the town, by requirement of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, will have to do some paving in the parking lot of the Town House.

According to Kularski, this is due to subsurface petroleum and hydrocarbon release, and the soil underground has to be contained per the regulations. The town has to adhere to these regulations as they could face potential monetary fines if not.

Donations

The board accepted a $10,000 donation to the library through the Florine E. Martell trust and an anonymous $30 donation to the COA.

Appointments

The board appointed Melissa Magario, Shelly Fullam and Pam Farley as election workers along with Richard Litchfield as a mechanic to the Highway Department.

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to hear a report from the Finance Committee regarding Proposition 2 ½ override information. All five articles have Select Board and Finance Committee approval.

Both articles 1 and 5 require a majority vote.

Proposition 2 1/2 override informational presentations take place on Thursday Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 12:30 p.m. Both will be held in the main room of the Senior Center.

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I know in Ashville, North Carolina, during the flood that wiped out so much, people had to help each other survive. Areas that did best had folks ready to coordinate emergency response, who set up a central point for the generators, fuel, water, and food to be shared.

They had the communications equipment. Folks knew who to call, where to go, what was needed and who was in need. They assembled the volunteers to do the work and care for each other and the community survived.

Many of us are ready to help yet are not sure what to do, where to go, what is needed. None of us want to remember when shelves were empty in the stores.

No one wants to imagine catastrophes yet we all know they happen regardless. Let's get ready so if and when our time comes to manage a major crisis, we are prepared as a community and can be proud we made it through together, leaving no one behind.

There is a Barre, MA, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Committee that met in 2018. Is it time to reactivate it?

For information or suggestions email:CommunityResilienceBarre@gmail.com.

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

CIRCLE OF SONG REHEARSALS take place today from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, Exchange Street, Barre. This four part chorus is always looking for singers who enjoy a good time and don't mind working hard for a beautiful blend. This season's picks are: "A Doc" arranged Christmas medley; "Come to the Woods" by Jake Runestad; "Feels Like Home;" "Carol of the Bells;" "Down in the River to Pray;" "Hallelujah Chorus" and Sign No More, Ladies," an original from Tom Martin.

QUABBIN DAYS MONTH LONG PHOTO CONTEST takes place during the month of October. Residents of Athol, Belchertown, New Salem and Pelham are invited to grab their cameras or smartphones and capture what makes the Quabbin Region so special as part of this month-long photography event being held in conjunction with Quabbin Days. The contest is being conducted in partnership with four libraries – the Athol Public Library, Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown, New Salem Public Library, and Pelham Library, and is open to residents of those communities. Photographs entered in the contest must be taken during the month of October 2026 and may be taken in any of the 12 towns that make up the Quabbin Region. The deadline for submitting photographs is on Saturday, Oct. 31 at midnight.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

BICYCLE OR WALK takes place today at 1 p.m. on the Wachusett Greenways section of the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail in Rutland, Oakham and Barre. The event accommodates up to 25 participants. People should meet in Rutland at the rail trail parking area on Route 122, one mile west of the Route 122A intersection. This parking is marked with white reflectors along the road. It has a portable restroom and is at the intersection with the Mid state Trail.

The ride is 4 plus miles. People may ride the roughly 16 miles or ride back to the parking lot for about 8 miles. For those who prefer walking, they'll travel 2 to 4 miles, some east and some west along the trail. They'll gauge the distance according to participants choice.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

BARRE PLAYERS THEATER, 64 Common St., Barre presents "A Murder Is Announced" today, Friday, Oct. 16; Oct. 23; Saturdays, Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Oct. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. This play is adapted from the Agatha Christie's novel for the stage by Leslie Darbon. It is directed by Rebecca Gleason. General admission is $20 and seniors and children are $15. It is supported in part by the Barre Cultural Council and Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information or tickets, people may visit www.barreplayerstheater.com.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

ED THE WIZARD brings "Reading is Magic "today at 2 p.m. to the Hardwick's Town House, 40 Common St., Hardwick. This is a family-friendly, interactive magic show brought by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council and the libraries of Hardwick. This magic show is full of comedy and suspense and emphasizes the importance of building and maintaining reading skills.

BENEFIT DINNER for the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard sponsored by Wilbraham Knights of Columbus Council 10195 takes place today at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Church, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. The Survival Center helps feed and cloth over 400 individuals each month in Wilbraham, Hampden, Ludlow, Indian Orchard and 16 Acres. The menu contains homemade chicken Parmesan and pasta Italian dinner with salad, bread, coffee and cannoli. The event includes raffles, musical entertainment. Tickets are limited and cost $20. Tickets may be picked up at after Mass in the St. Cecilia rotunda starting on Saturday, Sept. 26.

VACCINE CLINIC sponsored by the Hubbardston Board of Health contracted with Walgreen Pharmacy today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to offer vaccines for ages 6 and up in the Senior Center, Main Street. Vaccines offered include flu, COVID, shingles, measles, pneumonia, tetanus and others. People may sign up for vaccines at the senior center or call the Town Clerk at 978-928-1400, extension 202. People should include their name and what vaccine and how many. This helps that the right amount of vaccines are available at the clinic.

GET OUT AND VOTE RALLY sponsored by Barre Indivisible, part of a nationwide non-partisan, pro-democracy movement takes place today at 10:30 a.m. on Barre Common, Barre. There will be a table with voter registration forms for those not already registered to vote. Later many of the group will walk to the Henry Woods Memorial Building, 40 West St., Barre to vote early.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

15TH ANNUAL STATION LOOP RAMBLES takes place today from 9:30 a.m. There is a kids run, five-mile classic and 5K run/walk. All events incorporate part of the Mass. Central Rail Trail and start on Depot Road, at the intersection of West and Hardwick Roads, New Braintree. The 5 mile classic is a hilly road and trail race with a flat fast finish on the Mass. Central Rail Trail. The kids run and 5K run/walk are entirely on a flat course on the Mass. Central Rail Trail. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Race begins and ends at the site of the former New Braintree Train Station, travels past scenic farmland through deep woods and skirts the Ware River. Start time is 9 a.m. for kids run, 9:40 a.m. 6 to 12 years old (¼ mile), 10 a.m. 5 mile classic and 10:05 a.m. 5K run/walk. Awards ceremony is at 11 a.m. Entry fee is free ages 5 and under, $10 ages 6-12, $25 early bird online registration by Oct. 17, $30 day of adult registration and $35 family registration for up to four members. People may register www.eqlt.org/station-loop-ramble/. People may call 413-477-8229 for more information.

CEMETERY TOUR sponsored by the Lancaster Historical Society takes place today at 2 p.m. People will tour the Old Settlers' Burial Field and the Middle Cemetery. They are among the oldest in Worcester County and are the final resting place for early pioneering families, notable citizens and war veterans. This event is free and open to the public. They should meet at the entrance to the Middle Cemetery along Main Street (Route 70) in South Lancaster. For more information, people may call 978-733-6907.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets today at 7 p.m. Hope Lodge, 42 Central St., Gardner on the Quabbin Reservoir. Speaker is Maria Beiter-Tucker, Department Conservation and Recreation interpretive services supervisor of the Quabbin.

WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT takes place today at 8 p.m. in Nuovo Restaurant, 92 Shrewsbury St., Worcester. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available by visiting at https://worcesterchambermusic.org/cafe-concerts/ or by calling the WCMS office at 508-926-8624.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

PROGRAM ON BATS takes place today at 2 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. The program is for families with children and is sponsored by the New Braintree Library and the Friends of the New Braintree Library. It is funded by the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a State Agency.

Participants will discover the amazing roles bats play in keeping nature balanced and healthy. They will learn about the variety of bat species that live in Massachusetts and about some commonly held myths.Children will take home a bat craft to help celebrate Bat Week 2026.

Where is this?



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Hardwick. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com with their answer by noon on Monday, Oct. 19. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Rosemary Horan, James Laramee and Cheryl Prescott correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the Civil War monument on North Common, Barre.

Calendar Policy

POLICY: Our calendar section is intended to promote "free" events or ones hat directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the community. Paid events that are not deemed fund-raisers or benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public to enter are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items in the mail, by fax, or emailed in Word document format is Monday at noon or sooner. We usually print one week in advance of an event, and the listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation and contact information.



Notice of public comment period extension for MWRA application

The Massachusetts Water Resources Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to MGL Chapter 21 Sections 8B - 8D, and 313 CMR 4.00, Interbasin Transfer Act and Regulations, that the public comment period for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Regional Water Supplier Donor Basin Application is being extended to Oct. 28.

Section 4.10 of the Interbasin Transfer Act regulations enables a Regional Water Supply System to file an application that allows the Water Resources Commission to evaluate and approve criteria applicable to the Donor Basin separately from criteria applicable to the Receiving Area.

MWRA, as a Regional Water Supply System, has filed a Donor Basin application pursuant to section 4.10 for the supply of an additional 20 million gallons per day on average to accommodate the expansion of its service area to multiple public water systems. The MWRA's sources are located in the Chicopee River and Nashua River Basins.

Copies of the application are available for review at the Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown, the Bigelow Free Public Library in Clinton, and on the Interbasin Transfer Act applications webpage. Copies of the application may also be obtained by contacting Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov.

The Commission will be accepting comments on the substance of the application (whether the application is consistent with the environmental criteria set out in the Interbasin Transfer Act, such as impacts on the fisheries, recreation, and the aquatic ecosystem of the donor basin). The Commission will also be accepting comments on the process by which a regional water supplier may apply to the Water Resources Commission for an Increase in the Present Rate of Interbasin Transfer under section 4.10.

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Oct. 28.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic submittal, via email to Vanessa.Curran@mass.gov. Written testimony may also be mailed to: Water Resources Commission, Attention: Vandana Rao, EOEEA, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

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the Conservation Commission for about a year and a half," Abramson said.

He was joined at the planting day by his colleague, Genevieve Goldleaf.

Rich Glidden of R.N. Glidden Landscaping Service of New Braintree will be hydro seeding the slope with a wildflower mix before covering it with a winter wheat cover crop to protect the seeds over the winter.

Bottomley said people visit Ware River Park a lot, and this project will help make it both sustainable and beautiful.



Elizabeth Lang-Holmes of Gilbertville volunteered at Sunday's planting day.

"And good for pollinators," she said.

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Panthers shut out West Boylston

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—For the first time in six years, the Quabbin boys' varsity soccer team is on track to finish the regular season with a .500 record or better.

A convincing 5-0 victory over Mid-Wach (D) rival West Boylston at Alumni Field last Tuesday afternoon moved the Panthers within two wins of securing their first .500-or-better regular season record since 2020. The Panthers had a 6-2-1 overall record and a 4-1-1 league mark following their third shutout victory of this fall. They're also seeking to make their first appearance in the Division 3 state tournament.

"We only need two more wins to qualify for the state tournament for the first time," said second-year Quabbin head coach Bill Crowther. "If we do earn a postseason berth, I'll be thrilled for the entire team, particularly the four seniors who have helped lead this group. It's been an exciting season so far."

Quabbin finished the 2020 campaign with a winning record, but the postseason tournament wasn't held that season due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The Panthers finished the 2019 regular season with an 8-7-1 overall record and earned the No. 8 seed in the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. Their season ended in heartbreaking fashion, however, with a 3-2 penalty-shootout loss to ninth-seeded Northbridge in a first-round match at home.

This year's team was ranked 44th in the MIAA Division 3 state tournament power rankings that was released on October 9. The

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Jacoby Dilling collides with the goalie after sprinting towards a potential shot.



Goalie Silas Stukuls Barrieau makes the catch and the stop.



Brady Williams watches his shot as it leaves his hands.



Turley photos by Jeffrey Haynes

Tyler Norling scans his options as he moves up court.

Unified basketball action

BARRE – Last Thursday, Quabbin Regional High School's Unified basketball program got its season underway with a matchup against Wachusett Regional.

The Panthers will also host Gardner coming up on Oct. 22 before having a couple of road matches.



Colby Hill dribbles his way towards the net.

Sadie Ouimette readies a pass to a teammate.



Xavier Wade loads up for his shot.



Emma Thompson gets ready to take her shot.



Pile up occurs, as Oxford recovers the fumble

Quabbin football falls on the road to Oxford

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

OXFORD—Since a 28-20 home victory during the 2023 regular season, the Quabbin Panthers have enjoyed little success on the gridiron against the Oxford Pirates.

The Panthers managed to stay within striking distance through the first half of last Friday night's non-league road matchup, but the Pirates put the game away with three second half rushing touchdowns on their way to a 41-7 victory.

"I thought we played pretty well during the first half," said Quabbin head coach Mike Besaw. "Then their size and strength wore us down in the second half. The kids battled very hard in tonight's game, but the scoreboard doesn't show it."

Quabbin (1-4), who had several players suffer injuries against Oxford, lost their third consecutive game since celebrating a 20-14 victory at Quaboag Regional on September 18 in another non-league game. They've allowed 40 or more points in all four losses.

The Panthers have also lost the previous three meetings against the Pirates (4-1), who are ranked sixth in the MIAA Division 8 power rankings.

The visitors from Barre won the coin toss and deferred until the second half.

Oxford junior Adam Sliwoski received the opening kickoff from Quabbin senior Jacoby Venne.

Sliwoski then handed the ball off to freshman Chris Graham on a reverse play. Graham sprinted down the left sideline before being tackled at the Panthers 19.

After junior Brady Dennis

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Jack Grenier, breaks the tackle.



Brady Dennis stiff arms the defender, on the kick return.

Business

Wachusett Antiques offers historical items

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Wachusett Antiques is located at 20 Mechanic St. in Barre inside the historic Gazette Building.



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Kenny and Pam Carlson behind the counter of Wachusett Antiques in Barre.

BARRE – The antique industry thrives in the town of Barre with history behind every item.

Wachusett Antiques first opened its doors back in November of 2024 with owner Kenny Carlson leading the operations. Carlson is originally from West Boylston and has called Hubbardston his home for 25 years.

His journey into antiquing began in his childhood when he attended yard sales with his mother and other members of his family.

His first known collection were old bottles including ink wells and soda brand bottles. His wife Pam Carlson said their home in Hubbardston is decorated with antiques that Ken has collected over the years.

The name of the business was inspired by Carlson's love for Wachusett Mountain, which can be seen from their Hubbardston home.

The original plan was to open an antique store near their home. In 2019, Carlson found an opportunity in Barre and rented a space for his antiques.

In 2024, Carlson came across the property of 20 Mechanic St. which is believed to be the former Gazette Building. The top of the building still displays a faded sign that reads "Gazette Building" on the top.

