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Select Board Pole approves pole hearing

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OAKHAM – The Select Board approved a petition pole at their Tuesday, Oct. 14 meeting.

Colton Marshall of National Grid said the pole was for a new garage on 482 Adams Road. The Board received no objections from butters.

STM results

Town Counsel from KP Law sent a letter of clarification to the Select Board on the votes on Article 3 and 4 at the Special Town Meeting of Monday, Oct. 6. He said a vote on an article is based on the number of people, who vote on an article, not the total number of voters, who check in. The purpose of the check in number was to ensure a quorum was present. The quorum in Oakham is ten registered

voters.

Article 3 was to transfer a sum of money from the special stabilization fund and only required a simple majority, which it had with 51 yes and 25 no. Even if it required a 2/3 majority, it would need 51 votes in this case and received that number.

Article 4 was a transfer from the general stabilization fund and did require a 2/3 majority. The vote was

54 yes to 24 no and a 2/3 vote needed was at least 51. In conclusion, Town Counsel said both Article 3 and 4 passed. The Board will send a copy of this letter to the Town Clerk.

License fees

Administrative Assistant Mirabel LaRange said it had been sometime since liquor licenses and Class I and II licenses were increased. Currently the fees are \$355 for an all alcoholic, \$205 for

a wine and malt and \$50 for Class I and II.

She inquired about fees in several owns in the area. Barre charges \$900 for an all alcoholic and victualer license and \$270 for a wine and malt. Hardwick charges \$100 for a Class I and II license.

Select Board Chairman Donald Haapakoski said the board discussed the fees in the past, but they did not make any increases. He said

it was not fair to raise the fees two months before they were due. The Select Board opted to send a note with the license renewal letter stating they would be considering an increase next year. License fees are due this December for the 2026 year.

School lease agreement
The town's lease with the Quabbin Regional School District for Oakham Center

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Barre gears up for Halloween night



Dan Stevens, donated these pumpkins to adorn the Barre Historical Society porch during the town wide Trunk or Treat in Barre on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-8 p.m. A donation in memory of Betty Gariepy and Suzanne Fullam covered the cost of all the historical society candy for 1,000 trick or treaters on Halloween.

Town Administrator candidate interviewed

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – During a recent meeting, candidate Ron Aponte was interviewed by the Board of Selectmen for the role of Town Administrator.

Aponte has over 30 years experience in private sector and over 20 years in municipal management. He has been a Select Board member in Belchertown for more than two decades and he has also been the Town Administrator in Brookfield.

He said he enjoys municipal government, including its challenges.

"I enjoy municipal management...frankly I think I'm good at it, too," Aponte said at the Board of Selectmen's

Oct. 21 meeting. "I like the challenge, I think it fits my skillset and my experience I've built up over the years."

Aponte said he likes the small town charm of North Brookfield, which he said is similar to Brookfield, and his hometown of Belchertown.

"I think I could work well with the board and with the town," he said.

Aponte said he believes the key issue the town is facing is financial. He said there seems to be an imbalance with revenue and expenses.

"That's something that we have to take a good hard look at during the budget process...but really throughout the year," he said.

Aponte said supporting

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Tracking a great-grandfather

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RUTLAND – James "Jimmy" Rich, a former history teacher from North Reading, set out to trace the genealogy of his mother's paternal grandfather, James Arnold Gayhart.

He found that his great-grandfather died and was buried in Rutland. Originally, he thought it was Rutland, Vermont, but it turned out to be Rutland, Massachusetts. His ancestor contacted pulmonary tuberculosis, a then incurable disease in the 1930s. He was sent to Rutland Height State Hospital, a sanitarium, a specialized hospital for the treatment of certain disease. In the case of TB patients, they were quarantined and the sanitarium provided fresh air and sunshine. He died Jan. 8, 1941 at the age of 51.

When he finally found James Gayhart's grave at Rutland Rural Cemetery, he discovered there was no marker. As a Christmas present to his mother, he purchased a marker and had it installed. The headstone reads: "Gone but not forgotten" James Arnold Gayhart, 1890 – 1941.

His mother's father was Harry Gayhart, James second oldest child. Harry Gayhart passed away when



Submitted photo

When James Gayhart died from tuberculosis in 1941, he was buried in a mass grave in Rutland. His great-grandson James Rich recently purchased this marker as a Christmas gift to his mother.

the author was sixteen. Unlike his mother whose grandfather died about seven years before she was born, James Rich, did get to spend time with his grandfather.

The author said he found the genealogical study on his great-grandfather "very difficult." "He was the family mystery on my mother's side. After I began researching and found out so many interesting details about his life, I thought that he would be a great subject to write a book about," said Rich.

Rich summarized his great-grandfather's life in the epilogue of his book. "A simple summary of James Arnold Gayhart's life is thus: he was born in Cincinnati, Ohio to a German immigrant father and a mother from Ohio. He had four siblings: two boys, two girls. He lost his father before he was seven years old. The family struggled."

"He quit school early and worked with his hands his

entire adult life. He married a woman and had eleven children, two of whom died while infants. This, coupled with losing her own sister while both were very young, caused her to break down mentally. Their children were shuffled off to orphanages at times. They struggled. In his late forties, he contracted tuberculosis, a then incurable disease which killed him at only fifty-one years of age."

Rich said, "Some would argue that James Gayhart was unlucky...his father died young, he and his wife lost two young children, he died from a disease that was, for all intents and purposes, all but cured two years after it took his life. But one could also argue that he was lucky: he was born in the greatest country in the world, at a time where that country was advancing human progress more than any country at

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'An Infinite Variety of Fruit'

Residents sampled historic New England apples

By Ryan Drago
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WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Historical Society Museum presented a unique program featuring historic New England apples this past weekend.

The presentation was held at the West Brookfield Senior Center

and was given by Christie Higginbottom. At the start of the presentation, guests were handed a score sheet featuring the names of various New England apples that they would get to taste throughout the presentation.

Higginbottom shared various historical facts, notes, and quotes from notables who have studied apples that have been part of the New England region since the colonial period. One quote shared was from James Thacher's work, "The American

Orchardist", back in 1825.

"The seeds of apples contain the germ of an infinite variety of fruit. New varieties and some of excellent quality are continually produced from seeds," Higginbottom read, quoting Thacher.

Many apples in New England had arrived with colonists back in the early 1600s. One of the earliest varieties of apples discussed was the Roxbury Russet apple. This apple is one of the oldest varieties of apples, which came from an apple farm in Roxbury around 1640.

This apple is similar to the English Russet apple and was the first type of apple for guests to taste.

Apples were cut into slices and passed around the Senior Center. After tasting, guests would score the apple on a scale from 1 to 5. One guest described the apple as having a crunch and had a crisp taste to it and graded the Roxbury Russet a 5 out of 5.

Higginbottom mentioned seedling apple trees being used in the 19th century and there were many seedling cider orchards in New England. To get a visual observation of a seedling cider orchard, there is an orchard at Old Sturbridge Village at the Freeman Farm.

The next apple was the Baldwin, originating from Wilmington back around 1750. This apple had a soft-

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

A presentation of historic New England apples took place at the West Brookfield Senior Center. Guests got to try some samples of these apples.



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News of the Towns



ROUND TOWN

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OES holds pancake breakfast

On Saturday, Nov. 8 from 7:30-10:30 a.m., Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star will hold a designer pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St. Menu includes design you own pancakes with chips, nuts and fruits, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$5 children 6 and under. Everyone is welcome.

Quabbin present 'Shrek the Musical'

Quabbin High "Shrek the Musical" opens Fridays, Nov. 7 and Nov. 14 and Saturdays, Nov. 8 and Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., in the auditorium. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Advance ticket sales are available by emailing Toni Brown at tbrown@qrsd.org or by visiting <https://our.show/quabbinshrek>.

Barre Woman's Club

The public is invited to hear the heart-breaking story of the Naramore tragedy with a fresh interpretation of how the strange case of Lizzie Naramore was a struggle for equal rights of women in marriage. Lucy Allen, Historian of the Barre Historical Society, will present a PowerPoint program and talk sponsored by the Barre Woman's Club at the Barre Congregational Church on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. It is open to the public.

Medicare presentation

The Barre Hardwick Senior Center will be hosting an educational presentation on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. at the senior center located at 557 South Barre Road for current beneficiaries and for those who will soon be eligible for Medicare. The information is specific to Massachusetts. The session will run from 1 to 1.5 hours, including time for questions. The presentation will be conducted by Ed Spater, a licensed Insurance agent, who will explain the basics of Medicare including: why it's important to evaluate your current Medicare coverage each year; the pros and cons of each of your Medicare coverage options; what to consider when deciding which Medicare coverage option is right for you; and ways to save money and get better Medicare coverage in 2024.

For accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings call 774-271-5199 or 711 for TTY callers.

OES holds pancake breakfast on Nov. 8

BARRE – On Saturday, Nov. 8 from 7:30-10:30 a.m., Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star will hold a designer pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St.

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PAC presents exhibition by Artist Stephanie Vignone



Courtesy photo Petersham Art Center

The Petersham Art Center is showcasing the work of artist Stephanie Vignone on exhibit through Sunday, Nov. 23. All are welcome to a reception with the artist on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 4-6 p.m. at 8 North St., Petersham center.

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Art Center, 8 North St., presents a new exhibition, "Familiar Places:

Landscapes by Stephanie Vignone " on display through Sunday, Nov. 23.

The Art Center invites the public to join the artist in an opening reception on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 4-6 p.m. Petersham Art Center exhibition coordinator Ken Levine notes, "This is the first exhibition of Stephanie's work in the Art Center gallery and we are delighted to have her. Her beautiful landscape paintings will resonate with visitors. We hope the public joins us on Nov. 2 for the opening reception to meet Stephanie and enjoy fine art and refresh-

ments."

Working in pastel and oils, Vignone is inspired by familiar places of Massachusetts and New England. Natural landscapes are transformed by her critical eye; skillful use of color, light and texture and clear-eyed imagination creating images of classical realism while at times verging on another worldliness.

Vignone shows her work regularly, including exhibitions at the Oxbow Gallery in Easthampton, the Burnett Gallery-Jones Library in Amherst, the Hosmer Gallery-Forbes Library in Northampton and the Connecticut Pastel Society.

Vignone explains, "As far back as I can remember, I have

spent lots of time walking outdoors. I love to be outside in the woods, hiking with my dogs, in the gardens by my house. Painting the places I see has given me another deep way in which I can connect with them. I love light and texture, but what really makes me want to paint a scene is the way in which I am able to compose it."

Regular Art Center hours are Thursdays through Sundays from noon-4 p.m. For more information about the exhibition and the Center, people may call 978-724-3415. Since 1912, the Petersham Art Center has been home to regional fine art and craft through its shop, gallery, classes and special events.



OAKHAM

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Fire chief offers senior program

Fire Chief Tim Howe will be presenting a program on how to respond to an active shooter in a public setting at the Oakham Senior Center, lower level of Town Hall on Monday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. People should either call 508-882-4073 to register or sign up for this program at the senior center.

It will be held at the Oakham Senior Center Monday, Nov 10, at 1 p.m.

Please call 508-882-4073 to let us know you plan to attend, or sign up on the sheet on the board at the Center.

Harvest and Holly Fair

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold their annual Harvest and Holly Fair on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be crafters, baked goods, white elephant table, raffles, quilt raffle, snack bar, cookie walk and church craft table. Uncooked frozen apple pies will also be on sale that day. The snack bar will feature chili, hot dogs, corn chowder and either turkey or chicken soup. Anyone wishing to have a craft table should call or text Ellie at 774-262-5882. Cost is \$25 plus an item for the raffle table. The church provides the tables.

