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## Board honors town's oldest female resident

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis presented Eleanor Ryan with the Golden Cane award, recognizing her as the town's oldest female resident.

She was born on June 8, 1923, and she said, "growing up on a farm," was the secret to her reaching her 101st birthday.

Joining the board at the Oct. 8 meeting was state Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, who each presented Ryan with a citation.

### Recognition

The Board of Selectmen received a letter from Tim Nason of the Board of Water Commissioners regarding the discovery and removal of invasive water chestnut plants in Doane Pond.

The letter stated that David Maher from Valley View School notified the commissioners about the plant, and that he and students from the school were given permission to remove the plants from the pond.

"The Board of Water Commissioners thanked and commended Mr. Maher and the Valley View students for their hard work in identifying and removing this invasive species of plants, thus protecting our watershed and drinking water reservoir, Horse Pond," Nason's letter stated. "By these students and Mr. Maher volunteering their time has saved the town thousands of dollars in remediation of this invasive plant species."

Water Superintendent Jamie Flamand said Maher and the students were a "big help" in removing the invasive plant, which he said he had never seen before. Flamand said Maher and the students worked to remove the water chestnuts from the water by canoe every day for a month.

"Right now, it's only Doane Pond, and them ripping it out keeps it from getting actually in Horse Pond, which is our reservoir," Flamand said, adding that Maher and the students will continue to remove the plant as they see it. "I think it's a great thing."

### Highway Department report

Randy Morgan, interim Superintendent of the Highway Department, provided an update to the Board of Selectmen.

Morgan said since he's been in the position, he has been using American Rescue Plan Act funds to complete necessary tree work. He has also purchased pipe needed for drainage work on Oakham Road.

The department staff also cleaned out the Huck's building and completed normal roadside cleanup, weed whacking and trimming.

Morgan said swale work was completed on West Brookfield Road, and he is also working with National Grid to fix a trench that they dug on Main Street.

"They're going to fix that," he said.

Morgan said he will also be meeting with a representative from National Grid about the possibility of the utility company removing some problem trees.

Morgan was joined by Town Administrator Michael Szlosek to look at the town's four bridges.

He said he is also seeking estimates for catch basin work, adding that 10 of them need to be raised up to road level.

Morgan said salt and sand both need to be ordered for winter, and

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## Firefighters respond to house and brush fire



Photos Courtesy of Oakham Fire Department

This house at 290 Rutherford Road, Oakham shows smoke and flames in the connecting structure from the garage to the house.

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OAKHAM – On Saturday, Oct. 12 the Oakham Fire Department thought Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center received a call of a reported fire at 10:59 a.m. at 290 Rutherford Road.

Mutual aid assistance was called to assist the Oakham Fire Department. Crews arrived to heavy fire conditions between the garage and house along with a fast moving brush fire headed toward another house.

Oakham crews along with mutual aid partners quickly and aggressively attacked the fire. Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, Leicester ALS, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Orange, Paxton, Rutland, Spencer and Department of Conservation and Recreation Fire. Holden covered the Rutland station.

A request for National Grid came at 11:53 a.m. The nearby Camp Putnam pond, located just over the Oakham line in New Braintree, was used for a water draft site.

The back side of the two story wood frame house with an attached garage and extension to the home was on fire and there was concern of it spreading to a propane tank. No one was home at the time of the fire. The fast



Firefighters from many towns were on the scene to fight the structure and brush fire.

moving brush fair covered about five acres and winds spurred its advance

The garage was a loss and at 11:42 a.m. the garage collapsed in the back. Crews were able to keep the fire damage to the Karlin family house to a minimum.

At 1:24 p.m. command

reported the fire was out and started breakdown line. At 3:09 p.m. command requested equipment return to the scene for a brush fire flare up. At 3:49 p.m. command requested a New Braintree tanker and brush truck. Command terminated at 5:05 p.m. with all units clear and returning.

## DCR completes rehabilitation of access road to fishing area



The Department Conservation and Recreation held a ribbon cutting ceremony at newly rehabilitated access road at Quabbin Reservoir's Gate 43.

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HARDWICK/PETERSHAM – State legislators and members of the Quabbin Fishermen's Association joined the Department of Conservation and Recreation at a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the rehabilitation of an access road at Gate 43 to Fishing Area 3 at the Quabbin Reservoir.

On Oct. 8, DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo was joined by Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi, state Senators Peter Durant and Jake Oliveira, state Representatives Todd Smola and Aaron Saunders and QFA President Clayton Sylla to talk about the successful completion of the project, and its significance to the region.

Arrigo said the DCR's mission is "to protect, promote and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural and recreational resources for the well-being of all."

"I know that this project is a great example of our mission," Arrigo said.

The project involved reclaiming and repaving approximately 1.75 miles from outside Gate 43 to just before the bridge. The total cost was \$652,000 and was made possible through funds from the American Rescue Plan Act filed by Smola, and DCR through the Massachusetts Water Resources Trust Fund.

The improved road makes it easier for visitors to access and enjoy this popular outdoor recreation destination that families and individuals use for fishing, walking, running and bike riding. It also connects visitors to opportunities for wildlife observation, while appreciating the natural scenery of the Quabbin Reservoir.

"At DCR, we are dedicated to making our properties welcoming and accessible for all users to



Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi talks about the importance of safe access to recreational sites.

enjoy and connect with our natural resources," Arrigo said. "We are pleased to see this important access road revitalized to provide access to the Quabbin Reservoir, a valuable natural and recreational resource for the community."

Arrigo credited the dedication of local officials for making sure this project was completed, with a special thanks given to Smola.

Arrigo welcomed Gobi to the podium, who said it was nice to look around and see all of the support from the community, especially the fishermen.

"Our fisherman are extremely important," Gobi said. "They are the eyes and ears of the Quabbin."

Gobi said she is grateful to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for its commitment in providing safe access to recreational

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## Friends of MLH meets with community foundations

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WARE – The Friends of Mary Lane Hospital recently held a meeting to discuss the possibility of selecting a new charitable foundation to oversee the handling and management of trust funds.

Cindy Allen Bourcier, chair of the Friends group, said she was hoping the meeting would also spark discussion about land restrictions on the 21 acre site on South Street, in addition to exploring two community foundations that could oversee the various trusts associated with the hospital.

"We have been researching all options," Bourcier said at the Oct. 2 meeting.

Two of these options include the Greater Worcester Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

"We need to get this into the hands of a well-established foundation," Bourcier said of the trust funds, which are currently overseen by the Baystate Health Foundation with Bank of America as trustee.

Bourcier said learned from a recent meeting with Emily Gabrault from the Attorney General's Office that it is possible that both Baystate Health Foundation and Bank of America could voluntarily step away from their respective roles.

Bourcier introduced both Peter Dunn, president and CEO of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation and Megan Burke, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts. Both Dunn and Burke have been in their roles for over a year, and both have extensive experience in the field.

"Community foundations are in some ways, a hybrid," Dunn said. "We're created to be a place that grows philanthropy. We exist to help these communities get better through philanthropy."

Dunn said that people want to see their communities do better and they do so by giving.

Dunn said the Greater Worcester Community Foundation was created about 50 years ago and its funds range from \$10,000 up to \$20 million through 600 different charitable funds.

"Last year we distributed about \$10 million in grants," he said.

The foundation is also the largest provider of scholarships to students in central Massachusetts.

Dunn said the foundation is "really passionate" about helping nonprofits do their best work, including investing \$1 million in over 20 Massachusetts land trusts.

Dunn said the foundation and its team spend as much time working on grants as they do communicating with people in the communities they serve, in order to build trust.

Burke said the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts operates almost the same as the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, and that all 15 of the commonwealth's community foundations work together, rather than compete.

"We learn from each other," Burke said.

Burke said her foundation has about \$280 million in assets from 687 funds, serving the counties of Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden. She said the foundation is the biggest supplier of scholarships for students in these counties.

"A community foundation is a foundation for the community," Burke said. "We're here for everybody in the community."

Burke said there are "no bad choices" when selecting which community foundation to work with to oversee the trusts association with Mary Lane Hospital.

Friends of Mary Lane Hospital

member Stephen Granlund asked if it would be possible for both community foundations to work together, since Mary Lane Hospital was intended to serve the healthcare needs of residents in both Hampshire and Worcester counties.

Dunn said this was an interesting concept, but that the Attorney General's Office would likely prefer to work with just one community foundation.

**Land restrictions**

Bourcier said the Friends' mission is to protect the Mary Lane Hospital land and support the intent of Lewis Gilbert's will. Granlund said land restriction was critical for the site.

Those present discussed zoning at the site, which is currently listed as suburban residential. This zoning allows for a lot of uses, Town Manager Stuart Beckley said, including a hospital.

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# News of the Towns

**Round Town**  
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**Cradle Rock OES holds breakfast**  
On Saturday, Oct. 19 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Cradle Rock Order of Eastern Star will hold a designer pancake breakfast at the Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 per child under 8. Complete breakfast includes designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

**Woman's Club scarecrow contest**  
The Barre Woman's Club will be sponsoring the fifth annual scarecrow making contest on the Barre Center Common. This event is open to all ages. Judging will be based on children between the ages of 1-15 and adults ages 16-100+. There are three categories to enter: Scariest, Most creative and Funniest. Ribbons will be awarded for the first and second place winner in each category and age group.

The scarecrows should arrive completed and ready to hang on the stakes provided, which will be in place on the common or people can bring their own, anytime now through Thursday, Oct. 31. There will be a card attached to each stake for people to fill in whether they are entering as a child or adult and which category they are entering in and leave it attached to their scarecrow. Judging will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31. If people have any questions, they may call Robin Cummings at 978-355-2279.

**No. 4 Ghost Walk**  
Carved pumpkins, one or two, are needed to light up the street between No. 4 Cemetery and No. 4 Schoolhouse on Farrington Road on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 6-9 p.m. for their Historic Ghost Walk event. The organizers will borrow the pumpkins for the event and should be dropped off anytime on Friday, Oct. 18 or Saturday, Oct. 19 before 2 p.m. Some pumpkins need to be cut only through the front, not the top so they can be hung. Others with the traditional top will be placed along the street. Battery operated lights will be provided. Pumpkins can be picked up at the end of the event or on Sunday, Oct. 20.

Zachary Day is doing a community service project for the Barre Food Bank. He is collecting personal care and cleaning products. He has already done two fundraisers and raised a total of \$719, with which he has purchased a lot of products. He has collection boxes that he personally decorated at Wholesome Farmers Market, 596 Summer St. and Wood Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St. With help from his friends at the library, he has built fliers that he has been distributing all over town. For more information or to arrange a local pick up, people may call Kim and Zac at 978-434-7962 or email kimkooztz70@gmail.com. His goal is to collect 100 of each item to be distributed during the December distribution.

**Barre Farmer Market**  
The Barre Farmers Market is held on the Common every Saturday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There will be produce in season, plants, dairy products, crafts and more. The season ends Oct. 26.

## Regional flu clinic set for Nov. 6

**NEW BRAINTREE** – There will be an Oakham, Hardwick and New Braintree flu clinic on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive.

People should bring their insurance and ID cards. They should visit this link to sign up <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1D1c-D950y2Pc30b15zUMZujsLgF7eOCpMVvNsh-264DE/edit>.

## Barre Post 2 installs officers



Photo by Christopher Tourtellot

On Monday, Sept. 9, Barre Post 2, American Legion installed the officers for 2024/2025. Shown in the front row, from left are Bob Bentley, Executive Board; Brut Cummings, Executive Board; Charlie Fullam, Sergeant at Arms; Jim Van Wert, Historian and back row, from left are Scott Tourtellot, Adjutant; Tony Musnicki, Finance Officer; Mike Leonard, Commander; Dan Tremblay, Chaplain; Art Rossi, Junior Vice Commander and Joe Petracone, Senior Vice Commander. Missing were Patti Mitko, Service Office and Dave Hardaker, Executive Board. Bob Bentley served as Installing Officer.

## Rutland Jazz Band performs tribute to "Benny" Goodman



Submitted photos

The Rutland Jazz Band perform at the Rutland Public Library. Shown from left are Hans Betancourth, clarinet and band leader; Greg Martiros, piano/keyboard; Jacob Turner, drums; Brent Nelson, bass and Luis Maldonado, guitar. Not shown is Peter McNeaney on trumpet.

**RUTLAND** – The Rutland Jazz Band performed a concert on Friday, Sept. 27 at the Rutland Public Library.

They played music from the Swing era, 1935-1946. The evening showcased Benjamin David "Benny" Goodman, an American clarinetist and band leader known as the "King of Swing." He said, "It takes the black keys and the white keys both, to make perfect harmony."

Band leader Hans Betancourth plays clarinet with Greg Martiros on keyboard.



## Hubbardston

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### Unitarian church to hold indoor yard sale

The First Parish Unitarian Church, on the Common, will hold their annual fall indoor yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be yard sale items, spices, coffee and bake table, knitting, cord wood raffle and homespun quilt raffle.

