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Barre honors their Veterans on Nov. 11



A large group attended the annual Veterans Day ceremony on North Common in Barre on Monday, Nov. 11. The Quabbin High School NJROTC took part in the ceremony.

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – Once again, the weather provided sunshine the annual Veterans Day ceremony sponsored by American Legion Post #2.

American Legion member and former post Commander Robert Bentley said all units would come to attention when the bell tolls 11 a.m., the audience members would bow their heads and the ceremony would commence after the bell tolling. The large group attending Monday's event became silent as the bell in the Town Hall began to toll – marking the 11th hour, the

11th day, the 11th month in 1918, marking the Armistice of World War I.

When the bell became silent, American Legion Post Chaplain Dan Trembley gave a prayer.

Maureen Marshall, Chair of the Barre Select Board, said today celebrates Veterans across the nation. Barre honors and appreciates Veterans every day. Bentley gave a brief history of the American Legion. Following the armistice of World War I, American General John Pershing called a group of officers to Paris. The leader of the meeting was Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr., the son of an American President, Theodore Roosevelt.

At the meeting held in the Paris Officers Club, they formed the organization known as the American Legion. The Paris Officers Club became Post #1. A few months later, across the Atlantic in the United States, Barre was assigned Post #2.

Thirteen Barre boys died in WW I including two from Bentley's family. The "Dough Boy" monument stands in North Park and contains their names to remember them. Bentley said Nov. 11, 2025 would be the 106th town Veterans Day celebration and it would be held the same time.

Dennis Fleming, Chair of the 911 Memorial Development Committee, talked about the

911 monument, which is almost completed. It stands behind the Civil War Monument in North Park. He said the monument would be dedicated either next Memorial Day or Veterans Day. He said the committee was looking for names of Barre residents, who served in the Global War on Terror to be engraved on the monument.

The American Legion Honor Guard then fired a salute. Legionnaire Paul Varney then played "Taps." Quabbin student Eliza Brown of Barre sang the National Anthem a capella. The ceremony concluded with a prayer by American Legion Chaplain Trembley.

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Spirit Walk 'Souls' recount their past



Turley photo by Eric Goodhart

"Souls" are seen behind gravestones in the Old Burial Ground.

By Eric Goodhart
Correspondent

RUTLAND – Since 2009, the Rutland Historical Society has ensured that some early residents of the village of Naquag, later to be called Rutland, are never forgotten.

It is called the annual "Spirit Walk." Naquag is one of the first communities settled by Europeans west of Boston in 1666 and incorporated in 1722. At the time of incorporation, Rutland was made up of what later was parceled off to become the towns of Barre, Hubbardston, Oakham, Princeton and part of what now is Paxton.

The sun shone as bright as the crimson leaves on the trees at the old burial grounds. It lays just west of what later became the location of the town's extraordinarily popular public library. The hallowed ground was the village cemetery from 1717 until it closed in 1842. That

October day, 21 spirits, aka souls, were beside the gravestones where their human forms were interred.

On close examination, visitors that day saw no humans. The words spoken by the shrouded specters in ghostly black were the "Souls" of the departed, not the human beings they guided through their singular life journeys. Admittedly, they did try to take on the form of those buried there. But some "Souls" sounded much older than those they represented. For example, Abigail Stone, daughter of Captain Isaac Stone, passed over to the other side in 1755 at age 21.

Nonetheless, it was indeed a special, memorable occasion. It was wonderful to see some young grammar school-age children there too. I wondered what they will remember about the experience. In my observation the adults who came to pay

See SPIRIT WALK, page 6

Board appoints outreach coordinator for Senior Center

By Paula Ouimette
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen appointed Nicole Eccleston to the position of Program and Outreach Coordinator at the Senior Center.

Eccleston has been serving as the interim Program and Outreach Coordinator since October.

"I'm excited," Eccleston said at the Nov. 4 meeting. "I've helped a lot of North Brookfield people already in just the few weeks I've been here."

Spending requests

The Fire Department requested approval to spend \$5,000 on annual inspections, including mandatory testing for firehoses and nozzles and \$1,500 to repair

the radiator on Engine 2.

"It's been patched here and there for two years and needs to be repaired properly," Petraitis said.

The board approved the spending requests contingent on when the mandatory inspections need to be conducted and if there is

See NORTH BROOKFIELD, page 6

Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce held annual meeting

By Paula Ouimette
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STURBRIDGE – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting last week at the Public House, featuring keynote speaker Colleen Campbell.

At the Nov. 7 meeting, newly elected President Renee Niedziela of J. Stolar Insurance Agency, said her family's company has been a part of the chamber for over 20 years, and how this year has "been incredible" for the chamber.

"The chamber is back," she said. "The chamber is an excellent resource to talk to businesses, professionals...we build relationships and trust."

Niedziela said this has been a rebuilding year for the chamber, with the hiring of CEO James Przypek, who has served in that role for seven months.

Przypek said he is "so impressed" with the chamber and its network of businesses.

In his role as CEO, Przypek has brought back the chamber's annual golf outing, enhanced the business guide and produced a quarterly newsletter. He said 15 new members businesses have joined this year as well.

Following the election of officers, Przypek introduced Campbell, a Sunderland resident whose background in equine studies has allowed her to help people rediscover joy and power in the treatment of PTSD, trauma, grief and depression.

Campbell founded Heroes, Horses & Hounds, an organization

that works with rescued horses and dogs that are retrained for service and animal assisted programs.

She spoke about ways you can achieve success in all areas of your life through finding a work/life balance.

Campbell said for 20 years, she "put herself through it," pushing herself professionally until she reached burnout and knew she needed to make a change.

"It's been a very good journey now, but going through it was awful," she said.

Campbell shared how some of the things we do to help us be productive and organized, such as creating "to-do" lists, can actually cause additional stress and hold us back.

"Why does a traditional to-do

See CHAMBER DINNER, page 7

Quabbin Performing Arts present 'Beauty and the Beast'

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional Middle High School students of the Quabbin Performing Arts are excited to present Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St. on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting our.show/quabbinbeast and are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. This promises to be a magical evening.

Submitted photos
This is a scene from the dress rehearsal between Beauty and the Beast.



Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" will be performed Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St., Barre.

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News of the Towns



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More artifacts return to Lakota tribe

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by Frank Rooton Monday, Nov. 11.

BARRE – The Barre Library Association returned two 19th century headdresses from their collection donated to the library

Several years ago, the BLA returned a large number of artifacts in the Frank Root collection to Pine Ridge Lakota tribe as part of their reparation decision. A large ceremony involving many

members of the Lakota tribe and the public participated in or attended that reparation ceremony held at Ruggles Lane School in Barre.

This ceremony was much smaller with Justin Pourier and only a handful of people and members of the press.

Both headdresses were from the 19th century. One was 60 inches long with a felt head piece and eagle feathers. The second headdress was 50 inches long and made of felted wool, eagle talons, porcupine quills, deer hair and horse hair.

Justin Pourier, head of the tribal historic preservation office and the Fifth Member of the Tribal Executive Council from the Pine Ridge Lakota tribe, said when his tribe started talked with members of the Barre Library Association about the artifacts in Barre, he hoped it “would open doors.” He said this would “impact our youth as they don’t have access to stuff like this back home.” He said they will preserve these headdresses or war bonnets as he called them in a building of their own where school children can come and view them.

Pourier sang a litany in his native tongue while standing over the boxed headdresses. He also talked about his ancestors history as well. Following the ceremony, Pourier returned with the two headdresses to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.



Turley photos by Ellenor Downer

Justin Pourier, head of the tribal historic preservation office and the Fifth Member of the Tribal Executive Council from the Pine Ridge Lakota tribe, speaks to the group during a brief ceremony at the Woods Memorial Library on Monday, Nov. 11 to return two headdresses to the Lakota people.



Elizabeth Martin, a Woods Memorial Library Trustee and member of the BLA, finishes uncovering one of the Lakota headdresses.



Another view of the headdresses returned to the Lakota tribe on Monday, Nov. 11.



Hubbardston
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Hubbardston Historical Society to hold Farmers' Market

Sunday, Nov. 24 from noon-3 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel, Burnshirt Road. The market is held rain, shine or snow; it will be held indoors. Participants can purchase delicious and decorative items for the holiday. People will support the Historical Society by buying pies, bidding on the raffle basket, lots of vegetables and fruit from Still Life Organic Farm, Rich Brodmerkle's maple syrup, Bee Nice Farm honey. There will be Elzire's goat milk soaps, lamb meat, yarn and dryer balls from Greenwood Hill Farm, pastries made by Sunflour Pastries, wine from Wachusett Vineyards, jams and jellies, herbal vinegars, sourdough breads, cookies, hot butternut squash soup for lunch and vegetables from Ladybug Farm, wood ward made by Quabbin Woodworks, art and crafts made by Allison.

STM

A Special Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Hubbardston Center School, 8 Elm St. There are ten articles on the warrant.

Volunteer appreciation night

The town of Hubbardston will host a volunteer appreciation night on Monday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. at the Hubbardston Senior Center in honor of all the hard work and dedication volunteers provide to the community. Refreshments will be served. This night is all about the volunteers. People should RSVP via email to bos@hubbardstonma.us by Monday, Nov. 11.

Senior tax work-off program

The town of Hubbardston announces the opening of the Senior Tax Work-Off Program for eligible senior residents. This program allows seniors to earn a property tax reduction of up to \$1,500 annually by volunteering their time to assist various town departments. Participants will earn \$15 per hour, directly reducing their property tax bill. To be eligible residents must be aged 60 and above and own and occupy a home in Hubbardston. The work period is Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2025. Opportunities are available in departments such as Town Offices, Senior Center, Police Department, Library, and DPW. Applications are available at the Treasurer Collector's Office, 7 Main St. or by email request at taxcol@hubbardstonma.us. For assistance or questions, people may call Sara Rish at 978-928-1400, extension 205. The town encourages eligible seniors to participate in this program to stay engaged with the community and enjoy a tax benefit.

Senior Center

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

Committee to hold masquerade ball
Barre's 250th Anniversary Committee is hosting a New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball at the stunning Harding Allen Estate in Barre. This special event is the perfect way to end an amazing year of celebrations marking Barre's 250th anniversary. The event is black tie preferred and is being held from on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Tickets are \$45 a person and include dinner, dancing, champagne toast at midnight and a fun-filled night with live music and a D.J. Tickets for this event are available now in limited quantities by visiting www.hardingallenestate.com. The evening promises an unforgettable celebration.

Library program

“Letters to Ancestors” program with Paula Grandpre Wood will be held Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St. Grandpre Wood presents the events and chronicles the journey of writing her book. A genealogical memoir, “The Long Walk Home with the Ceinture Fléchée: The Arrow Sash,” has elements of suspense, adventure, joy and grief. A Barre resident who grew up in Central Falls, Rhode Island and Northboro, Grandpre Wood tracks down her ancestors, pieces together their stories and wraps herself in the cloth Arrow Sash, a tradition that has been passed down in her family for generations. All are welcome to this free event and no registration is necessary.

Barre Food Pantry

The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Nov. 21 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. 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.

Church Fairs

Both the Barre Congregational church and St. Francis of Assisi Parish will hold their holiday fairs during Christmas in Barre. The Women's Fellowship Christmas Fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. during the annual Christmas in Barre at the Barre Congregational church, 30 Park St. St. Francis of Assisi Parish Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 29 South St.

Congregational church

This year Advent begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The Barre Congregational church Flower Committee is preparing now to decorate the sanctuary. This year we are planning to add angels to the windows and alter. If people have one or more angels that they would like to share, the committee would like to add them to the Christmas decorations. The plan is to have the sanctuary decorated for the Dec. 1 service.

Community Drive-thru supper

A Community Friendship Drive-Thru supper will be held Thursday, Nov. 21 with pick up from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St. The menu is macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, vegetable and dessert.