Blood pressure and glucose clinic

The Oct. 28 free blood pressure and glucose clinic has been moved to Monday, Nov. 17 from noon-2 p.m. to coincide with the scheduled podiatry clinic that day. No appointment is needed for the blood pressure/glucose clinic.

Veterans pancake breakfast

On Saturday, Nov. 8 a Veterans pancake breakfast sponsored by the Worcester Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps will take place today 9-11:30 a.m. at the Oakham Fire Department, 178 Barre Road. The free breakfast is for Veterans and their family members.

Senior Thanksgiving dinners

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

Oakham Senior penpals

Participating Oakham Senior Penpals may pick up their first letter on Saturday, Nov 8 at the library. Letters to the students are due back at the library by Thursday, Nov 20.

Senior Center

The Council on Aging plans to attend the brown bag lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester. Those interested in riding the bus should call the senior center at 508-882-4072 to sign up; space is limited. Bemis workshop, dried flower Boxwood tree will be at the Fire Station on Tuesday, Nov 25 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$15.

Ongoing activities include: Monday, Nov. 17 podiatry from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. reservations required; Thursday, Nov. 20 SHINE from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. reservations are required; Monday, Nov. 17 blood pressure and glucose testing noon-2 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 21 lunch bunch at Eller's 190 Main St., Cherry Valley meet at 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 25 SNAP Benefits Information from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome; no age restrictions.

There is a sign up sheet at the Senior Center in the Main Room for lunch brunch. If seniors can't get to the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

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

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

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

Hot Lunches are served at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the congregate meal coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15 p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

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 Nov. 3. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MONDAY – Beef stew, rice corn niblets, Mandarin oranges, pumpkinnickel bread

TUESDAY – Buttermilk chicken, cranberry stuffing, mixed vegetables, peaches, whole wheat bread

WEDNESDAY – Baked potato with

chili and cheese, roasted broccoli, sour cream, chocolate mousse, pumpkinnickel bread

THURSDAY – Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, Italian bread

FRIDAY – Shepherd's pie, carrots, peas, pear crisp, diet = pears, marble rye bread

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

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Select Board – Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 4 and Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 5 at 12:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 10 at 5 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.
 Barre Common Oversight Committee – Nov. 13 at 5 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Jan. 22, 2026 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Cemetery Commissioners Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 5 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 10 at 6:45 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Nov. 12 at 3 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Nov. 17 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Open Space Committee – Oct. 30 at 6:45 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Library Trustees – Nov. 3 at 6:25 p.m.
 Special School Committee – Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.
 Rep. Berthiaume and Sen. Durant office hours from 11 a.m.-noon
 Planning Board – Nov. 19 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Open Space and Recreation Committee – Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.
 Select Board – Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 8 at 10 a.m.
 Board of Assessors – Nov. 7 at 9 a.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – Nov. 8 at 10 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 10 at 10 a.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Dec. 9 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Town Charter Committee – Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.

NBSB hosts annual toy drive

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Savings Bank announces the start of their annual toy drive, running from Saturday, Nov. 1 through Saturday, Nov. 29.

This year's toy drive continues North Brookfield Savings Bank's commitment to bring holiday cheer to those in need. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be collected at all branch locations, where every contribution will support local toy programs that make a difference in the lives of children within the community.

In addition to accepting toys, NBSB branch locations will also welcome monetary donations. The bank will match each dollar contributed and will donate an additional \$1 for every toy collected, up to \$250 per branch. The Ware branch will specifically concentrate on gathering monetary donations to support the Ware

Police and Fire Department's Christmas for Kids Program. The Belchertown branch will concentrate on gathering physical toy donations and gift cards.

"Our Annual Toy Drive is a testament to the generosity and compassion of our community members and employees. As a local community bank, we are proud to help brighten the holidays for children within our community" said Audrey Champine, Marketing Manager at North Brookfield Savings Bank. "We are truly grateful for the ongoing support that allows us to spread happiness to local families during the Season of Giving."

Donations will be accepted at these North Brookfield Savings Bank branches: North Brookfield Branch, 9 Gilbert St. partnering with the North Brookfield Police Association's Toys for Joys Program;

East Brookfield Branch, 100 West Main St., Route 9 partnering with the East Brookfield Toys for Joy Program; West Brookfield Branch, 128 West Main St., Route 9 partnering with the West Brookfield Police Association Holiday Toy Program and the Warren Patrolmen's Association; Ware Branch, 40 Main Street, Route 9 – partnering with the Ware Police and Fire Department Christmas for Kids Program only accepting monetary donations for 2025; Belchertown Branch, 4 Daniel Shays Highway, Routes 9 and 202 – partnering with the Belchertown Firefighters Association Adopt-a-Family Program only accepting physical toy and gift card donations for 2025 and Three Rivers Branch, 2060 Main St. partnering with the Palmer Lions Club Holiday Toy Program.

HUBBARDSTON

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Historical Society holds Farmers market

The Hubbardston Historical Society will hold a Thanksgiving farmers market and bake sale on Sunday, Nov. 23 from noon-3 p.m. at Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road. There will be great food and more for the holidays from local farmers. People may enjoy apple cider or coffee while they browse. It will be held rain, snow or shine. For a full list of vendors and their products, people may visit www.hubbardstonhistorical.org. For questions, people may call Cathy Hansgate, market manager, at 978-928-3731.

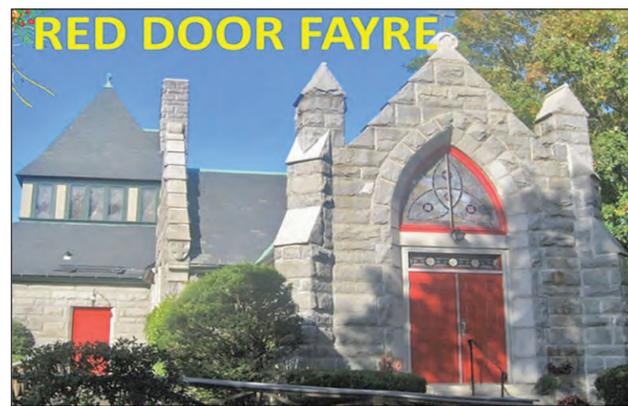
Trick or treating

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

House numbering program

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

Red Door Fayre will be held on Nov. 8



Submitted Photo

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church will host its Red Door Fayre on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., will host its Red Door Fayre on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 9:30-2:00.

There will be raffles, an Exquisite Table, Christmas Table, craft table, bake table, pies and interior plants. A homemade luncheon of soups, sandwiches and apple crisp will be available.

Story time takes place Nov. 3

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering a story time for preschoolers on Monday, Nov. 3 at 11:30 a.m.

The readings will include "The Busy Little Squirrel" by Nancy Tafuri and "I Don't Want to go to Sleep" by Dev Petty. Parental supervision is required.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, presents Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe, on Monday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Town House for Mysterious Massachusetts.

Participants will prepare for legends that would make even the bravest ghost hunters check their flashlight twice, mysterious happenings swirling around Quabbin Reservoir and the towns that populate the area, tales of restless spirits, supernatural legends, glowing lights, odd occurrences and strange entities.

People should register to hold a place by either emailing Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6704.

Story time meets at the Paige Library on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for play and then enjoy stories at 11 a.m. with art and science projects to follow. Registration is not mandatory but it's extremely helpful in the planning and providing adequate materials.

Berthiaume and Durant list their office hours

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Chief of Staff, Donna and Senator Peter Durant's office invites constituents and town officials to meet them to express any concerns, ideas, or issues that they may need assistance. They may call Donna at 774-402-4742 if they would like a private meeting.

Scheduled office hours are: Wednesday, Nov. 5 at

Ware Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m. at Hardwick Town Hall from 10-11 a.m. at West Brookfield Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and at Brookfield Town Hall from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 6 at Oakham Town Hall from 9-9:45 a.m.; at New Braintree Town Hall from 10-10:45 a.m. and North Brookfield Town Hall from 11 a.m.-noon. On Tuesday,

Nov. 18 at the Barre- Senior Center from 9-10 a.m. and at Hubbardston Senior Center from 10:15-11:15 a.m..

On Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the Leicester Senior Center from 9-9:45 a.m.; at Spencer Senior Center from 10-11 a.m. with Tammy Ruda from Rep. Marsi's office and East Brookfield Senior Center from 11:15 a.m.-noon. There will be no office hours for December.

Senior Center lists events in November

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center, located at 29 Forest St., will offer the following events and activities during the month of November.

Free art classes will be held on Thursdays with wood crate flower arrangements on Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. and wreath

ornaments on Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. A free drawing class will teach how to create landscapes on Nov. 13.

Music bingo will be held on Monday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m.

A presentation by Home Health Agency will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 12

at 11:30 a.m. and a fraud presentation by North Brookfield Savings Bank will be Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m.

A Thanksgiving luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at noon. There is limited seating and the luncheon is first come, first served.

Corrections policy

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

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Opinion

Letter to the Editor

Peace plan has some flaws

For those of us who want to see an end to the Gaza genocide and the establishment of a free Palestine, President Trump has definitely helped the cause by creating a framework for an exchange of Israeli hostages for Palestinian hostages and prisoners of war.

However, Trump's so-called Peace Plan has one major flaw. Though U.S. and U.K. support to help rebuild Gaza is welcome, Palestinians were not consulted as part of the overall plan. The Peace initiative is to be overseen by leaders of Western, former colonial powers that had initiated and funded the conflict since the beginning.

If the ceasefire doesn't evolve into peace and Benjamin Netanyahu fails to allow significant amounts of aid into Gaza

and the genocide resumes, the only respite for Palestinians would be if Netanyahu follows his stated desire to attack Iran again. That in turn may trigger full-scale Palestinian resistance and likely Hezbollah and Yemeni forces joining the fray.

Meanwhile, wealthy Israelis might do as they did during the 12-day war as Iran pummeled Israel, flee to Cyprus, where they have been building luxury apartments and shops and employing U.K.-U.S. military bases to house and deploy fighter jets. If Trump restrains Bibi from continuing the genocide, then Netanyahu will be itching to fight again to retain power. What would happen then is anyone's guess.

Genevieve Harris-Fraser
Orange

Guest Column

BESS causes concern for safety and self determination

By Aaron Langlois

On Oct. 16, the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board held a public hearing in Oakham, where all 41 speakers voiced unanimous opposition to the proposed Rhyndland Energy/Rhyndland Development/Moraga Battery Energy Storage System project.

Every board, department, and resident who spoke shared the same message: this project does not belong here. As a 20 plus year Oakham resident and community advocate, I was struck by the unity and clarity of Oakham's voice that evening. It was a rare and inspiring moment of small-town democracy in action. Oakham's state legislative delegation, every town board, the chiefs of fire and police, the highway superintendent, and the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization the Advocates for Conservation of Oakham's Rural Nature and Saftley founded to advocate for Oakham's environment all stood together with parents and senior citizens from our town and from communities across the Commonwealth. United, they defended our community's safety, the environment both locally and beyond, and our fundamental right to self-determination.

Representative Donnie Berthiaume opened by thanking the Siting Board for coming to Oakham and stated clearly that "this project does not belong here." He reminded the Board that this was not about opposition for opposition's sake but about protecting a watershed that supplies drinking water to millions.

Senator Peter Durant echoed the sentiment, emphasizing that no one in the room was against green energy. What Oakham opposes, he said, is the wrong project in the wrong place.

Oakham Fire Chief Tim Howe spoke bluntly about the danger. "If one of these batteries catches fire, we are not equipped to handle it," he told the Board. "It can burn for days, and the runoff can contaminate everything around it." He explained that lithium-ion battery fires cannot be extinguished with water and require specialized suppression materials and teams that small towns like Oakham simply do not have. "When you're dealing with a fire like this," he said, "you're talking about a disaster that grows while you wait for help."

