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Ghost Walk brought the past back to life

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HARDWICK – An eerie mist rolled across the grave-stones of the cemetery that is tucked away next to the Town House on the common, as dark-cloaked figures began to emerge.

Since 2003, history has come alive on the common thanks to the organizers of the Hardwick Ghost Walk, which is sponsored by the Hardwick Historical Society. This much anticipated event is held every few years, and this past Saturday evening, attendees lined up along the sidewalk, eager for their chance to be transported back in time.

The town of Hardwick was incorporated in 1739, and the earliest inhabitant of the cemetery was buried there in the 1760s. Gravestone dates cover more than half a century, with the later dates being in the 1820s.

Thanks to the detailed "History of Hardwick" written by Lucius Paige, as well as the diligent cataloging of the cemetery by the Bancroft family, much is known about those buried in the cemetery.

Almost 40 actors dressed



Asahel Billings was brought to life by Wink Johnson.

the part and portrayed these citizens of days past, including Ginger and John Petraglia who took on the roles of Hannah Warner and Brigadier General Jonathan Warner.

The Warners hailed from Hatfield before settling in



Ginger Petraglia portrayed Hannah Warner during the Hardwick Ghost Walk held this past Saturday evening, sponsored by the Hardwick Historical Society.

Hardwick, as did Asahel and Elizabeth (Robinson) Billings, who were portrayed by Wink and Sherry Johnson. The Billings lived on "The Road to Ware," which is now known as Turkey Street.

Hannah Warner was the

daughter of Paul Mandell, who was portrayed by Mark Korzec.

Korzec said the Mandell's farm is now part of the East Quabbin Land Trust's Mandell Hill preserve on Barre Road. The stone founda-

tion of a house and barn still remain.

Korzec explained that Paul and his wife Susanna were both from Dartmouth,

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Select Board meet at new location

By Ellenor Downer
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HUBBARDSTON – At the Monday, Oct. 6, the Select Board met at their new location on 48 Gardner Road for the first time.

They held a public hearing on the private way plowing policy. Town Administrator Nathan Boudreau said the new policy followed Massachusetts General Laws regarding the plowing on non-public road. The new policy would replace a five year old policy implemented in 2020.

To be eligible roads must be a minimum of 14 feet wide, have public access, meet vertical clearance conditions, have no obstructions

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NB Select Board discussed grant award for coordinated project

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Jamie Gilman said the board received a letter regarding the \$1 million Small Town Road Improvements to Enhance Public Safety grant (also known as a STRAP grant) for a coordinated project.

At the Oct. 7 meeting, he said there were some roadblocks in receiving the fund-

ing, which was awarded to the town.

"The roadblock really was the matching portion of the grant," he said. "The matching portion of the grant includes an in-kind donation, a match, of \$169,683.33 to be done by the North Brookfield Highway Department."

Board of Selectman Chair Jason Petraitis said this grant match situation is what prompted the board to change its grant policy.

Gilman gave a break-

down of the work needing to be completed by the town's Highway Department. He said this grant would potentially delay the town's municipal paving project due to the required work.

Gilman said the current Highway Department crew would be spending about three-quarters of the year working on sidewalks. He said the matching portion takes up a lot of the department's resources.

Highway Superintendent

Randy Morgan said the need for matching funds would take up his budget and prevent any other work from being done in town.

Gilman said he attended a meeting with representatives from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, after the board decided they would not hold up the town's municipal paving project, which was conflicting with the coordinated project. He said the Water, Sewer and Highway

department heads all agreed that municipal paving needed to move forward.

Gilman said he has also reached out to the Department of Transportation and the town's paving project leader to give them the go-ahead.

"We are not going to stand in the way, there's nothing in the way," Gilman said of the municipal paving project.

Gilman said at that point, the DOT was going to "pull the plug" on the municipal paving project to return at a

future time. He said with the uncertainty of state and federal funding, its important to complete the paving sooner than later.

"We need it now," he said. Gilman said after this discussion with the DOT, the municipal paving plan was put back on track.

"Everybody seemed in line with this," he said.

Gilman said it's now the

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Sewer Commissioners submit resignations

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectman Chair Jason Petraitis announced that the board received resignations from all three Sewer Commissioners, Charlie Haddock, Donald Smith and Kevin Valeri.

Petraitis said both Smith and Valeri submitted written resignations and Haddock gave a verbal resignation. He said Sewer Commissioners are appointed to their positions, and the board has assumed their responsibilities for the time being.

"We'll be doing it until we can figure out what we're going to do about appointing people going forward," Petraitis said at the board's Oct. 7 meeting.

The board members thanked Haddock, Smith and Valeri for their time on the commission.

In a follow up interview this week, Petraitis said the board members would continue to serve as commissioners until the town has complet-

ed the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project.

"We want to make sure we're through the upgrade and have a bunch of things settled, and that the department is on strong footing until we look for people to replace the commissioners," he said.

Petraitis also addressed statements made by the commissioners in their resignation letters, which identified disagreements regarding the issuing of abatements as one of their reasons for resigning.

Petraitis said the town's sewer abatement policy is available through the Sewer Department, and the town does have a one-time leak abatement available to sewer users.

Two instances outlined in Valeri's resignation letter referenced abatement requests for properties on Union Street and St. Clair Avenue.

Petraitis said the homeowner of the Union Street property requested an abatement after watering their lawn, which was denied by the board at a recent meeting, as it did not meet the criteria for an abatement.



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Pictured left to right are Sen. Jo Comerford, Office of State Sen. Peter Durant Communications Director Kim Mongeau, Quabbin Fisherman's Association President Clayton Sydla, state Rep. Todd Smola, Ed Comeau of Friends of Quabbin, state Sen. Jake Oliveira, state Rep. Aaron Saunders, and state Rep. Susannah Whipps. This was during the kickoff of Quabbin Days at the Quabbin Visitor Center.

Quabbin Days kicked off at Visitor Center

By Ryan Drago
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BELCHERTOWN – The inaugural Quabbin Days kicked off this past Friday at the Quabbin Visitor Center.

Quabbin Days is a celebration of the beauty and heritage of the Quabbin Region and the towns that surround it. This newly

incorporated celebration consists of four days across various towns that are connected to the Quabbin Reservoir.

This kick-off helped promote the Quabbin region and what it has to offer.

"It's just an amazing place right in our backyard," said Clayton Sydla, president of the Quabbin Fisherman's Association.

Sydla says this kickoff is about the opportunities the Quabbin offers, including being a wonderful place to fish. The weather was perfect for the occasion as various state legislators attended the kickoff to honor the Quabbin and its past.

Project Coordinator Ed Comeau spoke first and he said he hoped everyone in attendance appreciated the

sheer beauty of where they live as Quabbin is their neighbor. The towns surrounding the Quabbin hope to promote tourism, hiking, and various opportunities for visitors all over the world to enjoy.

"I hope Quabbin Days becomes an annual tradi-

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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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Historical Society presents program

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This free program will be a fascinating and educational 60 minute presentation on the history and artistry of New England gravestones, exploring cemetery art, history and symbolism. This event is perfect for history buffs, art lovers, and anyone interested in local New England culture.

No. 4 Schoolhouse party

The No. 4 Schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Road, will hold a Halloween Party on Sunday, Oct. 26 from 5-7 p.m. There will be old fashioned fun, games, snacks and maybe a craft. Children should wear their costumes. Snacks for sharing are always welcome.

The No. Schoolhouse are currently collecting items for the winter raffle fundraiser. Donations of raffle item, service, financial support or volunteer to help are appreciated. It's through fundraising efforts and the generosity of members, friends, volunteers and the community that they are able to sustain the No.4 Schoolhouse building and continue community events.

Barre Woman's Club

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Barre Food Pantry

The Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5:30-7 p.m. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Oct. 16 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. People should not arrive to volunteer on Oct. 16 without first contacting Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463. People may visit the website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

Barre Woman's Club host program on Naramore tragedy Oct. 19

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When six small children were murdered by their mother in an especially brutal way in Barre in 1901, finding a silver lining in the nightmare cloud seemed impossible. Just one year later, however, a new Massachusetts state law was passed to prevent situations like Lizzie Naramore faced when she chose her unthinkable course.

The poverty-stricken Naramore family lived in the far eastern corner of Barre, closer to the Oakham village of Coldbrook Springs

than to Barre Center. Mother Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Craig) Naramore was considered a respectable woman, who did her best to feed and clothe her six small children despite living in grinding poverty. Her husband, Frank Naramore, was known as a capable worker who could, but did not, provide for his wife and children as the laws of the day required.

When neighbors found the bloody and battered bodies of the six Naramore children, ages 11 months to almost 10 years, on the afternoon of March 21, 1901, they were shocked. Mother Lizzie was bleeding profusely from self-inflicted wounds. She soon described how she committed the heinous murders. The house was filthy and in extremely poor condition with many signs of severe neglect. Lizzie survived her wounds and was immediately proclaimed "insane" by officials and anyone who saw the gore caused by her murderous rampage.

Fingers of blame pointed in many directions. Only the six tiny, innocent victims of their mother's insanity escaped blame. Soon, the communities of Barre and Oakham were embroiled in a conflict over whether the Rev. Charles Talmage's accusation that Frank Naramore was responsible for the murders because he didn't support his family was fair.

While most accounts of the Naramore tragedy claim that Lizzie's murderous rampage was caused by her fear of impending separation from her children due to the welfare actions being undertaken, the truth is probably darker. Lizzie had no legal say in her children's future. Under the state laws of 1901, only their father had legal custody and she felt helpless to save them from his poor decisions. The law was changed in 1902 partly through efforts of Rev. Charles Talmage and Alice Stone Blackwell, the daughter of West Brookfield women's rights pioneer Lucy Stone.



OAKHAM

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Church holds benefit breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a benefit breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. Proceeds benefit the Rutland and Barre Food Pantries. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, strawberries, juice, coffee, tea and hot cocoa. The breakfast is open to all. There will be a free will donation of one's choosing. People may donate non-perishable food items to the food pantries.

Monster Mash

The Oakham New Braintree Parent Teachers Organization will host a Monster Mash on Friday, Oct. 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the Oakham Fire Department, 178 Barre Road. Children should put on their favorite costume to enjoy this Halloween dance party with treats for all who attend. There will be raffle baskets at \$1 per tickets. All proceeds benefit the Oakham New Braintree PTO.

Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat will take place on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m.

Senior Thanksgiving dinners

Any seniors or Veterans interested in having a Thanksgiving meal delivered to their home should call the Senior Center, 508-882-4073 no later than Thursday, Oct. 30.

Senior Center

On Monday, Oct 20 podiatry will take place from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; reservations are required.

On Thursday, Oct 23 SHINE counselor will be at the Senior Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; reservations are required. On Tuesday, Oct 28 blood pressure/glucose testing takes place from 11 a.m.-noon. On Tuesday, Oct 28 SNAP benefits information is available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome. There is no age restrictions.

Ongoing activities are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-noon puzzling; Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. Walking Group. They meet at Senior Center and Tuesday through Thursdays at 11a.m. walking group. For walking groups, leave a message with your cell phone number at the Senior Center to be added to text msg group

Also on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.: Zumba Gold in the Rutland Senior Center; \$3 donation/class;

Thursdays at noon weigh in at the Senior Center support weight loss group and Fridays at 10.30 a.m. functional fitness at the New Braintree Town Hall; \$3 donation/class.

Hot Lunches are served at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 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.

The lunch bunch meets the third Friday. On Oct 17, they will meet at West Boylston Seafood, West Boylston St, West Boylston at 12:30 p.m. People may sign the sheet at the Senior Center Main Room.

If people can't get to the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message.

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non-profit organization; gifts may be tax deductible.

If anyone would like to volunteer at any of the upcoming events: Halloween Party on Sunday, Oct. 26,

November game night, Annual Christmas party, coffee social, dates to be announced. People may call Allison at 508-523-5850.

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. 20. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Beef Enchilada with cheese, Spanish rice, chuckwagon corn, Mandarin oranges, pita bread, sour cream

TUESDAY – Ziti with meat sauce, Mozzarella cheese, green beans, baked apples, Italian bread

WEDNESDAY – Garlic brown sugar

chicken, lemon seasoned potatoes, mixed vegetables, Lorna Doone cookies, whole wheat bread

THURSDAY – Vegetarian chili with cheddar cheese, roasted potatoes, Tuscan blend vegetables, birthday cake, diet = small piece, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Beef Bourginon, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli and carrots, fresh fruit, pumpernickel 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.