For a historic building roughly from the 1870s, it appeared to be a good fit for an antique store. Carlson bought the building in the summer of 2024 and had renovation work done to make it suitable for all his antiques.

The building was also the home of a stove and tinware shop called W.E. Weeks. Carlson shared old photographs of the front of the building with the W.E. Weeks sign in front. The building was also a space for the American Legion back in the 1970s.

Wachusett Antiques is a store where Carlson buys and sells antiques. His specialties include vintage signage, stained glass and primitive furniture.

Carlson loves dealing with unique, one-of-a-kind items and many of them can be seen inside his store.

One of his unique items on display is a collection of

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tackled senior running back Andy Darko for no gain on first down, senior Jack Grenier swept around the right end into the endzone on the next play.

The extra point attempt was missed giving the home team a 6-0 lead a minute into the opening quarter.

The Panthers responded with an eleven play scoring drive, which covered 67 yards.

Senior quarterback Zakk Mielnicki kept the drive alive by scrambling for 22 yards on a 3rd and 20 play.

Then freshman running back Jordan Douglas carried the ball twice for a total of 23 yards, which was sandwiched around a 7-yard completion by senior Alex Houle.

Three plays later, Mielnicki completed a 28-yard TD pass to Houle with 3:38 remaining in the opening quarter. Venne added the extra point giving the Panthers a slim 7-6 lead.

"Alex made an outstanding catch in the endzone," Besaw said. "We were playing with a lot of energy at that point, which was fantastic. Then we turned the ball over a couple of times in the second half, which didn't help us."

Grenier, who rushed for a total of 173 yards, carried the ball seven times on the Pirates ensuing offensive series before Darko plowed into the endzone on a two yard run three minutes into the second quarter.

Grenier scored a rushing TD on the two-point conversion play.

After the Panthers offense was forced to turn the ball over on downs, Grenier capped off a quick three play drive with a 42-yard dash while avoiding tacklers.

Dennis blocked the extra point attempt.

Late in the first half, the duo of Houle and Venne broke up a fourth down pass play, but the Pirates held a 20-7 halftime lead.

Oxford forced two turnovers during the third quarter leading to a pair of rushing touchdowns.

The automatic sprinklers went off on the Quabbin sideline late in the third quarter, which didn't please a couple of the Panthers assistant coaches.

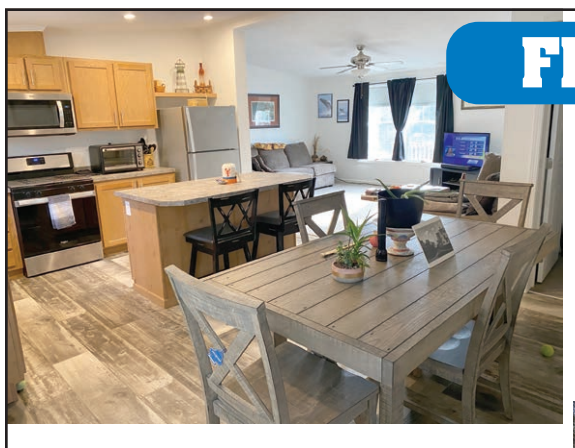
Graham capped the Pirates' scoring with a 35-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Quabbin will be looking to get back into the win column again when they host Mid-Wach (D) rival Narragansett Regional (2-3) at 6 p.m. on Friday night.



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Oxford breaks up the pass, intended for Jacoby Venne.



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top 32 teams in each division automatically qualify for the state tournament, along with the other teams, who finish the regular season with a .500 record.

The Panthers senior tri-captains are Logan Bruley, Jacoby Dilling, and Owen Twarog, who's sidelined with an injury.

"Not having Owen on the field is a huge loss for us," Crowther said. "He's a center midfielder and he's a physical player. He was also our second leading goal scorer behind Jacoby."

Dilling entered the match with 15 goals and 4 assists for a total of 19 points.

"Jacoby has the nose for the goal," Crowther said. "Teams are double-teaming Jacoby, but he's still scoring goals. We always try to hide him on the field.

Bruley is also the Commander of Quabbin's ROTC program.

"Logan is an outstanding leader," Crowther added. "He anchors the defense."

The other Quabbin senior is Nate Cruz, who scored a tap in goal at the start of the second half against the Lions (0-8-1).

Junior goalie Silas Stukulus Barrieau, who was recently named as a team captain by Crowther, made only five saves in the shutout.

"This is Silas first season as our fulltime goalie," Crowther said. "He was a defender last year and was our most improved player. He has been doing a very good job this year and I love having him back there."

Barrieau received plenty of support from his defensive unit, which is led by junior Jake Doty, junior Abe Brown, sophomore Greyson Mullins, and Bruley.



Joseph Cook chase down a loose ball through defenders.

While the Panthers seniors are leading the way this fall, the younger players have also been doing their part. Four sophomores contributed with either a goal or an assist in the Panthers second home win of the regular season. Gavin Rivard and Nate Gingras each scored a goal. Gingras was also credited with an assist. Bobby Tobin also chipped in with an assist, while Joseph Cook added two assists.

"We do have the pieces," Crowther said. "I just want to continue to develop the younger players for the future."

The Panthers recorded an 8-2 win at West Boylston at the beginning of the regular season.

"We also beat them soundly in our first meeting and this could've been a potential trap game for us. It's something that we've talked about," Crowther said. "We won the first meeting of last season against West Boylston without much trouble, but we tied the second meeting. We must be ready to play every game."

The Lions had several scoring chances during the opening 40 minutes of the match, but the Panthers held a 2-0 advantage at halftime.

The Panthers got on the scoreboard for the first time during the 17th minute. Dilling fired a shot on goal from the right side, which deflected away from junior goalie Alex Silver. Rivard, whose father, Jeremey, is the Panthers junior varsity soccer coach, knocked home the rebound shot.

Two minutes later, Dilling, who also plays basketball, fired a low shot into the right corner giving the home team a 2-0 lead.

The Panthers pulled away during the second half with goals from Cruz, Gingras, and Dilling.

Quabbin was scheduled to begin this week's action with back-to-back non-league home games against Quaboag Regional and Worcester Tech before facing league rival Gardner in another home match at 5pm on Thursday.

The Panthers players and coaching staff are also looking forward to playing first place Clinton in a very important road game on October 20.



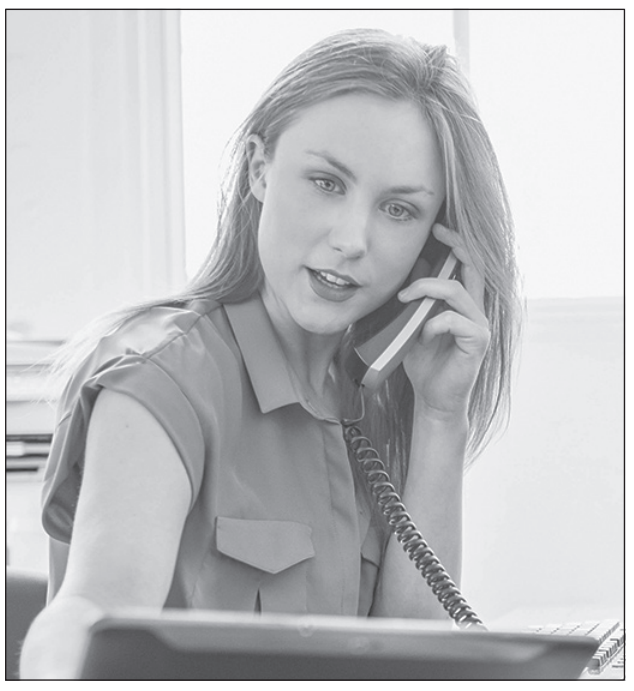
Wyatt Grillo fights for possession near the sideline.