Police Chief Fred Gehring expressed concern about the legal and ethical implications of a facility that violates local zoning bylaws and leaves public safety agencies without a clear jurisdictional framework. Highway Superintendent Patrick Mardirosian described how hundreds of heavy trucks carrying hazardous materials would damage narrow, rural roads not designed for industrial traffic. Conservation Commission member Shawn Seeley detailed the ecological importance of the site, noting it sits within the top two percent statewide for wetland connectivity and that three vernal pools were omitted from the developer's filings.

These findings make the location fundamentally unsuitable for an industrial-scale facility. Despite the opening remarks by Rhyndland Development Vice President of Development Brian Benito, who said the project was specifically planned to avoid all resource areas, their proposed substitution would sit right on top

of a protected vernal pool. That discrepancy illustrates the gap between the company's assurances and the documented environmental record presented by Oakham's own officials.

Beyond environmental and safety concerns, residents are also asking a basic question of accountability: who actually owns this project? The developer has used a maze of corporate names, Rhyndland Energy, Rhyndland Development, Moraga Storage, and others, making it unclear which entity would ultimately bear responsibility if something goes wrong.

For a project of this magnitude, the people of Oakham deserve transparency about who is in charge and who will be accountable for potential harm to residents, property, and the protected watershed that feeds the Quabbin Reservoir and the three million Massachusetts residents who rely on it for drinking water.

Oakham Selectman Dennis Bergin reminded the Board that the town's bylaws, passed overwhelmingly by residents and approved by then-Attorney General Maura Healey, were created precisely to protect towns like ours from incompatible developments. Overriding them would undermine local governance and the principle of home rule. As Bergin said, "We are not anti-progress. We are pro-safety, pro-community, and pro-democracy."

I was especially moved by the voices of Oakham's seniors. As Barbara Wreschinsky, a longtime resident, reminded the Board, one-third of Oakham's population is over 65. Many of these residents, including lifelong voters who supported Governor Healey's clean energy agenda, now feel betrayed that her administration's agencies are trying to override their democratically enacted bylaws. "We voted to protect our homes and our water," she said. "We deserve to be heard." Their message was echoed by

Kathy Kuzmeskus, who reminded the EFSB that Oakham's bylaw had already been approved by then-Attorney General Maura Healey. To force this project on Oakham, she said, would be to silence the very people who believed in good governance and fair environmental policy. Residents also raised broader concerns about noise pollution, truck traffic, and the constant mechanical hum that would replace the peace of Oakham's rural nights.

Others warned of cyber security risks, property value losses, and the moral hazard of letting private developers profit at public expense while shifting all environmental and safety risks onto small towns. What emerged that night was more than opposition to a single project. It was a powerful statement about democracy itself.

The people of Oakham are not saying "not in my backyard." They are saying "not in our watershed, not in violation of our laws, and not without respect for the people who live here." Energy policy must not come at the expense of public safety or the environment. The promise of clean energy cannot justify ignoring science, community input, or the rights of small towns.

True climate resiliency begins with local voices, clear account-

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In Past Pages

5 years (Nov. 5, 2020)

Last Friday, Oct. 30 marked the first snow of the season. Snow depth ranged from two to six inches. It was also one of just a few October snowstorms. The big in recent memory was the Oct. 29-30 storm in 2011. It dumped up to two feet of snow in parts of Central Massachusetts. Oct. 10, 1979 saw 7.5 inches of snow.

The Hubbardston Board of Health posted Oct. 28 on the town website about an increase in COVID-19 cases in town. The board of health said, "This week the town of Hubbardston, like many towns across the state, has seen an increase in the number of positive reported Novel Corona virus cases, including cases within the school district. The town of Hubbardston works closely with a public health nurse through the Montachusett Public Health Network, who is tasked with contact tracing, monitoring and making sure our residents understand and are adhering to COVID best practices." The state posted COVID cases for Hubbardston as of Oct. 28. The change in cases for Hubbardston was higher with six cases in the last 14 days with a total of 361 tests in the last 14 days. The average daily incidence rate was 9.2 per 100,000. Hubbardston has a total of 16 cases overall.

Voters in Oakham will act on a two article Special Town Meeting warrant Monday, Nov. 9.

The STM will be held in the Oakham Fire Station, 178A Barre Road, at 7 p.m. The first article asks voters to reduce the appropriation for the Quabbin Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 by \$103,000 and to appropriate and transfer the amount to seven other accounts. Transfers include: \$1,000 to Historical Commission expense; \$50,000 to Fiscal Year 2021 Equipment Reserve; \$4,000 to Fire Department Equipment expense; \$28,000 to Town Employee Wage increases; \$7,000 to Highway Seasonal Salary account Oakham voters at its Annual Town Meeting in June approved its share of the Quabbin Regional Budget.

Pumpkins of lore and legend

I miss the days of carving pumpkins with the kids. Last year was the first year time got away from us and we just didn't get around to doing it.

I guess the rituals aren't quite as important as they used to be when the girls were younger. Alas, time marches on.

I still got a kick out of decorating the porch with pumpkins, big and small, orange and white. Not a Jack-o'-Lantern to be seen, just a pretty autumnal scene.

It is safe to say that we New Englanders have a fond affection for the pumpkin. And by the look of the neighborhood, we enjoy this fruit (yes, fruit) more on our doorsteps these days than we do in our kitchens.

This wasn't always the case; in fact, the pumpkin was a staple in the diets of Native Americans long

Look Back Look Back – Veterans Day – 1997



File photo Turley Publications File Photo

The Color Guard from the American Legion includes, from left, Erik Demetropoulos, Walter Heyes, Charles G. Allen IV and Richard Benedict.

Since the town's ATM, the Quabbin Regional School District Committee lowered its budget amount. Oakham's assessment to schools was reduced by \$103,000. The second and final article asks voters "To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds the amount to purchase and fully equip a new police utility vehicle or take any action relative thereto." This article requires a 2/3 vote.

10 years (Nov. 5, 2015)

The NJROTC Unit at Quabbin Regional High School traveled to Massabesic High School in Waterborough, Maine, on Oct. 17, the first of four drill meets they are to be taking part in this year. The meets are competitive events where various NJROTC units in all four compete to show their skill in drill. All units involved practice these often. Quabbin showed that they were just a little more prepared, taking first place in five out of seven events, while placing second the other event.

UMass Memorial LifeFlight landed at Oakham Fire Department recently for training. Emergency responders from multiple departments in the community were there to learn how LifeFlight provides expert critical care air transport service throughout Central Massachusetts. The evening was a

combination of a hands-on tour of the helicopter and classroom learning. UMass Memorial LifeFlight believes firmly in safety practices and educating their partners in the community about how to effectively provide for a safe operating environment in the best interest of patient care.

The Rutland CROP Hunger Walk thanks all the walkers, volunteers, sponsors and supporters that made this year's 14th Annual rutland CROP Hunger Walk, held on Oct. 18, a success. With the \$14,527 raised to date, it will continue to support ongoing efforts to eliminate hunger and poverty around the world and assist local food pantries. Congratulations to the Barre Congregational Church for receiving the 2015 "Golden Shoe Award." Their work with the Barr Food Bank, Barre Children's Crop Hunger Walk and over 10 years walking in the Rutland CROP Hunger Walk are shining example for all to follow.

25 years (Nov. 2, 2000)

Of those responding to a survey about the town of Hardwick's upcoming cable contract negotiations, 97% stated availability of service to all residents a top priority. The results were released during a public hearing on the upcoming

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before the pilgrims set foot on Plymouth Rock.

The pumpkin is thought to have originated in Mexico. Seeds found there of a distant Cucurbit relative were dated all the way back to 7000 to 5500 B.C.! In our more recent past, Native Americans taught colonists how to plant pumpkins; soon they became indispensable in their diets.

The hard outer skin of the pumpkin allowed it to be stored for a long period of time, sustaining the community throughout the winter months. It was also versatile,

used in stews, bread baking, and even in desserts.

Historians speculate that the pumpkin pie may have evolved from the century's long practice of removing the top of a pumpkin, straining out the seeds and more stringy flesh, adding milk, honey and spices and baking it for hours in hot coals. Today, we continue to enjoy pumpkin pie, but mainly as a holiday treat.

When carving pumpkins became more and more trendy, breeders concentrated their efforts on large, elongated, hard-skinned and sturdy pumpkins, in other words, those that would lend themselves best to a spooky face. These, however, may not be the most satisfying to our taste buds.

The smaller, "sugar-type"

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

I hope the spooks don't get me, Happy Halloween.

I took out my apple recipes and decided to make an Apple Crisp. They are so much easier than a pie.

I came across this recipe for Apple Moysse. Have you ever heard of one, it is a term for apple pudding. This is a recipe from a Pilgrim relative of mine named Priscilla Alden. She was related to the Standish side of my mother's family

PRISCILLA ALDEN'S APPLE MOYSSE

- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 cups strained applesauce, well seasoned
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ginger
Cook the bread crumbs milk and butter until smooth. Add the honey, applesauce, salt, cinnamon and ginger. Chill and serve with cream or a well flavored boiled custard sauce.

Note: Priscilla flavored her moysse with sanders, an aromatic spice derived from the heartwood of the sandalwood tree. I doubt if we can do that.

This and That

I have been working on making my Christmas cards in watercolor this week. Speaking of apples and pies, one of the best apples for pies is the Cortland but they are hard to find.

I made some brownies with walnuts from a mix. I decided to start up my cellar freezer for the cooler

months as the top freezer of my refrigerator is too full and hard to find things.

How many of you have started your Christmas shopping? My oldest daughter likes to start after school starts and is always looking for gift ideas. Most likely we will give money gifts as I cannot get out to shop.

Our only grand daughter is in California meeting a lot of Tik Tok followers, movie stars and make up artists. She is a make up artist and will be teaching some classes out there.

Leaves are falling faster than I can blow or rake them up. There are disadvantages to living in the woods.

Anyone need some compost? Have a good week.

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cable negotiations conducted by consultant Merrill Olchick. A total of 68 residents responded to the survey, which asked individuals about their current cable services, the technology available to them, programming and past relations with Media One. The majority of respondents were cable customer users already who owned a computer, but do not use and were not interested in using high-speed Internet services.

The Barre Historical Society announces that town historian Albert Clark will be in the group's featured speaker at the monthly meeting to be held tonight, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall. The topic of Clark's talk will be "Unwritten History." He will speak about people and events that did not find their way into the history books, but are nevertheless an important part of Barre's past. The public is invited to the event, which is free. It is being held at the Barre Town Hall because the Society's headquarters building cannot accommodate the number of people expected to attend. Light refreshments will be served after the talk.

The Oakham Board of Selectmen opened the warrant for a Special Town Meeting. Kathy

Usher, Board of Assessors, requested the board set a Special Town Meeting date as soon as possible. After the resignation of Michael Landry as assistant assessor, the Board of Assessors advertised for that position, but received no applications. Kathy Usher served as a working assessor before the hiring of Landry. An article to set the salary of a working assessor is necessary. The tax bills will be delayed until after the Special Town Meeting. An article for the bylaw amendment regarding cell towers will also be on the warrant. Selectmen will close the warrant on Nov. 6 and post the meeting on Nov. 23. The Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 27.

38 years (Nov. 5, 1987)

A questionnaire has been mailed out to each Hubbardston residents by Growth Management Master Plan Steering Committee to see what proactive measures residents would like to take to control growth in the town. Four towns in Worcester County rank among the top 15 fastest growing communities in the state, according to a report released by the Massachusetts Audubon Society and Hubbardston is one of them with a 39% growth rate. Hubbardston ranked tenth in the study with Oakham eighth.

