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Halloween in New Braintree



The Monahan family was making sure the 1960s never die.



This trunk had a Super Mario theme.

Trunk or Treat and party follows at Farmer Matt's

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE – About a year ago your correspondent, admittedly a bit slow, became aware of the term, trunk or treat.

It has been around for a while, but as he has long passed the age of wearing strange clothing in late October, as have his offspring, he was oblivious.

On Oct. 28, all would be revealed.

On that day, in front of the New Braintree Town Offices, a small

town in New England would celebrate Halloween together.

Just in front of the offices was a table with candy, and the two people in charge were available to answer questions.

It was there we met Lori, the Police Clerk, and Lieutenant Kevin Landine who were on top of events. According to Lori, Trunk or Treat New Braintree has been going on for about 10 years.

On the lawn, Lori pointed out the inflatable decorations. She observed that every year there is another one. It will not be many more before the lawn is overcrowded.

To the left side of the parking lot, was a couple of Fire

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Turley Photos by Richard Murphy

The return of Bob Ross...or not.

New ambulance arrives, waiting for paperwork

DPW to convert oldest ambulance to service truck

By Ellenor Downer
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HUBBARDSTON – The town's new ambulance has arrived and waiting for all paperwork completion to be put into service.

Town Administrator Nathen Boudreau said the new ambulance replaces an 18 year old ambulance. He said the Department of Public Works will take the old ambulance and refit it as a service vehicle used to repair DPW vehicles, which break down on the road.

Select Board member Kris Pareago questioned why this transfer of the ambulance to the DPW did not come to the Select Board's attention. Select Board member Peter Walker said it was important to be transparent.

The Town Administrator said in the future he would notify the Select Board of any "internal transfers" of vehicles. He said the trade in value on the old ambulance was low about \$1,000 to \$2,000.

GrantMatch
The Town Administrator asked the board to remove their proposal to contract with GrantMatch a company based in Ottawa, Canada to allow him more time to look into other options. He said GrantMatch received a great rating from the Better Business Bureau and the references he checked were favorable. He said it was good idea to have a firm from the outside, who would search for the competitive federal grant matches for the town.

ARPA update

The Town Administrator said \$148,700 remains of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. He recommended to the board they remove the \$16,000 from ARPA funding for the Open Space Committee and use it toward the \$21,000, which was the town's share of the conduit project in the center of town.

He said the Open Space trail project was not ready. They also had another source of funding as the Community Preservation Act Open Space Account had a balance of \$40,000.

Select Board Vice Chair Katie Young said her only concern was if the Open Space Committee, knowing they got approval of ARPA funds, had already started the project or ordered supplies for the project. The Town Administrator said he already emailed the chairman of the Open Space Committee about the funding cut, but he had not received an email back. He said he would get in touch with the chair of the committee.

Hearing

The Select Board held a public hearing on the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26. It was a hybrid hearing with both in person and remote public participation. The Town Administrator went through each article on the six article warrant and accepted questions following his presentation. The Select Board voted to recommend all six articles on the warrant. The Finance Committee will meet to make their recommendations as well.

Scholarship breakfast

Select Board Vice Chair Young, who is special events coordinator,

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Town administrator notes progress over years

Let's talk town hall

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – The town is facing challenges many mill towns in rural areas are up against every day; from aging buildings and infrastructure to the rising cost of living.

Through the efforts of various departments, boards and committees, these small towns continue to find ways to move forward while preserving and honoring the past.

Making sure these day-to-day efforts run smoothly while still keeping an eye on the future is Town Administrator Nicole Parker, who is tasked as being the face of town hall.

Parker got her start in municipal government when she took a job in the Planning Department of her hometown.

As time went on and opportunities arose, Parker went for promotions, working her way up as the executive assistant to the Town Manager in the town of Palmer.

Parker knew she eventually wanted her own town to manage, and when she saw the Town



Nicole Parker

Administrator job posted in Hardwick, she knew she had to apply.

Parker has been Town Administrator in Hardwick since July 2021, coming in on the tails of the town losing a record amount of U.S. Department of Agriculture funding for a massive wastewater system upgrade.

"We had just lost about \$30 million the day before I started," Parker said. "We couldn't pay for it [the project] and we didn't even have the capacity to borrow."

Restoring that funding became Parker's top priority over the next year to come.

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Montessori School holds Spooktacular Time



Submitted photos

For a fine motor challenge and more sanitary spin on the apple bobbing classic, attendees used kitchen utensils and skeleton hands to scoop their apples.

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Montessori School hosted a Halloween Fundraiser Spooktacular on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 2-4 p.m.

The event was organized by Krysten Harty and Patty Upshaw, who serve as parent volunteers and board members at the school. Petersham Montessori School is a non-profit organization, serving Petersham, Barre, Orange, Hubbardston, and surrounding communities since 1996.

The school provides hands-on learning and practical skills for pre-K through kindergarten with the aim of "developing confident and creative children." Petersham Montessori School hosts events and fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for operations and resources.



Families posed for festive Halloween pictures at the event photo booth.



Petersham Montessori School's Spooktacular event provided refreshments and sweets-decorating for sale (proceeds to the school); apple scooping; and a spooky obstacle course housing a sensory bag table of "goblin teeth" (dry beans), a "brain" (wet sponge), and "eyeballs" (black olives).



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No. 4 Schoolhouse to hold fundraiser

The No. 4 Schoolhouse seeks donations of items for assembling raffle baskets. This is a once-a-year major fundraiser for No. 4 Schoolhouse and members appreciate contributions of items either homemade or purchased. If people have items to donate, they may call one of the officers: Joyce Dea, president at 978-355-2005; Allison Dea-Martinelli, vice president at 508-523-5850; Melinda Cheney, secretary at 774-641-2685 or Kay Potter Flick, treasurer at 978-257-0890 to make arrangements to collect the items. They may drop items off on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the No. 4 Schoolhouse, Farrington Road, from 1-3 p.m. People may also make donations by mailing a check to Treasurer No. 4 Schoolhouse, P.O. Box 85, Barre, MA 01005. Friends and members of No. 4 Schoolhouse will assemble the baskets and selling tickets after Nov. 4. They will have the raffle baskets on display and sell tickets at the Christmas in Barre Fair at Quabbin Regional High School on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Designer pancake breakfast

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

Barre Historical Society

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

Clothing and Textile Room

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

Community farm proposed in Petersham



Submitted photo

The Rice's Roots Farm at 204 East St., Petersham will be the subject of a Public Meeting to discuss community Farming on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. at the Petersham Town Hall.

PETERSHAM – As local food security becomes more of an issue in the Quabbin/Nichewaug region and beyond, a small group of concerned citizens in Petersham are inviting residents and friends to a free, public meeting on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. at the Petersham Town Hall to discuss potential ideas of how to develop and use the Rice's Roots Farm on East Street for some form of community farming that would be of benefit to local residents.

The region of Petersham in central Massachusetts has always had a significant role in offering top farming operations to feed its local populations, yet over the last few decades local farming has been reduced by a combination of the domination of large corporate farms, reduction of farmland from suburban-type development, and the effects of climate change.

While there have been heroic efforts to provide sustainable farming in the area, through local farmer's markets and a few struggling farms, there is the need to have more local farms growing food for local consumption.

The intention of the founding partners of such a farm is to create some form of Community Supported Agriculture or similar farm operation to would benefit residents of the region. It was just twelve years ago, in 2011 when a similar group met at the Town Hall to discuss local food concerns when the present Friday Market was established.

The Rice's Roots Farm has been a thriving farm since the late 1700s and is central to the present "Foodscape" of Petersham where the soil is good, history of farming goes way back and present day operations are in place – perfect place for a Community Farm. This initiative could serve as a model for growing good food, stewarding the land and educating local residents and others around food issues and practices.

The intention of the initial partners, propose some form of a cooperative venture in land ownership, business management and food growing. The 37 acres of open land and 191 acres of managed forest lands are presently held in strict local Conservation Restrictions to assure growing food and limiting development.

The local group is committed to following the requirements of the restrictions.

Local resident, Stephanie Selden feels that Petersham "would certainly benefit from more locally grown garden items." Andre Pierre, a Petersham grower and a potential partner of the new farm states, "As a Petersham resident for many years, I am very aware of the importance of farming in our community. My interest, experience, and intention is to grow and distribute good local food to our community at the Friday Market and direct sales at the farm. Larry Buell, local land historian and founder of the University of the Wild looks forward to getting potential students to help on the farm and, if they wish, secure UMass college credits.

For information on the Rice's Roots Farm, people may visit <https://www.landvest.com/farm-and-ranch/int/72962214/204-east-st-petersham-ma-01366>.

For information, people may email Larry Buell at Larry@UofWild.org or call 978-855-1420 (cell).

Hubbardston

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Trail building takes place at Hidden Meadow

The East Quabbin Land Trust will hold trail building at Hidden Meadow, 71 Lombard Road, on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 9 a.m. Volunteers will rake and lop several new trail sections at Hidden Meadow in Hubbardston in partnership with member of New England Mountain Biking Association. People should bring a rake or loppers or both, plus gloves. They will divide into groups and work to create the new trail segments so walkers, mountain bicyclers, bird watchers and others can enjoy the woods at Hidden Meadow. Snacks will be provided. People should RSVP via email to chenshaw@eqlt.org.

Drawing workshop

The Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., will be hosting artist Mathilde Duffy on Monday Nov. 13 from 6-8 p.m. for a workshop on working with colored pencils. The drawing workshop will focus on learning interesting techniques with many kinds of colored pencils. Some pencils work with water, some blend better than others and some are intended as base layers in a build-up process. The artist will provide materials and subjects, flowers and seashells, but people may wish to bring their own photos or flowers. The end results will be cards to send or drawings to be framed. Space is limited, so register early

Trip to Iwo Jima

On Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6-8 p.m., Bill Shea, owner of the Ruptured Duck, will be at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St., to tell of his journey to Iwo Jima in 2023. He is a collector, appraiser, consultant and longtime Hubbardston resident. He will tell of his three-year delay to get there, a grueling travel schedule and the final success on reaching the summit of Mount Suribachi. The Battle for Iwo Jima echoes through history, come hear about Bill's incredible journey.

Unitarian Church indoor yard sale

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

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

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., events include: Coffee with Friends Monday through Thursday at 9:45 a.m.; Bingo from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays; Knitting Group at 10 a.m. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and WiiBowling beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m.. It's renewal time for health insurance. This is an opportunity to ask questions.

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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. 6. 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, French bread

TUESDAY – Chicken vegetable stir fry, brown rice, carrots, peaches, whole wheat bread

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

THURSDAY – Hot dog, baked beans, green beans, Cole slaw, fresh fruit, hot dog bun

FRIDAY – No Meal Served

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

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE.

