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Shown standing from left to right are Steven Hosley, Tim McGee, Al Marchiony and Amanda Hosley at a spaghetti dinner at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club.

Rod & Gun Club supper benefits toy drive

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – The South Barre Rod & Gun Club hosted a spaghetti dinner this past weekend to benefit the upcoming Stuff a Cruiser toy drive.

Organizing the event was Amanda Hosley, who was helping in the food line during the spaghetti supper. The South Barre Rod & Gun Club has been running this fundraiser for the last five years and Hosley has seen it grow over the years.

“It’s coming back better than ever,” Hosley said.

Money raised from the spaghetti dinner and the raffle going on during dinner will go towards the purchase of toys for the toy drive. These toys go to children in New Braintree, Hardwick and Barre. There was a total of nine prizes being raffled off during dinner time and a 50/50 raffle was also held.

Hosley said last year’s toy drive benefitted 36 kids in Hardwick and New Braintree. Joining

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Raffle prizes were up for grabs to help benefit the toy drive.

Board approves single tax rate

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – The Barre Select Board on the recommendation of the Board of Assessors approved a single tax rate, residential factor of one and none of the three exemptions at the Fiscal Year 2026 tax classification hearing held on Monday, Nov. 17.

Jesse Warren, Administrative Assessor, said the Board of Assessors vote unanimously to recommend

a single, residential factor of one, tax rate. He said 90% of the town was residential and the commercial and industrial percentages were small. This was the same classification from the previous year.

The Assessors also voted no to the residential properties exemption, small commercial exemption and vacant space discount. He said the residential properties exemption shifted a higher burden to vacation

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ConComm requests wetland bylaw change

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OAKHAM – Sean Seeley said the Conservation Commission voted to upgrade a new wetland protection by law and to present it to the Select Board.

He said at the Monday, Nov. 10 Select Board meeting the proposed bylaw had additional protection beyond state requirements. He requested it be sent to Town Counsel for review.

Select Board Chairman Donald Haapakoski said a copy should be sent to the Finance Committee as they act in an advisory capacity

on all things to be voted at a Town Meeting. Any by law change must be voted at a Town Meeting. Town Counsel would review the by law article and approve or amend it before the posting of warrant articles.

There was some discussion if the town ever accepted the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, section 18 chapter 1.2. The legislature enacted the law in 1957 so the research would need to go back to that year. They will check with the Town Clerk. If town did not adopt it, adoption would need to be voted at a Town

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Mission trip supports Ukraine children

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BROOKFIELD – A local shared some information regarding a mission trip to Ukraine to support orphaned children.

A local organization, S.O.N.G., Inc. (Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc.) is a 501 ©(3) nonprofit organization founded by Michele and Wally Connor of Brookfield. The couple started the charity back in 1998, and it went by the name Socks for Siberia.

Wally Connor shared the story of how the charity first started. The couple was visiting Russia in the late 1990s, and they came across a children’s home where kids had poor clothing. The kids also had no toys to play with.

Wanting to do something

for the kids, the couple was able to send a shipment of clothing. Socks for Siberia operated for 20 years and helped enrich the lives of orphaned children in south central Siberia. The organization’s charitable efforts also consisted of sending Christmas gifts and toys to the children.

This organization went across various regions of Siberia to help kids in need. After reorganizing to S.O.N.G., Inc., members of the organization have worked in Ukraine, Pakistan, South Africa, and the Philippines. S.O.N.G., Inc. also provides support for foster children in Massachusetts.

The charity was reorganized as S.O.N.G., Inc. as the organizers wanted to expand and provide support in other countries. Since deciding to go global with its mission, S.O.N.G., Inc. has established partnerships with orphanages and shelters in Pakistan, South Africa, Ukraine and the

Philippines.

Tim Kane of Brookfield is a Support Coordinator at S.O.N.G., Inc. and will be going on a mission trip in Ukraine for the month of November. What got Kane involved came from him following the ongoing conflict that is happening Ukraine that started back in 2022.

Witnessing a lot of the suffering of innocent women and children gave Kane the feeling that he could do something to help. Kane began searching for organizations and found S.O.N.G., Inc., which is based in Brookfield.