Celebrate Women in BUSINESS week

Women-owned businesses are thriving

Women entrepreneurs are not to be underestimated. Data affirms that women-owned businesses are growing and thriving.

According to North One banking, women-owned firms account for more than 12 million businesses in the United States. In addition, the 2024 Wells Fargo Impact of Women-Owned Business Report, in partnership with Ventureneer, Core Women and Women Impacting Public Policy, found the number of women-owned business increased at a rate of 4.5 times between 2019 to 2023. Women-owned businesses are driving economic growth, and a deeper look at some of the numbers supports that notion.



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• The Women's Business Enterprise Council says there are 12.3 million women-owned businesses in the U.S., which comprises about 40 percent of the total number of businesses.

• Women-owned businesses bring in nearly $2 trillion every year, says the National Women's Business Council.

• During the pandemic, women-owned businesses added 1.4 million jobs and $579.6 billion in revenue to the economy, says Wells Fargo.

• World Bank indicates that roughly one-third of principal owners of all businesses are female.

• WBENC advises that 64 percent of new women-owned businesses are started by women of color.

• Women's Business Enterprises Canada says more than 85 percent of buying decisions are influenced by women. The Canadian Minister of Small Business notes that women business ownership is growing. In 2023, approximately 18.4 percent of all businesses in Canada were majority owned by women, compared to 15.6 percent in 2017.

• According to Forbes, women-led tech companies achieve a 35 percent higher ROI. A Forbes study with First Round Capital, a venture capital firm, found female-founded businesses in their portfolio outperformed male-founded companies by more than 60 percent.

Women-owned businesses are making a large impact on North America and around the world. Such firms continue to employ millions of people and foster strong economies.



Did you know . . .

The typical small business may be even smaller than many consumers recognize. According to the 2022 Annual Business Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau, 49 percent of small employer firms with fewer than 500 workers have between one and four employees. An additional 16 percent of such firms have between five and nine employees. Such data indicates that nearly two-thirds of all small businesses feature nine or fewer employees. That might surprise many consumers, as might the findings regarding the nature of small businesses in relation to ownership. Though it's common to view small businesses as "mom and pop" operations, just 10 percent of small businesses in the United States were jointly owned and operated equally by spouses in 2021.

Strategies to manage and tame stress

Stress is a part of life. In small doses, stress can have a positive effect. But when stress is chronic, it can take its toll on the body and mind.

Stress can make people irritable and cause them to lash out at others. Stress also can contribute to high blood pressure and adversely affect sleep. When confronting chronic stress, individuals may have to take action to find relief. These stress-busting strategies can help.

• **Engage in physical activity.** The Mayo Clinic says any form of exercise can help relieve stress. Physical activity boosts chemicals in the brain and endorphins that help a person feel good. Exercise also can refocus attention so a person is not preoccupied with a stressful thought or situation.

• **Listen to music.** Music can be calming and serve as a distraction from stressful feelings. Simply listening to music can be a quick fix for a stressful situation and a bad mood.

• **Review your lifestyle.** It's easy to take on too much, but doing so can lead to feelings of being overwhelmed, says the Mental Health Foundation. Prioritizing some things over others and delegating when possible can tame stress.

• **Practice mindfulness.** Breathing and mindfulness exercises can be practiced anywhere. Research has shown that mindfulness can reduce the effects of stress and anxiety. Deep breathing and being in a quiet moment when stress peaks may help to reduce stress.

• Step away for a few minutes. If possible, step away from a stressful situation, whether it is a difficult project at work or a loud room with a lot of activity going on. Many people find commuting stressful. Changing the route to one that avoids busy roads, even if it takes a bit longer to get from point A to point B, might help.

• **Talk it out.** Sometimes connecting with others and sharing experiences can help to relieve stress. Keeping feelings in and fixating on a situation may exacerbate feelings of stress. Social situations that encourage talking and laughing can lighten a person's mental load, says the Mayo Clinic.

• **Don't turn to substances.** Alcohol and drugs may temporarily relieve stress, but this approach can lead to addiction and even worsen the physical and mental toll stress takes on the body.

Stress is a part of life, but finding ways to manage chronic stress is vital to long-term health.

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from client communications to all the work happening behind the scenes, women are an important part of what makes our firm strong. Behind every case is a team of women fighting for clients, coordinating details, answering questions, and managing schedules. While our responsibilities may look different, our work is connected by a shared commitment to professionalism, compassion, and service.

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In the photo (left to right): Legal Assistant Carly Whalen, Paralegal Ariana Styles, Attorney DeAnna Wendland, Bookkeeper Joanna Leroux, and Legal Assistant Skylar Ciaramitaro. Not pictured: Paralegal Beth James and Legal Assistant Melissa Barcomb

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Courtney Letendre stands proudly with her daughter Mariah on her graduation.

For Courtney Letendre, running Hardwick Crossing Country Club is more than a career—it is a business she puts her heart into every day. With 17 years of experience as a general manager, Courtney brings a love of hospitality and a commitment to creating a welcoming experience for everyone who visits.

At Hardwick Crossing, her responsibilities extend across the entire property. From golf operations and the restaurant to special events and weddings, Courtney oversees every part of the business. Her role requires balancing daily operations, supporting staff, coordinating celebrations, and keeping the many moving parts of the club working together.

Located at 262 Lower Road in Gilbertville, Hardwick Crossing offers a nine-hole golf course, a public restaurant, and space for weddings and special events. With views overlooking the course and outdoor dining, the property brings together recreation, hospitality, and celebration.

Hardwick Crossing offers a perfect venue for hosting weddings and receptions, just contact Tracy Rook, wedding coordinator.

As a woman in business, Courtney takes pride in leading a property with so many different responsibilities. Seventeen years after beginning her career as a general manager, that passion continues to guide her work. For her, success means more than keeping the business running; it means building a place where people enjoy gathering, celebrating, and making memories.

Celebrate Women in BUSINESS week

How to create a greater work/life balance

A more even balance between professional and personal life is a goal for many individuals. The demands of work too often extend beyond traditional working hours, leaving many professionals to confront work-related challenges long after they've left the office or left the desks in their home offices. With work never more than a smartphone notification away, it can be hard to create and maintain work-life balance.

Work-life balance is rarely discussed in terms of individuals' overall health, but that could be a mistake. In fact, the organization Mental Health America® notes that when workers' lives are balanced and workers are happy, they are more productive, take fewer sick days and are more likely to remain in their jobs. Each of those things benefits workers and employers equally.

With so much to gain from creating a greater balance between work and life, professionals can consider these tips to do just that.

• Make a concerted effort to be an effective communicator. MHA notes the benefits of being honest with colleagues and superiors when challenges feel overwhelming. Open and effective communication can be a great way to solve work-related problems, but MHA urges professionals to remain calm and suggest practical alternatives when confronting such issues. Simply accepting more work or responsibilities when you already feel overwhelmed can tip the scales even further away from an even work-life balance.