Insurance Advisory Committee – Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.
 CMRPC Barre Master Plan Steering Committee – Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Election Day – Nov. 7 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Nov. 9 and Jan. 11, 2024 at 3 p.m.
 Zoning Board of Appeals – Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Dec. 11 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Dec. 11 at 5 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Dec. 28 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Selectmen – Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.
 Parks and Recreation Committee – Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 8 at 9 a.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Nov. 8 at 4 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Nov. 20 at 3 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Nov. 20 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Historical Commission – Nov. 4 at 10 a.m.
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 8 and Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.
 Emergency Management Committee – Nov. 14 at 3 p.m.
 Cultural Council – Nov. 14, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 16, Dec. 6 and Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cultural Council – Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

NEW BRAINTREE

Planning Board – Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

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

OAKHAM

Finance Committee – Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board – Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11 and Dec. 26 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 15 and Dec. 20 at 5 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Board of Health – Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Nov. 2 and Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.
 Petersham School Committee – Nov. 6 at 10 a.m.
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Nov. 14 at 10 a.m.
 Planning Board – Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Earthworks Board – Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Select Board and Finance Committee Joint Meeting – Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
 Select Board and Ad Hoc By-law Committee Joint Meeting – Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
 Special State Election – Nov. 7 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Economic Development Commission – Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Red Door Fayre is Nov. 11

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., will host its Red Door Fayre on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be raffles, an exquisite table, a Christmas table, a bake table, pies and a craft table. A homemade luncheon includes soups, sandwiches and apple crisp. Free lunch served to all veterans.



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Food Pantry holds monthly distributions

BARRE – The next two Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 10- 11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday, Nov. 8 or in the evening on Thursday, Nov. 16, whichever is more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the spread of the COVID-19 sub variant viruses.

Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors considered changing how the pantry currently operates, but decided that the most responsible path forward is to continue to operate as they have since March of 2020.

In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Nov. 8 and Nov. 16 will again be “drive-through” style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand east entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St.

They will remain in their cars. They’ll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations. Based on the success of distributions so far, the Food Pantry volunteers believe this “drive-through” style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

On Tuesday night, Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. the Barre Food Pantry will be gathering volunteers at the Barre Congregational Church to unload incoming groceries from their truck, to pre-fill grocery bags and in other ways to prepare for the distribution the

following morning. If people can help pitch in for an hour on the Nov. 7, they should call Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921.

The Barre Food Pantry also needs food donations. Donations of shelf stable groceries such as canned, boxed and bottled food items to share with neighbors who lack food security. Items may be dropped off at the Woods Memorial Library at 19 Pleasant St., the Barre Senior Center at 450 South Barre Road, the Barre Health Center at Worcester Road or the Taproot Bookstore, 5 Exchange St.

People should not arrive to volunteer on Nov. 8 and Nov. 16 without first calling Sonja Blaney at 978-355-6921, Dave Petrovick at 978-852-1696 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, people should continue to check for updates by visiting the Barre Food Pantry website at <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

FOSC to hold concert on Nov. 5

GILBERTVILLE – Organist and pianist, Malcolm Halliday with clarinetist, Chester Breznjak, will perform music from many cultures, including Latino music of Spain, Portugal, Argentina and Mexico, to showcase two historic keyboard instruments at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., on Sunday, November 5, at 2 p.m.

A public reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$25 at the door or by visiting <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthestonechurch/888269>. Youth under 18 and holders of the Mass Cultural Council “Card to Culture” are admitted at no charge.

The concert’s first half will showcase the Johnson pipe organ, starting with two early works from the Iberian peninsula, followed by Mozart’s Church Sonata No. 17, arranged for organ and clarinet and Mendelssohn’s Prelude and Fugue in c minor. The organ section will conclude with James Hewitt’s dramatic organ sonata “The Battle of Trenton,” composed in 1797, dedicated to George Washington, and arranged by the great 20th-century organist E. Power Biggs.

In the piano half of the pro-

gram, Halliday moves forward in time, starting with “Barcarolle” by Amy Beach (1867-1944). An accomplished pianist in her youth, Beach switched to composing when her husband insisted that she restrict her public performances to two a year. She was the first American woman to publish a symphony.

Composer and concert pianist Ricardo Castro (1864-1907) composed the first Mexican cello and piano concerto in 1903. His romantic Caprice-Valse, Op.1 evokes the lush sounds of Mexican guitars and requires considerable pianistic ‘chops’ to play.

Breznjak will return in the second half for “Rositas Iglesias,” a charming work by Argentinian composer Carlos Gustavino (1912-2000), followed by “Blue Jeans: an assortment of Mexican and Things,” by contemporary American composer William Thomas McKinley.

This concert is dedicated to the memory of Donald Boothman, a Hardwick helped preserve and maintain the Johnson & Son organ. Calling himself “friend of the Gilbertville Organ,” he produced organ concert seasons at

the church from 1990 to 2011, building a local audience and contributing the proceeds toward the organ fund for its upkeep. In 2015, he co-founded Friends of the Stone Church, to preserve the regional landmark and re-open it for public benefits. Following Don’s death in 2016, his widow Kaye Boothman donated the Steinway piano that will be heard in this concert.

This concert is supported in part by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

At home viewers may enjoy watching recordings of previous concerts through links on the Friends of the Stone Church website: FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org/music/.

Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a public charitable corporation and community group organized in 2015 and open to all. They are currently in Phase 4 of stabilizing the stone tower, with major funding from the Mass Cultural Council’s Cultural Facilities Fund. They welcome donations toward the ongoing preservation project by visitig online at www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or by mail to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

OHA to sell tickets for their annual lottery

OAKHAM – The Oakham Historical Association will be selling tickets for their Annual Lottery at the Oakham Congregational Church fair on Saturday, Nov. 18.

There are 20 chances to win \$50 with each ticket. It runs from Tuesday, Jan. 9 to Thursday, March 14, 2024. Every Tuesday and Thursday during that time the middle two numbers of the evening drawing of the Mass Lottery Game is the winning number. A check for \$50 will be sent to the winner. The cost of a

ticket is \$20. People can win as many times as their number comes up.

People can also purchase a ticket through December by sending a check for \$20 made out to Oakham Historical Association, P.O. Box 236, Oakham, MA 01068. There are only 100 tickets and they go fast. If people have any questions, they may call Kathy Young at 508-882-3137 or Linda Housman at 508-882-3990. They should leave a message if there is no answer and they will get back to them.

BOH offers COVID and flu clinic Nov. 8

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Board of Health in partnership with the North Brookfield Schools and Hannaford Pharmacy offers a COVID-19 and influenza vaccine clinic on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 2:45-6 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School, 10 New School Drive.

Flu vaccines are available for ages five and up and COVID for ages 12 and up. People may register by visiting <https://bit.ly/45vej4w>.

Oakham

Ellenor Downer
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OHA to sell tickets for their annual lottery

The Oakham Historical Association will be selling tickets for their Annual Lottery at the Oakham Congregational Church fair on Saturday, Nov. 18. There are 20 chances to win \$50 with each ticket. It runs from Tuesday, Jan. 9 to Thursday, March 14, 2024. Every Tuesday and Thursday during that time the middle two numbers of the evening drawing of the Mass Lottery Game is the winning number. A check for \$50 will be sent. People can also purchase a ticket through December by sending a check for \$20 made out to Oakham Historical Association, P.O. Box 236, Oakham, MA 01068. There are only 100 tickets and they go fast. If people have any questions, they may call Kathy Young at 508-882-3137 or Linda Housman at 508-882-3990. They should leave a message if there is no answer and they will get back to them.

Veterans breakfast

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

COA Veterans celebration luncheon

The Oakham Council on Aging will host a veterans celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. in the Oakham Congregational church, 4 Coldbrook Road. Lunch is homemade lasagna. There will be two speakers.

SHINE counselor

A Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone counselor will be at the Oakham Senior Center, located in the lower level of Town Hall on Thursdays, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m., Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. and Nov. 30 at 1 p.m.

Church fair

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

White elephant table donations

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

Bake sale

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

St. Joseph’s hosts Christmas Fair on Nov. 4

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A Christmas Fair will be held in St. Joseph’s Parish Hall, 296 North Main St., on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be a bake sale, handmade crafts, flea market, raffles and more. Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and features homemade soups, sandwiches and apple pie.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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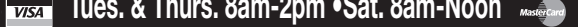


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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

My birthday is on the first of the month; when should I claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty

I will be 62 on Nov. 1 and I have chosen to take my benefits early. I know that my benefit will be less than it would be if I waited and that does not concern me, but I don't want to be without income for a long period of time. I know that if my birthday is on the first or second of the month, then I can draw that month. Does that mean that when I turn 62 on Nov. 1 that I can receive my first check on the second Wednesday of November? And should I select November as the month I'd like my benefits to start? I also read that I would be paid the month following the month I select, hence my confusion.

Signed: **Confused Senior**

Dear Confused

There are a few different Social Security rules, which come into play in your specific circumstance which are likely creating your confusion. First, since you will be 62 on Nov. 1, you will first become eligible for Social Security starting with the month of November.

Those born on the first or second of the month are eligible for benefits for that entire month, whereas those who turn 62 later in the month wouldn't be eligible for benefits until the following month. To claim benefits, you must be 62 for the entire month and, because your birthday is on the first, your first month being 62 for the entire month will be November and that is the month you should specify as your benefit-start month on your application.

The next thing to be aware of is that Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month those benefits are earned. That means that your November benefits will be paid in December. The exact payment date is determined by the recipient's birthday – born before the eleventh of the month, SS payments are made on the second Wednesday; born between the eleventh and twentieth of the month, payments are received on the third Wednesday of the month and for those born after the twentieth of the month, payment is received on the fourth Wednesday.

Thus, since you were born on the first of the month and are claiming benefits to start in November, your first Social Security payment will be deposited in your bank account on the second Wednesday of December and all subsequent Social Security payments will be made on that same second-Wednesday schedule.

You can apply for your Social Security benefits up to 4 months prior to the month you wish them to start, and SS recommends you apply at least 2 months prior to allow time for processing your application. On the application, they will ask which month you wish your benefits to begin, and you can indicate November to get your earliest possible payment in December.

Actually, you can simply select the following option on the Social Security benefit application: "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction," which will accomplish the same thing.

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Letter to the Editor

Love is Ageless

Save a life and make your own better by giving an older pet a home during national "Adopt a Senior Pet Month" this November.

Senior pets have so much love to give, are easier than puppies or kittens, and are usually house trained. Yet, they are often overlooked. To find your new best friend, come visit the Second Chance Adoption Center in East Brookfield at 111 Young Road or search online at secondchanceanimals.org/adopt, petfinder.com or adoptapet.com.

According to The Grey Muzzle Organization, people who have adopted a senior dog say they would do it again in a heartbeat. If you're among them, please share your dog's photo and story on social media using the hashtag #GreyMuzzleGratitude.

You can be a hero by giving a senior pet a second chance. In return, you'll receive the unconditional love and companionship of a very grateful old dog.

Lindsay Doray
Second Chance Animal Services
East Brookfield, MA

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In Past Pages

5 years (Nov 8, 2018)

Robin Cheney presented recommendations from the Barre Assessors to Selectmen at the FY 19 tax classification hearing. Assessor's recommendations include not adopting the open space discount and the residential exemption. Cheney said Chapter 61 already provided a substantial savings on large tracts of open land. He said the residential exemption was for vacation communities and did not apply to Barre. He said the assessors did not recommend adopting a small commercial exemption as it gave the tax break to the owner of the commercial property not the small business. The final assessor's recommendation was for a residential factor of one. He said over 85% of property was residential, almost 6% commercial and about 2% residential with the remainder tax exempt.

Barre had a 61.67% voter turnout for the Tuesday, Nov. 6 election with 1,206 or 64.6% from precinct 1 casting ballots and 1069 or 58.67% from precinct 2. Total number of registered voters in Barre is 3,689 with 1,867 in precinct 1 and 1,822 in precinct 2. Three hundred eighty registered voters cast their ballot during the early voting period.

