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Left, state Rep. Peter J. Durant, R-Spencer, and state Rep. Jon D. Zlotnik, D-Gardner, participated in a candidates forum held by the Ware Business & Civic Association at Cedarbrook Village in Ware on Oct. 18. They are competing for the state Senate Worcester and Hampshire seat formerly filled by Anne Gobi, D-Spencer.

Durant, Zlotnik speak in candidates forum

WBCA brings politicians together

By Eileen Kennedy
Correspondent

WARE – Two longtime state representatives vied for voters' attention last week at a candidates forum hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association at the Cedarbrook Village, an assisted living facility on South Street.

During the breakfast meeting

held on Oct. 18, the candidates answered questions that addressed key issues the communities in the district are facing.

State Rep. Peter J. Durant, R-Spencer, and state Rep. Jon D. Zlotnik, D-Gardner, will face off on Nov. 7, in a special election for former state Sen. Anne Gobi's seat. She left her Worcester and Hampshire seat after being appointed as the newly created director of rural affairs in the Executive Office of Economic

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Taste of Hubbardston highlights local businesses

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

HUBBARDSTON – The Hubbardston Economic Development Committee, founded in 2019 to support local businesses, sponsored the first ever "Taste of Hubbardston" event this past Wednesday evening, Oct. 18 at the Pinecrest Lodge at, 84 Bemis Road.

In truth, the title of the event, was very misleading. It should have been called the "Cornucopia of Hubbardston." Not only was there a veritable bounty of food selections, but about a dozen owners of interesting Hubbardston based businesses that continue to carry on the entrepreneurial spirit of the town since its formal founding in 1776.

In fact, Whitney Friberg, the Chair of the Economic Development Committee said "the mission of the Committee is to look for ways to improve the community's quality of life through an expanded local business base that respects and contributes to Hubbardston's character and strengthen the economic well-being of all its residents."

Everywhere one looked that evening, there were tables filled with food and gifts all prepared by Hubbardston residents like Jim and Laurie Del Garbino, owners of the centrally located Giacomo's Gourmet Food, Honey and Handmade Lotions and soaps by Mary Varteresian owner of Bee Nice Farm,



Turley Photo by Eric Goodhart

Attendees at the Taste of Hubbardston sponsored by the Hubbardston Economic Development committee line up to sample some of the locally sourced food.

Wanda Felton Tucker, who just became the new owner of the former "Hub Town Diner" next to Giacomo's, but newly christened The Stars and Stripes. A name Wanda chose in honor the Veterans of foreign wars as well as 194 earlier Hubbardston residents, who fought in our coun-

try's Civil War.

Visitors who dropped in were happy to learn all about the businesses in their "own back yard." One could feel an entrepreneurial energy flowing throughout

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Woods Library welcomes Jeff Belanger

By Ryan Drago
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BARRE – The Woods Memorial Library welcomed author and adventurer Jeff Belanger as he presented "Ghosts and Legends" last week.

Belanger is all about exploring the unexplained in haunted places around the world and in our own backyard. He is a leading expert in the paranormal, ghosts, UFOs, folklore, and legends.

Belanger recounted some of his most memorable adventures in his presentation.

Belanger got his start as a journalist in 1997, where he learned how to connect with people from all walks of life. For his work, he's interviewed thousands of people about their encounters with the profound.

Many in attendance for the presentation have had experiences encountering ghosts, but in Belanger's perspective, it is a lightning-fast kind of experience, and you have to see it to believe it.

It was that kind of experience Belanger had when he encountered his first ghost.

Back in 2003, Belanger was taking a trip through Paris, France and found his way into the historic underground catacombs. At 30 meters down and in dark silent hallways, for a brief moment



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Jeff Belanger appeared at the Woods Memorial Library in Barre for his Ghosts & Legends presentation.

Belanger felt a spiritual presence.

A lot of his stories are featured in his books including "The World's Most Haunted Places", "Weird Massachusetts", "Our Haunted Lives", "The Call of Kilimanjaro", and "Who's Haunting the White House?"

His book about the White House is also famously known for having a series of ghosts. One of the staff members Belanger interviewed was the House Usher, who was an employee of the White House and was in charge of nearly 100 other employees.

One of the first documented ghost stories in the house was supposedly the son of President Abraham Lincoln. The president himself is also reported as a ghost.

Belanger also provides a photo of a construction site of the White

House dating back to 1950 during the presidency of Harry S. Truman. The photo shows a worker blending into the foundation of the worksite.

The popularity of ghosts expanded to Belanger speaking at a postal convention for the U.S. Postal Service back in 2019 in Milford, New Hampshire. Belanger became a part of the convention and spoke prior to the stamp reveal that features Halloween themes and spooky silhouettes on the stamps.

Belanger shared the story of the most haunted doll in the world, which is located in a museum in Key West, Florida.

The allegedly haunted doll, known as Robert the Doll, is exhib-

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

These stunning photographs were just some of the items people could bid on to support the New Braintree Congregational Church.

Fundraiser helps support New Braintree church

By Ryan Drago
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NEW BRAINTREE – The Town Hall hosted a fundraiser this past Saturday to benefit the New Braintree Congregational Church.

The New Braintree Congregational Church Council agreed to host a different fundraiser to help benefit the church and its building needs. Organizing this fundraiser is Joanne Harder, who had suggested this type of event back in July.

The event consists of live bidding for items that were generously donated by businesses, residents, artists and community members. The proceeds will

help benefit the church's building upkeep such as repairs and electrical needs.

For the town of New Braintree, the congregational church is a landmark in town that celebrates numerous life events and provides great opportunities of fellowship. Over the course of 15 years, the church has put on many fundraisers for youth activities, a steeple fund and meals.

Hosting a live bidding as a fundraiser was something different for them to do.

"We are hoping it works out," said Harder.

A lot of the donations were handmade crafts, and residents and businesses also provid-

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Select Board seeks internet for all

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall discussed possible solutions to provide all town residents with cable or Internet access.

She said the Board should sit down with Charter Communications and find out what it would cost to run cable to one of the unserved roads in town. She also mentioned Starlink, a satellite link, for some of the outlying areas of town. She said the equipment was under \$1,000 and the fee for basic service was \$85 per month. Chair Marshall said the system was popular in Maine and was closer to cable speed than some of the other satellite providers. They plan to set up a Zoom meeting with representatives of Starlink.

The Select Board committed an allotment of some of the \$1.7 million plus American Rescue Plan Act funds to provide cable access to those residents not served by Charter Communications. The Select Board used \$176,000 ARPA funds to run Broadband cable on Spring Hill Road through Matrix, who serves the town of Petersham.

The ARPA money must be spent by December 2024 or any remaining money reverts back to the Federal government. To date, the town spent about \$832,000 of the ARPA funds.

Recording meetings

Select Board Chair Marshall said she and Select Board member Mark Regienus witnessed a demonstration of a device to record meetings at the Department of Public Works meeting recently. The cone shaped device costs about \$1,000 and would meet the requirements of a by-law based at Annual Town Meeting several years ago. The town would need to get a Zoom account and Public Education Government funds could be used to purchase several of these devices at considerably less cost than the system in the Selectmen's Meeting room.

New Town Administrator

The Select Board discussed the appointment of the only candidate they called back for a second interview. They had the consultant they hired for the Town Administrator search process, Municipal Resources, Inc., on a conference call for the discussion. The consultant said the candidate had extensive knowledge of the budget process, grant writing and of general operating issues. He recommended the hiring of a Human Resources part-time person to provide support.

Chair Marshall said she recognized her experience in finances and as certified procurement officer. She said the candidate also had some personnel experience having supervised employees when she worked for a bank. She said the Human Resources person was an important piece as the town did not have current job descriptions and a system would need to be developed. She said her opinion was to hire the candidate.

Select Board Vice Chair John Dixon concurred. He said she is capable and in for the long haul. Select Board member Mark

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Peter Durant
State Senate

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Quabbin High to present 'Matilda, the Musical'

"Matilda, the Musical" will be presented by Quabbin Performing Arts at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St., Barre Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. For tickets, people may visit our.show/quabbin.

No. 4 Schoolhouse Halloween party

No. 4 Schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Road, will hold its traditional Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5:30-7 p.m. Families are invited to wear costumes and enjoy some Halloween treats, games and not-so-spooky good times. Light refreshments will be served. People may bring along something to add to the offerings if they can.

Designer pancake breakfast

Designer pancake breakfast sponsored by Cradle Rock Order of Eastern Star will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 per children 10 and under. The complete breakfast includes designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. All are welcome.

Barre Historical Society

On Thursday, Nov. 2, local author J.R. Greene will provide a narrated historical slide program on the Boston water supply and the Other Lost Towns of the Quabbin including the villages in the Barre/Oakham area of White Valley and Coldbrook and a village in West Rutland. This talk includes information on the Ware River diversion in the area. This program is being co-hosted with the Woods Memorial Library and held in Allen Hall at 19 Pleasant Street.

Clothing and Textile Room

A special dedication of the Barre Historical Society and Museum Clothing and Textile in memory of Bertyne Rice Smith will be held just before the evening's program at 6:30 p.m. President Bob Bentley with Bertyne's daughters, Ruth and Karen will participate in the dedication. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. before the dedication and program with J.R. Greene.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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Hike planned at Mount Jefferson Conservation Area

The Princeton Open Space Committee and Princeton Hikes will hold a hike at Mount Jefferson Conservation Area, Mt. Jefferson Road, Saturday, Oct. 31 at 9 a.m. This will be an easy to moderate hike of four miles through woodland and along field edges. For more information or to register, people may email TrailaroundprincetonMA@gmail.com.

COVID and Flu clinic

The Hubbardston Board of Health along with Montachusett Public Health Network will host a COVID and Flu Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street. Both flu shots and the new, updated COVID boosters will be available for anyone five years and older. Pre-registration is encouraged by calling 978-602-2356, but walk-ins will also be accepted. People should bring their insurance card if they have one. Getting vaccinated helps protect both the person vaccinated and the community against these viruses, which tend to spread more during the colder months.

Unitarian Church indoor yard sale

The First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, will hold their annual fall indoor yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be spices, rummage, white elephant, books and puzzles, coffee and pastry, toys and games and knitting. In addition, there will be a quilt raffle and a cord wood raffle. People may also purchase lunch of homemade sandwiches, pickles and chips, beverages and homemade pies and other desserts. Take out is available.

Special Town Meeting

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

Medicare Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment runs from Sunday, Oct. 15 through Thursday, Dec. 7. During this time, people can change their Medicare Plan effective Monday, Jan. 1. People may contact the Hubbardston Senior Center to speak with a Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone counsellor in person or over the phone. SHINE has certified counselors to help you with questions about Medicare. The services are free and unbiased. SHINE counselors are available to discuss all options related to Medicare and additional coverage. They do not sell any plans.

Senior center events

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

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

Town Clerk announces election information

BARRE – A Special State Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7 with the polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Barre Town Clerk Ellen Glidden announces voter registration deadline is Saturday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for in person voter registration. Online voter registration is available at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele.

The last day to apply for Early or Absentee Ballot to be mailed is Tuesday, Oct. 31 by 5 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The testing of voting equipment and ballot test deck will be done at on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. in the Henry Woods Building, basement level.

Last day to apply for an Early or Absentee Ballot to vote in person is Monday, Nov. 6 at noon. On the ballot is Senator of General Court for Worcester and Hampshire District. For more information or questions, people may visit www.townofbarre.com, email the Town Clerk at clerk@townofbarre.com or call 978-355-2504 extension 5.

Recreation Commission seeks applications for youth programs

BARRE – The Barre Recreation Commission is now accepting applications for fiscal year FY24 beginning Oct. 23 through Jan. 31, 2024.

The BRC sponsors several youth and adult programs with financial support, including baseball/softball, football, basketball, soccer, learn-to-swim, yoga, biking and after-school enrichment activities and community events. Eligibility criteria are that the proposed programs provide a recreational or cultural outlet/opportunity for residents of Barre.

Applicants are requested to contact the BRC, c/o Mary Ann Gendron, for an application form as follows by calling 978-355-2504 extension 8 or by e-mailing barreboards@townofbarre.com. Forms may be submitted in paper or electronic format and must be post marked by Jan. 31, 2024. People should mail hardcopies to Barre Recreation Commission, 40 West St, Suite 5, Barre, MA 01005.

Keith Roberts receives Post 2 honorary life membership



Photo by Barry Altman

Keith Roberts of Barre was awarded an honorary life membership to American Legion Barre Post 2 at Monday night's monthly meeting. Keith has been a member of Post 2 for over 75 years and is the oldest member of the Post at 98 years old.

Historical Society lists upcoming events

BARRE – The Barre Historical Society, 18 Common St., will hand out candy during Trick or Treat hours on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The society received a donation of candy in memory of Sue Fullam and Elisabeth Garipey. On Thursday, Nov. 2, local author J.R. Greene will provide a narrated historical slide program on the Boston water supply and the Other Lost Towns of the Quabbin including the villages in the Barre/Oakham area of White Valley and Coldbrook and a village in West Rutland.

This talk includes information on the Ware River diversion. This program is being co-hosted with the Woods Memorial Library and held at the library in Allen Hall at 19 Pleasant St. This program will begin immediately following a special dedication of the Clothing and Textile Room in memory of Bertyne Rice Smith at the Barre Historical Society and Museum, 18 Common St. at 6:30 p.m.

Historical Society President Bob Bentley along with Bertyne's daughters, Ruth and Karen will participate in the

dedication.

A new format for refreshments is being introduced at this event with refreshments served before the event at 6 p.m. at the Society building.

The Barre Historical Society thanks its 2023-2024 Corporate sponsors: Broberg Insurance, C&C Pools, Hancock Farms, Hartman's Herb Farm, Healy Brothers Insurance Agency, Higgins Real Estate Solutions, Landry and Meilus, R.J. McDonald Oil, W.R. Robinson Lumber and The Wilde Companies.

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. 30. 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 – Lasagna and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green peas, fresh fruit, French bread

TUESDAY – White bean chicken chili, brown rice, green beans, Mandarin oranges, marble rye bread sour cream

WEDNESDAY – Beef with onions and peppers, potato wedges, honey glazed carrots, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

THURSDAY – Roast pork with gravy, cranberry stuffing, California vegetables, cold apple crisps, diet = applesauce, marble rye bread

FRIDAY – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, mixed vegetables, brownie, diet = half brownie, whole wheat bread

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Cemetery Commission – Oct. 26 at 11 a.m.
Insurance Advisory Committee – Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.
Barre Cultural Council – Oct. 27 at 10 a.m.
Council on Aging – Nov. 1 at 1 p.m.
Select Board – Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Election Day – Nov. 7 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Library Trustees – Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Nov. 9 at 3 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission – Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Dec. 11 at 5 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK.