**Early voting**  
Voter registration deadline is Saturday, Oct. 26 to vote in the Tuesday, Nov. 5 General Election. Vote by mail application deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 29. In person early voting for the Tuesday, Nov. 5 General Election will be held in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 7 Main St, behind and under the library. Dates are Saturdays, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-noon; Mondays, Oct. 21 and Oct. 28 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Tuesdays, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, Wednesdays, Oct. 23 and 30 and Thursdays, Oct. 24 and 31 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. for the General Election.

### COA Pumpkin Festival

The Hubbardston Council on Aging, 7 Main St., will celebrate the grand opening of their new patio with a special Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 2-6 p.m. There will be live music by Denis Cormier from 2-3 p.m. sponsored by the Hubbardston Cultural Committee, open microphone with John LaRoche from 3:45-6 p.m. and food served from 2-4 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy the fall season, meet neighbors and experience the brand-new patio.

### Senior Center

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eggs may be picked up on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. Cribbage is played on Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. Pitch is played the first and third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Art group meets every Friday at 9 a.m.

## 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. 21. 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 stew, rice, corn niblets, Mandarin oranges, Italian bread

**TUESDAY** – Hot dog, baked beans, Coleslaw, baked apples, mustard, hot dog bun

**WEDNESDAY** – Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

**THURSDAY** – Buttermilk chicken, lemon potatoes, mixed vegetables, birthday cake, diet = small piece, whole wheat bread

**FRIDAY** – Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas, fresh fruit, Italian bread

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

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## Hardwick town clerk lists early voting information

**HARDWICK** – Ryan J. Witkos, Hardwick Town Clerk announces early in person voting dates and times, which will be held in the Select Board room in the Myron E. Richardson Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville.

Early voting will take place Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Last day and hour to register to vote in the Nov. 5 State Election is Saturday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### BARRE

QRSD School Committee – Oct 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Water Commission Oct. 17 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 DPW Commission – Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.  
 Sewer Commission – Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.  
 250th Anniversary Committee – Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.  
 Select Board – Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.  
 Conservation Committee – Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Oct. 24 at 11 a.m.  
 Barre Cultural Council – Oct. 28 at 3 p.m.  
 Election Day – Nov. 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.  
 Felton Field Commission – Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Nov. 6 at 12:30 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Town Meeting – Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Capital Planning Committee – Oct. 21 at 3 p.m.  
 Wheelwright Water District – Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Registrars – Oct. 26 at 9 a.m.  
 Recycling Commission – Nov 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Nov. 6 at 12:30 p.m.  
 Paige Library Trustees – Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.  
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Board of Health – Nov. 12 at 6:45 p.m.  
 Gilbertville Public Library – Nov. 13 at 4 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Community Preservation Committee hearing – Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

### NORTH BROOKFIELD

Capital Improvement Planning – Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.  
 Board of Selectmen – Oct. 22, Nov. 5 and Nov. 19 at 6 p.m.  
 Planning Board – Oct. 30 and Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.

### OAKHAM

Board of Health – Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.  
 Council on Aging – Nov. 8 at noon  
 Planning Board – Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Board of Health – Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.  
 Board of Assessors – Oct. 25 at 9 a.m.  
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.  
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Select Board – Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19 and Jan. 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Cemetery Commission – Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.  
 Council on Aging – Dec. 9 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Bylaw Committee – Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.  
 Planning Board Hearings – Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

## Town Clerk announces election information

**NEW BRAINTREE** – The 2024 Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov 5 with polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive.

The last day and time to register to vote in the election is Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9-11:00 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. in the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall at 20 Memorial Drive. People may also register online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

In person early voting will take place in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive on the following dates: Sunday, Oct. 20 from 8 a.m.-noon; Monday, Oct. 21 from 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 28 from 7-9 p.m.

To vote by mail, New Braintree residents should apply with the Town Clerk in person, by returning the postcard that was mailed by the state or by downloading and mailing back an application. Applications may be downloaded by visiting the [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) website.

All applications must be received by Tuesday, Oct. 29 by 5 p.m. in order to receive a vote by mail ballot. People may call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-867-2071 or email [townclerk@newbraintree.org](mailto:townclerk@newbraintree.org) with any questions or concerns.

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## 13th annual Station Loop Ramble Run & Walk to benefit EQLT

Multiple race options, including new shorter distances for younger kids

**HARDWICK** – The East Quabbin Land Trust, a non-profit land trust caring for the land that sustains us, will hold its 13th annual Station Loop Ramble run and walk fundraiser on Oct. 20.

This year's Station Loop Ramble includes a 5-mile classic and a 5K run and walk. New this year are a 200-foot "mini-run" for children up to age 5 and a ¼-mile run for children ages 6-12.

There will be post-race refreshments, games, entertainment, free raffles, and more.

"The Station Loop Ramble is an event that families look forward to every year," said Cynthia Henshaw, Executive Director of the East Quabbin Land Trust in a press release. "The two new kids-run distances mean that even the young-

est among us can be part of the excitement and have the chance to take home a prize."

Registration on the day of the event runs from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Participants may pre-register online through Oct. 19 and receive a discount on their registration.

Registrations range from free for kids to \$35 for a family registration, with discounts available for first responders, seniors, and military. Girls on the Run members are also eligible to race for free.

Leaving from the site of the former New Braintree train station on the Mass Central Rail Trail located at the intersection of West Road and Hardwick Road, New Braintree, the 5-mile classic kicks off at 10 a.m. and takes runners past scenic farmland, through deep woods, and skirts the Ware River. Each mile is marked, and a mid-run water stop is provided.

The 5K run and walk begins at 10:05 a.m. and is on an entirely flat course. The kids

runs will begin at 9:30 a.m., and children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information and to pre-register, visit [www.eqlt.org/station-loop-ramble/](http://www.eqlt.org/station-loop-ramble/). All proceeds will go to EQLT and support its mission to fostering the sustainable use and conservation of farmlands, woodlands, and waters of central Massachusetts.

About the East Quabbin Land Trust

Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2024, the East Quabbin Land Trust was formed in 1994 out of concern for the loss of farmland and wildlife habitat to unplanned sprawl in and around Hardwick, Massachusetts. Since 1998, EQLT has expanded its protection efforts to Barre, Petersham, New Braintree, and other nearby towns.

By working cooperatively with property owners, government agencies, conservation groups, and other land trust organizations, EQLT has been able to protect over 6,200 acres in the region.

## St. Mary's Women's Club went on mystery ride

**ORANGE** – St. Mary's Women's Club opened the 2024-2025 club year with a mystery ride and special sign making project at Scrafty on South Main Street in Orange.

Members selected a stencil to create a colorful sign. As the paint dried, the ladies enjoyed delicious sandwiches from Corner Café.

After the projects were finished, Maureen Riendeau passed out the new club program booklets, then President Emily White introduced a new club member. The Women's Club will meet second Tuesdays through May and have a day trip in June.



Submitted photo

St. Mary's Women's Club members recently ended their mystery ride with a visit to Scrafty and the Corner Café to create stenciled signs.

## Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

**HARDWICK** – The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, will host author Jordan J. Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. He will talk about folk fiction, blending history, fantasy, and humor from his book "Mammoth, Massachusetts."

Hall worked with Sam Reich to develop the TV series "College Humor" and comedians like Jake and Amir, Reggie Watts and

Ben Schwartz. Hall grew up in Shell Lake, Wisconsin and now lives in Belchertown. For more information, people may call 413-477-6704 or email [Director. paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:paigelibrary@gmail.com).

Ongoing activities include a weekly Children's Hour on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. with art and activities. The Paige Book Club meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 p.m. The

Cookbook Club meets monthly on the last Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The Paige Writers group meets alternating Tuesdays at 3 p.m. People may sign up for The Fundamentals of ART, Family Game Night or the Day Away Travel Club. The library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Students and Rotary Club partner to collect footwear

**WARREN** – Quaboag Regional Middle High School's Honor Students partnered with the Rotary Club of the Brookfields and Planet Aid in doing an Environmental Sneaker/Shoe Drive Project from Sept. 23 through Oct. 7.

The students collected all types of new and used footwear in the four mobile Planet Aid boxes they placed in the middle/high school and elementary schools.

The goal of the project was to help the environment by keeping the unwanted sneakers (that would take 43 years to breakdown in a landfill) and



Submitted Photos

Honor Students from Quaboag Regional Middle High School partnered with the Rotary Club of the Brookfields and Planet Aid to hold an Environmental Sneaker/Shoe Drive project recently.

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### Trunk or Treat happens Oct. 31

The annual Halloween Trunk or Treat will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. in the Town Hall parking lot, 2 Coldbrook Road. Trick or Treating will also be happening throughout the town.

### OHA open house

Tina and Mark Mirabella, former owners of the only house on Tomlinson Road, will present on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road the story of their journey from Oakham to New Hampshire and back again. The house was built for the Rev. Daniel Tomlinson who in 1786 became the minister in the Congregational Church for the next 50 years.

### Election information

The last day to register to vote for the Tuesday, Nov. 5 election is Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Town Hall from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Early voting can be done in person at the Oakham Town Hall in the Voting Room, 2 Coldbrook Road, on the following days: Saturday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 21 from 6-7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m.-noon; Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 28 from 6-7 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m.-noon. Once a voter has cast an early voting ballot, they may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day.

### Church breakfast

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold a breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 8-9:30 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, homemade doughnut holes, strawberries, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot cocoa. The breakfast benefits hurricane victims and the church with 50% of all proceeds to each.

### Church bake sale

An election day bake sale will be held at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, on Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 8:15 a.m.-2 p.m. Coffee will be sold for here or to go. Quilt raffle tickets will also be sold for \$2 each.

### Senior Center activities

The Senior Center's schedule changed in September, so please check if the activities have a date/time change. Zumba Gold meets Wednesday from 9-9:45 a.m. at the Rutland Senior Center, Rutland; Wii Bowling or Corn hole (weather permitting) is held Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays "Walk Away Stress" is at 9 a.m. at Senior Center and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 11 a.m. at Grace Lane; coffee with friends Mondays 9:10 a.m.-noon, Socializing Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m.; Functional Fitness Fridays at 10.30 a.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall and Quiet Times with music, Wii bowling, quiet contemplation or casual conversation 10 a.m.- noon.

People may see the Herald for special events scheduled throughout the month. All activities are at the Senior Center, lower level of the Town Hall, unless otherwise specified.

## Friends of Rutland Council on Aging to hold craft fair

**RUTLAND** – The Friends of Rutland Council on Aging will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rutland Senior Center, 53 Glenwood Road.

Over 30 crafters will be on hand selling a variety of items. People may also eat at the Glenwood Café, which will be open selling coffee, tea and doughnuts in the morning and hot dogs for lunch. In addition to crafts there will be a bake sale table and a raffle table.

Admission to the craft fair is free and each person will receive one free ticket for the special door prize drawing. The Friends of Rutland Council on Aging is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to support the activities and programs of the Rutland Council on Aging.

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# Opinion

## Letter to the Editor

### Community support needed to end domestic violence

To the editor,  
The 9th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk sponsored by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force will take place on Sunday, Oct. 20, 1 p.m., at Veteran's Park in Ware, or at Ware Town Hall if it rains.

Students from the Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force will once again lead this event.

Representative Todd Smola, District Attorney David Sullivan, Selectboard member Nancy Talbot, members of the High School Task Force, local survivors, and others will speak. We will have exhibits, art, music, and community, all followed by a short walk through downtown Ware.

Attending the Walk is a powerful and easy way to be part of the solution to domestic violence. Local services are critical, and we have domestic violence advocates out of BHN (413-967-6241).

But services alone are not enough. We need a community culture that stands up for respect, safety and equality in all relationships. We need a community that together says we will not tolerate domestic violence.

There is strength in numbers. The more of us who participate in this Walk, the stronger our message will be. We hope you can join us!

Sincerely,  
Melissa Hutchins  
Paula Kularski  
Erin Ballard  
Jesse Trzpit  
Dan Orszulak  
Jacqueline Jock  
Ashley Higgins  
Andrew Howard  
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Nancy Talbot  
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Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force

## Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

### Husband asks about retroactive Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty:

Both my wife and I are 67 1/2, i.e., past our Full Retirement Age of 66 years and 6 months.

Neither of us have yet filed for SS retirement benefits. My wife is entitled to about \$1,000/month based on her work history, and I plan to wait until age 70 to file. I was entitled to \$3,700 at my full retirement age date and am eligible to receive \$4,800 at age 70. Thus, my wife's spousal benefit, which she can get when I start taking my SS, is another \$850, a total of \$1,850, which is 50% of my full retirement age amount.

We just recently became aware that my wife should have claimed her own smaller benefit earlier and taken her higher spousal benefit later when I claim. But has she lost Social Security benefits because she waited until now to claim?