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Corrections

The Worcester Winds Concert at the Stone Church Cultural Center on Saturday, Oct. 18 starts at 2 p.m., not 3 p.m. as announced. Tickets are \$20, not \$25.

The Barre Fire Chief's name was listed incorrectly in the Oct. 10 edition of the Barre Gazette. His name is James DiVirgilio.



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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Select Board – Oct. 20 at 5 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Oct. 21 and Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Oct. 23 at 11 a.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 5 at 12:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 10 at 5 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Nov. 13 at 1 p.m.
 Barre Common Oversight Committee – Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Capital Planning Committee – Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 5 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Nov. 12 at 3 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Oct. 20 at 5 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Oct. 22 at 4 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Council on Aging – Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.
 Insurance Advisory Committee – Oct. 22 at 2:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Oct. 22 and Nov. 19 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

BESS Public Hearing – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 8 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Nov. 7 at 9 a.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – Nov. 8 at 10 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 10 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.
 Bylaw Committee – Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board Hearing – Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. and Oct. 20 at 6:15 p.m.
 Finance Committee and Select Board Joint – Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.

Senior center lists November events

BARRE – The Barre Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, announce the ninth and final “theme” of the 2025 year-long Stronger Together Initiative for the month of November – purpose-finding meaning, direction, and fulfillment.

Exploring this principle will help people stay engaged, motivated and connected mentally, emotionally, and socially. Having a sense of purpose can improve overall well-being, strengthen resilience and even promote better physical health. For many, purpose comes from relationships, volunteering, creative expression, spirituality or mentoring others – activities that remind them their lives continue to have value and impact.

Workshop attendees should bring their self-assessments to the November workshops. The senior center invites the “aging population, those 55 and over” from the towns and villages of Barre and Hardwick to come by the Senior Center and say hello. Reminding everyone again, one of the overarching messages every day at the Senior Center is “Join Us, and As Always, Bring a Friend.” They may stop by for a morning cup of coffee or come for lunch, pick up a Silver Spirit newsletter and a calendar of events.

Calendar Events for November and the Silver Spirit Newsletter can be found by visiting www.townofbarre.com/coa or <https://mycommunityonline.com/organization/barre-hardwick-senior-center-coa>.

On Sunday, Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. there will be a Tailgate Party, Patriots vs Titans. There will be food, and friendship! Whether people are a sports fan or just love a good time, this is the perfect chance to relax, laugh and connect with friends old and new. There will be delicious food, music and a lively atmosphere that celebrates community and good times together. People may sign-up at the front desk.

Monday, Nov. 3 is the

final Stronger Together Introductory workshops for the month of November, will take place at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.

TED Talk Tuesdays are on Nov. 4, 18 and 25 at 10 a.m. People may grab a favorite beverage, sit back, and relax as they dive into engaging TedTalks focused on today’s most important senior issues from healthy aging and technology to purpose, relationships and lifelong learning. Each short video session sparks conversation, inspiration and connection.

Thursday, Nov. 6 at 11:30 a.m. Kevin Donahue from Worcester County District Attorney’s Office will be at the senior center for Lunch and Learn session on holiday scams targeting seniors. Participants will discover how to spot red flags, protect their personal information and stay safe while shopping or celebrating this season. To sign up for lunch that day, they should call 978-355-5027 to reserve a meal by Monday, Nov. 3.

People may sign up at the front desk for the following programs. Friday, Nov. 7 at 12:30 p.m. self-defense for seniors focuses on building confidence, awareness and simple techniques to stay safe in everyday situations. Gentle movements and balance-based skills help older adults protect themselves while improving strength, coordination and peace of mind.

Monday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. Let’s Talk Economics with Fred Hamel takes place. Economics is the study of how people use money and resources to meet their needs. It helps us understand prices, jobs and the choices individuals and communities make every day.

Thursday, Nov. 13 from 9:30 a.m.-noon UMASS Chan Medical Students join the Inside Out Wellness Cooking Class and Information Session to learn easy, gut-friendly recipes designed to support happy digestion. This session features a flavorful vegetable stir fry, a simple, nourishing meal packed with fiber, color

and balance for body and mind.

Monday, Nov. 17 at 12:30 p.m. Building Bridges with Brave Conversations Rebecca Southwick shares true stories of the Salem Witch Trials based on the lives of her ancestors. Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 11:30 a.m. seniors may enjoy a warm and welcoming Thanksgiving meal together, celebrating gratitude, friendship and community. Enjoy delicious food, heartfelt conversation, and the joy of sharing this special day with others. They should call 978-355-5027 to reserve a lunch no later than Thursday, Nov. 13.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 9-11 a.m. Senior Center’s 21st Anniversary/Birthday Celebration the senior center will celebrate over two decades of friendship, fun, and community connection. This anniversary celebration will be filled with memories, laughter and appreciation for everyone who has been part of the journey.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 at noon a compassionate Holiday Grief Workshop designed to provide comfort and support during a difficult season will take place. Together, they’ll explore healthy ways to honor loved ones, manage emotions and find moments of peace through the holidays.

Thursday, Nov. 20 at noon, Gratitude Circle is an open discussion on gratitude and thankfulness, where they’ll share reflections on what it means to appreciate life’s blessings big and small.

Friday, Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. come celebrate the season at a festive holiday party filled with good food, music, and joyful company. Cost is \$30 per person. People must reserve a space by Monday, Dec. 1.

If people know someone who has knowledge and skills that they could bring to a presentation or program, the senior center director would love to hear about it. They may call Betty-Jo O’Brien, COA/Senior Center Director at 978-355-5004 or email coa@townofbarre.com.

HUBBARDSTON

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Halloween parade takes place Oct. 25

The Annual Halloween parade will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25 with line up at 12:30 p.m. at Fire Station 1, Main Street, in the center of Hubbardston. The parade starts at 1 p.m. and follows Main Street to the Hubbardston Center School. There will be a party and entertainment at the school.

Trick or Treat takes place Friday, Oct. 31 from 5-8 p.m. with a party at the Hubbardston Police Station starting 4 p.m.

Friends group dance

Groovin’ for a good cause to support the senior center renovation programs will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 from 7-10 p.m. at the Hubbardston Rod and Gun Club, 35 Williamsville Road. Tickets are \$10 per person. D.J. Vibe Wise will perform songs of the 1960s and 1970s. There will be a cash bar, photo booth and raffle booth. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Hubbardston Senior Center, a 501(c)3 non-profit.

House numbering program

The Worcester County Sheriff’s house numbering program will assist all emergency personnel in identifying residences that do not currently have a highly visible number on their homes. The Community Outreach department will create a custom wooden sign with their house number free of charge. Forms are available at the Senior Center.

Flu shots

The Hubbardston Board of Health has scheduled two dates for flu shots: Friday, Oct. 17 from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Those interested should sign up at the Senior Center.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. This month’s book is “Good Dirt” by Charmaine Wilkerson. To obtain a copy, those interested should call the library at 978-928-1400, extension 500.

Health Insurance update

A representative from Integrity Medical Advisors will be at the Senior Center on Friday, Oct. 17 to help Seniors navigate choices for medical coverage. To reserve an appointment, seniors should call 978-928-1400, extension 221.

Historical Society offers program on gravestone art

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This free program will be a fascinating and educational 60 minute presentation on the history and artistry of New England gravestones, exploring cemetery art, history and symbolism. This event is perfect for history buffs, art lovers, and anyone interested in local New England culture.

State Grange seeks clothing donations

RUTLAND – People can now bring used clothing donations to the Thomas Vailll Grange Library and Museum, 425 Main St., where the Massachusetts State Grange has partnered with St. Pauly Textile Inc. to provide a wood-frame clothing drop-off shed for community use.

This shed is designed to give community members a uniquely clean, convenient and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing. St. Pauly Textile Inc. partners with businesses and various

organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they’re ultimately re-worn by people, who need them.

The Grange receives funding for donated clothing and additionally has the option to use donations to serve community needs. With over 1,600 clothing drop-off sheds in place, St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects over 175,000 pounds of clothing a day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries including the U.S. yearly. In

2024, the company was able to help keep over 64 million articles of clothing out of landfills, which clothed an estimated 7.8 million people worldwide. The company was founded in 1996 and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

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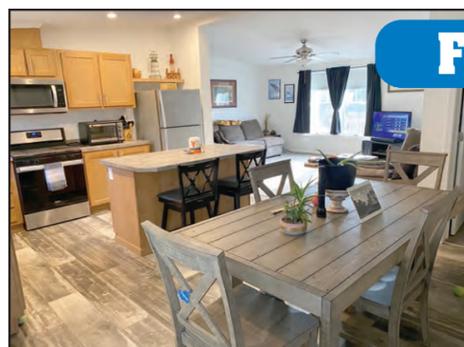
Jim Carrabba, Agricultural Safety Specialist with the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety (NEC), will lead a program on tractor safety. Topics covered include tractor injury statistics, basic safe tractor operating principles, how to perform operator checks, safety features on new vs. old tractors, and safe operation of tractors on public roads. Participants will learn about Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) and the ROPS Retrofit Rebate Program. Jim will also cover Power-Take-Off (PTO) safety and will demonstrate retrofit PTO shield offered by NEC. All welcome!

The training will cover the areas required for OSHA annual tractor safety under 1928.51 Appendix A and can meet that training requirement for your farm (applies to farms with more than 10 employees).

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Opinion

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Jack Frost has come and gone; time to review

Usually we have a few nights that teeter around the freezing mark each fall, giving us an advanced warning of sorts, before a real deal killer frost strikes. Not so this year.

I tuned into the weather last Tuesday night and to my shock, we were expecting temperatures to dip into the mid to high 20s Thursday night into Friday morning! That meant going into extreme harvest mode to get everything indoors that needed to be and trying to cover what I couldn't get to.

I was trying to hold off on harvesting my Butternut winter squash, hoping for the green tinges of the skin to fade to a warm buff color, but by the time Wednesday rolled around I had to give in and pick them. I think they are mostly ripe.

I grew three total hills this year, two of a variety Mom had saved the seeds of and one of a highly touted, powdery mildew resistant F1 hybrid by the name of "Little Dipper." I was lured in by the catalog description that promised seven plus fruits per plant.

From my two plants in that one hill, I harvested 15. Pretty good, I'll say! They range in weight from just about a pound and a half to over five pounds, with most around the 3.5 pound mark.

I already cut into one, and roasted it. Not being used to such a dry texture, I added a little water when I whipped it up and it was flavorful enough. And true to its description in the Fedco catalog (fedcoseeds.com) it was indeed powdery mildew resistant.

The leaves were incredibly green and still pumping out flowers until they were struck by frost. Will I grow it again? Yes.

One mention: the seeds took forever to germinate. I start mine indoors in early May. They were easily a week or 10 days behind the open pollinated squash and pumpkins I germinated indoors.

Another squash that was new to my garden this year was an Acorn squash by the name of "Festival" from Renee's Garden (reneesgarden.com). I typically don't veer from growing butternuts due to a heavy load of squash vine borers

on all other species, but the seed packet was so pretty that I succumbed to an "impulse buy."

I figured I could grow them to eat, and also use them for autumn decorations. The cream-colored squash are splashed with orange, yellow and/or green and reportedly will keep up to three months.

From four plants I harvested 21 squash; not too shabby for vines that are semi bush. I tried two plants in one of my raised beds as an experiment, and they did great there, as did the two in the main garden.

I cut one in half, removed the seeds and roasted it cut side down until fork tender. To me, acorns are on the blah side but all that changes with the addition of some maple syrup.

As far as the vine borers go, the plants were early to bear and quick to ripen. By the time the borers discovered them most fruits were curing right on the plants. I'll definitely be growing them again.

Mouse Melon, also known as Cucamelon was a newbie as well, and one that I was not sad to see go when the frost hit. I sowed the seeds indoors and planted the transplants along one side of an A-frame trellis. By August I had the cutest mini-watermelons, think the size that would be perfect Barbie Doll food!