The Oakham Historical Museum, 1221 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham has extended its Sunday open house hours to commemorate the end of World War I. The museum will be open Sunday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Armistice that brought the "Great War" to an end in 1918 was signed exactly 100 years earlier on the 11 month, the 11th day at the 11 hour. Among the articles on display form the museum's collection are a gas mask, helmet, canteens, signal flag, books, photos and more. Also on display are some of the letters sent home to families and friends that were written by Oakham soldiers, who were serving in Europe and at the front lines. These letters have been retyped in a large font and mounted for easy reading. Some of the names may be familiar: Bechan, Willis, Sergeant, Fleming and Stone.

10 years (Nov. 7, 2013)

The town of Hubbardston will hold a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center School, Elm Street. Voters will take action on six articles. The first article on the warrant if approved would authorize the Board of Selectmen to swap a 17-acre parcel on town owned land on Mile Road with a 10-acre parcel of state owned land located on Gardner Road. The land on Gardner Road would be used for general municipal purposes such as the future site of municipal buildings including, but not limited to a new senior center. Article 2 seeks

LOOK BACK Dining Out - 1996



File photo
Among the recent diners on March 27, 1996 at Jackie's Country Kitchen on the Common in Barre were Elizabeth O'Connor Anne Plante, Hanna O'Connor and Benjamin O'Connor.

to broaden the allowed uses of the Stabilization Fund voted at the June 5, 2012 Annual Town Meeting to allow the \$100,000 to be used to purchase, accept by gift, swap for alternate land or take by eminent domain a parcel of land of land the town would develop a senior center and other facilities to be used for municipal purposes

The Quabbin Regional High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps held their annual inspection ceremony last Thursday in the high school gym. After the company formation, the ceremony opened with the welcoming of the official party complete with bell and side boys. After the presentation of the colors, several NJROTC cadets sang the National Anthem a capella. Following the officers' center march, there was a moving Prisoner of War and Missing in Action tribute. Participating cadets each carried a hat representative of the five branches of the Armed Forces: Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The Petersham Board of Selectmen reviewed proposals from three contractors for the development of bid packages for the removal of asbestos and demolition of the Nichewaug Inn buildings. Selectman Tim Clark said in reading the proposals, he can just picture the change orders coming down the line. Selectman Rick Marsh agreed and estimated the fees proposed by all three companies could easily double by the time the packages were prepared.

25 years (Nov. 5, 1998)

The Welcome to Barre Sign on Barre Common has been missing for some time and townspeople have been wondering what happened to it. This week the Selectmen received a ransom note

from The River Rats, a Brothers of the Brush group formed during the town's bicentennial celebration in 1974. Apparently the group has reorganized as the town gets ready to celebrate its 225th anniversary in July of 1999 and are holding the sign hostage until the anniversary committee reaches its fund-raising goal of \$50,000.

Ella Elvira Gibson was a determined woman who knew how to effect change. When she set her mind to doing something, she didn't give up until she accomplished her goal. Two women in Barre, who have that same spark and determination, are the new owners of the E.E. Gibson's Restaurant on the corner in Barre center. When Ann Castona and her daughter, Cathy Lamber decided to open the restaurant they were determined to serve tasty homemade food, cater to customers and keep the restaurant and everything in it sparkling clean. They took over the former Jackie's Kitchen in May and spent all summer remodeling and redecorating in preparation for a fall opening.

At Monday night's Barre Selectmen's meeting, the board acted on a complaint aired at the Oct. 19 meeting by Barre resident, Lucy Trifilo. Lucy Trifilo had complained about the presence of unregistered vehicles in the area of Celona Square. Subsequent investigation found the cars are on private property rather than a public road.

38 years (Nov. 7, 1985)

The road was new, not even open to traffic yet, on that summer day in 1937 when the first major accident and fatality was recorded. Thus began the history of the intersection where Routes 122 and 32 meet in Petersham. Police Chief Denis Legere said his records indicate "a multitude of accidents" have happened there in the past 61 years, a good many since he came to the Petersham Police Department in 1970. The safety issue became major as recently as Sept. 11 when the latest crash critically injured John C. Coolidge of New Salem, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs.

Guest Column



What I did (wrong) last summer

I always joke that gardeners are an optimistic lot.

We no sooner pick that last fruit and we are already thinking about next year's garden. Our goal may be to improve on our mistakes or simply try something new.

Mistakes do happen.

Oftentimes it's because we run out of time to do everything we should, or we do this or that to simply "get it done."

Sometimes we underestimate or overestimate. Sometimes we are hopeful but not practical.

Read on to learn about my imperfectness this past summer.

Right now, I have 50, three-inch apples staring at me when I walk to my car. Had I thinned said apples I would have had 10-15 five-inch apples.

What's the big deal? It's likely I'd fill a basket to the same height, be it with three-inch or five-inch fruit.

Of course, we all like bigger apples, but it goes well beyond that. I learned that seed production really tires out the tree, so fewer apples would mean fewer seeds and a happier tree.

I'll have to be observant come spring. Will my tree be too tired to bloom next year or bloom well?

If I'm lucky enough to have fruit clusters, I will indeed thin out all but one fruit per cluster. Ordinarily you would save the biggest one, but if it has any insect damage, it's best to take off that fruitlet and save another.

Thinning is especially important in young trees. While it's hard to wait for trees to bear, it's best to leave only a few fruit early on so that energy can go to strong roots and developing a healthy scaffold of branches.

As I stare out the window just now, I'm reminded of another misstep. I did not deadhead my spent lilac blooms.

Not only do the blackish seed heads look ugly, I fear that I will lose some flowers because of it. Seed production comes into play here too in terms of the plant expending energy and then being too depleted to perform well the next year.

Pruning or deadheading lilacs can take place any time before July 1, not to sacrifice flowers for the following spring.

My winter squash production was abysmal this summer. I had soil tests done last fall and did I follow the recommendations to the T? No.

I was told that my nitrogen and phosphorus were low. While I amended the rows for individual crops like tomatoes and green beans, I neglected to amend the larger area within my garden in which I grew my cucumbers and squash.

Being frugal I added a little compost to the rows (I was trying the row method and not the hill method this year) and called it done. The vines grew for a while, set a few fruit, then turned yellow.

Squash bugs overrun.

I think I have three edible squash (actually I just checked and it's officially two!) from a 200 square foot

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

It is time to put away the fall and Halloween decorations and take out the harvest and Thanksgiving things.

I store most of them in the basement so when I bring a load down I bring a load up for the next holiday. The fabric things are stored under my bed in plastic containers.

I have been working on some Christmas designs. I just made a wool Santa holding a Christmas tree that is a wall hanging. My next project is to make some felt chickadees and cardinal birds that can be hung on a tree. I made some years ago when I had several trees and one was all birds and bird nests with artificial eggs.

I also picked over my recipes that I submit to this column. I made a copy of my column and then printed them out. I cut the column from the newspaper and save that in a notebook so I know what I have published. The original recipes I give to friends.

I just made this for a Sunday afternoon football snack.

AFTERNOON FOOTBALL SNACK

- Crescent rolls
- Cheese slices
- Ham slices

Take crescent rolls and put two triangle's together. Put a slice of cheese and two slices of sliced ham and then roll them up and press the ends so the contents don't come out. Heat the oven to 375 degrees and place them on a cookie sheet. Bake for about 10 min-

utes until nice and brown.

I got some really big beets from Rich this week so I cut them up and boiled them and then peeled them and sliced them thinner and put some vinegar on them to pickle them. I keep them in the refrigerator. I actually had some leftover pickle juice I put on them.

This and That

We certainly had some very nice warm weather with several days of no rain so I did some raking and leaf blowing. The oaks are coming down faster than I can handle them. Seems like I am constantly charging the battery on the leaf blower.

I got the furnace cleaned this week and the septic system pumped last week.

Now it is time to get rid of some of the metal things. The Board of Health is having a pick up for free at the Highway Barn of metal on Nov. 4 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.. I really miss not having a recycling center.

We have always had a dump or recycling center for over 84 years I have lived in Hubbardston. No wonder people's yards are piling up like a junk yard.

When a lawn mower stops running what do you do with it? When a lawn swing rusts away what can you do with it? When a rototiller decides it can not run anymore where can you put it?

I much rather see beautiful flowers and trees than junk in my yard..

It is time to get off my high horses and not complain.

Have a good week.

Friends of Paige Library hosts hibernation program

HARDWICK – On Saturday, Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. in the Town House, 32 Common St., the Friends of the Paige Library present Hands on Nature: Winter Hibernation.

Participants will learn how animals survive the coldest months of New England. Hands on Nature's programs provide hands-on experi-

ences to develop a sense of connection to the Earth, a respect for the beauty of the natural world and a sense of humans place in it.

By nurturing a deeper relationship between children and the Earth, they strive to create future stewards of the land. They will learn about hibernation, migration

and the amazing adaptations animals have for surviving our harshest temperatures.

Children should bring a stuffed animal and create a cozy little hibernation den to take home. For more information, people may call 413-477-6704 or email director. paigelibrary@gmail.com.

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said the Scholarship Committee would be holding a breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 8-11 a.m. at the Hubbardston Rod and Gun Club, Williamsville Road. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child and benefits scholarships offered to

Hubbardston residents.

Other Business

The Select Board accepted the resignation of Douglas Cormier from the Economic Development Committee.

They also signed the Special State Election warrant to fill the Senate seat left by the resignation of Anne Gobi. Gobi accepted

the position as state Rural Affairs Director. The election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7 with the polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

The Town Administrator thanked the North Central Chamber of Commerce for donating a sign to the town. He said he would be posting a photo of the new sign on the town website.

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"It was crucial to the town's survival...it was in a dire position," she said.

Parker said the Select Board worked "tremendously" together in order to get the money back and stop the tens of thousands of dollars a day in corrective orders due to the wastewater treatment plants being out of compliance.

Now that the funding has been restored, the town is moving forward with the wastewater upgrade project, which involves adding a pump station on Hardwick Road and upgrading both the Gilbertville and Wheelwright water pollution control facilities.

While working toward restoring the funding for this project, Parker was also focusing on creating an efficient structure in the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building, with office hours that would work for departments and residents.

This includes having regular hours Monday through Thursday, with extended evening hours until 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights.

Being close to an hour from major cities, Hardwick has little representation from cable television channels, with the closest news coming out of Boston-based stations.

During negotiations with the

town's cable provider, Parker advocated for the town to have its own local channel, but was unsuccessful. However, she was able to create HardwickTV, a YouTube channel that streams Select Board meetings live for residents to watch from the comfort of their own homes.

These recorded meetings have helped to strengthen transparency and communication between the town's government and residents.

"There were a lot of steps to go through...getting YouTube was huge," Parker said.

Parker was also instrumental with getting the town's website updated and moved from a ".com" to a more secure ".gov."

The updated website makes it easy for residents to find important information, as well as read Parker's Town Administrator's Reports and meeting minutes.

During her time as Town Administrator, the town combined the position of Treasurer and Town Collector into one, something the state has recommended in small towns whenever either of these positions becomes vacant.

Parker said the finance team needs to be succinct in order to manage the budget, which includes monthly meetings.

"Every year I have been here, we've had good free cash," she said.

Parker said the town is starting to build up its stabilization and capital funds, to meet a growing list of capital projects including police and fire department needs and roadways. The Municipal Building, which was originally built as a school, also needs work.

Parker said the Select Board is also looking for recommendations about what to do with three vacant buildings in town: the Paige Building and the schools on Ruggles Hill Road and Main Street/Highland Terrace.

"We're looking to get them back on the tax roll," she said.