Signed: Trying Hard to Understand

Dear Trying:

Yes, I am afraid your wife has lost some of her SS retirement benefit by waiting too long to claim. In your specific circumstances (where your wife is eligible for a higher monthly amount as your spouse) it is important to know that her spousal benefit amount reached maximum when she attained her FRA of age 66 and 6 months.

Even though she cannot collect as your spouse until you later claim, her eventual spousal amount does not increase because she is now past her FRA. Thus, waiting the extra year after her FRA did not enhance her spousal benefit amount, meaning she could have been collecting her own smaller SS retirement benefit starting at her FRA. The good news, however, is not all those past benefits are lost.

Once someone has passed their full retirement age, it is possible to claim up to six months of retroactive benefits. Full retirement age is the cutoff point because your wife cannot get retroactive benefits before her FRA but, since she is about a year past, she can claim her full six months of retroactive benefits. Thus, she will lose only about six months of her SS retirement ben-

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## Guest Column

### Walk 2024 – Strength in Numbers

Last year, as we posted flyers for our Annual Walk Against Domestic Violence, a woman stopped us on the street to ask what we were doing.

“So people come out every year to this event? That’s amazing.” The woman was an abuse survivor. “I got help and I am safe now. But this is fantastic. I can’t tell you how much it means to me that this happens.”

It got us thinking about why this Annual Walk matters. Why isn’t it enough to help individual survivors?

People who are abused go through much more than abuse from their partner.

Domestic violence is deeply stigmatizing. This stigma silences survivors, allowing the stereotypes and misunderstandings that underpin abuse to remain safely in place – and ensuring that abuse will continue into the next generation.

Here are just a few misunderstandings we’d like to undo.

Domestic violence only happens to certain types of people. I don’t even know anyone who has been abused.

You most likely know someone who has been abused – they just haven’t told you. One in four women and one in seven men experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and the statistics are higher for LGBTQ+ identified people.

Nearly 10% of high school students across the nation reported being hit, slapped, or physically hurt intentionally by their intimate partner over a 12-month period in 2023. That same year, domestic violence emergency hotlines across the country received nearly 1000 calls every hour.

If it happened to me, I would just leave, and that’s what survivors should do – just leave.

Leaving is not easy. Most relationships start out just fine, and by the time abuse sets in lives are intertwined. Survivors face complex choices. Will leaving anger their partner and put them in more danger? Will they be homeless if they leave? Will they lose their job if their ex shows up to harass them at work?

Should they leave if it means taking their child out of a beloved school? Will their faith community support their decision – or ostracize them? Is there any chance that their partners’ apologies and promises to change are real, and the family can be kept together?

The most dangerous time for a survivor is when their partner suspects they might leave. We recommend people work with a domestic violence advocate to plan for safety before leaving if possible.

If people stay, they must be okay with it. No one is okay with abuse. People stay for a myriad of reasons. It might be fear, poverty, homelessness, isolation, threats to hurt loved ones or pets, and more.

Abuse is not always the greatest danger a person faces.

It takes two to tango. Not when it comes to abuse. It may look like two people in an argument, but things are not on an even playing field.

With domestic violence, one person dominates the relationship. One person has more power and believes they have a right to control their partner. The other partner may argue or fight back to protect their safety or preserve their dignity, but in domestic violence the power imbalance is fundamental.

Many people, like the woman who stopped us on the street, will find their way to safety after being abused. But until we undo the misunderstandings and belief systems that underly abuse, domestic violence will continue.

We hope you can join us at our Walk on Sunday, See WALK, page 5

## In Past Pages

5 years (Oct. 24, 2019)

Ron Higgins requested a host community agreement to grow outdoor marijuana at 101 Daunt Road. The farm on Daunt Road has 115 acres with lots of woods. The site of the marijuana cultivation would not be visible from the road. The state limits outdoor cultivation to 2.2 acres. Barre Selectmen granted a host agreement for outdoor cultivation to Thomas Eaton of Walnut Hill Road earlier this year. This request was the second one for outdoor cultivation. Higgins said he erected a sign on the property that day Monday, Oct. 21 as required by law. The sign visible from the road by the right of way to the proposed growing site said High Hawk Farm, LLC seeks a host community agreement for marijuana growing. This sign must be installed at the site 14 days prior to the hearing.

A Nor’easter hit the region last Wednesday and into Thursday. It combined high winds and heavy rain caused widespread power outages. The Quabbin Regional School District called off school both Thursday and Friday due to power outages at schools and towns in its five-member district. Barre Town Administrator, Andrew Golas, said, “The main impact of the storm hit the area between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Barre’s public safety departments were dispatched to numerous reports of trees across roadways and wires down.” He said, “with 1,600 National Grid customers, equaling 66% of the town without power we opened an Emergency Operations Center, declared a local state of emergency and requested National Grid send a community liaison to coordinate restoration efforts. By the end of day one, all critical infrastructure including water/sewer pump stations, public safety buildings, schools and areas of high concentrations of elderly populations were back online.”

Hardwick Selectmen last Tuesday opened a dialogue with Eagle Hill School about the sewer line running from the school, which ties into the town’s Gilbertville sewer system and said they will continue it at a future meeting of school, town and United States Department of Agriculture officials. The town is trying to gorge a regional approach to its wastewater treatment plant and sewer line issues by working with Barre to eventually take sewage from Wheelwright and with Ware to take Gilbertville sewerage. Officials from USdA, which could fund up to 75% of what has been estimated to be a \$41 million project, have indicated they would favor a regional approach, according to Selectmen and Town Administrator Theresa Cofski.

10 years (Oct. 23, 2014)

Last Thursday members of the Quabbin Regional School District Preschool, located in New Braintree, experienced a “Red Letter” Day. They had some very special visitors that included fire chiefs, firefighters, EMTs and police officers representing four of the five member towns in the Quabbin District, QRSD Assistant Superintendent

### LOOK BACK Welcome to Barre - 1991



Submitted photo  
Al Lyman, from left and Abe Harrington, president of the Barre Thief and Rogue Society, pose next to the new welcome to Barre sign circa 1991.

Sheila Muir, New Braintree/Oakham Principal Tricia Worthington and the Massachusetts Secretary of the Department of the Education Matt Malone. Children in all five member towns: Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham attend the preschool. New Braintree Assist Fire Chief Mark Borelli spearheaded the birdhouse project.

Barre Town Administrator Heather Lemieux told the Select Board that a request for a designer would be published in the Oct. 29 Central Register and was published last week in the Barre Gazette. She said she was working with Town Counsel regarding the Payment in Lieu of Taxes with Seven Hills Foundation, formerly Stetson School, involving giving land to the town for the Public Safety Building site. The bids for a designer would be opened Nov. 12. She said the board would rank then, pick three finalists, interview the finalists and then select a designer from those. The Town Administrator asked the board to amend the town’s designer selection procedures to be complaint with changes in Massachusetts General Law. She said it needed to be done before the upcoming hiring of an architect for the public safety building. The board approved the changes.

Liz Sansoucy and Adam Przypek of the Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee attended last Tuesday nights Board of Selectmen’s meeting to discuss plans to acquire land to expand the town owned beach lot at Lake Dean. She said the committee hoped to acquire three lots. Two would be used for parking and the third lot

for a picnic area. Jeff Lane and his sister inherited the land from their father and were willing to donate it to the town. The family requested a proposal and Mark Blanchard drew up a plan. Sansoucy showed the selectmen the plan and asked permission to send it to Jeff Lane. Selectman William Storie stated he would have Town Counsel review the proposal since water was involved before sending it to Lane.

25 years (Oct. 21, 1999)

The men and women of Stetson converged on Barre with a frenzy on Oct. 9 to celebrate the 100th anniversary. They came from all over Massachusetts, Florida, Rhode Island, Delaware and North Carolina. Two came from Sweden. They came with love in their hearts for that special place that had been home to them when they were children: Stetson Home. They brought their wives and their children to see the grounds and buildings that comprised, in most cases, the only nurturing surrounding that had been present in their youth. And for the younger ones, they came to see the woman, who had provided that warmth and caring for more than two decades, Doris J. Robinson. Mrs. Robinson spent the afternoon surround by “her boys,” who gave her thanks and hugs and talked about remembrances and those no longer here and introduced her to their wives and children. When asked later on if she was enjoying herself, she replied in that beautiful British accent, “I shan’t sleep tonight. I

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### Election letters to the editor welcome

The Barre Gazette welcomes readers to participate in this year’s election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to the Barre Gazette care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to edowner@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday’s newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

#### Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor’s Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

As I write this, it is raining again and poor Rietta Ranch has another day of rain on Sunday.

We need the rain, but does it always have to drain on flea market day. I heard we may get a frost the end of this week, so I have most of my house plants inside. The cactus has a lot of buds and some blossoms. It will be spectacular by next week.

The cactus is a cutting that my friend, Carol, who gave it to me a couple of year ago It has white blossoms. I think they call it a Thanksgiving cactus. I have also made some small cuttings from it.

I went to Bonnie's yard sale last weekend. She has moved to the Hubbardston House and sold her house.

It made me think that I have to get started on getting rid of things I no longer need or use. With the recycling center closed what does one do with things that are not clothing? There are several collection boxes for clothing in town, but not for other things.

I have started some of my Christmas gift shopping and waiting for lists from my other family. I gave money last year, but I think the family likes to open gifts better.

I had a nice visit from our grandson from South Carolina. He was going to a wedding of a former classmate in Maine. He went to Oreno College and we had not seen him since last Christmas.

I called my friends, who live in Florida and they were all safe and not effected by the hurricane there. That was good news.

Here is a recipe that I have many times and is especially nice at this time of the year when the apples are plentiful. I still can't get Cortland apples though.

## MORNING GLORY MUFFINS

- 4 cups flour
- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking soda
- 4 teaspoons cinnamon
- pinch of salt
- 4 cups of grated carrots
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 2 apples, peeled and grated

- 6 eggs
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 4 teaspoons vanilla extract

Heat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Stir in the carrots, raisins, coconut and apples. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs with the oil and vanilla. Add to the flour mixture and combine well.

Spoon the batter into greased or muffin tin lined muffin papers. Bake 35 minutes. Makes a lot of muffins by filling the tins 3/4 full. Note: They can be frozen.

## This and That

Acorns are falling everywhere and some have had dents in their cars. I try to keep the decks blown with the leaf blower as they are dangerous to walk on. I hope the squirrels will gather them soon for winter storage, but not in the car. That used to happen when I owned the Jeep. It cost me a lot of money to have them removed.

Deer season will begin so people should make sure they wear orange vests when hiking or walking on the roads. I noticed that many, who walk on Ragged Hill Road, do not wear them and it is hard to see them with the trees causing darkness.

I made a Swedish apple pie this morning. It is easy to do and you do not have to make or provide a crust. I like to serve it warm with a little ice cream.

My handyman brought me some yummy date nut bread this morning, which is delicious with a little cream cheese. His house guest kept him well supplied with goodies including chicken soup and chili.

I was not able to attend the ghost stories at the Williamsville Chapel or Gary Kangas video of the town but I hope to see the video at a later date.

The foliage is starting to be very pretty especially in the swamp areas and my housekeeper said Mt. Wachusett was very pretty. I heard the Bridge of Flowers was closed for bridge repair so I will have to wait until spring to see the flowers.

Have you seen any unusual scare crows lately? Fall is a wonderful time of the year in New England. I am especially glad I don't live in Florida now.

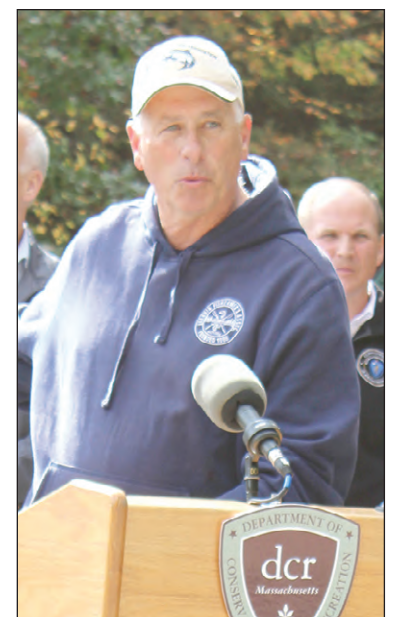
Have a good week.



Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Brian Arrigo welcomes people to the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette  
State Sen. Peter Durant said the improved access road will be a benefit for the region.



President of the Quabbin Fishermen's Association Clayton Sydla thanks the legislators who have worked to support the access road project.

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activities for residents and visitors to the commonwealth.

"It takes a great team to complete an important project like this, and I appreciate the partners and supporters that worked with us to bring safer roadways to this community," she said.

Smola echoed Gobi's sentiments, and thanked Arrigo for his work to prioritize a significant project in the rural part of the state.

"We appreciate the work you do here and all over the commonwealth," Smola said. He added that it was "critically important" to protect the recreational use of the area.