Town Hall Advisory Committee – Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Registrars – Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.
Board of Selectmen – Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.
Master Plan Steering Committee – Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Nov. 8 at 9 a.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Nov. 8 at 4 p.m.
Recycling Commission – Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Committee – Nov. 20 at 3 p.m.
Capital Planning Committee – Nov. 20 at 3 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Special Town Meeting – Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.
Affordable Housing Committee – Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Nov. 1, Nov. 16, Dec. 6 and Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Nov. 8 and Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.
Board of Health – Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Cultural Council – Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.
Downtown Development Committee – Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Select Board – Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.
Planning Board – Nov. 22 and Dec. 27 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Select Board – Oct. 30, Nov. 13 and Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.
Finance Committee – Nov. 1 at 6 p.m.
Board of Health – Nov. 15 and Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Oct. 26 at 5:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.
Board of Assessors – Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.
Council on Aging – Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – Nov. 14 at 10 a.m.
Petersham Historic District – Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.

RUTLAND

Select Board and Finance Committee Joint Meeting – Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.
Select Board Public Hearing – Pole Hearing – Oct. 30 at 6 p.m.
Ad Hoc By-law Committee – Oct. 31 at 1 p.m.
Council on Aging – Oct. 31 at 2 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m.
Select Board and Finance Committee Joint Meeting – Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
Select Board and Ad Hoc By-law Committee Joint Meeting – Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
State Election – Nov. 7 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Economic Development Commission – Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.
Capital Improvement Planning Committee – Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Special Town Meeting – Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Halloween Events and Trick or Treating

BARRE

SATURDAY, OCT. 28
No. 4 Schoolhouse Halloween Party, 209 Farrington Road, from 5:30-7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31
Trunk or Treat, Common Street, from 5-8 p.m.
Traditional Trick or Treat town wide from 5-8 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

SUNDAY, OCT. 29
Horribles Parade at noon along Main Street from Fire Station to Center Schoolhouse

TUESDAY, OCT. 31
Trick or Treat from 5-8 p.m.
Block Party in town offices parking lot



OAKHAM

TUESDAY, OCT. 31
Trunk or Treat from 5-7 p.m. Town Hall parking lot
Traditional Trick or Treat town wide from 5-7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

TUESDAY, OCT. 31
Trick or Treat from 4:30-6 p.m.
Parade around common line up Country Store at 6 p.m.
Animal Adventures sponsored by Lions Club at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

RUTLAND

TUESDAY, OCT. 31
Trunk or Treat On Common from 4-7 p.m.
Trick or Treat from 5-8 pm.

HARDWICK

SATURDAY, OCT. 28
Trail of Treats from 5-8 p.m.
Rain date Sunday, Oct. 29 from 5-8 p.m.

Petersham Art Center offers classes

PETERSHAM ° On Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m.-noon artist Peggy Schneider will teach a class on Slow Stitch Textile Art at the Petersham Art Center, 8 North St., off Route 32.

She will share how to create a unique, hand-stitched fabric collage panel, using beautiful fabrics, threads, buttons, beads, broken jewelry, lace and trims. No advanced sewing skills are required.

While students are creating their fabric collage panel, textile artist Peggy Schneider will guide them through essential ways to use expressive colors, textures, materials and traditional and free-style hand embroidery techniques.

A workshop packet personally curated to the participants' preferences will be available. The fabric panels can be used for decorative wall display, table runners, framed as art or be put to a variety of other creative uses.

"I love creating color, texture and design," says Schneider. "I am member of the Celestial Stitchers Chapter of the Embroiders Guild of America. I have learned to translate what I envision into designs that are recreated with fabric, threads and embellishments."

Lynn Hartman of Hartman's Herb Farm in Barre will return with a boxwood wreath class on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m.-noon. Hartman has been teaching wreath-making skills for decades. She grows her own fresh herbs, florals and plants for her creations in her greenhouses at her special event farm in Barre. The fragrant boxwood wreath is a favorite for the holidays.

A class to make Woolen Holiday Trees is being offered on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m.-noon. Popular textile art teacher, Karen Healey of the Dappled Ewe Studio, will instruct on how to

create the festive art trees from pieces of woolen fabric, decoratively embellished on wooden spindles. These unique trees can serve as table decorations, can be added to any holiday tableaux or displayed as window art.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m.-noon, Rachel Gonzalez of Rachel's Everlastings returns to instruct on how to make an Evergreen Holiday Wreath. Using fresh evergreen boughs and embellishments, students will bring in the holiday spirit with a beautiful wreath for friends or family. Gonzalez' farm in Orange, sources herbs, dried and fresh flowers, vegetables and sustainably produced items for her many creative products.

People may call the Petersham Art Center at 978-724-3415 to register and for more information. There is a fee for each class.

Petersham Cemetery Commission to hold public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 30

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Cemetery Commission is holding a public meeting on Monday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. in Lower Town Hall, to discuss the revised Rules and Regulations for Petersham Cemeteries. New cemetery rules and regulations were accepted in July 2023. Who may represent the use of a cemetery lot must be docu-

mented in advance of a burial, in accordance to Massachusetts State Law. The meeting will answer how this requirement can be met. Information will also include availability of natural (green) burials, how to request a grave purchase, how to arrange a burial and which cemeteries are accepting purchases and burials.

Reading over the rules and

regulations by visiting online at townofpetersham.org is encouraged beforehand, so everyone can be prepared with questions. The link to the Rules and Regulations is posted at the top left of the town page.

Members of the Petersham Cemetery Commission will be present for questions. All Petersham residents are invited to attend.

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Sea Cadets to hold Veterans breakfast

The United States Navy Sea Cadets will hold a breakfast for Veterans on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. at the Municipal Building on Barre Road.

Hike postponement

Because of the rain on Saturday, Oct. 21 Bob Locke was forced to reschedule the Coldbrook Springs walk to Saturday, Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. Participants should meet at the corner of Coldbrook Road and the Rail Trail.

Pen pals letters

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

Church fair

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

White elephant table donations

Anyone wishing to donate holiday decorations, household items, small appliances, toys, puzzles or books for the White Elephant table at the church fair may leave them in the side door hallway. Please no electronics or clothes.

Bake sale

The Oakham Congregational Church will hold a bake sale at the church the day of the election on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. In addition to baked items, coffee will be sold and quilt raffle tickets. Donations of baked goods are welcome. Items may be dropped off and left in the hallway between the side door and the inner door on Monday, Nov. 6 or anytime after 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7

Lesson and Carols

Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church. Rehearsals will begin at next month at a time and date to be determined. This year's cantata "Go Sing It on the Mountain" by Pepper Choplin. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. at the church. There will be no rehearsal on Tuesday, Oct. 31 and it will be held instead on Wednesday, Nov. 1, just for that one week. All are welcome to sing in this special Christmas cantata.

Nature Club to hold birding and nature hike

PETERSHAM – The Ware River Nature Club will hold a birding and nature hike at Harvard Pond from 9 a.m.-noon. Participants will take a walk around this scenic pond to look for ducks, fall sparrows and resident woodland species. They will also be on the lookout for interesting fungi, animal sign, and other natural features. This is an easy and easy-going hike of about three miles. To sign up, people should email warerivernatureclub@yahoo.com.

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Opinion

Guest Column



Can my wife claim her benefit now and switch to a spouse benefit from me later?

Dear Rusty

Can my wife claim her benefits now (at 63, and we know about the reduction for claiming early) and then, when I retire at 66 years and 10 months of age almost 3 years from now, can she switch over to spousal benefits based on my benefit amount? She worked at a higher paying job for much of her career, but is now at a much lower income and would be under the amount that would reduce her benefits further. I currently earn about nine times her annual salary so the spousal benefit for her would be an increase when I retire.

Signed: Seeking Information

Dear Seeking

Yes, your wife can claim her own (reduced) Social Security retirement benefit now and she will be automatically awarded a spousal boost when you later claim your SS retirement benefit. However, your wife's benefit when you claim will not be 50% of your Full Retirement Age amount because she claimed her own SS benefit early and also because her spousal boost will be awarded prior to her FRA.

Any benefit taken before FRA is reduced, including the spousal benefit.

Here's what will happen if your wife claims her own Social Security at age 63. Your wife's personal SS retirement benefit, when she claims, will be reduced by about 25%. When you claim at your full retirement age, your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her own reduced benefit.

The amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, reduced because the spousal boost will be awarded automatically before she has reached her own full retirement age. FRA amounts are used to compute the spousal boost, regardless of the age at which benefits are claimed.

When you claim, your wife will not yet be her FRA, so the amount of her spousal boost, the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement, will be reduced. The reduced spousal boost will be added to your wife's reduced SS retirement benefit, resulting in her total benefit payment being less than half of yours.

The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until her own FRA at 67 to claim Social Security, but by doing so she also forfeits the money she would otherwise receive if she claimed her own benefit now. As long as she won't significantly exceed the earnings limit while working before her FRA, claiming now is an acceptable strategy because it will take many years to recover the money forfeited by waiting until her FRA to claim.

It's also reasonable because women statistically outlive men and your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse will be 100% of the amount you are receiving at your death, instead of the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were both living.

When to claim is always a personal choice and life expectancy should always be thoughtfully considered, but the answer to your specific question is - yes, if your wife claims her own benefit at 63, she will auto-

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In Past Pages

5 years (Nov. 1, 2018)

Following interviews with three finalists for the collector/treasurer, Barre selectmen picked Sharon Ashleigh, the only one with municipal experience. The town received 11 applicants for the position. The board accepted a notice of understanding and approved a wage authorization of \$58,000 per year for 37 hours per week. She will begin work Nov. 19. The board renegotiated an interim contract with current collector/treasurer Nancy Talbot for consulting services not to exceed \$10,000 for job training for her replacement. Talbot gave her notice to retire at the end of October.

Her smile said it all. Between the dinosaurs, lions, fairies, convicts and many other spooky creatures, the annual Hubbardston Halloween parade was in full swing last Sunday afternoon and local resident Florence Pervier was thrilled. "I started this when my kids were young," Pervier said. "You don't realize how many years go by." Feeling a special connection to the October holiday, given that her daughter and then years later, her two grandsons were born on Halloween, Pervier and two other women wanted to provide a fun and safe event for the children to participate in.

The siren were wailing, the lights were flashing and a large cast of characters aligned the streets around Barre Town Common, getting ready to march down Broad Street and ascend on Ruggles Lane Elementary School. No need for residents to get alarmed, the annual Halloween Family Fun Night was happening, kicked off with a ghoulish parade last Friday night. "It's basically been a staple in Barre for generations, which is a huge reason we continue to do the parade, along with the children loving it," said Ruggles Lane School Parent Teachers Organization president Hillary Boudreau, whose organization sponsors the event.

10 years (Oct. 31, 2013)

In a meeting lasting less than thirty minutes, Selectmen Tim Clark and Peter George considered the request of the Petersham Local Food Group for waiver of fees for the use of the town hall on Friday through the month of November. Selectman Rick Marsh was absent. The local food group was organized in 2011, its purpose being to bring healthy, local food to the community through a series of Friday farmers' markets held on the town common.

Fire Chief Thomas San reported to selectmen about a regional meeting that he attended in New Braintree last Thursday

LOOK BACK Historical Society - 1992



File Photo

Audrey Stevens played the role of Merriam Ruggles Foster Bullard during Al Clark's lantern tours Friday and Saturday night on Barre Common, Dec. 4, 1992. Merriam's husband and son were inventors.

with Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. CMRPC is trying to get a regional Advanced Life Support for ten towns. Representatives from Barre, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Rutland, Spencer and West Brookfield discussed ALS service for all these towns utilizing "chase cars" with two paramedics on board. The cars would be garaged in a centrally located town. The paramedics would provide ALS with meeting the ambulance with at least one Emergency Management Technician on board.

The seventh annual Thanksgiving market hosted by the Hubbardston Historical Society takes place on Sunday, Nov. 24 from noon-3 p.m. at the historic Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road, Hubbardston. Once again the market will offer fresh locally grown greens and root vegetables, organic and grass fed meats, artisanal cheeses and an army of baked goods from prize winning pies to organic apple-onion tarts. Some new additions to the market this year include locally grown organic apples that are bred for good

storage, organic apple cider and applesauce and pure maple sugar. A locally grown, organically raised turkey will be up for raffle to completion old-fashioned sumptuous holiday feast.

25 years (Oct. 29, 1998)

With dry leaves crunching on the ground and a blue sky overhead, it was a perfect day to travel the back roads of Barre and stop off at town-owned cemeteries on Barre Historical Society's Graveyard Tour. The tour was the brainchild of Mary Ellen Radziewicz, to bring to the public eye Al Clark's brochure, "A Guide to Burial Grounds Owned and Maintained by the town of Barre," prepared by the Barre Historical Commission.

The Welcome to Barre Sign on Barre Common has been missing for some time and townspeople have been wondering what happened to it. This week the selectmen received a ransom note for The River Rats, A Brothers of the Brush group formed during the town's bicentennial celebration in 1974. Apparently the group has reorganized as the town gets ready to celebrate its 225th anniversary in July of 1999 and are holding the sign hostage until the anniversary committee reaches its fund-raising goal of \$50,000.

At Monday night's selectmen's meeting the board acted on a complaint aired at the Oct. 19

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Letters to the Editor

Second Chance says thanks for community support

I am writing to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire community for their overwhelming support for the 11th Annual Cruise for Critters held at Westview Farms Creamery on the Sept. 30 rain day.

Despite the weather forecast, our community rallied together and what transpired was nothing short of spectacular. The day turned out to be a success for our furry friends, filled with joy, laughter and a strong sense of community.

While the car show had to be canceled due to field conditions, the spirit of the event remained unbroken. The vendor fair, kids Barktacular games and the delightful music from John and Christina Cantalini were highlights that kept the atmosphere buzzing with positive energy. It was heartwarming to witness so many individuals, families, and pet enthusiasts come together to make the day memorable.

A special note of gratitude goes out to the event organizer, Al Widlan of Service Connection and his dedicated Critter Crew. Their tireless efforts and passion for the cause shone through. Our sincere appreciation also extends to Don and Kathy Foster of Westview Farms Creamery for generously opening up their beautiful venue to host this fantastic gathering.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the support of our generous sponsors, including Herlihy Insurance Group and Joe Campisi, a longtime friend of Second Chance. Their commitment to our cause has made a significant impact, allowing us to raise over \$7,000 for our beloved pets.

Once again, thank you to each and every vendor, supporter, volunteer, and participant who contributed to the success of the 11th Annual Cruise for Critters. Your compassion and dedication to our four-legged friends have not gone unnoticed and together, we've made a positive difference in the lives of many.

With gratitude,
Lindsay Doray
Second Chance Animal Services

Congregational church appreciates community support

The New Braintree Congregational Church Council extends their heartfelt thanks to all the hearty souls who braved the rainy weather on October 21st to support the church's Fall fundraiser, as well as the local businesses and individuals who donated items to the sale, and all the volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make it happen. The event exceeded expectations as \$2,500.00 was raised. The proceeds will help support the continued operation and maintenance of the church. Thank you to everyone.

Joanne Glidden Harder
New Braintree

Former student remembers Bessie Difley

Living until the age of 109, Bessie Difley had a very long and worthwhile life. As "Miss Montgomery," she was my second grade teacher at Barre Center School. That was in the year 1939.

