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Select Board discuss Williamsville Road project

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BARRE – Select Board Vice Chair gave the other two Select Board members an update on the Williamsville Road project at their Monday, Oct. 21 meeting.

He said the town has a water design plan that was created for Williamsville Road, but it does not have a drainage design plan. He said without proper drainage in place, the road would continue to erode on the hill area. He requested the town put out a Request for Proposal for an engineering firm to create a drainage plan.

He said an overlay of the road, which has many potholes, would provide a band aid fix of one to one and half years. The road needs to be fully reclaimed and reconstructed following the drainage plan.

Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall was not sure Palmer Paving was available for doing the overlay work before the winter. Select Board Mark Regienus said the overlay work could be limited to the worst areas of Williamsville Road.

The Select Board voted to add overlay work for Williamsville Road to the Chapter 90 list of projects. They also will check to see if Williamsville Road has a drainage design plan before putting out an RFP for it.

They also discussed the grading of dirt roads before the winter, which makes plowing easier. At the time, the Department of Public Works did not have an operational grader. Chair Marshall also said the two front end loaders were not in the best shape. Select Board member Regienus said if necessary, the town could rent a front end loader. Chair Marshall said they should possibly line up a possible rental of

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Family-friendly race event benefits local land trust



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Runners take off during the Kids ¼ Mile race as part of the 13th annual Station Loop Ramble held on the Mass Central Rail Trail in New Braintree.

By Paula Ouimette
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NEW BRAINTREE/HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust hosted its 13th annual Station Loop Ramble starting and finishing at the site of the former New Braintree Train Station.

Over 75 runners and walkers participated in this year's event, which serves as one of the biggest fundraisers for the land trust, celebrating fun and fitness and encouraging families to experience the natural beauty of the region.

New this year, were two separate races for youth including a Kids 200-Foot Dash and a Kids ¼ Mile Run. Participating in the first event were Aspen Collette, Eileen Keleher, Wren DeTour, Romi DeTour, Althea Senese, Michael Staback and Juliana White; and in the second event, Devon Bjorklund, Parker Bottomley, Ryan Bottomley, Elise Rodier and Jack Savary.

Running the 5-Mile Classic were Matthew Twarog with a time 31:44; Andrew Wiewel, 36:17; Alice McKeon, 39:12;

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Parker Bottomley earned first place in the Kids ¼ Mile Run. Parker also finished third overall in the 5K Run/Walk.

Select Board discuss implementation of PILOT policy

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – The Select Board discussed the possibility of enacting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes policy.

At the Oct. 15 meeting, Select Board Clerk William Tinker addressed his fellow board members about the possibility of Hardwick entering into a PILOT policy. The board is going to review a draft of this sort of policy for consideration to benefit all the residents and businesses in town and the tax-exempt organizations.

"A policy that fosters partnership between tax exempt organizations and the town," Tinker said.

Tinker believes this policy should not cost the town a lot to implement. According to Tinker, 33.43% of the town's building and properties are owned by tax exempt organizations.

PILOT agreements help communities recoup lost revenue that is a result of state property tax exemptions.

One of the essential coverages the town is looking to continue having is emergency services. Tinker mentioned that the Fire Department can benefit by having two fire trucks in town.

Tinker is hoping this draft can be reviewed by legal counsel and be discussed at the next Select Board meeting.

"Services are not free for anybody," Tinker said. "The Town needs revenue and it has to come from somewhere."

The board members are

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Senate candidates discuss key topics at forum

By Abby McCoy
Correspondent

WARE – In a recent forum hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond, Republican candidate state Sen. Peter Durant and Democratic candidate Sheila Dobb engaged in a lively discussion that tackled pressing issues facing Massachusetts, particularly in its rural areas.

At the Oct. 16 forum, the candidates presented their perspectives on key topics, including healthcare access, economic development, infrastructure needs, and more. Here's a detailed overview of the debate, highlighting their positions and the issues that resonate with voters.

A complete recording by Ware Community Television is available at waretv.org.

Opening statements

The forum opened with remarks from both candidates. Durant, who was elected as a state senator about a year ago during a special election after a long career in public service, including 12



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

State Sen. Peter Durant and candidate Sheila Dobb participated in a candidate's forum hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond at Cedarbrook Village in Ware recently. Both are running for the Worcester and Hampshire district seat on the Senate.

years as a state representative and time as a selectman in Spencer, expressed his enthusiasm for the role.

He stated, "When you elect someone, you're not just getting them; you're getting the people that come along with them."

Durant emphasized the strength of his team and expressed

eagerness to address the community's concerns.

Dobb began by shared her background, noting that her great-grandparents immigrated from Canada and her father from India in 1964. After attending school in Boston, she settled in

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Joint meeting discusses regionalization update

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting with the School Committee to discuss the update from the Regional Agreement Amendment Committee.

At the Oct. 14 meeting, School Committee member Tim Canada said the RAAC voted to approve the draft of the regional agreement to include North Brookfield Public Schools in the Quaboag Regional School District.

He said the draft will now go before each school committee for approval, then before voters at a future town meeting. If the regional agreement is approved by voters from the towns of North Brookfield, Warren and West Brookfield, a transition period would be expected to take place spanning from January 2026 to June 30, 2027, Canada said.

"Were this regional district to form, there would be a nine-member school committee, three from each town," Canada said.

He said school committee elections would coincide with the biannual state election schedule.

"It would be three members basically running every two years to stay on the committee," Canada said.

Canada said during the transition period, a transitional school committee will be formed with the existing members of both school committees, in addition to one North Brookfield selectman.

Superintendent Timothy McCormick said even if all votes pass, this changes to the school district wouldn't take place until the 2027-2028 academic year.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said the draft regional agreement will be posted on the town's website, northbrookfield.net.

School budget update

McCormick said all three rounds of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds have been expended and will not be available to support the school district's budget in the next fiscal year.

He said the cost of out-of-district placements, which increased by 14% two years ago, has continued a downward trend since last year and is estimated to only increase by 4% this year.

"It's still an increase to the district, but it's not as egregious as 14%, so that's a good thing," he said.

McCormick said contract negotiations will be starting soon with both the teachers' union and custodial union. Both contracts are ending this year.

McCormick said the school district entered into a five-year contract with its bus company to provide transportation. He said the cost of transportation increases by about 6% each contract year.

"Those are some of the biggest drivers," he said, of the budget.

McCormick said while there is an increased cost for supplies and materials, the school district was able to save money by locking into a lower heating fuel rate through a

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Peter Durant
State Senate

PROTECTING OUR WALLETS

- ✓ Earned a perfect voting record of protecting taxpayers from tax increases
- ✓ 100% rating in standing up for local small businesses
- ✓ Working to stop the migrant crisis
- ✓ Fully funding our schools
- ✓ Sponsored legislation for Crumbling Foundations

STOPPING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

- ✓ Only candidate to vote against licenses for illegal immigrants
- ✓ Fought against taxpayer funded benefits for illegals
- ✓ Filed legislation to amend the Right to Settle law to require legal residency

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- ✓ Supporting our sportsman and protecting their rights
- ✓ Support small business

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News of the Towns



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Senior center hosts anniversary open house

The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 9-11 a.m. to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the town of Barre/Hardwick Senior Center. All are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Veteran's Day

On Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11, there will be a brief ceremony at Veterans Park, on the Common, at 11 a.m. All Veterans are encouraged to join the ranks. Local residents are invited to attend.

Central Mass. Postcard show

The Central Massachusetts Postcard Club and St. Joseph's Catholic Church will be co-sponsoring the club's 40th annual postcard show at the church on 29 South St. on Barre Common on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Admission of \$3 benefits the church, who will also sell food from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ten dealers from four states will offer old picture postcards for sale including local town views and many topics. Anyone with questions may email show manager J.R. Greene at jrg01331@webtv.net.

Pancake breakfast

Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold a designer pancake breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 7-10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 8 and under. The breakfast is open to all and people may design their own pancakes then add sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, waffles, juice and coffee. Pure maple syrup is always served.

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Community service project

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 kimkooontz70@gmail.com. His goal is to collect 100 of each item to be distributed during the December distribution.

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Hardwick Fire sounds First Alarm

4th annual fundraiser hosted by the Fire Association

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Fire Association held its 4th annual First Alarm fundraiser to benefit the Hardwick Fire Department this past Saturday at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery.

The event was held all day and featured food trucks, vendors and crafters, a car and truck show, games (including a hay bale toss), pie-in-the-face, pumpkin carving, burnout competition, live music and s'mores.

Turley Photos by Paula Quimette



This Ford Crown Victoria sends up a plume of smoke during the 4th annual First Alarm fundraiser to benefit the Hardwick Fire Association held this past Saturday.



Mark Despin's 2000 Ford Mustang GT was the fan favorite in the burnout competition.



The Rem Dog had an impressive cloud of smoke during the burnouts.



Drivers entered all types of vehicles in the burnout competition.



Mark Despin of Webster holds the trophy he won at the 4th annual First Alarm burnout competition.



This Dodge Ram competed in the burnouts.

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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.

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. 28. 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 – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, muffin

TUESDAY – Chicken Mornay, couscous, Roman blend vegetable, butterscotch pudding, diet = sugar free tapioca pudding, marble rye bread

WEDNESDAY – Lentil stew with cheddar cheese, steamed white rice, carrots, fruited ambrosia, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, peas and mushrooms, pumpkin mousse, whole wheat bread

FRIDAY – Cranberry chicken salad, three bean salad, pasta salad, fresh fruit, hotdog roll

*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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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Cemetery Commission – Oct. 24 at 11 a.m.
 Barre Cultural Council – Oct. 28 at 3 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Election Day – Nov. 5 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 6 at 12:30 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Nov. 14 at 1 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Dec. 2 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Registrars – Oct. 26 at 9 a.m.
 Personnel Committee – Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.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.
 Capital Planning Committee – Nov. 18 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Open Space Committee – Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.
 Planning Board – Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m.
 Community Preservation Committee hearing – Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board Public Hearing – Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Oct. 30 and Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.
 Cultural Council – Nov. 2 at 9 a.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Nov. 5 and Nov. 19 at 6 p.m.
 Capital Improvement Planning – Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
 Sewer Commissioners – Nov. 12 at 3:45 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Select Board – Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.
 Oakham Cultural Council – Nov. 2 at 11 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 8 at noon
 Planning Board – Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Petersham School Committee – Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.
 Broadband Municipal Light Plant Board – Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Oct. 25 at 9 a.m.
 Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – Oct. 29 at 6 p.m., Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 19 and Jan. 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 4 and Dec. 9 at 10 a.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.
 Library Board of Trustees – Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.

Domestic Violence Awareness

High school task force leads 9th annual walk

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – This past Sunday, close to 100 people gathered at Veterans Park for the 9th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, sponsored by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force.