Holden Turkey Trot takes place Thanksgiving Day

HOLDEN – The Holden Turkey Trot will take place Thursday Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28 from Seven Saws Brewery, 112 Industrial Drive, in Holden with a start time of 8 a.m. This is a family friendly run, walk or wobble. Strollers are allowed as well as dogs on leashes. The feaes is \$35 through Wednesday, Nov. 27

and \$40 the day of the race. Last year there were over 1,200 participants. Food insecurity is a serious issue, affecting millions globally, including right here in the community. In Haiti, nearly half the population, 4.4 million people, needs immediate food assistance. This year, in addition to supporting the Be Like Brit Foundation's work in

Haiti, the Holden Turkey Trot will again help local food pantries like St. John's Food for the Poor, Rutland Food Pantry and Wachusett Food Pantry. The 5K race will start and end at Seven Saws Brewery.

For more information, people may visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Holden/HoldenTurkeyTrot>.

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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. 18. 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 – Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, corn niblets, peaches, biscuit
TUESDAY – Hot dog, baked beans, coleslaw, baked apples, mustard, hot dog bun
WEDNESDAY – Stuffed pepper casserole, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, Lorna Doones, marble rye bread
THURSDAY – Chicken Tikka Masala, lemon seasoned rice, broccoli, birthday cake, diet = half piece, pumpkinnickel bread
FRIDAY – Braised beef, Gemelli pasta, green beans, fresh orange, Italian bread

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

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Technology Subcommittee – Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.
 Quabbin Regional School District Committee,
 Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Registrars – Nov 15 at 5:15 p.m.
 Select Board – Nov. 18 and Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Nov. 19 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – Nov. 20 and
 Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Sewer Commission – Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Dec. 2 at 5 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Dec. 4 at 12:30 p.m.
 Water Commission – Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Master Plan Steering Committee – Nov. 14
 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Registrars – Nov. 16 at 12:30 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Nov. 18 at 3 p.m.
 Wheelwright Water District – Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Dec. 4 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council –
 Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Council on Aging – Nov. 19 at 4 p.m.
 Cultural Council – Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Town House Committee – Nov. 14 at 6:45 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
 Water Commissioners – Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 17
 and Dec. 31 at 6 p.m.
 Public Notice Tax Classification Hearing –
 Nov. 19 at 6:15 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Planning Board – Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Dec. 13 at noon

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 22
 at 5 p.m., Dec. 5, Dec. 19 and Jan. 2, 2025
 at 5:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Dec. 3
 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Dec. 9 at 10 a.m.
 Board of Assessors – Dec. 13 at 9 a.m.

RUTLAND

Capital Improvement Planning Committee –
 Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing – Nov. 26 at
 6:30 p.m.

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

8th annual Small Works Show opens on Nov. 15

By Paula Ouimette
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WEST BROOKFIELD – This Friday evening, get a head start on your holiday gift giving while putting the “small” in shopping small and local.

West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery will be hosting its 8th annual “Small Works Show” featuring a number of local artists, including Jennifer Geldard, Karen Bullock, Vanessa Varjian, Abigail Rorer, Cruger Johnson Phillips, Cheryl O’Donnell, Susan Pecora, Carole Bentley, Joanne Quinn, Lisa Cohen and gallery owner Rebecca Fay.

An artists’ reception will be held Friday, Nov. 15 from 5-7 p.m. at the gallery at 10 East Main St., and includes wine and cheese, as well as pleasant conversation with art-loving community members.

For your caffeine fix, make sure to stop by the gallery’s neighbor, The Joy of Beans, owned and operated by Joy Hinton.

“We’ve got two amazing women-owned small businesses right next to each other,” Fay said.

The Small Works Show is the final monthly exhibit of the year at the gallery, and it aims to share the enjoyment of art with everyone, event those with a limited budget.

“The reason we do a Small Works Show, is that small works generally mean less expensive works for gift giving,” Fay said. “Small pieces also make easier art gifts.”

Each of the gallery’s artists bring their own special talents to the “Small Works Show,” making these small pieces of art a one-of-a-kind gift to give to your loved one.

West Brookfield artist Geldard is known for her love of birds, which she displays through her whimsical watercolor paintings. Geldard has also been making jewelry for over 30, specializing in lamp-work glass beads.

Geldard was recently one of three jewelry makers featured in a sold-out show at the gallery last month.

Bullock, who is also from West Brookfield, started with leatherwork at a saddlery before turning her talents to bookbinding. Bullock and her husband Ron restore books through their business Old Working Books & Bindery.

Her handbound journals and cards are popular items for sale at the gallery.

Brookfield artist Varjian enjoys the beauty of the natural world and often makes small, filtered areas of sunlight the



Submitted Photos

West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery owner and artist Rebecca Fay will be selling giclee prints of her Christmas lights paintings, including “Christmas Lights 3” during the 8th annual Small Works Show, opening on Friday, Nov. 15 from 5-7 p.m.

focal point of her paintings.

Wood engraver and Petersham resident, Rorer, has a degree in printmaking and has done everything from teaching art to creating pen and ink illustrations for major publishers. She is the founder and sole proprietor of The Lone Oak Press.

Phillips, who is also from Brookfield, has created thousands of bold, colorful paintings in her journey as an artist after retiring as a hospice chaplain.

O’Donnell is known for her stunning landscape scenes, in addition to being a decorative painter and illustrator.

Pecora paints everything from quintessential New England scenes and landmarks to her beloved animal friends, using watercolor, egg tempera and oil paint.

Bentley’s paintings range from landscapes and seascapes to flowers, birds and abstracts. Her attention to light and shadow makes her subjects come alive on the canvas.

Princeton artist Quinn uses her surroundings as inspiration for her paintings, from the local natural preserves of Massachusetts to the sandy beaches of Cape Cod.

Cohen will have small pieces of her hand thrown pottery featured in the show.

Fay will be offering giclee prints of her Christmas lights paintings, inspired by local holiday lighting displays; some that are carefully planned put

and placed around a home, and others that are more free-spirited and somewhat lackadaisical.

In addition to the pieces featured in the small works shows, the gallery’s jewelry displays have been fully restocked, and West Brookfield wood turner Frank White will have a number of his unique and detailed bowls, vases and more available for purchase.

Following the reception, the Small Works Show will remain displayed at the gallery until the end of December. The gallery will also be open for the town’s White Christmas celebration, held on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Fay invited everyone to stop by anytime during the artists’ reception to get a chance to meet with the creators behind these small, but powerful works of art.

“It’s always a great turnout,” she said of the Small Works Show.

About West Brookfield Art & Frame

Gallery hours at West Brookfield Art & Frame are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information about West Brookfield Art & Frame, or upcoming shows, follow them on Facebook, visit www.westbrookfieldartandframe.com, email yafacceber@hotmail.com, call 508-753-8604 or stop by during open hours.

Ware River Nature Club to hike Gate 37

PETERSHAM – The Ware River Nature Club will hike Quabbin Gate 37 for birding and nature walk on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Foul weather date is Sunday, Nov. 24 same time. A visit to this scenic gate will involve

a gradual downhill walk to a junction of three roadways meeting and at a small cove. They will explore each path since they offer different features Quabbin shoreline, beaver pond and shallow cove, all in mixed forest. Total walking dis-

tance will be about three miles. People should dress for the weather and bring snacks and/or beverages.

People may pre-register and for details and directions by emailing warevernatureclub@yahoo.com.

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Friends of Fobes Memorial Library

The Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library decided to cancel Swinging Desserts. Ticket sales were very slow and they didn’t come close to hitting presale goal for tickets. If people purchased ticket and would like a refund, they should contact the library.

The Friends will have the items donated for the silent auction will be set up in the Historic Room for two weeks, which began Tuesday, Nov. 12. On Saturday, Nov. 30 the library will be hosting a free Cookies with Santa event. They will have Christmas music, an activity and of course photos with Santa. If people would like to bake some goodies to offer while the children wait for their turn to see Santa, they should let the library know. The Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library would like to become active again.

OHA lottery tickets

The 20/20 lottery tickets, sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association, will be available at the Oakham Congregational Church fair on Saturday, Nov. 23. Tickets are \$20 apiece, if their number is drawn, participants will receive a check for \$50 from the OHA. There are two drawings per week starting Tuesday, Jan 7 through Thursday, March 13. There is no limit to the number of times people can win. For those who are unable to purchase a ticket at the fair, they can send a check to the Oakham Historical Association, P.O. Box 236, Oakham, MA 01068. They should include a SASE with the check. For questions, people may call Kathy Young at 508-882-3137.

Harvest and Holly Fair

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold their annual Harvest and Holly Fair on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church. The church will have a baked table, craft table, cookie walk, raffle table, homemade quilt raffle, white elephant table and snack bar. There will be local crafts as well.

Festivals of Lessons and Carols

On Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, will hold their annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. A choir and community choir accompanied by a community orchestra will perform “Glory in the Highest” by Marty Parks. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Senior Center Activities

The following are the Senior Center’s activities starting in November: Third Monday of the month Podiatry from 9 a.m.-2.30 p.m. Reservations is required. Tuesday is Yoga at 12.30 p.m.; fourth Tuesday of the month Blood Pressure/Glucose Testing from 11 a.m.-noon; Wednesday Zumba Gold is at 9 a.m. in the Rutland Senior Center - \$2 donation each class. Thursday is second Thursday of the month Blood Pressure 11.00am; third Thursday – SHINE from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Reservations required Friday is Functional Fitness at 10.30 a.m. at the New Braintree Town Hall - \$2 donation per class; and third Friday is the Lunch Bunch, a group lunch at local restaurant. Sign up is required. Sign up sheets are in the main room of the Senior Center. For those offerings requiring reservations, people should call 508-882-4073.

Alan Rawle to talk on Hardwick’s sandhill cranes Nov. 20

RUTLAND – Alan F. Rawle will present a program to the Ware River Nature Club on “Five years in the lives of Hardwick’s sandhill cranes” at the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Since May 2020, Alan and his wife Wendy have been following the behaviors and activities of a pair of sandhill cranes in Hardwick. In this program, he will describe successful and unsuccessful nestings documented over that period along with additional information from 2019. The talk will first provide a background to the history of sandhill cranes in New England, noting the increased numbers in the

region since about 2000 and then focus on detailed observations of the pair of cranes that they’ve been fortunate to encounter over a four-year period.

Rawle has diligently pieced together the timescales and locations of the crane family – two adults and two young/juveniles (colts). The presentation will include pictures of cranes eating, walking, flying, bathing and “at play,” together with other pertinent and relevant information.