Marion (Guertin) Williams
Desert Hot Springs, California
formerly of Barre

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

There was some sun this week, but mostly rain. I brought inside the big pot of mixed houseplants on the front deck, but I left the coleuses out as I took cuttings from them. I dug up the two dozen gladioli bulbs; they never blossomed this year.

The dahlias never blossomed either. It must of have been the rainy weather, but yet my friend Melissa brought me a huge bouquet of dahlias that she grew. I made three bouquets of the beautiful flowers.

I have been working on a star wallhanging done in wool. Each star is a different color on a background of black wool.

I made a batch of brownies with white frosting and a pumpkin pie on Sunday. Ken cut up a butternut squash that Rich gave to seniors at the Hubbardston Senior Center.

I arranged to have the driveway plowed this winter and had the septic system pumped out. The furnace will be cleaned this week.

The generator has been cleaned and filled with fresh gas. We are now ready for winter.

I received a nice surprise in the mail this week. A niece found a painting done by another niece in a thrift store and sent it to me. The artist has passed away and the scene was done on wood of a village. Her husband, who has also passed, cut the wood shapes for her.

Here is the recipe I made for Sunday supper.

GREEK CHICKEN

1/2 cup olive oil

1 tablespoon lemon zest, plus 1/2 cup lemon juice plus wedges, for garnish
4 gloves of garlic, chopped
2 tablespoons parsley
1 tablespoon oregano
Kosher salt
black pepper
6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

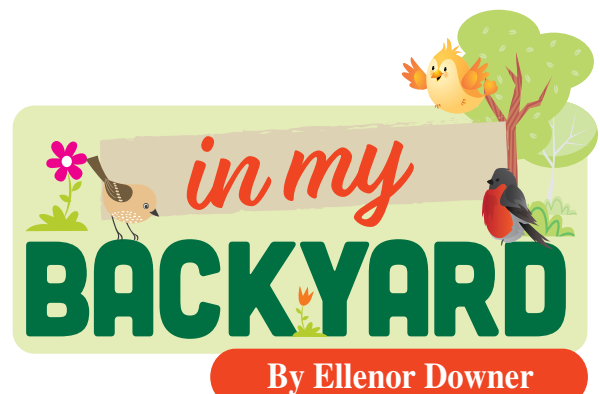
Stir together oil, lemon zest and juice, garlic, parsley and oregano. Season with salt and pepper. Add chicken and turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate 2 hours. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Bake, basting with pan juices two times. After it reaches 165 degrees, about 25 to 30 minutes, switch to broil and broil for about one to two minutes until golden brown. Let rest 10 minutes before slicing.

This and That

The handyman trimmed the crab apple tree out front. Many of the branches were hitting the house and some had broken off. Each year the tree looks like it is dying but that is not the case. The leaves all fall off very early, but it has beautiful blooms.

Another job, which needs to be done is to put crushed rock in the driveway in front of the garage. We have a pile of crushed rock for this purpose. Due to the rains we had some that washed away. Our driveway is very long and it would be expensive to have it paved.

Have a good week and enjoy the foliage, it is quite pretty when the sun comes out.



By Ellenor Downer



Ruby crowned kinglet

I received an email from a Brimfield resident recently reporting the return of the dark-eyed juncos and the sighting of one ruby crowned kinglet.

The ruby crowned kinglet is a small bird of 4 1/4 inches. It is grayish green above with a white eye ring and two white wing bars. As the name implies, the male has a red patch on its head, which is usually concealed. The female lacks the red patch.

Kinglets feed on tips of branches by hovering and glean from leaves. They flick wings and chatter as they move. They eat insects, spiders and some fruit and seeds. They also drink tree sap. Kinglets summer in the coniferous woods of Canada and winter in the northeast and south in woods and brush edges.

The female kinglet lays five to 11 creamy white colored eggs with brown marks in a nest of mosses,

twigs and lichens lined with fur and other fine materials.

In winter, kinglets are found in mixed flocks chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers, warblers and golden crowned kinglets. Their song is a series of descending high notes with three repeated phrases like "see see see you you you look-at-me look-at-me look-at-me."

The Brimfield resident said he had a flock of ten turkeys that show up occasionally. They were in the yard recently and became nervous by one of the gray fox kits. The fox ignored the turkeys as it looked for something to eat under the sunflower/suet feeder.

Feeding the birds not bears

The Brimfield resident said he tries to put out feeders all year, taking them down each night. He said if a bear shows up during the daytime, then he takes the feeders down for a week or so.

I was putting out my suet cake feeder during the day and taking it down before dark. It worked for awhile, but a bear came during the day and not only took the suet feeder down, but walked away with it. I am not putting out suet and will wait for the bears to hibernate. I bought another suet feeder to replace the one grabbed by the bear.

I do put a small amount of seeds in a tray feeder and another small cup feeder, which I used for mealworms during the day. I noticed the birds clean the feeders out quickly especially since I have bluejays coming to the feeder.

Lots of wild turkeys

It seems almost everywhere I go I see wild turkeys often small flocks of Tom turkeys either along the side of the road, in a field or on someone's lawn. Several times I had to stop my car and wait for them to cross the road.

Wren

I spotted a house wren in my yard recently. It had its tail cocked in the air as wrens typically do. I was foraging in the leaves.

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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meeting by Barre resident, Lucy Trifilio. She had complained about the presence of unregistered vehicles in the area of Celona Square. Subsequent investigation found the cars are on private property rather than on a public road. Selectmen Richard Stevens asked for clarification of the town bylaw, wondering just how many cars are allowed on private grounds. There had been some thought that the bylaw may have allowed one car provided it was kept out to sight. According to Town Administrator Lorraine Leno, the town bylaw prohibits all unregistered vehicle on private property regardless of the placement. Building Inspector Harold Nichols has been asked to send out notices of violation to the offending parties.

38 years (Oct. 31, 1985)

Barre residents voted 101

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matically receive her spousal boost when you claim, but her payment as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

The Association Mature Citizens

to 85 Monday night in favor of a non-binding resolution of the Ground Wave Emergency Network tower on the Barre Falls Dam site. A copy of his resolution will be sent to the commanding officer of the U.S. Air Force Systems Command and to both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives Armed Forces Committee as a result of this vote. "I think that it is just important to have gone on record with this;" Virginia Morrisette of the Barre Area Citizens Alliance said after the meeting, a meeting which heard some vigorous debate between opposing side. "But it is just one step," she added.

Oakham selectmen are considering scheduling a Special Town Meeting on Nov. 21 with the warrant proposing several questions concerning expenditure of money: borrowing money to install a new roof on the Center School; appro-

priating money to have a new well drilled near the Fire Station/ Highway garage and buying generators for the Town Hall and the Center School for use in case of emergencies.

Inaugurating the Centennial of the Barre Library Association, Albert L. Clark of Washburn Road, will give a talk entitled "An Era of Confidence Touches Barre," on Friday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m., in the library hall. Refreshments will follow the address. This event, which officially open an 18-month series of planned events and festivities, was announced by James E. Sullivan, library director, who is serving as chairman of the Library Centennial Committee. Clark, a graduate of Dartmouth College and a veteran of World War II, is a recognized authority on the Civil War. He taught at Ware High School for 25 years before retiring several years ago. He was also a former principal at the Barre Center School.

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I continue to receive a number of questions each week

It's encouraging that there is so much interest in gardening even as this season is coming to an end. Here are the quandaries we have for this week:

Myrtle still has an abundance of green tomatoes left on the plants in her small gardening plot. "Are my tomatoes still OK to be outside? When I've picked them green in the past I remember putting them in a paper bag to ripen. Is that better than just leaving them on the counter? Mine are mostly cherries and I have quite a few! I looked online and it says to put them in a bag with an apple, but I don't recall using an apple the last time I did this. I sometimes find that advice from the internet gets confusing - too many options! Also, I was wondering what you thought of trying to root the tomato branches that have flowers. Maybe I could grow them inside for the winter."

Lucky you to still have tomato branches with flowers, let alone those with tomatoes on them! I am impressed.

With frost imminent, I typically allow green tomatoes to ripen single layer in trays or cardboard boxes - something that can "breathe," unlike plastic bags or containers. A paper bag sounds like a fine option too.

The reason for the apple is so that it will emit ethylene gas and hasten the ripening process. Bananas can be used in place of the apple.

There is some controversy about what temperature tomatoes should be kept at to ripen, but it would make sense that ripening would occur at warmer

temperatures versus cooler - tomatoes are tropical plants. Typical household temps around 70 degrees are just right.

As far as rooting flowering branches, it would be a fun experiment and tomato stems do root readily. Usually when we take cuttings, we prefer them not to be in flower, though, as it hinders rooting to some degree.

Try it; I'd love to hear how it works out. If they root, keep in mind that winter light is not as bright as summer light. It might be hard to keep the plants growing well inside.

Sylvia, who gardens in Ware, wrote in with this question:

"My beautiful lush morning glory vine doesn't have any buds, let alone blossoms! I fear we will have frost soon. Do you have any idea why this failed? I started four little plants in June, lots of rain, no fertilizer, soil so-so with some compost added during growth and that's it for care."

My first thought is that your soil is too rich. You said no fertilizer, but maybe the compost was enough to increase fertility, and nitrogen especially, in such a way that you ended up with all that lush foliage but no flowers.

Morning glories are related to bind weed - that pesky weed that tangles around my garden fence and just about anything else it can get its tendrils on. Try to pull it up and the thick white roots break and new plants pop up.

How does this relate? Well, it sort of proves that morning glories prefer soil that isn't so rich.

Another thought is that you have a late flowering variety! Honest!

Some varieties take a long time to flower. One variety that I know grows well and flowers on the early side is an heirloom by the name of Grandpa Ott's.

Give it a try and you'll be pleasantly surprised by the dark purple flowers with reddish centers.

One thing you didn't mention in your note was exposure; morning glories do need to be planted in full sun in order to flower. I do hope this helps!

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

Veteran plaque dedication set for Nov. 11

RUTLAND - A Boy Scout Eagle Award project, conceived and constructed by Liam Deaden, to upgrade the Veterans' monument to honor those Rutland veterans has been finalized and a plaque recently installed by Rutland Post 310 American Legion.

A dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. on the upper common, in front of Rutland's Community Hall, rain or shine. Refreshments immediately will follow at the Rutland Congregational Church.

The criteria to have a name put on this plaque was their "Home of Record" listed as Rutland, Massachusetts when they entered into service, having received an Honorable Discharge and military service between August 1990 and August 2021.

Karen Greenwood, Veterans' Service Officer Rutland Post 310, American Legion thank all veterans for their service the their country.

New Braintree Library holds story time programs

NEW BRAINTREE - The New Braintree Public Library offers its next Story Time programs on Monday, Nov 6 and Monday, Nov. 20, both at 9 a.m.

This reading and crafts program for preschool children is held twice a month on Mondays at the library, 45 Memorial Drive.

On Monday, Nov. 6, the stories will be "Barnyard Dance" by Sandra Boynton and "Big Red Barn" by Margaret Wise Brown. Monday, Nov. 20 will feature "10 Fat Turkeys" by Tony Johnston and "The Night Before Thanksgiving" by Natasha Wing. Parental supervision is required.

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- Robert Wagner series "Hart to Hart"
- Unfolded
- Digestive disease
- Wednesday
- Malignant tumor
- Conscientious investment strategy (abbr.)
- Slowed
- Letter of the Semitic abjads
- Weights of cars without fuel
- Former CIA
- Asian country
- Instead
- Ancient Egyptian King
- Privies
- Shopping trips
- Paradoxical anecdote

CLUES DOWN

- Ancient Persia ruler
- Small American rail
- File extension
- Days (Spanish)
- Everyone has one
- South American plant
- About Ilium
- Vanished American hoopster
- Bison
- A type of breakfast
- Uncooked
- Examined
- Christian recluse
- Strong posts
- Some are for pasta
- Skinny
- School-based organizations

CLUES DOWN

- Ringlet
- Type of complex
- Midway between north and northwest
- It becomes something bigger
- German courtesy title
- Genus of birds
- Marked by public disorder
- Least aggressive
- Russian city
- Insect repellent
- Interruptions
- Scoundrels
- 1,000 calories
- What one does overnight
- Dwarf planet
- Pipe
- Black powdery

- substance
- Set of four
- Canned fishes
- North Carolina college
- Secured
- A disgraceful event
- Physical suffering
- The home of the free
- Some are boys
- Satisfy
- Makes very happy
- South American plants
- Modes of transportation
- Female sheep
- Type of torch
- Piece of merchandise
- Jump over
- Wife of Amun

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Development in May.

Both candidates have served as state representatives for more than a decade, and each said they had worked together on a variety of issues.

Zlotnik, of Gardner, represents Gardner, Ashburnham, and precincts two and three in Winchendon. Durant, of Spencer, represents a corner of Worcester, Spencer, Charlton, Southbridge and Dudley.

Durant has been a state representative, holding the 6th Worcester seat, since 2011, while Zlotnik was elected in November 2012 to the 2nd Worcester seat, only months after graduating from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Durant said the main difference between himself, and his opponent is that Durant was a small businessman for years and also served as a selectman and a member of his town's Finance Committee.

"I have a unique set of experiences," said Durant, pointing to his ability to understand how business works and the challenges facing communities through direct experience.

Zlotnik said he worked on a number of issues both for the city of Gardner, and the rural towns surrounding it, and understood issues that working families face.

"I have conducted myself and intend to do this work in a bi-partisan way," he said.

Issues

Among the questions asked by Ware River News Editor Paula Ouimette were how the legislature could help with daycare costs, their views on East-West Rail, how improve community health options and how the state could help small business people.

Zlotnik and Durant held very similar views on all of these issues.

On daycare, both said they were in favor of tax credits for businesses or parents or both as a way to help change the lack of daycare slots and the rising cost of childcare.

"I'm cautious about regulatory mandates," said Durant. Zlotnik said he agreed and realized parents need help.

"A piece of this is the lack of childcare options, and with limited spots the prices climb," Zlotnik said. Businesses may need additional incentives to provide on-site daycare or some system of providing slots at existing daycare facilities, but it should be through tax incentives, he said.

East-West Rail

They also agreed to look very closely on any investments in East-West Rail, for which the state and federal government are beginning to create plans. East-West Rail is a plan to provide accelerated rail service between Springfield and Boston, with a probable stop in Palmer should it be built.

"I'd like to see more information on the East-West Rail," said Durant, pointing

to the issues on the MBTA's Green Line. "We need to get our house in order first."

Zlotnik was of the same mind, saying, "I agree, we need to be looking under the hood of this proposal." He said Gardner used to be the end of the Fitchburg commuter rail line, and once it was closed, it was estimated it would cost of millions of dollars to re-instate it.

"I'm not in favor of trying to ship more people to Boston," Zlotnik said, and he would also rather see incentives for companies to relocate to communities in the central and western part of the state.