The walk and program were led by students in the Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force, a group that has been active in promoting healthy relationships and preventing dating violence amongst teens since it was formed in 2008.

Acting as master of ceremonies was Ware High School senior Shelby Hogan, who has been a member of the task force for four years.

“At first, I didn’t know about it and Mr. O asked me to join it and I did,” Hogan said. “I decided it was something important enough.”



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

The 9th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk is sponsored by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force, covering the towns of Ware, Warren and Hardwick.

“I really felt the need for them to be represented,” she said. “They need education and support as many are starting their first relationships.”

Jesse Trzpit said the task force has “definitely had an impact!” on

mer state Sen. Anne Gobi (now Director of Rural Affairs), with taking the steps needed to make change.

Gobi said in her new role, she has the opportunity to go to all of the rural towns in the commonwealth, where lack of transportation and access to services has a profound impact on those experiencing domestic violence.

“People in crisis,” she said. “It’s much more difficult for them to access services.”

Gobi told both task force members that they’ve “made a difference” with their work over the years.

Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot has been a longtime supporter of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force’s work to end domestic violence in the community.

She said asking three words can make a difference for someone experiencing domestic violence – are you okay?

“There’s hope,” she said. “And we are here to make a difference in Ware. Change has and will continue to happen...no one should ever live in fear for their life.”

Durant said this was the first time he was able to attend the walk since being elected to Senator last year, and he read an official citation honoring the work that is being done.

“It’s so important that we provide support,” he said. “It’s up to us to ensure that survivors know that they will have help.”

Durant said many have grown up in homes where violence is just part of life, and that substance use has also had an impact on that.

“The cycle can be broken,” he said. “We need to address underlying issues, including substance use and mental health.”

Durant spoke about the ages and genders of the victims listed on the plates at a poignant display at Veterans Park, dedicated to remembering people who have been killed by domestic violence.

“This is an important issue for all of us,” he said.

A local survivor who received help from the Behavioral Health Network to escape her abuser, talked about how reaching out to her friend living states away, was the first step toward her new life.

“I no longer have to be worried about being five minutes late from the store,” she said.

The survivor said she still wakes up from nightmares from the abuse she endured, but she is learning that she no longer has to say she’s sorry for everything.

“I’m so blessed to have BHN...there is help out there,” she said.

Following the speakers and prayers, a moment of silence was held for anyone who is currently being hurt by their partner. Participants then began their walk around downtown before returning to Veterans Park for raffle drawings.



The Ware Jr./Sr. High School’s Domestic Violence Task Force led the 9th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk through downtown Ware.

Through her work with the task force, Hogan was able to learn to recognize signs of domestic violence and dating violence.

“Many people don’t know about it,” she said.

The Ware Jr./Sr. Domestic Violence Task Force members were recently recognized by Alianza with the Allies in Action Award, for their groundbreaking steps to promote healthy relationships and to know the signs of dating violence.

“This was really exciting,” Hogan said of the award. “What we’re doing is big enough for other people to know.”

Senior Taylor Janson, who joined the task force last year, is currently working on creating a survey that will be sent out to all students in grades seven through 12 to gauge their perception of domestic violence.

“It’s to get an idea of who is affected,” she said.

Senior and four-year task force member Abby McQuaid said they will continue to do their part to educate their peers about healthy and unhealthy relationships.

With its highest membership it seen since the pandemic, Advisors Dan Orszulak, Jesse Trzpit and Caitlin Trzpit credited the students with making a noticeable, positive change in their school and beyond.

Orszulak said he has been an advisor for the task force since it was created and Jesse Trzpit joined 11 years ago. Caitlin Trzpit, who teaches in the junior high school, came on board last year to help bring the message to seventh and eighth grade stu-

the students.

Orszulak and Trzpit said since last year, the task force has become a strictly volunteer group, and that it is no longer part of the regular school day. This means students make time to meet before or after school, completely of their own choosing.

Receiving the Allies in Action Award was “really nice” for the students, Orszulak said.

“Words cannot express how proud I am,” he said. “We’re proud to say that we have evidence that the work we do is helping.”

Prior to the walk starting, participants gathered at Veterans Park to make posters, meet with domestic violence service providers and enjoy the sounds of musician Lori Brooks.

The walk kicked off with words from several featured speakers, including Town Manager Stuart Beckley, who presented a citation from the House of Representatives on behalf state Rep. Todd Smola.

Beckley congratulated the students for being recognized by Alianza for their commitment and advocacy for the survivors of domestic violence.

Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan also commended the members of the high school task force for their award.

“It really means a lot to the community and to your parents,” he said.

Sullivan said the walk represents both hope and the resolve to end domestic violence. He credited Smola, state Sen. Peter Durant and for-

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Pen pal letters ready

Seniors participating in the pen pal letter writing with Oakham Center School fourth graders, their letters are available for pick up at the Fobes Memorial Library, Maple Street, on Thursday, Oct. 24. The letters this year will be inside the library this year. Letters responding to the students letters are due on Thursday, Nov. 7.

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: 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.

Rep. Berthiaume and Sen. Durant lists local office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume’s Chief of Staff, Donna, and state Senator Peter Durant’s, District Liaison, Jared Grig, and Kim Mongeau, communications director, invite constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas or issues that they may need assistance.

Office hours are: Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 9-10 a.m. at the Leicester Senior Center and from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the Spencer Library. Rep Marsi’s staff Tammy will be joining them.

Other office hours are: Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at North Brookfield Senior Center and from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the East Brookfield Senior Center; Thursday, Nov. 14 from 9-10 a.m. Ware Senior Center, from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at the Hardwick Town Hall, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at West Brookfield Senior Center and from 12:45-1:45 p.m. Brookfield Town Hall and Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 9-10 a.m. Hubbardston Senior Center and Town Hall, from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at Barre Senior Center, from 11:30-12:30 p.m. at Oakham Town Hall upstairs and from 1-2 p.m. New Braintree Town Hall.

People may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

Historical society presents ‘History of Mishoon’

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society is hosting The History of Mishoon on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 1-3 p.m., at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St. Rutland.

Participants will discover the untold history of Lake Quinsigamond’s submerged treasures. Cheryl Stedtler, Hassanamisco Nipmuc Band tribal member and director of Project Mishoon, will unveil the fascinating journey behind the discovery of ancient dugout canoes known as mishoonash in this presentation.

She will delve into the rich heritage of the Nipmuc tribe and their ancestral navigation of the lake using these unique vessels. With scientific documentation, underwater imaging and captivating insights,

Stedtler will unveil the mysteries surrounding these rare mishoonash, dating back to the 1640s. People will learn how these remarkable finds are rewriting the narrative of New England’s archaeological landscape as they journey through time and heritage with Project Mishoon.

This program is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.



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Opinion

Letters to Editor

Character and conduct are important traits

The U.S. President is a prominent and influential role model for all citizens, especially kids. That's why the candidates' character and conduct are extremely important factors in choosing the next President.

Think about how the conduct of others affects you every day. For example, compare your personal reaction to being treated with respect, given honest answers or being treated with equality, versus being disrespected, lied to or looked down upon. It is impossible for someone to say they respect you when they are lying to you.

Now amplify the magnitude of these effects on everyone when the President engages in one or the other of those conducts. How the President treats people sets a powerful standard for all to follow and teaches children how to behave.

No one ever feels good when they are disrespected or when they see others being disrespected. Most past Presidents have shown dignity and respect towards those who disagree with them. Ask yourself how you want others to treat you or those you love. Then make your choice for President on the person who can help you achieve that goal.

Paul Gallo
Barre

Resident supports state Sen. Peter Durant

To the editor,

I am writing to share the reasons why my family is voting for state Sen. Peter Durant.

Sen. Durant was elected a year ago in a special election and in one year, he has shown his support for sportsmen and women in Massachusetts. He has met with sportsmen's groups and supported legislation that would benefit hunters and fishermen who are stewards of our land.

He has also voted against a bill that now stands to seriously impact the rights of those who hunt. The bad things about this firearms bill far outweighed the good things and Sen. Durant saw that and voted against the bill which ultimately, unfortunately, passed.

In just one year, he's accomplished quite a bit and I want to send him back to Boston where he can continue his good work.

Sincerely,
Bill Lewis
President, Hardwick Rod and Gun Club

A clear choice on election day

Dear Editor,

As we have watched the devastation from hurricanes unfold in North Carolina and Florida this fall, bringing flashbacks to recent flooding much closer to home, we know that anywhere could be the next place to be hit by climate change.

Wouldn't you want your elected officials to take that threat seriously?

Voters in the Worcester & Hampshire Senate District have a clear choice when they vote for their next State Senator. They can choose Sheila Dibb - an effective local leader who will put the communities of central Massachusetts first and act to curb the impacts of climate change, water pollution, and other environmental problems that affect daily life.

Or voters can choose the incumbent who was one of only two senators to vote against climate legislation earlier this year. Massachusetts Clean Water Action Vote Environment PAC chooses Sheila Dibb for State Senate.

Elizabeth Saunders
Chair, Massachusetts Clean Water Action
Vote Environment PAC

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at barrenews@turley.com or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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In Past Pages

5 years (Oct. 31, 2019)

The weather did not cooperate for the grand opening of the Oakham Historical Museum this Sunday, but people still came. When the Young family donated the Fobes-O'Donnell house circa 1765 to the Oakham Historical Association 25 years ago, the property contained a barn near the house. The association members tore down the barn as it was too costly to repair. The association began a fund raising campaign, raise the barn, to replace it. The Young Annex, replaced the barn as a place to house a Crawford horse drawn carriage, the town's horse drawn hearse and the Rev. Daniel Tomlinson's sleigh. Other large artifacts included a safe that was located in the Fobes Memorial Library, a giant cheese wheel, a washing machine and a collection of old dairy milk bottles donated by Eva Grimes.

Ghosts, ghouls, witches, creatures of the night and even Gene Simmons and KISS were just some of the scary beings people encountered that attended the Sixth Annual Hubbardston Haunted Halloween Hayride last weekend at Rietta Ranch in Hubbardston. "It's the biggest out of all of our events," said event organizer Bob Everett, a member of the Hubbardston Lion's Club, the organization that has been sponsoring the hayride since its inception a half dozen years ago. "We used to hold this at Mt. Jefferson in Hubbardston, but this is the best venue for it. It's nice and flat." Someone must have worked some spells or magic with both Friday and Saturday nights having perfect event weather, as the spooky evening had a variety of outdoor things to keep people entertained.