Smola also thanked Sydla, saying that the completion of the Gate 43 Access Road project is a "testament to the power of community advocacy and collaboration."

"Clayton 'Syd' Sydla has been a tireless champion for the Quabbin Fishermen's Association, and it was his dedication that brought this project to our attention," said Smola. "Thanks to his persistence and the support of our legislative team, we were able to secure the necessary funding to make this improvement a reality. This new access road ensures that visitors can continue to enjoy everything the Quabbin has to offer safely and without the risk of damaging their vehicles or gear. We are proud to celebrate this milestone and grateful to everyone who made it possible."

Oliveira shared his family's history with the Quabbin Reservoir, dating back to when his grandfather worked to help build it. He said he remembered his first time visiting Fishing Area 3 with Sydla back in 2021, and how poor the condition of the road was.

"Preserving and enhancing access to the Quabbin Reservoir is crucial for recreation and the environment," said Oliveira. "The rehabilitation of this access road ensures that everyone can continue to enjoy one of Massachusetts' most pristine natural resources. I commend the Department of Conservation and Recreation for their commitment to maintaining this vital connection to the beauty and biodiversity of the Quabbin."

Durant said that fishing with Sydla is a "rite of passage" for the legislators of the region. He stressed the importance of the Quabbin Reservoir as a resource, not only for drinking water, but also for recreation and enjoyment.

"The rehabilitation of the access road to Gate 43 and Area 3 is greatly welcomed by everyone who uses the area for fishing and hiking," said Durant. "I have fished Quabbin recently and heard from people who regularly use Gate 43 to bring boats to the reservoir that this will improve their access, and it will allow a better experience for everyone who visits."

Saunders said he first visited Area 3 when he went fishing with his father as a child. He said the completion of the project and the teamwork involved, demonstrates how government is supposed to work.

"Improvements to the Launch Area 3 access road conveys our shared commitment to public access to the Quabbin," said Saunders. "I appreciate the hard work of Representative Smola to secure this funding and Commissioner Arrigo for ensuring this project was undertaken and completed."

Sydla said Gate 43 is the number one fishing area in the entire state, and the condition of the access road was preventing many

people from enjoying it. "One year I counted 110 pot-holes," he said.

Sydla thanked each of the legislators, DCR staff, Fisheries and Wildlife affiliates and QFA members for their efforts to make the project possible. He also thanked DCR Director of Natural Resources Dan Clark.

"In the last two years we've been talking about this project, Dan has been supportive," Sydla said.

Sydla encouraged everyone present to take a drive down the access road and enjoy the beauty of the reservoir.

"Keep fishing at Quabbin... keep fishing at Gate 43," he said.

**About DCR**  
The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways.

To learn more about DCR, its facilities and its programs, please visit [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr).



Fishing Area 3 is the most popular fishing spot in the commonwealth.

## Apple Run/Walk returns for 18th year on Oct. 26

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – The 18th annual 5 mile Apple Run/Walk for diabetes will be held Saturday morning, Oct. 26 at Brookfield Orchards, 12 Lincoln Road.

The event is hosted by the Lions Club of the Brookfields. All proceeds will benefit the Clara Barton Diabetes Camp in Oxford and the Diabetes Research Team at UMass.

The event in prior years has raised over \$37,000 in donations for

these two organizations. The race is professionally timed, and cash prizes will be awarded to the men's and women's first and second place finishers.

Registration will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with walkers beginning the course at 10:30 a.m. and runners at 11 a.m. Early registration entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children age 17 and younger (race day registration is \$5 extra).

Oakholm Brewery of Brookfield will return as a sponsor this year, and will be onsite at the event with a complementary beer for each registered runner and walker at the completion of the course.

Further information and link to online registration (as well as a downloadable registration form) can be found at <http://brookfieldlionsclub.org>.

## NORTH BROOKFIELD, continued from page 1

a one-, three- and five-year paving plan needs to be put in place.

Szlosek said the search committee to fill the Superintendent's position received eight resumes and narrowed the selection down to three candidates. He said they will be conducting interviews the following week to select the final candidates to present to the Board of Selectmen.

**Resignations and appointment**  
The board accepted the resignations of Town Collector Elizabeth Clemence and Council on Aging Outreach Coordinator Darlene Foster.

Nicole Eccleston was appointed to serve as the interim Outreach Coordinator. She had previously worked at the Spencer Council on Aging.

"My heart and soul is working with seniors," she said. "I'm excited for the opportunity that I'm going to have with you guys."

**Spending requests**  
The Highway Department requested approval to spend \$657.85 to purchase 10-foot square signposts. The board approved the request.

The board also approved the use of Holden Hospital funds in the amount of \$430 to purchase

two AED batteries for the Police Department.

**General Bylaw Committee**  
The board approved the formation of a General Bylaw Committee to go through all of the town's bylaws and identify which ones need to be amended or updated. There are three residents who have expressed interest in joining the committee so far.

**Decorate Our Town seeks members**  
Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Elizabeth "Brooke" Canada said the town has had a committee that helps with decorating the town during holidays, called NBHelps. She said this committee was previously called Decorate Our Town, which is the name it will return to.

"We have switched it back to Decorate Our Town," Canada said. "We currently have one member on that committee... we are looking for folks who are interested in joining a Decorate Our Town Committee that would help beautify our town."

This committee will also be in charge of hanging the American flags downtown in addition to decorating for the holiday season. Anyone interested in joining the committee, can contact the Board of Selectmen.

**Asbestos testing**  
Petraitis said the board received a request from the Environmental Protection Agency to test the former

Aztec Industries property, located at the corner of Grove and School streets, for asbestos. He said this testing has occurred in the past.

Szlosek said testing may continue in the future, depending on what is found at the site during testing.

"It's not intended to be a regular ongoing thing," he said. "They'll just monitor it occasionally over time."

**Water main update**  
Szlosek said the water main project is expected to be complete in about two weeks, with another week or two after that to complete the laterals and the hydrants. He said the sidewalk project will be starting soon, and phase one is expected to be completed by winter.

He said phase one includes a section along North Main Street and phase two will be along School Street, near the Vibram building.

Szlosek said Vibram is contributing funds to the phase two project, which is expected to start in the spring.

**Liquor license**  
The board approved a one-day liquor license for the Lions Club of the Brookfields for the 18th annual Apple Run Walk for Diabetes on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

"They do this every year," Petraitis said. "It's a fantastic thing."

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efit by claiming her benefits to start at age 67 vs. now at 67 1/2, which at least mitigates the loss.

And instead of her FRA amount of \$1,000, her initial SS retirement benefit will be about 3% higher because she is claiming past her FRA. But, nevertheless, your wife's eventual spousal amount when you claim will still be limited to 50% of your full retirement age entitlement.

The important thing to keep

in mind is that retroactive benefits can only be claimed after someone has reached their full retirement age and only up to six months of retroactive benefits can normally be claimed. So, in your wife's case, her eventual spousal benefit from you will still be limited to 50% of your FRA amount even though she waited for a year past her own FRA to claim. But she can claim six months of retroactive SS retirement benefits now to soften the financial blow.

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Oct. 20. Let's talk about domestic violence, and together build a culture of safety, respect and equality.

Jennie Simmons  
Andrew Howard  
Margaret Sullivan

Monica Moran  
Ashley Higgins  
Deb Shepard  
Erin Ballard  
Members, Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force

*Note: For those in need of immediate help, BHN advocates in Ware can be reached at 413-967-6241*

*and can meet with people in any safe location in the community. Alianza DV Services in Holyoke has a 24-hour hotline (English, Spanish and Polish speaking) at 413-536-1628 and instant messaging at [www.alianzadv.org](http://www.alianzadv.org). People who use abuse but want to change and learn to be safe, can contact A Call for Change Helpline*

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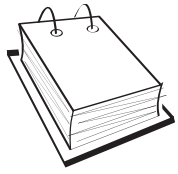
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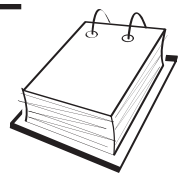
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# Calendar of Events



## THURSDAY, OCT. 17

**BARRE WOMAN'S CLUB SCARECROW CONTEST** will be held on the Barre Center Common. The scarecrows should arrive today through Thursday, Oct. 31. This event is open to all ages. Judging will be based on children between the ages of 1-15 and adults ages 16-100+. There are three categories to enter: Scariest, Most creative and Funniest. Ribbons will be awarded for the first and second place winner in each category and age group. There will be a card attached to each stake for people to fill in whether they are entering as a child or adult and which category they are entering in and leave it attached to their scarecrow. Judging will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31. The Woman's Club asks that people kindly remove their scarecrow the first week of November. If people have any questions, they may call Robin Cummings at 978-355-2279.

**JON AND LI WATERMAN** will perform "A Journey through the Roots of American Popular Music" today at 6 p.m. in Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St. The program consists of original and traditional songs and history, and explores some of the fascinating characters and events at the roots of the blues, country, rock and other genres of American popular music. The show also touches on the darker side of American popular music as well as how music helps shape our identity as a people. The series was designed to encourage the celebration and exploration of history through music. Jon and Li perform regularly as the duo Sultana. Jon is a lifetime musician and songwriter and licensed history teacher. Li is also a lifetime musician and a visual artist. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Barre Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 18

**PETERSHAM FRIDAY MARKET** is held every Friday from 3-6 p.m., once again bringing local food, handmade crafts and live music to the town common. People are invited to come enjoy the day with the vendors and live music. The common provides limited seating or people can bring their own. It is also wheelchair accessible. Fern and Rita is scheduled to provide the first live performance of the 20-week music series. The Petersham Friday Market runs from May 24 - Oct. 4. The live music series is offered thanks to support from

## Where is this?



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**This week's mystery photo is from Hardwick. 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. 21. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of Trifolio Square on Summer Street in Barre.**

the Wild Geese Foundation, Petersham Town Meeting voters, the Petersham Cultural Council, Petersham Grange No. 95, Harvard Forest and other local donors. Vendors of produce and other edibles can email petershamfridaymarket@gmail.com for more information about joining the market. The Friday Market charges no vendor fees.

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

## SATURDAY, OCT. 19

**DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by Cradle Rock Order of Eastern Star will be held today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 per child under 8. Complete breakfast includes designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

**BARRE FARMER'S MARKET** will be held today from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. There are many local vendors selling cards, honey, jams, jellies, crafts, plants, flowers, vegetables and fruits in season, eggs, dairy, ice cream and more. The event is held rain or shine now through October.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 20

**HARVEST THYME CRAFT FAIR** will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish, 131 Blaine Avenue, East Brookfield. Raffles, gift baskets, a lottery tree, silent auction, craft tables, jewelry, books, and attic treasures will all be offered. A Café with great soups, meat pies, chili, cider and baked goods will also be available. For more information, people may call 508-867-6469.

**IMPROVED POSTURE WORKSHOP** for teens and adults will take place today from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Listening Wellness Center Yoga Studio, 28 James St., Barre. The workshop offers exercises and tips to standing tall, feeling better and retraining the body. Exercises & Tips to Standing Tall, Feeling Better & Retraining the Body. Participants will learn ways to improve their posture, standing, sitting and even sleeping through assessments, stretches and exercises along with tips for improving posture in everyday life. Cost is \$35 per person. People may visit [www.listeningwellness.org](http://www.listeningwellness.org) to register or for more information.

**HISTORIC GHOST WALK** will take place today from 6-9 p.m. between the No. 4 Cemetery and the No. 4 Schoolhouse, on Farrington Road, Barre. Pumpkins will line the street, walkways and property corners to assist with safety. Anyone, who would like to loan a carved pumpkin or two may drop them off at the No. 4 Schoolhouse anytime on Friday, Oct. 18 or on Saturday, Oct. 19 before 2 p.m. for use that night. Some of the pumpkins will be hung and should not have the traditional top cut, but the carving should be wide enough to put a battery operated light inside. Traditional cuts through the top will be placed along the route. People may pick up their pumpkin after the event or on Sunday, Oct. 20.

**STATION LOOP RAMBLE** along the Mass. Central Rail Trail sponsored by East Quabbin Land Trust will take place today with registration at 8:30 a.m. The race starts on Depot Road at the intersection of West and Hardwick Roads in New Braintree. The ramble includes a kid's run, 5 mile classic and a 5K Run/Walk. The kid's run starts at 9:30 a.m., 5 mile classic at 10 a.m. and 5K run/walk at 10:05 a.m. Entry fee is \$30 per adult, \$10 per child age 13 and under, early bird online registration by Oct. 18 for \$25. \$10 discount for seniors, veterans and first responders and \$35 family registration for up to six members. People may register online by visiting [www.EQLT.org/station-loop-ramble/](http://www.EQLT.org/station-loop-ramble/).