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Opinion

Guest Column



By Russell Gloor

Working septuagenarian asks about disability benefits

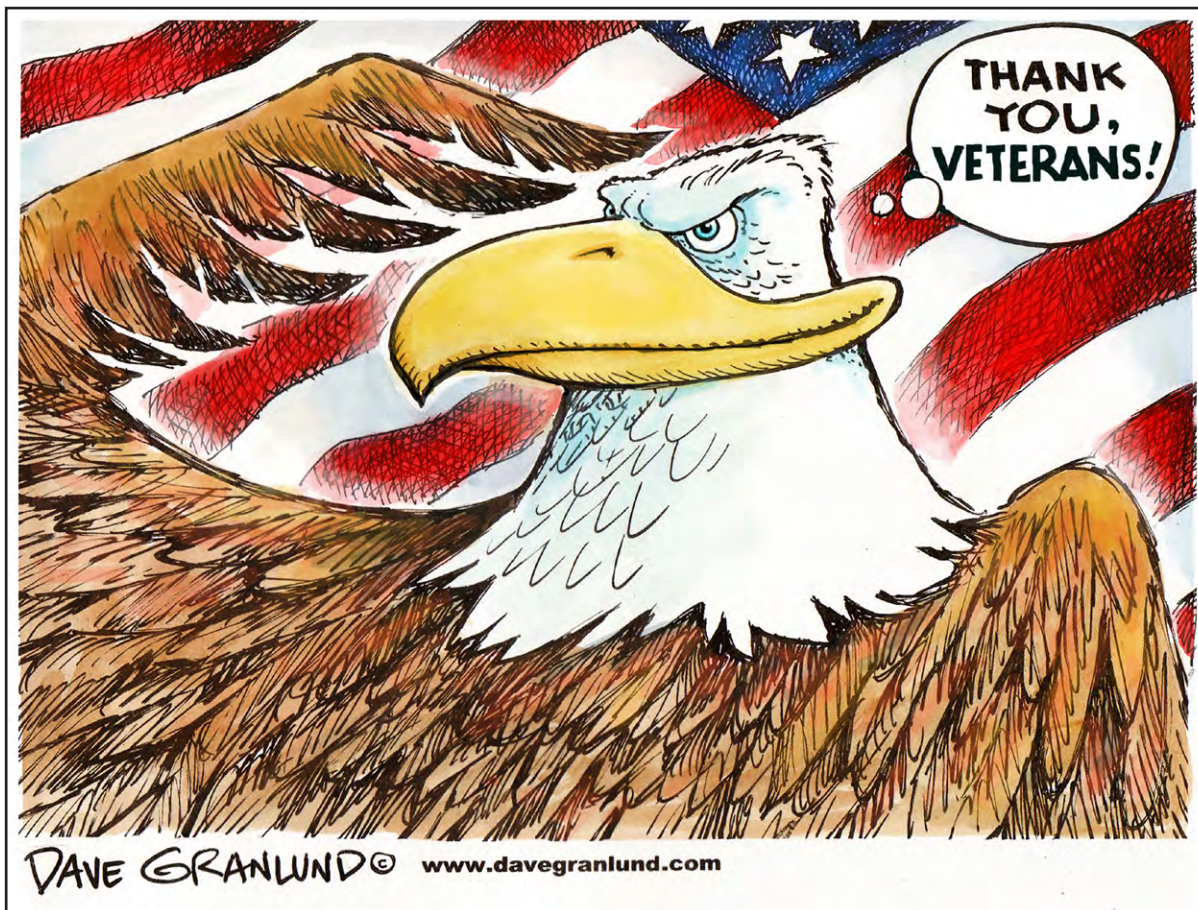
Dear Rusty:
I retired at my full retirement age, am now 79 and will be 80 in December.
I have been working consistently since. I get a meager Social Security benefit, only about \$800 due to my federal retirement offset. Most jobs I have held since filing and collecting SS have involved very labor-intensive work, to include my current position. This has taken a toll.
My question is there any provision in Social Security that permits re-evaluation of Social Security benefits for disability after one has collected and paid into the system for some 15 years? I suspect not but thought I would ask, since at my not so tender age, I am faced with having to cease employment that generates needed income.
Signed: Working Still at 79

Dear Still Working:
I'm afraid that Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits are no longer available once you reach your SS "full retirement age" or "FRA," which for you was age 66. Indeed, anyone collecting SSDI at full retirement age is automatically converted to their regular SS retirement benefits at the same amount they were previously receiving on SSDI. That's because SSDI benefits are intended to sustain workers up to their SS full retirement age, but SSDI goes away once FRA is attained.
Thus, the provision to apply for SS disability allows only those who have not yet reached their full retirement age to seek disability benefits. Once FRA is reached, SSDI benefits are no longer available. Simply for your awareness, there would be no financial advantage for you to receive SS disability benefits anyway, because the most you can get on SSDI is your full retirement age amount. Thus, since you retired and claimed SS at your full retirement age, no additional disability amount would be available anyway.
FYI, I admire, at your "tender age," that you are still actively working, but I'm afraid you cannot claim more now on Social Security disability because you've already reached your FRA. However, from what you've written, your SS retirement benefit has been affected by the so-called Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which affects those with a separate pension earned without contributing to Social Security.

If you've been separately working and contributing to Social Security since you left government service and you now have more than 20 years contributing to SS from other non-government "substantial earnings," it's possible that you can request a reevaluation of your WEP penalty.
WEP provides relief for those, who have more than 20 years contributing to Social Security. So, if you have more than that over your lifetime, you could ask that your WEP reduction be reevaluated to consider your additional years contributing to Social Security. If that is the case, your monthly amount would be increased to consider those additional years contributing to SS since you first claimed.
I suggest, if you now have more than 20 years of contributions to Social Security from your non-government work over your lifetime, that you call Social Security to request reevaluation of your WEP retirement amount. FYI, you can see exactly how many years of SS-covered work you have by requesting an "Earnings Statement" from Social Security. You can get this Statement by calling 1-800-772-1213 or you can also get it at your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Social Security will also be able to tell you this directly when you call. In any case, I wish you good fortune, and hope that reevaluating the WEP reduction to your SS benefit may offer some small financial relief as you go forward.

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Where you will forever be found.

- Patricia Masten

Guest Column



Surprise squash or is it a pumpkin?

I compost the lazy person's way – no thermometers, frequent turning or aerating is done at my house.
I simply pile my vegetable refuse, leaves, coffee grinds and plant parts in a pile with copious amounts of chicken bedding. Once in a blue moon I'll mix it all up with a pitchfork, but that is all I do.

I'm not saying it's the right way, but it's my preferred way. After a certain point in the fall, I start a new pile and let the old one sit until spring when I use the compost in the garden.

Often, I end up with some surprise plants growing in the pile from the previous year after I've taken what I need. I call them volunteers.

For the last two years I've grown my best tomatoes in the compost pile. No accolades need to come my way, I did nothing to earn the luxury of garden fresh tomatoes in November.

Well, maybe covering the plants with layers of cloth on the few cold nights has helped some, I guess, otherwise they would be frosted like the rest of the tender plants.

But alas, once again I digress. I am not here to talk about the tomatoes that grew in the compost pile, but the squash that did. I may have mentioned these white pumpkin lookalikes in an earlier column, but as I sit here devouring a squash muffin, they deserve another mention.

While my hills of butternut were not very prolific, the white pumpkin lookalike squash were unbelievably so. Honestly, I am not sure how many plants sprouted. Maybe three at the most, and I easily ended up with maybe two dozen, so the average is seven or eight fruit per plant!

I bought the original at a local farm and as it turned to an imploded pile of mush, it got chucked into the compost pile last fall. After sprouting it took no time flat for the vines to cover the pile and adjoining fence

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In Past Pages

5 years (Nov. 21, 2019)

Connor Foreman said the addition of Chrome books at the High School streamlined learning. During the Student Advisory Council report to the Quabbin Regional School District Committee, Foreman, the senior class president, said in the past students would try to grab the same computer from the cart that they previously used so they could quickly access programs they worked on the last time. Chrome books eliminated that need. Mark Brophy, Vice Chair of the School Committee asked him if introducing Chrome books was a good decision by the school district. Foreman said it was.

Oakham Selectmen after listening to Maple Street resident issues with the road layout presented by CHA Consulting, Inc. opted to not place an article on the upcoming Special Town Meeting, Dec. 3 to seek voter acceptance of the plan. Chair Steve Labarre said the board had a survey of what was town property and what was residential completed last winter. The engineering consultants found no formal layout for Maple Street. Selectmen hired them to come back with a plan. He said CHA used best engineering practices and state statutes to come up with the layout. Labarre said selectmen were not asking for any additional easements. The road would maintain the same width and have one sidewalk on the right side of the road that would meet American Disabilities Act width of four feet. The left sidewalk on the library side would be removed and returned to grass.

The two Barre Selectmen present Greg O'Sullivan and Dylan Clark, approved a residential factor of one at the tax classification hearing held Monday night. Jesse Warren, working assessor, speaking for the Board of Assessors, recommended the single rate. Other recommendations from the Assessors included not adopting a residential exemption, the open space discount and the small business discount. Warren said the town of Barre is 85% residential and 15% other. The other included industrial and commercial in that category. He said the residential exemption shifts the tax burden to apartments and vacation homes and Barre did not have many of them.

10 years (Nov. 20, 2014)

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LOOK BACK Lantern Tour on Barre Common - 1996



Chilly weather and snow greeted those on Al Clark's lantern tour on Barre Common Dec. 12, 1996.

ment did not follow the process. The Selectmen met with the Commissioners on many occasions to help remedy the problem, but it did not work.

Local food pantries in Barre and Rutland supply about 200 families in the area. With donations and help from volunteers, these families will receive the fixings including a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. Both the Barre Food Pantry and the Rutland Food Pantry will be supplying all the ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal to the families that they serve. The Barre Food Pantry serves between 100 and 115 families each month. The Rutland Food Pantry serves Rutland, Hubbardston and Oakham, but it is helping some that are unable to make the Barre distribution day.

Quabbin Regional School District Committee members received news that health insurance for the district increased by 13%. The amount was about 10% higher than the previous year and would cost \$104,000 more than budgeted. Last year, the coverage increased by just under 3%. Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, said the increase according to the provider, Blue Cross Blue Shield, was due to the district history over the past 15 months. She explained that

about 15 employees had "super dupe" health issues.
25 years (Nov. 18, 1999)

A spaghetti dinner to benefit the Blanchette family will be held Saturday at Ruggles Lance School in Barre. Seating are at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Steve Blanchette, 28, father of three young children, was killed in an industrial accident over a month ago. The proceeds of the dinner and raffle will go to the three Blanchette children and their mother, Tanya. Members of the Quabbin Jazz Band and some members of the Band of Voices will provide music during the meal.

"I think you're nuts." With these far from encouraging words stated by his late father, Charles Perkins, ringing in his ears, Robert Perkins of West Street remained firm in his decision to join the Petersham Police Department. That was back in 1973 and he stayed with the keepers of the peace until June 30 of this year. In the intervening 26 years, Perkins answered all manner of calls, from gory tragedies to the sometimes humorous ones with hundreds of routine traffic pull overs, break-ins and everything that makes up the life of a police officer.

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Election letters to the editor welcome

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

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

Campaign news

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

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

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

This week we have had some fall weather days, but other days have been warm.

It is hard to know how to dress as the weather is so changeable. Leaves are still coming down, but most of the oak leaves have come down.

I had some action done around the homestead with moss removed from the garage roof, the drains put in front of the wood shed and the wood splitter has been started.

I finally got to the hospital to have x-rays taken to find out why I am limping so badly. I have not heard the results yet. My helper stayed with Ken so I could go. The hospital is so big now that they put me in a wheel chair in order to go from one section of the hospital to the other. They were very accommodating and I appreciated it.

This week I made pudding with bananas and whipped topping. On another day I made a pecan pie, which we also put whipped topping on.

This week I made chicken breast, which I cut very thin and dipped it in flour, egg and cracker crumbs. I fried it in butter and olive oil and salted and peppered it. I served it with apple sauce and butternut squash.

Another recipe called for the same except they

used bread crumbs instead of cracker crumbs. To make the cracker crumbs, I put a sleeve of Crax crackers in a plastic bag and used the rolling pin to make them into crumbs.

This and That

I have been trying to get things ready for winter. With the threat of fires and we live in the woods I have tried to keep the leaves blown away from the house. Our long driveway is also covered with leaves so I raked some off.

Make sure you have a good supply of sand for when the ice forms on the walks and decks. I have heard of so many that have fallen on slippery decks.

When I rest I like to do watercolors so I have been making some Christmas designs to frame. I don't need any more cards as I have a good supply of them.

I need to clear a little more in the garage to make room for the vehicle once snow comes. When you own a house there seems to always be something to do.

Have a good week and enjoy the nice weather. Were you surprised at the election results? It sure generated a good turnout.

Barbara Hanno presents program on gravestones

PETERSHAM – “Stories in Stone: Art and Epitaphs of Gravestones, Nearby and Far,” on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. in the Petersham Memorial Library, 23 Common St., is sponsored by the Petersham Historical Society.

People will learn about where these stones came from, what they signify and lessons to be learned from the past, as well as why the epitaphs or “final words,” on some of the stones may have been chosen.

Barbara Hanno, an amateur gravestone explorer and Vice President of the Petersham Historical Society, has been studying and photographing gravestones for over twenty years. Last year she presented the program “Carved in Stone: 18th Century Gravestone Carvers of the Quabbin Area and Beyond” at the library and there was interest from the audience in having a similar program happen again.

“This program will feature some of the most interesting works of gravestone art and history from 18th and 19th century



Photo by Barbara Hanno

The photo is an elaborate “urn and willow design.” common to the 19th century.

stones, that I have come across in my travels,” says Hanno. “Epitaphs are also very intriguing. They are the final words of the departed, written in stone. They may express despair or also they may tell personal stories and

express comfort and even joy.”