The town has also debuted new sections of the Mass Central Rail Trail, along with new launch points along the Blue Trail of the Ware River. This summer also saw the grand opening of Ware River Park, a 10-acre riverside park along Lower Road in Gilbertville.

Parker said what she enjoys the most about working for the town, is the dedication and passion of its residents to volunteer and get stuff done.

"The only way things get done, is with volunteers that care," Parker said.

Parker can be reached by calling 413-477-6197 extension 101, emailing admin@townofhardwick.com or by stopping by the Municipal Building at 307 Main St., Gilbertville.

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Horace Coolidge, are Petersham residents.

Mary Ellen Radlewicz was the featured speaker at the November meeting of Barre Historical Society. In introducing herself, she said, "I'm not a botanist, but an artist." While working at Old Sturbridge Village, she sat out in the gardens and made botanical watercolor painting of plants, among them a paper-white narcissus with its bulb, stem and leaf structure and blossom. She is an

original member of the American Society of Botanical Artists. On the table in the middle room, she spread out an array of botanical books, old and new, some of which she brought into the parlor to present her talk.

The 225th Anniversary Committee scheduled several events to help raise funds for the grand celebration, which will be held in July of 1999. A meeting to reorganize the Brothers of the Brush

and Belles will be held tonight, Thursday, Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. in the Henry Woods Municipal Building. Brothers of the Brush formed during the town's bicentennial celebration held in 1974. The committee is inviting these groups to get together again. In 1974, there were River Rats, Midnight Riders, Vigilantes, Keystone Cops and Michelob Maulers.

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Calvin and Hobbes made an appearance at New Braintree's Trunk or Treat.



The town library was not trying to scare anyone, just sharing books.

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Department vehicles, one with a monster in front.

Traversing the whole rectangle of the parking lot, one came across residents' vehicle trunks adorned with scary decorations. Even so, no one looked at all like they were expiring due to fright.

Whether it was a Calvin and Hobbes inspired theme or a local artist channeling his inner famous painter, it was all fun.

The two cows that showed up to celebrate seemed to be enjoying the late afternoon though they did not readily communicate their thoughts.

Scarecrows or the hippies of the Monahan family, all were just enjoying the neighborly atmosphere of small-town New England.

It was then that it dawned on your correspondent the rationale (or at least a rationale) for Trunk or Treat.

Having grown up in a large eastern Massachusetts town, we trick or treated along neighborhood streets from one house to the next.

In rural towns, with residences spread out, does one trick or treat by car? One can see Trunk or Treat as a logical alternative. To all intents and purposes, it seemed the

families of New Braintree agreed.

After the events at Trunk or Treat, it was on to Farmer Matt's Halloween Party, billed as a "Spooktacular Event." It was fun more than frightful, and it had all the usual aspects of a good time at the man's farm.

As people arrived, the well-regarded local Spooner Well band was playing their repertoire of classic hits and their own compositions celebrating a scary event that happened in the Brookfields in the 18th Century.

At the side of the farm store Valley Malt had set up taps and IPAs and other styles of beer were available from regional brewers. Valley Malt works to connect farmers and brewers in producing a local product.

Judging from how much people appreciated the beverages during the evening, it seems to be working.

If your sweet tooth demanded satisfaction, Thompson's Maple Farm was on hand with ice cream to go with their maple products.

New Braintree's June's Bakeshop donated pumpkin themed cookies for the kids in costumes.

Of course, what Farmer Matt is most famous for is meat, and whether ribs or pulled pork, that was well done also. The mac and cheese was tasty as well.

North Brookfield Savings Bank, represented by Jenn, was on hand as a co-sponsor of the evening, dispensing small buckets of cotton candy to children.

Farmer Matt's is a dog friendly space, and there were many interest-



Lori and her sister gave out candy at Trunk or Treat.



A scary scarecrow kept trunk or treaters on their toes.

ing canines present including one pretending to be a horse with a little Woody from Toy Story saddled up and riding.

Before darkness settled the children in costume came up to be judged and prizes were awarded.

We had been favored by a perfectly beautiful day, but as the light and temperature receded, it was time to sit as close to the roaring fire as possible as Spooner Well played on.



Spooky displays decorated Memorial Drive in New Braintree.



Here are the costume contestants at Farmer Matt's.



Luigi from Super Mario Brothers enjoyed treats and tunes at Farmer Matt's.

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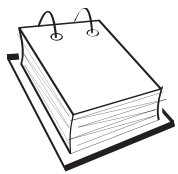
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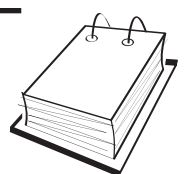
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Please contact Pat James 413-726-8661.



Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, NOV. 2

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

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

HANDS ON NATURE: WINTER HIBERNATION will be held today at 1 p.m. in the Town House, 32 Common St., the Friends of the Paige Library present Hands on Nature: Winter Hibernation. Participants will learn how animals survive the coldest months of New England. Hands on Nature's programs provide hands-on experiences to develop a sense of connection to the Earth, a respect for the beauty of the natural world and a sense of humans place in it. By nurturing a deeper relationship between children and the Earth, they strive to create future stewards of the land. They will learn about hibernation, migration and the amazing adaptations animals have for surviving our harshest temperatures. Children should bring a stuffed animal and create a cozy little hibernation den to take home. For more information, people may call 413-477-6704 or email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

DRIVE THRU TURKEY DINNER sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., Rutland will be held today from 5-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per meal and includes: turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, butternut squash, dressing, rolls with butter and apple crisp. People should call 508-886-4453 to reserve a meal or meals by Saturday, Oct. 21.

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

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

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

WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY continues its 18th season with performances of a concert titled "A Sense of Place" in West Boylston and Worcester today and Nov. 12. The first performance will be held today at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 26 Central St., West Boylston. Pre-concert talk is at 7 p.m. The second concert will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 4 pm, at Curtis Hall at Assumption University, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester. Pre-concert talk is at 3:30 p.m. Tickets available by visiting <https://worcestechambermusic.org/time-changes/>. Venues are handicapped accessible.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

VETERAN PLAQUE DEDICATION, a Boy Scout Eagle Award project, conceived and constructed by Liam Deaden, will take place today at 1 p.m. on the upper common in front of Rutland's Community Hall rain or shine. The project upgraded the Veterans'

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

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. 6. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Stephen Craven and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the entrance to the Petersham Transfer Station on Route 122 in Petersham.

fee. All are welcome.

monument to honor those Rutland veterans has been finalized and a plaque recently installed by Rutland Post 310 American Legion. Refreshments immediately will follow at the Rutland Congregational Church. The criteria to have a name put on this plaque was their "Home of Record" listed as Rutland, Massachusetts when they entered into service, having received an Honorable Discharge and military service between August 1990 and August 2021.

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

MONDAY, NOV. 13

COLORED PENCIL WORKSHOP with Mathilde Duffy will be held today from 6-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St. The drawing workshop will focus on learning interesting techniques with many kinds of colored pencils. Some pencils work with water, some blend better than others and some are intended as base layers in a build-up process. The artist will provide materials and subjects, flowers and seashells, but people may wish to bring their own photos or flowers. The end results will be cards to send or drawings to be framed. Space is limited, so register early

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY will present a taste of recipes from old Rutland cookbooks and see the collection of old kitchen gadgets today from

7-9 p.m. If people have a favorite old kitchen utensil please bring it with them for display that evening. They should put their name with it and maybe a short story about its history. The cookbooks range in age from 1932 to a recent one. There will be plenty of recipes to sample. This event is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

TRIP TO IWO JIMA IN 2013 will be recounted by Bill Shea, owner of Ruptured Duck, today from 6-8 p.m. at the Hubbardston Public Library, 7 Main St. He is a collector, appraiser, consultant and long-time Hubbardston resident. He will tell of his three-year delay to get there, a grueling travel schedule and the final success on reaching the summit of Mount Suribachi. The Battle for Iwo Jima echoes through history, come listen to Bill Shea's journey.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

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

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

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

14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR sponsored by the Friends of Wilbraham Seniors will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. This bazaar is a full day of shopping with over 25 exhibitors, offering handmade soaps, greeting cards, Christmas ornaments, doggie goodies, and more. Their famous huge Raffle offers many chances to bring home a lovely gift basket or other gifts. Lunch prepared by the folks at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing in Springfield cook up meatball grinders, or pick a sweet treat from the bake sale of muffins, cookies and more. Hot coffee will be available. Santa Claus will be riding into town at 11 a.m. and will stay until 2 p.m. for visits with children of all ages, who can get their picture taken. All children receive a free gift. This year's event proceeds will support Recognition Programs of Friends Volunteers. For more information, people may call AnnMarie at 413-599-4803.

Oliveira presents funds to honor Revolutionary veterans

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – State Sen. Jake Oliveira, along with state Rep. Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown), presented a check for \$5,000 to the Friends of Quabbin for the construction of a bronze plaque to honor the 41 Revolutionary War veterans buried in Quabbin Park Cemetery.

"This project is something that is really important to the American Revolution," Oliveira said. "This December we celebrate a milestone of the Revolution; the Boston Tea Party, 250 years ago."

Saunders thanked Oliveira for his commitment to the towns of the Quabbin Watershed, in which many of the towns Saunders represents are located.

"Not every state Rep. is as blessed to have a partner in the Senate," Saunders said.

Oliveira has special ties to the Quabbin Reservoir, as his grandfather worked to create it in the 1930s. Accompanying Oliveira to the ceremony on Oct. 27, was his mother – the daughter of the man who helped form one of the largest water supplies in the U.S.

Joining Oliveira and Saunders



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

State Sen. Jake Oliveira, center, spoke about his grandfather's involvement in creating the Quabbin Reservoir.

were Betty Allen Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Denise Kindschi Gosselin and Chair of the America 250! Chapter Committee Cher A. Nicholas.

Saunders said it's important that the region's public representation is taken care of for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, and he thanked the DAR for helping them achieve this goal.

"We couldn't do it without you," Saunders said.

Oliveira thanked state Reps. Todd Smola and Donnie Berthiaume, along with state Sen. Jo Comerford, for their support, as well as former senator Anne Gobi.

Oliveira said he and Gobi had always worked to ensure that each community in the district had what it needed.

"In the FY 24 budget, we worked together to secure dollars



Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux shows how the patina on this plaque makes it difficult to read.

for things," Oliveira said. "Small dollars for the State can go a long way."

Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux is "no stranger" to cemeteries Oliveira said, noting Theroux's work to repair and restore cemeteries across the commonwealth, including the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

Theroux has secured grant funding, including Community Preservation Act funds, for his

hometown of Westfield and he has worked throughout the years to honor the final resting place for members of the "Lost Towns" of the Quabbin Reservoir; hailing from Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott.

"Gene, you're always there to tell us where we need to support you," Oliveira said.

Theroux said 108 of his relatives have been laid to rest in the Quabbin Park Cemetery. Both of

his grandfathers served in France during World War I, and both originated from Enfield.

One of his grandfathers never got over the loss of his beloved town when it was discontinued to create the Quabbin Reservoir.

"I think he was bitter until the day he died," Theroux said.

Theroux pointed to the patina on the monument, noting that it was nearly impossible to read the names on it. The new bronze plaque will remain clear and strong for generations to come, withstanding New England's weather extremes.

Friends of Quabbin Treasurer Paul Godfrey was with Theroux to accept the check, and Theroux said Godfrey has worked with him "every inch and every trench."