**TRAGIC TALE OF BATHSHEBA SPOONER** will be presented by Andrew Noon, historian and author of "Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy" today at 2 p.m. in Room 2 of the First Church of Sterling, 6 Meetinghouse Hill Road, Sterling. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, people may call 978-733-6907.

**SPIRITS WALK** hosted by the Rutland Historical Society takes place today from 3-5 p.m. at the Old Burial Ground Cemetery, next to the Rutland Library. All are welcome to visit with the Spirits and hear about their interesting stories.

## MONDAY, OCT. 21

**STORY TIME** will be held today at 9 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. The program's focus is on dogs and all the amazing things they can do. The readings will include "Dogs" by Emily Gravett and "Waggle" by Sarah McMenemy. There will also be a visit by Augie, a black lab, who is trained to find items by using his nose. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 22

**CHAPTER LAND QUESTION AND ANSWER** hosted by the New Braintree Board of Assessors will feature guest speaker Jacob Seidel, Department of Conservation and Recreation forester today at 6 p.m. in Glidden Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. People will learn about Chapter Land laws, Ch. 61, 61A and 61B application process, taxpayer rights and obligations, assessors policies and procedures and farm values for Ch. 61A.

**CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** will hold a hybrid meeting today at Hope Lodge, 42 Central St., Gardner. Speaker is Sara Cochran and the topic is "The Skeleton Whisperer," helping unearth the story of one's family.

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# HOME PROs

## Hardwick Special Town Meeting set for Oct. 17

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Lauren Colleton makes her way down the field.



Edén Fortier is pressured from behind.

## Panthers get by West Boylston

BARRE – Last Monday afternoon, Quabbin girls middle school soccer scored one goal in the first half and it held up as the Panthers defeated West Boylston 1-0. The Panthers are 4-1 on the season.

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Emma Stauder sends the goal kick away.



The Quabbin defense tries to guard against a goal.



Adalyn Cranston tries to get around a pair of defenders.

## Middle school boys soccer action



BARRE – Last Monday afternoon, Quabbin boys middle school soccer faced off with West Boylston. Heading into the matchup, the boys were 2-1-1. The final score of this game was not reported as press time.

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Walker Larson corraling a loose ball.



Flint Silas and Lucas Gaspar look to keep Quabbin in control.



Nolan Herrick sends a pass back.



Brady White sends a clearing pass away.



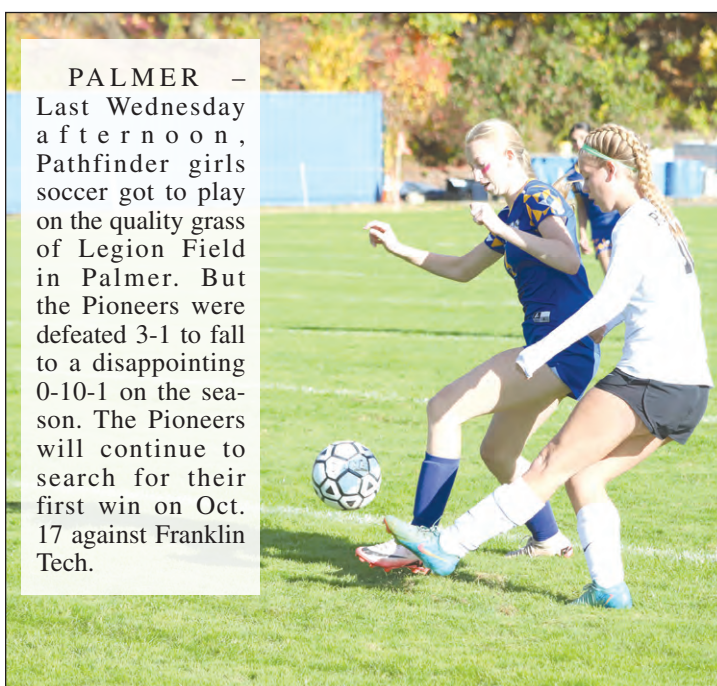
Flint Silas changes the direction of play.

## Pioneers fall to Athol



Samantha Lowe tries to steal the ball away.

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Heydin Heyes is pressured from behind.

PALMER – Last Wednesday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer got to play on the quality grass of Legion Field in Palmer. But the Pioneers were defeated 3-1 to fall to a disappointing 0-10-1 on the season. The Pioneers will continue to search for their first win on Oct. 17 against Franklin Tech.



Jenna McKinney moves toward the sideline.



Taylor Allen goes after the ball near midfield.



Brianna Valley and an opponent compete for the loose ball.

## Panthers headed for tournament

BARRE – With a win over Tahanto last Friday afternoon 5-0, the Quabbin Regional High School field hockey team is back in the tournament.

The Panthers were also Central Mass. champions last season, but have not had as much luck in the state tournament, not getting through the second round since the new state tournament began. The regular season was scheduled to end on Friday, Oct. 18 against Westborough. Following that next week, the Panthers will await their postseason opponents in the Central Mass. and state tournaments.

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# Sports

## Candlepin League News

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### Bogey Doubles

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Bogey Doubles league had their first league night in the month of October.

The standings after a total of five weeks worth of bowling show the team of Tom Clauson and Gary Santora in first place with a total of 27 points. Just a point shy of first is the second place team of Jesse Mondor and Tim Brayton with 26.

There are three teams in a tie for third place with 22 wins, Murphy & Kenneson, Sandman & Marvin, and Gauthier & Clough.

The Team of Rando & MacDougall bowled against Sandman & Marvin. In game one, Sandman & Marvin took the first game 266-252. In game two, Rando & MacDougall won by a score of 268-246. In game three, Sandman & Marvin won by a score of 254-249.

However, Rando & MacDougall managed to win

total pinfall, 769-766. Each team received four points.

Talamini & Gravel bowled against Halbedel & Fontaine. In game one, Talamini & Gravel won 254-246. In game two, Halbedel & Fontaine won 268-257. Aaron Halbedel scored 129 in game two.

In game three, Halbedel & Fontaine won the last game 248-238. Total pinfall was in favor of Halbedel & Fontaine, 762-749.

The Team of Pellett & Nester bowled against Murphy & Kenneson. In game one, Pellett & Nester defeated Murphy & Kenneson, 299-261. Jim Nester started off with a 134 to earn his team a victory. Trevor Kenneson started off with a 125.

In game two, Trevor Kenneson bowled his personal best high game with a 163. Kenneson and his partner won game two, 303-273. In game three, Murphy & Kenneson won the last game 266-251. Kenneson finished with a 126 and a series of 414.

Total pinfall was won by Kenneson & Murphy, 830-823.

Renaud & Ward bowled against Clauson & Santora. In game one, Renaud & Ward tied with Clauson & Santora at 292; each team

receives one point. Steve Renaud, Sr. started off with a 136 and Tom Clauson started off with a 132.

In game two, Clauson & Santora won by a score of 281-270. Gary Santora bowled a 122 and Tina Ward bowled a 123.

In game three, Renaud & Santora won 278-247. Ward repeated her second game, 123 in game three. Ward & Renaud won total pinfall 840-820.

Mondor & Brayton bowled against Gauthier & Clough. In game one, Mondor & Brayton 264-245. In game two, Gauthier & Clough won 261-247. Phil Clough bowled 124 to win the second game.

In game three, Mondor & Brayton won the last game by one point, 252-251. Clough finished with a 119 and a series of 346. Mondor & Brayton won total pinfall by a final score of 763-757.

In the second round of matches, Jim Nester had the high series of 371, which consisted of scored of 138, 100 and 133.

Clauson & Santora are still in first place after the second round. The team's winning total is now up to 32. Mondor & Brayton are still in second place with 30 points.

## Railers scored win over Mariners

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers HC (1-1-0-0) beat the Maine Mariners (1-1-0-0) on Saturday night by the final score of 4-0 in front of a crowd of 700 at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center. The Railers open the regular season next weekend when they take on the Reading Royals at the DCU center on Saturday, October 19th at 6:05 p.m.

Worcester jumped out to a 2-0 lead with goals from Jordan Kaplan (1-1-2) who struck at 3:43 and Justin Gill (1-0-1) scoring just a minute later in the first period. Worcester continued their scoring in the second. Connor Welsh (1-0-1) scored at 13:55 to make the score 3-0 Worcester. Worcester finished the scoring off by nothing one more in the third. Joey Cipollone (1-0-1) scored the final goal of the night, which made it 4-0 when the final buzzer sounded.

Worcester wasted no time striking first tonight as Jordan Kaplan (1st) found the back of the net 3:43 into the first period. He was shortly followed up by Justin Gill (1st) who got one by Maine's Ryan Bischel just under a minute after Kaplan got a dish from Matt

DeMelis. Worcester had an opportunity to score on the power play following a tripping penalty with just under 5 minutes in the period, but couldn't find the back of the net. Worcester went into the first intermission with the 2-0 lead. Shots favored the Railers 14-5.

Worcester's penalty kill got to work early killing off two penalties. The first on Anthony Repaci 30 seconds into the second followed by Jordan Kaplan at the 12-minute mark. The Railers got their own opportunity on the power play with 6:20 to go in the second and Connor Welsh (1st) cashed in on passes from Jordan Kaplan and Anthony Callin to make it 3-0 going into the third. Worcester outshot Maine 14-7.

Worcester wasn't done yet as Joey Cipollone (1st) scored on a redirected shot 6:08 into the third. The penalty kill would continue their perfect weekend after shutting down two Maine power plays. The Railers went eight-for-eight on the penalty kill against Maine in the pre-season. Cipollone's goal would be the final score of the night, cementing the Railers 4-0 shutout victory.

## Bonsignore scores win at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, Conn. – Justin Bonsignore was in Thompson Speedway victory lane again on Sunday afternoon. For the 14th time in his career, Bonsignore captured victory on the high-banks in Connecticut – leading the most laps and taking the lead back late after a pit road miscue to rocket to another win.

The victory was Bonsignore's 43rd career on the Whelen Modified Tour, giving him sole possession of third place all-time. His 14th career Thompson win also put him just one off Mike Stefanik's record of 15.

"We worked hard all summer, but haven't had the best car," Bonsignore said. "We brought back 'Old Faithful'. This car has been sitting bare bones since the last Martinsville race and we finally got it back together. It got us back into Victory Lane at Thompson and the guys did a great job today with the quick turnaround. It's humbling to be around Reggie and Teddy and to have your name mentioned with them is really special.

Obviously we try not to think about that stuff while we're still racing, but it is really awesome to have that much success in this series over the 15 years that we've been here. Hopefully we've got another 14 or 15 years in us if we can stay competitive."

With the win, Bonsignore closed within five points of Ron Silk in the championship battle with two races remaining. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to the track at North Wilkesboro Speedway on Sunday, October 20. The series will then visit Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, October 26, for the season-finale.

# Education

## RAAC accepts final draft of regional agreement

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Regional Agreement Amendment Committee met this past week to review the final draft of the regional agreement.

This committee consists of representatives from the towns of Warren, West Brookfield and North Brookfield who have been exploring the possibility of North Brookfield Public Schools joining the Quaboag Regional School District.

This committee has been operating for several years to help format an agreement that all parties involved would agree to the formation of two school districts becoming one district in the future.

The committee has three members representing each of the towns. Members of the committee shall be elected with residency requirements in district wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections.

All members are to serve until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

While reviewing this final draft of the regional agreement, several members including Chair Andrew Schwenker, who is also the chair of the Quaboag Regional School Committee, wanted to confirm the appropriate number of members serving the appropriate length of terms.

Schwenker insisted that there will be times that a vacancy will come up in the committee and a fair process should be followed when filling any vacancy.

"There should be a process to fill that vacancy," Schwenker said.

One member of the RAAC Derick Veliz mentioned that in the past some committees do not have enough bodies to fill a committee.

"Sometime its hard to get people to participate in these committees," Veliz said.

In some cases the committee would have to write people to fill a vacancy.

In section one part C of the draft states that if a vacancy were to occur the Select Board from the respective town from whose membership the vacancy occurred and the remaining committee members

of the said town, shall within 30 days appoint a member to serve until the next biennial state election.

The RAAC members noticed a few errors during the review of the draft and involved the years of the transition period when both school districts regionalize. The correct time frame of the transition period will be in place from Jan. 1, 2026 until June 30, 2027.

The transition committee will end on July 1, 2027. The Transition Committee will consist of a chair, vice-chair, treasurer and secretary.

The RAAC members voted to accept the regional agreement as presented. Moving forward, this agreement draft would be part of the agendas for all of the school committees in the three towns.

If all school committees are satisfied with the agreement, the draft would then go before a town meeting for each town.

The Quaboag Regional School Committee's next meeting will be held on Oct. 21 and will have the regional agreement draft on its agenda. If no vote is passed, the draft will return to the RAAC for further discussions.