The program is free or if people choose, they may make a free-will donation to help support the Petersham Historical Society. There will be refreshments.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, on Thursday, Nov 14 at 6 p.m. Jayne Foley and her mother will teach how to make Thanksgiving characters decorations from old lightbulbs.

This is for all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. People should register so there are sufficient materials.

On Sunday, Nov. 17 in honor of Native American Heritage Month Donald Duffy, author of “The Quaboag and Nipmuck Indians and Around Pottequadic,” will share his research on the history of the local Native inhabitants at the Hardwick Town House. Gail Anderson will display artifacts

important to Native Americans. She is descended from the Powhatans and shares the same lineage as Pocahontas. This program is a group effort among the Paige Library, the Hardwick Historical Society and the Ware Historical Society.

On Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. Megan McDonough, the founder of Wholebeing Institute, an innovative educational organization based in Hardwick, will talk on “How Libraries Make Us Happy(er)”. Through her work, she empowers people to apply cutting-edge research, fostering greater happiness and well-being in their daily lives. In this free talk, she shares five key pathways to

greater engagement, fulfillment and vitality in everyday life plus how the Paige Library can play a vital role in supporting a journey to more happiness. Register and reserve a free book, “A Minute for Me” by Megan, while supplies last.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. people will make Simmering Potpourri jars using natural ingredients to add scent and moisture to the air. These are perfect for holiday gift giving. This is for ages 12 and up. Registration required.

For more information and to register so that they have the correct number of materials people may call, 413-477-6704 or email, director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.

Hardwick Co-Op hosts food and sock drives

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, 444 Lower Road, will be collecting food donations for the Tri-Parish Food Pantry and new socks to benefit veterans through HomeFront Strong, now through Dec. 15.

People who bring in five non-perishable food items during this time will receive 5% off their purchase that day.

For every two pairs of socks that you buy from Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, the Co-Op will donate a pair to HomeFront Strong. People may also bring in new men’s, women’s and children’s sized socks to be donated to HomeFront Strong.

Hardwick PTO hosts Bingo Night on Nov. 19

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Elementary School PTO will host Bingo Night in the cafeteria of the school located at 76 School House Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

The cost per Bingo card is one nonperishable food item

or a suggested donation of \$1. Bring extra money for snacks, drinks and pizza (\$1 per slice of pizza or juice box, \$.75 per snack and \$.50 per mini bottle of water).

Prizes will be awarded to Bingo winners.

Weir River Jazz and Ware River Concert bands hold Christmas concerts

GILBERTVILLE – On Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. the Weir River Jazz Band will hold their annual free concert in the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St.

On Sunday, Dec 15 at 2 p.m. the Weir River Concert Band will hold their free Christmas Concert “A Tinsel and Tunes Gala” in the Stone Church Cultural Center.

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Hubbardston Highway Chief Lyn Gauthier brought the results of last Saturday’s obsolete and surplus equipment auction to the Monday, Nov. 8 meeting and they expressed satisfaction with the figures he presented. They were pleased that a lot of material, which the town had held onto for a number of years had been successfully liquidated. A total of \$7,612 was raised by auctioning off 92 individual lots, from old typewriters to several old vehicles given to the town by the Army Corps of Engineers years ago. All but 18 of the 92 presented were sold.

38 years (Nov. 20, 1986)

The Barre Congregational Church will be hosting this year’s Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. They invited all Christians to join them in praise and thanksgiving

to our Lord for the blessings He has so generously and mercifully bestowed upon us in Barre. The clergy from each of Barre’s four Christian churches will participate in the Thanksgiving celebration. Under the direction of Carol Posey, choir members of the churches will join their voices in song. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring a donation of food as their Thanksgiving offering. These items will be used for holiday baskets and distributed to those less fortunate than ourselves by the Christ Church Episcopal of South Barre’s Food Bank.

In an unanimous decision by the Barre Zoning Board of Appeals at a meeting held last Friday afternoon in the Town Hall, Dennis J. Bassett of Christian Hill was granted a “limited use variance” to enable him to operate an automotive repair business at his residence Bassett, who for the past two years has been operating his repair business out of Hardwick, sought ZBA

approval two weeks ago to relocate to his former site on Christian Hill. Voting on the variance were Chairman Charles M. Wyman and Board members Urban K. Pacheco and Lester W. Paquin. In granting the variance, however, the Board included a variety of stipulation specifically designed to protect the rural and residential character of the neighborhood.

The School Building Needs Study Committee, which has been studying options to accommodate increasing enrollments in the Barre elementary schools made its recommendation to the Board of Selectmen last Monday evening. After considerable study and deliberation, the group, headed by Gerard Garipey, recommended the consolidation of all grades into a single educational park at the site of the Ruggles Lane School. The Board in turn appointed the members of the committee to serve a Building Committee to pursue their recommendation.

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and lawn, much to my husband’s dismay.

After a quick internet search, the white pumpkin lookalike squash still doesn’t have a name. It could be part acorn squash, or a variant of a white pumpkin.

All I know is that they made excellent fall decor!

Just for the fun of it I cooked one up, in the same manner I do butternuts, by slicing in half, removing the seeds and roasting cut side down in a 400 degree oven for about an hour.

The pale yellow flesh caramelized a little. Perhaps I should have finished the cooking cut side up to

attain more of that caramelization.

While not incredibly sweet, it didn’t taste bad or bitter, so I whipped it up with the immersion blender and decided I’d try it in my favorite squash muffin recipe. Not bad, not bad at all.

My husband asked if I was going to raid the porch of it’s decorations to process more of them, but I don’t think I’ll go that far. If November is mild, I’ll certainly have a windfall once we switch over to a Christmas theme.

What do I learn from the compost pile? Although the garden is right next to the compost pile, the white squash pumpkins had virtually no damage from the squash vine borer.

The plants were so much

healthier than those I planted in the garden. The leaves were large and deep green.

I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again times three: Nitrogen, nitrogen, nitrogen. That’s one thing my compost pile has that the garden needs. I will definitely not skimp on that nutrient come springtime so that maybe, just maybe, I can grow my beloved butternut squashes on purpose and healthily!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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Convinced Part 6

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

1) The Provision of God

To what degree are you convinced that God will meet your needs? Scripture speaks ongoingly to His divine faithfulness. Consider the teaching of Christ on this matter:

Luke 12:22-32 (NIV)

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds. 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

27 "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you-you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it.

30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

2) The Guidance of God

To what degree are you convinced that God will provide necessary guidance and leading? Revel in the following promise:

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Poet John Oxenham articulates this sentiment with these words:

"Not for one single day
Can I discern my way,
But this I surely know-
He who gives the day
Will show the way,
So I securely go."

3) The Wisdom of God

Similarly, do you believe that He will grant necessary wisdom as you navigate life and living? We do well to note His Word:

James 1:5-8

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all

they do.

Perhaps the better question is will we heed divine wisdom? This story humorously illustrates the need for proper response:

"An old sailor repeatedly got lost at sea, so his friends gave him a compass and urged him to use it. The next time he went out in his boat, he followed their advice and took the compass with him. But as usual he became hopelessly confused and was unable to find land. Finally he was rescued by his friends." Disgusted and impatient with him, they asked, "Why didn't you use that compass we gave you? You could have saved us a lot of trouble." The sailor responded, "I didn't dare to! I wanted to go north, but as hard as I tried to make the needle aim in that direction, it just kept on pointing southeast. That old sailor was so certain he knew which way was north that he stubbornly tried to force his own personal persuasion on his compass. Unable to do so, he tossed it aside as worthless and failed to benefit from the guidance it offered."

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Participants in the annual Spirit Walk sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society gather around to listen to a black shrouded "Soul" or spirit by its grave.

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their respects will not soon forget what they learned about life in this new world before and after the rebellion, now known as the American Revolution.

I overheard one man say to another, "I wish the cemetery was not closed in 1842. I would like to be buried here. My wife doesn't listen to me anymore. Perhaps if I was buried here, someday people would come and pay attention to what I have to say."

Many of the "Souls" that decided to revisit Earth and share their human history were women with the most beautiful names common to the era - Tabitha, Elizabeth, Susanna, Lucy, Hanna, Sally, Lucretia, Mary, Judith and four Abigail. Perhaps we will see in the near future some girls arrive on Earth with beautiful names like these. What do you think?

In the early and mid-18th century, Rutland was the home of many hardworking ambitious men and women that had, like today, different views on how they wanted to be governed. One man, who had a sketchy background, was born in Ireland and at one point was quite influential and wealthy in Rutland. His name was Colonel John Murray a leader during the French and Indian wars. A devoted Loyalist to King George III, he was very much a mythical personality worthy of further research. Nonetheless, two of his three wives, Elizabeth and Lucretia are buried in Rutland. He found his way to Canada during the rebellion and died in St. Johns, New Brunswick in 1790 at age 75.

Elizabeth, had 10 children with him. After she passed, the Colonel, who by this time was very wealthy, married Lucretia (Chandler) Murray. Lucretia was given what became to be a very valuable wedding gift. It was a three-piece silver tea set made by Paul Revere. A Cambridge silversmith who was stopped and prevented from completing his midnight ride on April 18, 1775 by the British in Arlington.

The pieces had the Chandler coat-of-arms engraved upon each one, and an inscription to Lucretia. It was rumored that by their sale, funds had been obtained where-by Lucretia Murray had supported herself after her father's death. Since these pieces originally had been the gift to his daughter Lucretia's mother, Col Murray appropriately, willed them to Lucretia. When she died in 1836, they still remained among her choicest possessions and were by her will in turn, disposed of to her friends, among whose descendants they are still preserved.

Each year, the Rutland Historical society selects different former residents to be a part of the annual Spirit Walk. It is always looked forward to and worthy of everyone's time during the fall in the heart of historic New England, particularly the children's.

A shrouded "Soul" or spirit recounts their life at the annual Spirit Walk held in Rutland.



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Some of the gravestones at the Old Burial Ground in Rutland.

First Congregational participates in White Christmas festivities



Submitted Photos

The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield will be raffling off this handmade quilt during its open house on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., held in conjunction with the town's White Christmas celebration.

This quilt features a "pineapple blossom" pattern and measures 61 inches by 71 inches.

WEST BROOKFIELD - The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, 36 North Main St., will host an open house on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. during the town's White Christmas celebration.

The kitchen opens at noon and the menu includes: a plentiful and delicious hot turkey sandwich with stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce, hot dogs and chili dogs, homemade chicken soup and corn

chowder, chicken, egg and ham salad sandwiches, homemade pie - apple, blueberry and pumpkin, a variety of hot and cold drinks.

They will also offer a huge gift card raffle, a concert by a performance by the Hardwick Memorial Handbell Choir at 3 p.m., a Christmas carol sing along with free cookies and cocoa at 4 p.m., "Find-the-Elf" for the kids, free door prize raffle and a bountiful baked-goods table.

A special treat this year, is a raffle for a gorgeous handmade quilt. The pattern name is Pineapple Blossom and measures approximately 61 inches by 71 inches.

DJ Mic will be spinning Christmas tunes, and the atmosphere will be festive and cheery. The church is a wonderful place to be to welcome in the holiday season.

Call the church for more information at 508-867-7078.

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enough money in the budget to pay for them.

Right of first refusal

The board waived its right of first refusal for a parcel of land totaling 5.712 acres that is currently in Chapter 61A on Crooks Road known as lot B.

Planning Board Chair William

King sent a recommendation that the board waive the right, stating that the parcel would be improved with a single family house and would "not be a significant open space loss to the town."

General bylaw committee appointments

James Caldwell, Brandon Avery and Tara Hayes were appointed to serve on the newly formed General Bylaw Committee.

"They've been actively involved in a lot of things," Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said of the committee members.

These three were the only residents to express interest in serving on the committee to review the town's general bylaws.

Special town meeting

A special town meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the North Brookfield Elementary School auditorium.



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Winter Farmer's Market returns for the 2024/2025 season

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – It was a Wednesday, and the temperature was that of a summer's day.

In shirtsleeves and sans jacket, it was time for a farmers market, yet there were no vendors set up on the town common on this lovely afternoon.

Whatever the climate, the calendar disagreed. It was the first Wednesday in November and the West Brookfield Farmer's Market had been over for a few weeks.