Small businesses

When asked how he would help small businesses, Zlotnik said he would also like to see the state eliminate the business inventory tax, which is part of corporation's personal property taxes. He claimed Massachusetts is one of the few states that still has it, and it has a direct effect on day-to-day business decisions.

The inventory tax includes raw materials, products in the process of being made as well as finished products, he said.

"It presents supply chain issues," he said. "Will I lose all my profits on buying ahead?"

He said anything that has a negative effect on day-to-day business decisions should be eliminated.

Durant said he believes businesses are over-regulated, although the state's institution of a one-stop application for business-

es and communities has been a big step in the right direction. "With one place to go, it makes it a little bit easier for businesses," he said.

Proposed gun safety law

Neither candidate was in favor of a proposed gun safety law, which the House passed by a vote of 120-38 later that day, after the candidates forum.

The gun law made a number of changes including making it more difficult to have unregistered ghost guns, prohibiting new purchases of AR-15 type guns and making it more difficult to carry weapons in certain public places.

Durant said from a law enforcement perspective, police chiefs were against it because it would limit police officers' ability to carry their service weapons in public when they were off duty, and he agreed with them.

Zlotnik said the bill would ask police to oversee the new regulations "in an impractical and impossible way."

Both men also said they did not approve of the unusual way the bill made its way to the floor, through the Ways and Means Committee, and that there was no joint hearing on the bill or a Senate referral.

Rural aid

When asked what the candidates could do to be sure rural communities received a fair distribution of state resources, Zlotnik said the recent creation of the new Rural Affairs division was a good start. With Gobi's appointment as the division's director, it had led to the special election for her seat.

He said in the past, there have been almost no high-ranking state officials past I-495.

He described an instance early in his political career when a state grant to help with industrial park site work became available but one of the stipulations was the park had to be within a couple of miles of a large highway. When he asked why, he was told no one wants to sit in traffic for 30 minutes because of industrial traffic that is too far from a highway, he said.

He told the state official that wasn't a problem in his area, which did not have either traffic congestion, or any sites close to a highway. Zlotnik said it was just one of many instances of state policies or grants being created without any thought to rural areas or what they need.

Durant said the district was very rural with a number of unique challenges, and is also limited by a lack of infrastructure.

"I have a unique knowledge of the area and I would be the voice of Central Massachusetts as your representative in Boston," he said.

When asked how he would help the district's towns access more money for infrastructure, Durant said one of the major challenges was making sure each town's and the state's American Rescue Plan Act monies from the federal government were spent. He said all of the money had not been spent yet, and if it wasn't by a certain time, the federal government would take it back.

He said organizations like the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission have helped many communities develop a plan for infrastructure needs, such as water and sewer lines, which leads to economic development.

"We need to have solid plans for real progress in our district," Durant said.

Zlotnik agreed, and said the state's Chapter 90 program, which funds infrastructure such as roads, needs an overhaul to make it cover more of road maintenance and creation for rural communities.

"It's morphed into this thing," he said, adding that how the money is distributed should be decided into thoroughly, and it should be decided how the money is generated in the first place.

He also said Chapter 70 monies, which support local school systems, do not cover the whole cost of education.

Healthcare

The question of how to provide rural communities in a healthcare desert had no answer, but both candidates said they understand the issues.

For Zlotnik, Henry Heywood Hospital in Gardner, which has joined together with Athol Hospital, has had a lack of buying power as a small institution and has what is known as a high "bad payor" mix of mostly Medicare and Medicaid patients. These factors has created financial problems, he said.

For Durant the situation has a happier ending. Harrington Hospital, in Southbridge, was having the same issues, but has become part of UMass Memorial Healthcare in Worcester, and it has made all the difference. The larger institution provides lower costs and efficiencies, and Harrington Hospital has also made agreements with other institutions to provide certain services, he said.

Thanks to WBCA

At the end of the questions, the candidates thanked the WBCA and its members for the invitation and for turning out to hear their answers.

Zlotnik said he had enjoyed campaigning across the district, which is the biggest district with 22 communities. "I felt right at home," he said of Ware, particularly with so many people of Polish descent in the area. He said if elected, he would make sure states funds "flowed in the right direction."

Durant said he would serve the district well if elected.



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Belanger signed autographs for the guests who attended his Ghosts & Legends presentation, providing many of his books and Haunted New England calendars.

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ited at the East Martello Museum and it originally belonged to Robert Eugene Otto, an artist who belonged to a prominent Key West family. The doll wears a sailor suit that was originally worn by Otto as a child.

According to legend, the doll has supernatural abilities that allow it to move, change its facial expressions and make giggling sounds.

It's also said that the doll can move heavy objects. According to local folklore, the doll has caused car accidents, broken bones, job loss, divorce and a series of other misfortunes.

Museum visitors who've seen the doll have claimed to have had post-visit misfortunes for not respecting the exhibit of Robert. Belanger even has photos of apology letters written by visitors addressed to the doll after experiencing their string of bad luck and hoping it will end.

In addition to his work as a novelist, Belanger also served as the writer and researcher on numerous television series including every single episode of "Ghost Adventures".

Being a resident of the New England area, Belanger also hosts a podcast, "New England Legends". Belanger got into this line of work by being intrigued by old New England towns and the history of the places he has encountered.

He also came across many friends who claimed to have lived in haunted places.

"I enjoy chasing these stories," said Belanger.

Belanger travels all over the country telling various stories that are a part of his "Ghosts and Legends" presentation. His new book, "The Fright Before Christmas" is currently available.

To learn more about upcoming events with Belanger and more spooky ghost stories, visit jeffbelanger.com. Also visit ournewenglandlegends.com to check out his podcast, "New England Legends".

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East View Farm celebrates its first event

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

RUTLAND – East View Farm hosted its first ever fall event, and it yielded a grand turnout.

There were many bands playing, a small vendor craft fair, pumpkin painting, a corn maze, hay ride and several food trucks to get a tasty treat.

Many local breweries and wineries were present with tastings and more including Coldbrook Springs Winery, Moon Hill Brewing Co., Redemption Rock Brewing Co. and River Styx Brewing.

Yvonne Souto, the organizer of the event, wanted all who came to the fair to have fun and relax together.

“We want to make this a destination for kids and families to enjoy,” Souto said.

The farm’s playgrounds, and opportunities to feed the goats sugar cones, see the chickens, and adventure through the corn maze and ride on the hay ride certainly make it a fun place to explore for all ages and all occasions.

The farm will also be reopening the café, and Souto is tiling it “The Haven at East View Farm,” where she will serve breakfast and more food for all to enjoy.



Pumpkin painting and new friends made, Samuel, Joshua, Liliyanna, Ryan, Lilianna, Owen and Oliver let their creativity shine.

The Farm is proud of the turnout, and an estimated 650 people attended the Harvest Fest. This was an encouraging, and amazing opportunity for the people of the farm, and they hope to have even more events like this one in the years to come.

“We love seeing families

come with kids to reconnect with nature and animals,” Souto said. “The farm is a place a place of peace and we want to share that joy with others that come.”

All proceeds from the event went towards the farm, so that they can continue to teach all that come to the farm about agricul-

ture, and to fund future activities and events for all to enjoy.

They will be open to hosting more events soon, including renting the property for private events such as birthdays, graduations and weddings. They also hope to host camping and movie nights over the summers.



Faith Mayer shows the handmade hats, gloves, and other cozy articles made from the fiber of her alpacas from her farm.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Halloween day of fun held at Stone Church



Grace (left), Charlotte (middle), and their mother, Tricia Stanley, posing with their handmade masks.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

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Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Friends of the Stone Church hosted another Fun Day for children with a fun Halloween theme filled with treats, crafts and Halloween songs at the Stone Church in Gilbertville.

Kathy McCrohon, the director of the events the Friends put together, wanted to make sure the event was filled with fun and games for all to enjoy. Last Saturday, Oct. 7, it was a perfect rainy day for indoor Halloween fun.

There was a “trick-or-treat” set up in the pews of the church, and children got to hunt for candy hidden throughout the beautiful sanctuary.

There were also stations where you could complete Halloween Mad Libs, decorate cookies with candy pumpkins, complete watercolor paintings, decorate a mask and paint a pumpkin. There was even a donut-eating contest.

Participants could dance to popular Halloween songs including “The Monster Mash”, “Ghostbusters”, and Michael Jackson’s “Thriller”. They also did a pin the tail on the cat game and more arts and crafts.

“Because I taught dance for so many years, I like to see how much the children love these events,” McCrohon said. “It’s nice to give back to the kids, and I want to offer a Fun Day a couple times a year so that we can all have fun.”

The event was filled with fun and games for all the children who attended.

Local author LJ Cohen, a published science fiction and fantasy author, volunteers with the Friends of the Stone Church, and she made MadLibs for the event.



Anna Maria Dailey paints her cat mask, Sneaky, and making it “perfectly perfect.”



Anna Maria Dailey and her mother Brenda Dailey, with their “masterpiece” cat masks.

“I try to bring something fun to do with writing to the Fun Days,” she said.

The event was full of fun times and memories for the children who attended and the Friends of the Stone Church hope to have many more in the future.



John Thompson with his fresh and homemade maple products from his farm.



Friends Taylor Butler (left) and Kim Nutting (right) showcasing their talents with homemade soaps, candles and beautiful art pieces.



Mary Davilla and Priscilla Chan showing their support and love for children as representatives of Foster MA.

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the lodge. Perhaps unconsciously, they were honoring the early farming heritage of the community and the contributions in the 19th century from entrepreneurs like Jonas Clark, born in town in 1817. And, those in post-war WW II of Vaino Holopainen and Roy Handy Jr, the inventors of the first hydraulic backhoe, which revolutionized farming and earth moving operations in construction nation-wide in 1948.

A century earlier Jonas Clark’s business acumen was clearly visible. He was a major employer and leader in town. He had a carriage manufacturing business and a tin and tool shop providing equipment needed to craftsmen and builders of the day, including supplies to gold miners heading west in the 1850s where he himself lived for a while ensuring the delivery and distribution of said supplies.

With little formal education, Clark still knew one of the first rules of business ownership and success, “Identify a need and fill it.” It is often said entrepreneurs are born not made. Clark was born with the drive and innate characteristics needed for creating and sustaining a business. But he also wanted to share it and inspire others to serve in any way they can.

He became a major benefactor to the town and in his later years, having seen the system and some benefits of higher education through his travels, he offered to build a college in Hubbardston in 1885. The town fathers said in effect, not in our back yard. “We don’t want a

group of rowdy college kids in our town.” Perhaps they were annoyed by the rebellious antics of male students at a college in Cambridge at the time.

Nonetheless, Clark pursued his dream and the liberal arts college is now a University in Worcester, which bears his name. It is one of the original very special 40 US “Colleges that Change Lives” picked by Loren Pope in his book of the same name in 1996. It still is today.

Clark did not want to leave Hubbardston without something educational behind that would encourage reading and learning. He funded the building of the Hubbardston town library, which now bears his name.

Meanwhile, the engaging conversation continued and was further enhanced by the tasty fresh selections brought by Jeff Dalkas creator of “Sugar High Baked Goods” located at 38 Kruse Road and the cheeses from the Stetson family’s multi award-winning Westfield Farms at 28 Worcester Road.

The Stetsons have been hand-crafting farmstead goat cheeses on 20 acres since 1971. The farm turns out a little over 1,500 pounds of cheese per week. The awards include “Best in Show” at various events over the last 27 years. Besides crackers, what goes well with cheese?

Brion and Pamela Keagle know the answer to that question, wine. They searched long and hard to find suitable land for a commercial vineyard. They found it in Hubbardston. Beginning in 2017 they have been cultivating a vineyard from scratch with a variety of carefully selected French/American hybrid grapes.

Brion told everyone that those varieties are more naturally disease resistant and better able to withstand the central New England climate. The Keagles know what they are doing. In addition to being easier on the environment, hybrid grapes pack loads of flavor and bold aromas.

There were three businesses that were not food or beverage related, but one more that was at the lodge. That one is the Greenwood Hill Farm founded in 1836 by Silas Greenwood. Retired Naval officer, Tom Colyer and his wife, Andrea, are the current owners and caretakers of this popular family-owned business. They raise Marino and Southdown sheep on chemical free green pastures. The Marino sheep’s luxurious wool is spun into producing “not itch” incredibly comfortable apparel. The Southdown sheep are for meat.

Jared McDonald-Bourbeau, husband of founder and Studio manager, Danielle McDonald-Bourbeau were in attendance. He is one of the certified Yoga instructors at the new location of Journey Within, a health and wellness studio that encompasses several different facets of wellness. When practiced consistently can lead to optimal wellness. The studio had been located at the corner of Elm and Main where the Wheeler Brothers General Store once stood. They have just reopened at their new location, the same location of the Hubbardston Veterinary Clinic, 48 Gardner Road.

Keith and Debbie Tetreault operate an alpaca farm a mile past the wellness studio at 130 Gardner Road. Keith was at the Lodge sharing his business with everyone. Humans have a fascination with

Alpacas. We sometimes confuse them with Llamas, don’t we? The Tetreault’s leave the website design up to the animals themselves. They are very smart as you will see.

Eric Ring was there. He is a master wood carver who does not yet have a website, but currently working on it. He makes gifts and a variety of useful wood carving boards and other uses with high quality workmanship that this reporter has rarely seen. He gives them away at special events, but he sells his work as well. His business is Quabbin Woodworks.

Eric Goodhart, the director of a college and career consulting firm, Programs for Education attended the event both as this paper’s correspondent and as a business in town. This month Programs for Education celebrates its 30th year in full time consulting with teenagers and their parents. The main office is in the Pinecrest community of New Westminster Road. The college planning timeline in each student’s personal “College and Career Planning handbook” guides students and parents through a pragmatic twenty-step program. When followed, the student is empowered to select a college or university that is realistic and meets the academic, cultural, social, and financial parameters of the family.

Ali Peters was there as the manager of the new multi-unit secure storage facility called Storage Solutions for people, who either are getting out of town, coming into town but not sure where to live or those who have collected so much stuff over the years that they don’t know what to do with it, but are afraid to call “the make it disappear guys.”

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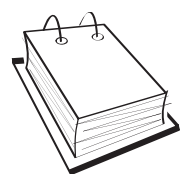
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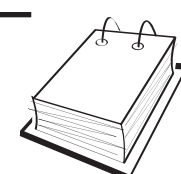
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THURSDAY, OCT. 26

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

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

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

CRAWDAD RETURNS to American Legion Post #2, 450 South Barre Road, Barre today at 2 p.m. People are invited to come in and hear the band. Entry fee is nonperishable food items for those who need some assistance.