It did not take Hubbardston voters very long to approve both articles at a Special Town Meeting, Monday, Oct. 21. Town Administrator Ryan McLane said the budget approved at the Annual Town Meeting was less than the certified assessment by the Quabbin Regional District Committee. Hubbardston and two other towns did not approve the school budget. At a STM, the other two towns approved the amended certified Quabbin Regional School budget. McLane said for the town to meet its obligation to the school district, it must make cuts in other items. The amended total budget of \$9,303,301 passed unanimously.

10 years (Oct. 30, 2014)

Voters in Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Petersham and Rutland will head to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 4 for the state election. Candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor include Baker and Polito Republican, Coakley and Kerrigan Democrat, Falchuk and Jennings United Independent Party, Lively and Saunders, Independent and McCormick and Post, Independent. Senator in Congress candidates are Edward J. Markey, Democrat and Brian J. Herr, Republican.

LOOK BACK

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The 1953 Tornado destroyed this two tenement house on Old Stage Coach Road in Barre.

The Petersham Select Board met with the Zoning Board of Appeals, Advisory Finance Committee members and Tax Exempt Committee members regarding Heywood Healthcare's proposed drug and rehab facility on the former Sisters of Assumption property. John Flick of Flick Law Group, P.C. and a member of the Heywood Hospital Board of Trustees and Rebecca Bialecki, vice president of community health at Heywood, were also in attendance at last Monday's meeting. The Select Board received a letter from Flick Law Group, P.C., who represents Heywood Healthcare Inc., an applicant for a special permit form the town of Petersham. At the last ZBA hearing held on Tuesday, Sept. 16, it was suggested Heywood Healthcare provide a consultant to the town to assist with its review of the proposed project and its impact on the town.

The idea of starting a prayer shawl ministry happened after conversations while hiking the rail trail. Barbara Wrechinsky belonged to a prayer shawl ministry at the Holden Congregational Church before she moved to Oakham. Her walking companion and friend, Gail Pryce, loved to knit and thought starting a prayer shawl ministry at the Oakham Congregational Church was not

only an opportunity to knit, but an opportunity to knit something to help others. The group meets the second Wednesday of the month in the morning at the Oakham church and the fourth Thursday in the evening at the Fobes Memorial Library.

25 years (Oct. 28, 1999)

Back in 1859, the Abbot-Downing Co. in Concord, New Hampshire built its 472nd stagecoach. It would eventually be joined by some of 3,000 of its brethren in serving the transportation needs of a relatively new and expanding nation. Due to obsolescence and the ravages of time, only 70 of these horse-drawn marvels are known to still exist. Of that number, 50 are east of the Mississippi River and only three or four of the 70 have been preserved in their original condition. Due to some beneficial twists of fate and an ample dose of sheer luck, the Barre Historical Society owns one of these original treasures.

Hubbardston Fire Chief Seth Knipe met with selectmen on Oct. 25 and gave a report of departmental activities, expressing his concern over the long range well-being of his department. He told select-

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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.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in the Barre Gazette.

Guest Column



Pretty leaves make great mulch and more!

Even though we thought it was going to be a year of drab fall foliage, the colors this past weekend surprised me.

I saw so many neat plants doing their thing in response to the shorter days. When chlorophyll is broken down as a result of less daylight, lots of other colors take the place of green in the leaves.

We have our oranges and yellows from the carotenoids, the purple and red shades from the anthocyanins and the rusts and browns from tannins, and then there are plants that look ghost-like because the green color is just plain gone!

Besides enjoying great foliage, I saw the start of some very large leaf piles. I know that raking up fallen leaves are not everyone's favorite task, but gardeners should rejoice!

Read on to learn about the many uses of leaves, straight from the archives.

Consider for a moment the forest, and how stands of trees grow successfully without any input from us. Why is that so?

It is thanks to nature's own process of decomposition. Leaves, branches, and pine needles, etc., fall onto the forest floor where microbes such as fungi and bacteria break them down into humus.

Humus works between the mineral particles and air spaces in the soil, helping it to retain moisture yet drain readily. It also helps to enhance overall soil fertility by making nutrients available to plants in a form they can readily use.

Worms and other macro-organisms aerate the soil and disperse the humus around plant roots, making a self-perpetuating system. We can apply this lesson from nature to our own situation, making for more successful gardens and healthier lawns, and all by the use of leaves!

Perhaps the easiest way to deal with a small amount of leaves is to mow over them several times with the lawn mower. Soon the tiny pieces will disappear into the soil adding valuable nutrients as they break down.

The lawn mower also comes in handy after piles have been made. Mow over low piles or chop them up with a shredder, then they can be used for a variety of purposes.

Once the soil has frozen, chopped leaves make an excellent protective winter mulch for any type of garden. They won't mat down and rot the crowns of your favorite perennials the way whole leaves might, but they will moderate soil temperatures enough to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during normal cycles of freezing and thawing.

When spring arrives just pull back the mulch off the tops of the plants. It can stay in place covering bare soil, all the while conserving moisture, preventing weeds, and making humus!

If the "natural look" is unappealing to you apply a thin coat of bark mulch over chopped leaves to dress things up a bit. Repeat this drill every year for your

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

What beautiful fall weather we are getting this week. Some areas did get a frost, but we did not on Serenity Hill. I do have all the house plants brought in that I plan to keep. I took cuttings from the coleus and geraniums.

I did pick some holly with the berries before the birds ate all the berries. I put it in water and hopes it will keep until Christmas. I planted the window box on the wood shed with laurel and greens

There are so many pine needles and acorns this year. I have been raking up the driveway and have taken away at least 20 wheel barrows of pine needles. The back yard has a lot of acorns and I raked up a lot as they are dangerous to walk on.

I have most of the ornamental lawn things brought in waiting for the first snow storm. We were finally able to get Ken a hospital bed so we had to move the single bed out of his room. It took four months to get the bed. It is a lower bed and easier for him to get out of.

I made chicken wings this week and they were so good.

Here is a recipe I plan to try to week. Potatoes are always easy to get all times of the year.

CHEDDAR BAKED POTATO SLICES

- 1 can of cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 4 medium baking potatoes, sliced 1/4 inch
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

In a small bowl combine, soup, paprika and pepper. In a greased 1 quart casserole, arrange the potato slices overlapping and spread with cheese and soup mixture. Cover with foil and bake in 400 degree oven 45 minutes

and uncover and bake for 10 minutes. Serves 6.

This and That

There are lots of activities happening in town on Saturday, but I was unable to attend. I did get to do groceries when my helper came for the day on Friday. She made an apple pie while I was shopping.

I talked with my neighbor and he assured me that he would be able to plow our driveway this year again. I like to prepare for winter so that everything will go smoothly. We have to be able to get our helpers up our long driveway. We do have barrels of sand along the drive.

Usually snow is not the problem, but ice is. Being in the middle of the woods the ice does not melt. I also keep a pail of sand in the garage and one in the cellar.

I will need to get someone to start the generator to make sure it is working. The Fire Department was very helpful last year.

The foliage is getting to look very pretty. I am trying to decide whether to make green wreaths this year, I have artificial ones I use for inside so I suppose I will. I need to pick some partridgeberries to make a bowl also. We have a good supply of them in the woods.

The two hanging pots of Morning Glories are budded, but no blossoms yet. I hope they blossom before we get the frost. The Thanksgiving cactus has about 30 blossoms on it. Even some of the cuttings have blossoms on them.

Have a good week and enjoy the foliage. New England is especially pretty this time of year. I love autumn in New England, but what comes next is not my favorite season.



Juliana White gets ready to finish the Kids 200-Foot Dash and receive her medal.

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Joshua Savary, 39:29; Nicole Keleher, 39:54; Nicholas Hintlian, 39:57; Robbie Rostami, 40:00; Tom Bockus, 40:47; Tim Hawley, 41:05; Jeffrey Spencer, 42:11; Audrey Snay, 42:31; David Maher, 44:28; Toni Brown, 44:50; Kristin Hintlian, 45:08; Kevin Loggie, 46:38; Adeline Ford, 46:43; Evan White, 47:22; Steve Prouty, 48:49; Melissa White, 50:30; Jenni DiMauro, 50:51; Michelle Sheperd, 53:33; Mike Cavanaugh, 53:54; Pam Clark, 53:56; and Rachel Wilson, 59:59.

Results of the 5K Run/Walk are as follows: Walker Larson, 28:00; Hazel Larson, 28:06; Parker Bottomley, 28:12; Rachel Ross, 28:58; Mark Kablack, 29:21; Elizabeth Bottomley, 31:13; Brian Savilonis, 31:49; Lynne Feldman, 31:54; Elise Rodier, 32:17; Clayton Larson, 32:29; David Larson, 32:31; Timothy Messer, 32:46; Kent Rissmiller, 33:28; Paula Ouimette, 33:41; Claire Norberg, 34:15; Emily Savary, 34:52; Calia Rich, 39:26; Catriona Standfield, 41:16; Ann Neubeurg, 43:00; Gary Benedetti, 42:52; Katherine Benedetti, 45:54; Mike Messer, 45:59; Meghan Rodier, 46:20; Kristine Gaffney, 49:27; Joann Crain, 49:29; Paula Ye, 52:38; Marcia Messier, 53:00; Dawn Gray, 55:07; Kathy Scheriff, 55:13; Brittany Gray, 55:17; Kasey Dorsch, 55:22; Rich Dorsch, 55:23; Denise Arginlo, 55:24; Leslie Barone, 55:46; Marjorie Crogan, 56:27; Sharon Hanson, 56:28; Sheila Malice, 56:30 and Mike Stoll, 58:30.

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For more information about the East Quabbin Land Trust, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary,



Michael Staback races to the finish line in the Kids 200-Foot Dash.



Walker Larson took first place male and first overall for the 5K Run/Walk with a time of 28:00.



Devon Bjorklund earned second place in the Kids 1/4 Mile Run.



Hazel Larson finished six seconds behind her brother, Walker, for first place female and second place overall.



Calia Rich completed the 5K Run/Walk with a time of 39:26.



Over 75 people participated in the 13th annual Station Loop Ramble.



White-throated sparrow, white and tan striped morphs



A Brimfield resident reported white-throated sparrows in his yard.

He said, "Adult white-throated sparrows are polymorphic, occurring in two plumage types or forms: white striped (bright) or tan striped (dull). Almost all of the white-throated sparrows I see are the tan striped morph." I also saw white-throated sparrows, but they are mostly the white striped morph.

I put a small amount of bird seed and shelled peanuts in my feeders in the morning. I do not fill them as there are many black bears in my area. With this wonderful Indian summer weather, I have been working outside since I use a laptop computer. Besides working on the two papers I edit, Barre Gazette and Country Journal, I enjoy the weather, and get to see birds coming and going at the feeders.