## Monty Tech receive \$1.2 million grant

FITCHBURG— On Friday, Sept. 27, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School officials traveled to Brockton High School in Brockton, where they were among leaders from 70 other schools, businesses and non-profit agencies across the Commonwealth, who would be awarded generous grants from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, to support workforce training efforts in climate critical occupations.

Of the \$16million awarded, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center allocated a generous \$1.2 million to Monty Tech.

"Our clean energy revolution is powered by workers—crane operators, HVAC technicians, plumbers, and more – who are ready to lead," said Governor Maura Healey. "It is essential that this growing workforce mirrors the diversity of our communities, embodies our commitment to labor and is equipped with the tools we need to tackle the climate change and reshape our future."

Monty Tech is receiving

\$1.2 million to help establish the Montachusett Vocational Partnership Academy, the district's first satellite campus, which, when complete, will serve more than 120 new high school students from Fitchburg, Gardner and Narragansett Regional School Districts. The MVP Academy is the state's first daytime After Dark program, operating in a facility leased by the training provider, Monty Tech, to ensure more students have access to valuable vocational training.

"The incredibly generous award provided by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center will help sustain this innovative workforce training model for years to come," stated Thomas Browne, Superintendent-Director of Monty Tech. "In addition, we are now able to offer no cost training to adult students, who are interested in climate critical careers in carpentry, electrical and plumbing occupations. Our goal is to grow talent. Now, in this new space, with these grant funds, we will be training countless high school

and adult students, who will fill the skills gaps we are currently seeing across North Central Massachusetts."

Sixty-six of the 70 awards announced, totaling nearly \$13.3 million of the funding, were supported by MassCEC's Workforce Equity programming and include clear plans for increasing inclusivity. This program provides annual funding to expand workforce development and support services to individuals and businesses from environmental justice, low-income and other historically underrepresented communities.

Monty Tech's award is proudly among those who listed inclusivity as a top priority. Massachusetts Clean Energy Center is a state economic development agency dedicated to accelerating the growth of the clean energy and climate tech sector across the Commonwealth to spur job creation, deliver statewide environmental benefits, and to secure long-term economic growth for the people of Massachusetts.

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"You have more flexibility than you think you have," he said.

He said it could be possible to propose a healthcare district for the site, or an overlay district.

Beckley said a zoning proposal would first go to the Planning Board before going to the

Selectboard and then to a town meeting vote. Any zoning changes require a two-thirds majority vote at town meeting in order to pass.

### How to get involved

Bourcier encouraged those attending the meeting to visit the websites of both community foundations and email her at cinalen10@gmail.com with any com-

ments or ideas they have about which one to choose.

Visit Greater Worcester Community Foundation at greaterworcester.org and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts at communityfoundation.org.

"In my opinion, the priority is getting a healthcare facility back on that site," Bourcier said.

### PAST PAGES, continued from page 4

shall simply think of all my boys."

The landfill building may be the new Barre Police and dispatch headquarters if all goes well in upcoming negotiations. Members of the Public Safety Building Study Committee met with Barre Selectmen Monday night to inform them of the idea to lease this building on Depot Road from the landfill owners. Selectman Charles Chase, a member of the committee, said the building meets all requirements as it is handicapped accessible and has an elevator. It is a huge building hes said with space on the second floor. Other members of the committee, Fire Chief Joseph Rogowski, Rescue Squad Captain Michael Kowal and Richard Holihan, said the building seems ideal for a public safety building. The Police Station would gain much needed space and the second floor could be used by the Fire and Rescue Departments for classes. The dispatchers could finally move to quarters big enough to house their equipment.

Daniel B. Haynes of Oakham has accepted the Barre Town Accountant position at a salary of about \$17,000 a years. He was officially appointed during Monday night's meeting. Haynes is president of Hirbour & Haynes, P.C. in Paxton, the firm that previously did the town's audit, so he is familiar with the town and has worked with former town accountant Jane Kettell. Haynes will meet with Kettell before she leaves her position at the end of November to assure a smooth transition.

### 38 years (Oct. 23, 1986)

The long hoped for Crime Watch program planned for Barre will not be implemented. According to Charles M. Wyman, president of the Barre Thief and Rogue Detecting society, which had hoped to initiate the program to deter break-ins and reduce vandalism and crime, the plan cannot be started because there are not enough volunteers willing to provide the necessary patrol service for the days and hours needed. "It is apparent that everyone in Barre is 100% in favor of a Crime Watch program," said Wyman, "provided someone else does the work. This first became apparent two weeks ago he added, "when I observed the sparse attendance at the public informational meeting held in the Town Hall where details of the program were explained." The Board of Selectmen had unanimously endorsed the program.

The Quabbin Boys' Varsity Cross Country team became the Wachusett League Champions for the second time in the school's history and for the first time since 1972. Dylan Langlois turned in an extraordinary performance as he took first place. All of the other varsity runners turned in great performances scoring for Quabbin in this impressive win including Paul Bacon, Jason Kallio, Andrew Really, Tim Craig, Derek Armstrong and Chris Kraemer. The scoring went like this: Quabbin was first with 61 points, Narragansett second with 63, Nashoba third with 90, Lunenburg fourth with 124, Oakham fifth with 142, Groton-Dunstable sixth with 143, Gardner seventh scor-

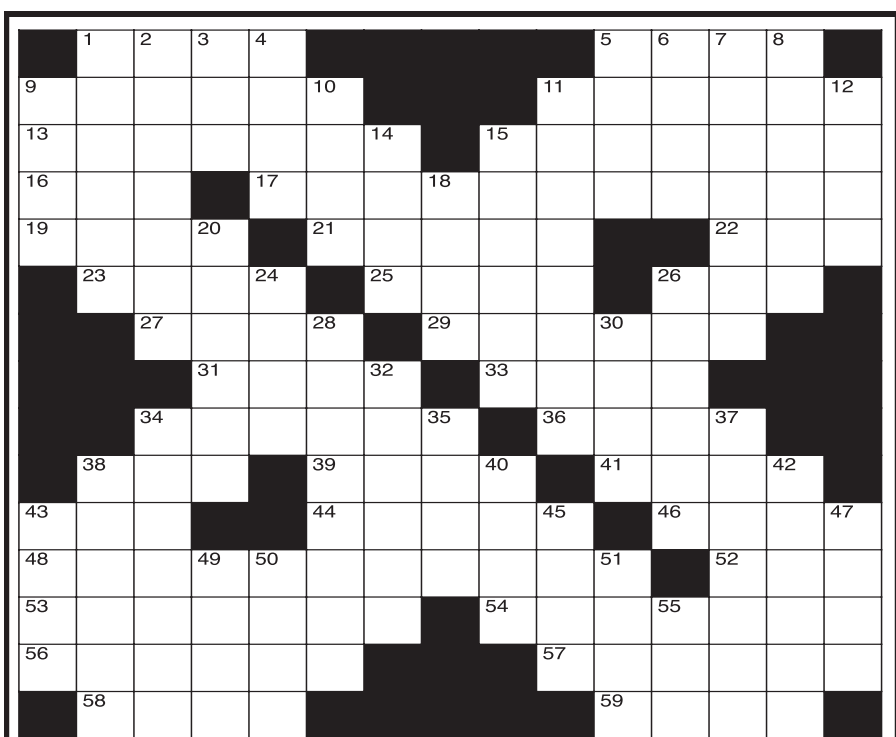
ing 170 points, eighth place went to Westford with 178 points, ninth was Murdock with 222 and last was Ayer with 290 points.

It was a charming little concert and I use the word "concert" advisedly because it was Carl P. Frye III together with his harpsichord, who presents an evening of music at Barre Town Hall last Friday He even introduced the instrument to his audience. It was born in 1985 on the 300th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, he said. It had taken a year and a half to created, was made of seven different woods, had tiered legs and a Flemish stand and lovely old tapestry depicting a wedding scene. Together they rendered compositions by Bach, Franz Joseph Haydn and B. Macello and played French and Florentine dances and an old English Stompede as well as compositions by Frye.

### SHOE DRIVE, continued from page 3

other footwear out of the landfills. Planet Aid, a nonprofit organization will then take all the footwear and refurbished those that can be and recycle the ones that cannot be into other usable products such as insulation. Planet Aid helps people locally and across the world such as the work of Rotary.

Thank you to the people in the community that helped these students by sending in their sneakers/footwear. The students collected 100 pairs in their effort to "help the world."



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Tall, upright post on a boat
5. Basics
9. Used to refer to cited works
11. Folds
13. Former UK PM May
15. Cold region of Russia
16. Standard operating procedure
17. Separating
19. Particles
21. A way to map out
22. Referee declares
23. Beginner
25. Water (Spanish)
26. Gov't lawyers
27. Non-reproductive parts of an organism
29. Spanish friends
31. A type of tree

### CLUES DOWN

33. Walk heavily
34. About a wood
36. Free-swimming marine invertebrate
38. Political action committee
39. SB19 hit song
41. Scorch the surface of
43. Moved quickly on foot
44. Sacred state for a Muslim
46. Growl
48. Pearl Jam frontman
52. Irritating person
53. Something requiring a solution
54. Firing
56. Hazards
57. Taiwan capital
58. Impudence
59. Rock frontman

### CLUES DOWN

1. One who rides an elephant
2. Absence of bacteria
3. Soviet Socialist Republic
4. Men's fashion accessories
5. "Honey" actress Jessica
6. Round red root vegetable
7. Latin term for "charity"
8. Doesn't smell good
9. Mental health issue
10. Millisecond
11. Hairstyle
12. Edible starch
14. Middle Eastern military title
15. Protein-rich liquids
18. Indian musical pattern
20. Cancer and Capricorn
24. Country along the Arabian peninsula
26. A bend
28. Fishes of the herring family
30. Antelopes
32. Chaos
34. Popular music app
35. Cooking material
37. Musical instrument
38. San Diego ballplayers
40. Small amounts
42. Poured
43. Fabric
45. Food option
47. Finger millet
49. The U. of Miami mascot is one
50. Alberta, Canada river
51. Canadian flyers
55. Dry white wine drink

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

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# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Convinced Part 2

It is difficult to exaggerate the significance of the apostle Paul.

A pillar of the apostolic church, indefatigable missionary and inspired author of much of the New Testament, his life and legacy continue to impact believers to this very day. Though much might be said of this figure and his influence, his writings reveal him to be a man of unwavering conviction.

That is, there were enduring truths of which Paul was both sure and certain. We do well to explore his convictions, considering the degree to which they might shape our own.

Let us note the following passage as we continue this series:

**2 Corinthians 5:11, 14-15 (NIV)**

11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. . . . 14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

What do we glean from this text?

Firstly, we come to see that the apostle Paul was convinced that Christ had given Himself for the whole of lost humanity. Therefore, the promise of pardon for sin, peace with God, life abundant and eternal and more was truly for all people.

Paul believed that the gospel was for both men and women, Jew and Gentile, the old and the young, those rich and poor, powerful and powerless, etc. In fact, it was this deeply held belief that motivated him in ministry despite much adversity.

To what degree do you and I believe that the work of Jesus was genuinely for all people? Moreover, to what degree does such love-made evident in His sacrificial work-compel us to make the Lord known to those in need of His saving power?

Secondly, we come to see that the apostle Paul was convinced that the death of Christ should impact how we truly live. That is, it is not enough to mentally or intellectually assent to the work of Christ on the cross. Such belief will not avail (James 2:19).

No, His death must motivate us unto a whole new manner of living. No longer should we live for ourselves, for our own purposes and pleasures, but for the One who gave Himself for us.

This is clearly what Paul articulated herein:

**2 Corinthians 5:15**

15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

This sentiment is later affirmed in the letter of Paul to his protégé and son in the faith, Titus:

**Titus 2:11-1**

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to

all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Do you believe that Christ died for you? I pray so. Do you believe to the degree that His death truly impacts how you live? Has it motivated you to become His, in the fullest sense of the term, as well as motivating you to function as His witness? These are questions only you can fully answer. However, may you take the time to consider such queries and reply in kind.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your leisure using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

**Pastor James Foley**

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### Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost

#### Stewardship Sunday

*"We are Grateful for life..."*

Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com)

### Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5 v 16 – 18 and Philippians 4 v 4 - 7

#### I. Introduction

When we wake up in the morning, we experience the amazing phenomenon known as life. Many of us can observe life through sight and sounds and then there are many who are physically challenged, yet have discovered their own ways and senses to appreciate life to their fullest. So, all of us are, in our own way part of this extraordinary gift that God has given us.

A few years ago, I asked someone, with many more years of experience in this life, what makes her fall asleep peacefully, since I have difficulty falling asleep occasionally. To my surprise, she began to tell me how she, before falling asleep, spends her time thinking about the people and things in her life she is grateful for and that is just what she needs to fall asleep peacefully. I believed that it was a wonderful thing to do, but not just before bedtime, but to do this exercise anytime of the day.