INDOOR YARD SALE sponsored by The First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, Hubbardston will be held today from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be spices, rummage, white elephant, books and puzzles, coffee and pastry, toys and games and knitting. In addition, there will be a quilt raffle and a cord wood raffle. People may also purchase lunch of homemade sandwiches, pickles and chips, beverages and homemade pies and other desserts. Take out is available.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL SERVICE will be held today at 10 a.m. at George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 West Main St., West Brookfield, with local musicians on guitars, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, stand-up bass, spoons and voices. The service will feature bluegrass gospel music with meaningful messages of faith, interspersed with background stories. These services, which are planned for months with a fifth Sunday, have been very well attended, drawing many from the surrounding community to the music and its uplifting messages of redemption and hope. All are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the service. For more information, people may call Heidi Jeldres at 978-989-5736 or email Heidi.jeldres@gmail.com.

A **HALLOWEEN PARTY** will be held at the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Route 122A, Rutland at 1 p.m. The event is free and open to all. There will games, food and fun.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

HALLOWEEN ON THE COMMON OPEN

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Regienus said the HR piece was a must and the candidate certainly had all the financial qualities. He was not sure about the managerial part.

Tammy Martin previously worked at North Brookfield Savings Bank and currently as Financial Officer for Warren. The Select Board made a motion to offer the Town Administrator position to Tammy Martin with Dixon and Marshall in favor and Regienus opposed.

Hudl camera

Dennis Dextraudeur on behalf of the Quabbin Regional School District attended the meeting to seek the signing of a current Memorandum of Understanding for the Hudl cameras at the Quabbin High School with the district and the town. The MOU dated from 2018.

The cost was \$5,000 per year and in the past the town funded it through PEG funds. The cameras allowed taping of indoor sports games and school functions at the high school. The district was also

looking to install Hudl cameras on the athletic field. The Select Board asked Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis to draft an updated MOU for approval at their next meeting.

Special Town Meeting

The Board tentatively set Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. for a Special Town Meeting. They voted to immediately open the warrant at the Monday Oct. 16 meeting and close it on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. They are waiting for the books to be closed for the past Fiscal Year to hold the STM.

Other business

Chair Marshall asked the Interim Town Administrator to get a dumpster and line up DPW workers to help load it for the cleaning out of both the third floor room and the basement storage area before "snow flies."

They also received a letter from Tom Gravel about a drainage problem caused by a culvert on his property at Town Farm Road. The Interim Town Administrator consult with Town Counsel on the matter.

Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from Petersham. 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. 30. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Bill Bowles, Gary Brigham, Stephen Craven, Nancy Harris and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of a large evergreen tree at Pine Grove Cemetery, Old Turnpike Road, Oakham.

HOUSE will be held at the Barre Historical Society and Museum, 18 Common St., Barre during Trick or Treating in Barre. This is an opportunity to peek inside the Society building and collect a treat.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

J.R. GREENE LECTURE on "The Creation of the Quabbin Reservoir" will be held today at 6:30 p.m. in Allen Hall, located on the second floor of the Henry Woods Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre. Refreshments will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Local author, J.R. Greene, will provide a narrated historical slide program on the Boston water supply and the Lost Towns. This talk includes information on the Ware River diversion including the areas known as White Valley, Coldbrook and West Rutland. The program will be co-hosted by the Barre Historical Society and the Woods Memorial Library.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

DRIVE THRU TURKEY DINNER sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Rutland will be held today from 5-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per meal and includes: turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, butternut squash, dressing, rolls with butter and apple crisp. People should call 508-

886-4453 to reserve a meal or meals by Saturday, Oct. 21.

39TH ANNUAL CENTRAL MA POSTCARD SHOW will be today from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 29 South St., Barre. Admission is \$3. Lunch food will be on sale. The church and the Central MA Postcard Club are the co-sponsors, with ten dealers from four states offering to sell old picture postcards of local views and numerous topics. Club President and show manager J.R. Greene will offer free appraisals of postcards brought in by the public.

DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsor by Cradle Rock Order of Eastern Star will be held today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 per children 10 and under. The complete breakfast includes designer pancakes, waffles, sausage gravy with biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

BAKE SALE will be held at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Raffle tickets for the quilt, which will be raffled off at the church fair on Saturday, Nov. 18.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

'**MATILDA, the MUSICAL**' will be presented by Quabbin Performing Arts at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St., Barre today at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. For tickets, people may visit our.show/quabbin.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

VETERAN PLAQUE DEDICATION, a Boy Scout Eagle Award project, conceived and constructed by Liam Deaden, will take place today at 1 p.m. on the upper common in front of Rutland's Community Hall rain or shine. The project upgraded the Veterans' monument to honor those Rutland veterans has been finalized and a plaque recently installed by Rutland Post 310 American Legion. Refreshments immediately will follow at the Rutland Congregational Church. The criteria to have a name put on this plaque was their "Home of Record" listed as Rutland, Massachusetts when they entered into service, having received an Honorable Discharge and military service between August 1990 and August 2021.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR sponsored by the Athol Congregational Church, 1225 Chestnut St., Athol, will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This annual event includes crafts, gift items, bake table, theme baskets, gift card raffles, jewelry, "Winner Wonderland", holiday tag sale and snack bar.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

YULETIDE CRAFT FAIR sponsored by the Rutland Friends of the Council on Aging will be held today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior/Community Center, on 53 Glenwood Road, Rutland. There will be vendors, lunch and bake sale at affordable prices.

HARVEST AND HOLLY FAIR will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. The church will have a bake table, craft table, raffles, quilt raffle, snack bar and White Elephant Table. The Cookie Walk returns this year. There will also be local crafters and vendors.

WINTER GRIEF SEMINAR, "Embracing loss during the holidays," will be held today from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden. This seminar offers practical ways to honor grief when people find it hard to celebrate. The seminar is free, open to everyone, and each attendee will receive lunch and a free book. People may call 508-829-4434 to register. For more information, they may visit www.miles-funeralhome.com.

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ed goods in the form of gift certificates, and photographs with a unique story and history tied to them. Over 30 businesses in the neighboring area provided the gift certificates.

Local artists provided unique items as part of over 100 total items available.

A handcrafted Adirondack chair was made by Dave Thompson. Marty Goulet designed a wood bowl that came from the oldest tree in Massachusetts.

The businesses providing the gift certificates include grocery stores, gas stations, local meats and produce, restaurants, and entertainment venues. In addition, the Glidden Hall inside the Town Hall provided hotdogs, snacks, and beverages in the kitchen area.

Dozens of locals appeared at Glidden Hall to donate and participate in the live bidding. Harder ran the live bidding and was supported by several volunteers keeping the items organized.

The New Braintree Congregational Church will be hosting a turkey dinner at Town Hall on Saturday, Nov. 11. The church will also be hosting Christmas in New Braintree on Dec. 9 and will be providing a café.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Joanne Harder ran the live bidding during the fundraiser on stage with several volunteers keeping the items in order.



Tables of items were waiting for the highest bidder.



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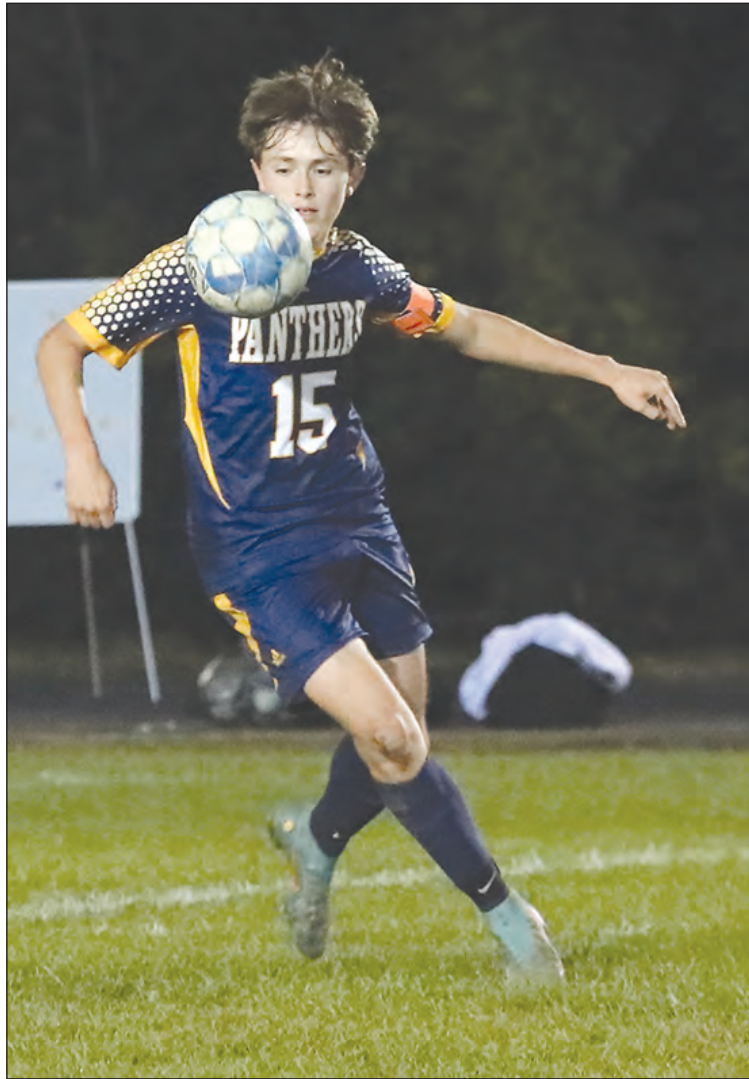
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Panthers prevail over Fitchburg

BARRE – Last Thursday night, Quabbin boys soccer defeated Fitchburg 2-1. Michael Tobin and Owen Twarog both scored goals and Jacoby Dilling added a pair of assists. The Panthers improved to 3-10-1 this season.



Colin Harmon settles the ball.



Alijah Flint makes a diving save.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy
Seth Twarog works the ball away from the goal



Jenkins Miller charges the ball.



Anthony Quartarone fights for the ball.



Kayla Sheerbloom dribbles down the sideline.



Bromfield defeats Quabbin

BARRE – Last Tuesday night, Quabbin girls soccer was defeated 3-1 by visiting Bromfield. The Panthers are 0-9-4 this season.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy

Kaylee Shaw collides with the defender going for the ball.



Hanna Baxter chasing down the ball with Bella Smith in the background.



Brooke Austin makes the save.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Aubrey Ortiz tries to break up her opponent's momentum



Taylor Allen sends a pass up the field.



Victoria Stephens makes a pass.



Samantha Lowe gets a header.

Pioneers head for nonplayoff action

PALMER – Pathfinder girls soccer had a tough end to their regular season with consecutive losses to Greenfield, and twice to Pioneer. The Pioneers did beat Sizer in their regular season finale for a 1-12 record. Pathfinder will likely find itself in nonplayoff games this week and next to conclude its season.

Quabbin field hockey looks for deep playoff run

BARRE – With the regular season nearing its end, Quabbin field hockey is looking good as the playoffs get going.

Quabbin stands at 8-4-3 with a couple of games remaining to be played this week. The Panthers

are a likely participant in the sectional tournament and have qualified for the state tournament.

Coach Shelly Zalneraitis released updated information on her team, which shows freshman Makenzie Casey leading the

team in goals with eight and total points with 10. Goalie Julianna Stanger has also had a great season with an 86% save percentage and 87 total saves. She has allowed less than a goal per game.

Pioneers ready for playoffs



Ethan DeBettencourt stutter-steps for the Pioneers

CHICOPEE – Last Friday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer got a hat trick from Basem Yaseen and defeated Hampden Charter 7-0. It was the 11th win of the season for Pathfinder, which has a lot of tournament play coming up this week and next. The Pioneers will qualify for the Western Mass. and state tournaments. They also could be a part of the vocational school tournament as well.

Turley photos by David Henry
www.sweetdogphotos.com



Justin Davis swings toward the goal.



Seth Mitchell sends a pass into the box.



Isaac Somers plays the ball off his knee.

Sports

T-Birds drop decision to Penguins

WILKES-BARRE, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-3-0-0) put forth a strong effort, but could not come away victorious, falling to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (2-2-0-0) by a score of 3-1 at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. Vadim Zherenko got the start between the pipes for Springfield and had a terrific game, stopping 33 shots on 35 Penguin attempts. On the other end, Joel Blomqvist got the start for the Penguins and picked up his first AHL win with 31 stops. It was a special night even before the onset of the game for the Bitten family, as Sam Bitten took the ice for his AHL debut alongside his older brother Will, marking the first time in T-Birds history that a pair of brothers skated as Springfield teammates. Unlike the other games the Thunderbirds have had this season, the first period did not bring any goals and the two teams remained scoreless heading to their dressing rooms. Zherenko was the much busier goaltender during the first period, as he denied all 14 Penguins shots sent his way. At the 1:35 mark of the second frame, Wilkes-Barre got on the board first. Forward Vinnie Hinostroza broke behind the T-Birds defense, took a

stretch feed from Rem Pitlick, and scored on a backhand deke that snuck past Zherenko. The score did not remain 1-0 for long, as Adam Gaudette continued his red-hot start to the season with a stroke of luck. An innocent clearing attempt around the boards instead saw the puck skitter to the edge of the crease. After linemate Nathan Walker spotted the loose puck, he was stopped by Blomqvist on the initial chance, but the hulking Gaudette slammed the rebound home to tie the game up at 1-1 at the 3:18 mark of the period. As the game hit its midpoint, Wilkes-Barre forward Jansen Harkins broke away from the pack and went in on a breakaway with a chance to restore the Penguin lead, but Zherenko was up to the challenge and made the stop with the left leg. Later on in the period, T-Birds had a great chance to go up a goal with Zachary Bolduc stripping a Penguins defenseman before making it a 2-on-1 with Will Bitten. Unfortunately for the rookie winger, Blomqvist made the stop, knocking away the shot with his blocker, and keeping the score at 1-1. The second period would not bring any scoring for both teams, as the score remained the same at 1-1 going into the third and final period. The two teams traded chances

to start the third period, but neither team could convert. It was not until the 9:03 mark that one of the teams would take the lead. The Penguins power play finally cracked its dry spell, as Pitlick jabbed a power play goal home after a scramble in front of Zherenko's crease, giving his team the 2-1 lead. With 3:01 to go in the game, the T-Birds were given a power play thanks to a Wilkes-Barre bench minor for too many men on the ice. Walker nearly deadlocked the score, but his deflection on a point shot deflected off the crossbar and stayed out. Shortly after the power play ended, Harkins put the game out of reach with an empty-netter, his first goal as a Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguin. Springfield's three-game weekend continues as the team travels to play Lehigh Valley on Sunday afternoon for a 3:05 p.m. matchup against the Phantoms. The T-Birds will look to avenge their home loss on Friday night against the Phantoms and pick up their second win of the season. The T-Birds return home to the MassMutual Center next Saturday, Oct. 28 for our Ok-T-Bird-Fest game to face off against the Providence Bruins for the second time this season. The puck will drop at 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

Monadnock releases 2024 schedule

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Monadnock Speedway and JDV Productions announced this evening the full 2024 event schedule for the Winchester, New Hampshire oval.