Theroux also thanked the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Dan Clark and former senator Stephen Brewer. Clark has been a good partner, working with the Friends of Quabbin, Theroux said.

Accepting the check along with Theroux and Godfrey were Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley, Ware Selectboard member Josh Kusnierz and Belchertown Select Board Clerk Peg Louraine.



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Panthers end drought with Oakmont

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Entering last Tuesday afternoon's Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Class B quarterfinal field hockey match, the Quabbin Lady Panthers had gone 0-4-1 against Mid-Wach B rival Oakmont since the start of the 2022 regular season.

The fourth-seeded Lady Panthers ended their drought against the fifth-seeded Spartans with a 4-0 shutout victory before a large home crowd.

"We've played a couple of very close games against Oakmont," said Quabbin head coach Shelly Zalneraitis. "We haven't beaten them in a few years, and I'm very excited that we finally did it in today's game. I'm very proud of my players."

Three of the Lady Panthers four losses against the Spartans were by one goal, including a 3-2 home loss in the first meeting of this season. The second meeting, which was played on Oakmont's turf field, ended in a scoreless tie.

The last time that Quabbin celebrated a victory over Oakmont was a 1-0 home victory on October 13, 2021.

The two squads, who finished the 2023 regular season tied for first place in the league standings, met in the C.M.A.D.A. finals a



Annabelle Magill puts the first one in the net for Quabbin.



Julianna Stanger makes a save in her shut-out win.



Madylin Breault launches the ball for Quabbin's third goal.



The difference of inches as Kylie Casey scores on a penalty shot.



Jenkins Miller passes to Colin Harmon.



Mayhem in front of the goal as a bunch of Panthers scramble for the loose ball.

Panthers fall to Leicester

BARRE - Last Thursday night, Jacob Dilling scored the only goal for Quabbin in a spirited effort against Leicester. Quabbin challenged the visitors throughout the entire game, but came up short 2-1. Quabbin is 3-11-1.

Photos by Ray Duffy



Anthony Quartarone blocks as Jacoby Dilling tries to steal.



Mike Tobin and Colin Harmon watch as Jacoby Dilling's corner kick scores for Quabbin.



Elijah Flint making a save.

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Salvadore converts Panthers' win



Bryce Venne makes a reception that sets up an eventual Quabbin touchdown.

BARRE - Last Friday night, the Quabbin High School football team's running game led to a win for the Panthers. Luke Salvadore ran to help Quabbin convert on a pair of two-point conversions, and that made the difference in a 16-14 win over Littleton. Both teams had two touchdowns in the game, with Quabbin's coming in the fourth quarter. But while Littleton kicked field goals after their touchdowns, the Panthers were able to score both conversions for the two-point win. Quabbin's 5-3 record did not qualify it for postseason, but the Panthers will play two more games before their Thanksgiving matchup with Gardner.



Luke Salvadore crosses the goal line.



Chase Talbot evens up the score on his touchdown run.



Travis Wells leads the block for Luke Salvadore

Football seeds released

Belchertown, Chaug, Ware, South Hadley head for tournament

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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It has not been easygoing for teams from the West and Central region of the state to make the 16-team state tournament since its inception in 2021.

For the third straight year, only a small handful of Western Mass. teams will make the eight 16-teams fields.

Among those heading for the tournament will be Minnechaug, Belchertown, Ware, and South Hadley.

For the third time, Minnechaug

qualified for the Division 3 tournament. The Falcons went 5-2 on the regular season. Minnechaug qualified as the No. 14 team, but could have done better had it not lost a game on its schedule early in the season. The Falcons were scheduled to play West Springfield in Week 1, but severe thunderstorms on Sept. 8 forced the cancellation of the game. Attempts were made to make up the game as late as Monday, Sept. 11, but more severe weather nipped that plan, and the Falcons only played seven games in the regular season. Minnechaug will be traveling to No. 3 Milton for the first round.

Belchertown is a first-time qualifier to the state tournament. Belchertown received the No. 14 seed in Division 5 with a 7-1

record. The Orioles travel to No. 3 Shawsheen Valley Tech on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

In Division 7, South Hadley qualified at No. 14 with a 7-1 record. The Tigers made the state tournament for the second time and head for West Bridgewater, the third-seeded team.

Ware makes the state tournament in Division 8 for the third time. Ware was a perfect 8-0 and they will hold the No. 5 seed and host No. 12 Randolph on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Not making tournament despite positive records are Agawam and Pathfinder. Chicopee, Palmer, Ludlow, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Holyoke join them and will be in nonplayoff games for Week 9 and 10.

Pathfinder boys soccer falls in opening round to Mahar

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—For the third consecutive year, the Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity soccer team qualified for the Western Mass. tournament, the small school's vocational tournament, and the Division 5 state tournament.

The postseason tournament didn't start out very well for the fourth-seeded Pioneers, who suffered a 4-0 home loss to fifth-seeded Mahar Regional of Orange in a Class C quarterfinal home match, last Thursday afternoon.

"We really deserve to be

in all three tournaments," said Pathfinder Tech head coach David Wilson. "We didn't show up in today's game. I knew that this was going to be a difficult match-up for us because Mahar's regular season schedule is a little bit stronger than ours. We did play very well in our final regular season game at Athol on Tuesday night, but it just didn't carry over into today's game."

The Pioneers (13-4) finished the regular season with a five game winning streak, which includes a 1-0 win at Athol.

"We only beat Athol, 1-0, but we had a lot more shots on goal than they did," Wilson added. "It

was the most lopsided 1-nil game that I've been a part of in a very long time."

Pathfinder's lone goal against Athol was scored by junior Evan Costa in the first half. It was Costa's team-leading 29th goal of the season. The only other Pathfinder Tech player who has scored ten or more goals this season is senior Riley Sanderson.

In the Western Mass. Class C quarterfinal game, the Mahar Senators built a 3-0 lead during the first twenty five minutes of the contest.

The first two Senators goals

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Sports

T-Birds even record with wins over Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-4-0-0) came back from two separate third-period deficits to knock off the Providence Bruins (1-3-1-2) on Sunday at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in a 3-2 overtime victory.

Vadim Zherenko got the starting nod and was up to par in the first, blocking aside all 14 Bruins shot attempts, including a calm breakaway stick save against Justin Brazeau in the opening minutes. Brandon Bussi was not tested much at all in period one, as the second-year Providence goalie only needed to make four saves in the opening 20 minutes.

After a chaotic first period that featured no goals but a combined eight penalty infractions, the Bruins finally broke the 0-0 tie with their fourth power-play goal in three games against Springfield. Reigning AHL All-Rookie Team member Georgii Merkulov netted the tally with a wrist from the right circle at the 7:41 mark of the middle period, his second of the year.

The complexion of the game may have changed just past the

midpoint of regulation when Sam Bitten dropped the gloves before a puck drop with Trevor Kuntar, drawing a huge ovation from his teammates on the bench. While Bitten and Kuntar would be given game misconducts for the fight, the shots and chances heavily leaned in Springfield's favor from that point forward.

2:43 into the final period, Bitten's scrap had its first tangible effect when Drew Callin took a feed from Mathias Laferriere in the trapezoid and wrapped it home through Bussi to tie the score, 1-1.

More adversity loomed just nine seconds later, though, as Justin Brazeau scorched a slap shot into the top shelf from the right circle, and Providence had restored its lead, 2-1.

Despite the quick counter by the Bruins, the T-Birds continued to play with confidence, and in a period where they out-shot Providence 18-7, Mikhail Abramov found a soft spot in the slot area to deflect a Calle Rosen wrist shot over Bussi to make it a tie game again, 2-2, with 9:34 remaining in regulation.

The T-Birds' penalty kill then had the pressure on its shoulders after Austin Osmanski inadvertently cleared a puck out of play, forcing Springfield into a delay-of-game minor with just over five minutes to play. The PK picked up their teammate, and after nothing was settled in the closing minutes, the two rivals went to overtime, Springfield's first extra-time game of the season.

In the 3-on-3 session, Abramov helped complete the comeback when he peeled off at the right-wing boards, drawing the attention of two defenders. Meanwhile, Dylan Coghlan sneaked down the left side to receive a rink-wide pass and snap a wrist perfectly off the post and in to win it at the 1:38 mark of overtime, 3-2. It was Coghlan's second straight game with a goal.

Zherenko earned his third win in four starts by virtue of his 25 stops, while Bussi turned away 33 in the losing effort for Providence.

The T-Birds embark on yet another 3-in-3 on Friday night as they welcome the Belleville Senators to the MassMutual Center for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

As of Oct. 17, Compression is the #1 seed in the Tuesday Night Commercial Elks league at Diamond Junction.

The first round of the season will end on Nov. 14 and several teams are trying to catch up to Compression, who are standing with 20 wins. In second place, Acres has 18 wins with The Champs R Here and the Blue B's tied for third place with 16 wins.

In one match, Champs R Here went up against Life is Good. In game one, Life is Good defeated the Champs by a score of 400-393. In game two, the Champs rallied and won by a score of 405-366.

Taylor Colkos and Steve Manolakis of the Champs carried the team by scoring 115 and 118.

In game three, Life is Good won by a score of 410-384. Jeff Knight of Life is Good scored a 107 game.

For total pinfall, The Champs won by a final score of 1182-1176. Both teams won two points.

Blue B's bowled against Last in Line. In game one, Blue B's won a

close game by a score of 345-340. In game two, Last in Line won by a score of 383-350.

Jeremy Laduke of Last in Line scored 111, and Vinny Navarro of Last in Line scored 107. In game three, Last in Line and Blue B's tied at 346.

For total pinfall, Last in Line won by a final score of 1069-1041.

The #2 seed Acres went up against the #5 seed Team BK. In game one, BK won by a score of 377-357. In game two, Acres bounced back by taking the second game by a score of 382-373.

Kenny Trudel of Acres and Mark Fitzpatrick of BK were the high scorers on their teams, and both scored 110. In game three, Acres won a close game by a score of 369-360.

The total pinfall was close as BK managed to take total by just two pins in a final score of 1110-1108.

Compression bowled solo against their average and managed to sweep all four points and maintained their #1 spot.

The Commercial Elks league will be taking Oct. 31 off and will return on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Thursday Night Mixed League The Thursday Night Mixed League bowled their final league night in October.

In one match, Team One bowled against Team Four. In

game one, Team Four won by a score of 409-384. In game two, Team Four won by a score of 416-404. In game three, Team One was victorious by a score of 413-401.

Team Four won total pinfall by a final score of 1226-1201.

Another match featured Team Six bowling against Team Two. In game one, Team Six won by a score of 409-378. In game two, Team Six won by a score of 432-418.

Donna Danek of Team Two broke the century mark by scoring a 109 game.

In game three, Team Six won to sweep the night by a score of 426-414. Donna Danek scored 102 the third game and Danny Fennyery of Team Two scored a 108 game in the third. Team Six took total pinfall by a final score of 1267-1210.

Team Five bowled against Team Three. In game one, Team Five won a close game against Team Three by a score of 403-397. In game two, Team Five continued keeping the match close by winning 439-429.

Jesse Danek of Team Three led the team by scoring a 115.

In game three, Team Three won the third and final game by a score of 401-397. The match was close the entire night, but Team Five won total pinfall by a final score of 1239-1227.

Education

News from the Quabbin Regional School District



Sixth grade students at Quabbin Regional Middle High School students experienced cave life as they made cave drawings using charcoal, powdered rock and chicken fat as part of their study of the Paleolithic Era.