• Establish manageable daily goals. MHA reports that research has found that individuals feel less stressed about work when they feel as though they have more control over it. Setting daily goals is a great way to achieve that sense of control, and this can be as simple as creating a daily to-do list.

• Seek alternatives to your working arrangement. Previously unthinkable working arrangements are now possible after companies were forced to confront pandemic-related changes to their operations. If you've found it impossible to create an equitable balance between work and life, speak with your supervisor about alternatives to your arrangement. Flex time and hybrid working are some measures that could ensure you have as much time for your personal life as your professional life.

• Unplug at the end of the workday. One of the simpler, though not necessarily easier, ways to create and maintain a greater work-life balance is to unplug at the end of the workday. Turn off work-related smartphone notifications at the end of the work day so you aren't tempted to work during those of times of day that you've earmarked for your personal life. Smartphones can be addictive, so unplugging could test your resilience. If possible, block work-related notifications automatically after a certain time each day so you don't have to turn them off manually. Once the blocking is automated, you might not think twice about all those missed emails.

There's no secret formula for establishing a healthy work-life balance. But various strategies can help professionals achieve greater balance between their professional and personal lives.

Extraordinary qualities women bring to business

Women continue to thrive in the workforce. Wells Fargo reports that, from 2019 to 2023, the growth rate of women-owned businesses outpaced the rate of men-owned businesses in relation to number of firms, rate of employment and revenue earned. LinkedIn also indicates there are 114 percent more women entrepreneurs now than there were 20 years ago.

Every business owner or employee brings something unique to the employment landscape and certain characteristics are universal, regardless of gender. Still, there are certain qualities that women bring to the workforce that can help businesses excel. Forbes indicates women employees offer traits that can help drive engagement, productivity, satisfaction, and various other attributes. The following are some of the traits women may bring to business.

Emotional intelligence: Women First Jobs says that women often bring high emotional intelligence to the table. Emotional intelligence involves understanding and managing emotions and the emotions of others. Women may be more inclined to understand different perspectives and to help resolve conflicts and build relationships.



The following are some of the traits women may bring to business.

Collaboration: Women employees often have traits that can foster collaboration in the workplace, such as reading non-verbal cues and willingness to take turns in conversations, indicates Forbes. This can help everyone collaborate more effectively.

Room for improvement: Women in the workplace continually seek opportunities for improvement, advises Sparklight Business. This can involve taking advice from other workers and peers. Women leaders embrace opportunities to do things better and work to improve their skills for the greater good.

Communication: The IWEC Foundation, which empowers women entrepreneurs, says women tend to be effective communicators and often make great leaders because of this trait and their ability to inspire others. Communication often is key to any relationship, whether personal or in a business setting.

Organization and planning: Women may excel at organizing and planning. Women can look at things with a detail-oriented eye and recognize flaws in plans even before getting started. This means women can be in charge of distributing workloads or organizing the schedules of others.

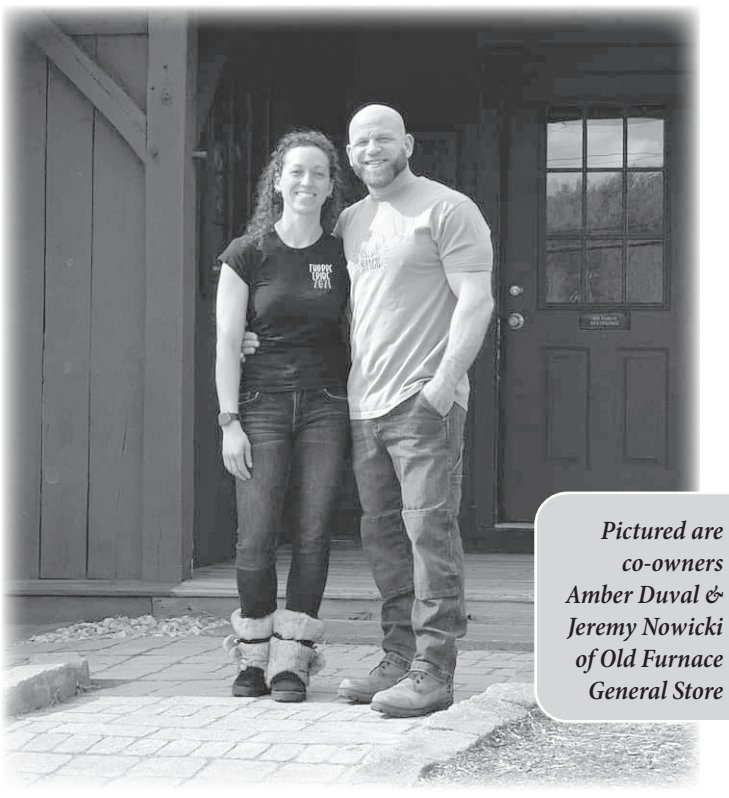
Adaptability: Even though it is a cliche, women tend to be natural multi-taskers. Handling multiple jobs at the same time means women can adapt to changing situations.

Generally speaking, there are some inherent characteristics women may possess that can make them viable assets as business owners or leaders in their fields.



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Pictured are co-owners Amber Duval & Jeremy Nowicki of Old Furnace General Store

My name is Amber Duval and I grew up in Barre.

Growing up, I was an avid gymnast and dancer. After graduating high school, I obtained an Associate's degree in fashion design from Bay State College & an Associate's degree in the certified occupational therapy program.

My sisters and I owned and operated, Dance Revolution, in Barre for a number of years, teaching dance to all ages. I went on to work in the plumbing and heating trade for R.J. Duval & Sons. I became a certified personal trainer, group fitness instructor and manager of the group fitness program at a gym. As the years moved forward, I became a licensed loan officer assistant & mortgage processor.

After losing my brother in 2017, my family and I started a non-profit organization called Joe's Journey for Recovery. Joe's Journey was setup to bring awareness to substance abuse through community outreach.

After years in the mortgage industry, my fiancé, Jeremy Nowicki & I, decided we wanted to do something different. We saw an opportunity at 1839 Lower Rd Hardwick, decided to purchase the property & open Old Furnace General Store. OFGS has been open for 3 ½ years and is your one stop shop for local products, beer, wine & liquor, and all of your grab & go needs.

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Talk to Tracy first!

I'm Tracy LaRosa, a REALTOR® and Managing Broker with Daisy Hill Real Estate & Rentals, and the owner of Tracy LaRosa Realty Group. I've built my career serving buyers, sellers, builders, and investors throughout Central Massachusetts. I'm incredibly proud of the professional designations I've earned over the years and of consistently being recognized as a top-producing REALTOR® in Massachusetts, but what means the most to me are the relationships I've built along the way. I'm a wife, mom, Christian, business owner, mentor, and someone who genuinely loves being involved in the community where I have lived for over 40 years.

I love spending time with my 3 adult children, my husband, and my chocolate Lab, Willow Grace. I enjoy decorating, gardening, traveling, reading, cooking, spending time with my girlfriends, and of course the beach and all things summer!

I was drawn to real estate because it combines so many things I enjoy: working with people, problem-solving, negotiating, marketing, and helping people through important life transitions. What has kept me in real estate is the people. Buying or selling property and homes is never just a transaction. There is usually a story behind it—a first home, a growing family, a new beginning, downsizing after decades in the same home, an investment, or sometimes a difficult life change. Being trusted to guide someone through those moments is something I never take lightly. As my career has grown, I've also found a passion for mentoring and educating other REALTORS® and taking on leadership roles within the industry.