His parents knew Wally Connor, and they soon connected and Kane was able to join the organization.

During the mission trip, Kane said he will be traveling all over western cities in Ukraine. Kane will be providing support and direct aid to orphanages and youth pro-

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Submitted photo

The Weir River Jazz offers a free holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center in Gilbertville.

Weir River music groups give free concerts

GILBERTVILLE – The Weir River Jazz will play “Tunes for the Tinsel,” a relaxing concert of holiday favorites Big Band style, on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Route 32.

The fourteen-member

brass, woodwind, percussion and vocal ensemble is conducted by veteran and music educator John P. Sacco.

The Weir River Concert Band, a full traditional community band, will perform its Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2

p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center. Program highlights include “Sleigh Ride” by Leroy Anderson, “Gabriel’s Oboe” by Ennio Morricone and the medley “Christmas on Broadway” arranged by John Higging.

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ROUND TOWN

by Ellenor Downer
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Candy Cane Fair set for Dec. 6

The parish of St. Francis of Assisi will once again take part in Christmas in Barre with their newly named Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall on South Street.

The Candy Cane Fair will be filled with handmade crafts perfect for gifts and the ever-popular theme baskets, bake shoppe and hot cocoa bar plus fun games for the children free of charge. There will be a raffle of a handmade quilt titled: "Sparkling Chrysanthemum" made by Beth Cunningham. Its measurers 66" X 66." The grand prize raffle top prize is \$1,000 cash; second is 100 gallons of fuel oil from R. J. McDonalds and third prize is a little girls dream doll house handcrafted by Gordon Robinson. The Candy Cane Committee announces that Anthony from Cash for Gold will be at the fair to buy broken gold and silver and platinum jewelry. He will also give you the best price on gold or silver coins and bullion and natural diamonds. The ever popular newly new costume jewelry table returns. People should also be sure to check out the silent auction table.

Cookie sale and gift table

Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold their annual Christmas cookie sale and gift tables on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St. Cookies are sold by the pond. People can pick their favorites.

Handbell choir

Woods Memorial Library invites the community to enjoy a morning of handbell music on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m. This special event will feature a live performance by the Hardwick Memorial Handbell Choir, whose repertoire showcases the elegance, precision and beauty of handbell ringing. Following the performance, audience members will have the opportunity to participate in a hands-on demonstration and experience the joy of ringing the bells themselves under the guidance of the performers.

This free program is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, people may call the library at 978-355-2533 or visit barrelibrary.org.

Christmas in Barre Craft Fair

The Christmas in Barre Craft Fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., in the cafeteria and middle school gym. The Festival of Trees is Friday, Dec. 5 from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St.

No. 4 Schoolhouse raffle

The No. 4 Schoolhouse will be selling raffle tickets at the Christmas in Barre Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St. This is a major fundraiser for the non-profit. Raffle ticket pricing for this outstanding collection of items cost \$5 each, or \$10 for three chances and \$20 for 10 tickets.

Annual wreath sale

The Barre Congregational Church annual wreath sale is underway. Wreaths are \$30, Kissing Balls are \$35. People may pick out bow color and decorations. Orders must be placed by Sunday, Nov 23. Wreaths will be picked up or delivered the weekend after Thanksgiving. If people would like to order a wreath, they may call Wendy Isgro at 978-928-5180. The wreath sale is an annual fundraiser for the Women's Fellowship. There is always room for help if people would like to come and decorate, deliver, or help clean up after, the ladies would appreciate the help.

Holiday Fair

The annual Holiday Fair sponsored by the Women's Fellowship will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St. There will be quilt and basket raffles, craft vendors, a baked goods, candy table, wreaths and a corn chowder and sandwich lunch available to purchase. Potential vendors can call 978-355-4041 and leave a message.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish holds Candy Corn Fair Dec. 6

BARRE— The parish of St. Francis of Assisi will once again take part in Christmas in Barre with their newly named Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall on South Street.