This sixth grade student holds up her cave drawing depicting animals and a human hand.

From the desk of Colleen Mucha, Interim Superintendent of QRSD

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin

At Quabbin Regional School District, we strive to provide our students with learning experiences that allow them to be involved so that they can apply skills and make connections to prior experiences/learning, or the real world.

Recently, I had the opportunity to observe 50 Quabbin Regional Middle High School sixth graders delightfully involved in experiential learning. This is learning where

students immerse themselves in a subject to learn more deeply.

Picture this scene, the lights were dim, fake fire pits created a warm glow and students had their heads together as they shared ideas and reenacted what it was like to "cave paint." Brooke Laroche shared "We are using coal, colored rocks and chicken fat that we mix with the powdered rock to be able to paint." Looking around, I noticed drawings of animals, tracks, bones, and other images.

"We learned that it was hard to do, but they did it because they needed a way to communicate," Maggie Leander explained.

Educators Deb Barrett, Beth Olson, and Erika Callahan moved

about the classroom offering students feedback and asking probing questions. Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher, Deb Barrett, explained "this project brings students back to the Paleolithic Era. Students learn that their lifestyle was hunting and gathering, but what makes them human was their art. Their brains evolved as they brought stories and ideas to life. This was the start of communication."

Students agreed that it was fun to think and act like cavemen, but they also agreed they were happy to live in the present with their new forms of communication. "It was hard work to communicate back then," expressed one student.

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year ago. The Spartans players celebrated a 3-0 shutout victory in that contest.

Quabbin had a 9-4-3 overall record following the quarterfinal victory while Oakmont had a 6-8-1 record.

Three of the Lady Panthers goals in the quarterfinal victory came on penalty corners. They also scored a penalty stroke goal in the middle of the final quarter.

"Scoring three goals on penalty corners were huge for us," Zalneraitis said. "We also had a penalty stroke goal. Those are the kind of things that can help you win games."

The Lady Panthers first penalty corner goal came with 5:34 remaining in the first quarter.

Senior Annabelle Magill inserted the ball from the right side of the cage to classmate Kylie Casey at the top of the circle. Casey, who's planning to continue playing field hockey at Worcester State University next year, passed the ball back to Magill, who pushed a shot into the cage.

"That was a fabulous goal by Annabelle," Zalneraitis said. "I just loved the fact that she stayed

on the ball and kept forcing it until she finally scored. It also felt great to take an early 1-0 lead, especially against a well-coached team like Oakmont."

Magill gave her thoughts about scoring the first goal of the quarterfinal game.

"I felt like my goal gave us a lot of momentum," she said. "We just continued playing well after that. This is a very big win for us."

The Lady Panthers had another penalty corner with two minutes remaining in the opening period, but the Spartans defenders blocked a couple of shot attempts.

Quabbin senior goalie Julianna Stanger only had to make one save during the first 15 minutes.

Less than two minutes into the second stanza, the home team converted another penalty corner goal.

This time, senior Madylin Breault inserted the ball to freshman Makenzie Casey.

Just like in the first quarter, Casey passed the ball back to Breault, who put the ball into the cage.

The Lady Panthers held a 2-0 halftime advantage.

Neither team scored a goal during the third quarter.

With 9:04 left in regulation, Breault scored her second penalty corner goal giving the Lady

Panthers a commanding 3-0 lead.

Breault's second goal was assisted by Kylie Casey, who scored Quabbin's fourth goal on a penalty stroke with 5:48 left on the scoreboard clock.

Stanger finished the game with five saves in posting her eighth shutout of the season.

"When I woke up this morning, I thought we might post a shutout in today's game," Zalneraitis said. "I think we're peaking at the right time of the season. My players are very focused."

Two days later, Quabbin knocked off top-seeded and previously unbeaten Lunenburg, 2-1, in the semifinals.

Quabbin was scheduled to face second-seeded and undefeated Clinton in the Class B championship game at Nashoba Regional on Monday night.

The last time that the Lady Panthers captured the Central Mass. title was in 1991 when they defeated Hopedale, 4-2, in the Division 2 finals. They then beat Milton, 2-0, in the state finals.

No matter the outcome of Mondays championship game, the Lady Panthers will be one of the teams competing in the Division 4 state tournament, which starts this week.

PATHFINDER, continued from page 7

were scored by senior Dominic Whitman.

Mahar senior Lucas Isrow, who assisted on the first two goals, fired a shot into the right corner of the net past Pathfinder senior goalie Richie Gula (4 saves) during the 23rd minute.

Four minutes into the second half, a free kick goal by senior Xander Dowler gave the visiting team a 4-0 lead.

Pathfinder had a couple of shots on goal during the second

half by junior Talon Clark and Sanderson, but they couldn't break the ice.

The Pioneers weren't shut out during the regular season.

"It's a little bit disappointing being shut out on our home field," Wilson said. "We didn't have very many shots on goal."

The Pioneers were scheduled to play at Keefe Tech in the semifinals of the small school vocational tournament on Tuesday afternoon.

"We played Keefe Tech in last year's semifinals at Legion Field," Wilson said. "They're a

skilled team and they beat us 3-1. We'll be looking for a little bit of revenge. These boys deserve to play in a final."

The Pioneers beat Cape Cod Tech, 3-2, in penalty kicks in a Division 5 preliminary round game last November. They then lost to fourth-seeded Gardner, 5-1, in the round of 32.

The other two Pioneers seniors listed on this year's varsity soccer roster are Kenny Brouillette, and Basem Yaseen.

The pairings for the state tournament were scheduled to be released on at 1pm on Wednesday.

GARDEN, continued from page 4

area. The same area in year one, with fresh soil and no bugs yielded 50 fruit.

I was short on time and energy. Next year I will amend the soil per the test results.

The squash vine that has engulfed the chicken coop (not planted on purpose, mind you) is still lush and green, growing in all that nitrogen rich chicken fertilized soil. I only hope the two beautiful butternuts have a chance to fully ripen.

Another area in which I was lax was removing volunteer plants. I

was so proud of my new perennial border, only to have many Cosmos seed themselves.

The bed was pretty enough but the tall cosmos through the whole design off. The Goldfinches were happy so that was a consolation, but next year they will have to be happy in another part of the garden where the Cosmos will be planted on purpose.

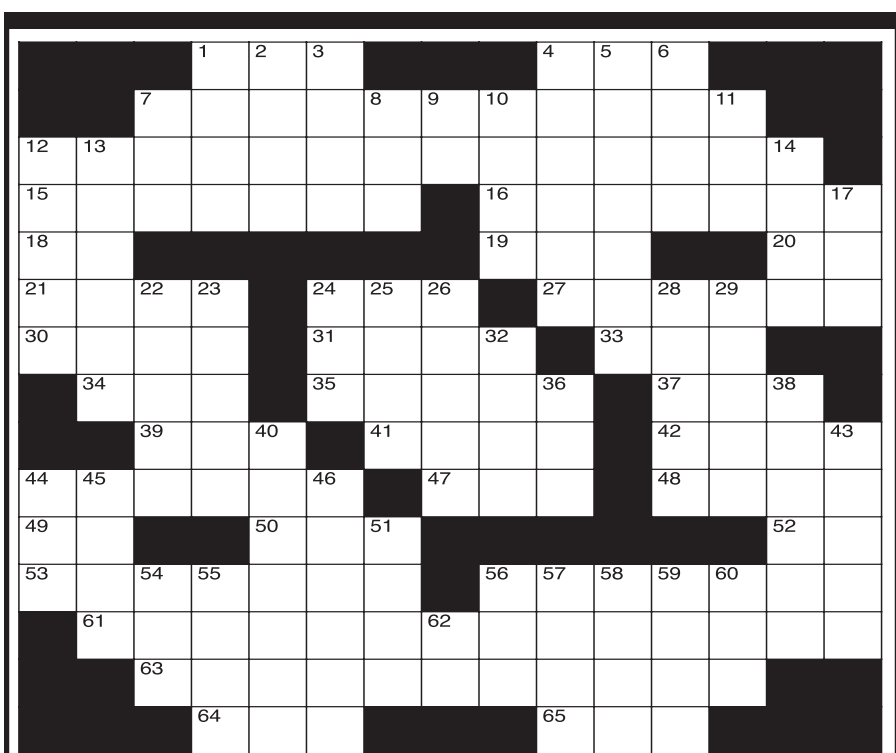
A long time ago someone told me the real definition of a weed: "a plant that grows where it is not supposed to regardless of whether it is a dandelion or a rose!"

I did do a few things correctly. Planting a bed of carrots after the garlic was harvested was smart.

They are ready for harvest and boy are they sweet now that colder temperatures have set in.

The succession of lettuce transplants I put in after the peas are also going strong. I am dreaming about next year already, despite my failures and I hope you are too!

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



CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to drop
4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to stretch
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
37. Jump

39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!
48. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
49. __ route
50. Ed Murrow's home
52. Lethal dose
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
63. In an incisive way
64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps

2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state
10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
13. Honor as holy
14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to "oohed"
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized
45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

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Praise and Worship Part 3

Scripture calls us to praise and worship God. However, we do well to realize that praise and worship are different activities. In this edition, let us note two key areas of distinction:

1) A Matter of Emphasis
Firstly, praise and worship differ in regard to emphasis. Whereas praise revels in what God has done, worship recognizes who and what He is. Thus, the focus of worship is not the work of the Lord, but the Lord of the work.

It is the rightful expression of one who has come to perceive the splendor of His enduring nature and character. J. I. Packer offers the following summation: "To worship God is to recognize his worth or worthiness; to look God-ward, and to acknowledge in all appropriate ways the value of what we see. The Bible calls this activity 'glorifying God' or 'giving glory to God,' and views it as the ultimate end, and from one point of view, the whole duty of man (Ps. 29:2; 96:6; 1 Cor. 10:31)."

What about Christ moves you? What qualities or divine attributes lead you to love Him (e.g., His mercy, grace, love, etc.)?

2) A Matter of Expression
Secondly, praise and worship differ in regard to expression. Scripture typically presents praise as something boisterous, joyful and uninhibited, characterized by singing, dancing and the raising of hands. When the Bible mentions worship, however, the tone shifts. Worship is usually associated with bowing and kneeling, which serve as expressions of humility or contrition.

For instance, note the following selection:

Psalm 95:6-7 (NIV)

6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Would you like to consider a beautiful example of earnest worship? If so, please consider this timeless and timely passage:

Luke 7:36-50

36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, [c] and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of

them will love him more?" 43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

To what degree do you play the part of the Pharisee or this unnamed woman? I can tell you which figure I aspire to emulate. May your life abound with the humility and affection she so freely expressed in centuries past. Jesus is still worthy.

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below. Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come.

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Scripture Reading: Romans 15 v 4-13 and Hebrews 11 v 1

1. Introduction:

One of the most hopeful things, besides listening and being supportive of one another, I think, we as people of faith can do for one another during difficult times, is to share our own stories of faith and our trust in God when we needed God the most. We are living through challenging times of uncertainty and suffering, despair, helplessness, financial difficulties illness, and disease, loss of loved ones, and feeling lost, especially during this time now in our world, of war, and destruction.

The sharing of how God showed up in answer to our prayers, helped us, guided us, relieved our pain and suffering and uncertainties, is probably the most hopeful and inspiring thing we can do for others. Our stories are an authentic way of giving of ourselves, and they are building blocks to growing our bond with one another and strengthening our faith and spirituality. There is indeed hope in

the story we tell of how our situation was changed through the grace and mercy and power of God. There must be hope in that.