There was no reason to go into mourning. All one had to do was cross the street from the common and enter the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield at 36 North Main St. to encounter where the Market had migrated.

Of course, The West Brookfield Winter Farmer's Market did not just show up at the church. This event has been operating in the town for a number of years, beginning in late fall and running until early spring.

If you have never been, it is a warm and welcoming spot, even when the weather turns frosty, if it does this winter. The temps do not seem to want to follow older patterns.

Most of the vendors have been regulars, but there are new entrants.

As one walks through the door, first on the right is Robyn Scott and her Blair House Blooms. As the market season progresses, we can expect her table to be covered with beautiful colored tulips, but on this first day, Robyn had tulip and daffodil bulbs that one could



Ice cream and maple products from Thompson's Maple Farm.



Robyn Scott with her Blair House Blooms' bulbs.

plant at home.

Passing Blair House, there is Elzire's Acre. Elzire's Acre, famed for its goat milk soap, has been coming to the Winter Market for some years now. Usually represented by Chad or Terri, the husband-and-wife entrepreneurs, this Wednesday, Chloe was staffing the table and she had with her a couple of special holiday soaps, Angel's Kiss, and Angel's Hug.

After Elzire's Acre is Linda Fuchs' Flourish Farm. Flourish, a longtime summer market farm, has been with the winter market since the beginning. On this day she had fresh ginger and will have micro

greens, both cut and living.

Cut greens are cut the day of the market. Linda will miss some markets during a trip to Utah to visit grandkids.

Making a left after Flourish, there is Kelly Homestead Apiary from Charlton, presided over by Ginger. On the colorful table was a display of bee products from honey to hand dipped candles. Kelly Homestead also brings eggs from their hens as well.

New this year is chicken on sale.

As we approach thanksgiving, Kelly Homestead has the bird, that is, Pasture Raised Organically Produced Turkeys. Orders are

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Moving on from Kelly Homestead is the table of Lucky Me Farm & Kitchen, new to the market this year.

Sara Doubleday brought Lucky Me farm & Kitchen down from New Braintree to be part of the market. She grew up making relishes and got going doing the pandemic. The table is chock full of jams made from locally sourced ingredients such that it would be difficult not to find what you want.

After Sara is Farm46, back at

the market for the 2024/25 season. Farm46 is the family affair of Rich Laba, his wife Amy and daughters Madison and Charlotte. They raise Berkshire pigs and bring to the market beautiful cuts of pork and bacon, as well as eggs.

Turning left is a huge departure for the market, a distillery. It goes by the name, Deep Roots Distillery, and why not as it is deeply rooted in the community by being as locally sourced as possible.

The bottles on display and for sale all looked lovely, but the enterprise is more than beverages.

There is a from scratch kitchen as well that is in keeping with the spirit of the distillery. The two gentlemen at the table spoke with enthusiasm about their business. So, you could go down to their shop at the Mill Building in Fiskdale, but you can as well come to the market on Wednesday.

Also new at the market and up from Monson is Girlie's Cakes. Alysse, the impresario, bakes gluten free and vegan specialties. This is also a departure for the market.

Alysse started with her great grandmother, and pursued baking as a hobby before going into business. She brought a lot of product to the market, all of it looked scrumptious.

Turning left, there is John Thompson of Thompson's Maple Farm. John has been bringing the farm to the market since the beginning. With their many taps, the syrup keeps on flowing, but that is not all. They make delicious ice cream and purvey that at the market as well.

The last vendor along the wall is also the linchpin. Joy Hinton is in charge of the winter market, but that is not what she is most known for. The specialty coffees of Her Joy Of Beans are purchased at the markets summer and winter and at her main street downtown shop.

As usual, at the first winter market, she was a ball of energy with no lack of plans. At the shop, there will be the coffee based Italian dessert, Affogato. Though not going out of the coffee business, Mem Tea will be served, probably by the new Barista, Mora. First Fridays will see mocktails.

Joy is a chess aficionado and is planning a chess club. Joy of Beans would be a perfect spot.

There is one vendor not up against a wall. Still Life Farm takes up the center of the room and well it should. As the weather gets colder, the farm's winter greenhouses supply the market with fresh vegetables. This year, two new greenhouses have come online.

The Hardwick based operation is also a longtime winter market vendor.

There will be more vendors in the coming weeks and the market will be returning every Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. through March 12, 2025.

Leave the cold outside and come into the warmth of a winter farmer's market.

Please note the market will be closed on Nov. 27 except for special Thanksgiving pre-order pickups. Also, the market is closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

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list fail?" Campbell asked. "It doesn't get organized by priority."

Campbell said another factor is discipline, which she said is something that all people are capable of harnessing.

"Discipline is not a personality trait, it's something that we all have," she said. "Each day we have a certain amount."

Campbell said one way to make the to-do list work for you is to prioritize one task in each of these three areas: personal, physical and professional. She said there are going to be days where the focus needs to be on one area over the other, and that is okay.

"Life is not a balance, a perfect even keel all the time...think balancing, not balance," she said. "The important part is what works for you."

Campbell encouraged people to make themselves the most valuable asset in their professional lives in order to achieve work/life balance.

She said one way she does this, is to ask herself the question "Why am I doing what I am doing?" seven to nine times, or until she feels an emotional reaction.

"This is the core piece that is going to get me up and going," she said. "That's what's going to help you clarify what you want to do."

Another tip she suggested was to envision your perfect day; from start to finish.

"By having this perfect day in mind, find what works for your business and your life," she said. "Look at your day, what did I do well in? Is there

something I want to change, or did I rock it today?"

Establishing time blocks is another way to keep your day productive while avoiding burnout, working one to two hours at a time and taking a 30 minute break before getting back to work. She said people start looking for distractions from work when their brains are tired.

"It's a great way to stay productive longer throughout the day," Campbell said.

Campbell said it's also important to give yourself rewards to keep momentum going.

"Give yourself little prizes and celebrations," she said.

Campbell encouraged attendees to delegate works that could be completed by someone else, or with the help of artificial intelligence or automation. She said to follow the 80/20 rule, spending 80% of your day doing what sets you apart and delegating the other 20%.

Campbell explained the physical impact that burnout can have on the brain and how it causes "functional freeze." Burnout can be both mental and physical.

"Burnout is 'I want to, I need to, but I can't,'" Campbell said.

Campbell said studies have shown that burnout floods the body with cortisol and adrenaline, which creates inflammation in both the body and the brain. She said it starts to kill cells and physically shrinks the brain.

This shrinking can impact memory, decision making and learning.

"You start to feel like you are losing it, because you are," she said.

The good news, Campbell said, is that the brain can heal and that 1,200 new cells are made every day. She said the new cells go where they are used, and that new synapses can be created through movement and play.

"Exercise and play are so important," Campbell said. "By putting play into your day...it allows you to learn better."

Healing the brain after burnout can be achieved through meditation, exercise, craniosacral therapy, sound healing, grounding, time spent in nature and time spent with supportive friends and families.

"The science of laughter is amazing," Campbell said. "It brings you

back to wellness...make sure you're having fun."

Campbell said spending 20 minutes outside just listening to the birds sing is another way to help heal the brain, as it brings us back to our primal roots, when birds singing represented safety.

"It triggers the safety signal in our bodies," Campbell said. "Birds don't sing unless it's safe."

Campbell demonstrated three exercises that can be accomplished right from your chair, that will help signal safety in our bodies.

The first one was curling your upper body forward over your legs while sitting; the second was running in place (either standing or sit-

ting down) and the third was placing one hand over your stomach and the other over your chest and taking deep breaths.

For more information about Campbell's work and Heroes, Horses & Hounds, visit www.heroeshh.org.

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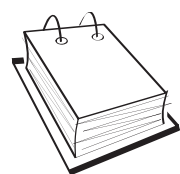
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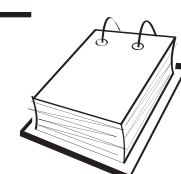


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HOLIDAY FAIR. First Church Ludlow, 859 Center St, Ludlow will take place today and Saturday, Nov. 16. There will be a real craft show, giant raffle with corn hole set, giant tv; quilts, hand crafted decorations, baked goods, snack bar, bookstore, fabric shop beautiful cemetery logs. A fun day for all.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST will be put on by the Quabbin Regional Middle High School performing arts today and Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by visiting our.show/quabbinbeast and are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR sponsored by the Friends of Rutland Council on Aging will take place today from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rutland Senior Center, 53 Glenwood Road, Rutland. Over thirty crafters will be on hand selling a variety of items. The Glenwood Café which will be open selling coffee, tea and donuts in the morning and hot dogs for lunch. People may pick up something yummy from the bake sale table to take home or take a chance to win a gift card to a local business or a hand crafted item at the Raffle Table. Admission to the Craft Fair is free and each person will receive one free ticket for the special door prize drawing. The Friends of Rutland Council on Aging is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support the activities and programs of the Rutland Council on Aging.

EAST BROOKFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY CRAFT FAIR. 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield, will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Start your holiday shopping and support local crafters. No all vendors accept credit cards.

FALL FROLIC AND MYSTERY BIRTHDAY will take place today at 5 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, 131 Blaine Avenue, in the church hall. There will be a catered buffet, music, games and raffles. Cost is \$25 per person. To reserve tickets, required, people should call the Parish Office at 508-867-6469.

ST. NICK'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR sponsored by St. Elizabeth Parish, 181 Hubbard St., Ludlow will take place today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be 40 vendors, basket raffle, lottery ticket raffle and light lunch available. There is free admission and parking in the back of the church. For more information, people may call at Flaherty at 413-531-6997

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This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. 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. 18. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Robert Augustine, Bill Bowles, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, David Dupont, Barbara LaPorte, Evelyn Luukko, Nancy Peris and Philip Warbasse correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of Ravine Road at Route 67 in New Braintree.

VENDOR MARKET will be held at Brunelle's Marina, 1 Alford St., South Hadley. November 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This is fun for the whole family.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR will take place today at Moose Club, 244 Fuller Road, Chicopee. This is a craft and vendor fair for National Federation of the Blind, Springfield Chapter.

TUESDAY, NOV. 19

SENIOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, Barre will take place today from 9-11 a.m. All are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

MAKING CONNECTIONS MEMORY CAFE takes place today at 2 p.m. in the Worcester Senior Center, 128 Providence St., Worcester on the first floor in the front of the lunch room. There will be chair

yoga with Jean Rogers and journaling with Deb Dows-Foley.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22

HOLIDAY BAZAAR will take place today from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Linda Manor, 349 Haydenville Road, Leeds.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

HARVEST AND HOLLY FAIR will take place today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. The church will have a baked table, craft table, cookie walk, raffle table, homemade quilt raffle, white elephant table and snack bar. There will be local crafts as well.

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FARMERS' MARKET sponsored by the Hubbardston Historical

Society takes place today from noon-3 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road. The market is held rain, shine or snow; it will be held indoors. Participants can purchase delicious and decorative items for the holiday. People will support the Historical Society by buying pies, bidding on the raffle basket, lots of vegetables and fruit from Still Life Organic Farm, Rich Brodmerkle's maple syrup, Bee Nice Farm honey. There will Elzire's goat milk soaps, lamb meat, yarn and dryer balls from Greenwood Hill Farm, pastries made by Sunflour Pastries, wine from Wachusett Vineyards, jams and jellies, herbal vinegars, sourdough breads, cookies, hot butternut squash soup for lunch and vegetables from Ladybug Farm, wood ward made by Quabbin Woodworks, art and crafts made by Allison.