The white-throated sparrow is 6 1/2 inches long with a dark crown with a buff or tan central stripe and white throat. Depending on which morph, they have either white or tan eyebrows with a yellow mark before the eye. Their breast is gray with a few, faint streaks.

The female has a less bold pattern on the head, duller yellow by eye, more streaking on the breast and grayer. The immature of either sex looks like the female. Immature plumage is kept through their first winter. Breeding pair usually contains one bird from each morph, either a tan female and white male or white female and tan male.

The female lays four to six light blue-green eggs

with dark marks in a nest of grasses lined with hairs and rootlets. It is placed on the ground or under a small tree or shrub.

For many years, my family and I had horses. Their hair was a popular nesting material for the birds in our yard. Nests often had horse hair woven into them. After grooming the horses, birds would often come and fly away with strands of horse hair especially from the horses' mane or tail.

White throated sparrows summer in Canada and winter in the northeastern and part of the southern United States. They feed on the ground eating weed seeds, grain, fruit and insects. They come to tray type feeders or scattered on the ground. They like cracked corn, sunflower seeds and millet.

Their song is two long whistled notes followed by three or four higher, quivering notes. It sounds like "sweet sweet Canada Canada Canada." Calls are "tseeet" when birds are in flocks and "pink" in alarm. They inhabit coniferous and mixed woods and brushy areas.

Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident reported not much happening at the Warren ponds. In his yard, he saw a male eastern towhee, a couple of ruby-crowned kinglets, five goldfinches, a chipping sparrow, song sparrow and white-throated sparrows.

Black swallow tail caterpillars

The Brimfield resident also said in an email, "Over a week ago we found a couple of black swallowtail caterpillars on a volunteer 12" tall fennel plant growing out of the space between pavers in our walkway. I collected the caterpillars and put them in the house in a small aquarium with fennel leaves. Last year we found three black swallowtail caterpillars chrysalises in the garden, kept them inside a shed over the winter and in the spring tied the chrysalises to tree branches. All three hatched and flew away."

Fun facts about Canada geese

The Brimfield resident also offered some facts about Canada geese he got from MassWildlife. Human intervention radically altered the status of this species within the Bay State. Before the 1930s, these geese rarely nested here, today many Canada geese are in this state year round.

Their migratory population still pass through in the spring and fall and stop to rest during migration. Resident population are descendants of captive geese used by waterfowl hunters; live decoys were outlawed in the 1930s and captive birds were released. With no pattern of migration, these geese began nesting in Massachusetts. In the 1960s and early 1970s, MassWildlife moved geese from the coast into central and western Massachusetts to the applause of both hunters and non-hunters. A population explosion followed.

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

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a loader in case, the town's equipment failed during the winter season. It is used heavily in the winter to load salt and sand onto the trucks to treat roads.

Cable license renewal

Chair Marshall said the cable license with the town and Charter Spectrum was up for renewal. She said Town Administrator Tammy Martin and she would be meeting with the attorney the town uses for cable related matters. The town and cable company have 2 1/2 months to

negotiate the license renewal.

Appointments

The town has a potential mechanic candidate. Hopefully, the DPW will have a mechanic soon, a position that is currently not filled. The Select Board unanimously approved a Level 1 Step 2 for Tyler Goyette at \$23.86 per hour, a new hire for the DPW. They also appointed Shawn Puchalski to Traffic Control.

Other business

The Select Board unanimously approved inter-department transfers for Fiscal Year 2024. The Finance Committee already met and granted

unanimous approval of the transfers. The transfers were needed to close out the books.

Town Administrator Martin said the fraud assessment was almost complete. There will be a final meeting this week and the report will be given to the Select Board.

Executive session

The Select Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session citing, "MGL 30A § 21(A) - "To conduct strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel ... for Interim Fire Chief." They would return to open session for the purpose of adjournment.



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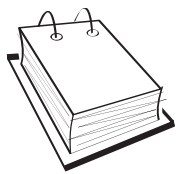
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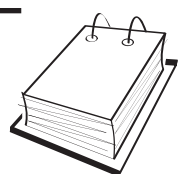
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, OCT. 24

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.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

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 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.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

BARRE FARMER'S MARKET will be held today from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common, Barre. There be 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. This is the last one of the season.

FALL INDOOR YARD SALE will be held today from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, On the Common, Hubbardston. There will be yard sale items, spices, coffee and bake table, knitting, cord wood raffle and homespun quilt raffle.

ANNUAL NO. 4 SCHOOLHOUSE HALLOWEEN PARTY takes place today from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the No. 4 Schoolhouse located on Farrington Road in Barre. Saturday October 26th



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This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. 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. 28. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, Evelyn Luukko and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was the closed bridge in Hardwick by Creamery Road and River Run Road, which connects with Unitas Road.

from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

TINA AND MARK MIRABELLA, former owners of the only house on Tomlinson Road, Oakham, will present the story of their journey from Oakham to New Hampshire and back again today at 2 p.m. at the open house held in Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. The house was built for the Rev. Daniel Tomlinson who in 1786 became the minister in the Congregational Church for the next 50 years.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

TRUNK OR TREAT will take place today on the Common, Barre. Cars will line Common Street with their trunks full of treats for children and tables will be set up on the common. The Barre Historical Society, located on Common Street, will also par-

ticipate will also thanks to a recent donation made in memory of Sue Fullam and Elisabeth Garipey so stop by the historical society for a treat.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by Cradle Rock Order of Eastern Star will be held today from 7-10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 8 and under. The breakfast is open to all and people may design their own pancakes then add sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, waffles, juice and coffee. Pure maple syrup is always served.

40TH CENTRAL MASS. POSTCARD SHOW and co-sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Church will be held today from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the church, 29 South St, on Barre Common, Barre. Admission of \$3 benefits the church, who will also sell food from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ten dealers from four

states will offer old picture postcards for sale including local town views and many topics. Anyone with questions may email show manager J.R. Greene at jrg01331@webtv.net.

CHRISTMAS FAIR sponsored by St. Joseph's Parish, 296 North Main St., North Brookfield will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be a bake sale, handmade 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.

DRIVE THRU CHURCH SUPPER will be held at the Barre Congregational church, 30 Park St., Barre from 5-5:30 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre. The menu includes roast pork, salad, potato, vegetable and dessert. Cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 per child under 12. People should RSVP by calling 978-355-4041 and leave a message on the answering machine and they will return the call.

TURKEY SUPPER will be held at the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Rutland today at 5:30 p.m. The menu consists of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, squash, rolls, and apple crisp for dessert. Cost is \$15 adults, \$7 children age 5-12 and free for children under 5. Reservations are required by calling the church at 508-886-4453. Take out dinners will be available after 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

REGIONAL FLU CLINIC with the towns of Oakham, Hardwick and New Braintree will be held today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. People should bring their insurance and ID cards. They should visit this link to sign up <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1D1cD950y2Pc30b15zUMZu-jSLgFE7eOCpMVvNsh264DE/edit>.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION on the "History of Mishoon" will take place today from 1-3 p.m. at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. Cheryl Stedtler, Hassanamico Nipmuc Band tribal member and director of Project Mishoon, will present the program on the fascinating journey behind the discovery of ancient dugout canoes known as mishoonash submerged in Lake Quinsigamond. The program is free and open all. Light refreshments will follow her presentation.

MONDAY, NOV. 11

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY will take place at 11 a.m. in Veterans Park, On the Common, Barre. Local residents are invited to attend.

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Rutland, where she has a deep commitment to local governance.

Dibb said, "My passion from day one has been local government," citing her 13 years on Rutland's select board and her involvement in significant projects such as water, sewer, and infrastructure improvements.

She conveyed a vision for revitalizing small towns like Ware, stating, "We just need a chance to bring life back to it. Ware could be a gateway town."

Rural healthcare needs

A key concern in the district is the lack of medical services, with many towns described as healthcare deserts. This issue was brought to the forefront by the recent closure of Mary Lane Hospital.

Durant referred to this closure as "tragic," emphasizing its historical significance and the impact on the community. He noted that the CEO is committed to working with the Historical Commission and "does not want to demolish the building at this time."

He also highlighted the broader issue facing community hospitals, stating, "Nearly 30% of community hospitals are in danger of failing."

Durant shared his experience working to keep Harrington Hospital operational and emphasized the need for collaboration with larger healthcare networks like UMass and Baystate to address the gap left by Mary Lane's closure. He proposed looking to Gardner as a model, a town with more urgent care facilities than hospitals.

Dibb agreed on the importance of Mary Lane Hospital, calling it the "center of the community for over 100 years." She discussed

potential models for healthcare delivery, suggesting a focus on urgent care and smaller clinics that can better serve the needs of local residents.

Dibb stressed the distances that Ware residents must travel to access adequate medical care and advocated for reinventing healthcare services at a local level.

Support for small businesses

As economic pressures on small businesses continue to grow – due in part to rising rent, insurance, and energy costs – both candidates shared their visions for supporting local enterprises. Dibb described Ware as a "gateway community" and advocated for the creation of opportunity zones and revitalization of Main Street.

She emphasizes the need to ensure that grants and resources are accessible to all businesses, particularly those that may lack the knowledge or power of larger corporations. Dibb identified the need for improved communication about available grants as a crucial factor in supporting local businesses.

Durant took a different approach, highlighting the establishment of the Community One Stop for Growth grant application process during the Baker administration, which he believes has helped businesses navigate funding opportunities more effectively.

He pointed out that the criteria for gateway cities to access some state programs are often too stringent, which can disadvantage smaller towns. He noted that the "priorities of the state tend to get skewed because it's way too expensive to build a house with some of these regulations."

Durant called for a reduction in regulatory burdens, specifically mentioning the no fossil fuels rule

in new buildings as an example of regulations that drive up costs and hinder development.

Rural Policy Plan

With 17 of the 22 communities in this Senate district classified as rural, the candidates were asked to discuss amendments to the Rural Policy Plan and how to ensure equitable resource distribution.

Durant highlighted the Quabbin watershed, stating, "Quabbin provides 100 billion gallons of water a day for the people in Boston." He underscored the importance of preserving this resource and suggested implementing a fee for taking water from the watershed, proposing a sort of "pennies on the gallon fee" to create a fund that could support the communities impacted by water extraction.

Dibb echoed Durant's emphasis on the Quabbin, advocating for increased education about the communities surrounding the watershed and the work they do to maintain water quality.

She stated, "Rural aid needs to be codified," pointing out the necessity of addressing challenges like waste management from Boston and the protection of farmland. Dibb noted that 17% of Massachusetts is farmland, with 460,000 acres currently unprotected, highlighting the need for stronger policies to safeguard these vital resources.

Balancing development and green space

As Massachusetts grapples with new housing and energy legislation, the candidates were questioned on how to balance the need for housing and clean energy with the preservation of green space.