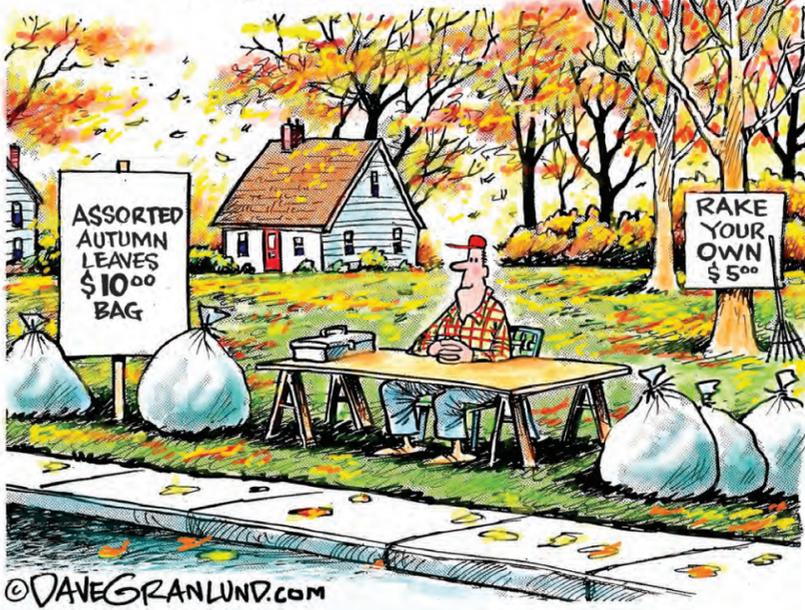
My appreciation for this trial ended with its cuteness, however. To me it tasted like a bitter cucumber, with a little bit of a kick to it. Not a fan.

I did enter them in the Ware Grange fair, however, and won first place in the "any other" category!

Stay tuned next week for more reviews and also what strategies worked and what didn't!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Fall entrepreneur...



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In Past Pages

5 years (Oct. 22, 2020)

The North Brookfield Haston Library Facebook page will host storyteller and singer Mary Jo Maichack in a 15-minute virtual taste of ghost stories, songs and jokes for families, recommended for children aged 5 and older. "Howlariou Halloween: Ghost Stories, Songs and Jokes from the Crypt" is a spooky and silly show. Children will hear crack up to ghost jokes, help make spooky sound effects and be amazed by the many voices and characters in Maichack's repertoire. Her ghost stories are funny and spooky and her singing lively. She is really fun and will make participants feel the shivery joy of Halloween. This program is supported in part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

The Quabbin Regional School District Committee received a grant to hire a consultant to look into regionalization and shared services. The school committee hired the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools to engage area districts regarding regionalization and shared services. Then the pandemic came. Consultants from the MARS consulting group participated in a Zoom meeting of the QRS District Committee last Thursday evening. Consultant Jay Barry said it was a work in progress and the virus impacted this study. He said the scope of services changed because of the virus and prevented face-to-face interaction. The consultants held a district meeting before the pandemic that

Look Back

Ruggles Lane Halloween Party – 1958



File photo

Some of the students that attended the Ruggles Lane School Halloween party are from left, Bobby Dawson, Raymond Culver, Patricia Rosselli and Isabel Gonsalves.

included besides Quabbin, Quaboag, Spencer and North Brookfield. Other districts they contacted include Mahar, Athol and Ware.

With the current environment the need of food pantries to receive donations is even greater. North Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 257 is changing the way they do their annual food drive for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. This year they will be doing a drive through style event instead of their normal bag drop. On Oct. 31 and Nov. 7 at the Hannaford parking lot and Saint Joseph's church parking lot they will be collecting food from 9 a.m. to noon both days. They will be taking donations of non-perishable foods.

10 years (Oct. 22, 2015)

More than 50 people from age two to 93 rolled pumpkins

for style, accuracy and sheer speed down the sloped lawn next to the Petersham Country Store Oct. 10. The Petersham Memorial Library held its annual used books sale and auction. Proceeds of the pumpkin roll and auction will be used to by the Grange to support its community and agriculture programs. Jackson Pugliese was an easy winner in the speed rolling with a 29 mile an hour pumpkin followed by Bob Paquet at 27 mph and Kip Chinian at 23 mph.

The Barre Board of Selectmen granted approval to an Eagle Scout project proposed by Dan Rich, a Boy Scout in Barre Troop 26. He explained he sought the Selectmen's approval to

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of lower soaring turkey vultures. When the turkey vultures descend on a carcass, the black vultures follow them.

Black vultures are highly social and share food with relatives, feeding young for months after they've fledged. In the United States black vultures are more plentiful than turkey vultures. Black vultures lack a voice box and their sounds are limited to hisses and grunts.

The oldest black vulture on record was a least 25 years, six months old when it was found in 1965 in Louisiana. It was banded there in 1940. They may live even longer in captivity.

Brimfield resident
On Sunday, Oct. 5, I received an email from a Brimfield resident commenting about my seeing a moose in Oakham. He said, "Seeing a moose in Massachusetts is exciting. My wife and I saw a moose in Canada, it ran across the road in front of the car and disappeared into the woods. My wife said "look a horse

with no rider, similar to your reaction."

Eagle sighting
On Wednesday, Oct. 1, I received an email from a reader. He said, "I was in my car last evening around 6:30 when I saw a huge, black-winged bird come over Main Street in Barre Plains. When we were kids it was called Canal Road. It was flying low over the street and was trying to gain altitude. The bird appeared just before Rich's Pond and it had what looked like a recent kill in its talons. It accidentally dropped the dead animal, which appeared to be a rabbit, onto the road and what I thought was a vulture turned out to be an adult Bald Eagle."

He said, "Its stark white head and white fanned tail, along with its bright yellow feet and beak were clearly seen and it was startling to be only 25 or 30 feet away from it. The eagle's wing span was enormous. It made an attempt to recapture its prey by diving quickly back to the road and

it had to widely fan out its tail feathers to slow its descent and gain flight control."

He said, "The Bald Eagle then flew high up into a tree along the road near the pond and was waiting for me and all cars to pass before descending on its prey. It was breath taking. We never saw such things as kids."

Cedar waxwings

The Barre resident said on recent warm September days he also has been seeing a small flock of cedar waxwings in Gilbertville, along the Ware River, taking bugs in midair over the river and also working trees and bushes that still have some fruit on them.

Helping birds

People may also help birds by keeping their cats indoors. Many birds are killed by cats. It is safer for people's pet cats to be kept indoors as they also succumb to predation. If a cat is an outdoor cat, people may put a bell collar on their cat with a quick release

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in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



Black vulture

On Monday, Oct. 6, an Oakham resident watched a kettle of 28 black vultures circling above the Harrington Hospital in Southbridge.

He said, "As you may know, the species is expanding its range northward into Massachusetts." A kettle is a

large group of vultures circling in a thermal, using the rising air to conserve energy during migration.

The black vulture has sooty, black plumage, a featherless black head and neat white stars under the wingtips.

Turkey vultures are lanky birds with a teetering flight. Their cousin the black vultures are compact birds with broad wings, short tails and powerful wingbeats. Turkey and black vultures often associate together. The black vultures have a poor sense of smell, but by following turkey vultures by following them to carcasses. They often soar high in the sky in search

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I got the first frost, but I covered anything I had in pots outside and they survived. I had the handyman bring in the big pot of plants on the front deck.

I learned to use a new weed wacker and did the perennial bed. I looked up on the internet about cutting back peonies and they said when the foliage turns yellow you can cut them back to the soil so I did. Do you put the foliage in the compost as it can have mildew?

It is now cranberry season so I have included some in the muffins I made this week. Cranberries have as many recipes as blueberries and I took out my folder of cranberries.

You can make relish, jam, jelly, tarts, bars, pies, sundaes, drinks, jelly molds, salads, crisps, among other things.

CRANBERRY DUFF

1 stick of unsalted butter
1 1/2 cups of cranberries
1/2 cup of roasted and

coarsely chopped pecans

1/3 cup of sugar plus a 1/2 cup of sugar

1 large egg

1/2 cup of all purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter an 8 inch baking pan. Spread cranberries across the bottom. Spread pecans over them and 1/3 cup sugar. Set aside.

Melt 6 tablespoons butter in a saucepan and set aside. Put egg and 1/2 cup sugar in a mixer bowl and combine, then add flour and salt. Slowly pour in melted butter and mix slowly. Pour this mixture over the cranberries in the baking dish. Bake for about 45 minutes.

Run a knife around the edge to loosen and unmold. Serve warm or cool.

There are a number of secret places in Hubbardston to pick your own cranberries and they are ripe right now. If you don't know where the

bogs are buy some at the store.

This and That

Did you happen to go into Walmart stores lately? They are changing everything around so it is very confusing. The pharmacy area is even being changed. I spend most of my time hunting things down. They are starting on the food area now. One good thing is that they have more cashiers and the self service area is now changed.

I have been working on some sewing projects. I finished up some penny rug mats and crocheted some more head bands.

I'm still having a time getting the bats to make their home somewhere besides our attic. Guess we will have to make a bat house. Anyone have one they would like to donate?

Have a good week and hopefully the foliage will turn brighter colors.

Oakham seniors visit Tower Hill

OAKHAM – On Friday, Oct. 3, nine seniors met at the New England Botanical Gardens at Tower Hill for lunch and a tour of the formal gardens.

They enjoyed a healthy lunch with a view of the Wachusett Reservoir on The Farmer and the Fork Café terrace. Following lunch, the group toured the gardens. The tour was led by Clare Hendra of Oakham, who volunteers at Tower Hill as a garden explainer and tour guide. All enjoyed the beautiful fall weather as they learned the history of the New England Botanical Gardens and took in the wonderful planting displays. An added bonus was the "Art in Motion" sculptures by George Sherwood on display throughout the grounds. All agreed it was a special day.



Submitted photo

Nine Oakham seniors recently toured Tower Hill. On the terrace at Tower Hill are in no particular order, Kathy and Tom Usher, Sue Richard, Barbara Wreschinsky, Sue and Mick Adamski, Clare Hendra, Judy Menard and Priscilla McGlynn.

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improve the recreation area at Powder Mill Pond along Route 122. His project idea included installing benches, picnic tables, hibachi grills similar to those at Barre Falls Dam and a possible fire pit.

The Barre Players Theater opened its production of "Twelve Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose with a dedication of its 2015-2016 season in memory of Suzanne Fullam, a long time participant in the Barre Players. She made her debut in "Send Me No Flowers" in 1967 and continued with the theater in numerous capacities including box office manager until shortly before her death. Her two finest performances were in 1991 in "Steel Magnolias" and in 1996 in "The Octette Bridge Club."

25 years (Oct. 19, 2000)

Here they come now, a whole lot of ghosts. With these words to herald their slow and eerie walk, more than 25 ghosts moved into the Hardwick Cemetery just as the last hour of the day was bidding goodbye to the ancient burying ground. Taking their places amidst the scores of old granite stones, this eerie company greeted scores of folks for Hardwick Ghost Walk 2000.

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mechanism if their pet's collar should get hung up on something.

Dark-eyed Juncos

An Oakham resident reported seeing a dark-eyed junco in his yard last week.

I saw a small flock of juncos along the road where I live on Oct. 13. Their white tall feathers identified them as they flew up from the side of the road. It was my first sighting this fall.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related expe-

and Beam.

38 years (Oct. 22, 1987)

Two lagoons in Barre were the topic of discussion between the Barre Selectmen and Michael Huppert, chairman of the Board of Health, at the Selectmen's meeting last Monday, Oct. 13. Huppert noted that although some testing has been performed, additional testing is scheduled to be performed by ERT. A time line and specific tests have been provided by the Department of Environmental Quality. Selectman Chairman Earl Sample stated the results of the tests would be particularly important as he did not want the town to end up with the responsibility if there is hazardous material in the lagoons. Various safety measures were discussed including fencing in the lagoons.

All are invited to a Halloween party this coming Saturday, Oct. 31 at the George L. Thorng American Legion Post No. 404 on Valley Road in South Barre. The party is the town of Barre's solution to its having to cancel traditional Trick or Treating festivities because of sewer pipeline construction. Authorities in Barre say the construction might present a danger to young Trick or Treaters when it's dark.

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Historical Commission presents Jacob Knight exhibition November

WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Historical Commission is proud to present "A Jaunt with Jacob, New England Through an Artist's Eyes," a retrospective exhibition honoring the artistry and legacy of renowned local artist Jacob Knight.

This multifaceted exhibit offers a personal and powerful glimpse into Knight's creative world.

The exhibition will feature prints of Knight's depictions of local New

England towns, some never before exhibited photographs capturing Knight's world by local photographers and members of his circle, a collection of curiosities and ephemera from his past, video interviews with some of Knight's family and friends, and audio recordings of his poetry slams and music jams.

This celebration of Jacob Knight will offer a vibrant window into the soul of a beloved artist and community member.