SLAVERY IN NEW ENGLAND sponsored by the Lancaster Historical Society will take place today at 2 p.m. in Room 2 of First Church of Sterling, 6 Meetinghouse Hill Road, Sterling. Tom Kelleher, a historian and curator at Old Sturbridge Village will be the presenter of this free program open to the public. The institution of slavery existed in every colony in New England with most enslaved people in America having been transported to the colonies in New England ships. It helped shape regional society from the 1600s to the present day. This presentation looks at slavery as it ended in New England and how the legacy of this "peculiar institution" remains with us today. Lancaster and the daughter-towns of the "Nashaway Plantation" were no exception. Indeed, slave ownership was not uncommon. Significantly, however, Massachusetts was the first of the new United States to effectively and fully abolish slavery. The three Quock Walker court cases played an important role. Illustrated with PowerPoint slides. For more information, people may call 978-733-6907.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

HOLDEN TURKEY TROT will take place Thanksgiving morning from Seven Saws Brewery, 112 Industrial Drive, in Holden with a start time of 8 a.m. This is a family friend run, walk or wobble. Strollers are allowed as well as dogs on leashes. The fees is \$35 through Wednesday, Nov. 27 and \$40 the day of the race. Last year there were over 1,200 participants. Food insecurity is a serious issue, affecting millions globally, including right here in the community. In Haiti, nearly half the population, 4.4 million people, needs immediate food assistance. This year, in addition to supporting the Be Like Brit Foundation's work in Haiti, the Holden Turkey Trot will again help local food pantries like St. John's Food for the Poor, Rutland Food Pantry and Wachusett Food Pantry. The 5K race will start and end at Seven Saws Brewery. For more information, people may visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Holden/HoldenTurkeyTrot>.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT by the Weir River Jazz Band will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville.

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Field hockey defeats Nantucket, moves to quarterfinals



Violet Kelley tries to play a bouncing ball

BARRE – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quabbin field hockey defeated Nantucket High School 2-1. The Panthers moved into the quarterfinals of the Division 4 State Tournament where they were scheduled to face off against the three-time defending state champion Uxbridge. Highlights from that game will be in next week's edition.



Farrah Wojcik makes an insert pass on a penalty corner.



Kailynn Schuster makes a block.



Abby Rogowski sends the ball into the circle.



Makenzie Casey looks to control the ball in the middle of the field.



Jayden Delgado goes on a carry for the Senators.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Mahar beats Ludlow in slugfest

LUDLOW – Last Thursday evening, Ludlow continued to enjoy its new home turf with a Week 9 nonplayoff game at home against Mahar Regional of Orange. The Senators and Lions went back and forth in the match-

up, but Mahar pulled ahead late in the game and defeated the Lions 52-44. In Week 10, the Senators will host Frontier Regional on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. The Senators then face Athol on Thanksgiving morning at 10 a.m.



Quarterback Morgan Softic attempts a throw.



The defense tries to keep Ludlow out of the end zone.



Mahar makes a goal line stand.

Greylock edge's Pathfinder WMass final

SPRINGFIELD – In the Western Mass. Class D finals on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Central High School, Pathfinder's Adonis Dupre and Evan Costa scored goals to help the Pioneers come back in the game. But an overtime

goal by Mt. Greylock would give the Mounties the Western Mass. title.

Pathfinder would move on to the state tournament, facing Mystic Valley Regional Charter on the road to open the tournament.



Justin Davis gets ready to make a goal kick.



Goalie Aiden Santiago punts the ball away.



Zander Auffrey turns to corral a loose ball.

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Ethan DeBettencourt fights to keep the ball.

Pioneers fall in nonplayoff action

PALMER – Last Friday night, Pathfinder football was in nonplayoff action for Week 9, facing off against Frontier Regional of South Deerfield.

While the Pioneers were able to put some points on the board, Frontier's attack was too much for them in a 38-12 loss at home. The Pioneers will continue

nonplayoff action at South Hadley High School for Week 10 on Friday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. Then, the Pioneers will face Belchertown on Thanksgiving morning.



Anthony Arventos emerges from the pack on a run.



Tyler Rondeau looks for a path through the crowd



Jarrett Skowrya hustles after making a catch



Francis Meade tries to avoid a tackle as he gets near a blocker.

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Sports

Candlepin League News

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Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The Commercial Elks League reached the final week in round one of their league this season.

The winner of the round will receive a playoff berth in their championship roll off. The final league night of round one was bowled on Nov. 5. One of the matchups was between Compression and Team BK.

In game one, Compression defeated BK by a score of 342-336. Jay Dominick of Compression carried his team to victory with a 101 in game one. In game two, Team BK was the winner by scoring 352 to Compression's 329.

In game three, Compression was the winner by a score of 365-356. However, Team BK was the winner of total pinfall 1044-1036. Each team received two points to wrap up the first round of league.

Another match consisted of Daft Kings bowling against The Mailmen. In game one, The Mailmen were victorious over Daft Kings, 389-361. Bryan Surprise of Mailmen started off the night with a 133.

In game two, Mailmen delivered another strong game and won 419-391. Surprise stayed consistent and bowled well over is 108 average with a 119. Dave Cobleigh of Daft Kings had a good second game with a 125.

In game three, Mailmen won for a three-game sweep over Daft Kings, 403-383. Surprise finished with a 118 and a series of 370, his best series this

season. Cobleigh finished with a 108 and a series of 333.

Total pinfall was won in favor of Mailmen, 1211-1135.

Gutter Mouths bowled against Last in Line and were the top seeds going into the final week of round one. In game one, Gutter Mouths got the win, 376-326. In game two, Gutter Mouths won again by a score of 380-375. Stephen Manolakis of Gutter Mouths bowled a 113 and Vinny Navarro of Last in Line bowled a 107.

In game three, Last in Line won 356-349. Total pinfall was won by Gutter Mouths, 1105-1057. The Gutter Mouths have successfully won the first round of the season and will compete in the championship roll off at the end of the season.

Bogey Doubles

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Monday Bogey Doubles league reached the month of November.

Hanging on to a slim lead in first place is the team of Tom Clauson and Gary Santora with 46 wins. The Team of Pellett & Nester are in second place with 42 wins. Mondor & Brayton are in third place with 40 wins.

Pellett & Nester bowled against the team of Dave Rando and Duncan MacDougall. In game one, Pellett & Nester won the first game 255-244. In game two, Pellett & Nester won again 266-255. Nester bowled a 134 in game two.

In game three, Pellett & Nester won again for a three-game sweep, 267-266. Nester finished with a 121 and a series of 350. Total pinfall was in favor of Pellett & Nester, 788-765.

T-Birds pick up point in OT defeat

HERSHEY, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-8-1-0) incredibly erased a two-goal deficit in the final minute of the third, but the Hershey Bears (9-3-1-0) survived to pick up a 3-2 overtime win at the Giant Center on Sunday.

Like the opening 20 minutes on Saturday, the homestanding Bears were ferocious in getting shots at the Springfield net, this time on Colten Ellis. However, like the night before, the T-Birds got a sensational first period from their goaltender, as Ellis had a response to all 20 shots the Hershey attack unleashed, including chances that came from two power plays. The 20 stops were the most in a single period this season by a Springfield netminder.

At the other end, Clay Stevenson was starting his first start in nearly a month after missing six games with an upper-body injury, and the Hershey goaltender had a distinctly quieter workload, turning aside seven Springfield offerings and helping the Bears' penalty kill fend off one T-Birds power play.

Shots on goal did not come as easily for Hershey in the middle period. Still, the fourth line did get the Bears on the board first at the 10:14 mark when Matt Strome retrieved a loose puck below the goal line and fired a pass into the blue paint to a crashing Riley Sutter, who chipped it over Ellis on the glove side to make it 1-0.

The Bears' defense proved to be an impenetrable force in the second, as

Springfield managed just four shots on goal in the entire period, and the Hershey penalty kill dispatched two more Thunderbirds man-advantage opportunities.

Stevenson and the Hershey defense corps showed no signs of relenting anything to the T-Birds, and when Spencer Smallman tucked a puck into an empty net with 2:06 remaining, the Bears' 2-0 lead seemed secure.

However, the never-say-die T-Birds refused to go down. Samuel Johannesson scored his first AHL goal with 40.5 seconds remaining, squeezing a wrist shot between Stevenson's legs to end the shutout bid.

Just 27 seconds later, with Ellis at the bench for an extra skater, Nikita Alexandrov beared in on the right wing side and backhanded the puck into the paint. With Matthew Peca crashing the net, the shot attempt slipped under Stevenson's legs, and the game was tied 2-2 heading into overtime.

With momentum on their side, the T-Birds could not quite complete the miraculous comeback attempt. Ellis denied his 40th shot of the night to stop Pierrick Dube in the opening minute of overtime. Unfortunately for the T-Birds netminder, the loose rebound went right on the stick of Mike Vecchione, who pushed it across the line to give Hershey the 3-2 victory.

The T-Birds return to home ice for five of the next six games, beginning on Friday, Nov. 15 when they host the Lehigh Valley Phantoms.

Hall of Fame Series heads for Vegas

PHOENIX – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), announced that the 2027 Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas will take place at the iconic Allegiant Stadium on November 12, 2027, marking the first-ever basketball game at the renowned stadium.

The historic event will feature two marquee matchups between elite men's basketball programs: Arizona vs. Duke and Indiana vs. Kansas. Both games will once again be showcased on TNT Sports' networks and platforms, with additional programming information to be announced at a later date.

These four teams represent some of the most storied traditions in college basketball, with a combined 15 national championships, over 35 Hall of Famers, and a legion of passionate fans. The rivalry between Duke and Arizona, which will be on display in Tucson, Ariz., on November 22, as well as the timeless Kansas vs. Indiana matchup, is set to provide fans an unforgettable experience and signal a significant milestone in Las Vegas' sports history.

Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders and Super Bowl LVIII, will be hosting its first college basketball games, showcasing the versatility of the venue. The stadium will also serve as the site for the 2028 NCAA Men's Final Four, further solidifying its position as a premier destination for top-tier sporting events.

The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a collection of multi-game, singular events that showcase several of the top collegiate basketball teams in exciting non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. The inaugural Hall of Fame Series took place in 2023 in Las Vegas, Charlotte, San Antonio, Toronto, and Phoenix, and the series continues its successful run in 2024 with upcoming stops in Las Vegas (November 4), Phoenix (November 14), Baltimore (November 15), and New York (December 14).

Owls field hockey wins conference title

WESTFIELD – Westfield State junior forward Kaleigh Murphy (Pembroke, Mass.) scored the game winning goal with 4:20 left in regulation to lift the Owls to the 2024 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference title with a 2-1 win over Bridgewater State on Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

With the win, the Owls improve to 13-8 and set a school record for wins, and earn the MASCAC's automatic bid to the 2024 NCAA Division III Tournament.

Tied 1-1 throughout the second half, Murphy had several golden-opportunity chances in front of the net before eventually tallying the game winner.

Murphy found the back of the net, stepping in to ball from Sadie Stauffer (Suffield, Conn.) about three yards in front of the goal as the ball was batted around the critical scoring area.

"We've been a team that's been resilient and been able to change the narrative of a game throughout the season," said Westfield State second-year

head coach Carden Brown. "Going into the third and fourth quarter we were really focused on staying tough and knowing we'd get another goal if we just kept shooting."

Second-seeded Westfield survived one final flurry from the fifth-seeded Bears, as Bridgewater mustered a pair of penalty corners in the final four minutes, and Owls goalkeeper Emma Gnaidek (Worcester, Mass.) came up with the save on Kallie Rose's (Dartmouth, Mass.) shot with 1:52 left that represented the Bears best chance to equalize.

Westfield finished the game with a 25-7 advantage in total shots and a 13-3 margin in shots on goal, but the game was tightly played throughout as the Bears made the most of their opportunities and penalty corners were even at 8 each.

Westfield State jumped out to a 1-0 lead 2:20 into the contest, with Erin Lane (Canton, Mass.) pushing a shot through traffic about 10 yards out, from the left side to the back post. The

goal came off of a penalty corner, as Lane's initial foray was parried by a Bridgewater defender. Murphy gathered the loose ball and fed it back out to Lane, and her shot worked its way through several players and past BSU goalkeeper Brianna Gagnon (Tewksbury, Mass.) for the 1-0 lead.

"It was really even, I thought Bridgewater played really well," said Brown. "We knew they were going to be a tough opponent. We wanted to have a fast start and sustain it throughout the game."

Bridgewater tied the game late in the first half, capitalizing on a penalty corner, with give and go passing at the top of the circle before Abbie Zuber's (Westport, Mass./Dartmouth) shot from the top of the circle was tipped in at the right post by Lexi James (Ipswich, Mass.).