The Candy Cane Fair will be filled with handmade crafts perfect for gifts and the ever-popular theme baskets, bake shoppe and hot cocoa bar plus fun games for the children free of charge.

There will be a raffle of a handmade quilt titled: "Sparkling Chrysanthemum" made by Beth Cunningham. Its measurers 66" X 66." It is a stunning quilt perfect for every home, both classic or contemporary.

Quilt raffle tickets will be available at the Holiday Craft Fair at Quabbin Regional High School Cafeteria on Saturday, Nov. 29 and tickets for the grand prize raffle will also be available at the Craft Fair. The top prize is \$1,000 Cash; second is 100 gallons of fuel oil from R. J. McDonalds and third prize is a little girls dream doll house handcrafted by Gordon Robinson. Tickets for both the quilt and the



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This quilt "Sparkling Chrysanthemum" made by Beth Cunningham will be raffled off at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Candy Corn Fair on Dec. 6.

grand raffle will of course be sold at the Candy Cane Fair.

The Candy Cane Committee announces Anthony from Cash for Gold will be at the fair to buy broken gold and silver and platinum jewelry. He will also give you the best price on gold or silver coins and bullion and

natural diamonds. This is the only fair where people can walk out with a check.

The ever popular newly new costume jewelry table returns. People should also be sure to check out the silent auction table, word has it that they have a wood/leaf chipper to auction off.

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. 24. 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 – Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, apple crisp, diet = applesauce, whole wheat bread

TUESDAY – Pork rib-i-que, mac n cheese, green beans, cold baked apples,

sandwich roll

WEDNESDAY – Beef stir fry, steamed rice, broccoli, chocolate mousse, pumpernickel bread

THURSDAY – Thanksgiving Day No meals served

FRIDAY – Chicken cranberry salad, pasta salad, three bean salad, fresh fruit, hot dog roll

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

Historical Society Thanksgiving market

HUBBARDSTON – The Thanksgiving Farmers Market and bake sale sponsored by the Hubbardston Historical Society will be held at Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road on Sunday, Nov. 23 from noon-3 p.m.

It will be held rain, snow or shine. There will be food and more for the holidays from local farmers. Items include organic vegetables and fruits from Still Life Farm, local frozen lamb, and Merino wool from Greenwood Hill Farm; maple syrup products from Rich Brodmerkle's farm; macarons from Studio Macarons; jams, jellies, small pumpkins, eggs, cookies, sour-dough bread, chili, hot butternut squash soup for your lunch from Ladybug Farm; honey products from Honeyberry Farm;

decorative gourds, ornaments, crocheted items from Joyce Brousseau; wines from Hubbardston's



Submitted photo

Williamsville Chapel will be the location for the Hubbardston Historical Society Thanksgiving Farmers Market on Sunday, Nov. 23 from noon-3 p.m.

Wachusett Vineyards and bake sale with pies, breads and other goodies to benefit the Hubbardston Historical Society.

People can enjoy hot apple cider or coffee while warming up by the wood

stove. They may also support the Hubbardston Historical Society by taking a chance to win a basket of items provided by the vendors. For more information, people may call Cathy Hansgate, market manager at 978-928-3731.



OAKHAM

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Lessons and Carols takes place Dec. 14

The 29th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will take place Sunday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road. The chorus along with an orchestra will present "Rise Up A New Light Is Coming" by Lloyd Larson and Pamela Martin. Refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall after the performance in the church sanctuary.

Harvest and Holly Fair

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

Senior Center news

Senior pen pal letters to the students are due back at the library by Thursday, Nov 20. Bemis workshop, a dried flower boxwood tree, will be at the Oakham Fire Station Tuesday, Nov 25 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$15.

On Friday, Nov. 14 at noon the Council on Aging meets. On Tuesday, Nov 25 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits information will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome; there is no age restrictions.

On going activities include: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-noon puzzling, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. walking group (meet at senior center); Tuesday through Thursdays 11am. walking group (meet at senior center). For walking groups, people may ask to be added to the text MSG group by calling the senior center at 508-882-4073 and leaving their cell phone number.