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ability, and honest partnerships, not by silencing communities or obscuring responsibility behind corporate structures. For Oakham, this fight is about more than batteries or zoning it's about respect, integrity, and the enduring belief that democracy still matters, even in the smallest of towns.

The future of this project now rests in the hands of the Energy

Facilities Siting Board and the Department of Public Utilities. We can only hope they listen to the people, to the science, and to the environment we are all working so hard to protect.

The full hearing can be found on the EFSB YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU_hearing or directly at <https://www.youtube.com/live/mcUT-CX-E7A?si=Rh38kVVErIIWwPva>

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BG 10/30/25



By Ellenor Downer



Horned lark

Recently, the Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a horned lark on the summit of Mt. Wachusett in Princeton.

Only the male horned larks have "horns." They are tiny and hard to see. Males are sandy to rusty brown above with a black chest band and a curving black mask. The face and throat are either yellow or white. The female lacks the horns and face mask. She is brown with darker streaks and has a white eyebrow and white below.

They are about the size of a robin and the only lark species in North America. The female lays three to four pale gray to greenish white, blotched and spotted with brown eggs in a slight depression in the ground. Incubation is by the female and young are fed by both parents. Young may leave the nest after nine to 12 days. They are not able to fly for about another week.

Larks forage entirely by walking and running on the

ground. Except when nesting, they usually forage in flocks. They eat seeds and insects. They also eat berries. They are present all year in most areas from southern Canada south. They are strictly migratory in the far north.

Mass Audubon bird sightings

On Oct. 25

Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, hawk watchers reported sighting from the summit two northern harriers, ten sharp-shinned hawks, nine Cooper's hawks, 18 red-shoulder hawks, four red-tailed hawks, two American kestrels and one merlin. In addition, people saw two bald eagles, 37 turkey vultures and one horned lark.

Helping birds

With more than 40 million acres of lawn in the U.S. alone, there's huge potential to support wildlife by replacing lawns with native plantings. People will have less grass to mow by adding native plants. They then will be able to watch the birds come into their yard. They also provide shelter and nesting areas for birds. The nectar, seeds and berries help feed the birds.

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident emailed on Oct. 17 that he went to the Brimfield State Forest a few days ago and checked three

ponds. He said, "Not much about, one pond had eight Canada Geese and another had a group of wood ducks. Maybe a couple dozen in a beaver pond, it was difficult to get a count with all the stumps and branches in the water."

He said, "In the yard the Eastern Towhee and Northern Catbird were last seen the second week of October. Besides the usual suspect there have been white-throated Sparrows (most were the tan-striped color form), common yellowthroat (female). An unusual sighting was a male northern flicker taking a drink at the bird bath. That is the first time that I have seen a woodpecker take a drink." He also saw two dark-eyed juncos, the first of the year in his yard. One took a bath.

Sunflower seed heads

The Brimfield resident reported the tufted titmouse and northern cardinal really like the sunflower seed heads that he has been hanging on one of my feeder stations. Because of the black bears, he has no bird feeders out yet.

Warren ponds

The Brimfield resident drove past the ponds in Warren. At the one on New Reed Street, there was an adult bald eagle, three mallards and two double-crested cormorants.

Canada geese

I saw a flock of about two dozen Canada geese land in a harvested cornfield in Barre this past Saturday. I do not know if they were local geese or some migrating south from the north.

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.

Home of the Brave 5K returns for 7th year

STURBRIDGE – The Sturbridge Special Events Committee will host the 7th annual Home of the Brave 5K fun walk/run to benefit local veterans on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8-11 a.m. on the Town Common.

Race entry is \$25, with a special military price of \$10 for servicemembers. T-shirts are included for those who register by Oct. 27.

The event will be attended by DJ Ellis Cropper and Flutie Star

Reagan Bush.

The committee is currently seeking veteran resource vendors, donations for raffles, swag, and event volunteers.

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Vendor space available for Christmas in New Braintree



Submitted Photo

Christmas in New Braintree will see Jean Bears as one of the craft vendors on Saturday, Dec. 6.

NEW BRAINTREE – Christmas in New Braintree will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 in the New Braintree Grade School and Town Hall, sponsored by the Tri-

Parish Community Church. Space is still available for \$30 for a eight foot by eight foot area. To reserve a space, call 443-835-7530 by Oct. 31.

Poetry contest open to Worcester County residents

SOUTHBRIDGE – The Jacob Edward Annual Poetry Contest: The Bill Tremblay Poetry Prize is open to all members, Worcester County current and former residents and students, and employees of Worcester County businesses.

Winning poems and poets are honored with a winners' reading, including a brief reading by Bill Tremblay, to be held on Jan. 29, 2026.

To enter the Jacob Edward Library annual poetry contest, you must be either a resident of Worcester County, or a student or employee of institutions within Worcester

County. First Place winners of previous JEL annual poetry contests are not eligible to enter.

Submissions will open on Oct. 1 and close on Nov. 28 for the inaugural Annual Contest. No poems will be considered with a postmark later than Nov. 28.

Contest guidelines

Poems must be the entrant's original work in English and must not be previously published. Poems composed using AI will not be accepted.

Submit no more than three poems in any form.

Paper submissions must not be stapled or attached in any way and poems must be formatted for 8 1/2 inch x 11

inch paper.

Do not put your name on the individual poems; entrants will be judged anonymously. Include a cover sheet with your name, address, telephone number, email address, and the title of each poem.

Submissions should be mailed to: Bill Tremblay Poetry Prize, c/o Jacob Edwards Library, 236 Main St., Southbridge, MA 01550

Submissions will not be returned.

Winners will be listed on the JEL website and announced via the library's Instagram and Facebook pages.

Entry fee

There is a modest entry

fee of \$10 to submit. Checks or money orders only made out to the Jacob Edwards Library, please. Please note the submission or the contest fee on the check or money order.

Judging and awards

First Place is a \$100 prize; Second Place, \$75; and Third Place, \$50. Winning poets will also receive a signed copy of Bill Tremblay's book, "Southbridge: My Triggering Town".

Contest winners will be announced in December 2025. The Winners' Reading & Award Reception will be on Jan. 29, 2026 at the Jacob Edwards Library, at 6:30 p.m.

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School expired in June. The previous lease was for 20 years. The Board voted to approve a 20 year lease agreement, the same as the other four Quabbin District towns with no escape clause.

Site visit

The state siting committee will conduct a site visit at the location of the proposed Battery Energy

Storage System on 358 Coldbrook Road in the afternoon before the public hearing on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 16. Administrative Assistant LaRange said she spoke to Andrew Green of the state committee and he said with Select Board approval up to ten residents or officials could attend, but only to observe. Barbara Pucci, a resident, had asked to be part of that group of observ-

ers. The Select Board added Town Counsel, Matthew Broderick, Phil Warbasse (Planning Board), Michael Brunelle (Select Board, Sean Seeley (Conservation Commission) and possibly Clayton Rice, a resident and Police Chief Fred Gehring.

Public safety

Police Chief Gehring said he planned to have an officer at the gate during the site visit on Thursday, Oct. 15 to prevent unauthorized

people entering the property on Coldbrook Road. He also said their would be six police officers on duty for the public hearing to direct traffic, keep track of number of people entering the Oakham Center School for the hearing as the building has a capacity of 450. He said there would be portable lighting as the route from the highway building and along Coldbrook Road is dark. The Fire Chief will have EMTs

on duty. The detail will make sure the entrances to the Fire Station remain clear in case of an emergency.

Other business

Select Board Vice Chairman Michael Brunelle said he the deadline for the party involved in the Skyline Drive and Schoolhouse Drive issue. He said if there was no responses by the deadline Wednesday, Oct. 15, the Board would have Town Council draft a letter.

The Town Administrator said the Tax Collector/Treasurer, an outside consulting firm, asked her to scan the payroll and email to her. She said this was not an unreasonable request. The Select Board noted these added duties take away time from her regular duties. Select Board Haapakoski said the Board would look at the Administrative Assistant job duties.

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the town's school district is another issue that will need looking at.

Aponte said he has had a lot of experience with municipal budgets, and he spoke about how in his first year as Town Administrator in Brookfield the town had a fair and balanced budget.

In his work in the private sector, he gained significant experience in long term planning, and in his role on the Select Board in Belchertown, he worked to repurpose the former Belchertown State School.

Aponte said Belchertown worked with a developer to secure grants and earmarks to remediate and cleanup the property. He said this has been a major project and its success is something that he is proud of.

"Slowly but surely, we were able to carve out little niches that we could start to develop," he said. "I'm proud to say at this point... that we have several businesses down there... it's drawing revenue and it's increasing the business tax base."

Aponte spoke about creating an economic target area to help boost revenue, and also secure grant funding and receive tax incentives.

Aponte said clear communication and collaboration are some of his strengths as a manager. He said he is a supportive leader and works to help his coworkers achieve high standards.

The board will vote to appoint a Town Administrator on Oct. 27 at 3:30 p.m.

STRAP grant

Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said at a previous meeting the board voted against accepting a Small Town Rural Assistant Program grant due to confusion about the need for matching funds and possible interference with the Department of Transportation's municipal paving project.

He said he spoke to an employee from the DOT about the grant and learned the town can go through the contract process without paying the matching funds until a contract is signed. He said it is also possible that the town will not be required to pay the matching funds.

Petraitis said the board will still be able to decline acceptance of the grant before a contract is signed, in the event matching funds are needed. He said the board also needs to appoint someone to manage the grant, in order to move forward.

The board members

voted to accept the grant and appointed Petraitis to be the administrator of the grant.

New police chief

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Jamie Gilman thanked everyone who attended the office hours he held to receive feedback from the community about hiring the Police Department's next Police Chief following the departure of Mark Smith.

"The people of North Brookfield have spoken," he said.

Gilman said more than 95% of residents he met with wanted to hire a candidate from within the department.

The board voted to post the Police Chief position internally.

Municipal paving project update

Gilman said the DOT has approved the municipal paving project from the town line in New Braintree to Spring Street. He said there is an official, signed agreement.

Gilman said due to the time of year the paving is unlikely to happen this year. He said the completion date for the project is June 30, 2026.

"I would assume going into next year that we would be at the top of the list as to projects," he said.

Gilman said the municipal paving project is split

into two phases and covers more than originally anticipated.

Website update

Administrative Assistant MaryBeth Kularski said they are waiting for final cost figures from two website server companies in order to update the town's website. She said a decision should be made at the board's next meeting.

Water and sewer billing

Water Department Superintendent Jamie Flamand and Sewer Department Superintendent Eric Cardenas both agreed that shifting to quarterly billing would be easier for utility users to pay. The board voted to move to quarterly billing, and combine the two utilities into one invoice.

The new billing model is expected to go into effect for July 2026. Invoices would be due July, October, January and April.

Cardenas said a public hearing on quarterly billing will be held after the New Year in 2026.

Grant application

Parks & Recreation Committee Chair Brandon Avery said the committee is looking into the Environment & Climate One Stop grant. He said this participating in the ECO One Stop grant program would reveal what types of grants are available to complete projects on the common.

Avery said some of the projects include the removal and planting of trees, removal of asphalt and seeding of grass.

"This is kind of the first step," he said.

Avery said he will return to the board to if grant funding is available.

COA formula grant

The board voted to approve a grant application for a state formula grant in the amount of \$20,270 to benefit the Council on Aging. Board of Selectmen Clerk Ralph Kay said there are no matching funds required for this annual grant.

Cemetery Commission update

The Cemetery Commission received a payment from the estate of Robert Salem in the amount \$4,312.74, which will go toward repaving the cemetery roads.

Highway Department report

Highway Superintendent Randy Morgan said the Highway Department paved several roads, including Town Farm, Donovan and lower south Fullam Hill. He said the reclaiming of Hines Bridge, Stoddard and Walker roads will occur in the next week. He said a concrete pad has also been poured for a tank.