That conversation reminded me how important it is to spend time being grateful for life, for the ordinary things, and the people in our lives. I am sure this morning all of you have your own ways of being grateful for life. Sometimes life is

not as easy as it seems and it can be difficult to be grateful, even when we try and even when we have prayed.

II. Our Call to be Grateful for Life

Paul understood this entire concept of gratitude for life. He understood what it meant to be joyful and when life was difficult. He knew from his personal experience Philippi, because he wrote to them from prison after being persecuted for his faith in Christ.

And still he encouraged them to rejoice in the Lord always, and that they need not be anxious about anything, but with thanksgiving, present their requests to God, knowing that God is with them and in their faithfulness, they will experience the joy of life in God.

So, when Paul writes to the Thessalonians, who have suffered their own adversity, he thanks God for their faith and gave them guidance in all the challenges they may face on a personal level. He cared for them and understood their circumstances as young Christians, who weren't understood by those around them. He wanted them to experience life joyfully, but what that means, he says in verse 15, is to be kind, even to those who have been hostile to you, because that is the life of the follower of Christ.

Even Christ was not immune to suffering and yet He encouraged His followers to live a life of love and peace and kindness and that kind of living comes from the life of the Christian, who has been born again into this new life of Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

This is a life of love and forgiveness, because that is who Christ was till the very end. He then counseled them to pray always and to give thanks to God in all circumstances, for it is the will of God for the children of God.

#### III. Conclusion

As Christians we are called to be joyful always in this life, because the joy we have comes from within, from the Spirit of God. We have many opportunities to observe the simple things in life and be grateful for it and we are urged to persevere in faith when life is difficult.

On this first Stewardship Sunday, we especially want to thank God for our own lives, for our loved ones, and all the people and things we have and care for. We are grateful for our work, income, a home and more, knowing that there are many who have less than we have and go through difficult times.

We are grateful for life and therefore we come and ask God to renew us and to help us discern how to be good stewards of our church, how to be kind and how to forgive. And, when we say, here I am, Lord, may God bless us as we go forth with the hand of God upon us.

Amen.

**Pastor Margaret Keyser**

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## NBSB Food Drive to continue the fight against hunger

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to announce the start of their Annual Food Drive, held from Oct. 1-25, offering the perfect chance to share kindness, support the community and help those in need during the season of giving.


North Brookfield Savings Bank's Annual Food Drive helps provide much-needed food items to local neighbors and families in need within the communities they serve. As part of the bank's commitment to giving back, North

Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute \$1 for every item and dollar collected, up to a total of \$3,000 to further support the operational cost of local food pantries.

Community members are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items, paper goods, toiletries, or monetary donations at any of NBSB's convenient branch locations throughout the month of October.

Drop off locations include: North Brookfield Branch, 9 Gilbert St., East Brookfield Branch, 100

*In Loving Memory of*




**David J. Zaganiacz**

September 24th, 1957 - October 23rd, 2018

We thought of you today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which we'll never part. God has you in His arms, we have you in our hearts.

*We love and miss you so very much*  
MaryAnn and Mark  
Blair and Andy  
Morgan, Beckett and Delaney

*In Loving Memory of*



**Randi Lee Swistak-Stelmokas**

August 17th, 1981 - October 21st, 2005

19th Anniversary

The moment you left us our hearts were split in two. One side was filled with memories, the other side died with you. We often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon our cheeks. Remembering you is easy Randi, we do it every day, but missing you is a heartache that will never go away. We hold you tightly within our hearts and there you will remain. You see, life has gone on without you, but will never be the same.

*We love and miss you so very much!*  
Mom and Mark, Blair and Andy,  
Morgan, Beckett and Delaney

# Obituaries

## Lawrence M. Begin, 92

BARRE – Lawrence M. Begin, 92 of Punta Gorda, Florida passed away on July 16, 2024. Lawrence "Larry" grew up in Spencer and lived and raised his family in Barre before moving to Florida after retirement.

He leaves his wife of 69 years, B. Lucille (Belcher) Begin and his five children, Robert and Katherine Begin of Cape Cod; Kathleen and Brian Cirelli of Barre; Mark and Amanda Begin of Florida; Lawrence Jr. and Patricia Begin of Barre and Michael and Doreen Begin of Barre. He was the grandfather of thirteen and the great-grandfather of eighteen. He also leaves behind his sister Louise and Bill Dickinson

of Massachusetts along with many nieces and nephews. He was the son of Hilaire) Begin. Lawrence is predeceased by brothers, Robert,

Larry was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked as an industrial machinery mechanic for New England Envelope for 42 years. Later in his retirement, he went to work for Eagle Hill School in Hardwick maintaining all the landscape gardens for many years before moving permanently to Florida. He enjoyed golfing, watching sports on TV, garden-



ing, the beaches of Maine, traveling, spending time with his family, and his dog, Saxson. He passed on the tradition of clam bakes and chicken barbecues to his kids, bringing family together for special occasions, which continue to this day. Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

### DEATH NOTICE

**Begin, Lawrence M.**  
Died July 16, 2024  
Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

## Country Bank donates property to Pathfinder Tech



Submitted photo

Officials from Country Bank, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School and the community are shown at the ribbon cutting of the former Country Bank location at 191 Sykes St., in Palmer to commemorate the donation of the property to Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School.

PALMER – Country Bank President and CEO, Mary McGovern announces it donated its 191 Sykes St. location in Palmer to Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School.

The property, valued at \$500,000, will be a valuable asset for the school and a significant contribution to the local community, enhancing the educational landscape and fostering growth. This act of generosity directly impacts the lives of the residents, making them an integral part of this initiative.

Country Bank consolidated its Palmer locations in 2022 and sought a meaningful purpose for the property. Through a collaborative effort with Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School and Country Bank, the decision was made to donate the building to the high school to support its expansion initiatives.

"We are thrilled to contribute to the growth and development of Pathfinder Tech," said Mary McGovern, President and CEO of Country Bank. "By donating this property, we aim to support the educational opportunities available to the students and our local communities."

Superintendent Eric Duda echoed this sentiment, stating, "This donation is a transformative moment for Pathfinder Tech and our community. Country Bank's generous support not only aids in expanding our programs, but also invests in the future of our students and the skilled workforce of tomorrow."

The newly donated property will facilitate Pathfinder Tech's expansion of adult evening education programs and provide additional office space. It will host classes, making education more accessible to adult learners in the community. Country Bank's ATM will remain at this location to continue serving customers in Thorndike and Three Rivers sections of Palmer.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School is renowned for its commitment to high-quality career and technical education. Duda noted, "This new space will enable us to offer more specialized programs aligned with industry needs, benefiting both our students and community members seeking valuable adult education opportunities." He added, "This is the first time in its more than 50 year history that

Pathfinder Tech has expanded its capacity through a property acquisition, a crucial step in addressing the demand for skilled workers."

The collaboration between Country Bank and Pathfinder Tech underscores the importance of community partnerships in fostering educational and economic growth. By repurposing the property, both organizations are investing in the future of education and community development.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on September 13, 2024 to celebrate the property transfer and the partnership's success. The event was attended by local dignitaries, including Senator Jacob Oliveira, State Representatives Todd Smola and Aaron Saunders, and other key figures, who expressed their support for local businesses working with educational institutions.

Country Bank is a full-service \$1.8B mutual community bank serving Central and Western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, Springfield and Worcester.

## St. Joseph's Parish to hold Christmas Fair

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – St. Joseph's Parish, 296 North Main St., will hold their Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

There will be a bake sale, hand-

made crafts, jewelry, raffles galore and more. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and the menu consists of homemade soups, sandwiches and apple pie.

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Monday, Sept. 30**  
 9:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 9:32 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 10:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unattended Death, Lane Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 11:01 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Root Road, Message Delivered  
 12:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Wheelwright Road, Transported to Hospital  
 1:50 p.m. Public Assist, Britton Road East, Public Assist  
 2:13 p.m. Public Assist, Old Dana Road, Officer Took Call  
 4:18 p.m. Fire – Vehicle Fires, Hancock Road, Fire Extinguished  
 5:02 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact  
 8:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Hubbardston Road, Officer/Chief Advised

**Tuesday, Oct. 1**  
 7:21 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 10:50 a.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, South Street, Information Given  
 11:08 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Exchange Street, Transported to Hospital  
 4:28 p.m. Public Assist, Barre Police Headquarters, Information Taken  
 6:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wheelwright Road, Citation Issued  
 7:18 p.m. Med Alarm, Common

Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 7:24 p.m. Harassment, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:16 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Oak Street, Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**  
 6:44 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 7:25 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Root Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 12:56 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, West Street, Information Taken  
 2:23 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency  
 6:08 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 6:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, South Street, Transported to Hospital  
 7:39 p.m. Missing Person, South Street, Returned to Family/Guardian

**Thursday, Oct. 3**  
 4:23 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Oak Street, Report Filed  
 6:50 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Moulton Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 8:15 a.m. Safety Concert, Exchange Street, Negative Contact  
 11:01 a.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Vernon Avenue, Investigated

**Friday, Oct. 4**  
 8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued  
 9:41 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
 10:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, School South Street, Transported to Hospital  
 10:08 a.m. Harassment, Ruggles

Lane, Referred to Other Agency  
 11:49 a.m. Threats, Williamsville Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 4:36 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Negative Contact  
 4:47 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Unfounded  
 6:46 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Old Dana Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 8:39 p.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, West Street, Report Filed

**Saturday, Oct. 5**  
 2:08 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Kendall Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 2:14 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Pleasant Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
 4:21 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 5:57 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Old Coldbrook Road, Property Picked Up  
 7:02 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle) Summer Street, Entry Gained  
 8:09 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Elm North Street, Property Returned  
 11:18 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Nelson Way, Transported to Hospital  
 11:58 p.m. Threats, West Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Sunday, Oct. 6**  
 1:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Dana Road, Message Delivered  
 2:46 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Dana Road, Officer Spoke to Party

## Rutland Police Log

**Monday, Sept. 30**  
 6:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Naquag Street, Transported to Hospital  
 7:26 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 Summons: Doyle, Gregory B., 41, Templeton  
 Charges: Leave Scene of Property Damage  
 8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons: Moteiro Da Silva Fe, Priscilla, 37, Tewksbury  
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle  
 9:08 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty  
 9:32 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Hubbardston Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 9:40 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained  
 10:24 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Maple Avenue, Report Filed  
 10:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 11:20 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Bushy Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 2:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Campbell Street, Written Warning  
 3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Glenwood Road, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons: Andrade Da Silva, Rodrigo, 41, Leicester  
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
 5:02 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact

9:16 a.m. Be On the Look Out Notification, East County Road, Information Given  
 9:36 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons: Da Silva Neves, Leidon, 44, Framingham  
 Charges: Leave Scene of Property Damage  
 2:58 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Welch Avenue, Information Given  
 3:53 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 7:44 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 7:49 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Prouty Lane, Returned to Family/Guardian

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**  
 6:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning  
 1:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Negative Contact  
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 3:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Memorial Drive, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Dik, Christopher, 36, Princeton  
 Charges: Assault Weapon, Unlicensed Sell/Possess, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Warrant  
 4:01 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Main Street, Public Assist  
 5:36 p.m. Prisoner Watch or Meal, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed  
 Arrest: Dik, Christopher, 36, Princeton  
 Charges: Assault Weapon, Unlicensed Sell/Possess, License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Warrant  
 6:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Irish Lane, Transported to Hospital

2:29 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wachusett Street, Report Filed  
 Summons: Miranda Torres, Leonel, 48, Marlborough  
 Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23, Stop/Yield, Fail To C89 S9  
 3:27 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Turkey Hill Road, Information Taken  
 5:52 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Fernwood Drive, Report Filed  
 7:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning

**Friday, Oct. 4**  
 5:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Laurelwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wildbrook Drive, Citation Issued  
 6:14 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
 11:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, East Country Road, Public Assist

**Saturday, Oct. 5**  
 11:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Laurelwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 3:44 p.m. Property Exchange, Sassawanna Road, Property Picked Up  
 4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:39 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Marjorie Lane, Referred to Other Agency  
 7:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, Oct. 6**  
 9:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
 5:05 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Winifreds Way, Investigated  
 10:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 11:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Village Way, Transported to Hospital

## Oakham Police Log

**Monday, Sept 30**  
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 4:40 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, North Brookfield Road, Report Filed  
 5:02 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact

**Tuesday, Oct. 1**  
 14:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, East Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**  
 3:03 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Spencer Road, Returned to

Family

**Thursday, Oct. 3**  
 10:26 a.m. Public Assist, Hunt Road, Chief Met with Party  
 12:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Sanders Road, Transported to Hospital  
 2:58 p.m. Public Assist, Barre Road, Report Filed  
 8:54 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact

**Friday, Oct. 4**  
 9:29 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Road, Message Delivered

3:43 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Coldbrook Road, Report Filed  
 9:46 p.m. Identity Theft, Barre Road, Report Filed