Westfield State midfielder Abby Clark (Uxbridge, Mass.) was named the Tournament MVP.

"She's been a key player for us, she gets things done, and above all else

elevates the energy level of the team, said Brown of Clark's performance. "When she's out there she's our biggest hustler, she works really hard. It was a very fitting award for her."

Gagnon finished with 11 saves for the Bears, while Gnaidek made two saves for the Owls.

Bridgewater finishes its season at 10-9.

Westfield will make its first NCAA Tournament appearance since the Owls hosted the inaugural NCAA Division III Tournament final four in 1981. The Owls will learn their destination and opponent on Sunday night at 9:30 p.m. on a livestream shot on NCAA.com.

"We want to be a team that's not only just strong in the MASCAC but strong in the region," said Brown. "And I think in order to do that you have to compete in the NCAA tournament and keep improving each and every season. I'm really excited and excited to see how we'll do."

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1. Schoolhouse tool
7. Martens
13. Slags
14. One who scrapes
16. Centiliter
17. White wine
19. Of I
20. Former Syracuse great Warrick
22. Relating to the ear
23. Sandwich shops
25. Victories
26. White (French)
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. Genus of parrots
30. Unhappy
31. Talk incessantly
33. Type of Squad
34. Unit of perceived loudness
36. Violent seizure of property
38. Agave
40. Sound units

CLUES DOWN

1. Cream puff
2. Road open
3. Stressed syllable
4. Thailand's former name
5. Cologne
6. Recounted
7. Garment of cloth
8. Airborne (abbr.)
9. Reproduced
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. "Westworld" actor Harris
12. Smallest interval in Western music
13. Unstressed central vowel
15. Lives in
18. When you expect to get somewhere
21. Storage bags
24. One who covers with plastic
26. Cast out

CLUES DOWN

27. Automobile
30. Repaired shoe
32. Belonging to the bottom layer
35. Possesses
37. Soda
38. Programs
39. In an unexpected way
42. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
43. For each
46. Unbelief
47. Seized or impaled
49. Arrive on the scene
50. Especially happy
52. Classic western film
54. Split pulses
55. Frida __: Painter
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59. Employee stock ownership plan
62. Young women's association
63. Frozen water
66. "The First State"
68. Computers need one

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Massachusetts' Disabled Veterans benefit from HERO Act

BOSTON – Ahead of Veterans Day 2024, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles and Executive Office of Veterans Services are reminding veterans they are eligible to receive fee waivers for various transactions at the RMV due to the most comprehensive piece of veterans' legislation in Massachusetts history, which was signed into law by Governor Healey in August 2024.

The HERO Act, An Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing our Servicemembers and Veterans, includes over 30 provisions positively impacting veterans, including specific transactions veterans may conduct at the RMV.

"The expansion of the HERO Act enables us to show additional gratitude toward veterans who served and sacrificed for our country," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. "While these benefits are just a small token, we hope all qualifying individuals will make full use of them in their dealings with the Registry. On behalf of all our MassDOT employees, we say 'thank you' to veterans for your service."

"It is an honor for all of us at the Registry of Motor Vehicles to facilitate the expansion of the HERO Act on behalf of Massachusetts veterans," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "With our service documentation requirements now even more seamless, I encourage disabled veterans and their family members to familiarize themselves with the available benefits and to reach out to us with their questions."

"We're incredibly thankful for our partners at MassDOT for supporting the HERO Act's provisions that bring real relief to our disabled veterans," said Secretary Jon Santiago of the Executive Office of Veterans Services. "Waiving these fees is a concrete step toward easing the daily burdens veterans face, and from excise tax exemptions to waived license fees, we're working to show that Massachusetts stands firmly committed to them."

Every motor vehicle registered in Massachusetts is subject to the annual excise tax, unless exempted. Under the HERO Act expansion, all Massachusetts residents who qualify as a disabled veteran are now eligible to receive the excise tax exemption. To qualify, they must present a letter from the U.S. Veterans Affairs Office to the city or town where their vehicle is garaged.

In addition, disabled veterans are no longer required to pay a vehicle registration fee for any vehicle registered in their name. Previously, this benefit could only be applied to one vehicle registered in their name. Also, all of these veterans are no longer required to pay a transaction fee for a passenger driver's license or for a passenger driver's license renewal.

A disabled veteran is determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to either have a combined service-connected disability rating of 100 percent or be individually unemployable due to their service-connected disability.

The legislation signed into law by Governor Healey in August 2024 increases benefits, modernizes services and promotes inclusivity for veterans in Massachusetts. In addition to provisions impacting veterans who drive, the legislation expands access to behavioral health treatment, supports businesses that hire veterans, updates the definition of a veteran, expands the Veterans Equality Review Board's scope, and codifies medical and dental benefits.

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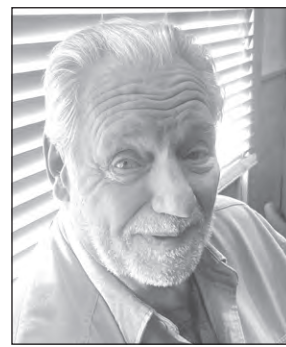
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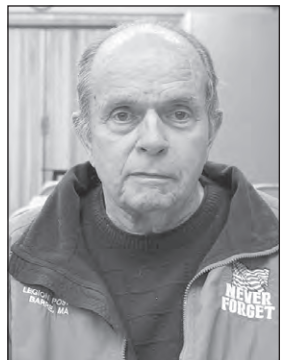
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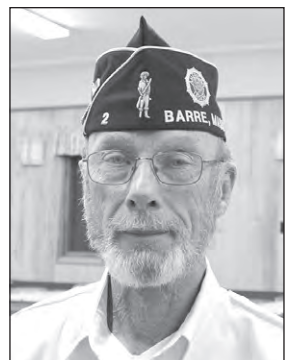
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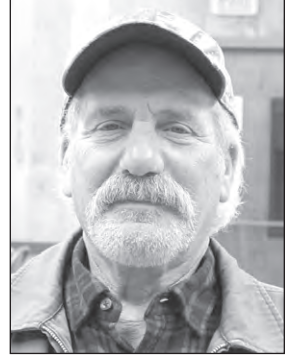
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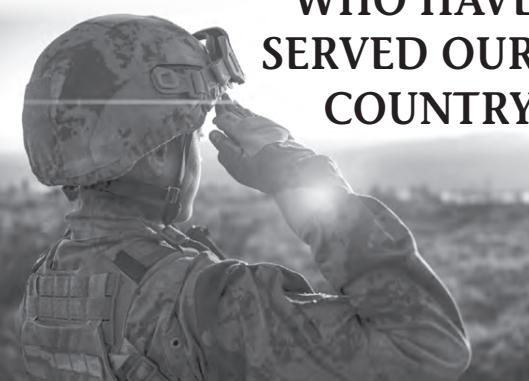


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Some people call me Old Glory,
Others call me the Star Spangled
Banner, but whatever they call me,
I am your Flag, the Flag of the
United States of America.
Something has been bothering me,
So I thought that I might talk it
Over with you, because it's about
You and me.

I remember some time ago people
Lined both sides of the street to
Watch the parade and naturally I
Was leading the parade proudly
Waving in the breeze. When your
Daddy saw me coming he immediately
Removed his hat and placed it against
His left shoulder so that the hand was
directly over his heart. Remember?

And you, I remember you standing
There straight as a soldier, you
Didn't have a hat, but you were
Giving the right salute.
Remember little sister? Not to be
Outdone she was saluting, her right
Hand over her heart too. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same
Old flag. Oh, I may have a few more
Stars since those parades of long ago.

But now, I don't feel so proud as I
Used to. When I came down your street
You just stand there with your hand in
Your pockets, and I may get a small
Glance and then you look away.

Then I see children
Running around and shouting,
They don't seem to know who
I am. I saw one man take his
Hat off, and then look around,
He didn't see anybody else
With theirs off, so he quickly
Put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic
Anymore? Have you forgotten
What I stand for and where
I have been, Anzio, Korea,
Guadalcanal, Vietnam, Iraq,
Afghanistan.

Take a look at the memorials
And honor rolls sometime, of
Those who never came back to
Keep this republic free, ONE
NATION UNDER GOD. When you
Salute me, stand up you're
Saluting them.

Well it won't be long until
I'll be coming down your
Street again. So, when you
See me, strand up straight,
Place your hand over your
Heart, and I will salute
You by waving back and I'll
Know That You Remember!

POEMS BY

— **Hank Houghton**
President, AVIP/VVA Chapter 294
Retired Staff Sergeant, 82nd Airborne,
U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran

The Prayer

I head a soldier as he knelt and prayed, and here is
what he
Said:
God Bless, our buddies; who now lay dead.
We don't know what you have in mind, but when you
judge them
Please be kind.
When they come before you they'll be poorly dressed;
but they'll
Walk proudly, for they did their best.
Their boots will be muddy and their clothes will be
torn, but
These are the clothes they have proudly worn.
Their faces will be unshaven and stained with blood;
their lips
Will be cracked and caked with mud.
Their hearts will be still and cold inside; but they
fought like
Hell and did with pride.
So please, take care of them as they pass your way, for
the price
Of freedom they've already paid.
This one last thing we ask in your name, Bless and
keep them
In your Heavenly Hall of Fame.

The U.S. Veteran

A Nation grateful for duty call,
The job, well done by one and all,
They had done their best without a word,
With strength and valor their songs we heard.

Least we forget their deeds were done,
We cherish them all, each and every one,
The hopes and dreams were shattered too,
All for a cloth, Red, White and Blue.

On foreign soil their best was shown,
Defending land that they did not own,
For love and sweethearts they may never see,
The fight they have to set a strangers free.

Too many bodies new homes were found,
We call these places, "Hallowed Ground."
To the ones still living we must also share,
To those grounds, Our Loving Care!

May we always remember to honor them all,
The one's who stood and the ones who fell.
Just remember their stories and never forget,
They are known to us all, "As The U.S. Vet."

Town erects memorial honoring veterans

By **Emily-Rose Pappas**
Staff Writer

RUTLAND – The Police Department hosted a special ceremony on the town common to commemorate a new panel of veterans who earned the Honor Roll.

The panel highlights those who fought in the War on Terror and beyond, and features many men and women who served, honoring their service and sacrifice.

Eagle Scout Liam Dearden worked to refurbish the monument alongside the American Legion Post 310, for his Eagle Scout project

Among the many men and women on the Honor Roll, Stephen Winters was at the commemoration. He served for 32 years and was a part of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron during 9/11.

"I hope [those in attendance] get the understanding of the sacrifice of all veterans," Winters said. "It's really pleasing to see all the people here today. Veterans Day is very important to me."

There were many more veterans in attendance, and there were a few in active service.

At the beginning of the service, Arya Monaco stunned the audience with her beautiful voice as she sang the National Anthem.

Pastor David Fish of First Congregational Church gave a touching prayer and message, and many members of the town board were present to share messages of thanks for the service of these brave men and women.

U.S. Army Colonel Corey Critchley and U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Jon "Ed" Novak gave speeches about what their service meant to them, and thanked family and friends for their unwavering support.

The memorial stands proudly on the town common outside the church and anyone can go and read the names of all who received an Honor Roll from many wars. The brave men and women who served our country are valuable and deserve to be remembered for all time.

Kia

Years have passed,
Our hearts still sore,
As time goes on we miss you more,
Of grief and sorrow we've had to share,
But the parting from you,
Was the hardest to bear!

Poor Is The Nation That Has No Heroes.
Shameful Is The Nation That Having Forgets!