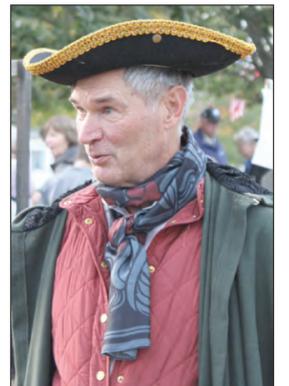
The opening and reception will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9, from noon-4 p.m. at the Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, 111 Main St., Southbridge.

Show dates are Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 9 through Nov. 29 from noon-4 p.m., and weekdays by appointment. Call 508-764-3341 to make an appointment.

All are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring a friend.



The Klee family portrayed Joseph Washburn, Ebenezer Washburn and Lavinia Washburn.



Brigadier General Jonathan Warner was portrayed by John Petraglia.

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and had been gifted the land in Hardwick by Susanna's father as a wedding gift.

The couple had six children and had 10 indentured servants. Some of these servants were orphaned and others lived on the town's poor farm.

Korzec said the Mandells had the most indentured servants of any family in the commonwealth at this time.

Susanna, portrayed by Judy Grupp, was the daughter of Rev. Timothy Ruggles and Mary (White) Ruggles, and lived until the age of 92. Susanna was tasked with teaching the girls "wifery," including cooking, sewing, etc., and Paul was responsible for teaching the boys "husbandry," or how to grow crops and raise livestock.

Grupp noted that the Mandells took good care of their indentured servants, with all 10 of them surviving to adulthood.

At the time of the Revolutionary War, Paul (who had served in the French and Indian War), was too old to fight and instead joined the Committee of Correspondence.

Korzec noted the town's strong presence in the American Revolution, and how on April 19, 1775, 64 of the town's men joined the Minutemen in Cambridge to head into battle. At the time, Hardwick's total population was just 1,000 people.

"It was the heart of the rebellion," Korzec said of Hardwick. "It's just a phenomenal history that Hardwick and all of the neighboring towns have."

Another cemetery inhabitant who moved to town



Sherry Johnson portrayed Elizabeth Robinson Billings.



Ken Levine portrayed Captain Daniel Egery.

from Dartmouth hundreds of years ago, was Captain Daniel Egery, portrayed by Ken Levine.

Levine said Egery moved to Hardwick with his wife and eight children, and served the town as a selectman. He was also a soldier during the French and Indian War.

Levine detailed the lives of soldiers after the war, and the tensions that led up to Shays' Rebellion, when Daniel Shays led 1,000 soldiers to the courts to stop the foreclosures of farms.

"It was veterans against veterans," he said.

Levine said Shays' uprising caused concern amongst national leaders, including George Washington, and it prompted many changes in the government.

Walking through the cemetery you will see that the age ranges of those buried there span from infancy to old age. Almost one-third the cemetery's inhabitants were under the age of 20.

The Klee family portrayed Ebenezer Washburn, and two of his children, Joseph and Lavinia. Joseph died from an infection caused by an injury from his axe, and Lavinia died at age 12 from pneumonia.

Mark Klee said Ebenezer was a teacher in the town, and he was also involved in the Revolutionary War. His wife Dorothy and himself had seven children together.

Rosamond Winslow, portrayed by Vladia Buelow, was born in Hardwick in 1785 and helped her mother raise her siblings after her father was killed.

"I was a really big help to her," Buelow said as Winslow.

Sadly, after living a hard life, Winslow died from the flu at age 18.

Persis Lyscom was one of two children born to Ebenezer and Mary Lyscom,

with her brother Samuel passing away at the young age of 12.

Hannah Fanelli portrayed Persis, and noted that her family was poor, and how her father fought in the Revolutionary War and like many soldiers, was not paid.

The Lyscoms lived in northern Hardwick, close to the Petersham line. She said that it was hard work to manage the farm, but that the family enjoyed friendship with their neighbors.

Persis unfortunately died of a fever one February, just before she was set to marry her beloved David that spring. Afterward, Persis' mother died, her father moved back east to be closer to his family.

"It was tough times for us," Fanelli said as Persis.

Some names of those buried in the cemetery remain prominent in town today, including the Ruggles family.

Elizabeth Ruggles Dean, portrayed by Sue Bagdonas, was the granddaughter of Hardwick Fair founder, Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles, and the niece of his infamous daughter, Bathsbeba Spooner.

Despite her family's loyalty to the British crown, Dean's husband Paul and his family members were fierce patriots.

The family worked hard to preserve game, fish, mutton and lamb, and also utilized their kitchen garden to grow food. The couple had 10 children together.

There were many more ghostly apparitions to visit in the cemetery, and if you missed this year's event, be sure to keep an eye out for the next Hardwick Ghost Walk in the coming years. For more information about the Hardwick Historical Society, follow on Facebook or visit hardwickhistoricalsociety.org.

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tion.” Comeau said.
The first to speak during the kickoff was state Sen. Jake Oliveira, who is a big advocate of the Quabbin Reservoir. Oliveira mentioned that many residents who live in the eastern part of Massachusetts don’t realize that their drinking water comes from the Quabbin.

Many western Massachusetts towns are also served water by the Quabbin Reservoir.

Providing the Quabbin Reservoir involved a lot of sacrifice, including the disincorporation of four Massachusetts towns, Enfield, Dana, Prescott and Greenwich. The project also provided a lot of jobs in the 1930s and 1940s and Oliveira shared that his grandfather was employed during this project that created the reservoir.

Oliveira had a lot of memories from going to the Quabbin and sees it as a very special place. Oliveira ended by presenting a citation from the Senate and was given to Comeau and the Friend of the Quabbin in recognition of this four-day celebration to honor the Quabbin.

State Rep. Aaron Saunders came up to speak and said “we have a complicated relationship with the Quabbin.” Having the Quabbin provides recreation-



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
State Rep. Aaron Saunders spoke during the kickoff of Quabbin Days.

al opportunities, tourism and natural beauty of the region. Saunders wanted to acknowledge the surrounding towns and local boards who do a lot to keep this resource going.

Senator Jo Comerford spoke next and feels it is “our job to recognize and honor that service” of what it took to bring Quabbin Reservoir to this region. Comerford hopes Quabbin Days will continue for years to come and offers opportunity for many residents of eastern and western Massachusetts.

Next to speak was state Rep. Todd Smola, who is quite the fisherman, who says it is a spectacular experience to explore this body of water on the actual water. Four towns were moved off



Sen. Jo Comerford spoke on the importance of recognizing the service and sacrifice it took to construct the Quabbin Reservoir.

the map to provide this water resource that serves over 2.5 million people.

“We’re proud of this resource,” Smola said. “Make sure the voice of the Quabbin is heard.”

Representative Susannah M. Whipps came up to speak next and mentioned how many residents of the Commonwealth depend on this water source. Whipps finds it important to pay attention and be stewards of this region.

Sydla spoke and expressed appreciation for all the representatives and senators who watch over the Quabbin and make sure it is still supported. With Quabbin Days officially kicked off, Sydla hopes to see more people explore Quabbin in



State Rep. Todd Smola is shown during his talk about celebrating the natural beauty that is the Quabbin Reservoir.

the near future. Sydla enjoys going out on the water and is a well-accomplished fisherman with 11 gold pins.

Former State Trooper and Selectman for the Town of Ware, John Carroll came out during the kickoff. Carroll said it was nice to recognize the sacrifices people of the four lost towns made to benefit the Commonwealth.

Carroll always appreciated the beauty of the Quabbin and describes it as an amazing place. Carroll enjoys walking the dam daily and views spectacular sunsets.

Many guests stuck around to explore the visitor center, which featured displays and history of the Quabbin, as well as a documentary presentation on how the Quabbin was built back in the 1930s.

Comeau is on the executive board of the Friends of the Quabbin and hopes after this first celebration of

Quabbin Days, the Quabbin will build on this momentum. The inspiration of Quabbin Days came from the passion of enjoying the Quabbin and the economic drive for tourism.

Quabbin Days has encouraged towns, local businesses, and community groups in the Quabbin region to host events that highlight the region’s heritage and natural beauty.

Comeau views this first year as a big success and the Friends of Quabbin will continue to improve on it. Comeau is also a nature photographer and has been involved in photography for many years and says he enjoys it so much.

For more information on Quabbin Days, visit quabbindays.org.



Guests explored the visitor center during the kickoff of Quabbin Days

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and approval by all residents on the road with signed waivers of liability. As in the current policy, funding must be voted at a Town Meeting and if the cost exceeds funded amount the Department of Public Works Director Travis Brown must ask the town for the additional money.

The plowing of public ways was handled by an outside contractor. The Town Administrator would put out a Request for Proposal. The town did not have the manpower to do the plowing and their equipment was not insured for such work on private property. Presently,

Plum Tree Lane was under a three year contract. However, there were some issues with delinquent taxes and that issue would be discussed at a later meeting, not at this hearing.

Select Board Vice Chairman Kathryn Young said she was concerned about the liability of plowing someone’s private property. She requested Town Counsel be consulted on the matter. She said she did not want to be setting the town up for a lawsuit. The Town Administrator would contact Town Counsel on the matter. Chairman Jeffrey Williams closed the hearing and would put the topic on the next meeting agenda.

Hearing on joint elected vacancy appointment

Town Administrator Boudreau said MGL required the filling a vacancy for elected positions either due to failure to elect or a resignation to include both the Select Board and the members of the Board with the vacancy. This policy would be a standard operating procedure with guidelines to follow.

He said when the Town Clerk received a resignation, she posted the position as a vacancy and notified the Select Board. The Select Board then would seek applicants and meet jointly with the Board with the vacancy to make the appointment.

Select Board Vice Chairman Young asked if there was an opportunity for the Board with the vacancy prior to the joint meeting the Select Board and the Board with the vacancy. She made a motion to give the Board with the vacancy the opportunity to meet with all the applicants before the joint meeting with the Select Board to make the appointment.

Select Board Chairman Williams said the town has too many elected positions that don’t get filled. Resident Ed Blanchard said he found it disappointing that for two years in a row, no one ran for a member of the Quabbin

Regional School District Committee member position.

The Select Board approved Young’s motion. The Town Administrator would present the policy with the modification at the next Select Board meeting.

Brigham Road heavy vehicle exclusion

The town worked with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to restrict heavy vehicle use on the top section of Brigham Road starting by Elm Street. The heavy truck traffic has created damage to the hill section of the road beginning at Route 68. Trucks over 2 ½ tons would instead take Evergreen Road off of Route 68 to access Brigham Road

after the hill. This rerouting did increase the length of the truck route, but MassDOT thought it was okay. The Select Board will hold a heavy vehicle exclusion hearing on Monday, Oct. 20.

Other business
The Select Board approved the Consent Agenda. The agenda included approving meeting minutes of Sept. 15 and making three appointments: Kari Sacramone to Zoning Board of Appeals, Katrina McCreary to Zoning Board of Appeals and Royce Kelley to Department of Public Works, all terms to expire June 20, 2026.

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town’s decision whether they move forward with the grant for the coordinated project or not.

He said the municipal paving project is also on hold due to “internal processes” at the DOT. He said there are four different towns looking to be part of the paving project, and North Brookfield is next in line.

Gilman said its now looking like the municipal paving wouldn’t happen until next year.

“We can’t have paving and the sidewalk being done...and the sidewalk that the only way it’s going to get done is to use resources that we really don’t have,” Gilman said.

Board of Selectmen Clerk Ralph Kay asked it if it was possible to put off the coordinated project, and reject the grant and re-apply for it in the future. He suggested the board investigate a different funding source for the project.

“I think we all agree that that match is impossible,” Kay said.

Downtown Development Committee Chair Sheila Orsi said it might be possible to extend the grant, rather than

reject it. Petraitis said the match is still three-quarters of the Highway Department’s annual budget.

Gilman said in talking to residents, the road conditions are of high importance to them.

“Paving is a pretty strong topic,” Gilman said.

The Selectmen voted to reject the STRAP grant award due to the challenges of paying the matching portion.

Permitting software

Petraitis said the board met with the town’s Building, Plumbing and Electrical inspectors regarding the need for software required to streamline the permitting process.

Petraitis said there are two different software models available, and one was significantly less expensive than the other. He said a funding source has not yet been identified for the purchase of the software, or its annual fees.

“The general consensus of the inspectors was that it would cost us hiring somebody to manage the software,” Petraitis said. “We really don’t have the money for that at this time.”

He suggested the board wait until a Town Administrator is hired to continue looking into the need

for permitting software.