The schedule begins with the JDV Open on Saturday, April 20, 2024 and ends with the return of the Winchester Fair event on Saturday, Sept. 21. The schedule includes 20 events spanning from April through September, including house divisions, touring series dates, special events and more.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to Monadnock Speedway for three dates in 2024: the third annual Granite State Derby on May 4, the third annual Duel at the Dog on July 20 and the second annual Winchester Fair on Sept. 21.

The first competition laps on the brand new track pavement will be on April 20 with Monadnock's house divisions in action. The Mad Dog Modifieds, Super Streets, Mini Stocks, Pure Stocks, Six Shooters and Mad

Pups will be racing. The Mad Dog Modifieds were previously named NHSTRA Modifieds, while the Super Streets were previously NHSTRA Late Models and the Young Guns have been renamed to the Mad Pups.

The house divisions will each have special events throughout the year - headlined by a Triple Crown Series, a Monadnock Salutes Pure Stock special (May 18), 15th annual Firecracker 100 (June 29), the inaugural Six Shooters Showdown (July 13), Mini Stock Meet (August 3), Mad Dog Masters Challenge (August 10) and Super Street Summer Shootout (August 17).

A full 2024 Monadnock event schedule can be found by visiting MonadnockSpeedway.com and JDVProductions.com.

"We're excited to work with the great teams that make up the Monadnock Speedway house divisions, multiple touring series divisions and others to be sure the 2024 season at Monadnock is one to remember," Josh Vanada, owner of JDV Productions, said.

"Our team will look forward to releasing more and more information as the season draws closer. The new pavement at Monadnock Speedway is going to make the racing better than it has ever been and we look forward to showcasing it to dedicated, loyal race fans in 2024."

Additional special events during the season will include the 53rd annual weekly racing opener on May 11, the second annual Winchester Open Modified 100 for the JDV Open Modifieds on June 8, the inaugural 350 Super Thunder in the Mountains on June 15 and the 53rd annual championship Saturday on September 14, where all house division champions will be crowned.

The only two-day show of the season will be the finale weekend on September 20 and 21. On Friday night, Sept. 20, a new winners night for house divisions will require drivers who enter the races to have never won

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Education

MWCC celebrates expansion of nursing simulation lab



Submitted photo

Shown from left are Gardner City Counselor and District Director for Representative Kimberly Ferguson Elizabeth Kazinskas, Gardner Mayor Michael Nicholson, Representative Natalie Higgins, Representative Jonathan Zlotnik, SIMS Medical Laboratory Assistant Patricia Carroll, Dean Kimberly Shea, President James Vander Hooven, Leominster City Counselor Claire Freda, Fitchburg Mayor Stephen DiNatale, Board of Trustees Member Patti Bergstrom and Nursing Faculty Member Judy Fredette.

GARDNER – On Monday, Oct. 2, Mount Wachusett Community College leadership, staff and faculty joined local legislators and business leaders to celebrate the completion of the college's nursing simulation laboratory expansion.

"This is a turbulent time for healthcare in this country, but programs like this are a shining spot on the map," Representative Jon Zlotnik shared on behalf of himself and Representative Natalie Higgins. "This program has produced many fine healthcare professionals to do the important work that our community needs. Of all the challenges we face, the one that is in our control is the staffing shortage, and the Mount has continually stepped up to deliver quality professionals to fill the roles that are

so important to both our health and our quality of life here in Central Massachusetts."

"On behalf of our students, faculty and staff, I would like to thank the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education for the Mass Skills Capital Grant which made this simulation expansion possible," noted Kim Shea, Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences. "Through the use of high-fidelity simulation, MWCC's nursing students now have the ability to practice hands on clinical skills they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience in the traditional clinical setting."

The simulation laboratory enables nursing students to learn in a safe practice environment and provides a more equitable set of clinical experiences for

all. The laboratory has elements of a typical hospital ward and includes pediatric and maternity simulations, as well as a home care simulation where resident "Millie" lives.

The project was funded by a Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Workforce Skills Cabinet (Executive Office of Education). The Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program was developed by the Commonwealth for the purchase and installation of equipment and related improvements and renovations necessary for the installation and use of such equipment to support vocational and technical training. The equipment is intended to upgrade and expand career technical education and training programs that are

Theatre at the Mount to hold auditions

GARDNER – Theatre at the Mount, 444 Green St., announces auditions for its upcoming production of "The Music Man."

Director Terrie Hyde, Music Director Senja Morgan and Choreographer Alison Hall are looking for a large adult/teen cast and a small ensemble of children. "The Music Man" follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize – this, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town

with the case are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian. By turns wicked, funny, warm, romantic and touching, "The Music Man" is family entertainment at its best.

Auditions for children will be Monday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m., teens and adults on Monday, Dec. 4 and Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 pm. sharp. All auditions are by appointment only. Callbacks will be scheduled as needed.

People should prepare a short vocal selection that best shows their abilities and range and should bring sheet music if selection is not from the show. They

also should expect cold-readings from the script for key roles. To schedule an audition appointment, they may call 978 630-9388 or email their request to box-office@mwcc.mass.edu.

Performance dates are Feb. 23, 24, March 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. and March 3 at 2 p.m. Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sundays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m.

For more information, people may call Professor Gail Steele at 978 630-9162 or visit the Theatre at the Mount web site at <http://theatre.mwcc.edu>.

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Athlete of the Month

NAME: Michael Tobin
SCHOOL: Quabbin

Tobin had one of Quabbin's two goals in the Panthers' win last Thursday night.

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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Jo-Anne Muldoon named resident advisor at WNE

SPRINGFIELD – Hubbardston resident, Jo-Anne Muldoon, has been named a Resident Advisor for the 2023-2024 academic year at Western New England University.

Muldoon is working toward a Bachelor of Science Business Administration in management and leadership. Resident Advisors are a group of students selected based on their leadership, interpersonal skills and commitment to positively influencing their peers. Resident Advisor assumes overall responsibility for the management of a corridor or residential area with approximately 30-80 students. They are assigned to all living areas on campus and are there as resources to students of all class years. They serve as a liaison between students and the university.

The primary responsibility of a Resident Advisor, after their academic work, must be to the RA position where their focus is ensuring their residents are having a safe and enjoyable experience. Resident Advisor is also expected to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Praise and Worship Part 2

Scripture calls us to praise and worship God. However, we do well to realize that praise and worship are different activities. In this edition, let us continue to explore the topic of praise. Specifically, how are we to praise the Lord?

1) We May Praise with Shouting

Psalm 100:1-3 (NIV)

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

2) We May Praise Him with Singing

Psalm 13:6

6 I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

Psalm 59:16b-17

16 . . . I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

17 You are my strength, I sing praise to you; you, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.

Psalm 104:33

33 I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

3) We May Praise with Musicality

Psalm 150:3-5

3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, 4 praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

5 praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

4) We May Praise with Dancing

Psalm 149:2-4

2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

3 Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

5) We May Praise with Lifted Hands

Psalm 63:1-4

1 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

When was the last time you reveled in the goodness of God and praised Him with a shout, a song, a dance or the lifting of hands? Let today be your opportunity to celebrate the work of the Lord in your life! Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below.

Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come. Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services. Check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org for more information.

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Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost

"Let there be peace on earth."

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com

Scripture Reading: John 14 v 23 -27 and Galatians 5 v 16 -26

1. Introduction

Our world is filled with people coming from different homes with different upbringings and backgrounds. In our own homes, here in Barre and beyond we are not all the same. We all have different personalities, needs and desires and ways of dealing with different situations, at home, at school and at work. With those differences come different ways of dealing with difficult situations and conflicts. Sometimes it is easy to make peace and other times not.

Growing up with my seven other siblings, like in many of our homes, we were bound to be in conflict with each other, but we had to get over it, because my mother always encouraged us to make peace. Her call for peace in our home will remain with me forever, as she has always had a strong sense of what peace truly means. For her, it is about what is right and what is wrong and she will convey that truth, and then encourage us to create a place to live in peace. For me, that foundation was so important as it shaped me and helped me greatly as a pastor, and in my work in peace building and reconciliation in various parts of the world. So, while our homes can be a place of peace and conflict, so is our world. So, what is Jesus and Paul's counsel for us?

2. My peace I give you, says Christ:

When the peace of God, of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit enters the hearts and minds of individuals, everything changes. The power of the peace of God is beyond comprehension for the individual. Why is the peace of God so different from the peace we know as individuals and the peace we have among ourselves? The answer lies in the peace that comes from God, which is a perfect peace. Jesus says in John 14 v 27, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

His peace has the capacity to drive out the fears and anxiety and troubles and the anger we feel inside as human beings, and makes its home inside our hearts, to calm us down and to fill the spaces of our hearts with the love of God that is a perfect love. It is a peace that gives us rest, like the peace in the early morning before the birds wake up, like the stream flowing quietly across the stones and rocks, bringing quiet to the mind.

It is a peace that comes not when we rely solely on ourselves to solve problems, but when we rely on the One who knows everything about the issue and asks from us to trust the Divine intervention and process as we pray. God wants to stand inside our lives, our homes, our work and everywhere we find ourselves, where problems emerge and bring us discomfort. God's presence is what we need when we do not feel peace and comfort. The peace of God comes when we pray for God's assistance and then trust in God every step of the way.

Jesus lays the foundation for what is needed to receive and experience that peace. In response to Judas, who asked why He will show Himself only to the disciples and not to the world, Jesus responds, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." To receive and experience the peace of God means they have accepted God into their lives, and they are filled with love for God. The peace of God will then find its home in the place of love, love for God and love for the neighbor. That is the foundation for peace

to flourish. Love one another as I have loved you. Love everyone, every human being, no matter who they are, from every culture and background. Love them, because if you love one another, there will be peace.

3. Life in the Spirit, and the fruit of the Spirit

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul is astonished by how quickly the Galatian church deserted their faith and salvation in Christ and returned to the belief in the obedience to the Old Testament Law, which sometimes in its punitive form does not fully assist them in their lives as followers of Christ. They must return to the belief in the Christ who saved him, Paul, when he was persecuting the Christians for what they believed. They must live under the grace of God and in love and bearing the fruit of the Spirit here in Chapter 5.

To live by the Spirit means you will not gratify the desires of your sinful nature, which include things such as we see in verse 19ff, "Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication,

impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control..." To live like this means to be at peace with everyone.

4. Conclusion - Let there be peace on earth

What more do we need to know or hear to bring peace into this world today? We see an unpeaceful world playing in front of our eyes like a movie. We see anger and violence every day in this world, around us and beyond. There is road rage, unnecessary shootings, bullying of our kids, and more, and then there are poor and hungry people who cannot sleep at night, because they are worried where the next meal will come from. A serious and devastating human tragedy is occurring in the Middle East right now, and Jesus Christ would not be quiet about it. He would weep and He would speak up and He would get Himself in trouble. He wants us to follow Him and see what we can do about our human suffering around us and beyond. That is love in action so that peace can follow.

To bring peace to our own lives, our homes, our communities, and in this world, is a great endeavor, because to be at peace and bring peace is so counter-cultural to how life often can be. Many of us are so different from each other, and sometimes we cannot come together to understand each other and be at peace with one another.

Maybe some of us will be inspired by the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, which in part reads as follows: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy." Christ is addressing that prayer by equipping us with the peace we need, and the fruits of the Spirit, to live and to be instruments of peace in a world that needs it so much.

During this Stewardship month, we here at Barre Congregational Church, and all others have the opportunity to reflect and ask God to help us and to ill us with the Spirit of love and peace, so we can be instruments of peace in this world. Amen.

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

Obituaries

Dr. Jennie M. Celona, 85

BARRE – Dr. Jennie M. Celona, 85, Daytona Beach Shores, Florida formerly of Worcester passed away on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023.

A graduate of Barre High School, Jennie received her BA in French with a minor in Spanish and Education from Emmanuel College, her Master's in French from Middlebury College, and her Doctorate from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Jennie taught French and Spanish at Walpole Senior High School from 1960-1965, followed by over 30 years as a French professor at Worcester State College and then taught French at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida before she retired.

Retiring in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, Jennie served 14 years on the Daytona Beach Shores City Council, part of that time as Vice Mayor. At the time of her death, she was serving as Vice President of Oceans Two Condominiums.

Jennie enjoyed family,

friends, arts, music, traveling, walking the beach, volunteering, making Italian meatballs from scratch, going to Red Sox games, anything Tom Brady and Prosecco. She will forever be remembered as the sprinkle queen in our family's traditional baking of Christmas cookies as well as the "matriarch" of our family, a title that she gave herself, often jokingly reminded us of and wore with pride.

Jennie leaves her niece, Mary B. Daigle (Pincince) of Auburn; her nephew, Richard C. Pincince of Worcester; her great-niece Kimberly M. Denney (Daigle) and her husband James M. Denney of Auburn; another great-niece Racheal E. Pincince of Leicester; her great-nephew Jeremy R. Daigle of Worcester and her great-grandnephew John P. Daigle of Worcester, as well as many cousins.

Jennie was predeceased by her sisters, Sara A. Pincince (Celona) of Auburn and Frances B. Celona of Brighton and her

brother Louis J. Celona of Boston and Daytona Beach Shores, Florida.

The funeral for Jennie will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023 with a Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Thomas A Becket Church, Vernon Avenue, South Barre. Burial will be private in St. Josephs Cemetery in Barre.

The family requests that flowers not be sent. Instead, please recall a fond memory that you have of Jennie and raise a glass of Prosecco in her honor.

Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

Celona, Dr. Jennie M.
Died Oct. 7, 2023
Funeral Nov. 2, 2023 St.
Thomas-a-Becket Church,
South Barre

Music at Trinity benefits Dismas House and Farm

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – Trinity Episcopal Church continued their monthly music series this past Sunday, taking an offering during the free concert in support of a local organization.

Rev. Randy Wilburn said part of the Church's mission has developed into Music at Trinity, as a way to give back, while bringing the community together through song. The Church underwrites the concerts, and the mission receives all donations received during the offering.

"Today, the mission is for Dismas House and Farm," Wilburn said.

This month's concert featured the band, Ask Me Now, led by Ware native Frances Rahaim.

Ask Me Now was formed in 2018 as a conduit for performing much loved favorites from greats like Fats Waller, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Bessie Smith, Cole Porter, Diana Krall and Stevie Wonder.

After hearing Ask Me Now perform elsewhere, Wilburn knew he had to have the group perform at the Church.

Rahaim said it was special for Ask Me Now to perform at the Church, and she introduced her bandmates and she said she's "in awe" of the fact that she gets to work with them.

"I just love these guys," she said.

The quartet specializes in delivering interesting arrangements and treatments to time-tested favorites and lesser-known



David McMahon, co-executive director of Dismas House and Farm, thanked the audience for supporting the organization.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Ask Me Now, led by Ware native Frances Rahaim, performed a free concert at Trinity Episcopal Church this past Sunday, as part of its Music at Trinity mission. This concert benefited Dismas House and Farm.

gems. They play a wide variety of jazz standards, blues, swing, ballads, Brazilian and something they call "sophisti-pop" for your listening pleasure.