Community involvement is extremely important to me. I'm actively involved with Quabbin Community Cares, our local youth substance-use prevention coalition, a cause that is very close to my heart. I also serve as Secretary of the Friends of the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center and have been involved with the Barre Master Plan Committee, and I am a yearly sponsor for the Christmas in Barre event and also sponsor the Barre Historical Society, as well as volunteering to call Bingo for my local seniors and other local community initiatives. I believe being successful in business also means being willing to give your time, experience, and resources back to the community that supports you.

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Celebrate Women in BUSINESS week



JAILENE MCQUESTON - Jailene has been working as a Retail Associate at J.C. Pools Inc. since 2025. She states. "This is the best job I have ever worked, it like working with family… and this job has given me more confidence in myself." In her free time, she enjoys painting, hiking, reading and spending time with her fiancé.

STEPHANIE WIKTOR - Stephanie has been working as an Account Payable/ Receivable Assistant at J.C. Pools Inc. since 2016. She received an associates degree from Mount Wachusett Community College in 2013 and Quinsigamond Community College in 2015. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two-year-old son as well as practicing yoga and going for walks.

KATIE WICK - Katie has been working at J.C. Pools Inc. since 2007 working many different positions and roles. All to prepare her to managing the company her father built and take over running the retail store from her mother. She received a Bachelors degree in 2017 from Worcester State University in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting and a minor in Economics. In her free time she enjoys mountain biking, hiking, going on avdentures, and spending time with her husband and her two dogs.

JILLIAN RIGNEY - Jillian has been working as a Retail Associate at J.C. Pools Inc. since 2025. She attends Quabbin Regional High School where she is a three sport varsity athlete. She plays an instrument for the high school band and the community band. She also participates in NJROTC at the high school. She enjoys running, being out doors, and spenidng time with her family and her two dogs.

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Brenda L. Hancock



Brenda has worked in Ktchen Design field for over thirty years, starting her career at Mali Home Center in Lunenburg

Brenda started her own business in 2023 and opened her own Design Studio in 2024.

"I have worked in and have had the opportunity to manage many successful kitchen design showrooms," said Brenda. "Now it is now my turn to lead my own design studio with purpose. And with each project no matter how big or small to showcase my passion for helping my clients achieve the spaces in their homes that they love to come home to every day."

When asked about her favorite projects, Brenda said " It is so hard ..I have so many. I would have to say two come to mind."

"First, a custom-built new construction home in Edgar Town, Martha's Vineyard MA. As well as a beautiful little budget friendly full kitchen remodel job in Ware MA. Both projects allowed me to show my ability to work on projects of any magnitude and budget. It is truly about what my client needs, said Brenda.



On Brenda's off time, she spends time with her family and friends. "They are and have always been my biggest and best cheerleaders," said Brenda.

You can find the Kitchens Designs by Brenda at 1797 West Street, Barre, MA 01005 or call (978) 257-8254 or https://kitchendreams.design. Schedule your appointment today.

Landry & Meilus, LLP

Attorney Susan M. Landry, in company with her sister, Attorney Ann Meilus, operate the law practice of Landry & Meilus, LLP located at 21 Summer St. in Barre.

Our firm concentrates its legal expertise on real estate transactions including, but not limited to, commercial and residential real estate; first time home buyers, short sales, refinances, equity actions and real estate litigation. Our firm also has extensive knowledge of preparing wills, trusts, estate plans and providing probate guidance.

Attorney Landry was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar fifty years ago. She is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, American Land Title Association and Massachusetts Real Estate Bar Association.

Attorney Meilus was admitted to the Massachusetts bar approximately thirty years ago. She is a member of the Boston Bar Association, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Worcester County Bar Association and American Land Title Association. Both attorneys have been named by Martindale Hubbell as notable attorneys.

The firm is dedicated to being an integral part of the community and donates its time to a number of local non-profit organizations. The firm also has an interest in local history and the preservation of historical monuments.



Attorney Susan M. Landry sister, Attorney Ann Meilus, operate the law practice of Landry & Meilus.

Other members of the family involved in the practice are their sister, Carol A. Lehto, a paralegal.

Other employees include Sharon LaRocque who hails from the Spencer area. Sharon is a recent addition with over thirty years' experience as a paralegal.

Business hours are by appointment only, Monday through Saturday. To reach them by phone, please call 978-355-2289 or via e-mail at ann@landrymeilus.com or at our website www.landryandmeiluslaw.com. Landry & Meilus, LLP has a second office in Spencer at 160 Main Street.

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"Mile 61: Where every mile is a memory"



Kelly O'Connell,
owner and operator of Mike 61 Eclectic Tavern.

Kelly, alongside with husband Jason, established Mile 61 Eclectic Tavern in 2024 at 90 Main Street in South Barre, Massachusetts.

When asked about opening up her own busines, Kelly said "I wanted to leave the desk behind. The corporate world was starting to feel like I was just a number. I needed more of a purpose."

"My goal is to establish a thriving, resilient local staple that balances quality food, sports, and entertainment. Maybe even one day become that spot that someone remembers growing up going to or attending events at," said Kelly.

"Here at Mile 61, we spread the love of South Shore Bar Pizza! My favorite style of pizza. I make my dough and sauce recipe that I've had for over 15 years fresh from scratch. We also shred the house cheese blend fresh daily. We also offer standout tavern comfort foods, like smash burgers, and giant pretzels, while delivering a welcoming relaxed atmosphere."

"We are a relaxed mom and pop owned seat yourself Tavern."

"We keep the tavern anchored in the local town with music bingo, live entertainment, game watch parties, and community involvement."

"And the best part of my job is that I get to work beside my best friend my husband and fellow owner Jason. Kelly is mom to a 7 year old daughter Kailey, and stepmom to two boys Avrek and Camden.

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MILE 61
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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Sept. 6

12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint

Summons Leblanc, Craig Donald, 48, North Brookfield

Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With

12:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, East County Road, No Action Required

12:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Pommogussett Road, Information Taken

2:02 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

6:57 a.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Rutland Police Department, Returned

10:07 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Pommogussett Road, Checked/ Secured

10:30 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Cedar Avenue, Report Filed

10:48 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, Rutland Public Safety Building, Investigated (On-Going)

Summons Felz, Maxwell Ross, 27, Ashland

Charges Tagging Property c266 §126B

4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact

4:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

4:39 p.m. Property Damage, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

5:10 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

10:33 p.m. Alcohol Withdrawals, Bushy Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal

11:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning

Monday, Sept. 7

11:35 a.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Blueberry Lane, Officer /Chief Advised

2:37 p.m Fire – Vehicle Fire, Main Street, Report Filed

2:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Arline Drive, transported to Hospital

3:09 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Call Transferred

4:05 p.m. Fire – Structure Fire, Irish Lane, Fire Extinguished

7:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old Princeton cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

11:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

11:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Sept. 8

12:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

5:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

6:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, West Street, Mutual Aid Transported

1:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Turkey Hill Trail, No Transport Required

2:50 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Prospect Street, Report Filed

3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

3:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Brook Drive, Citation Issued

11:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Princeton Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Sept. 9