Morgan said catch basin

repairs occurred in front of the liquor store and on Grant Street.

A drain was also repaired on an easement on Spring Street. The town's drain line, which passes through private property via an easement, was leaking onto that property.

Morgan said the department is working on vehicle repairs and maintenance in preparation for the winter season.

COA update

Kay said the Council on Aging has brought back Tri-Valley meals, effective Nov. 18.

He said the meals are \$3 for anyone over the age of 60 and \$6 for anyone under 60. Please contact the Senior Center to reserve a meal.

Kay said the COA is also contacting people who had expressed interest in volunteer at the Senior Center. The Senior Center's newsletter will also be printed in local newspapers to alert residents of upcoming activities and programs.

School building projects

Petraitis said the Building Inspector notified the board about projects that need to be completed at the school complex. One of these projects is the removal of the dugouts at the athletic field.

Petraitis said the Highway Department can remove the dugouts and they can be disposed of at the Recycling Center's demolition containers.

"It wouldn't cost the school any money," Petraitis said.

Petraitis said he has reached out to Superintendent Timothy McCormick regarding this project. School Committee Chair Matt Grant said they have discussed the removal of the dugouts and he will follow up with the board.

Petraitis said there are also trees at the end of New School Drive that need to be trimmed. This project will be completed by Verizon at no cost to the town.

After Verizon has completed this project, the Highway Department will complete wood chipping of small trees in that area that need to be removed.

Trick or Treating hours

Trick or Treating hours will be held town wide on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat will be held on the common at the same time.

Spending request

The board approved a spending request from the Fire Department in order to purchase a laptop computer. The department had budgeted to purchase one new computer this year.

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Trunk or Treat will be held on Halloween

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Parks and Recreation and the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Trunk or Treat event will be held on the town common. If you want to set up a trunk, please arrive at the common by 4:45 p.m.

There will be hot dogs, candy and music. Snacks will be available at the Senior Center, 29 Forest St.



(submitted photo by Jeff Robbins)

A variety of New England apples were tasted during the presentation.

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er bite to it and was similar to a McIntosh, but a sweeter taste.

Higginbottom talked about the process known as “grafting”. This process is transferring a scion, containing one or more buds, into a stock or limb, by which the buds grow from a tree.

There were illustrations of various versions of grafting from Samuel Cole’s fruit book. The styles of grafting include splice, budding and cleft.

The next apple to sample was a Cox Orange Pippin, which comes from England around the 1830s. This apple is considered the grandparent of the Gala. The taste is considered sweet like a McIntosh and has a soft crunch.

Next apple to taste was a Black Gilliflower, or known by its other name, “Sheepnose.” The name comes from the unique shape of the apple. The Sheepnose came from Connecticut back in the late 1700s.

The next apple was a Golden Russet, which came from 18th century, but its origin is uncertain to this day. This apple had a hard bite, and the taste was a bit tart.

Another older apple

that originated from New England is the Rhode Island Greening, circa 1650. Many residents at the West Brookfield Senior Center scored this apple with a high grade of five and thought it was very crisp.

The next apple is a Northern Spy, an apple known for being big in size. Higginbottom said this type of apple is a favorite when it comes to baking pies. This apple was founded in East Bloomfield, New York in the early 19th century.

The taste was crisp and sweet.

The last apple to taste was the Esopus Spitzenburg, named after where it originated, Esopus, New York. The name also came from the Spitzenburg apple orchard.

This apple from the 1700s was President Thomas Jefferson’s favorite apple. Jefferson ordered 12 trees to be planted back in 1790.

The apples for tasting were grown at Clarkdale Fruit Farms in Deerfield, and from Nashoba Valley Winery Orchard in Bolton.

Higginbottom ended the presentation with a quote from Amelia Simmons. Everyone thanked Higginbottom for her presentation, “An Infinite Variety of Fruit: Historic New England Apples.”

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any other time in human history.”

Rich continued, “In his lifetime he saw the proliferation of minor things that were major things to everyday people: the bicycle, the washing machine, the refrigerator, the vacuum cleaner, hair dryers, frozen foods, air-conditioning and also major game changers: the automobile, the airplane, the radio, the television and penicillin.”

“James Arnold Gayhart died at the same age as I am when writing this book. I am willing to bet that he, nor anyone else, ever thought anyone would write a book about his life. He lived a life that in most cases would be forgotten. Even his last resting place, a tiny town in central Massachusetts is all but forgotten. He lies all by himself, no family,” Rich said.

“Most people would say he lived a meaningless life, that he would never be remembered, but to me and our family his life was very important. His blood courses

through our veins, his DNA is our DNA and is in our children’s DNA and will be in their children’s DNA.... and who knows maybe a physical feature of his, or a mannerism, or the way he smiled, or his gait or the way he spoke is the same as ours. Put simply, if there is no him, there is no us,” James Rich winter 2020/2021.

James Rich said of his book, “The story is not just about his life, but just as importantly about the people and events in America and the world from the year he was born, 1890, until when he died at the beginning of 1941. Being a lover of history, I consider this one of my favorite time periods to learn about. I think people even outside of my family would enjoy the book for that reason.”

He concluded, “It was extremely hard to research and write the book, but I am very proud of how it came out.”

Editor’s note: James Rich agreed to send a copy of the book for the Rutland Public Library and a copy to me as well.

Dr. Sharon Saline spoke at Quabbin High

BARRE – On Wednesday Oct. 22, Dr. Sharon Saline, a licensed clinical psychologist with over 30 years of experience, provided professional development to our teachers and staff.

QRSD also invited parents and families to a session with Dr. Saline in the evening on Oct. 22. Dr. Saline is a leading expert on ADHD, anxiety, learning differences and the mental health challenges that affect school and family life. What makes her perspective especially unique is not just her professional expertise, but also her personal connection, as a sibling of someone with untreated ADHD, she brings deep compassion and firsthand insight to her work. Dr. Saline channels this blend of personal and professional understanding into her acclaimed book, *What Your ADHD Child Wishes You Knew: Working Together to Empower Kids for Success in School and Life*, which has earned both the Best Book Award from American Book Fest and the Gold Medal from the Moms’ Choice Awards.



Submitted photo

Dr. Sharon Saline, a licensed clinical psychologist, spoke at Quabbin Regional High School Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Dr. Saline identified ADHD as a “Productivity deficit, not an accuracy problem” and she further helped our audiences understand that it is a “disorder of self regulation and metacognition.” This is all to say that those with ADHD struggle to : complete tasks, think about their own think-

ing processes, manage their emotions, behaviors and attention.

Our audiences were engaged and identified that many of our learners struggle with these challenges. She offered some simple strategies for families such as setting a timer, putting away distractions, allowing

for shorter work periods, and identifying the “order of work”. Dr. Saline let all audience members know that working with students with ADHD and living with them requires consistency and patience. She acknowledged that you will have to repeat your expectations again and again.

One key point that Dr. Saline did discuss that it is very prevalent for those with ADHD to engage in lots of negative self talk. She asked the audiences to consider how many positive praise or interactions a person might hear vs. negative praise or interactions. She stressed that research says it is 50+ negative to 1 positive. Additionally, many living with ADHD are also adding their own negative thinking to this.

QRSD is happy to share the parent session with Dr. Saline was recorded and is available for the next 25 days on our district website. We encourage you to view her session and to think about purchasing or borrowing her book.

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pumpkin is more appetizing in texture and taste.

Many of you already know that pumpkins are good for you too! The dark orange color of the flesh is a giveaway that, just like carrots, yams and winter squash, the pumpkin is packed with beta carotene, the precursor to vitamin A.

Researchers have long been touting the benefits of beta carotene to ward off infection and some types of cancer. It may also slow the

aging process.

Besides that, pumpkins contain a healthy dose of potassium and fiber, are low in sodium and are fat free. Incidentally, pumpkin seeds when consumed regularly have shown to keep the prostate healthy.

They also contain a healthy dose of magnesium.

Did you ever wonder where the tradition of carving Jack-o’-Lanterns originated? It is thanks in part to an the Irish folk tale of Stingy Jack, an unsavory figure who unwelcome in Heaven, outsmarted the

devil and was left to roam the earth with only a burning coal to light his way. According to the legend, Jack put the coal in a carved out turnip (which he was fond of stealing!) and has been roaming ever since.

“Jack of the Lantern” has become simply “Jack-o’-Lantern.” In Scotland and Ireland people made their own Jack-o’-Lanterns out of turnips or potatoes. In England, large beets were used. The tradition came with the immigrants to America; here they found the pumpkin perfect for

carving. And so it has continued! Maybe I will have to carve one myself, just for old time’s sake.

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

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER will be held today from 5:30-6:15 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St. Take outs will be available as well. The menu includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, squash, rolls and apple crisp. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 children age 5-12 and free for children under 5. Reservations for both dine in and take out meals can be made by calling the church office at 508-886-4453.

41ST ANNUAL POSTCARD SHOW co-sponsored by the Central Mass. Postcard Club and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, will take place in the church, located at 29 South St., Barre today from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Ten dealers from three states will offer old picture postcards for sale featuring local town views and numerous topics. Admission is \$3 and the church will sell lunch food from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. People may email show manager J.R. Greene at jrg01331@webtv.net for more information.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 296 North Main St., North Brookfield. There will be a bake sale, handmade crafts, jewelry, raffles and more. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. featuring homemade soups, sandwiches and homemade apple pie.

MONDAY, NOV. 3

STORY TIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS will take place today at 11:30 a.m. at the New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, New Braintree. The readings will include "The Busy Little Squirrel" by Nancy Tafuri and "I Don't Want to go to Sleep" by Dev Petty. Parental supervision is required.

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

BARRE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING will take place today at 6 p.m. in the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre. The public is invited. Barre Historical Society historian, Lucy Stone, will give a Power Point program and talk on the Naramore family tragedy.

Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from Rutland. 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, Nov. 3. Bill Bowles, Paul Carlson, Peggy Civilik, Doreen Elliot and Phil Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was taken of the entrance to the Petersham Arts Center, North Street, Petersham.



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FRIDAY, NOV. 7

QUABBIN HIGH MUSICAL 'SHREK THE MUSICAL' opens today and Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 8 and Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre.

WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERTS will be held today at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. Today's concert will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 9 Ayer Road, Harvard starting with a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 concert is at Assumption University in the Jeanne Y. Curtis Hall, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester with a pre-concert talk at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are available by visiting <https://worcesterchambermusic.org/the-joy-of-youth/> or by calling the WCMS office at 508-926-8624.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

DESIGNER PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter of Eastern Star will be held today from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Menu includes design you own pancakes with chips, nuts and fruits, waffles, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. Cost

is \$9 per adult and \$5 children 6 and under. Everyone is welcome.

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Worcester Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps will take place today from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Oakham Fire Department, 178 Barre Road, Oakham. The free breakfast is for Veterans and their family members.

PART 1 FREE COMMUNITY FILM SERIES will be held today from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main St., Sturbridge. Other dates are part 2 Dec. 6 and Part 3 Jan. 10, 2026. There is an online option. To join online, people should email sherryzitter@icloud.com. The film "Regenerating Life" is by John Feldman.

NEW ENGLAND LEGENDS WITH JEFF BELANGER takes place today at 6:30 p.m. in the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive, New Braintree. The New Braintree Library and Friends of the New Braintree Library will present the program. Belanger seeks out history, folklore, ghosts, monsters and legends from all over the world and in people's back yards. His talk presents highlights from his own adventures, a look at the investigation process and compelling audio and visual paranormal evidence. Belanger is one of the most

visible and prolific researchers of folklore and legends today. This program is funded by the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a State Agency. This program is free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

SMALL WORKS AND HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE sponsored by the Princeton Art Society takes place today from 6-8 p.m.; Nov. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 21 from 6-8 p.m. and Nov. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Princeton Community Center, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton. There will be unique and artisan made jewelry, cards, paintings and prints, ornaments, fabric items, ceramics, wooden gifts and more. The Princeton Arts Society is a nonprofit organization promoting the arts in Central Massachusetts through programs, events, and shows.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

HOLIDAY FAIR to benefit the Rutland Council on Aging today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Community Center, Glenwood Street, Rutland. There is no admission charge.