Dominic Poccia, on reeds, has played in jazz groups in western Massachusetts for more than 40 years and has recorded with local bands and performed back up for several well-known bands such as the Temptations, Martha Reeves, Mary Wilson, Paul Winter and Steve Davis.

Bassini, Don Baldini, formerly had a professional career as a studio musician in Los Angeles has toured and performed with some of the "greats" - Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis, Peggy Lee, Tony Bennett, Helen Reddy, Paul Anka, Nancy Wilson, Teddy Wilson, Andy Williams and Henry Mancini.

Baldini's musical influences even found their way into his wedding ceremony, as his vows were the lyrics to "Fly Me to the Moon".

"Anytime we play it, it's for Rebecca [his wife]," Rahaim said.

Pianist/arranger James Argiro comes with vast experience in all phases and aspects of music creation, production, and the performing arts.

He has been affiliated with dozens of stars in all media. Much of his career was spent in Hollywood television and recording studios and as a staff member on many television variety shows, including Sonny & Cher, Tony Orlando & Dawn.

David McMahon, co-executive director of Dismas House and Farm, which is located in Oakham, said it's a wonderful

place to help people get back on their feet following incarceration.

Named after the thief who was crucified next to Jesus, Dismas House and Farm is all about redemption and second chances.

"We rely on the support of the community and churches," McMahon said, to keep the program going.

For over 30 years, Dismas House has helped formerly incarcerated people find support and learn new skills, and the 12-bed working farm gives them the chance to work with animals and learn agricultural practices.

Dismas Family Farm offers a summer CSA, even donating food to local food pantries.

Now Dismas Family Farm is preparing for their Fall Harvest Days at 687 Lincoln Road on Saturdays, Oct. 7 and 14 from noon-4 p.m. There will be hay rides, pumpkins, free food and more. Admission is free.

McMahon said the Fall Harvest Days give the residents of Dismas Family Farm a chance to give back to the people that help support them.

McMahon said he grew up in New Jersey and his grandmother was an avid Frank Sinatra fan. Ask Me Now's performance in honor of Dismas House and Farm, was a "phenomenal special treat."

For more information about Dismas House and Farm, visit dismasfamily.org or stop by one of the Fall Harvest Days.

For more information about Ask Me Now, visit askmenow.live.

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St. Joseph's Parish to hold Christmas Fair

NORTH BROOKFIELD – St. Joseph's Parish will hold its Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall, 296 North Main St., on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be a bake sale, handmade crafts, flea market, raffles galore. Lunch of homemade soups, sandwiches and apple pie will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome.

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NBSB holds annual food drive



Submitted photo
NBSB employees Joe Ribeiro and Tammy Gustafson present the North Brookfield Branch food supply drive donations to Deb Arnold of First Congregational Church of North Brookfield.

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Savings Bank is gearing up for their Annual Food Drive fundraiser, offering the perfect chance to share some kindness, support the Community and help those in need during the season of giving.

North Brookfield Savings Bank's Food Drive fundraiser, held from Sunday, Oct. 1 through Tuesday, Oct. 31, helps provide much-needed food items to local neighbors and families in need. For every item collected through the community, North Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute \$1, for a total of up to \$3,000, to help fund the pantries operations. The bank's goal is to collect at least 3,500 items in total, but the bank will be contributing monetarily and is issuing a challenge to the community.

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

month of October, with the proceeds going directly to local food pantries.

Drop off locations are: North Brookfield Branch: 9 Gilbert St. or 35 Summer St.; East Brookfield: 100 West Main St., Route 9; West Brookfield Branch: 128 West Main St., Route 9; Ware Branch and Business Center: 40 Main St., Route 9; Belchertown Branch: 4 Daniel Shays Highway, Routes 9 and 202 and Three Rivers Branch: 2060 Main St.

Examples of non-perishable and non-food items that pantries can use are paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers, and baby wipes; deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste; dry and canned pasta and soups, canned meats, tuna, and salmon; peanut butter, jelly, tea bags and ground coffee; canned vegetables and fruits, hot and cold cereals, rice, cake mixes, pancake mix, syrup, powdered milk, and granulated sugar; canned juices, baby food, baby formula, granola and cereal bars.

"The unfortunate reality is that

there are people who struggle with hunger close to home in our local communities. The Food Drive is a great opportunity for local community members and North Brookfield Savings Bank to work together to make a real difference in our communities by helping our neighbors," said North Brookfield Savings Bank Digital Marketing Strategist Nicole Syriac. "It is always heartwarming to see the kindness and generosity displayed through this drive by our communities and we are so grateful for the contributions they make each year."

People may visit www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's Community giving efforts and all of the convenient banking products and services offered.

North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown and the Three Rivers Village of Palmer.

Library sets up a room of fright and mystery



Come on in for a spooky adventure through a portal to the Deep Ocean at the Woods Memorial Library

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

BARRE – Halloween is a time of spooky lawn décor, candy, and costumes, and the Woods Memorial Library has something unique to bring to the season.

Kayla Phillips, the Youth Services Librarian, has spent the past five years helping create the best-of-the-best Spooky Rooms with themes for each year. Since her promotion to lead librarian for the youth, she's taken on the full responsibility of the room with enthusiasm.

"I do so many things that I love at the library, but I look forward to setting up the spooky room every year," Phillips said.

Phillips loves every part of the room and takes care to include generous donations from the community, as well as from her family.

"I decided that I wanted to make the spooky room bigger and better by adding the 'window' and back part of the room, giving our event a little more of a semi-interactive aspect, kinda like a still room in a haunted house."

The library also takes donations year-round of costumes for children of all ages. This is so they can have a "new-to-me" costume for their trick-or-treating adventures.

Assistant Children's Librarian,



Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Explore the depths where ghosts roam- behind a protective screen, of course.

Kate Murray, is excited for the children to explore the Spooky Room and see what new additions will arrive come Halloween night.

"We encouraged people to bring in old costumes, and at the beginning of October, many donations came in. We filled a bucket with them," Murray said.

Phillip's love and passion for her community and the library shined brightly- or, well, gloomily- in her display of scary skeletons, bats, ghosts, Jack-o-lanterns, and more that the Spooky Room

has to offer all who dare to explore it.

"My hope is that all the little patrons who come to the library will see that if you have an idea, support and the right amount of time, anything is possible," Phillips said.

You can check out the Spooky Room now until Halloween, where kids can go to the library to walk through and get their pictures taken in Halloween spirit, and, of course, don't forget that candy.

Methodist church to hold Bluegrass Gospel Service

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

The service will feature blue-

grass gospel music with meaningful messages of faith, interspersed with background stories. These services, which are planned for months with a fifth Sunday, have been very well attended, drawing many from the surrounding community to the music and its uplifting messages of redemption

and hope.

All are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the service.

For more information, people may call Heidi Jeldres at 978-989-5736 or email Heidi.jeldres@gmail.com.

OSV to receive \$50,000 tourism grant

BOSTON – The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that it has awarded more than \$1.9 million to 45 cultural and tourism projects, including \$50,000 to Old Sturbridge Village.

Old Sturbridge Village will make improvements to the museum's Visitor Center, constructed in 1975, to include roof and siding repair to secure the exterior envelope, restroom and lighting upgrades and accessibility to a gallery space. The improvements will result in an improved visitor experience and necessary repairs to keep the building sound.

The grants are being distributed through the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism's Destination Development Capital Grant Program, which supports projects that expand, construct, restore, or

renovate Massachusetts tourism destinations and attractions.

"Our administration is actively investing in the communities that elevate Massachusetts as a note-worthy travel destination. Through these grants, we aim to foster creative solutions to enhance our tourism economy," said Gov. Maura Healey in a press release. "These grants pave the way for a brighter future for our beloved attractions, allowing us to showcase them on a global scale."

"The DDC grants will boost industries that make Massachusetts a household name for annual travel," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "We look forward to working together to invest in our state's tourism economy, as it remains an important part of our economic development strategy."

The DDC Grant Program provides funding for aid in destination recovery and resiliency. The program's aim is to strengthen the Massachusetts economy through projects that enhance tourism resources and infrastructure, especially physical or structural upgrades that have a lifespan of greater than five years.

"We're committed to enhancing and revitalizing the diverse communities throughout Massachusetts that attract visitors from around the world," said Massachusetts Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao. "Tourism plays a vital role in the economic well-being of our state, and this grant program will position Massachusetts at the top of the list as an annual travel destination for years to come."

Live auction on Nov. 4 benefits Wings of Song

STURBRIDGE – The Wings of Song Community Chorus is offering its fifth, live fundraising auction to help support the financial needs of the chorus (formerly the Quinebaug Valley Singers) at the Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

This is their first auction since 2019 and they are excited to be "live". Expect to arrive at 6:30 p.m. to look over items of the live auction and place your bids on the many items offered in the silent auction.

There will be musical entertainment, as well as light refreshments.

Donations keep arriving daily. Among present and past items are gift certificates, gift cards, donated home, repair and lawn care, specialized food services, mountain bike, cross country skis and boots, ice skates, fly fishing gear, chest waders, salt-water rod and reel, fiberglass canoe with paddles and much more.

The chorus ended last season with a tribute to the planet titled

"Blue Boat Home". This season, under the continuing expertise of Director, Nym Cooke, it is performing a collection of traditional and contemporary vocal music for the holidays titled Celtic Noëls, from the rich, cultural heritage of the Celts in Brittany.

If you are interested in donating an auction item or receiving updates on the event, follow Wings of Song at www.facebook.com/wingsofsong.org, or email Linda (lammam151@gmail.com) or Carol (carolcurtin77@gmail.com).

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a Monadnock event before in that division. The season officially concludes on Sept. 21, with the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour's Winchester Fair and more.

For touring series classes,

on top of the Whelen Modified Tour in town three times, the NEMA Midgents will visit once, the NEMA Lites three times, the Evolve Pro Truck Challenge twice and the Pro 4 Modifieds five times. Additional touring series divisions include the R&R Street Stock Open, Little Webb's

Super Series and the Senior Tour Auto Racers.

Open Late Models, Open Mini Stock, Big Wheel events and more are also on the calendar. JDV Productions and Monadnock Speedway will release additional information throughout the winter months about the 2024 racing season.

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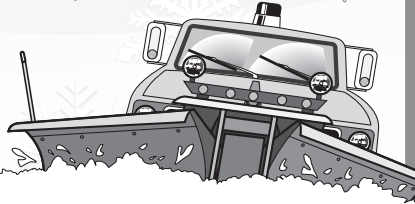
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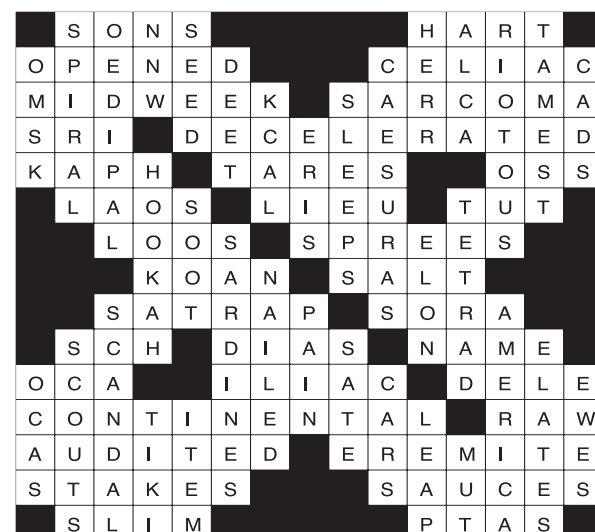
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3rd annual TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K Oct. 29

STURBRIDGE – The Rotary Club of Sturbridge has announced that its popular TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K, and Fun Walk will return on Sunday, Oct. 29.

According to race director Klaus Hachfeld the family-friendly event offers two timed races, including a 5K trail run and fun walk, and a 1K road race.

The timed 1K road race for pre-teens (12 years and under) starts at 9:30 a.m. It will be a road race along Old Sturbridge Village Road, making it accessible to persons with mobility challenges.

The timed 5K trail run and fun walk will start at 10 a.m. using Old Sturbridge Village Road and the Arbutus Park Trail in the Leadmine Mountain Wildlife Conservation Lands.

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

The event also includes a costume parade for younger children, free games, and relay races beginning at 9 a.m. at the Education Center, and organized by a volunteer team from Burgess Elementary School. No pre-registration is required for the children's activities.

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

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

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

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

Lions Club hosts 17th annual 5-Mile Apple Run/Walk Oct. 28

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The 17th annual 5-mile Apple Run/Walk for Diabetes will be held Saturday morning, Oct. 28 at Brookfield Orchards, 12 Lincoln Road.

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

The event in prior years has raised over \$34,000 in donations for these two organizations.

The race is professionally timed and cash prizes will be awarded to the men's and women's first and second place finishers. Registration will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with walkers beginning the course at 10:30 a.m. and runners at 11 a.m.

The entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 17 and younger.

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

For more information and link to online registration (as well as a downloadable registration form) visit brookfieldlionsclub.org.

Mary McGovern graduates from ABA Wharton Leadership Lab

Country Bank announces Mary C. McGovern, executive vice president, chief financial and operating officer, successfully completed the inaugural American Bankers Association Wharton Leadership Lab at the University of Pennsylvania last week.

She earned an ABA Wharton Executive Leadership Certificate, a prestigious credential that demonstrates her excellence in leadership and strategic planning. The ABA Wharton Leadership Lab is a rigorous, immersive program that challenges executive bankers on the reality of leadership in today's world at an Ivy League level. The program, which included 42 students, covers topics such as creating and sharing a vision, goal setting, managing talent, driving innovation and sustaining meaningful relationships.

McGovern is an influential executive leader with more than 30 years' experience in the financial services industry. Her leadership has contributed to the bank's continued success for the past 12 years. Mary's participation in the ABA Wharton Leadership Lab reflects her commitment to continuous learning and professional development at a critical time in the industry as regulations, technologies and the work force continues to rapidly evolve.

"Mary's commitment to Country Bank is admirable, with oversight of operations, finance, facilities, retail banking delivery and technology, she has continued to drive strategic change throughout the Bank," said Paul Scully, President and CEO. "On behalf of the entire team and the Board of Directors, we would like to congratulate Mary for this achievement and look forward to her continued leadership as we navigate the next few years in a challenging economy."

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Local family shows support for neighbors in Lahaina

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The fires in Lahaina, Hawaii have devastated many families, and have reached people here in Massachusetts who have close ties to the city.

Katie Griffin, with her compassion for the people of Lahaina, as well as having close friends who live there, wanted to do something for the recovering city.

She put together an event at Common Ground Ciderworks with live music from five local bands including The Island Castaways Band, Between the Waves, Stan Matthews, TJ Schubert, and the Moonlight Saints.

There was also a raffle with over 50 donated items, along with food and desserts. Common Ground Ciderworks also served specials on the Hawaiian theme from their self-made beers, wines, seltzers, and ciders.