Dibb expressed her concern about solar farms taking up farmland, arguing, "Solar is great, but there's plenty of other options." She proposed innovative solutions such as installing solar panels on rooftops and above roads and parking lots, stating, "Two birds, one stone: less heat on the pavement or weather on cars plus the benefits of solar power."

Dibb acknowledged the progress made by the climate bill but emphasized that solar installations should not come at the expense of valuable agricultural land.

Durant addressed the complaints surrounding solar installations, argu-

ing that landowners often prefer solar projects due to existing ownership structures. He pointed out the potential for solar energy generation without sacrificing agricultural land.

Durant also brought up the importance of exploring alternative energy sources, including "small modular nuclear" options, and called for a focus on promoting natural gas to lower energy prices while meeting housing production needs.

Infrastructure investment

Both candidates recognized the urgent need to address aging infrastructure across the state. Durant highlighted the high costs associated with road repairs, noting that Massachusetts ranks among the highest in the nation for repair costs per mile.

He attributed part of this to Project Labor Agreements that inflate expenses.

"We need to focus on programs to finish projects quicker," he said, referencing a bridge project he once worked on. He argued that more efficient project execution could lead to significant cost savings.

Dibb pointed out that many towns rely heavily on Chapter 90 funding for road maintenance, which often only addresses the most critical issues. She called for an increase in Chapter 90 funding at the state level and advocated for greater inclusion of towns in the Transportation Improvement Project process, arguing that "we need more towns on TIP" to ensure broader access to funding for infrastructure improvements.

State and local government relations

The dynamic between local and state government was another focal point of the forum. Dibb lamented the occasional disconnect, stating, "Only sometimes do local and state come together."

She cited the cooperation seen during the COVID-19 pandemic as a positive example but emphasized the need for ongoing collaboration.

"The state doesn't just stop at 495 and start back up again at Northampton and the Berkshires," she said, calling for a representative who understands the unique needs of western Massachusetts.

In contrast, Durant defended the relationships he has cultivated with state and local officials.

He stated, "This is where we're going to diverge because that's completely wrong." He cited his ability to secure nearly a million dollars in earmarks for public safety

and public works, emphasizing that building relationships is essential in government.

"It's all about knowing people," he noted, adding that he has acquired nearly \$10 million in bonds for the district.

Immigration

The candidates also addressed the complex issue of supporting migrants while ensuring that local communities' needs are met. Durant raised concerns about the financial implications of the Right to Shelter act, asserting that it has led to increased crime in Massachusetts.

He stated, "New England ICE says a huge uptick in crime is only happening in Massachusetts due to our Right to Shelter act."

He expressed a desire to support only legal immigration, arguing that illegal immigration strains local resources, noting, "There's a 1.2 billion dollar fund for the care of these people."

Dibb offered a contrasting view, sharing her father's immigrant story and emphasizing the contributions that immigrants make to the community. She pointed to the need for adaptable support systems, stating that as more people immigrate, "we change the laws again and again to make more hoops to jump through."

Dibb highlighted the consequences of the Baker administration's decision to require an eviction notice for state rental assistance applications, which she believes exacerbated homelessness.

She stated, "When state rental assistance dropped after COVID in April 2022, in June 2022, homelessness numbers doubled."

Addressing crumbling foundations

Crumbling foundations emerged as a critical issue in the district, particularly affecting homes built with defective concrete due to one specific company hailing from Connecticut. Dibb highlighted the severity of the problem, citing potential deterioration due to pyrrhotite in the concrete.

"The damage is irreversible," she warned, noting that replacement costs can reach around \$200,000. She coins it as this generations lead paint and asbestos and states even if it is not physically harming someone the debt this kind of thing incurs could cripple someone.

Dibb mentions a failed legislation brought on by former state Sen. Anne Gobi that was modeled after the fund in Connecticut to help people with these issues. Gobi campaigned for seven years for it and it died on the senate floor and Dibb

expresses disappointment for this fact.

Durant responded by acknowledging the ongoing challenges related to crumbling foundations, asserting that the legislation Dibb mentioned failed because it was not well-crafted. He emphasized the importance of creating a fund to address the issue, stating, "We came up with a workable solution to create a fund and put money into it."

He noted that when a revised proposal was presented, it received unanimous support, countering the perception that a Republican cannot get things passed. He quoted an unnamed Democrat who opposed the initial bill, claiming, "I don't care about these people," to illustrate the challenges faced in legislative processes.

Closing statements

In their closing remarks, both candidates summarized their visions for the future.

Durant expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a senator, stating, "Being a senator, first and foremost, has been the greatest honor of my life." He emphasized the importance of holding the government accountable and expressed concern over the immigration crisis, stating that it costs "billions and billions every year."

He called for a representative who can effectively advocate for the district's needs, emphasizing the relationships he has built in government.

Dibb concluded by reflecting on her pragmatic approach, stating, "I'm honestly not sure how I feel about earmarks." She reiterated the importance of addressing crumbling foundations as a pressing issue, likening it to lead paint and asbestos.

Dibb emphasized her commitment to looking at long-term solutions, saying, "The idea of saving a dime today just to know you're going to spend a dollar later because you didn't look long-term at the way some of these issues affect us is not the way I operate." She underscored her focus on the big picture and long-term projects that would ultimately benefit the community.

As the forum concluded, it became clear that both Durant and Dibb offer distinct approaches to governance and the challenges facing their district. Their differing perspectives on local issues will undoubtedly influence the upcoming election and shape the future of Massachusetts' rural communities.

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SPORTS

Panthers fall in tough matchup



Alijah Flint sends the goal kick away.

BARRE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Quabbin Regional boys soccer had a tough matchup with visiting Bromfield. The Panthers fell 10-2, falling to 2-12-1 on the season. The regular season concluded with a matchup with Uxbridge. Quabbin will not make the state tournament.

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Owen Twarog is pressured by an opposing midfielder.



Kevin Boles makes his way up the field.



Jacoby Dilling fights to keep the ball.



James Cook goes after the loose ball.

Panthers get shutout over Quaboag

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN—Quabbin Regional head coach Shelly Zalneratis and Quaboag Regional head coach John O'Neill are two of the veteran field hockey coaches in Central Massachusetts.

The longtime friends have always enjoyed competing against each other.

The only meeting of the regular season between the two squads took place on Columbus Day and the Quabbin Lady Panthers posted a 4-0 road victory over the Quaboag Lady Cougars.

"I always love playing against John's teams," Zalneratis said. "We're longtime friends and we've been competing against each other for many years. It's a great relationship. Quaboag is a very young team this year and they play an extremely difficult schedule, but the future does look bright for them."

Quaboag had a 7-5 overall record following the home loss, which was played on a gloomy morning.

"I thought we played well in today's game," said John O'Neill, who's wrapping up his 42nd season as the Lady Cougars head coach. "We played better defense in the second. It's always fun to play against Quabbin."

O'Neill couldn't remember the first time that he coached against Zalneratis.

"Shelly is always trying to improve as a head coach by going to clinics," O'Neill said. "She's a student of the

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Regular season concludes with win

WARREN – Last Friday, the Pathfinder High School boys soccer team borrowed Quaboag's stadium field to play its final home game, scoring a 6-1 win over Athol. In the win, Jaleel Roman had two goals for the Pioneers. Evan Costa, Adonis Dupre, Talon Clark, and Cayden Bousquet had the other goals for the Pioneers. Pathfinder, which co-ops with Palmer, finishes the regular season at 9-5-1. The Pioneers are guaranteed a Division 5 state tournament spot, and will wait to learn if it made the Western Mass. tournament. If the Pioneers do not play in the section tournament, they will play a couple of non-playoff games this week.



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Justin Davis chases down the ball.



Brody Wetnicka chases after a loose ball.



Cayden Bousquet clears the ball away.



Owen Pear passes ahead of pressure.



Evan Costa sends a quick pass away.

Panthers fall at Holyoke

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday evening, Palmer High School field hockey had a tough matchup against Holyoke, falling 4-0. It was the second time this season Palmer, which co-ops with Pathfinder, would fall to the Knights. This time, however, the defense was much-improved, only allowing four goals on Holyoke's turf field, where the ball travels much faster than on Palmer's home grass field. The Panthers are 0-10-1.

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Ellisyn Gelinis maneuvers through the middle of the field, with pressure coming on.



Greenly Lagimoniere looks to shoot.



Willow Laboy gets possession.



Hannah Roy looks to send the ball up the field.



Eldi Arroyo sends a pass up the field.

Sports

Candlepin League News

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Thursday Night Mixed League

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Thursday Night Mixed League at Bogey Lanes bowled week four of the season.

The standings as of Oct. 17 had Scorpion Bowlers in first place with a record of 30-2. Team Four is a close second place team with a record of 29-3. Hogs are in third place with a record of 28-4. Team Eleven, Glen Echo Bowlers and Team Seven are tied for fourth place at 16-16.

Team Seven bowled against Team Twelve this past week. In game one, Team Seven was victorious 384-376. In game two, Team Seven won again 411-397. In game three, Team Seven won again for a sweep over Team Twelve, 406-405. The final score was 1201-1178 in favor of Team Seven.

Team Five bowled against the #1 seed Scorpion Bowlers. In game one, Scorpion Bowlers took game one 409-383. In game two, Scorpion Bowlers won again by a score of 393-385. Scorpion Bowlers won the final game 397-380. Final score was 1199-1148 in favor of Scorpion Bowlers who are successfully defending their #1 seed.

Team Nine bowled against the Glen Echo Bowlers. In game one, Team Nine was victorious 411-390. In game

two, Zo Nowak of Glen Echo Bowlers scored a 124 during the team's win over Team Nine, 439-396.

In game three, Nowak bowled a 117 as the Glen Echo Bowlers won again 424-402. The final score was 1253-1209 in favor of Glen Echo Bowlers.

Team Four was victorious in all three games during week four. Aaron Fontaine was having a successful night by bowling a series of 413. Fontaine's scores consisted of 146, 141 and 126.

Team Four had scores of 453, 464 and 439 for a final score of 1356.

Team Eleven bowled against Team Six. In game one, Team Six was victorious 424-393. Logan Kellaheer of Team Six started the night with a 116 and his teammate Jay Wassmer started with a 109.

Team 11 was victorious in game two, 387-383. In game three, Team Six won 396-370. Team Six also won total pinfall by a final score of 1203-1150.

The #3 seed Hogs bowled against the B Team. In game one, the B Team was victorious 382-370. In game two, The Hogs won 390-374. Drew Kolb of B Team bowled a 117.

In game three, The Hogs won again and took six points in their match against the B Team. The score in game three was 393-375 in favor of the Hogs. Total pinfall was won by the Hogs with a final score of 1153-1131.