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

SECOND GREAT AWAKENING sponsored by the Lancaster Historical Society will take place today at 2 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Unitarian (Bulfinch Church), 725 Main St., Lancaster. It will be presented by historian Tom Kelleher of Old Sturbridge Village. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, people may call 978-733-690. A half hour tour of the church is available from 1:15-1:45 p.m. People should make a reservation by text or calling 978-621-00.

Calendar Policy

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

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The real meaning of diversification in investing

In the world of investing, we've all heard the phrase, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." It's solid advice that emphasizes the importance of diversifying your investments. Unfortunately, some people misinterpret this wisdom to mean they should avoid consolidating their investment accounts and keep their money spread across multiple financial institutions, often working with several different financial advisors.

However, when financial professionals talk about diversification, they're referring to diversifying your investment assets, not your accounts. There's a big difference between the two, and confusing them could hurt your financial future.

Scattered accounts may affect costs, paperwork and advice. When your assets are spread among multiple financial institutions, you could face several drawbacks. First, you're likely paying more in fees than necessary. Multiple providers often mean multiple account fees, transaction costs and mutual fund expenses that can add up quickly. Generally, the more assets you have with one financial provider, the more opportunities you have for reducing or eliminating these costs.

Managing scattered accounts also could create a paperwork nightmare. You'll receive multiple monthly statements and numerous tax forms, making it much harder to see the big picture of your financial health. This complexity can lead to missed opportunities and poor decision-making.

Perhaps most important, working with multiple financial advisors may result in conflicting advice and duplicated investment strategies. Without a comprehensive view of your entire portfolio, each financial advisor may recommend investments that don't work well together, potentially delaying your progress toward reaching financial goals.

There's strength in consolidation. Consolidating your accounts with a single financial advisor offers numerous benefits. You'll have opportunities to develop a closer, more comprehensive relationship with someone who understands your complete financial picture. This financial advisor can provide informed guidance and help eliminate the conflicting advice that may come from working with multiple professionals.

Consolidation also makes it easier to implement a well-diversified portfolio that fits your level of risk tolerance. When all your investments are in one place, you can see exactly how your assets are allocated and make strategic adjustments as needed. It becomes simpler to gauge aggregate investment returns, assess your portfolio assets and rebalance when necessary.

For retirement planning, consolidation can be especially valuable. IRAs at different providers can be consolidated at any time without tax consequences when assets are transferred directly between providers. When you retire, your 401(k) can typically be rolled over into an IRA, streamlining your retirement income strategy.

True diversification still matters. While consolidating accounts makes sense, diversifying your actual investments remains crucial. A good financial advisor will help you carefully build a balanced mix of stocks and bonds appropriate for your age and goals. As you approach retirement, this typically means shifting toward a more balanced portfolio that still provides growth to combat inflation while offering stability and income.

Diversification goes beyond just stocks and bonds. Take bonds, for instance: You can diversify by bond type (municipal, corporate and government), bond maturity (through a strategy called "laddering") and bond sector to spread risk across different parts of the economy.

How to get started. If your retirement savings and investment accounts are scattered among various financial institutions, consider consolidating everything with one trusted financial advisor. The streamlined record-keeping, potential for reduced fees and comprehensive financial guidance can help improve your wealth-building potential while making your financial life simpler to manage.



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Strong finish for field hockey



Alyssa Ebert keeps the ball from going over the sideline.

BARRE – Last week, Quabbin Regional High School field hockey finished up its regular season with two wins in its final three games. The Panthers defeated Clinton 3-0 and Marlborough 2-0 to go with against Leominster. The regular season ends with a 14-3-1 regular season record. Quabbin awaits its seeding in the Division 4 state tournament. They are currently ranked No. 7 in the division, though play has to complete this week for that or another seed to lock in.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Kailynn Schuster waits for a pass to arrive.



Maddy Stauder sends a pass up the right sideline.



Veanna Salvadore tries to keep the ball away from the opposition.



Veanna Salvadore tries to keep the ball away from the opposition.



Ellie Poulin makes a stop on defense.

Panthers suffer loss at Clinton

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CLINTON—Falling behind early in the opening half is something that the Quabbin girls' varsity soccer team can't afford to do during the upcoming Division 3 state tournament.

The Lady Panthers, who conceded a pair of goals during the first ten minutes of last Tuesday night's road match against Mid-Wach D rival Clinton, suffered a 3-0 loss, which ended their three game winning streak.

"It was a little bit disappointing giving up the two goals at the start of the game," said Quabbin head coach John Gillis. "We played a little bit better as the first half went on and a lot better during the second half. They were able to put the ball into the net, and we couldn't in tonight's game."

Quabbin (8-5-1), who were shutout, 2-0, by the Lady Gaels at home on September 25, has already qualified for the Division 3 state tournament because they'll finish the regular season with a .500 record.

The Lady Panthers, who were ranked 53rd in the Division 3 power rankings, will be making an appearance in the postseason appearance for the first time since 2019. The state tournament is slated to begin on November 3.

"None of these players have ever played in the post-season tournament," Gillis said. "This was a big game for us, but we just came out flat at the start of the game. We struggled scoring goals last year, but we've scored more than 30 goals so far this

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Pioneers fall at home against Athol



Jenna McKinnehy goes after the loose ball.

PALMER – In its final game of the regular season, Pathfinder girls soccer was defeated by Athol High School. Athol took advantage of a depleted Pathfinder team that did not have a lot of depth on the bench. Athol would finish the game with a 5-0 win as Pathfinder fell to 4-9-2

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Megan Clark advances past midfield.

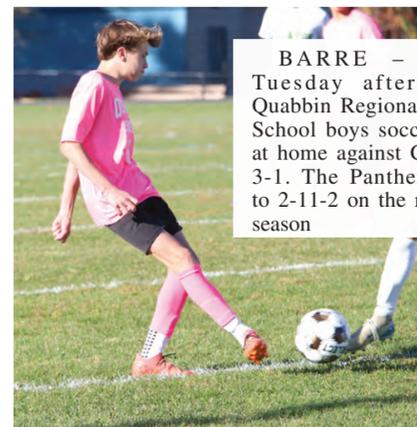


Angelina Miller wins the race to the ball.



Alijah Flint sends a punt away.

Boys soccer falls against Clinton



Joseph Cook tries to make a pass ahead of an oncoming opponent.



Matthew Labrousse makes his way through the middle of the field.



Logan Bruley makes a play on defense.



Owen Twarog clashes with an opponent for the ball.

Sports

Thunderbirds fall at home to Wolf Pack

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-5-0-0) could not hold off a hungry Hartford Wolf Pack (2-4-0-0) squad in a 6-3 defeat on Saturday at the MassMutual Center in the second battle of the Braman Pest Control I-91 Rivalry Series.

From the onset of the game, the Wolf Pack, a night after getting shut out on home ice, peppered pucks on Georgi Romanov, with the T-Birds goalie standing tall to stop the first 13 tries that came his way.

The netminder's strong opening minutes allowed Springfield to get to the lead at 13:36 when Corey Schueneman squeezed a wrist through traffic and past Dylan Garand to make it a 1-0 game.

A Wolf Pack power play quickly tipped the game on

its head, though, as Brett Berard cashed in Hartford's first man-up goal in 15 tries at 16:15 to tie the game, 1-1. Blake Hillman followed 2:15 later with a back-post tap-in after a beautiful move by Bryce McConnell-Barker set up the chance. Hartford carried the 2-1 lead into the intermission after outshooting Springfield 17-4 in the opening period.

Unfortunately for Romanov and the T-Birds, things did not improve as the second period began, as Brendan Brisson crashed the net front and cashed in his own rebound at the 44-second mark of the period to extend the lead to 3-1.

Carey Terrance's second goal in two games against Springfield made it 4-1 at 2:09, and Gabe Perreault deflected a Justin Dowling shot home at 2:26, and in the blink of an eye, the Hartford lead grew to 5-1.

After a goal-tending switch and a timeout, Springfield replied with Leo Loof potting his first career AHL goal at 3:39 to make it 5-2. Dalibor Dvorsky and Juraj Pekarcik each assisted on Loof's goal, their second assists of the night.

The T-Birds could not pull any closer, though, as McConnell-Barker found the net after a fortuitous

bounce on an odd-man rush ended up on his tape at point-blank range. His second goal in two games against Springfield pushed the score to 6-2, but would prove to be the only goal Hartford put behind Vadim Zherenko on 13 shots.

Dvorsky added his third point of the night with his second power play goal in as many nights at 14:55 of the third to make it 6-3, rounding out the game's scoring. Despite only stopping 12 shots on the night, Garand picked up his second win over the T-Birds in four nights.

The T-Birds continue their three-game homestand next Friday with a Halloween night matchup against the Hershey Bears. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. inside the Thunderdome.

ly broke through Alex Worthington with a goal at 12:59, as he sent a back-handed shot off the stick of Admirals' Brehdan Engum and over the shoulder of Worthington. The Admirals' Justin Young (1st) snuck a shot under the pads of Tikkanen from the left circle to give Norfolk a one-goal lead to finish the second (1-2). Worcester outshot Norfolk 15-10 in the frame. Neither team had any power plays or penalties for the second period.

A quick setup pass from Riley Piercey at just under two and a half minutes into the third allowed Ryan Miotto (1st) to even the game 2-2, adding another goal to Worcester's tally. The rest of the third showed end-to-end action from both teams, but the score stayed locked 2-2 as the Railers headed into their first overtime of the season. The game-winning goal for Worcester came from Matt DeMelis (1st), set up with a pass from Michael Ferrandino, who nabbed the first win for Worcester at 4:34 into overtime. Worcester and Norfolk tied for shots 8-8 in the third. Worcester outshot Norfolk 6-1 in overtime. Worcester had one power play and Norfolk had one penalty in the third, a call against German Yavash for cross-checking.



Worcester Railers get first win in overtime

NORFOLK, VA — The Worcester Railers HC (1-3-0-0) beat the Norfolk Admirals (2-1-1-0) in their second matchup of the weekend on Saturday, October 25th with a final score of 3-2 in front of a crowd of 7,645 at the Norfolk Scope Arena. The Railer are back on the ice at the DCU Center on Friday, October 31st against the Reading Royals at 7:05 p.m.

The Admirals scored the first goal of the game at 0:56 into the second with an unassisted shot from Brady Fleurent (1-0-1). Worcester retaliated with a goal from Cole Donhauser (1-0-1) at 12:59, assisted by captain Anthony Repaci (0-1-1) to even the score. Norfolk closed the second period with a final goal from Justin Young (1-0-1) at 18:17 to give Norfolk a lead heading into the third. Ryan Miotto (1-0-1) evened the score 2-2 for Worcester with a goal at 2:20 into the third, assisted by Riley Piercey (0-1-1). A final goal to break the tie in overtime came from Matt

DeMelis (1-0-1), assisted by Michael Ferrandino (0-1-1) to win the game for Worcester.