Senior Center survey

Kay said about 10% of the surveys mailed out regarding the Senior Center were returned, with more than half of those people requesting the center be opened on Fridays and with longer hours.

“There were a lot of suggestions for activities,” he said.

Suggestions for activities included computer training, bus trips, and more.

Kay said the survey was directed to senior citizens, who make up about a third of the town’s population. The survey asked seniors citizens what they would like to see at the Senior Center, and how it can better meet the community’s needs.

Kay said the survey also showed a need for better communication from the Senior Center to promote its programs and services. He said the Council on Aging will utilize the local newspapers more to promote the Senior Center’s offerings.

“One of the good things that came along...is that 43 people expressed a willingness to volunteer at the Senior Center,” Kay said. “That means we can get people there to help run these programs that everybody

wants.”

Kay said the Council on Aging is working hard to implement the suggestions received in the survey.

Trunk or Treat

Nancy Waldron of the Parks & Recreation Committee said Trunk or Treat would be held during Trick or Treat hours on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the common. She said there would be decorated trunks, prizes and a DJ.

The Senior Center, 29 Forest St., will be open during this event, offering cookies to trick or treaters.

“I think it’s going to be a lot of fun,” Waldron said.

Waldron said donations of candy for Trunk or Treat can be dropped off at the Senior Center, or by contacting a member of the committee. Those interested in entering their vehicle at Trunk or Treat should contact the committee and can arrive at the event starting at 4 p.m. in order to be ready for 5:30 p.m.

Police Chief hiring

Petraitis said Police Chief Mark Smith has accepted a position in another town and has submitted his resignation to the board, with his last day to be Nov. 21. He said Smith has been with the department

for 10 years and that the board wished him well in his future endeavors and thanked him for his service.

Petraitis said there are potential candidates to serve as police chief within the department and he suggested looking internally first. Kay said an internal hire would be good for department morale as well.

Gilman said he supported this, but also wanted to hear feedback from the community regarding the hiring of the next police chief. He encouraged residents to reach out to him and share their insights.

Board of Assessors appointment

The board appointed Brandon Avery as the third Assessor to fill out the board.

Petraitis suggested the town consider hiring one full-time, appointed Assessor, to serve in the office, along with an elected board of three Assessors to complete revaluations.

“Other towns do it that way and it would also save us two pays,” he said.

He said this change would require a town meeting vote to move forward.

Change orders for building project

Pete Orsi presented a series of proposed change orders for the Fire/Highway

building project to the board for approval. Orsi said the change orders are to deal with ledge underneath the building, concrete flooring, doorways, insulation, structural repairs and more.

The board approved the change orders as presented.

Downtown parking concerns

The board members discussed parking concerns on North Main Street at the area between the church and the library. Gilman said with the installation of the sidewalk at the stonewall in front of the church, it will further reduce the width of the road and it may be a good idea to remove some of the parking spots.

A resident said the area is already difficult to pass through with a truck and trailer due to the narrowness of the road. One suggestion was to eliminate the diagonal parking spots and just have parallel parking.

These concerns and suggestions will be sent to the town’s Safety Committee.

Online auction

Administrative Assistant Mary Beth Kularski said the town received \$10,937 from its online auction of surplus items. This money will go to free cash for the next fiscal year.

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

I have spent years studying the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

These works detail the life and ministry of Christ in vivid detail, including His interactions with the apostolic band. In all of my many readings, I have never once read an account in which His followers request His instruction concerning any of the following: a) how to raise the dead; b) how to exorcise demons; c) how to heal the sick; or even d) how to preach a sermon.

I have heard such requests from modern church leaders and beyond, but no such words are found on the lips of Jesus' closest followers. Might we be asking amiss? However, we do see His own request particular instruction on the matter of prayer. Consider the following biblical excerpt:

Luke 11:1a (NIV)

1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."

I find this quite interesting. I have to wonder if the apostles somehow perceived prayer to be the source of Jesus' power. Let us remember that Christ often withdrew from the masses for the purpose of prayer (Luke 5:16). Might it be that they keyed in on this reality and took note in kind? Should we not do the same? Thus said, note how the Lord taught us to pray:

Matthew 6:9-13

9 This, then, is how you should pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

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

11 Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

This is the most famous pattern for prayer in Scripture. I say pattern because I believe this is precisely what His teaching was intended to be. I do not believe that it was Christ's will for us to simply memorize and mindlessly repeat words, particularly in light of the preceding text: "And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words." (Matt. 6:7).

No, I deem it better to receive His teaching as a pattern for effective prayer. How are we to pray? What are we to pray for? What does He call us to prioritize as we seek Him? This prayer-the Lord's Prayer-offers succinct answers to such queries. In the weeks to come we will review the components of this prayer.

We have much to learn together.

Until next week, thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me using the information below. Also, check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Our God wants to save us."

Scripture Reading:

John 3 v 13 -17

I. Introduction

There are a few basic needs in our lives that must be met for us to survive and thrive and to get to a place of well-being and personal growth.

These include being loved and cared for, feeling safe and secure, having enough to eat, water to drink, and a place to live. These are only some of the fundamental needs that humans have. In order for our loved ones to feel safe, we will do whatever we need to do to protect them, our homes, our animals and other important parts of our lives. Let's examine this passage to understand why God seeks to save humanity.

II. Our God wants to Save us

In the earlier verses in John Chapter 3, Jesus is in a serious conversation with Nicodemus, a Pharisee, and member of the Jewish Council. He questioned Jesus about his, Nicodemus' understanding that it is only through God's presence with Jesus, that He was able to do His work and all the miracles He performed. Jesus responds by telling him that to see the kingdom of God, one had to be born again.

Nicodemus did not understand Jesus' response. Jesus explained that being born again through the Holy Spirit leads to understanding heavenly matters; that the Spirit of God will open their eyes and hearts and souls to experience the matters of the Kingdom of Heaven. If they did not believe His teachings about earthly things, they would be unable to comprehend heavenly matters. He then talks about Himself as the Son of Man, indicating that He alone has come from heaven - His original dwelling with God - and possesses complete knowledge of all that God knows. He then draws a comparison between Moses, who acted as a mediator for Israel and God by lifting up the snake in the desert

and providing relief for the people, and Him, the Son of God, who also needed to be lifted up from the cross and death and must be recognized as sent by God to offer salvation and eternal life.

The Son of God was sent because of the love of God for the world, even though the world as a whole does not respond to this divine call and love. God's concern is for the darkness, the suffering, the injustices, the lack of love for human life, and more. To bring salvation to the world, God's Son came to preach about the love of God, to demonstrate what that love means, which is to love one another and to love God, to take care of the poor and the widows, to set the captives free, to heal the sick and more.

All these things require an inner commitment to the wholeness of all of humanity and the struggles we face. It is important therefore to recognize who the Son of God is, and to allow Him and the values He stood for, into one's life to save us from our own destructive behaviors. He is God's gift, because of God's love for the world. To ignore Him is a shame, and an unfortunate choice to stay in spiritual darkness and to refuse the salvation that God has to offer us.

III. Conclusion

Dear members and friends of our congregation...God wants to save us and save this world. While we spend the money and time to secure our homes and to protect our loved ones, God wants us to recognize the dark spaces in this world that need saving as well. God wants to reach into our lives too to help reveal the dark spaces we may have and God wants to remove them, heal us, and reconcile us with God, the Giver of life, love, peace, and compassion and with each other. God is always there, reaching out to us, speaking to us through God's word, cleansing us through God's Spirit, and opening the door to God's Kingdom.

May God help us all here to reflect on this word of Jesus Christ to Nicodemus, to the crowd who heard it too, to the Evangelist who wrote this Gospel and to the rest of the world, to see the saving work God wants to do through us to bring this world to a place of love, peace and safety. May it start with us today and into the future.

Amen

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

Obituaries

Sandra Dianne (Klimavich) Smith, 79

BARRE - Sandra Dianne (Klimavich) Smith, 79, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Oct. 2, 2025 in a St. Petersburg Florida Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Sandra (Sandy) was born on June 19, 1946 in Ware to the late Vincent and Josephine (Starziak) Klimavich of North Brookfield. Sandy grew

mother in the mid-1970's, Sandy worked many part time jobs to support the household while still maintaining an active presence in Brandon's life. Sandy worked for many years at The Hotel Barre, the town of Barre, as well as many local restaurants. However, designing and making gemstone jewelry ultimately became her passion when she met the love of



her life, James (Jim) E. Bechan 38 years ago. They both eventually established Crystal Tree Talisman Jewelry and consigned their designs throughout New England and also through their retail shop in Sturbridge.

Sandy and Jim moved to St. Petersburg, Florida in 1995 and began the second phase of their lives, enjoying the warm climate with their cherished cats, while still fulfilling their passion for making jewelry on a smaller scale locally in Florida. Sandy loved all kinds of animals, as well as the Florida lifestyle, but also counted down the days until it was time for the next visit from her granddaughters up in Massachusetts, whom she loved so very much.

Sandy was an active communicant of St. Joseph's Church in both North Brookfield and Barre for the majority of her life. Upon moving to Florida, Sandy continued her faith and attended services as her health would

DEATH NOTICE

Smith, Sandra (Klimavich) Smith
Died Oct. 2, 2025
Calling hour Friday, Oct. 17 from 10-11 a.m. and funeral at 11 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, Barre
Burial to follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Barre

allow. Sandy is survived by her partner and love of 38 years, Jim Bechan in St. Petersburg, Florida; son, Brandon W. Smith and his wife Sharon of Barre; two granddaughters, Olivia J. Smith and Julia L. Smith; as well as many cousins, close friends and Godchildren.

Throughout her life, Sandy was known as the true friend or family member that you could go to for honest, neutral advice; or for help with any other matter. She cared deeply for her closest friends and relatives and unselfishly prioritized others' needs over her own for the majority of her lifetime. Sandra, Sandy, Mom, Gramma and Bunny will be missed by all who knew her.

Friends and family are invited to attend the funeral for Sandy on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 at 11 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. A calling hour will be held from 10-11 a.m. prior to the funeral. Burial will follow in St Josephs Cemetery in Barre.

After graduation, Sandy became an executive assistant for the Paul Revere Insurance Company and was also a part-time model, proudly winning Miss Worcester and competing in other pageantry events. Upon marrying her first husband, Wayne B. Smith and the birth of their son, Brandon, Sandy moved to Barre, becoming a full time homemaker. Sandy was an active part of Brandon's early education and extra-curricular life; including coaching baseball and soccer, teaching CCD and attending almost all of his games, matches and races over the years.

Upon becoming a single

St. Carolo Acutis Parish holds Christmas fair

NORTH BROOKFIELD - ON Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Carlo Acutis Parish will hold their Christmas Fair in St. Joseph's Church Hall, 296 North Main St. There will

be a bake sale, handmade crafts, jewelry, raffles and more. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. featuring homemade soups, sandwiches and homemade apple pie.

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Randi's greatest love was her family, and most especially her daughter, Morgan, who was just a baby when Randi was called home. Though her time here was far too short, the depth of her love will forever shape the lives of those she cherished.

She adored her animals, loved her job at the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, and embraced life with a spirit we all wish we could carry, and gave of herself in ways that still inspire us today. We are lost without her, yet forever thankful she was ours - even for those precious 24 years.

Randi's legacy lives on in every smile, every kind word, and every memory we hold close. She will never be forgotten, for she lives in our hearts always. Forever loved.

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Your love remains a part of us - steady, strong and everlasting.

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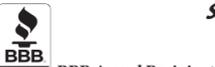
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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

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

MONSTER MASH sponsored by the Oakham New Braintree Parent Teachers Organization takes place today from 6-8 p.m. at the Oakham Fire Department, 178 Barre Road, Oakham. Children should put on their favorite costume to enjoy this Halloween dance party with treats for all who attend. There will be raffle baskets at \$1 per tickets. All proceeds benefit the Oakham New Braintree PTO.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

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

CHURCH BENEFIT BREAKFAST will take place today from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. Proceeds benefit the Rutland and Barre Food Pantries. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, strawberries, juice, coffee, tea

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Oct. 20. Bill Bowles and Bridget LaChance correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was taken of the ball field and park on Grove Street in North Brookfield.

and hot cocoa. The breakfast is open to all. There will be a free will donation of one's choosing. People may also bring non-perishable food items for the food pantries.