Bogey Lanes is located at 199 North Brookfield Road. The lanes can be reached by calling 508-867-6629.

Quabbin Athletic Hall induction set for Nov. 9

BARRE – Tickets for the 10th Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame Induction are now available for the Nov. 9 ceremony to be held at The Hardwick Crossing Country Club. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the induction ceremony.

Eight individuals and a pair of championship teams will be honored. Dating back to the first induction in 2002, this will bring the total number of individual inductees to 65 and 9 teams.

The induction Class includes: Rick Wine '77, Anne Marie Midura Kilpatrick '86, Melissa Staiti Leslie '00, Hadley Adams '04, Bob Mitus '04, Ethan Dickson '07, Kyla Dickson '09 and Christian Horton '12, 1973 Baseball Team, 1985 Softball Team.

Tickets are \$50 and may be obtained by calling Hall of Fame Chairman Ted Gumula at (413) 348-0414 or through the mail by contacting: Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 874 Barre, MA 01005. The last date to purchase tickets will be Oct. 19 and all checks must be payable to QRSD.

Bonsignore sweeps weekend at North Wilkesboro

Justin Bonsignore found himself in North Wilkesboro Speedway Victory Lane twice this weekend. The driver of the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine for Kenneth Massa Motorsports swept the weekend of Modified competition at the historic track - winning both the SMART Modified Tour season-finale 99 on Saturday and the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Brushy Mountain Powersports 150 on Sunday.

Bonsignore's SMART Tour victory came in his first career start with the series. He dominated the race and held off Matt Hirschman over the final laps to score the win.

His NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win on Sunday was his fourth of the season and second straight. It was also his 44th career Whelen Modified Tour win - tying Reggie Ruggiero for second on the all-time NWMT wins list. Bonsignore also took back the series points lead heading for the finale at Martinsville Speedway (October 26) by 10 points in search of his fourth series championship.

"This car is two-for-two this year," Bonsignore said. "Just a great job by everyone. These cars have been lights out. It's just really special. Forty-four wins... it's cool. But there's a bigger goal next week. I'm looking forward to Martinsville... it can't come soon enough."

Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports crew will return to the track for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season-finale at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, Oct. 26.

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game. I've really enjoyed competing against her teams over the years."

The Lady Cougars entered the match-up having outscored their previous three opponents, 13-3.

The shutout victory improved the Lady Panthers overall record to 7-5-2.

"This win is very good for our confidence," Zalneratis added. "We also had the opportunity to work on several different things in today's game."

Quabbin has now won the last four meetings in the rivalry series. They celebrated a 3-1 home win a year ago.

"We've been able to win the past couple of games against Quaboag, but the series has gone back and forth over the years," Zalneratis said.

"This series will continue as long as I'm coaching here."

With a little more than ten minutes remaining in the first quarter, Katelynn Swistak, who's the only senior listed on the Lady Cougars roster, fired a shot on goal, but Quabbin sophomore goalie Aubrey Thorpe was able to make a kick save. It wound up being Thorpe's only save of the entire match. It was also her fifth shutout of the regular season.

The members of the Lady Panthers defensive unit are sophomore Violet Kelley, junior Madelyn Stauder, senior Sydney Slattery, and senior Kylie George.

Down at the other end of the field, Quaboag sophomore Riley Gray made seven saves in the non-league contest.

A couple of minutes later the Lady Panthers took a 1-0 lead when sophomore Abigail Rogowski delivered a pass from the left side to junior Farrah Wojcik, who banged a wide open shot into the cage.

"Scoring the first goal of the game is definitely something we've worked on all season long," Zalneratis said. "Abi made a nice pass to Farrah, who scored our first goal."

During the final seconds of the first quarter, which is 15 minutes long, Wojcik sent a pass to classmate Olivia Breault, who scored Quabbin's second goal.

After failing to score on their first five penalty corners, Quabbin converted a goal on their sixth corner with nine minutes left in the first half.

Wojcik inserted the ball from the left side of the cage. After a pass went to Rogowski, sophomore Makenzie Casey fired a shot which was tipped into the cage by junior Alyssa Ebert.

At the end of the first half, the Lady Cougars had a penalty corner opportunity. The ball was inserted by seventh grader Stephanie Swistak, but it was quickly cleared away by the Quabbin defense.

Neither team scored a goal during the third quarter.

The Lady Panthers final goal of the match, which was unassisted, was scored by freshman Kayla Curran with 6:36 remaining in regulation.

"We had four different goal scorers in today's game," Zalneratis said. "It's something that we'll need to do in the postseason tournament."

While the Lady Cougars are wrapping up their regular season this week, the Lady Panthers were scheduled to host Saint Paul Diocesan of Worcester in the semifinals of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association tournament on Wednesday afternoon.

Quabbin and Quaboag could face each other again in the Division 4 state tournament.

T-Birds offense stymied in Providence

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-3-0-0) could not solve the Providence Bruins (2-2-0-0) and their goaltender Michael DiPietro, falling 3-0 on Sunday afternoon inside Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Colten Ellis earned a second consecutive start after defeating the Bruins an evening earlier, and the young goaltender was kept busy in a first period that saw Providence outshoot Springfield 12-4.

The Bruins eventually cracked the ice at 12:17 following an extended shift in the offensive zone. Veteran blueliner Jordan Oesterle located open ice in the left circle, stepped up, and slapped a one-time feed from Fabian Lysell over Ellis's shoulder, giving the Bruins the 1-0 edge.

5:42 later, in his second tour of duty as a Bruin, Vinni Lettieri continued his lengthy history of success against the T-Birds when he one-timed a shot through Ellis to extend the Bruins lead to 2-0 heading into intermission.

Springfield came out hungrier in

the second period, but DiPietro was equal to the task, as he calmly stood tall against 10 T-Birds attempts. His best save came past the midpoint of the second, when he came out to challenge Aleksanteri Kaskimaki on a 4-on-2, denying the rookie his first AHL goal.

As the game moved to the third, the T-Birds tried to up the ante on offense, and Marcus Sylvegard had the best chance of the day with a breakaway bid, but DiPietro had the answer to turn aside the man who had the game-winning goal a night earlier.

In the end, despite a perfect 4-for-4 showing by the Springfield penalty kill and a 31-save performance from Ellis, the offensive drought proved costly, and Patrick Brown sealed matters with an empty-netter in the final 90 seconds to seal it up for the Bruins.

The T-Birds return home to begin another three-game weekend on Friday, Oct. 25 against the Grand Rapids Griffins. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.



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Athlete of the Month

NAME: Alijah Flint
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Though it has been a tough season on offense for Quabbin boys soccer, Flint has been a constant in net all season long.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Education

COLLEGE NOTES

Margaret Cremins graduates from SUNY Delhi

DELHI, N.Y. – Margaret Cremins of Barre graduated from State University New York Delhi in the spring of 2024.

Cremins, graduated from SUNY Delhi with an associate degree in electrical construction and utility operations. Commencement was held Saturday, May 18, 2024, with certificates, associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees conferred upon the classes of fall 2023 and spring 2024.

College of the Holy Cross lists newly enrolled students

WORCESTER – The College of the Holy Cross congratulates the 835 new Crusaders starting at the College in fall 2024.

Local students in the Class of 2028 are: Caroline Bierfeldt of Rutland, Ron Burton of Hubbardston, Benjamin King of Rutland and Timothy King of Rutland.

At 835 students, the Class of 2028

includes students from 507 different high schools, 41 U.S. states and territories, 13 different countries and 33 different languages spoken. This incoming class represents one of the most diverse and academically accomplished classes in the college's history.

Laney Harrold attends Buffalo State University Welcomes Class of 2028

BUFFALO, NY – Buffalo State University announces Laney Harrold of Hubbardston joined the university community as a first-year, full-time student majoring in electrical engineering technology, smart grid.

Buffalo State University is a State University of New York university located in Buffalo, New York, offering over 75 undergraduate majors, more than 60 graduate programs, as well as many minors and certificate programs. Founded in 1871, SUNY Buffalo State University offers the perfect blend of a small, caring environment with large university opportunities.

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hoping the tax-exempt organizations in town are willing to work with the municipality.

The Select Board will continue this conversation at their next meeting. Town Administrator Justine Caggiano suggested that board members continue the discussion and become familiar with all of the tax exempt organizations in town.

Budget update

Caggiano spoke with the Select Board about starting early on the budget and requesting information from all departments. Worksheets for each department are being worked on and will be starting after Thanksgiving.

"This is more of a formal process," Caggiano said. "Change some accounts to make things more transparent."

Caggiano feels it is best for all departments to be responsible for their own expenses. After talking with the

Finance Committee, she is wanting to get a better understanding of how each department is run and be more involved in the process of handling their budgets.

Land conservation

Cynthia Henshaw of the East Quabbin Land Trust approached the Select Board to discuss several projects going on this year in Hardwick, including a 90-acre property with conservation restrictions put in place.

The Select Board was wondering if the EQLT had any plans for this property which is predominantly woods.

There are educational programs in place by the EQLT. However, when it comes to this property there are no events in place.

"We'll provide that flexibility in the future," Henshaw said. As of now this property does not fit that criteria.

Trick or Treating

The Board voted to have hold had Trick or Treating hours on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5-8 p.m.

Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Convinced Part 3

Do you possess convictions?

In other words, what bedrock beliefs both inform and impact the manner in which you live? In this series we will explore an array of scriptural truths that should shape your life and living. Let us continue accordingly:

1) The Love of God

To what degree are you convinced of the love of God? Scripture ongoingly testifies to the affection God has for humanity. The following text timelessly articulates that affection, making it arguably the most well-known passage in the whole Bible:

John 3:16 (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

I read the following anecdote many years ago. It yet resonates on this grand theme.

A certain medieval monk announced he would be preaching next Sunday evening on the love of God. As the shadows fell and the light ceased to come in through the cathedral windows, the congregation gathered. In the darkness of the altar, the monk lit a candle and carried it to the crucifix. First of all, he illuminated the crown of thorns, next, the two wounded hands, then the marks of the spear wound. In the hush that fell, he blew out the candle and left the chancel. There was nothing else to say.

2) The Forgiveness of God

To what degree are you convinced that God can and will pardon sin? Scripture continually attests to His forgiving nature.

Isaiah 1:18

18 "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord.

"Though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson they shall be like wool."

There is an old account concerning Martin Luther. Namely, in a dream Luther found himself being attacked by the devil. Satan unrolled a long scroll containing a list of Luther's sins and held it before him. On reaching the end of the scroll Luther asked the devil, "Is that all?" "No," came the reply and a second scroll was thrust in front of him. Then, after a second came a third. But now Satan had no more. "You've forgotten something," Luther exclaimed triumphantly. "Quickly write on each of them, 'The blood of Jesus Christ God's son cleanses us from all sins.'"