Other activities include Wednesdays at 9 a.m.: Zumba Gold in the Rutland Senior Center - \$3 donation/class; Thursdays at noon: Weigh in at the Senior Center support weight loss group

Fridays at 10.30 a.m. and Functional Fitness at the New Braintree Town Hall - \$3 donation/class.

Hot lunches are offered at the Senior Center dining area Monday through Thursday at 11.30 a.m. Reservations are needed at least two days in advance and can be made through the Congregate Meal Coordinator from 9 a.m.-12.15p.m. by calling 508-882-4072.

If people can't get to the Senior Center to make reservations or sign up or for more information on offerings, they may call the Senior Center 508-882-4073 and leave a message or email COA@Oakham-MA.gov.

Historical Society seeks 'Lights of Love' donations

RUTLAND – The Rutland Historical Society will hold their annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. on the Common.

The Rutland Historical Society needs help with the Lights of Love. People may send their name and address and the names of those you wish to place in memory, to honor or to celebrate along with a donation to the Rutland Historical Society, P.O. Box 69, Rutland, MA 01543. They appreciate the support.

Editorial deadline reminder

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

"Holiday Fair"



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Quabbin Regional School District Committee – Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Dec. 2 and Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Dec. 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Dec. 8 at 5 p.m.
 Water Commission – Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Dec. 11 and Jan. 22, 2026 at 11 a.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

HARDWICK

Planning Board – Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Dec. 3 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
 Hubbardston Cultural Council – Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Planning Board – Dec. 17 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen – Nov. 24, Dec. 8 and Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Select Board – Nov. 20, Nov. 25, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m.
 Petersham Historic District – Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.
 Advisory Finance Committee – Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Open Space and Recreation Committee – Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Conservation Commission – Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Dec. 5 at 9 a.m.
 Council on Aging – Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Dec. 9 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Planning Board – Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m.
 Select Board – Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.
 Rutland Planning Board Hearing – Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.



Submitted photos

A group from Grandview Terrace and the Barre Housing Authority enjoyed a visit from State Housing Authority Secretary Edward M. Augustus

Secretary Augustus visits Grandview Terrace

BARRE – Secretary Augustus made a trip to Grandview Terrace, Ruggles Lane, recently to meet with tenants and discuss public housing.

State Housing Authority Secretary Edward M. Augustus, third from left, paid a visit to the Barre Housing Authority's Grandview Terrace.



Silver Sneakers winter walking challenge

BARRE – With the Winter Olympics coming in February, the Barre/Hardwick Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, is kicking off the new year with an exciting and inspiring challenge designed to keep seniors active, connected, and motivated throughout the winter months.

Beginning Jan. 5 at 9 a.m., the Silver Sneakers on the Move Walking Club will launch a collective goal to walk 3,000 miles, the distance from Barre, Massachusetts to Los Angeles, California. Participants will walk indoors throughout the winter season, logging their individual steps and miles using fitness trackers such as Fitbits.

All progress will contribute toward the group's shared mileage goal, allowing participants to virtually "travel" across the country together. They can walk at their convenience. Walking sessions will run every day from 7:45 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center. The program is open to all walking abilities, encouraging every participant to move at their own pace while contributing to the community challenge.

"Our goal is to keep our seniors active, engaged, and excited," said Betty-Jo O'Brien, COA/Senior Center Director. "This challenge not only promotes physical fitness, but also builds commu-

nity spirit. Every mile brings us closer both to Los Angeles and to one another."

Throughout the journey, they will track participants miles on a large map, celebrate milestones and cheer on fellow walkers as the group moves westward mile by mile. This initiative encourages healthy habits, social connection and a fun sense of adventure without ever leaving Barre.

For more information or to join the Silver Sneakers on the Move Walking Club, people may call the Barre Senior Center at 978-355-5004. They hope to have at least 20 participants joining them. All are welcome.

White Christmas takes place on Dec. 7

WEST BROOKFIELD – The 33rd annual White Christmas celebration takes place on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

There will be fun for folks of all ages going on throughout the day. All are encouraged to come out and enjoy the town's annual kick-off of the holiday season by touring the historic town, strolling the downtown district, exploring local businesses and open houses, decorating

gingerbread houses in the Great Hall, meeting Santa for a quick picture, as well dropping off those letters headed directly to the North Pole.