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society will take place today at 2 p.m. in the Wood House, 232 Main St., Rutland. Participants will discover the interesting facets about Rutland's town's history as they search the collection

of artifacts for clues to locate the highlighted items. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

BENEFIT DINNER to support the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard sponsored by the Wilbraham Knights of Columbus Council 10195 will be held today at 5 p.m. at Saint Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. The survival center helps to feed and clothe over

400 individuals monthly in Wilbraham, Hampden, Ludlow, Indian Orchard and 16 Acres. The menu features a homemade chicken parm Italian dinner complete with pasta, salad, bread, coffee and cannolis. The event will include numerous raffles and musical entertainment with sing-a-longs. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by emailing George Reich at ticketskoc10195@gmail.com or may be picked up at after Mass in the St. Cecilia rotunda starting on Saturday, Sept. 27.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

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

GRAVESTONE ART PROGRAM sponsored by the Barre Historical Society will take place today at 3 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St., Barre. This program highlighting the history and meaning of cemetery art and local gravestone art is presented by Lisa Marselle. Light refreshments will be served at 2:30 p.m. This free program will be a fascinating and educational 60 minute presentation on the history and artistry of New England gravestones, exploring cemetery art, history and symbolism.

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Panthers fall at home to South

BARRE – Last Tuesday on a sun-splashed afternoon, Quabbin boys soccer engaged in a close battle with visiting South High Community School, but fell by one goal for the third straight game 4-3. The Panthers fell to 2-7-1 on the season. Quabbin next faces rival Gardner on the road on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. Their next home game is against Clinton on Oct. 21 at 3:45 p.m.



Collin Lindley collides with an opponent.



Jacoby Dilling goes after the loose ball pursued by the opposing defense.



Joseph Cook socks a free kick away.

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Logan Bruley makes a throw-in.



Jake Doty clears the ball out of the defensive end.



Matthew Labrousse chases down the loose ball.

Unified basketball gets going

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Unified basketball team had a home game last Tuesday afternoon. The Panthers hosted Narragansett in

a fun and spirited matchup for both teams.

The Panthers have a large roster with many helpers on the team this year.



Janelle Hutchinson passes on the run.



Tyler Norling gets his shot off.



Maddie Rigney makes her way down the court.

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Pioneers beat Ware, even record



PALMER – In a rematch between now two league rivals, Pathfinder boys soccer shut out Ware 4-0. The Pioneers improved to 6-6-1 while Ware fell to a disappointing 1-12-1. Brody Wetnicka had two goals while Owen Marion and Cayden Bousquet had the other goals. Jaleel Roman had two assists.

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Owen Pear fights with a Ware midfielder for the ball. See more photos on page 10.



Noah Gilette takes a shot on goal.

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Indians score third win of the season

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Last Thursday afternoon, North Brookfield field hockey team picked up a much-needed win, a 3-0 shutout of Worcester Technical High School. The

Indians led 1-0 at halftime and tacked on two more goals late. The Indians are now 3-7 this season and will face Blackstone-Millville on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. on the road.



Olivia Holmes sends the ball back the other way.



Zoey Reardon receives the ball near midfield.



Julia Ciulfo advances into the circle.

Sports

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Adonis Dupre goes after the loose ball.



Abees Castillo-Clotter sends a pass away.

Comeback falls short for on opening night

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (0-1-0-0) battled valiantly, but could not overcome an early three-goal hole in a 4-3 loss to the Charlotte Checkers (1-0-0-0) before a sold-out Opening Night crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center on Saturday night.

The season began with a dose of adversity just 19 seconds into the opening period, as Hunter Skinner and starting goaltender Vadim Zherenko miscommunicated on control of a loose puck, and Charlotte newcomer Jack Studnicka pounced to poke the loose puck into the yawning net to give the Checkers a 1-0 advantage.

The defending Eastern Conference champions then flexed their power play muscles at the 9:04 mark, as Ben Steeves rifled a one-timer over Zherenko's glove off a slick feed from Ryan McAllister, and the visitors' lead grew to 2-0.

Before the T-Birds could stop the barrage, Charlotte



added still another when rookie defenseman Ludvig Jansson squeaked one through Zherenko on the short side at 11:28, and the deficit became 3-0.

Despite the tumultuous beginning, Springfield fought back, beginning with Otto Stenberg pursuing a loose puck after being denied on a first attempt on Charlotte goalie Cooper Black. The second-year Swede chopped the second chance past Black, cutting the lead to 3-1 at 14:37.

Just 1:33 later, former Checker Matt Luff continued the momentum shift, arriving at a loose puck at the blue paint after a Skinner shot ricocheted off a teammate in the crease. Luff played through to the whistle and jammed it under the fallen goaltender, and after so much

had gone wrong to begin the night, the T-Birds had clawed to a 3-2 score heading into the second.

Charlotte, however, got right back to their power play excellence to begin the second, with rookie Jack Devine wiring a one-timer over Zherenko's shoulder at 2:11 of the second, restoring the insurance marker, 4-2.

After six goals in the game's first 22 minutes, both goaltenders settled down through the duration of the middle stanza, and the 4-2 score carried into the final period.

The third period proved to be tough sledding for both teams to locate offense, but with Zherenko on the bench with 1:23 to play, Juraj Pekarcik unleashed a one-time slapper past Black, cutting the lead back down to one, 4-3. Theo Lindstein also picked up his first AHL point with the primary assist.

Despite the tough beginning of his night, Zherenko showed great resilience in making 32 saves for the night. Black earned the victory with 26 stops in the Charlotte goal crease.

The T-Birds take to the road for the first time in the 2025-26 season next Saturday and Sunday for a pair of contests against the Hershey Bears.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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Bondsville League

WARE – It is week six of the Wednesday night Bondsville League at Roll-A-Way Lanes.

After six weeks of league candlepin bowling, Fire Mountain currently stands in first place with a record of 30-12. Fire Mountain also leads in their six-team division (East Division). Sandri leads in the West Division with a record of 24-18 and is in third place overall.

During week six, Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against Team UMass. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls defeated Team UMass by a score of 470-450. Don Paulus of Flaming Bowling Balls broke the century mark with a 100 game.

In game two, Team UMass won by a score of 465-416. In game three, Team UMass won the last game by a score of 477-449. Team UMass won total pinfall with a final score of 1392-1335.

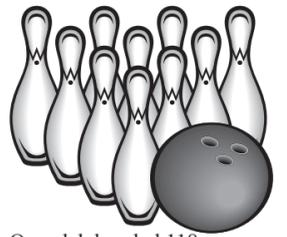
Night Hawks bowled against Cannonballs during week six. In game one, Cannonballs won a close game by beating Night Hawks, 482-479. Micah Hinkley of Cannonballs began the match with a 111 and Lee Robinson of Night Hawks began with a 112.

In game two, Cannonballs won again by a score of 480-429. Sally Czarnecki of Cannonballs had a good game with a 111 during her team's win. In game three, Night Hawks won by a score of 477-436. Dave Smigiel of Night Hawks finished the match with a 113.

The Cannonballs won total pinfall by a final score of 1398-1385.

Slow Burners bowled against Fabulous Four in week six. In game one, Fabulous Four won by a score of 529-447. Paige Stabach of Fabulous Four bowled a 136 and her teammate Kristy Temple bowled a 119.

In game two, Slow Burners won by a score of 515-466. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners bowled a 128 and his teammate Jody



Orszulak bowled 118.

In game three, Fabulous Four won by just one point, 466-465. Shaun Midura of Fabulous Four finished the match with a 109. Stabach had a three-game series of 329. The final score was 1461-1427 in favor of Fabulous Four.

Spare Parts bowled against Zeke's Freaks in week six. In game one, Zeke's Freaks defeated Spare Parts by a score of 494-461. Steve Orszulak of Zeke's Freaks began the match with a 111. Zeke Sicard began the match with a 106.

In game two, Spare Parts won by a score of 509-482. Steven Fennyery of Spare Parts bowled a 107. Orszulak followed up with a 103 and his teammate Pete Ducharme bowled a 124.

In game three, Zeke's Freaks won the last game by a score of 483-465. The final score was 1459-1435 in favor of Zeke's Freaks.

Public Notices

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5

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

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear testimony and comment from interested persons relative to proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for the Town of Barre, said amendments

having been submitted to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion as Articles on the Warrant for consideration and action at a future Town Meeting to be convened at a place and time to be determined by the Select Board. After the Public Hearing the Board will, as required by law, vote its recommendations on the proposed articles and report them to the Town Meeting.

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

Summary of Proposed Zoning Article:

Article: 140-10.2

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

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

Town of Barre HEARING NOTICE Dog Hearing

In accordance with the provisions of MGL C. 140 s.157 and

Barre Bylaw C. 11 s. 13, a Public Hearing will be held by the Select Board on **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** to determine if 2 dogs at 140 Valley Road, Barre, MA 01005 is a potentially dangerous or dangerous dogs. The meeting will be held at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA in the Select Board Meeting Room, first floor, at which time interested parties will have the opportunity to be heard. The meeting room is accessible; persons requiring special accommodations should contact the Select Board's Office (978) 355-2504 x135 in advance.

For the Select Board
Sandra Hood
Executive Assistant
10/16, 10/23/2025

TOWN OF OAKHAM LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Oakham Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **October 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Meeting room at the Oakham Town Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, MA to discuss **Petition #31181193** from National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on Ware Corner Road.
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He also explained that when the town issues an abatement, currently, it is based off an average of the sewer user's last three bills.

"It doesn't go by usage, which is problematic when you do the abatement," Petraitis said, adding that the town is looking into changing this policy.

The recent \$130 per user increase in the minimum charge further complicates the way an abatement is calculated.

"If we had allowed that abatement, we probably would have had to give every single user an abatement for that fee," Petraitis said.

In regard to the denial of an abatement request for the St. Clair Avenue property, Petraitis said the homeowner had their sewer tie-in fee of approximately \$4,000-5,000 waived after it was discovered

that the house was not connected to the town's system.

Petraitis said the issue came to light several winters ago, when a freeze caused the sewer to back up in the homeowner's house. A scope of the lines showed that the house was not tied in to the sewer system, and further investigation through use of a dye test showed that the sewage was being emptied directly into a storm drain.

He said once the issue was detected, the homeowner was immediately tied in to the system by the Highway and Sewer departments.

"There was no great loss on this customer's part to North Brookfield," Petraitis said. "North Brookfield took care of him."

Petraitis said the homeowner requested a large abatement for their sewer fees after it was found the house was not tied in, but he explained that the homeowner was still utilizing the town's

infrastructure. This abatement request was recommended by the Sewer Commission but denied by the Board of Selectmen.

"Mass General Law has something that the town can adopt that says if the sewer goes by your house, whether you use it or not, you pay for it," he explained. "North Brookfield adopted that way back in the day. So therefore, he's still using our infrastructure and he's still supposed to pay for it according to Mass General Law."

In terms of changes being made in the Sewer Department, Petraitis said the board is looking to shift the sewer billing to quarterly invoices. He said this change would be of benefit to both the residents and town, making it easier for sewer users to stay current in their billing.

"We're going to end up going to quarterly billing because it's better," he said.

national **business** **WOMEN'S** week

Women entrepreneurs who have helped to shape the world

The business landscape is continually evolving, shaped by the relentless determination and innovative spirit of visionary leaders of industry. Entrepreneurs come in many types, and a significant percentage of trailblazers are women. Women entrepreneurs have built global empires and inspired many young girls and women to follow in their footsteps.

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor says one in three high-growth entrepreneurs and nearly two in five export-oriented startups were led by women, according to its latest report of women's progress in entrepreneurship over the past 25 years. Forty-two percent of all American firms are women-owned businesses, according to Ecommerce-tips.org. In many regions, women are driving forces behind new business creation. Here's a deeper look at some of the women entrepreneurs that have made their mark.

• **Oprah Winfrey:** It wouldn't be a complete list of women entrepreneurs without Oprah Winfrey. Despite a challenging childhood, Winfrey built a multimedia empire from the ground up, becoming a self-made entrepreneur. From her talk show to the founding of Harpo Productions and the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN), Winfrey became the first Black woman to achieve billionaire status.

• **Melanie Perkins:** Perkins is the co-founder of the popular graphic design platform Canva. At around age 19, Perkins had the idea to make graphic design accessible to everyone, even those without many design skills. She persevered despite facing numerous rejections from investors. Now Canva is a multi-billion dollar global success story.

• **Whitney Wolfe Herd:** Online dating has helped pair many successful couples. Many have Herd to thank, as she is the CEO of the dating app Bumble. The concept of the app is unique from other platforms, as it requires women to make the first move, a concept that has helped empower women. At 31, Herd became the youngest woman to take a

U.S. company public.