3) The Hope of Life Eternal

To what degree are you persuaded that there is a hope beyond this life? Do you realize that Jesus promised such a hope?

John 14:2-3

2 "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Most people do not think often of eternity. Yet this does not negate

the reality we were made to live forever with Him! The following account, born of the life and experiences of W. B. Hinson, speaks to the wonder of everlasting life with God:

Thinking of the fullness and duration of this wonderful life, W. B. Hinson, a great preacher of a past generation, spoke from his own experience just before he died. He said, "I remember a year ago when a doctor told me, 'You have an illness from which you won't recover.' I walked out to where I live 5 miles from Portland, Oregon and I looked across at that mountain that I love. I looked at the river in which I rejoice and I looked at the stately trees that are always God's own poetry to my soul. Then in the evening I looked up into the great sky where God was lighting His lamp and I said, 'I may not see you many more times, but Mountain, I shall be alive when you are gone; and River, I shall be alive when you cease running toward the sea; and Stars, I shall be alive when you have fallen from your sockets in the great down pulling of the material universe.'"

Have you cast yourself upon the love of God available in Christ Jesus, that you might know pardon and hope unto eternity? If so, revel in these realities and allow them to shape your life. If not, may this be the day of your salvation. Come to Jesus.

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 or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

Pastor James Foley

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Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost Second Stewardship Sunday

"We are Grateful to God..."

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com. Scripture Reading: Colossians 3 v 12 - 17

I. Introduction

Some of us had the privilege to be raised by our biological parents, and some of us may have been adopted by caring parents; some of us may have lost a parent or both in life, and some of us may have been raised by an adult in the family, an aunt or uncle or grandparents.

Then there are some of us who have been in foster homes or have had to find ways to be in this life without the care of an adult. Whatever our circumstances are or were, somewhere in life, I hope, we have found someone, an adult person or persons, who have gone out of their way to love us and care for us.

And those are the people whom we are grateful for in this life for loving us, holding us close, listen-

ing to us, counseling us, guiding us and setting us on our way to live a life that is meaningful and filled with hope, and not despair. Whoever these people are or were in our lives, who gave us their all, in their own brokenness, we have the opportunity to thank them for what they have done for us.

II. We are Grateful to God

I was contemplating this, in reading this letter from Paul to the Colossians, where he counsels the congregation about their behaviors, but at the same time encouraging them to always be thankful to God. He urged them to rid themselves from the things that are not acceptable in God's eyes, such as anger, rage, malice, slander and so forth, and instead, to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

And then he tells them more than once to be thankful to God, to be a thankful people, and to show their gratitude towards God for all that God has done for them. They have received their sanctification through the greatest gift of all, which is the gift of God's Son, who died for them and their sins. This Son of God came from the bosom of God to this earth to love, show compassion for humanity, teach, minister and heal the sick and the brokenhearted.

And so, he called them to be thankful and to submit to the Lordship of God, and God's Son. God, our heavenly Parent, sent us God's only Son, to be our Brother, our Lord, our Friend and more. Paul then tells them to let the word of Christ dwell in them richly, and to teach and admonish one another with Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Through their singing and worshipping they acknowledge their dependence on God's grace through Christ.

III. Conclusion

While we show our gratitude to the ones who have cared for us in this life, the church of God is the place where we come together as a community of faith to express our gratitude for God's love, blessings, mercy and compassion in our lives. We come in humility to thank God for all of this, and to be renewed every time together as a community of faith.

We are broken people who need God's help for our own salvation, our healing, and our inner restoration. We are blessed to have a God who listens when we pray, and who comforts us when we are heartbroken. And so... we come together to worship God through teaching and learning and singing together. In gratitude we build our church together in love, peace, kindness and humility and we rid ourselves from the things that hurt God and others.

This is the heart of the child of God that makes God happy. We must never take for granted God's love for us, and our church, which is a gift from God, with Jesus Christ as the Head. May God help us to always look to God for everything, in humility and gratitude.

Amen

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

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bid for services.

"We're not seeing huge increases with our fuel costs for the two schools," he said.

McCormick said the school district still has some work to do with the budget, and he welcomed ideas

and input from the town.

"We've done a pretty good job in the last couple years of looking at what grant opportunities can we utilize to bring additional funding for some of our programs, but that's not a way that we can fully balance a budget," he said.

McCormick said there's been discussion for the past couple of years about the possibility of hav-

ing an override to help balance the town's budget. He said if it's something the town wants to explore, the committees should begin conversations soon.

McCormick said an override would impact the entire town's budget, not just the school district's.

"It's a conversation that the town needs to have," Canada said.

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men that on average, volunteer firefighters in the department, are trained and burnt out in five years. He said that while overall morale is good, many firefighters coming on board do not realize that joining the department is like taking on another demanding part-time job that will absorb most of their free time.

"Sholem Aleichem, Sholem Aleichem, Sholem, Aleichem" Walking down the halls of Quabbin High these days, one hears the strains of this familiar song of peace rising from the auditorium. In unison, the cast members of "Fiddler on the Roof" raise their collective voices in a sort of theme song taught to them by Set Director Phil Katz. Those familiar with the tunes from Fiddler, however, know that "Sholem Aleichem" is not one of them.

38 years (Oct. 30, 1986)

The North Brookfield Board of Selectmen held their weekly meeting on Oct. 23 with the main topic of discussion being the Sewer Moratorium, recently passed by the Selectmen. In fairness to all concerned concerned it was decided that any person in the process of building a dwelling with the permission of the building inspector before June 30, 1987 will be allowed to tie into the existing sewer lines.

The Women's Fellowship of St. Thomas-a-Becket Church in South Barre are busily getting ready for their Christmas Bazaar to be held in the church hall on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Suzette Dubois-Wrtrwal, Ann Marie Collette and Debbie Goldsmith are chairpersons of the event. Features of the bazaar will be Christmas crafts, cheese and

cider table, baked goods, penny candy and coffee with doughnuts will be served early in the day, followed by soup and homemade breads. Santa Claus will make his appearance about noon and spend a couple of hours at the event so pictures can be taken of children with him.

Local representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau will revisit selected area households beginning Nov. 3 to conduct its Survey of Income and Program Participation, Arthur G. Dukakis, Director of the bureau's Boston Regional Office, announced Oct. 20. SIPP is a major nationwide continuing survey introduced in the fall of 1983. It is one of the nation's largest household surveys with about 25,000 households participating. The Census Bureau publishes periodic reports providing information from the survey.

Obituaries

Diane F. Purcell, 75

EAST GRANBY, CT – Diane F. Purcell, 75, of East Granby, Connecticut and formerly of Hardwick, unexpectedly passed away April 22, 2024.

She leaves her daughter, Christine M. Wilson and her husband Todd of Hardwick and son, William M. Purcell, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Virginia Beach, Virginia, as well as six grandchildren, Jack, Zack, Luke, Cole, William III, and Samuel. She also leaves her brother, Walter Senkow and his wife Pam of Sellersville, Pennsylvania, along with her nephews; Jacob and his wife Laura, and Jedediah. As well as her great nieces and many cousins.

She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Meghan Arlene.



Diane was born in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Walter S. and Arlene (Burkhardt) Senkow.

Diane worked for the United States Post Office for over 30 years. She began her career as a part time clerk, moving to a full time position in Barre and later becoming the Postmaster in Oakham. After several years of serving as Postmaster in Oakham, she moved to Vermont and was the Postmaster in Manchester Center.

She continued to grow in her career within the USPS and moved to Connecticut and held the position of Function 4 Coordinator in West Windsor, Connecticut where she was responsible for retail auditing and

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Purcell (Senkow), Diane F.
Died April 22, 2024
Service will be private at a later date

Purcell, William M.
Died May 10, 2024
Funeral Service
Nov. 9 at 10 a.m.
First Universalist Church
in Hardwick

mail processing center for the NorthEast area before retiring.

In her retirement she enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, reading, volunteering at a local thrift store, cooking and baking and playing online Scrabble with her cousin, Caroline. Diane will be greatly missed by all who knew her and will forever be in our heart.

A private service will be held at a later date.

William M. Purcell, 79

EAST LONGMEADOW – William M. Purcell, 79, of East Longmeadow and formerly of Hardwick, passed away May 10, 2024 at the East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing Center following a brief battle with brain cancer (Glioblastoma).

He leaves his wife of 16 years, My Liem Thi Vo; his daughter, Christine M. Wilson and her husband Todd of Hardwick; two sons, William M. Purcell, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Tom Vo Purcell of East Longmeadow as well as six grandchildren, Jack, Zack, Luke, Cole, William III, and Samuel, along with his nieces and nephews. He also leaves his two sisters, Kathleen Purcell of Wilmington, Delaware, and

Jeanne Smith and her husband Mark of West Dennis. He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Meghan Arlene, as well as his sister Patrice Ladley and his two brothers, James and Jack Purcell. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of the late Ernest and Mae (O'Neill) Purcell.

Purcell is a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and remained active in Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations.

William worked as a sales representative for Welding Supply Distribution Companies for sev-



eral years prior to retiring. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and traveling.

Funeral services will be held Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. in Hardwick at the First Universalist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hyman Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 (online at <https://t2t.org>).

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at CharbonneauFH.com.

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own self-perpetuating garden.

You can also incorporate chopped leaves right into the vegetable garden each fall. The use of a rototiller makes this job a snap.

Most will have decomposed by spring, but till the garden again a month or so before planting to finish the job.

Chopped leaves make a great addition to the compost pile.

Layer brown, carbon rich ingredients (such as chopped leaves) with green, nitrogen rich ingredients (such as grass clippings, vegetable scraps, non-weedy plant parts) together to get the pile cooking. Add a shovel full of garden soil or finished compost per layer to inoculate it with microbes and water well.

Let the pile sit for a year or turn it frequently for faster results. Compost is a near neutral source of humus, a well-balanced fertilizer and soil tonic, good for all types of gardens and even the lawn.

If you are too busy to layer and shredding sounds like a messy job, simply pile the leaves, moistening as you go. The resulting leaf mold is another healthy addition to the garden.

Research has proven that members of the cabbage family respond especially well to this type of humus. Keep in mind that oak leaves are more acidic than other leaves of trees native to our area.

If you use more of these in any of your gardening situations, adjust liming accordingly.

So get out the rake and improve your landscape!!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.]]]]

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Congregational church to hold drive thru dinner

BARRE – The Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., will hold a drive thru roast pork dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 5-5:30 p.m.

The menu includes roast pork, salad, potato, vegetable and dessert. Cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 per child under 12. People should RSVP by calling 978-355-4041 and leave a message on the church's answering machine or call Lisa Holloway, 978-355-0140. The dinner is a fundraiser for the church.