Both teams came out swinging for their second matchup in Norfolk. Lincoln Hatten got into an early brawl with Admirals' Brayden Nicholets, each earning five minutes in the penalty box for fighting just three minutes into the first. Teammate Justin Young served Nicholets' penalty as he headed into the tunnel for a checkup from Norfolk medical staff. Worcester went on their first power play of the game at 4:52, Norfolk's Marko Reifemberger took a turn in the box for holding a stick. No score for Worcester on the power play, but the Railers managed to gather up a bit of offensive zone time and apply some pressure on Worthington and the Norfolk net. No score from either side for the first. The Admirals went on their first power play of the game in the second half of the period, a slashing

call on Max Dorrington at 11:26. Worcester managed to execute another successful penalty kill, their first of two of the period. The Railers went into the tunnel with a 0-0 score to close out the first. Worcester outshot Norfolk by one with a shot count of 10-9 for the first period. Both teams had two power play opportunities for the period.

The Admirals didn't wait long to score to start the second as Brady Fleurent (3rd) sank the first goal of the game for Norfolk at 0:56 unassisted. Fleurent stole the puck from a Railers forward and potted the shot past Henrik Tikkanen to make it 1-0. Worcester worked for a stretch of the second to even the score. Cole Donhauser (2nd) final-

Candlepin League News

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Bondsville League

WARE – After eight weeks of league candlepin bowling, there is a new first place team in the west division.

Cannonballs are now in first place with a record of 35-21. Just two points behind in the west division is Sandri, 33-23. In the east division, Fire Mountain leads with a record of 39-17.

During week eight, Spare Parts bowled against Ironmen. In game one, Spare Parts won by a score of 475-436. Filling in for Spare Parts is Steven Fennyery, who began the match with a 110.

In game two, Spare Parts won again by a score of 480-447. Fennyery pulled through for the team again by scoring 120 in game two.

In game three, Spare Parts defeated Ironmen 523-435 for a 7-0 point sweep. Fennyery finished with a 104 and a series of 334. John Jebb of Spare Parts bowled well over his league average (90) with a 106. Filling in for Spare Parts was Scott Radisic, who bowled a 125 in the final game.

The final score was 1478-1318 in favor of Spare Parts, who move to a record of 32-24.

The Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against the #1 team in the east division, Fire Mountain. In game one, Fire Mountain won a close game by a score of 490-487. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain began the match with a 114.

In game two, Fire Mountain won again by a score of 484-437. In game three, Fire Mountain takes the third game by a score of 469-465. Scott Brewster of Fire Mountain ended the match by scoring 121.

The final score was 1443-1389 in favor of Fire Mountain.

The Snappers bowled

against Night Hawks in week eight. In game one, Night Hawks won the game by a score of 492-436. Gavin Sinclair of Night Hawks lead the team to victory by scoring 137.

In game two, Night Hawks won again by a score of 453-446. Sinclair bowled well again with a score of 128.

In game three, Night Hawks won by a score of 488-455 and won seven points against Snappers. Lee Robinson of Night Hawks ended the match with a 132. Sinclair had the highest series of the week with a 361.

The final score was 1433-1337 in favor of Night Hawks.

Sandri bowled against Team UMass in week eight. In game one, Sandri defeated Team UMass by a score of 478-446. Rich Picotte of Sandri bowled the best game with a 116.

In game two, Team UMass pulled off the win by a score of 453-422. In game three, Sandri won the last game by a score of 491-457. Picotte ended the match with a 136 and a series of 345.

The final score was 1391-1356 in favor of Sandri.

Newly named team, P&J Meats, bowled against the Cannonballs in week eight. In game one, Cannonballs won by a score of 497-443. Sally Czarnecki of Cannonballs bowled well with a 122.

In game two, Cannonballs won again by a score of 518-474. Suzie Czarnecki of Cannonballs bowled a good game with a 116. Sally followed up with a 105 in game two.

In game three, Cannonballs won by a score of 514-443. Micah Hinkley of Cannonballs ended the match with a 117. The final score was 1529-1360 in favor of Cannonballs, who move to first place in west division.

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season.”

The trio of senior Abi Falconi, junior Ailey Majoy, and freshman Allie Lipiec have combined to score 17 goals of the Lady Panthers goals in the first 15 regular season matches.

The Lady Gaels (10-3-2), who celebrated their senior night, took a 1-0 lead during the third minute of the opening half when junior Molly Schoolcraft lined a shot from

the top of the box over the head of Quabbin senior goalie Kelsey Allen (8 saves) into the back of the net.

A couple of minutes later, senior Sofia Curley netted the Lady Gaels second goal following a corner kick.

Despite falling behind by two goals, Gillis thought his team still had a chance to make a comeback.

“A 2-0 lead is the worst score in soccer,” Gillis said. “If the trailing team scores a goal, the momentum usually

changes very quickly. We did have a couple of chances.”

With about ten minutes left in the first half, a shot attempt taken by Quabbin senior Bianca Wilder was deflected over the endline by Clinton senior goalie Reese Taylor resulting in a corner kick. Another shot by Falconi was saved by the Lady Gaels keeper.

The Lady Panthers' other two seniors are Anna Labrousse and Elizabeth Matheson.

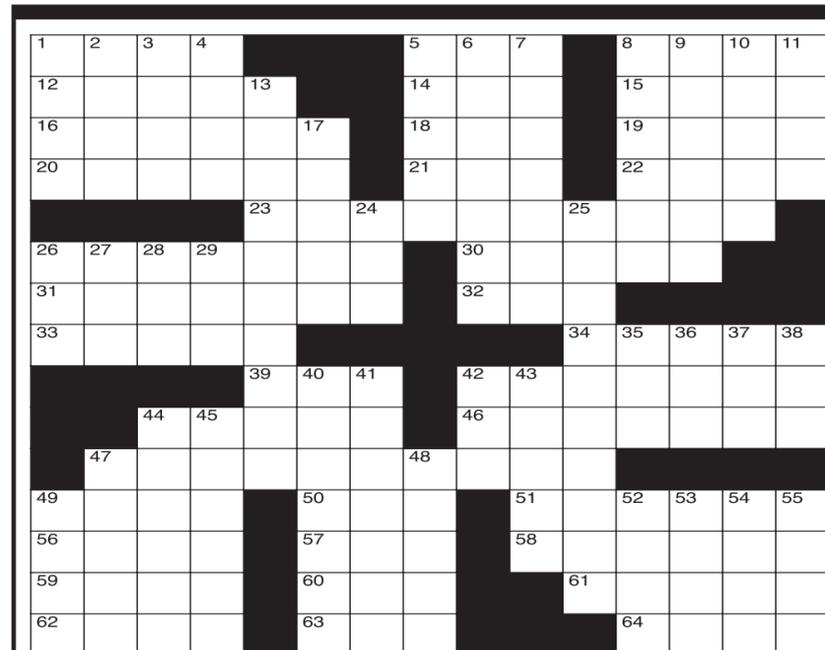
“We graduated 12 seniors last year, but the five seniors on this year's team have been doing a very good job,” Gillis said. “Not many people thought we would qualify for the state tournament, but everyone has picked up the slack. I'm hoping that our program continues to grow next year.”

Quabbin's senior night was scheduled to be held against Monty Tech on Tuesday night.

The Lady Panthers had several more scoring chances during the second half, but they failed to put the ball into the back of the net.

Clinton's third goal was scored by senior Zoey Morffis during the 72nd minute.

Two days later, the Lady Panthers got back into the win column by celebrating a 4-2 victory at Ayer-Shirley.



CLUES ACROSS

1. El __, Texas town
5. Rocker's tool
8. A lot
12. Traveling by ground
14. Spelling competition
15. Two-toed sloth
16. Small perfumed bag
18. "Much __ about nothing"
19. Tough-skinned mollusk
20. Removes from record
21. It warms the planet
22. Leafy green
23. Quality of arriving favorably
26. Living thing
30. "Six of Crows" author Bardugo
31. Got around a rule
32. Resin from burned substance
33. Iraq seaport

34. Religious leaders
39. Fugitives are on it
42. Samson's influencer
44. Italian city
46. A quality of lacking interest
47. Predatory tropical fishes
49. Nobel physician Isodor
50. Luck
51. Stationary part of a motor or generator
56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)
57. One point south of due east
58. It follows 79
59. Paper currency
60. Anger
61. Spanish seaport
62. Sleep in a rough place

63. Famous museum
 64. Selfs
- ### CLUES DOWN
1. Bullfighting maneuver
 2. From a distance
 3. Soul and calypso song
 4. Expressions of delight
 5. Lower in esteem
 6. Inner region of an organ
 7. Flowers
 8. A bog
 9. Remove a fastening
 10. Membranes
 11. Enormous
 13. One who abstains from drink
 17. Malayan wild ox
 24. Type of student
 25. Rejecting all moral principles
 26. Sino-Soviet block
 27. Egyptian unit of weight
 28. Wrong

29. Make a mistake
35. Indicates location
36. Boxing's "GOAT"
37. Where wrestlers compete
38. Timid
40. Disney town
41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
42. Male parent
43. Remove for good
44. Simple shoes
45. Flowers
47. Hindi courtesy title for a man
48. Not pleased
49. "Atlas Shrugged" author
52. CIA officer and writer
53. Hoodlum
54. __ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
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Obituaries

Frank J. “Gromo” Gromelski, Jr., 81

BARRE – Frank J. “Gromo” Gromelski, Jr., 81, of Barre, passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025.

He was born in Webster on Nov. 25, 1943, to his beloved parents Frank (Francis) Sr. and Emily (Mozdzierz) Gromelski. During his early childhood, the family moved to South Barre, where they operated a bar and social club fondly known to locals as Gromo’s.

Frank attended Barre High School, graduating with the Class of 1961. A standout athlete, he played center and served as co-captain of the 1961 Tri-State Champion, Barre High Hornets basketball team. He went on to attend Worcester Junior College and later transferred to the University of Cincinnati, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

After college, Frank entered public service, joining the staff of the late State Senator Robert D. Wetmore, who represented the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin districts. There he helped to champion landmark conservation initiatives and pass key environmental legislation, work Frank remained deeply proud of throughout his life.

In 1997, Frank was appointed an Administrative Judge for the Department of Industrial Accidents, where he served with fairness and compassion for many years. Before retiring in 2014, he also directed Community Transit Service in Athol, a program under the Community Transportation



Association of America. This initiative bridged two regional transit authorities to better serve the transportation needs of elderly, disabled and low-income residents.

A lifelong and devoted civil servant, Frank served his hometown of Barre faithfully for decades—holding positions on the Barre Board of Selectmen, the Quabbin Regional School District Committee, and several other local boards and planning committees, including planning for Barre’s bicentennial celebration.

Though a self-proclaimed bachelor, Frank fell for the love of his life, Nancy, and they married in 1984. Together, they welcomed a son, Adam and he lovingly embraced the role of stepfather to Marty and Hallie.

Frank’s faith in Christ guided every aspect of his life. He was a founding member of New Life Assembly of God in Barre, where he served on the church board and took part in the physical construction of the church building itself – a labor of love, devotion, and church fellowship. His faith-driven leadership, generosity and steadfast presence touched many lives both within the congregation and throughout the community.

For all his many accomplishments, Gromo may be remembered most for his larger-than-life personality and unmistakable presence. You always knew when he entered the room—his booming voice, towering

DEATH NOTICE

Gromelski, Frank J., Jr.

Died Oct. 20, 2025
Funeral held Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. at Pillsbury Funeral Home, Barre
Donations to New Life Assembly of God Church, South Barre or Tunnels to Towers Foundation

frame and shock of dark hair and beard, made him impossible to miss. He seemed to know everyone in town, always greeting people by their nickname. His family often marveled at how, no matter where they went in New England, he would inevitably bump into someone he knew and that person always remembered him, too.

Frank leaves behind his cherished wife, Nancy (Woodland); his children: Marty Anderson (Marie), Hallie Kozlowski (Matthew) and Adam Gromelski and his treasured grandchildren: Brent Leclerc (Natasha), Brandon Leclerc (Mishayla) and Daniel Anderson (Selathea), along with eleven beautiful great-grandchildren. Frank was pre-deceased by his brother, Bradford Gromelski.