• **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw:** Shaw is an Indian billionaire entrepreneur, and the executive chairperson and founder of Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited. These are biotechnology companies based in Bangalore, India. Shaw is known for being India's first woman entrepreneur and the country's richest self-made woman.

• **Arianna Huffington:** Huffington is a digital journalism pioneer. She is the co-founder of The Huffington Post and founder and CEO of Thrive Global, a wellness and health platform.

This is just a short list of the many women entrepreneurs that have helped shape the world.



Skylar Alves

Skylar joined Farber and Lindley in 2024 as a Legal Assistant. She has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Accounting. She has a strong foundation in organization and detail management. Outside of the office, Skylar is a dedicated Mom and balances her professional life with her passion for fitness and coaching. As a Certified Personal Trainer and an experienced high school girls' basketball coach, she has spent years fostering growth and teamwork in others.



Front row: Ariana Styles. Back row: Skylar Alves, Joanna Leroux and DeAnna Wendland.

Ariana Styles

Ariana joined Farber and Lindley in 2023 as a Paralegal. She graduated from Bay Path University earning her Bachelor degree in Legal Studies and an Advanced Paralegal certificate. She recently graduated from Western New England School of Law where she earned her Juris Doctor degree. She is currently working towards becoming a Licensed Attorney. In her spare time, she likes to read and spend time with her family.

Joanna Leroux

Joanna joined Farber and Lindley in 2023. She is the Bookkeeper and helps with property management. She brings an extensive background in helping manage local family businesses from the ground up. She enjoys reading and spending time with her son and boyfriend on outdoor adventures."

DeAnna Wendland

DeAnna joined Farber and Lindley in 2024 as an Associate Attorney after earning her Juris Doctor degree from Suffolk Law School. Before moving to the field of law, DeAnna earned her Masters in Education and was a Teacher for ten years. Traveling with her husband and son is one of DeAnna's many passions.

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Courtney, Matt and Grace Letendre at a Hardwick Crossing function.

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Courtney and Assistant Manager Alex pose on the Greens.

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

The former Dunroamin Country Club, a 9-hole golf course, reopened at 262 Lower Road, known as "Hardwick Crossing" and has a five-star quality restaurant without the price tag. The newly renovated restaurant, known by regulars as "The Clubhouse," opened in September 2022 and provides a full-service bar and gourmet food.

A 3,600 square foot banquet venue, which seats 170 people is open for special events and weddings. It has a panoramic view of the golf course. They also have outdoor seating for 125 overlooking the golf course.

The motto they follow at Hardwick Crossing is ingredients are "from the sea, from the table" and "from the family," so fresh and local products are a top priority. The restaurant has food delivered six days a week. They offer products and produce from Gibson Farms, Midtown Meats, West Boylston Seafood, local farm stands, Front Yard Farms.

The restaurant is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. People may follow them on facebook and instagram at hardwickcrossing.com.

Katie started working at the store when she was 13 and has taken over running the store from Betsy (Elizabeth Caruso). Her older sister (Stephanie Wiktor) works with her in the store paying the bills. Her brother Johnny (John Caruso) and Katie will be taking over the company from their father (John Caruso) when he retires in the next few years.

"We create a working environment that isn't just punching a clock day in and day out. We form bonds with one another, and make a safe space where we can talk to each other about the things that are going on with our lives and ask advice from one another. This is so important to me and gives me joy to come to work every day, not only to see my employees smiling faces but the customers, they help too," said Katie.

"At the retail store I try to keep the staff only female, this is for a few reasons. We hire high school students and for many of them this is their first job. I want to create a safe and comfortable working environment for them, not only to work in but to open up and talk. For many of the young women that have worked for/with me at the store, they have never had a job before and this can be a scary thing. Over the years I have tried to help build confidence in many of them. They learn so many useful things working here like talking and helping customers,



Katie is married to Steve Wick and has two labs, Sadie (chocolate lab) Daisy (yellow lab).

answering the phones, even simple things like writing out checks and envelopes. These are skills that will help them now but also in their future. I try to be a role model for them – keeping a healthy lifestyle with exercise and food, and so many more things.

We create a working environment that isn't just punching a clock day in and day out. We form bonds with one another, and make a safe space where we can talk to each other about the things that are going on with our lives and ask advice from one another. This is so important to me and gives me joy to come to work every day, not only to see my employees smiling faces but the customers too," said Katie.

Katie enjoys mountain biking, hiking, wood working, puzzles, time with friends and family members, travel and is always up for a new adventure and learning new skills. Katie has been a member of the Barre Sportsman Club since she was 18.



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Tips on how to balance work and family life

Constant connectivity due to the bevy of digital devices at one's fingertips continues to blur the lines between individuals' professional and personal lives. For many individuals, the challenge of balancing family and work is a notable challenge.

Rather than a strict split of half of time spent at work and half on family matters, many people are embracing a more fluid concept of work-life integration. But work can encroach on per-

sonal time if professionals are not careful. Nowadays, it is more about creating a rhythm where both aspects of life can thrive. Here are some ways to achieve that.

- **Flexible scheduling:** Rather than the traditional 9 to 5 work schedule, flexible hours can enable employees to work the hours that best suit them. This situation recognizes that often family schedules do not fit a rigid mold, and sometimes workers may need to be home during traditional business

hours. Flexibility enables taking a break to attend a school event, or working later hours to catch up on emails.

- **Setting boundaries:** This is a critical step in finding work-life balance. Remote work, which reached a peak during the COVID-19 pandemic, still is a popular option for many people. Boundaries for remote workers can include creating a dedicated workspace that one "leaves" at the end of the day. Family as well as co-

workers should be aware of working hours so they know an appropriate time to contact an employee. Unplugging from technology during family time also is essential.

- **Prioritize tasks:** It is key to identify top priorities both at work and at home. At work, one can focus on high-impact tasks and learn to delegate lesser tasks whenever possible. At home, the entire family should be involved in assigning and handling age-appropriate chores. Enlisting kids in

home tasks helps teach them valuable life skills and also lessens the load on parents.

- **Support system:** A support system at work and at home can be beneficial. Leaning on a colleague or a partner at home to share responsibilities lessens stress on one person. Connecting with other parents in the area also can facilitate the sharing of ideas, responsibilities and advice.

- **Self-care:** It may seem counterintuitive to take time for oneself when you're al-

ready stretched thin, but self care is vital for those trying to balance work and home life. By scheduling time for activities that help a person recharge, including exercise, meditation, a hobby, or taking a walk, it's possible to maintain mental and physical health. Stress can wreak havoc on the body, and self-care can alleviate that stress.

Individuals are pulled in many directions at home and at work. Luckily there are strategies to help professionals find a middle ground.

How to master successful remote work from home

Remote working might not be as common as it was during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when a significant percentage of working professionals were required to work from home as a safety precaution. A 2025 report from Wow Remote Teams estimated that 22 percent of American workers would spend the year working remotely, while the staffing and recruitment experts at Robert Half anticipated four in 10 workers being afforded some amount of remote work opportunities in 2025.

Those figures might be a far cry from remote work statistics earlier in the decade, but they still indicate that a significant percentage of professionals are spending at least some, if not all, of their workday working from home. Working from home poses some unique challenges that are not necessarily present when commuting to an office each day. A few simple strategies

can help remote workers overcome the unique issues that may arise when working from home.

- **Schedule each day.** A work calendar that includes daily tasks and meetings can help remote workers

stay the course and avoid succumbing to distractions present at home that are not around in a typical office. In addition to listing tasks and meetings, add goals to a daily schedule, which can keep remote workers moti-

vated to continue working during lulls in the workday.

- **Minimize in-office distractions.** Remote workers who spend enough time working from home to merit a separate home office space should do

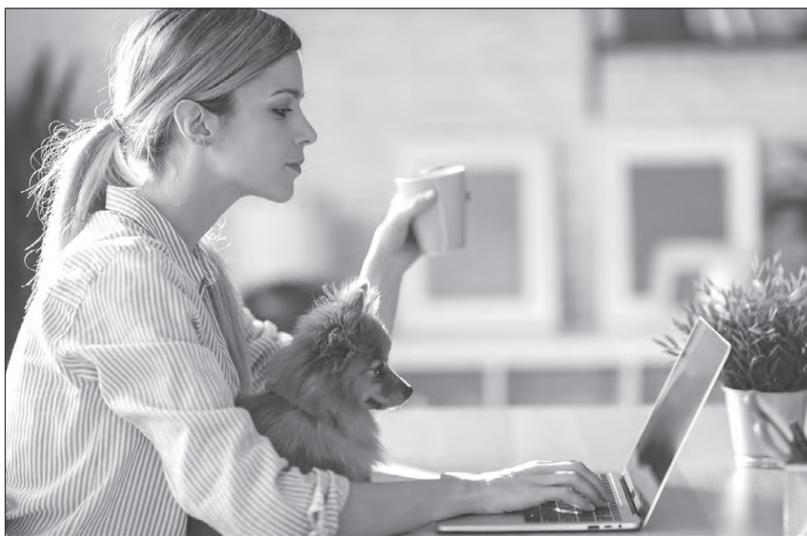
what's necessary to minimize in-office distractions. For instance, a television in a home office can be a needless distraction that remote workers may turn on even when they have a full day's work on their plate. Additional creature comforts also can be nice but distracting. Minimizing such distractions in a home office can ensure remote workers are as productive at home as they were when they commuted to an office each day.

- **Stay in touch.** One of the hurdles companies face when allowing workers to work from home is maintaining open lines of communication between staff members. Remote workers should prioritize communication with colleagues and coworkers even if they no longer see them each day. Identify ways to remain in touch so productivity does not suffer and projects are completed on time and up to par. Utilize communication channels such as

email, messaging apps, text messaging, and Zoom to remain connected with colleagues. Management personnel can consider daily or weekly meetings with necessary personnel to ensure workflow is not suffering and confirm everyone is on the same page with projects and expectations.

- **Remain flexible.** Flexibility is often cited as part of the appeal of remote work, but remote workers must recognize that's a two-way street. If employers and supervisors allow remote workers flex hours and other perks exclusive to working from home, then that flexibility must be reciprocated when the need arises. A willingness to work some late nights or even weekend hours is a good tradeoff for the benefits of working from home.

Remote working remains a fact of life for millions of workers, who can employ various strategies to remain productive when working from home.



A few simple strategies can help remote workers overcome the unique issues that may arise when working from home.

Dhillon Family & Cosmetic Dentistry

Celebrating 16 years of practicing dentistry in Ware, Dr. Navkiran Dhillon and her 10-member staff at Dhillon Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, located at 173 West St., offer their patients the very latest in state-of-the-art technologies and techniques in a small-town, family-friendly environment.

A native of India, Dr. Dhillon earned her DMD degree from Boston University in 2009, and worked briefly as a dental assistant at an Ohio practice before relocating to Ware. She cares deeply about her patients' oral health, and she will work closely with them to discover the care options that best suit their personal needs.

Some of the new techniques include digital radiography, intraoral cameras, soft tissue lasers, CEREC restorations, gum grafting, bone grafting, implants, implant supported dentures, same-day teeth, same-day crowns, same-day root canals, C.T. scans, and more. Making use of these advanced technologies, Dr. Dhillon explained, assures that the exact problem being experienced by the patient is identified and treated.

She and her staff welcome children as young as 2 in order to establish a friendly, trusting atmosphere. She encourages toddlers to explore the office, look at the implements, have their teeth brushed and take a ride in the big dental chair. Finally, the young patients are invited to select a prize from the Treasure Box. Dr. Dhillon emphasizes the importance of having young children receive regular dental care. "It's important to expose them to the environment in order to alleviate any

Dr. Navkiran Dhillon, BDS DMD MAGD
Only 2% of all dentist have earned degree fear," she said. "And after their first visit, children are usually eager to return."

Dr. Dhillon and most of her staff have received COVID-19 vaccines, and all necessary precautions have been implemented to ensure a safe environment. A fogger is used before and after each visit, and all areas are regularly and thoroughly sanitized. Additionally, patients are screened prior to appointments with medical questions and temperatures taken.

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Kelly Bado, O.D.

Doctor of Optometry

Dr. Kelly Bado, OD, is an Optometry specialist. Kelly graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree from Binghamton University and doctorate in Optometry from Boston. She began her practice in 1989.