Public Notices

TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hubbardston Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 4, 2024, at 5:30 PM** at the **Hubbardston Senior Center, 7 Main Street**. The hearing will dis-

cuss agenda items for the **Special Town Meeting on November 19, 2024**. Public input is encouraged.

For more information, contact the Town Administrator's Office at 978-928-1400 or email admin@hubbardstonma.gov.

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Barre Gazette

Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Monday, Oct. 7
 12:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 1:38 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road Vehicle Towed
 8:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:41 a.m. Threats, East County Road, Report Filed
 2:44 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Edson Avenue, Peace Restored
 5:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Morris Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Juniper Lane, Area Patrolled

Tuesday, Oct. 8
 3:08 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Jamie Ann Drive, Investigated
 9:05 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Jamie Ann Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
 Arrest: Rodrigues Caldeira, Miran, 26, Worcester
 Charges: Warrant
 10:33 a.m. Threats, East County Road, Report Filed
 2:49 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Mutual Aid Assist
 3:37 p.m. Larceny/Theft, River Road, Report Filed
 4:20 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Edson Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Fernwood Drive, Transported to Hospital
 7:57 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
 9:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons: Goclowski, Catherine, 42, Gilbertville
 Charges: Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with

Wednesday, Oct. 9
 4 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 7:43 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Jamie Ann Drive, Report Filed
 10:59 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Nates Way, Report Filed
 1:46 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Patriot Lane, Transported to Hospital
 3:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Miles Road, Report Filed
 5:17 p.m. Unwanted Party, Intervale Road, Report Filed
 5:26 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, River Road, Report Filed
 7:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Phillips Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 8:46 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Briarwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Jackson Avenue, Mutual Aid Transported
 9:33 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Oct. 10
 4:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 Summons: McGuire, James Michael, 60, Worcester
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle C90 S34J, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with C90 S23
 10:14 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Bills Garage, Abandoned Motor Vehicle
 Summons: Begley-Ternosky, Mikeaela, 39, Hubbardston
 Charges: Abandon Motor Vehicle
 11:13 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, Wildbrook Drive, Public Assist
 4:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Haven Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:53 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Wachusett Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East Hill East Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:49 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Main Street, Information Given
 6:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Gardner Road, Report Filed

Friday, Oct. 11
 8:18 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Memorial Drive, Transported to Hospital
 8:35 a.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, East Hill East Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:53 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Bigelow Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Charnock Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Mutual Aid Assist
 3:52 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Public Assist
 4:23 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Skyline Drive, Information Given
 5:26 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Pommogussett Road, Peace Restored
 5:49 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Moulton Mill Road, Negative Contact
 8 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ten Rod Road, Written Warning
 9:10 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:45 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Campbell Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued

Saturday, Oct. 12
 1:02 a.m. ACO Lost and Found, Main Street, Information Taken
 5:29 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 6:58 p.m. Gunshots, Main Street, Investigated
 9:33 a.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Joanna Drive, Removed Hazard
 10:59 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Rutherford Road, Fire Extinguished
 11:12 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Juniper Lane, Public Assist
 11:53 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Glenwood Road, Entry Gained
 12:06 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Grizzly Road, Mutual Aid Assist
 2:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:41 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:57 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Wildbrook Drive, Remove Hazard
 5:10 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, East County Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:50 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Barre Paxton Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 7:27 p.m. Suspicious Person/Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, East County Road, Transported to Hospital

Barre Police Log

Monday, Oct. 7
 6:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Citation Issued
 11:06 a.m. Threats, Old Dana Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
 1:09 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Pleasant Street, Information Given
 3:11 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Gynecology/Obstetrics/Pregnancy, Barre Health Center, Mutual Aid Transport
 10:44 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pleasant Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, Oct. 8
 9:48 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Grove North Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service, Breathing Difficulty, Hubbardston Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:45 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wild Land Fires, School North Street, Fire

Wednesday, Oct. 9
 12:42 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Old Boston Turnpike, Referred to Other Agency
 2:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Elm Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gardner Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Westminster Road, Citation Issued
 7:22 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Georgie Lane, Investigated

Thursday, Oct. 10
 3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
 3:54 Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt

Monday, Oct. 7
 5:55 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service/Response, New Westminster Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, Oct. 8
 10:01 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Elm Street, Vehicle Removed
 5:12 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, Oct. 8
 7:17 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Turnpike Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Wednesday, Oct. 9
 8:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 9 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 1:31 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Crawford Road, Mutual Aid Assist
 3:50 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact
 4:16 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Oakham Road, Negative

Thursday, Oct. 10
 5:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East Hill East Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Oct. 11
 11:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, East Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:10 p.m. Emergency Medical

Extinguished
 10:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 9
 12:07 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist
 9:15 a.m. Serve Warrant, Main Street, Removed to Court
 Arrest: Clarke, Anthony Joseph, 42, South Barre
 Charges: Warrant
 12:30 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ruggles Lane, Message Delivered
 3:38 p.m. Erratic Operator, Moulton Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Thursday, Oct. 10
 4:21 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, South Street, Information Taken
 7:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

Friday, Oct. 11
 10:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 11:51 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Dana Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Friday, Oct. 11
 1:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
 4:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Oct. 12
 4:45 a.m. Burglary, Wheelwright Road, Investigated
 9:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons: Adoboe, Harriet, 43, Worcester
 Charges: Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 10:59 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Rutherford Road, Fire Extinguished
 1:29 p.m. Recovered/Confiscated Property, Gauthier Road, Officer Took Call
 3:45 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Walnut Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:23 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, West Street, Negative Contact
 10:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Response

Hubbardston Police Log

Monday, Oct. 7
 5:55 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, New Westminster Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service/Response, New Westminster Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, Oct. 8
 10:01 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
 11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Elm Street, Vehicle Removed
 5:12 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Oct. 9
 12:42 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Old Boston Turnpike, Referred to Other Agency
 2:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Elm Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:31 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Gardner Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Westminster Road, Citation Issued
 7:22 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Georgie Lane, Investigated

Thursday, Oct. 10
 3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Citation Issued
 3:54 Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt

Road, Written Warning
 6:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Gardner Road, Report Filed

Friday, Oct. 11
 5:09 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Oct. 12
 12:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Ed Clark Road, Mutual Aid Transported
 1:04 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Brigham Street, Gone on Arrival
 8:11 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Public Assist

Oakham Police Log

Tuesday, Oct. 8
 7:17 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Turnpike Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Wednesday, Oct. 9
 8:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
 9 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 1:31 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Crawford Road, Mutual Aid Assist
 3:50 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact
 4:16 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Oakham Road, Negative

Contact
 6:01 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Grace Lane, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Oct. 10
 5:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East Hill East Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Oct. 11
 11:39 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, East Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:10 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Sick/Unknown, East Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Oct. 12
 5:29 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 9:23 a.m. Complaint, Deacon Allen Drive, Removed Hazard
 10:59 a.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Rutherford Road, Fire Extinguished
 8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Response, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Oct. 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 54 building/property checks, 32 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, five traffic controls, 17 emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, one assist other agency, three motor vehicle investigations, one illegal dumping, one safety hazard, one stolen motor vehicle, one hazardous incident, one complaint, six animal calls and 15 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Oct. 14
 9:20 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:35 p.m. 911 Lockout, Church Lane, Services Rendered
 2:36 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mill Road, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, Oct. 15
 1:02 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hillside View, Transported to Hospital
 7 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Petersham Road, Investigated
 12:08 p.m. Safety Hazard, Mellon Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 3:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:04 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency,

Mill Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:52 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Arrest(s) Made

Wednesday, Oct. 16
 1:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered
 5:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Oct. 17
 4:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
 9:48 a.m. Hazardous Incident, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 6:25 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled
 8:18 p.m. 911 Stolen Motor Vehicle, Petersham Road, Investigated
 11:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled

Friday, Oct. 18
 9:21 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 1:28 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Spoken To
 3:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled
 5:20 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Unknown Location, Unfounded
 5:43 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street,

Officer Handled
 6:21 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, Broad Street, Peace Restored
 6:53 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Shore Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

Saturday, Oct. 19
 12:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
 6:10 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Ridge Road, Unfounded
 3:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

Sunday, Oct. 20
 2:06 p.m. 911 Lockout, Church Lane, Services Rendered
 2:23 p.m. 911 Phone Calls, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

Monday, Oct. 21
 3:18 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued
 5:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
 5:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Oct. 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 18 directed/area patrols, three radar assignments, three traffic controls, three emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, one assist other agency, two motor vehicle investigations, one complaint, one motor vehicle accident and three animal calls in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Oct. 15
 9:47 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

Wednesday, Oct. 16
 9:51 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial

Drive, Officer Handled
 12:05 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Moore Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, Oct. 17
 7:53 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Services Rendered
 11:49 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Gilbertville Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 3:36 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Memorial Drive, Report Taken
 4:57 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Voice Message Left
 6:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Investigation, West Brookfield Road, Spoken To

Friday, Oct. 18
 6:15 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled
 5:13 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Saturday, Oct. 19
 2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled

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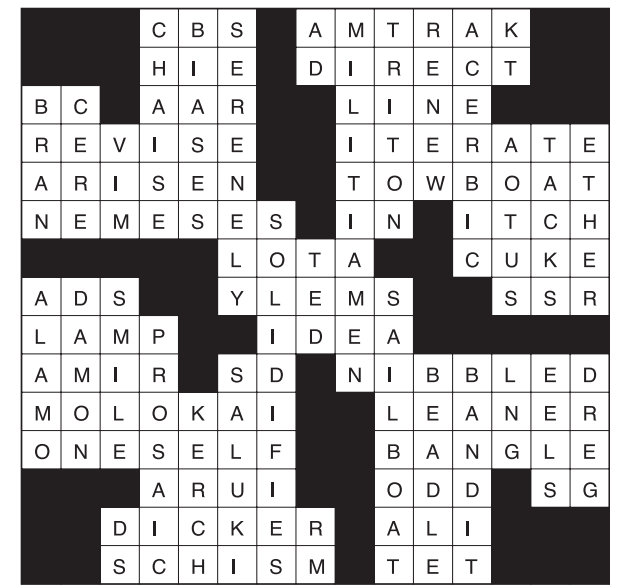
Massachusetts gas price decreases a penny

WESTWOOD – A U-turn in crude prices and continued strong domestic oil and gas production is holding Northeast gasoline prices steady. After spiking nearly 9% two weeks ago, crude oil prices reversed course last week and fell an equivalent amount on global demand concerns as both the International Energy Agency and OPEC+ cut their demand forecasts for this year and next. Meanwhile, the United States continued to produce oil at a record pace last week with output averaging 13.5 million barrels a day.

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