There will be horse drawn carriage rides throughout the day as well as shopping with dozens of vendors set up throughout town. A puppet show, an elf hunt and ice carvings are sure to keep everyone's spirits high. There will be plenty for the entire family to come and enjoy.

If they are lucky, people may just see Father Christmas strolling the streets and greeting the visitors in town. Stick around to close the day with a holiday concert at 6:15 a.m. located in the Great Hall of the Town hall to hear some lovely voices, courtesy of the Saint Thomas Aquinas School Choir. Parking is available free throughout town and shuttle services are available outside Gavitt Wire.

HUBBARDSTON

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Farmers' Market happens Nov. 23

Thanksgiving Farmers' Market sponsored by the Hubbardston Historical Society, takes place Sunday, Nov. 23 from noon-3 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel. Nine local farms are selling organic vegetables, fruit, eggs, honey, maple syrup, holiday painted gourds and gifts, sheep wool products and lamb, macaroons, seasonal cookies, hot butternut squash soup, chili, wine and more. Folks may enjoy coffee or hot cider while they browse. It will be held rain, snow or shine. Home baked pies, jams, jellies, bread and other items will be for sale in the bake sale portion of the market, as well as a raffle basket filled with items that the farms supply for the basket. For questions, people may call Cathy Hansgate, market manager, at 978-928-3731.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

All are invited to the annual tree lighting ceremony on the Town Common on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m.

From 5-5:30 p.m., there will be cookies, cocoa and singing holiday carols together. At 5:30 p.m., the lights will be turned on to brighten up the Town Common. There will also be a special appearance from Santa.

Hubbardston Light Fight

The Ninth Annual Light Fight is the first three full weekends of December. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, from 5-9 p.m. each night people can follow the map, check out all the entries and vote for their favorites. For those who want to enter, there are three categories to choose from: Traditional / Classic, Go Big or Stay Home, Brightest Bulb Business category. Deadline to enter is Monday, Nov. 24. Paper listings and maps can be found at Hubbardston's One Stop Shop (the gas station). Check out all the competitors on the list, people have the first three weekends to check them all out and vote. Voting will close on Monday, Dec. 22.

Eastern Star to hold cookie sale, gift tables

BARRE – Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold their annual Christmas cookie sale and gift tables on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St.

Cookies are sold by the pond. People can pick their favorites.

New Braintree Library holds story time Nov. 24

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering a Story Time for preschoolers on Monday Nov. 24 at 11:30 a.m.

The readings will include "Biscuit is Thankful" by Diane Mayr and "Run, Turkey, Run" by Alyssa S Capucilli. Parental supervision is required. T

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Holiday Fair is Saturday

HARDWICK – St. Augustine's Mission, 98 Church Lane in Wheelwright, will be holding a Holiday Fair in the church hall on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be handmade crafts, theme baskets, baked goods and raffles. A light lunch will also be available.

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at edowner@turley.com or call 413-283-8393. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

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Opinion



Thanksgiving questions for the Garden Lady

Eva, who has a big vegetable garden in Ware, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "We are supposed to have a low of 27 degrees one night this week. With that said, are my Brussels sprouts going to be OK? I was hoping to harvest them just in time for Thanksgiving." It has been a few years since I have grown Brussels sprouts, but I do remember that they do thrive well into late fall and early winter. A few frosty mornings won't hurt them!

For readers not familiar with Brussel sprout culture, I will elaborate. Brussels sprout seeds are started indoors, around the same time you would start their cousins, broccoli, cabbage or kale.

For me, seeds are sown off heat the first week of April through tax day. They are grown cool but under supplemental light to prevent stretching, and are transplanted once the first set of "true leaves" unfold.

I transplant mine into the cells of a six pack, although individual two or three inch pots are also a good option. Brussels sprouts can be moved into the garden a couple of weeks prior to Memorial Day, where fertile soil and eight-10 hours of direct sun are preferred.