10:32 a.m. Safety Concern, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

2:35 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Mutual Aid Assistant

2:49 p.m. Safety Concern, Prospect Street, Negative Contact

4:47 p.m. Fire – Public Service Call, Maple Brook Drive, Public Assistant

4:59 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Central Mass. Regional Dispatch Center, Returned

6:24 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Verbal Warning

Thursday, Sept. 10

9:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Glenwood road, Transported to Hospital

12:02 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Watson Lane, Negative Contact

2:26 p.m. Harassment, Barre Paxton Road, Call Transferred

4:14 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Glenwood Road, Entry Gained

Friday, Sept. 11

9:17 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Intervale Road, No Action required

11:14 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

1:19 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Mutual Aid Assistant

4:36 p.m. Missing Person, Miles Road, Officer Spoke to Party

5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

5:54 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Finn Park Road, Information Given

6:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Peters Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal

6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning

7:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest Quinones-Lopez, Suhaily E., 32, Princeton

Charges Warrant

Saturday, Sept. 12

12:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning

1:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Report Filed

11:08 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Turkey Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Charnock Hill Road, Written Warning

4:45 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Whitehall Road, Negative Contact

7:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Bushy Lane, Officer Spoke to Party

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Sept. 6

9:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Edward Lane, Transported to Hospital

9:59 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, Town Center, Negative Contact

11:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/ Poisoning, Trafalgar Square, Transported to Hospital

12:59 p.m. Harassment, Barre Police Headquarters, Report Filed

2:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Williamsville Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

4:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning

7:04 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, James Street, Officer Spoke to Party

8:04 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, No Action Required

8:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Coldbrook Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Sept. 7

3:11 a.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle Activity, South Street, Investigated

12:35 p.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Jewett Road, Call Transferred

2:14 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Leg Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Concert Mall, Information Taken

4:05 p.m. Fire – Structure Fire, Irish Lane, Fire Extinguished

4:25 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, South Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party

5:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Edward Lane, Transported to Hospital

6:30 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Summer Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, Sept. 8

6:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, West Street, Mutual Aid Transport

10:46 a.m. Erratic Operator, Common Street, Report Filed

12:57 p.m. Escort/Transport, Center of Town, Public Assistant

3:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital

6:20 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Vernon Avenue, No Action Required

Wednesday, Sept. 9

9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Summer Street, Public Assistant

10:37 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Valley Road, Information Given

12:39 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Report Filed

12:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/ EMS Response, Worcester Road, Report Filed

Thursday, Sept. 10

3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

6:26 p.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, Wheelwright Road, Negative Contact

11:19 p.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Main Street, Peace Restored

Friday, Sept. 11

1:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Wauwinet Road, Transported to Hospital

8:30 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Officer Spoke to Party

4:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Ruggles Lane, Officer Spoke to Party

4:43 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/ Wires, Hubbardston, Investigated

6:29 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer/Chief Aadvised

7:57 p.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Saturday, Sept. 12

11:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/ EMS Response, Pleasant Street, Removed from Scene

2:03 p.m. Complaint, Vernon Avenue, Area Search Negative

5:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning

8:17 p.m. Noise Complaint, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact

10:03 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Hubbardston Road, Transported to Hospital

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Sept. 6

4:47 a.m. Public Assist, Maple Avenue, Report Filed

9:07 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Lombard Road, Mutual Aid Transport

2:40 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Williamsville Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

5:13 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Adams Road, Investigated

5:34 p.m. Property – Lost/ Found/Surrender, Hubbardston Police Department, Returned

Monday, Sept. 7

2:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Arline Drive, Transported to Hospital

4:05 p.m. Fire – Structure Fire, Irish Lane, Fire Extinguished

4:35 p.m. Gunshots, Flagg Road, No Action Required

4:59 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Twin Hill Road, No Action Required

5:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Old Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital

7:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

7:48 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact

Tuesday, Sept. 8

7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Templeton Road, Written Warning

7:46 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, New Templeton Road, Information Given

4:51 p.m. Threats, Underwood Road, Report Filed

8:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Choking, Burnshirt Road, Transported to Hospital

11:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Princeton Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Sept. 9

7:29 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Hubbardston Police Department, Report Filed

Thursday, Sept. 10

10:48 a.m. Safety Concern, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

3:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, West Comet Pond Access Road, Referred to Other Agency

3:38 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/ Wires, George Howard Road, Investigated

4:18 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Princeton Road, Report Filed

10:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Sept. 11

9:03 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Madison Way, Mutual Aid Transport

7:11 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Barre Road, Information Given

10:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Ragged Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Sept. 12

10:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Difficulty Ambulating, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital

11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/ EMS Response, Main Street, Report Filed

12:53 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

9:49 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Templeton Road, Transported to Hospital

11:48 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Burnshirt Road, Report Filed

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Sept. 6

12:21 p.m. Safety Concern, South Road, Call Transferred

4:33 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Fall, Bechan Road, Transported to Hospital

9:18 p.m. Noise Complain, Bechan Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Sept. 7

4:05 p.m. Fire – Structure Fire, Irish Lane, Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, Sept. 8

9:23 a.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Rutland Road, Officer Spoke to Party

12 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

12:24 p.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Hunt Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Sept. 9

8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

10:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

10:42 a.m. Landlord Tenant/ Neighbor Dispute, Dennis Whitney Road, Report Filed

11:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Written Warning

2:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning

Thursday, Sept. 10

11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

2:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

3:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Sept. 12

4:39 p.m. Public Assist, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Sept. 21-28, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 24 building/property checks, 11 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, four traffic controls, five emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, 12 safety hazards, four utility issues, two animal calls and two motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Sept. 21

10:59 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

3:09 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Sept. 22

5:01 p.m. Medical Emergency, Slein Road, Transported by Helicopter

6:02 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Sept. 23

2:23 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Construction Area, Officer Handled

Friday, Sept. 25

12:41 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Removed Hazard

Saturday, Sept. 26

11:01 a.m. Safety Hazard, Thompson Road, Removed Hazard

11:16 a.m. 911 Utility Issues, Hardwick Road, Referred to Other Agency

12:08 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

12:17 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Referred to Other Agency

12:30 p.m. Utility Issues, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

1:39 p.m. Safety Hazard, Utley Road, Referred to Other Agency

2:20 p.m. Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Removed Hazard

4:53 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Cut-Off Road, Transported to Hospital

10:33 p.m. Safety Hazard, Worcester Road, Removed Hazard

10:34 p.m. Safety Hazard, Ravine Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Sept. 27

1:57 a.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

9:44 a.m. Safety Hazard, Moore Road, Removed Hazard

11:22 a.m. Utility Issues, Hardwick Road, Removed Hazard

12 p.m. Utility Issues, West Road, Services Rendered

1:49 p.m. Safety Hazard, Unitas Road, Services Rendered

During the week of Sept. 28-Oct. 5, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 18 building/property checks, 15 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, one traffic control, four emergency 911 calls, one assist other agency, one safety hazard, two disturbances, one motor vehicle crash, one complaint, two suspicious activities, one fire, two animal calls and two motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Sept. 28

11:37 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Sept. 29

2:42 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Scott Road, Transported to Hospital

7:20 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Prouty Road, Summons Issued

Wednesday, Sept. 30

1:27 p.m. Disturbance, Gilbertville Road, Served in Hand

Thursday, Oct. 1

8:58 a.m. Parking Complaint, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

8:43 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Unitas Road, Negative Contact

Friday, Oct. 2

2:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Unitas Road, Officer Handled

4:39 p.m. Safety Hazard, Ravine Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, Oct. 3

7:44 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

9:21 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Public Notices

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10/01, 10/08, 10/15/2026

Hubbardston Community Preservation Public Hearing

The Hubbardston Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing **Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:00pm**, **in the gym at Hubbardston Center School (8 Elm Street), Hubbardston**, directly before Special Town Meeting, which starts at 7:00PM. This Public Hearing will be held for members of the public and other boards and committees to learn more about the Community Preservation Act, and how it can be used to advance ideas and projects for the Town's needs and goals in the areas of historic preservation, open space, affordable housing, and recreation.