Kelly found that while in college, she developed a passion for helping people. "I find a deep satisfaction in helping people, how the eye works. Discussing the health of an eye can be a very sensitive subject for people. There are hundreds of health issues within the body connected with the health of an eye. I feel I perform this job

well, and can even help guide a client back to their physician.

"I had a client who was four years old and whose eye was turning in. We caught it just in time to help guide him to a healthier vision," said Kelly.

Dr. Bado's practice offers services including comprehensive eye exams and contact lenses.

"My career path has been one of great personal satisfaction. I enjoy continuing to meet new clients, develop relationships and making a difference in their eye health," said Kelly.

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Pictured are Chris Jeffery, Jessica Morra and Lauren Jeffery

Christine Pekala Jeffery was raised in Monson, graduated from The Cooley Dickinson Hospital School of Nursing and worked at Mary Lane Hospital. In 1976 she married Reid C. Jeffery. They have 2 children, Reid Jr. and Jessica. After Virginia Jeffery retired in 1983 began working at Jeffery and Son Deputy Collectors and later became President of Jeffery and Jeffery Inc. Christine is active in mission and ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. Member of MA Collector/Treasurer's Association, National Altar Guild Association, Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and Clowns of America Inc. She enjoys walking on the beach at Cape Cod and expeditions and adventures with Reid.

Jessica Jeffery Morra born in Ware, graduate of Wilbraham Monson Academy 00' and Union College 04'. Married to Robert Morra 2010 with two kids Annabelle and Jameson. Currently a resident of Belchertown. I have been working at Jeffery & Jeffery Inc. full time since 2004, but in reality, it has been in my blood since the day I was born. In her free time, she is busy shuttling her kids to dance, soccer softball, baseball, basketball, drum and guitar lessons. She also enjoys playing pickleball and relaxing on her front porch with her husband.

Lauren E. Adamczyk Jeffery, born in N.C., raised in Ware. Lauren worked in the insurance industry prior to joining the family business in 2008. Lauren married Reid C. Jeffery Jr. in 2001 and they share 4 children. In her spare time Lauren enjoys gardening, cooking, is a expert seamstress and doing construction at her father's business.

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Attorney Landry was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar forty-nine 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 twenty-nine 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



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

has an interest in local history and the preservation of historical monuments.

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.

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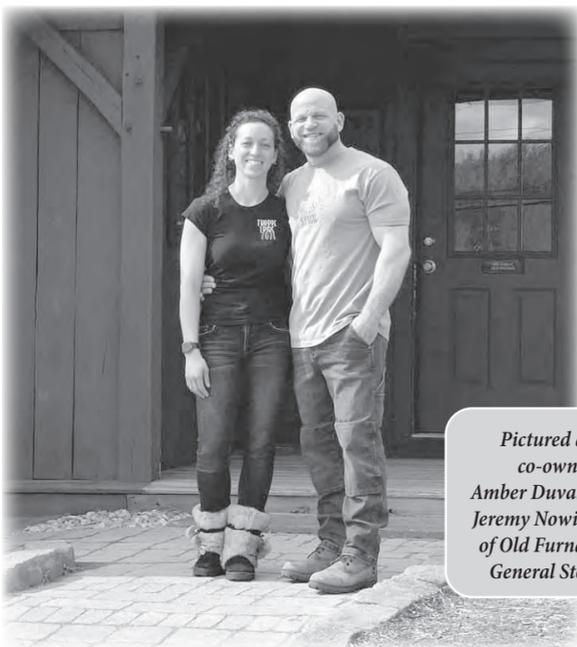
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Old Furnace General Store

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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 assis-

tant & 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 2 1/2 years and is your one stop shop for local products, beer, wine & liquor, and all of your grab & go needs.

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ROSE 32 BREAD

Hannah
CO-OWNER
Rose 32 in
Gilbertville, MA

Hannah is married to Henry and are co owners of Rose 32. They have a dog named Yeti, who is a one year old mini bernedoodle.

"We decided to purchase Rose 32 from Henry's parents in November 2023 to carry on the tradition of baking. Henry's parents, Cindy and Glenn, owned the business for 13 years and he had worked there almost the whole time and it became something he enjoyed doing. It already held so much meaning to Henry and his family, and we loved the sense of community that it has created," said Hannah. "When the opportunity came to continue what they've started, it felt like a natural fit for us. Taking on the business has allowed us to honor its roots while also bringing in our own ideas and vision for the future. Our goals are to keep the quality and tradition, to grow thoughtfully, and keep the bakery a place where people feel connected and cared for."

"I love that we've become part of people's holiday traditions. Seeing customers come back for their favorite treats and desserts and hear-



ing that our products are now a must-have on their table is quite special. It's a rewarding feeling to know that something we pour our hearts into creates special memories around the holidays," said Hannah.

Rose 32 makes small batch European style bread and pastries including sourdough bread, danish, croissants, cookies, cakes, and more. Rose 32 also has a cafe which serves fresh sandwiches, salads, and soups from the kitchen as well as coffee and espresso drinks that customers can

enjoy dining in or to go. In the summer months, Rose 32 has a patio to sit in.

Hannah has her MBA in Marketing from UMASS Lowell, graduating in 2022.

In her free time, she enjoys taking their dog, Yeti, for walks and also going for bike rides. She and Henry also enjoy travelling to different places to try new food and gather inspiration from other restaurants. "One of our favorite places we've travelled to is definitely Florence, Italy, where we had some of the best food we've ever had," said Hannah.

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Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Sept. 21
 9:38 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Referred to Other Agency
 10:42 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Skyline Drive, Report Filed
 11:27 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Skyline Drive, Referred to Other Agency
 11:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, River Road, No Transport Required
 12:14 p.m. Complaint, Turkey Hill Road, Gone on Arrival
 12:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Sassawanna Road, Checked/Secured
 7:01 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Negative Contact
 8:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Investigated
 8:35 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Returned
Monday, Sept. 22
 1:48 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Negative eContact
 5:31 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Turkey Hill Road, Report Filed
 8:36 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Maple Avenue, Located/Found
 10:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Birchwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transport
 12:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Juniper Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Whitehall Road, No Action Required
 3:18 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Skyline Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 4 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:21 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Muschopauge Road, Peace Restored
 5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Molina Gozales, Axel Emmanuel, 25, Southbridge
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
 10:10 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Nates Way, O Action Required
 9:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:14 p.m. Unable to Ambulate, Juniper Lane, Transported to Hospital
Tuesday, Sept. 23
 12:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Vomiting Blood, Maple Avenue, Mutual Aid Transport
 10:01 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, River Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:35 a.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:36 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Verbal Warning
 2:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Orchard Hill Drive, Mutual Aid Transport
 5:13 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Pleasantdale Road, Information Given
 5:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Valdivia, Mario Jose, 37, Worcester

Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
 5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 7:29 p.m. Traffic or Radar Enforcement, Watson Lane, Citation Issued
 11:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Wednesday, Sept. 24
 8:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main street, Written Warning
 12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 3:43 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Turkey Hill Road, Gone on Arrival
 4:06 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:04 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Returned
 6:21 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
Thursday, Sept. 25
 1:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman's Road, Citation Issued
 Summons Predelus Sermeil, Nadine, 41, South Barre
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 8:31 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Sunnyside Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:07 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Glenwood Road, Investigated
 12:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pleasantdale Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:59 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Sassawanna Road, Information Given
 2:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Birchwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:55 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Main Street, Negative Contact
 9:29 p.m. Missing Person, Main Street, Report Filed
Friday, Sept. 26
 7:52 a.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:16 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Campbell Street, Referred to Other Agency
 8:50 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Removed from Scene
 12:46 p.m. Safety Concern, Turkey Hill Trail, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Sassawanna Road, Transported to Hospital
Saturday, Sept. 27
 7:53 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:10 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:25 a.m. Complaint, Bushy Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:16 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained
 1:14 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:23 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Mutual Aid Transport
 5:08 p.m. Complaint, Nancy Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 6:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Arrowhead Way, Transported to Hospital
Sunday, Sept. 28
 12:04 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Pleasantdale Road, Removed from Scene
 12:20 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:03 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle

– Parking Issues, Charnock Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Brunelle Drive, Transported to Hospital
 4:15 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issue, Emerald Road, Area Search Negative
 5:49 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:18 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Emerald Road, Removed from scene
 7:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, No Action Required
 7:34 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Joanna Drive, Mutual Aid Transport
 8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Glenwood Road, Information Taken
 11:08 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Monday, Sept. 29
 3:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Brunelle Drive, Transported to Hospital
 7:41 a.m. Threats, Main Street, Report Filed
 9:02 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasantdale Road, Information Given
 9:32 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Birchwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Forest Hill Drive, Report Filed
 Summons Doherty, Tyler James, 22, Rutland
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Gardner, Amy P., 61, Leominster
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 3:26 p.m. Safety Concern, Nancy Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:55 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Call Transferred
 4:59 p.m. Unwanted Party, Crawford Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-traumatic), Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 7 p.m. Missing Person, Charnock Hill Road, Report Filed
 11:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Mooney, Daniel, 86, Shrewsbury
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Marked Lanes Violation
Tuesday, Sept. 30
 10:50 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Blueberry Lane, Transported to Hospital
 2:59 p.m. Unwanted Party, River Road, Party Departed without Incidents
 3:18 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 Summons Gardner, Amy P., 61, Leominster
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 4:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Thurston Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:01 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Newman Drive, Referred to Other Agency
 11:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Sept. 21
 1:28 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, New Braintree Road, Referred to Other Agency
 1:21 p.m. Property Damage, Ware Corner Road, Report Filed
 8:30 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
 9:58 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issue, South Street, Party Departed without Incident
Monday, Sept. 22
 11:49 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Bullard Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning
Wednesday, Sept. 24
 2:37 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Adams Road, Removed from Scene
 4:52 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Maple Street, Report Filed
Thursday, Sept. 25
 12:19 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield, Information Given

Sunday, Sept. 21
 12:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Mendez Esquilin, Alexaida Denises, 26, Worcester
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 1:09 a.m. Noise Complaint, Clem Court, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:13 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Hardwick Road, Information Taken
 1:50 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Hubbardston Road, Fire Extinguished
 5:49 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Summer Street, Recovered
 6:42 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, South Street, Returned
Monday, Sept. 22
 2:19 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal-Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:54 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Station Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
 6:04 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Tuesday, Sept. 23
 8:44 a.m. Harassment, South Street, Information Taken
 5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
Wednesday, Sept. 24
 7:35 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Wheelwright Road, Negative Contact
 9:22 a.m. Threats, Varney Lane, Report Filed
 9:23 a.m. Safety Concern, Valley Road, Area Search Negative
 11:34 a.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Old Petersham Road, Negative Contact
Thursday, Sept. 25
 1:26 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Williamsville Road, Information Given
 2:44 p.m. Emergency Medical Services – Animal Bites, Worcester Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:16 p.m. Assault and Battery, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Friday, Sept. 26
 7:52 a.m. Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:17 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Varney Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:05 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Coldbrook Road, Referred to Other Agency
 1:42 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency
 11:17 p.m. Gunshots,

Oakham Road, Officer/Chief Advised
Saturday, Sept. 27
 8 a.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Town Common, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:14 p.m. Fire – Hazmat Incidents, Harvard, Mutual Aid Assist
 5:17 p.m. Erratic Operator, Wauwinet Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:56 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Summer Street, Recovered
 6:19 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Wheelwright Road, Investigated
 8:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Nourse Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
Sunday, Sept. 28
 2:32 a.m. Threats, Oakham Road, Call Transferred
 7:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Britton Road West, Mutual Aid Transport
 8:41 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Monday, Sept. 29
 9:04 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Varney Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:50 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Varney Lane, Information Given
 3 p.m. Threats, South Street, Report Filed
 4:19 p.m. Safety Concern, Town Farm Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7 p.m. Missing Person, Charnock Hill Road, Report Filed
 8:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party
Tuesday, Sept. 30
 8:16 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:01 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, West Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:54 a.m. Complaint, School North Street, Information Taken
 12:01 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, School North Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 1:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:39 p.m. Erratic Operator, Wauwinet Road, Officer Spoke to Party
SOUTH BARRE
Tuesday, Sept. 23
 2:05 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Cedar Street, Officer/Chief Advised
Wednesday, Sept. 24
 10:05 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Wheelwright Road, Information Given
Friday, Sept. 26
 11:49 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Oakham Road, Officer Spoke to Party
Tuesday, Sept. 30
 4:54 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Trafalgar Square, Officer/Chief Advised

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