They need to be given a lot more room than their cousins, about nine square feet of growing space per plant! It will pay off!

Placing transplants under floating row covers is smart, and will protect young plants from flea beetles and swede midge, then from various "cabbage" worms. The plants will grow tall over the course of their long growing season and will form buds along the stem.

It is the buds that we harvest, known as the "sprouts" we so enjoy. Experts recommend "topping" the plants in September, or cutting off the first couple of inches of top growth, so that the plant puts all of its energy into the sprouts it already has, making them bigger.

When I grew Brussels

sprouts many years ago, aphid were a big problem. There are a number of varieties that have a spaced branching habit that seem to reduce the population of these pests. "Divino," "Speedia," and "Nautic" are all good choices.

Harvest the half-dollar sized sprouts after the first few frosts and you will be in for a great, sweet treat. Like carrots who endure a little cold, starches turn to sugars and yum!

Personally, I like to roast them for heightened crunch and a little more caramelization. I hope they will be a wonderful part of your family meal, Eva!

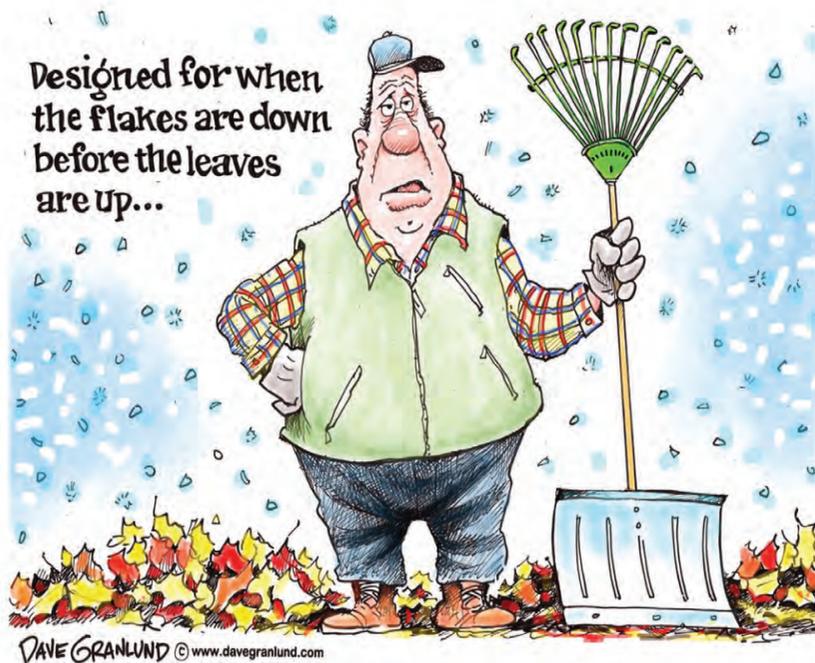
Melissa, who gardens in Palmer, just moved to a house that has a few "highbush cranberries" on her property.

"I was curious if this shrub is a tall version of the Thanksgiving cranberry and if so, if it is edible? The word 'highbush' reminds me of blueberries, so I thought maybe it worked out the same," she asked.

The American cranberry is not to be confused with Viburnum trilobum, an eight-12 foot multistemmed shrub sometimes called highbush cranberry, crampbark, or even cranberry viburnum.

The berries of this native shrub hang in clusters and are orange-red in color. Although they are edible, birds generally find them a whole lot more appealing than we do, and will typically "gobble" them up before winter hits. The shrub typically has great fall interest, too, with foliage that varies in hues of orange, red and purplish red.

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



In Past Pages

5 years (Nov. 26, 2020)

The Rutland Historical Society invites people to join in this year's "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" holiday event Saturday, Dec. and Sunday, Dec. 6. Although Rutland Historical Society's annual Festival of Trees event had to be postponed due to the pandemic, the Rutland Festival of Trees Committee was determined to keep the holiday fun and spirit alive in a safe way. The Rutland Historical Society's Festival of Trees Committee has been busy planning a Santa's Magical Village drive through of holiday displays including an optional drive through visit with Santa and more. Santa's Magical Village will be held at the former Rutland Heights property but will begin at the entrance of Naquag School.