10/15, 10/22/2026

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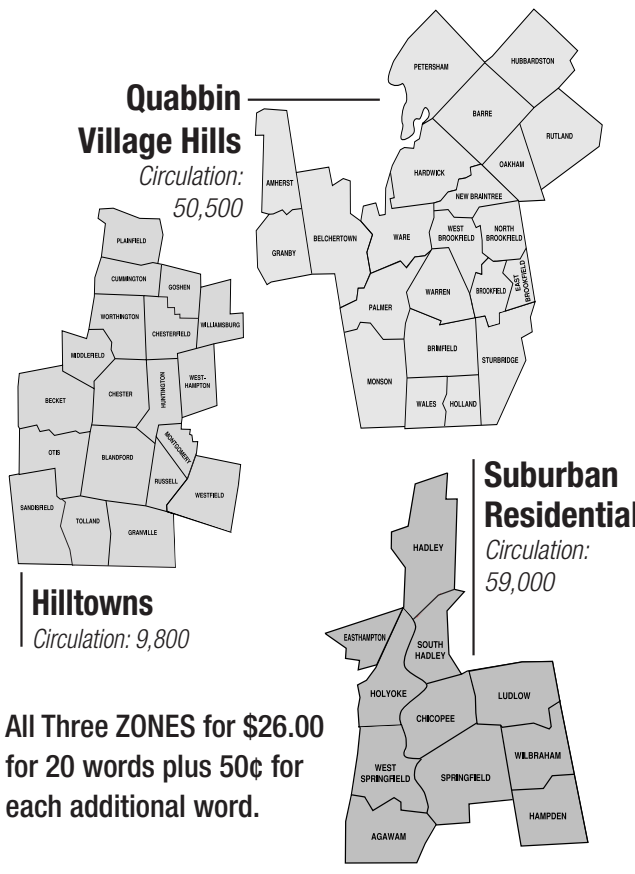
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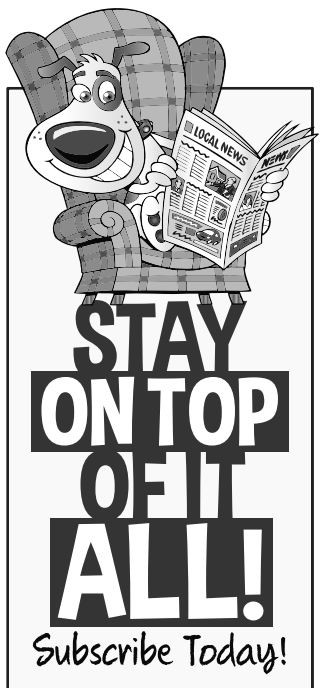


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caroler statues from approximately the 1930s. Carlson said these pieces may have been part of a department store display back in the 1930s during the holidays.

This type of unique item makes Wachusett Antiques feel like a store stuck in time. There are items that go back to the early to mid-19th century.

According to Carlson, Wachusett Antiques is not only a store to shop at but is also a destination for visitors to explore and see the history before them.

"I want people to enjoy the shop," Carlson said.

The store expands to multiple rooms on the first floor. Every room has vintage signs from advertising signs, general stores, trade signs and many rare signs.

One of his unique signs is a Heywood-Wakefield sign from the 1940s. In a room that used to be a kitchen, there is a vintage Candy store sign. The kitchen room also has a 1920's Household Regal stove.

Primitive furniture is also displayed throughout Wachusett Antiques. Carlson has cupboards, tables, desks, crates, dressers and other primitive furniture pieces from the 1800s. One old desk is from the Congregational Church in Barre.

Old maps, newspapers and documents can also be seen at Wachusett Antiques. Carlson has two 1857 maps of Worcester County.

Another is an 1875 map of a plan for Wachusett Mountain which is framed and dated with Wachusett Mountain Company.

Carlson said in the antique business, "you never know what you're going to come across." As you deal with antiques you learn so much about the items and the history behind them.

Carlson recalled donating historic photographs to the Barre Historical Society. He came across original photographs from the 1960s highlighting a motorcycle event. The photographs had notable motorcycle riders featured including Dick Gariepy and Joe Bolger.

The regular customers Carlson has are mostly buyers and fellow antique dealers. During the annual Brimfield Flea Markets, Carlson gets a lot of people visiting his store and wants to spot or possibly shop for any unique items.

When working with other antique dealers, Carlson always engages in conversations and stories. From his perspective, every antique store does something different as antiques are a broad market.

Even if he doesn't get buyers, Carlson finds a lot of joy in having people walk through the store and experience what Wachusett Antiques has to offer.

Smaller items such as comics, vintage toys, old books and clocks are also present at Wachusett Antiques. One of the rarest clocks in the store is a 1920s Ever-Ready Safety Razor clock and it still works.

Carlson is also big into history and historical items. Hanging up in the store is an old newspaper from 1865 and is an issue of the Rutland Daily Herald of Rutland, Vt. The issue featured a headline announcing General Robert E. Lee's surrender during the American Civil War.

Carlson also deals in what is called Architectural Salvage. These are items that are building components, fixtures and materials from structures and homes. In his Mid-century room, Carlson had a Victorian Era doorway piece that was reused as a decorative item.

Another example of architectural salvage that Wachusett Antiques has is a 19th century shutter. As part of his business, Carlson loves historical items and wants to preserve those items.

"Every item has a story," he said.

Every item becomes a conversation piece when it is considered rare, unique or an antique. The signs throughout Wachusett Antiques are well displayed as are original paintings.

Carlson has a little bit of everything including a lot of vintage general store and country items. Collecting items comes with the family Carlson grew up with.

Carlson turned his passion for antiques into a store and established Wachusett Antiques in Barre. The antique business is all about learning about the people you meet and the items you will encounter.

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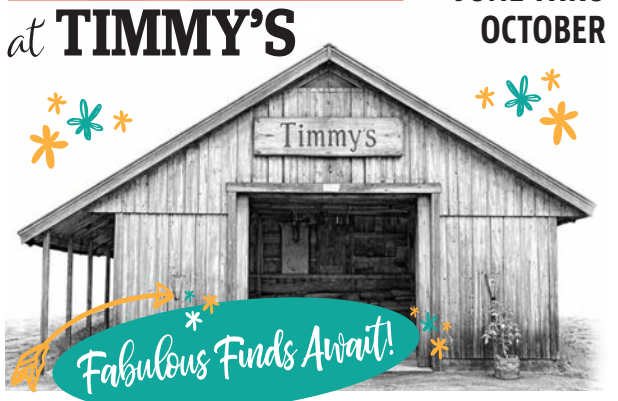
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