Freedom

No matter what my fellow Americans say or do,
I'm writing here to give this message to you,
I love my Country and the people therein,
I'll fight for my Freedom; I know that we'll win,
I'll fight for their rights to say what they will,
I'll never condemn them for the anger they spill,
The freedom of speech; the freedom to protest,
This Freedom is what makes our Country the best,
So if you wonder what actions is best here at home,
Remember YOUR SOLDIERS out there all alone,
Please practice these freedoms while I'm over here,
I'm willing to give my life for a Country I hold most dear,

And while I'm gone on this mission for you,
Please care for my loved ones; they've sacrificed too.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Saturday, Oct. 26
6:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Worcester Road, No Police Service Necessary
6:45 p.m. Harassment, Summer Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, Oct. 27
1:08 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non Police, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:03 p.m. Keep the Peace, Elm South Street, Peace Restored

Monday, Oct. 28
5:31 a.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fire, Hawes Hill Road, Fire Extinguished
12:26 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, North Brookfield Road, Mutual Aid Transport
3:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Gauthier Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Tuesday, Oct. 29
1:02 a.m. Follow-Up Investigation, Williamsville Road, Area Patrolled
6:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Hubbardston Road, Transported to Hospital
7:36 a.m. Assist Other Police

Department, North Brookfield Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
10:27 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, South Street, Transported to Hospital
12:21 p.m. Public Assist, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party
1:34 p.m. Harassment, Barre Police Headquarters, Information Taken
1:45 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Old Dana Road, Fire Extinguished
2:47 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Report Filed
7:09 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Old Dana Road, Officer/Chief Advised
9:41 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, South Barre Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Wednesday, Oct. 30
11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Written Warning
12:44 p.m. Public Assist, South Street, Public Assist
2:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Church Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Oct. 31
12:06 a.m. Open Door or Window, Exchange Street, Officer Spoke to Party
1:09 a.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Medical Alarm, Ruggles Lane, Transported to Hospital
11:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Old Hardwick Road, Mutual Aid Transport
2:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital
6 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact
6:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Barre Road, Written Warning
7:02 p.m. Noise Complaint, Worcester Road, Officer/Chief Advised
10:07 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Valley Road, Removed Hazard

SOUTH BARRE

Sunday, Oct. 27
8:57 a.m. Keep the Peace, Elm South Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Oct. 30
1:28 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Elm South Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Thursday, Oct. 31
2:12 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, Oakham Road, Referred to Other Agency

Hubbardston Police Log

Saturday, Oct. 26
12 a.m. Noise Complaint, Old Westminster Road, Negative Contact
3:26 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Templeton, Officer Spoke to Party
6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Williamsville Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, Oct. 27
12:35 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, High Bridge Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
Summons Durant, Thomas Leroy Jr., 50, Hubbardston
Charges Leave Scene of Property Damage
2:01 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Joanna Drive, Fire Extinguished
2:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Mt. Jefferson Road, Officer Took Call
3:09 p.m. Keep the Peace, Gardner Road, Public Assist
5:31 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Monday, Oct. 28
5:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Prentiss Hill Road, Public Assist
5:31 a.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Hawes Hill Road, Fire Extinguished
8:19 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Main Street, Entry Gained
3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, Oct. 29
7:59 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, New Templeton Road, Negative Contact
8:44 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Bemis Road, Transported to Hospital
9:32 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Report Filed
10:08 a.m. Home Invasion, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
10:35 a.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
3:45 p.m. Be On the Look Out,

Grimes Road, Area Search Negative

Wednesday, Oct. 30
4:43 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact
7:07 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Mt. Jefferson Road, Investigation (On-Going)

Thursday, Oct. 31
7:42 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, New Templeton Road, Transported to Hospital
8:50 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Mt. Jefferson Road, Vehicle Towed
10:58 a.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/Arcing, Bemis Road, Referred to Other Agency
5:21 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Verbal Warning
7:03 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Gordie Lane, Peace Restored
8:18 p.m. Erratic Operator, Plum Tree Lane, No Action Required

Oakham Police Log

Saturday, Oct. 26
9:53 a.m. Public Assist, Oakham Police Department, Public Assist
2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hunt Road, Written Warning
6:39 p.m. Abandoned Vehicles/Parking Issues, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
6:47 p.m. Abandoned Vehicles/Parking Issues, Coldbrook Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, Oct. 27
1:26 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact
2:01 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Joanna Drive, Fire Extinguished
6:29 p.m. Escort/Transport,

Parmenter Road, Public Assist

Monday, Oct. 28
5:31 a.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Hawes Hill Road, Fire Extinguished
12:35 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Parmenter Road, Message Delivered
10:57 p.m. Safety Concern, Crawford Road, Located/Found

Tuesday, Oct. 29
1:05 p.m. Illegal Burn, South Road, Extinguished
8:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 30
10:35 a.m. Assist Other Police

Department, New Braintree, Mutual Aid Assist
5:07 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issue, Mount Jefferson Road, Investigation (On-Going)
5:56 p.m. Assist Other Agency/Non-Police, National Grid, Public Assist

Thursday, Oct. 31
10:48 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Crawford Road, Referred to Other Agency
11:17 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, East Hill Road, Officer/Chief Advised
2:45 p.m. Larceny or Theft, North Brookfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised
4:06 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Ware Corner Road, Fire Extinguished

Rutland Police Log

Saturday, Oct. 25
1:21 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Holden, Negative Contact
10:46 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Jamie Ann Drive, Returned to Family/Guardian
12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
6:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Kalloch Drive, Transported to Hospital
9:11 p.m. Noise Complaint, Grizzly Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
10:51 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Unfounded

Sunday, Oct. 26
12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning
7:55 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Nancy Drive, Transported to Hospital
12:08 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Worcester, Officer Spoke to Party
12:25 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Jamie Ann Drive, Fire Extinguished
1:26 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Negative Contact

1:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Mutual Aid Ambulance, West Brookfield, Mutual Aid Transport
2:01 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Joanna Drive, Fire Extinguished
4:15 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, East County Road, Investigated

Monday, Oct. 27
2:02 a.m. Open Door or Window, Main Street, Building Checked/Secured
5:31 a.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Hawes Hill Road, Fire Extinguished
5:35 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital
6:37 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Edson Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
11:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
12:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Miles Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons Acquaye, Kelvin Samuel, 30, Worcester
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating

Motor Vehicle with, Unregistered in Motor Vehicle
1:06 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Message Delivered
2:54 p.m. Court Duty, Gardner District Court, Court Duty
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:57 p.m. Safety Concerns, Crawford Road, Located/Found

Tuesday, Oct. 29
6:32 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:35 a.m. Animal – Wildlife, East County Road, Information Taken
10:33 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
10:47 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pioneer Circle, Report Filed
11:47 a.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Negative Contact
12:52 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Barre Paxton Road, Report Filed
2:08 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Phillips Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5:01 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, Pleasantdale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5:04 p.m. Harassment, Charnock Hill Road, Report Filed
6:27 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Glenwood Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:22 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
10:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Woodside Avenue, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 30
7:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Criminal Complaint
Summons Mohamed, Michael O., 24, Worcester
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle with, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Main Street, Party Departed without Incident
1:05 p.m. Gunshots, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
3:39 p.m. Identity Theft, Pleasantdale Road, Report Filed
4:04 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ridgewood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
5:07 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issue, Mt. Jefferson Road, Investigation (On-Going)
6:05 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:42 p.m. Gunshots, East County Road, Area Search Negative
8:58 p.m. Safety Concern, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Oct. 31
12:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Vehicle Towed
Summons Foley, Nijel Shain, 25, Barre
Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle
5:25 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Birchwood Road, Transported to Hospital
7:06 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Birchwood Road, Report Filed
11:41 a.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Barre Paxton Road, Entry Gained
12:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Intervale Road, Officer Spoke to Party
1:13 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to Party
1:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Oakridge Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:16 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Prison Camp Road, Property Returned
5:27 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Information Taken
6 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Report Filed
6:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service, Glenwood Drive, No Fire Service Necessary
6:39 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Birchwood Road, Fire Extinguished
10:51 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Nov. 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 33 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, three radar assignments, two traffic controls, 14 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, one assist other agency, one safety hazard, one illegal dumping, two complaints, three fires, two missing persons, three investigations, two animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Nov. 4
9:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Nov. 5
7:43 a.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
10:56 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital
2:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Voice Message Left
3:24 p.m. Investigation, Lyman Road, Officer Handled
4:17 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Spoken To
4:35 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
5:27 p.m. Investigation, Broad Street, Services Rendered

6:20 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Service Rendered
7:06 p.m. 911 Fire/Illegal Burn, Broad Street, Extinguished
7:09 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
7:24 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Broad Street, Dispatch Handled

Wednesday, Nov. 6
7:43 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ridge Road, Dispatch Handled
9:05 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
5:31 p.m. Missing Person, Hardwick Road, Dispatch Handled
6:21 p.m. Missing Person, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Nov. 7
8:06 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital
1:28 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled
6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Spoken To
7:06 p.m. Fire/Other, North Street, Extinguished
11:40 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital

Vehicles
11:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Main Street, Party Departed without Incident
1:05 p.m. Gunshots, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
3:39 p.m. Identity Theft, Pleasantdale Road, Report Filed
4:04 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ridgewood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
5:07 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issue, Mt. Jefferson Road, Investigation (On-Going)
6:05 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Barre Paxton Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:42 p.m. Gunshots, East County Road, Area Search Negative
8:58 p.m. Safety Concern, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Nov. 8
8:31 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital
11:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
1:08 p.m. Assist Citizen, Collins Road, Voice Message Left
6:57 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, Nov. 9
1:22 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital
10:45 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Simpson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
12:04 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled
5:06 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
10:49 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Patril Hollow Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Nov. 10
2:23 p.m. 911 Fire/Illegal Burn, Main Street, Investigated
3:43 p.m. 911 Complaint, Collins Road, Spoken To
4:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Goddard Road, Transported to Hospital

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Nov. 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 10 building/property checks, 24 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, two traffic controls, five emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, two assist other agencies, two complaints, one fraud, one safety hazard, four animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Nov. 4
1:12 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Officer Handled
2:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
4:47 p.m. Medical Emergency, Sibley Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 5
10:06 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, Nov. 6
2:31 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Thursday, Nov. 7
12:37 p.m. Fraud, Padre Road, Officer Handled
1:03 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
4:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Friday, Nov. 8
3:40 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Oakham Road, Officer

Handled
Saturday, Nov. 9
9:39 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
9:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barr Road, Officer Handled
4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
5:16 p.m. Safety Hazard, Wine Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, Nov. 10
2:54 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered
4:27 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, West Brookfield Road, Unfounded
10:24 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

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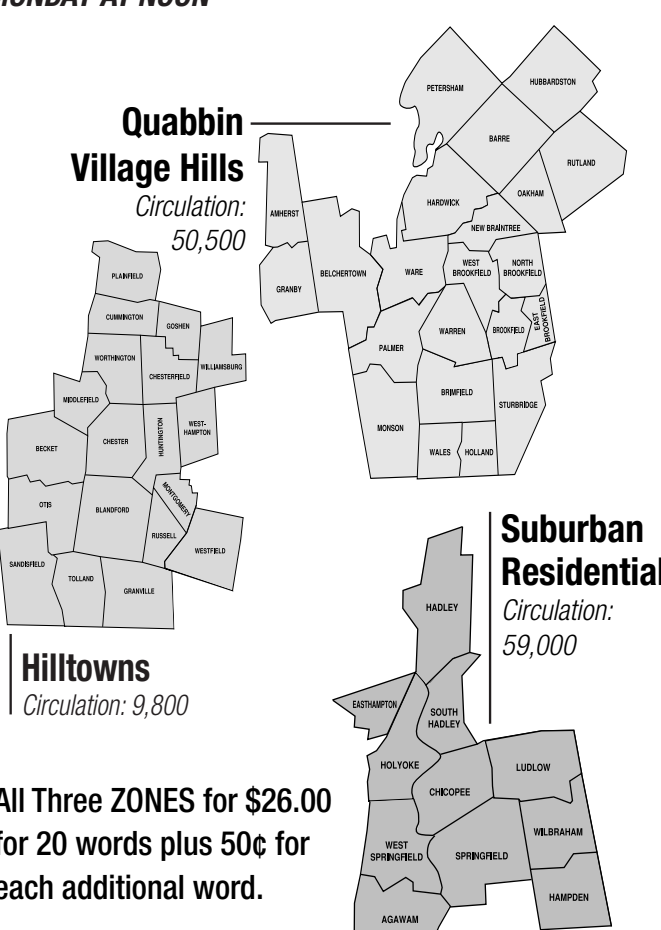
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