The North Brookfield School Committee listened to opinions on whether or not the district's mascot, and the team name, Indians, should be retired. The committee will vote on it at their December meeting. Earlier in the school year the committee was presented with a petition by North Brookfield residents, and alumni of the school, to change the mascot and team name.

Forty-seven people joined the meeting remotely, most of them to hear opinions regarding the school's mascot. The School Committee invited a panel of eight Native American speakers to the Zoom meeting to share their insights on the school district's mascot, the Indian.

Eventually, the Mass Central Rail Trail will run from Northampton to Boston, and MassDOT has released a feasibility plan detailing what is needed to complete the 68.5 mile section.

Look Back Fiddler on the Roof - 1999



Will Gelinas stars as Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof" at Quabbin Regional High School.

It runs from the end of the Norwotttuck Rail Trail in Belchertown to the I-495 area at the Hudson/Berlin town line, and the state says it is a priority to complete. When the entire trail is built out it will run for 104 miles.

The study focuses on the 68.5 miles that run between Belchertown and Hudson, of which 17.5 miles already exist and 51 miles need to be built out. The state has rated the difficulty level of a number of pieces that still need work, with 20.2 miles rated moderately difficult to implement and 22.4 miles rated as highly difficult. Nine new bridges would be necessary to complete the trail, according to the state.

10 years (Nov. 26, 2015)

The Christmas in Barre Committee decorates the town commons for the holidays. This dedicated group

of volunteers starts planning for the annual Christmas event in the summer. Most the lights are already in place and wait for Santa Claus to make his appearance to turn on the slight switch the first Saturday in December. Sharon Proctor, chair of the committee, states that each member oversees some part of the events. All help with decorating. Judy Ruskowski takes care of the craft fair; Corice Boyer, face painting and balloon animals; Margo Petracone, the parade; Teri Mars, donations and Sandy Hood, publicity.

There's a new girls' basketball boss in town, Quabbinites, and if his past is any indication, he's going to give the Panthers wings in the defensive sense. Recently, Quabbin athletic director Ryan Burnett has been named as the

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Did the Obama-era Social Security tax cuts hurt the program?

Dear Rusty:
I will be retiring early next year, but my question to you is: During the Obama administration, payroll taxes that employees pay were cut in half from 6.2% to 3.1%, while the employer's part stayed the same at 6.2%. This continued for around a year I think. This was an attempt at giving people a tax cut, which I think was a bad idea or maybe the wrong way to have done it. How much damage do you think this may have caused to Social Security?

Signed: Soon to Retire

Dear Soon to Retire:
FYI, the Obama-era cut in the employee portion of FICA payroll taxes and SECA (self-employment tax) was a temporary measure, which has long since

expired. However, the legislation which enabled that cut in employee FICA/SECA taxes also included a provision to replenish the Social Security Trust Funds from the General U.S. Treasury in an amount equal to the estimated loss of tax revenue to the Trust Funds. So, in effect, there was little or no impact on the Social Security Trust Funds.

FYI, the Trustees of Social Security have been projecting for many years that the Social Security reserves would be fully depleted in the mid-2030s, unless Congress takes action to reform the SS program. Unfortunately,



Congress has not yet taken any meaningful action to accomplish that reform and the current projection from the Trustees is that all Social Security reserves will be depleted in about 2033, necessitating an across the board cut of about 21% in everyone's benefit. Time is running short and we see signs that Congress is finally starting to seriously discuss Social Security reform.

At AMAC, we have developed and submitted to various Congressional Representatives a reform plan, which would restore

Social Security to full solvency. People can see AMAC's suggested plan by visiting www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee.

And AMAC is working every day in Washington, D.C. to promote Social Security reform to avoid future cuts in benefits. We believe and hope that Congress will eventually reform the Social Security program to avoid future benefit cuts but, unfortunately, not until they can muster sufficient bipartisan support to make the hard choices needed. To this end, contacting your Congressional Representative to demand Social Security reform now would be a good thing to

do. The longer Congress delays reform, the harder the choices will be.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

We had the first snow of the season on Nov. 14.