Friends and family were invited to attend the funeral for Frank on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025 at 11 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. Burial will follow in St Joseph’s Cemetery in Barre. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to New Life Church, 60 Main Street, South Barre, MA 01074 or the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Divine Materials Part 1

Those who regularly read realize the power of an impacting excerpt. In recent days, the following selection, penned by Scottish minister and theologian John Baillie (1886-1960), has spoken to my heart: “Teach me, O God, so to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.”

Amazing, I find this petition to be profound. You see, Baillie came to recognize that every circumstance of life—the good, the bad and the ugly—serves as material for development or diminishment in the realm of Christian character. Ultimately, you and I have a choice regarding how we respond to the situations brought upon us, and we will use them as vehicles for either growth or regression.

Thus said, what are you doing with the material(s)

God gives? Are you maximizing or are you missing divinely-ordained opportunities? I lift my voice with that of Baillie and participate in his prayer: “Teach me, O God, so to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.”

Of course, we do well to consider that Baillie elaborates upon his prayer. What was shared beforehand was the mere opening to a lengthier quotation—a quotation worthy of our time and attention! Let us now consider the fullness thereof:

“Teach me, O God, so to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.

Let me use disappointment as material for patience;

Let me use success as material for thankfulness;

Let me use suspense as material for perseverance;

Let me use danger as material for courage;

Let me use reproach as material for longsuffering;

Let me use praise as material for humility;

Let me use pleasures as material for temperance;

Let me use pains as material for endurance.”

In the editions to come we will consider this petition one portion at a time. There is much to be gleaned from his plea. Until next time, thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me using the information below. Also, check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508)831-2200 Docket No. WO23P0753EA Estate of: Denis P Long Also known as: Dennis P Long Date of Death: 06/25/2022 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT A Petition for Order of

Complete Settlement has been filed by **Christine M Maio of New Braintree, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, the allowance of a proposed distribution, 1st and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/11/2025.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 10, 2025
Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate
10/30/2025

Public Safety

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 18 building/property checks, 18 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, one safety hazard, three citizen assists, one illegal dumping, one scam, two complaints, one animal call and six motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Sept. 29
5:28 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Removed Hazard

Tuesday, Sept. 30
7:44 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
4:50 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Barre Road, No Action Required

Thursday, Oct. 2
4:26 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Oct. 3
2:43 a.m. Illegal Dumping, West Brookfield Road, Services Rendered
10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Arrest(s) Made
11:09 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
11:20 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Saturday, Oct. 4
9:40 a.m. Scam, Barre Road, Report Taken
10 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Moore Road, Dispatch Handled
11:02 a.m. Complaint, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Oct. 5
12:19 a.m. Complaint, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
9:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

During the week of Oct. 13-20, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 19 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, two emergency 911 calls, two

safety hazards, three citizen assists, one threat, 10 animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Oct. 14
9:15 a.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis Whitney Road, Dispatch Handled
12:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Oct. 15
9:40 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
5:01 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Oct. 16
7:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

Friday, Oct. 17
11:27 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Gilbertville Road, Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Oct. 18
4 a.m. Threat, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, Oct. 19
2:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

During the week of Oct. 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 14 building/property checks, 16 directed/area

patrols, eight radar assignments, two emergency 911 calls, two property damages, two citizen assists, one complaint, two investigations, three animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Oct. 20
9:54 a.m. Property Damage, Barre Road, Services Rendered
10:43 a.m. Property Damage, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Oct. 21
3:24 p.m. 911 Animal Call, West Road, Officer Handled
5:15 p.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Investigated

Wednesday, Oct. 22
9:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
12:27 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
7:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Voice Message Left

Thursday, Oct. 23
12:21 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Spoken To

Friday, Oct. 24
7:21 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

Sunday, Oct. 26
5:09 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barr Road, Transported to Hospital
10:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Oct. 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 57 building/property checks, 16 directed/area patrols, 14 radar assignments, three traffic controls, 12 emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, three complaints, one missing person, one motor vehicle investigation, two safety hazards, one motor vehicle accident, one burglary, five animal calls and 10 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Oct. 20
4:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
5:29 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Services Rendered
5:35 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
8:33 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Shunpike Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Oct. 21
3:18 p.m. Burglary, Bridge Street, Services Rendered

Wednesday, Oct. 22
10:05 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, School House Drive, Spoken To
5:04 p.m. Complaint, North Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, Oct. 23
4:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
4:50 p.m. 911 Missing Person, Highland Terrace, Officer Handled

Friday, Oct. 24
4:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
7:13 a.m. Complaint, Lower Road, Spoken To
9:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Spoken To

Saturday, Oct. 25
5:05 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Thresher Road, Patient Refusal
9:40 a.m. Medical Emergency, Patroll Hollow Road, Patient Refusal

9:52 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Thresher Road, Transported to Hospital
10:03 a.m. Complaint, Sullivan Avenue, Officer Handled
2:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Thresher Road, Officer Handled
4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, High Street, Criminal Complaint
11:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Hardwick Road, Transported by Helicopter

Sunday, Oct. 26
5:34 a.m. Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital
10:40 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital
11:51 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Transported to Hospital
4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Criminal Complaint
6:50 p.m. Disturbance, Bridge Street, Peace Restored

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Sunday, Oct. 5
 2:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Removed to Court
 Arrest Pereira Rafael, Keside, 28, Ashland
 Charges Warrant, Speeding
 6:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Central Tree Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:52 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Barre Paxton Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 11:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 12:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 12:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 1:33 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Whitehall Road, Report Filed
 1:36 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Woodside Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:21 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Marjorie Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:29 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pommogussett Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Old Turnpike Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:25 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Anthony Drive, Investigated
 11:38 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated

Monday, Oct. 6
 12:55 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Investigated
 5:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 7:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Eastern Lane, Transported to Hospital
 12:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 1:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Written Warning
 1:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Veinotte, Kyle N., 36, Upton
 Charges Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No
 2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal

Complaint
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Inspection/Sticker, No, Brakes Violation Motor Vehicle
 2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
 3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Glasier, Justin J., 41, Lonoke, Arkansas
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:56 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact

Tuesday, Oct. 7
 10:42 a.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 11:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Shore Drive, transported to Hospital
 11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning/Motor
 4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 5:50 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Blueberry Lane, Entry Gained
 5:53 p.m. Burglary, Spencer Road, Checked/Secured
 6:15 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Vista Circle, Negative Contact
 9:15 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Ige, Olamide A., 22, West Boylston
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense

Wednesday, Oct. 8
 6:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Acquah, Prince K., 33, Rutland
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
 7:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Central Tree Road, Report Filed
 10:29 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 1:42 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Laurelwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning/M
 3:51 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Victoria Avenue, Gone on Arrival
 4:32 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Finn Park Road, Report Filed
 5:02 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:20 p.m. Traffic or Radar Enforcement, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 6:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 7:56 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Thursday, Oct. 9
 6:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 8:24 a.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Central Tree Road, Report Filed
 2:56 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:19 p.m. Property Exchange, Main Street, Written Warning 6:04
 3:45 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Central Tree Road, Public Assist
 9:05 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 9:19 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Prescott Street, Report Filed

Friday, Oct. 10
 9:20 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wilson Way, Negative Contact
 9:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:39 p.m. Safety Concern, Memorial Drive, Returned
 3:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:03 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Naquag Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Barre Paxton Road, No Action Required
 7:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning

Saturday, Oct. 11
 1:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Turkey Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:45 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Prison Camp Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 2:23 p.m. Complaint, Grizzly Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:14 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Prouty Lane, No Action Required
 5:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, East County Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:28 p.m. Noise Complaint, Campbell Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 5
 1:16 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Public Assist
 8:16 a.m. Complaint, Old Dana Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:35 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Rockingstone Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 6:26 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Referred to Other Agency

Monday, Oct. 6
 10:55 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Varney Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:57 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Barre Police Headquarters, South Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:12 p.m. Suspicious Person – Vehicle Activity, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Oct. 7
 6:18 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Vehicle Towed
 8:55 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, West Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:56 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Ruggles Lane, Entry Gained
 4:23 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Peach Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:29 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, North Brookfield, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, Oct. 8
 6:25 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Dana Road, Referred to Other Agency

9:12 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Varney Lane, Referred to Other Agency
 2:47 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Hubbardston Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:10 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:25 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, School South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Oct. 9
 10:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Citation Issued
 10:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation Issued
 6:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Investigated
 8:45 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Area Patrolled
 10:47 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficult, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Oct. 10
 4:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Hubbardston Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Doherty, Michael P., 31, Hubbardston
 Charges Leave Scene of Property Damage
 6:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Marsh Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:46 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:49 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Hubbardston Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:31 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Oxford, Officer Spoke to Party

3:13 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Hubbardston Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
 4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
 6:19 p.m. Serve Warrant, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest Buchanan, Robert A., 63, South Barre
 Charges Warrant
 7:12 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:13 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, South Street, Investigated
 11:32 p.m. Noise Complaint, Old Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Oct. 11
 5:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Summer Street, Written Warning

SOUTH BARRE

Tuesday, Oct. 7
 3:48 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency

Friday, Oct. 10
 8 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, North Brookfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 6:38 p.m. Larceny or Theft, North Brookfield Road, Information Taken

Saturday, Oct. 11
 11:33 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Chapman Road, Returned

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 5
 8:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Overdose/Poisoning, Old Turnpike, Transported to Hospital
 9:35 p.m. Harassment Serve/Information/Violate, Skyline Drive, Paperwork Served

Tuesday, Oct. 7
 9:58 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Plains Road, Report Filed
 11:15 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Shore Drive, Transported to Hospital

5:53 p.m. Burglary, Spencer Road, Checked/Secured
 10:08 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Spencer Road, Check/Secured

Wednesday, Oct. 8
 10:29 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:29 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Center of Town, Returned

Thursday, Oct. 9
 12:56 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, East Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party

9:05 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact

Friday, Oct. 10
 2:43 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Adams Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:41 p.m. Fire – Vehicle Fires, Old Turnpike Road, Fire Extinguished

Saturday, Oct. 11
 7:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, North Brookfield Road, Ambulance signed Refusal

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 5
 9:13 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, No Action Required
 6:40 p.m. Unwanted Party, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Citation Issued

Monday, Oct. 6
 12:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Ragged Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:21 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Bemis Road, Information Given
 5:28 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Old Westminster Road, Information Taken
 7:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Oct. 7
 3:17 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, New Braintree, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:43 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Elm Street,

Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Twin Hill Road, No Transport Required
 1:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, No Transport Required
 5:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Morgan Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 8
 7:09 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Burnshirt Road, No Transport Required
 1:29 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Call Transferred
 2:27 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Halfrey Road, Removed from Scene

Thursday, Oct. 9
 9:46 a.m. Larceny or Theft, High Bridge Road, Report Filed
 11:53 a.m. Identity Theft, Main Street, Report Filed
 5:03 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Templeton, Cancelled
 6:33 p.m. Suspicious

Person/Vehicle Activity, Brigham Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Oct. 10
 6:36 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Mutual Aid Ambulance, Barre, Cancelled
 11:56 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

12:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Burnshirt Road, Cancelled
 4:32 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Westminster, Officer Spoke to Party
 7:27 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Gardner Road, Vehicle Towed

Saturday, Oct. 11
 6:54 a.m. Gunshots, Underwood Road, Unfounded
 10:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Burnshirt Road, Transported to Hospital

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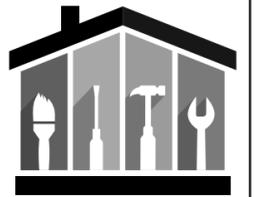
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