2. My story

I have shared my own story about my calling to seminary several times, to make a point of how God touches our lives and makes clear to us our purpose and calling in life. We all are reminded occasionally of our purpose and God's call in this life, and how we respond to that call. One of the key aspects of my call to seminary as a young person was the surprising spiritual awakening I experienced at such a young age of 16-17 years old, when I had my eyes set at becoming a medical doctor.

Through the unexpected and powerful intervention of the Divine in my life, my life's course would change forever. This awakening which arose during the spiritual renewal of many in my hometown and in my family shook my innocent young life and led me on a journey of seeking God in ways foreign to me. I learned how to pray without ceasing and I found my way through scriptures with the eyes of an inexperienced young person, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, who would become my Counselor all these years and my trusted pastor, who would become my spiritual mentor then and during my time in seminary and beyond.

To learn how to talk to God, searching for guidance at such a young age, was a powerful experience, and for the next two years that deep relationship with God would become the foundation for my life's journey, finding my way into seminary as the first woman in my denomination in South Africa to qualify for ordination, opening the doors for women later on and my own journey in peace building in South Africa and beyond.

That experience, however, while so very special, so real and different from anything I had experienced, was not without its own challenging and stressful moments within my family. We all realized I was dealing with a call that was extraordinary and I knew in my heart that God had something special install for me, but to find the way and the direction was the difficult part, with much patience from my parents.

Through it all, I knew with certainty there was something at the end of the tunnel, and that while I did not see it yet, I believed God would show up with a clear answer. And that happened indeed two years later, with a special phone call and a special invitation to attend seminary. That phone call and the journey ahead opened the world for me where my faith and experience with God as the first woman, but also as a person of faith learning about God and faith and hope in a country such as South Africa under apartheid grew from strength to strength.

Life with God was rich, even with life's daily challenges. I learned how to have hope when you do not see what you need or want, personally and in my country. I learned that God is in every situation and realizes that hope, (maybe not completely we envisioned, but still shows up miraculously), when we believe and hold on to our faith tightly, not giving up, even during times of tiredness and

despair and fear and uncertainty.

My story of coming to my faith is a reminder to me personally that the God who was with me then, is the God now as I am reflecting on life today in this world we live in, life that makes me feel lost sometimes, and now especially during this time of war and destruction in the Middle East. I know and believe inside of me, that my hope comes from God in all circumstances.

3. God is The God of Hope

Our Hebrews text affirms for us that the key to life with God, as spelled out in the Old Testament stories in Chapter 11 is a life of faith and hope. It talks about Abraham who responded in faith to the call to a foreign land, and his wife Sarah, who was barren, and yet received the gift of childbearing at their age, by faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land and by faith the walls of Jericho fell after the people marched around them for seven days.

In faith and hope they believed in the power and presence and intervention of Yahwe. Their faith and hope were not perfect though. There was complaining and anger, because they resented their departure from Egypt, and they resented the fact they had to suffer from hunger in the desert. And yet, their leaders placed their hope in God and God showed up, again and again. The word to describe their faith in verse 1 is *hypothesis*, which means having a faith and hope in God that makes them believe in full confidence that they have what they cannot see.

It is a faith and hope of substance and certainty, that God will show up and hear their prayers. And in Romans Chapter 15 Paul encourages the church in Rome to understand that faith in Christ is for everyone, irrespective of who they were, Jews or Gentile. He ends that section with the words in verse 13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." It is indeed the hope in God that will be their help as they are trying to figure out how to be Jew and Gentile together. And the Holy Spirit will be their help, their Counselor.

4. Conclusion

As children of God, we have many opportunities to share our stories of hope and faith in God. We must share those stories to give hope to the hopeless, to help strengthen the faith of those who need encouragement. And as we do that, we must also pray and bring to God all forms of suffering, so that we are bound together in that experience of loving support as children of God.

This is an interesting time for Stewardship month, given the blessings from God upon us, all the plans and ideas we have as a church, and then it is also a time to bow down before God and together declare that God is our God of Hope in a world that needs it so much. God will hear us and God will show up miraculously.

Amen

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Obituary

Patricia J. (Siart) Ide, 90

OAKHAM – Patricia J. (Siart) Ide, 90, with courage, determination and grace she lived her life and faced death. Patricia Ide passed peacefully on Oct. 17, 2023, at Heywood Hospital with her husband at her side.

Pat is survived by her husband, Malcolm L. Ide; three children, Thomas Gustafson and his wife Yvette of Gardner, David Gustafson of New Braintree and Ann Mitus and her husband Paul of Mashpee; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and five step-children, Leslie Gibben, Marsha Danish, Carolyn Eldridge, Janice Ide and Douglas Ide.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1933, in Fitchburg, the oldest of nine children. She was especially proud of her Finnish heritage.

Pat went back to college at the age of 32 and graduated after her children were grown. She taught at the John R. Briggs School in Ashburnham. She was innovative in developing ways to introduce children to art. She was a substitute teacher at the Nauset Middle School on Cape Cod for 15 years.

Pat's great joy was flowers and gardening, her home was landscaped with shrubs and trees, she carefully selected and planted. Her rocks and stone walls were a work of art.

Pat was a charter member of the National Women in Arts, Washington, D.C. She also belonged to many art associations.

She enjoyed golf, serving as co-chairperson of the Ladiesnineholders at Eastward Ho Country



Club, Chatham. She ran The Chatham Habro Run and the Brew Run, in Brewster and participated in the FIGARI sailboat race from Hyannis to Nantucket.

Her life was forever changed when she suffered a heart attack and stroke in 2010; however, she recovered. She has fierce loyalties and commitment to social justice, among them reproductive rights and same-sex marriages.

She was an avid bridge player, a creative quilter and a leader in the Red Hat Society.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 at 11 a.m. in the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, MA 01068.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, MA 01068.

The Stone Ladeu Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon, MA 01475 has been entrusted with Pat's funeral arrangements.

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DEATH NOTICE

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Worcester County Sheriff's Office distributes winter coats



Submitted photo

Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and Worcester County Sheriff's Office staff pose with some of the jackets collected.

As the winter season approaches, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association are gearing up for their Annual Winter Coat Drive to ensure that those in need stay warm and comfortable during the winter months.

In total, the organizations are aiming to deliver 4,000 new warm winter coats to those in need. On Tuesday, Oct. 17, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association hosted their annual Winter Coat Drive Kick-Off event at Pepe's Italian Restaurant in Worcester to raise funds and awareness for the event.

This gathering attracted many community sponsors including Saint Francis Community Health Care, The Gun Parlor, Mercadante Funeral Home, Athol Savings Bank, Falcone Enterprises, The Savickas Family, NEPBA Local 550 Worcester County Correction Officers, The Krock Family & Commerce Associates, Berkshire Bank, and Tito's Handmade Vodka, among other local organizations.

The distribution began Tuesday, Oct. 24 and continuing through the Friday, Oct. 27, Sheriff Lew

Evangelidis and his team will distribute thousands of coats directly to community members and organizations. These coats will provide warmth and comfort during the colder months and serve as a symbol of support and care from local law enforcement.

"As recipients tell us, these coats represent so much more than a winter jacket, they represent a community that cares," commented Sheriff Evangelidis. "The department has received countless displays of appreciation from the recipients, which shows just how much of an impact this gesture has. This is a special time of the year for the Sheriff's Department and we're looking forward to connecting with the community members we serve."

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Barre Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 15
7:31 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Petersham, Mutual Aid Assist
5:41 p.m. EMS – Gunshot Victim, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
6:17 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Williamsville Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest: Ackert Robert T., 24, Barre
Charges: Warrant
Arrest: Foley, Jacob S., 36, Barre
Charges: Accessor After the Fact
11:43 p.m. Transport Prisoner, South Street, Removed to Court/Lockup

Monday, Oct. 16
1:23 p.m. EMS – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Walnut Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
11:24 p.m. EMS – Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Summer Street, Ambulance

Signed Refusal
Tuesday, Oct. 17
10:07 a.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
1:19 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Gauthier Road, Officer Advised
9:31 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person Vehicle, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Oct. 18
3:12 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, West Street, Officer Advised
5:44 p.m. Suspicious Activity, South Barre Road, Officer Advised

Thursday, Oct. 19
7:53 a.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Peach Street, Officer Advised
11:30 a.m. Withdrawal/Poisoning, Exchange Street, Transported to

Hospital
5:54 p.m. Animal – Bite, Cut Off Road, Officer Advised

Friday, Oct. 20
11:32 a.m. Neighbor Dispute, Vernon Avenue, Officer Advised
1:10 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Gauthier Road, Officer Spoke to Party
3:12 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Summer Street, Negative Contact

Saturday, Oct. 21
7:37 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Old Dana Road, Investigated
8:59 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, South Street, Public Assist
10:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Wauwinet Road, No Action Required

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 15
12:16 p.m. Identity Theft, Blueberry Lane, Report Filed
12:54 p.m. Public Assist, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
4:08 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Maple Avenue, Investigated
5:45 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid
6:29 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid
7:55 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Central Tree Road, Negative Contact
11:14 p.m. Harrasing/Annoying Phone Calls, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Oct. 16
12:42 a.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
9:26 a.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Sycamore Drive, Fire Extinguished
11:41 a.m. Animal – Animal Complaint, Main Street, Message Delivered
12:29 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Main Street, Animal Returned to Owner
12:48 p.m. Animal – Bite, Main Street, Animal Returned to Owner
3:28 p.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Main Street, Officer Advised
3:28 p.m. EMS – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:37 p.m. EMS – Breathing Difficulty, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
5:40 p.m. Public Assist Woodside Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Oct. 17
2:41 a.m. EMS – Beathing Difficulty, Barre Paxton Road, Transported to Hospital
7:04 a.m. Gunshots, Campbell Street, Unfounded
9:37 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
10:18 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
4:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:17 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
9:45 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Animal Control – Search Negative

Wednesday, Oct. 18
4:28 a.m. EMS – Falls, Horizon Road, Transported to Hospital
10:04 a.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Depot Road, Gone on Arrival
11:25 a.m. EMS – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, 97 Forest Hill Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
1:14 p.m. EMS – General Weakness, Maple Avneue, Transported to Hospital
4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherman's Way, Citation Issued
5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, Oct. 19
8:05 a.m. EMS – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Anthony Drive, Ambulance

Signed Refusal
12:38 p.m. Kidney Stones, Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital
5:13 p.m. Police – Threats, Nancy Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
5:37 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Prescott Street, Officer Spoke to Party
6:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hillside Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Oct. 20
5:24 a.m. EMS – Falls, Lewis Street, Public Assist
8:54 a.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Moulton Mill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
10:20 a.m. Stroke (CVA) Crawford Road, Transported to Hospital
11:09 a.m. Police – Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Negative Contact
1:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brintal Drive, Written Warning
5:30 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Officer Advised

Saturday, Oct. 21
7:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
11:10 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
6:42 p.m. EMS – Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
8 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Maple Avenue, Vehicle Towed
8:37 p.m. EMS – Falls, Campbell Street, Transported to Hospital
11:47 p.m. EMS – Sick/Dizzy/ Nauseous/ Vomiting, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 15
12:42 p.m. EMS – Syncope, Root Road, Mutual Aid Transported
9:46 a.m. EMS – Falls, Madison Way, Public Assist
6:11 a.m. Gunshots, Williamsville Road, Negative Contact
7:10 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Williamsville Road, Mutual Aid Assist