"People were very generous," Anne Adams, Griffin's co-organizer said. The turn-out was fantastic, and the money raised from this day will make an impact.

Griffin flew out on Monday, Oct. 23 to deliver the funds raised from the



Shown from left are Jillian Mattei, Katie Griffin, Cathy Ferrentino and Lahaina resident Lisa Hoogasian-Klein.



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

Diana Nydam is shown in her pineapple costume running the raffle prize table.

weekend to organizations in Lahaina that can distribute the money and resources to families in need.

"I think it is important to come together as a community to help those

in need," Adams said. "Even though Maui is thousands of miles away, we are still connected."

In the spirit of a connected community, many members came together

to support the fundraiser. Cathy Ferrentino, owner of Francesco's Ristorante in Brimfield, Diana Nydam from Brookfield Orchards and Jillian Mattei, the 2023 winner of the title of Mrs. Massachusetts for the Plus America 2023.

"This is a chance to give back to the community," Mattei said. "This is a disaster that has affected our nation. Sometimes just being present shows that support. It really hit close to home [for me]."

Current Lahaina resident, Lisa Hoogasian-Klein flew up to the fundraiser from her home to show her support and gratitude for the gifts and support from everyone present.

"To me, community is so important. Ohana is important to me," Hoogasian-Klein said. "It is devastating and heartbreaking what happened. I think events like this bring people together to help and support Lahaina."

The support from the community for Lahaina will help many people who lost their homes to the fires in Lahaina. It is important, that during times like these, the community comes together to help their neighbors, no matter the distance between them.



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Monday, Oct. 9
12:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Written Warning
9:29 a.m. EMS – Breathing Difficulty, Wauwinet Road, Mutual Aid Transport
9:33 a.m. EMS – Stroke (CVA), Marsha Road, Mutual Aid Transport
12:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Allen, Tyrus L., 43, Springfield

Charges: License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Inspection/Sticker, No
4:18 p.m. EMS – Falls, Station Road, Public Assist
7:25 p.m. Police – Assault and Battery, West Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Hanny, Richard, 51, Wheelwright
Charges: Burglary, Unarmed and Assault, Breaking and Entering Building Nighttime for Felony Conspiracy c4, Reckless Endangerment of Child, Assault and Battery
Summons: Acker, Robert Thomas, 24, Barre
Charges: Burglary, Armed and Assault, Breaking and Entering Building Nighttime for Felony Conspiracy c4, Reckless Endangerment of Child, Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon, Serious Bodily Injury, Reckless Endangerment of Child
Summons: Ricker, Jesse J., 35, Barre
Charges: Accessory After the Fact

7:35 p.m. Fire – District 8 Activation, Hubbardston, Mutual Aid Assist

Tuesday, Oct. 10
12:50 a.m. Transport Prisoner, South Street, Brought to Station
6:05 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Exchange Street, Vehicle Towed
4:49 p.m. Police – Threats, Gauthier Road, Officer Advised
Summons: Morin, William T., 60, Barre
Charges: Threat to Commit Crime, Witness, Juror, Police/Court Official, Intimidate
8:36 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Williamsville Road, Officer Advised
10:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Barre Common, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Oct. 11
8:52 a.m. Court Duty, Worcester District Court Juvenile Court, Court Duty
10:35 a.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
2:19 p.m. Serve Paperwork, Gauthier Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Morin, William T., 60, Barre
Charges: Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate, Harassment Prevention Order, Violate
5:02 p.m. Animal – Lost, Main Street, Animal Returned to Owner
9:17 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Adams Road, Referred to Other Agency
11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
Arrest: Ricker, Jesse J., 35, Barre
Charges: Warrant

Thursday, Oct. 12
9:35 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Massachusetts State Police, Officer Spoke to Party
12:48 p.m. EMS – Broken Finger, West Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

4:32 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Gauthier Road, Peace Restored
6:59 p.m. Animal – Lost, Hubbardston Road, Information Taken
11:02 p.m. Police – Noise Violation Party, Old Coldbrook Road, Peace Restored

Friday, Oct. 13
12:22 a.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Station Road, Investigated
6:47 a.m. EMS – Unresponsive/Overdose, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
7:24 p.m. Transport Prisoner, Worcester County House of Correction, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest: Morin, William T. 60, Barre
Charges: Harassment Prevention Order, Violate

Saturday, Oct. 14
12:06 a.m. EMS – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
1:18 a.m. EMS – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Town Farm Road, Transported to Hospital
7:11 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Hubbardston Road, Officer Advised

SOUTH BARRE
Monday, Oct. 9
2:14 p.m. Fire – Retired Flags, South Barre Road, Information Taken
7:13 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Officer Advised

Wednesday, Oct. 11
8:03 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Information Given

Thursday, Oct. 12
7:50 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Wheelwright Road, Call Transferred

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Oct. 16-23, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 74 building/property checks, 58 directed/area patrols, 14 traffic controls, 16 emergency 911 calls, 12 radar assignments, four complaints, one motor vehicle investigation, one investigation, two assist other agencies, five citizen assists, one motor vehicle accident, one scam, one fraud, six animal calls and 24 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Oct. 16
10:10 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital
10:46 a.m. Animal Call, Jackson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
1:31 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Street, Transported to Hospital
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:47 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact
6:47 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Oct. 17
10:30 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital
11:03 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Ruggles Street, Unfounded
1:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
1:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Vehicle Towed
4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:06 p.m. 911 Complaint, Broad

Street, Investigated

Wednesday, Oct. 18
7:18 a.m. Scam, Pine Street, Voice Message Left
10:19 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, High Street, Investigated
7:01 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Peace Restored

Thursday, Oct. 19
12:45 p.m. Fraud, Church Lane, Spoken To
4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5:20 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
9:11 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact

Friday, Oct. 20
7:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
11:50 a.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled
12:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
1:53 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
6:03 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Thresher Road, No Action Required
7:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Street, Transported to Hospital
11:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

6:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
8:21 p.m. 911 Disabled Motor Vehicle, Route 67, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, Oct. 17
4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
10:35 p.m. Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 18
6:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

Saturday, Oct. 21
1:25 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled
9:41 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To
11:04 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Bridge Street, Peace Restored
1:22 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown, Officer Handled
2:01 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
4:26 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Removed Hazard
6:15 p.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
8:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Services Rendered
9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

Sunday, Oct. 22
12:28 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Patril Hollow Road, Officer Handled
7:41 a.m. Safety Hazard, Bridge Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
10:24 a.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Removed Hazard
10:29 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Prouty Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
10:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
2:53 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To
8:19 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Pine Street, Services Rendered

Monday, Oct. 23
6:42 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated

Thursday, Oct. 19
5:40 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Voice Message Left

Friday, Oct. 20
10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Oakham Road, Investigated

Sunday, Oct. 22
4:44 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 8
6:02 p.m. Evaluation, Gaffney Road, No Fire Service Necessary

Monday, Oct. 9
2:16 a.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Gray Oaks Lane, Investigated

Tuesday, Oct. 10
8:19 a.m. Power Outage, New Braintree Road, Message Delivered
8:20 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, Area Patrolled
11:20 a.m. Harassment, Crawford Road, Officer Took Call

Wednesday, Oct. 11
8:07 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, School Resource Complete
2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Corner Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, Oct. 12
8:15 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, School Resource Complete

Friday, Oct. 13
8:03 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Deacon Allen Drive, School Resource Complete
3:10 p.m. School Zone Enforcement,

Deacon Allen Drive, Area Patrolled
5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
7:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist
9:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
10:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

Saturday, Oct. 14
8:01 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Rutland Road, Message Delivered
4:44 p.m. Radar Assignment, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 8
9:24 a.m. Fire Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Report Filed
4:05 p.m. Fire Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed
7:14 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Ragged Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Oct. 9
9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Citation Issued
9:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
7:06 p.m. Fire – HazMat Incidents, Grimes Road, Investigated
7:46 p.m. EMS – Falls, Williamsville Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Tuesday Oct. 10
3 p.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, Area Patrolled

Wednesday, Oct. 11
8:16 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle, Old Boston Turnpike, Message Delivered
8:17 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Main Street, Area Patrolled
9:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Advised
5:16 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
11:35 p.m. Property Dispute, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Oct. 12
8:08 a.m. School Zone Enforcement, Elm Street, School Resource Complete

3:10 p.m. School Zone Enforcement, Main Street, Area Patrolled
5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, High Bridge Road, Officer Advised

Friday, Oct. 13
7:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
7:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
8:55 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
9:38 p.m. Community Policing, Pitcherville Road, Party Departed without Incidents

Sunday, Oct. 15
12:42 a.m. EMS – Syncope, Root Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 8
7:58 a.m. Police – Abandoned Vehicle/Parking, Intervale Road, Vehicle Towed
6:02 p.m. Evaluation, Gaffney Road, No Fire Service Necessary
6:55 p.m. Fireworks, Victoria Avenue, Investigated
7:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
7:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning

Monday, Oct. 9
12:11 a.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated
4:53 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Maple Avenue, Investigated
7:59 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Birchwood Road, Information Taken
8:15 a.m. Police – Noise Violation, Party, Maple Avenue, Information Taken
10:05 a.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
12:41 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Stevens Way, Officer Spoke to Party
12:46 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Charnock Hill Road, Negative Contact

2:33 p.m. Public Assist, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
6:16 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Prison Camp Road, Officer Spoke to Party
7:36 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, West Street, Mutual Aid Assist
7:42 p.m. Police – Noise Violation, Party, Maple Avenue, Officer Advised

Tuesday, Oct. 10
1:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Citation Issued
2 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:08 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Crawford Road, Referred to Other Agency
8:34 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer Advised
8:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Intervale Road, Information Taken
8:58 a.m. EMS – Seizures, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
5:56 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Pleasantdale Road, Negative Contact
6:08 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Barre Paxton Road, Fire Extinguished

Wednesday, Oct. 11
9:31 a.m. Fire – CO Alarm (No Illness), Prospect Street, Investigated
10:27 a.m. EMS – Welfare Check, Bullard Road, No Action Required
10:47 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital
2:34 p.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Thurston Hill Road, Message Delivered
4:36 pm. Animal Wildlife, Michael Drive, Officer Advised
5:52 p.m. EMS – Choking, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
10:06 p.m. Traffic Hazard, Main Street, Officer Advised

Thursday, Oct. 12
1:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
7:41 a.m. EMS – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Central Tree Road,

Transported to Hospital
8:43 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed
2:44 p.m. Police – Vandalism, Depot Road, Officer Advised
5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
6:03 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Central Tree Road, Report Filed

Friday, Oct. 13
5:27 a.m. Animal – Overnight, Central Tree Road, Negative Contact
6:28 a.m. EMS – Sick/Unknown, Memorial Drive, Transported to Hospital
9:02 a.m. Property Damage, Grizzly Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
11:45 a.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, Main Street, Report Filed
4:45 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Kenwood Drive, Report Filed
5:51 p.m. EMS – Falls, Maple Avenue, Public Assist
9:51 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, East County Road, Vehicle Towed

Saturday, Oct. 14
10:16 a.m. EMS – Leg Pain, Winifreds Way, Transported to Hospital
6:46 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Maple Avenue, Investigated
11:05 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Wachuset Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Judkins, Sheila L., 61, Rutland
Charges: Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR. 08%, Unsafe Operation of Motor Vehicle

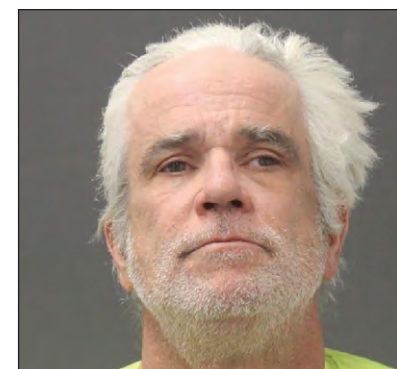
New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Oct. 16-23, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 17 building/property checks, 46 directed/area patrols, 10 traffic controls, four radar assignments, five emergency 911 calls, one assist other agency, one complaint, three motor vehicle investigations, one animal call and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Oct. 16
5:10 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Ravine Road, Services Rendered

Convicted Ware sex offender sentenced to prison

By Paula Ouimette
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Submitted Photo

Michael Hunt, 53, of Ware was sentenced to serve nine-11 years in state prison at an Oct. 3 hearing for violating his probation conditions for sexually assaulting a child and contacting six other children.

with six different children in Ware and Oakham between 2016 and 2023.

Northwestern Assistant District Attorney Andrew Covington joined the Hampshire Superior Court Probation Department in requesting that Hunt be sentenced to 12-16 years in state prison.

Northampton defense attorney David Mintz recommended a state prison sentence of four to five years followed by five years of probation. Mulqueen revoked Hunt's probation and sentenced him to nine-11 years in state prison.

Prior to his release from state prison, the Northwestern District Attorney's Office will have the option of filing a sexually dangerous person petition against Hunt, which could result in his indefinite commitment to the Massachusetts Treatment Center. Hunt still faces open charges in Eastern Hampshire District Court for one count of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 years and intimidation of a witness relating to the incident in Ware from 2018 involving the 10-year-old boy. Hunt entered a plea of not guilty on that case.

"The survivor showed tremendous courage coming forward and testifying in Court," said Covington in a press release.

Covington credited Ware and Oakham Police Departments for their efforts on the case and noted that Hunt will be incarcerated for a substantial period of time and unable to harm any additional children.

NORTHAMPTON – Hampshire Superior Court Judge Jane Mulqueen sentenced convicted sex offender Michael Hunt, 53, of Ware, to nine to 11 years in state prison.

At the Oct. 3 hearing, the judge ruled that Hunt violated the conditions of his probation by sexually assaulting another child and contacting six other children.

Hunt had been convicted in Franklin and Worcester Superior Courts in 2002 for several sex offenses on four young boys, for which he served approximately eight years in prison. He was then civilly committed for an additional five years at the Massachusetts Treatment Center in Bridgewater after he was declared a sexually dangerous person.

Hunt was released in March of 2014 to serve 15 years on probation as a registered sex offender.

In March 2023, the Ware Police Department filed criminal charges against Hunt after a boy reported that Hunt had sexually assaulted him in 2018, when the boy was 10 years old. This triggered a probation violation hearing in Hampshire Superior Court that spanned three days in August and September, during which 11 witnesses testified, including the boy.

On March 23, while awaiting the probation violation hearing, Hunt posted the \$30,000 bail and was released.

The following month, Hunt had

another incident that violated the conditions of his probation, stemming from an incident in Oakham.

According to a press release from the Ware Police Department, Hunt and another adult male stopped and asked two girls for directions in Oakham on April 1. The girls ran away from the two men, and were picked up by a parent and the incident was reported to the police.

Following an investigation by the Oakham Police Department, Hunt returned to court on April 3 and a judge determined he had violated the conditions of his release and his bail was revoked.

At the conclusion of the Oct. 3 hearing, Mulqueen ruled that Hunt had violated his probation by sexually assaulting the boy and engaging in prohibited contact

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Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

- **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.
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