**Saturday, Oct. 5**  
 10:17 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Barre, Negative Contact

**Sunday, Oct. 6**  
 12:31 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Message Delivered  
 10:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, North Brookfield, Ambulance Signed Refusal

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Monday, Sept. 30**  
 10:59 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Gardner Road, Information Taken  
 1:02 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Lombard Road, Message Delivered  
 4:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), Twin Hill Road, Transported to Hospital  
 6:26 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Williamsville Road, Removed Hazard  
 7:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed

**Tuesday, Oct. 1**  
 6:28 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Ragged Hill Road, No Fire Service Necessary  
 9:39 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Williamsville Road, Referred to Other Agency  
 3:34 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Old Boston Turnpike, Report Filed  
 4:30 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, New Templeton Road, Information Taken  
 7:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Criminal Complaint  
 Summons: Bautista Casilla, Jones Edgar, 23, Fitchburg  
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**  
 7:46 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Westminster, Vehicle Towed  
 11:18 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Old Boston Turnpike, Advised Civil Action  
 4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Adams Road, Written Warning

**Thursday, Oct. 3**  
 8:43 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty  
 1:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Elm Street, Transported to Hospital  
 3:01 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Underwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 3:22 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Negative Contact  
 6:37 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Birches Road, Report Filed  
 7:17 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Curtis, Jonathan, 60, Lancaster  
 Charges: Fugitive from Justice on Court Warrant  
 8:34 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, New Templeton Road, Officer/

Chief Advised

**Friday, Oct. 4**  
 7:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 8:56 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty  
 9:28 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Westminster Road, Report Filed

**Saturday, Oct. 5**  
 7:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Madison Way, Mutual Aid Transported  
 3:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Pitcherville Road, Negative Contact

Sunday, Oct. 6  
**9 a.m. Complaint, Gardner Road, Information Taken**  
 11:24 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Brigham Street, Party Departed without Incident  
 1:40 p.m. Safety Concern, Plum Tree Lane, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Lombard Road, Mutual Aid Transported  
 6:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Adams Road, Written Warning

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Oct. 7-14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 10 building/property checks, 32 directed/area patrols, two radar assignments, three traffic controls, three emergency 911 calls, one animal call and three motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Tuesday, Oct. 8**  
 6:44 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

**Saturday, Oct. 12**  
 10:01 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, New Braintree, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 4:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
 4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Merge  
 4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

10:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Sunday, Oct. 13**  
 12:09 a.m. Welfare Check, Moore Road, Report Taken  
 2:43 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Scott Road, Spoken To

## HELP WANTED

### Executive Director Warren Housing Authority

**Description:** The Warren Housing Authority (WHA) is seeking a qualified and experienced housing administrator for the position of Executive Director. The Authority's portfolio includes 60 units of Ch. 667 Elderly/Handicapped, 4 units of Ch.705 Family, 6 units of Section 8 New Construction, 11 MRVP Voucher and 72 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. The Section 8 vouchers currently managed by another agency. The candidate should be familiar with both the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program requirements.

**Minimum Requirements:** A minimum of 2 years' experience in public or private housing management, community development, public administration, non-profit administration, or a related field that demonstrates strong management and organization skills. Knowledge of the principles, practices of state and federal public housing management programs, capital improvement planning, technology systems, maintenance, and finances desired. Strong organizational and personnel management skills desired. One year of experience overseeing at least three staff persons or as a significant project team leader or program administrator strongly preferred.

Possess excellent written and verbal skills for an ability to communicate effectively with local officials, boards, residents, service providers and funding agencies. Experience working with the public, as well as individuals of various socio-economic backgrounds. Must be bondable. Certification as a Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator (MPHA) desired or obtained within one year.

Must be proficient in Word, Excel and Outlook. Familiarity with centralized public housing wait lists (CHAMP), housing software, HUD and EOHLC databases and reporting systems desired. Other preferred credentials include graduation from an accredited two to four-year college or university and a passion for the mission of affordable housing.

The maximum salary is \$86,667 and is dependent upon experience, education, and certifications in accordance with EOHLC Executive Director Salary Schedule. The required work hours are 32 hours per week and the position includes excellent benefits. The candidate will be subject to qualification verification prior to employment.

To apply in confidence please submit a cover letter and resume to Kenneth R. Martin, Consultant, at [kenmartin1208@gmail.com](mailto:kenmartin1208@gmail.com) with "Warren ED position" in the subject line.

**The deadline is no later than the close of business on November 1, 2024.** Late applications shall not be considered. More detailed information will be required of applicants that advance to the next level of consideration. Diverse applicants are encouraged to apply.

The Warren Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Sections 150A and 150A½ and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 310 CMR 16.00 "Site Assignment Regulations for Solid Waste Facilities" and the provisions and requirements established at 310 CMR 16.05: "Permit for Recycling, Composting and Conversion (RCC) Operations", an application (Application) has been filed with the Massachusetts

Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Barre Board of Health for a proposed asphalt pavement, brick, and concrete (ABC) rubble operation at the Palmer Paving Corporation (Palmer Paving) hot asphalt plant located at 43 Old Coldbrook Road in Barre, MA 01005. As a result of MassDEP's review of the Application, MassDEP has issued a draft RCC permit approval.

Palmer Paving proposes to accept source separated asphalt pave-

ment, brick, and concrete {"ABC"} rubble separate from the hot asphalt mix plant. Palmer Paving will receive this material 6 days a week at a maximum of 500 tons per day, not to exceed 100,000 tons per calendar year. Sources of material are asphalt pavement and concrete from the excavation of roadways; bricks from building demolitions; and concrete from foundations, floors, and walls. The Applicant will accept deliveries approximately 250 days per year as they typically coincide with the construction season. The stockpiled ABC rubble is processed 2-3 times per year by a third-party company using a portable crusher which will not be permanently maintained at

the Site. The Operation is approved to accept deliveries of ABC rubble six (6) days a week, Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Saturday 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Application and supporting documentation may be reviewed online at: <https://eea-online.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/>. Scroll down on the first screen and in the "Site Name/Location Name" box type "PALMER PAVING CORPORATION" and then click on the "Search" box at the bottom of the page. Next click on the PALMER PAVING CORPORATION record below the "Application Documents" heading and the Permit Application and supporting documents will appear in blue links. Click on one link at a time to access each separate document.

The Application and supporting documentation may also be reviewed in person by appointment at the Barre Board of Health, 40 West St Ste 431, Barre, MA. Please call the office at (978) 355-2504 to set up an appointment.

Paper copies of the Recycling, Composting or Conversion (RCC) Permit

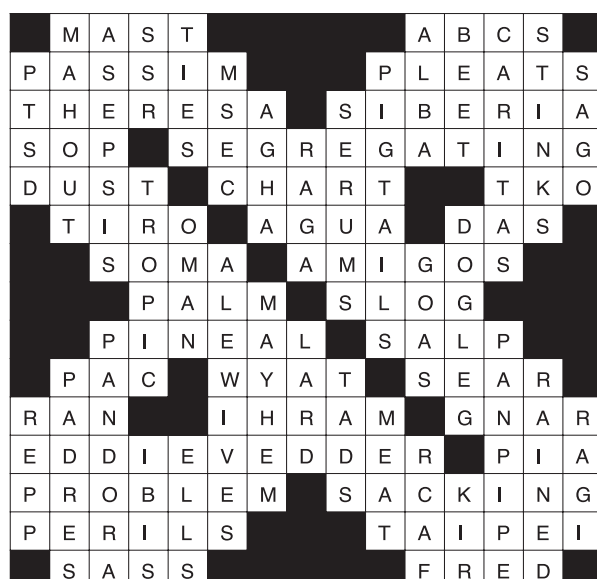
Application and draft RCC permit decision may be requested from Palmer Paving Corporation by contacting Mark Pfaff via telephone at 413-388-8416 or via e-mail [mpfaf@peckham.com](mailto:mpfaf@peckham.com).

MassDEP will accept any written comments from any person up to 30 days from the date the public notice is first published in a newspaper. All comments regarding the Recycling, Composting or Conversion Permit should reference the MassDEP Application Record Number: 24-SW46B/47B 0009-APP. Comments may be submitted online through the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal process described above. Comments also may be submitted by sending an email to [james.mcquade@mass.gov](mailto:james.mcquade@mass.gov). In addition, written comments may be mailed to: James A. McQuade, Section Chief - Solid Waste Management Program, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air and Waste, Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606. 10/17/2024

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# Public Notices

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**The New Braintree Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA**  
**On the following application:**

**Brian Pierce, Applicant, seeks a Variance under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40A, Section 9, and Section 4 of the Town of New Braintree Zoning Bylaw (Chapter 4) to construct a 30' x 50' detached garage at 134 Pierce Road, Town Assessor's Map 411 parcel 35.**

The application is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. All those interested must be present, or send a representative, or send communication in advance of the hearing date.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
 10/10, 10/17/2024

**Oakham Conservation Commission**

There will be an ANRAD hearing on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:30p.m.** at the Oakham Town Hall. The wetland resource areas at 358 Coldbrook Rd. have been described for environmental conditions and potential jurisdictional status for each delineated wetland resource area within the 42.9 acre parcel. This application was prepared for Moraga Storage LLC of New York, NY and submitted by Epsilon Assoc. of Maynard, MA.

Submitted by,  
 Lucy Tessnau, Clerk  
 Oakham Conservation Commission  
 10/17/2024

**Oakham Conservation Commission**

There will be a Notice of Intent hearing on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6:00p.m.** at the Oakham Town Hall. The applicant, Bond Construction Corp. of Spencer, MA is planning the restoration of a gravel pit for new agriculture located just north of 1599 North Brookfield Rd. This work will fall under the jurisdiction of the Wetland Protection Act.

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 10/17/2024

**Hubbardston, MA Notice of Public Hearing**

The Hubbardston Community Preservation Committee will hold a **Public Hearing Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the **Slade Building, 7 Main St., Hubbardston.** This Public Hearing will be held for members of the public and other boards and committees to learn more about the Community Preservation Act, and how it can be used to advance ideas and projects for the Town's needs and goals in the areas of historic preservation, open space, affordable housing, and recreation.

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
 Recorder  
 10/17/2024

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The sale will be held at **Early's on Park Avenue 536 Park Ave., Worcester, MA 01603** 10/03, 10/10, 10/17/2024

**(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 24 SM 003569 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Richard E. Hardy, Jr. and Janet S. Hardy**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 et seq.  
**J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP.** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Oakham, Massachusetts, numbered 21 Spencer Road, given by Richard E. Hardy Jr. and Janet S. Hardy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. dba America's Wholesale Lender dated August 7, 2007 recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41623, Page 219, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **11/25/2024** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of said Court on 10/8/2024  
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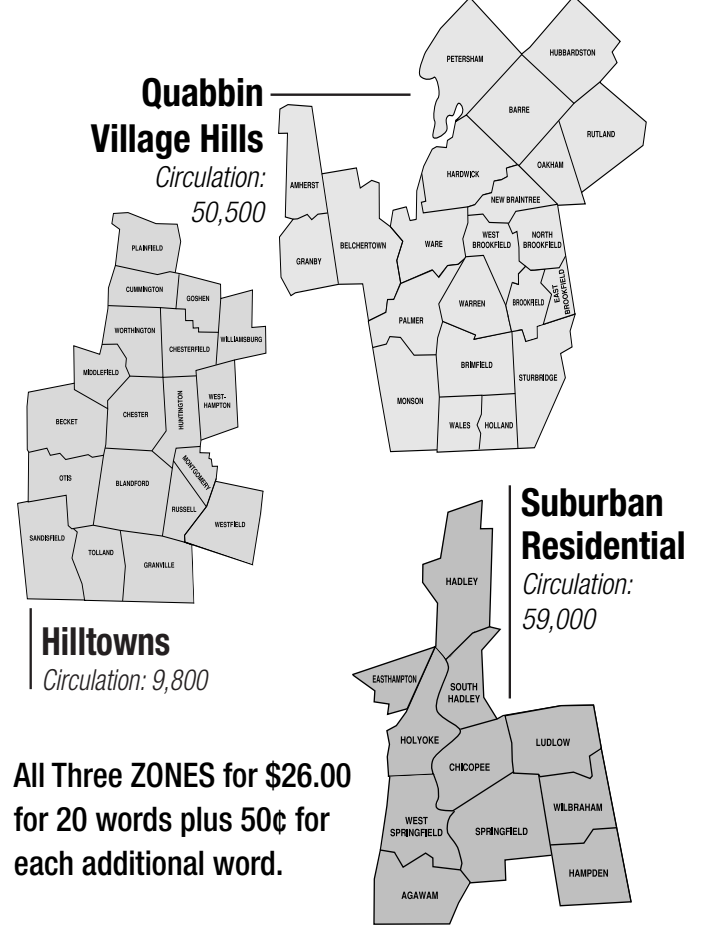
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