Tuesday, Oct. 16
9:48 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
2:18 p.m. EMS – Sick/Unknown, Madison Way, False/Accidental/Defective Alarm
4:16 p.m. Animal – ACO Call,

Underwood Road, Area Search Negative
5:12 p.m. Police – Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Gardner Road, Area Search Negative

Wednesday, Oct. 18
5:11 p.m. EMS – Choking, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Oct. 19
2:06 a.m. EMS – Choking, Geordie Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:17 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Gardner Road, Dispatch Handled
3:13 p.m. Police – Fraud/Forgery, Hale Road, Officer Advised

6:26 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Barre Road, Information Taken

Friday, Oct. 20
8:56 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
11:23 a.m. EMS – Falls, Williamsville Road, Transported to Hospital
8:58 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Williamsville Road, Investigated

Saturday, Oct. 21
2:07 p.m. Public Assist, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party
11:34 p.m. Complaint, Malone Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 15
12:25 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Turnpike Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:29 Police – Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
5:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist
6:32 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Barre, Mutual Aid Assist

Monday, Oct. 16
10:28 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield Court, Court Duty
4:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Oct. 17
10:46 a.m. Animal Wildlife, Coldbrook Road, Animal Brought to Vet

1:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
1:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
7:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Wednesday, Oct. 18
11:25 a.m. EMS – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Forest Hill Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
12:35 p.m. Animal Wildlife, Conway Raptor Rehab, Animal Brought to Vet

Thursday, Oct. 19
5:17 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, North Brookfield Road, Officer Advised

5:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
6:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

Friday, Oct. 20
2:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Written Warning
4:04 p.m. Police – Larceny/Theft, Crawford Road, Report Filed

Saturday, Oct. 21
11:10 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Worcester Road, Transported to Hospital
5:50 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Coldbrook Road, Referred to Other Agency

North Brookfield Savings Bank's annual toy drive started Nov. 1

NORTH BROOKFIELD – For North Brookfield Savings Bank the holiday season is a special time of year.

North Brookfield Savings Bank's Annual Toy Drive aims to ensure holiday wishes come true for our younger community members. It started Wednesday, Nov. 1 and will run through Thursday, Nov. 30 monetary donations and new toys will be collected at bank branch locations.

During the Toy Drive, community members are welcome to visit any branch location to make their donations of new unwrapped toys for children. All toys collected will be donated to local toy programs in each community, to ensure that local children in need will receive holiday presents.

This year, the Bank's Ware branch location will be primarily accepting monetary donations to help their local toy program partner the Ware Police Department, who has reformatted their program to be more tailored to each family in need.

The Belchertown location will only accept donations of toys, not funds, as their local toy program partner the Belchertown Police

Department, has also reformatted their program.

In addition to toys, NBSB will accept financial contributions at each branch. The bank will match every dollar donated, as well as contribute \$1 for every toy collected, up to \$250 per branch location.

"As a local Bank that places a high importance on embracing and committing to the values of kindness and community support, North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to continue the tradition of hosting our Annual Toy Drive at our locations," said Nicole Syriac, Digital Marketing Strategist at North Brookfield Savings Bank.

Donations are being 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; Ware Branch, 40 Main Street,

Route 9 – partnering with the Ware Police Department Holiday Toy Program- only accepting monetary donations for 2023; Belchertown Branch, 4 Daniel Shays Highway, Routes 9 and 202, partnering with the Belchertown Firefighters Association Adopt-a-Family Program- only accepting toy donations for 2023 and Three Rivers Branch, 2060 Main St., partnering with the Palmer Lions Club Holiday Toy Program

Syriac continued, "The holiday season is about caring for those around us and being generous. It is heartwarming every year to witness how our community members support each other. By partnering with the local toy drive organizations and our giving residents we are able to bring a child holiday cheer and truly embody the spirit of the holiday season. Thank you to everyone who plans to give this year and has supported this effort in the past."

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

Cost-free updated COVID-19 vaccinations offered by Big Y

SPRINGFIELD – Big Y Pharmacies are now providing cost-free COVID-19 vaccines for adults 18 years and older without insurance or whose insurance requires a copay.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older receive an updated COVID-19 vaccine. CDC is dedicated to protecting access to no-cost COVID-19 vaccines for all. The updated COVID-19 vaccines are covered by insurance. Uninsured children have their vaccines covered by Vaccines for Children.

There are also 25-30 million adults, however, without health insurance, and additional adults

whose insurance will not cover COVID-19 vaccination without a copay. CDC's Bridge Access Program is partnering with select pharmacies to offer no-cost COVID-19 vaccines to adults, who are uninsured or underinsured.

Big Y Pharmacy is partnering with eTrueNorth, a United States-based healthcare services company, to offer this program in the community. eTrueNorth partners with pharmacies nationwide to make basic health and wellness services more accessible. Big Y Pharmacy locations in the area may be found here: <https://www.bigy.com/Pharmacy>

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved and

authorized an updated COVID-19 vaccine as of Sept. 11, 2023. The vaccine is formulated to provide better protection against the most recently circulating COVID variants. The mRNA vaccines are manufactured by Moderna US, Inc. and Pfizer Inc. Individuals covered in full by insurance are not eligible for this program.

Big Y Foods, Inc. is one of the largest independently owned supermarket chains in New England. Big Y operates locations throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut including supermarkets, Table & Vine Fine Wines and Liquors and Big Y Express gas and convenience locations with over 10,000 employees.

Second Chance Animal Services receives award

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services announced it has been named a "2023 Top-Rated Nonprofit" by GreatNonprofits, the leading website for community recommendations of charities and nonprofits.

Second Chance offers programs and services that help over 44,000 pets a year to live better lives.

"We are honored to be named a 2023 Top-Rated Nonprofit," says Chief Development Officer Lindsay Doray. "We are proud of our accomplishments this year. The importance of our work has never been more pronounced as the economy continues to take a toll on pets in our communities. At our vet hospitals, more pet owners

are relying on subsidized rates than ever before to care for their cherished companions. Meanwhile our shelter is taking in local surrenders at a rate not seen in over a decade."

The Top-Rated Nonprofit Award is based on the rating and number of reviews that Second Chance received from volunteers, donors and aid recipients.

"Second Chance is a great example of a nonprofit making a real difference in their community," said Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits, "Their award is well-deserved recognition not only of their work, but the tremendous support they receive, as shown by the many outstanding reviews they have received from people who

have direct experience working with Second Chance."

GreatNonprofits is the largest donation website for nonprofits and where people share stories about their personal experiences on more than 1.6 million charities and nonprofits. The GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Awards are the only awards for nonprofits determined by those who have direct experience with the charities as donors, volunteers and recipients of aid.

The complete list of 2023 Top Rated Nonprofits can be found by visiting <https://great-nonprofits.org/awards/browse/Campaign:Year2023/Issue:All/> Page:1.

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Marine Toys for Tots announces Child Poverty Day Initiative

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Marine Toys for Tots believes that no child should ever have to face the challenges associated with living in poverty and they want to put smiles on their faces and hope in their hearts. That is why they strive to be a year-round force for good and deliver joy to children no matter the time of year.

As part of Program's year-round mission, they continue to look for ways to provide comfort and emotional relief to children living in poverty.

Oct. 17 was Child Poverty Day and Toys for Tots fully understands that needs are not seasonal and continue throughout the year. They want to amplify how critical it is to provide hope and joy at Christmastime and beyond to these children. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders and together, we can provide hope for a brighter tomorrow and remind them that, no matter their circumstances, no doors are closed to them in life.

Support Marine Toys for Tots today to help us expand their horizons and give them the tools they need to learn and grow. Because that's the unparalleled power of play: its ability to stretch imaginations, spur development, and help America's children dream big.

A better, brighter chapter is possible for economically disadvantaged children when supporters contribute in honor of Child Poverty Day. The support people provide today will provide a lifetime of nourishment to the minds of this Nation's children and put joy in their hearts. People may visit <https://secure.toysfortots.org/a/evergreen-news> to donate and be a force for good today.

Public Notices

Town of Barre Public Hearing Notice
Transfer of Liquor License
Change of Manger
TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Select Board Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA on the following proposed amendments of an All Alcohol Retail License from Dominic's, Inc. to Mile 61 Tavern, Inc. for premises located at 9 Main Street, South Barre, MA, and Change of Manager to Jason Pietrzak. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.
For the Select Board:
Greg Balukonis
Interim Town Administrator
11/02, 11/09/2023

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Barre Zoning Board

of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, Selectmen Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 40 West Street, Barre, MA requested by Ken Goodwin for a variance for a 24' x 34' two car garage per Zoning 140-14, Dimensional Requirements, located at 119 Jackson Lane, Assessor Map B, Lot 31 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 53287, Page 0078.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street - Suite 5, Barre, MA, barreboards@townofbare.com or contact the Boards' Office at 978-355-2504 ext. 8.

Joshua Smith
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10/26, 11/02/2023

BARRE MA WWTF UPGRADES LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Barre, MA

(Owner) invites sealed Bids for WWTF Upgrades for upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility including a new headworks structure, oxidation ditch structural repairs, and new clarifier mechanisms. Substantial Completion: within 365 days. Final Completion: within 390 days. Bidding is per MGL Chapter 149 s44A-J. Prevailing wage rates per MGL c149 s26 to 27D inclusive issued by Dept. of Labor Standards apply.

Request electronic Bidding Documents (no cost): 12:00 p.m. October 19, 2023 by email to MunicipalBids@woodardcurran.com with complete contact information & subject line "Barre MA- WWTF Upgrades". Official Bidding Documents will be available once registered. Documents from third parties are not considered official Bidding Documents.

Virtual non-mandatory pre Bid conference: 1:00 p.m. local time on October 26, 2023; access instructions will be emailed.

General Bidder

DCAMM certification: sewage and water treatment plants. Sub-Bidder DCAMM certification for applicable class in metal windows, painting, and electrical work.

Receipt of Sub-Bids: 1:00 p.m. on November 15, 2023. Receipt of General Bids: 1:00 p.m. on November 29, 2023. Submit to: Barre Sewer Treatment Plant, 411 Wheelwright Rd, Barre, MA 01005, Attention: Tom George, with Bid security at 5% of each total sub-Bid and each General Bid.

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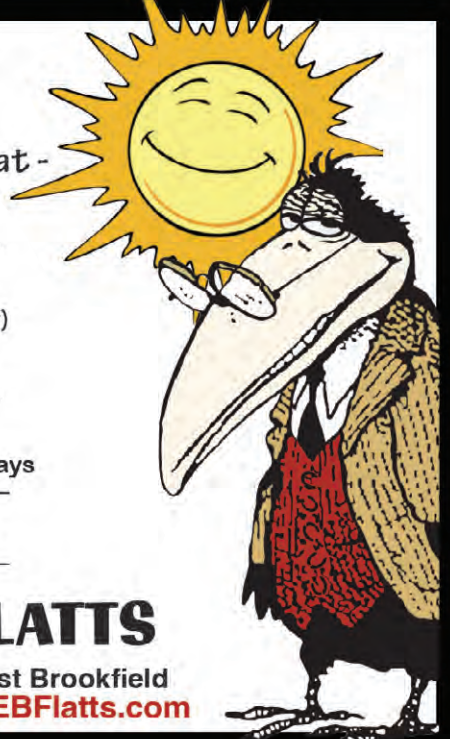
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