When I woke up it was dark and when the lightness came on I saw the snow and didn't even know it has snowed. It covered the ground and woods and melted later in the day but stayed freezing most of the day.

I went down to the bank and post office and there was not as much snow there. We live on a "mountain" and there is always more snow here.

As I mentioned to a couple of people down street, this type of snow gets us ready for winter. We get the snow shovels out and put away things we do not want out in the winter.

Our house is now 37 years old and things are starting to need replacing. The washing machine is being replaced Monday and the water softener may have to be replaced. Just about all the oak leaves have fallen and now the handyman can clean out the gutters for the winter.

Ken had two celebrations for his 94th birthday.

Gwendolyn made a birthday cake for one day and we had a fried clam dinner on another day. His birthday wish was a fried clam dinner.

I have been doing watercolors and crocheting afghans when I need to rest. There always seems to be something that needs to be done, now that the gardens have been put to rest and the raking done.

This and That

I have been told it is illegal to pick Rattlesnake Plantain as it is in the orchid family and I never knew that. I learn something new every day. So don't put it in your partridgeberry bowls.

Once in a while I have the urge to have something chocolate so this week I melted some milk chocolate toll bits in a double boiler, added raisins and walnuts and put a teaspoon full on wax paper on a cookie sheet and let them harden. You can also add coconut or pecans, depending on what you have on hand. I am going to try cranberries next time instead of raisins and see how they

come out. The cranberries may have to be dried.

I made a chocolate cream pie and pistachio pudding this week. I buy the whipping cream and whip it in my mixer for the toppings. We both like to have desserts.

I have a nice book with lots of hints that my friend, Nancy, gave me many years ago. It is called Cook's Kitchen Hacks. It has so many helpful hints and recipes.

On Nov. 14, I lost my favorite cousin, Carolyn Waite Caille. She originally came from North Brookfield, but was in a nursing home for several years. She was a bridesmaid at our wedding July 14, 1957. She loved to do line dancing and at one time used to teach it. She will be missed. She was born in 1940 in Quincy, but lived in New Braintree, Holden and North Brookfield also.

Don't forget to attend the Harvest Sale at the Williamsville Chapel of the Historical Society on Nov. 23 from noon-3 p.m., Burnshirt Road, Hubbardston.

Historical Society presents 'Lost Towns' author Elena Palladino

STURBRIDGE – Join the Sturbridge Historical Society at the Publick House on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. for a presentation by former Sturbridge resident Elena Larson Palladino.

Palladino will speak on her 2022 book, "Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley: Drowned by the Quabbin".

In 1938, four Massachusetts towns were disincorporated, evacuated, and flooded to accommodate the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir. The reservoir was the solution to providing Boston and the State's metropolitan areas with fresh drinking water.

Palladino tells the story

of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich, and Prescott, the towns which were sacrificed to make room for the Quabbin. Through archival research, Palladino recounts the history of these communities through three townspeople of the Swift River Valley: Marion Smith, a woman from a wealthy manufacturing family, William Segur, the country doctor, and Edwin Howe, postmaster and general store owner.

Palladino brings life and feeling to these communities that once were thriving and home to many.

Palladino grew up in Sturbridge and now resides in Ware. She and her family live in Marion Smith's for-

mer home, which sparked her interest in the history of the Quabbin.

Palladino holds a bachelor's degree in English from Simmons College, a master's in literary and cultural studies from Carnegie Mellon University and an Ed.M. in higher education from Harvard University. She currently works in higher education in Western Massachusetts and also sits on the board of directors for the Swift River Valley Historical Society and Friends of Quabbin.

The presentation will take place at 7 p.m., and is graciously hosted by the Publick House.

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high school girls' basketball program's new varsity coach, effective immediately. Burnett, an Air Force veteran, steps into the South Streeters' first seat occupied the last few years by Bill Speckler, who stepped away from the position following the June graduation of his daughter, Paige.

Four Quabbin varsity field hockey players will be celebrating their turkey day on the road as they travel to Richmond, Va., to play in the annual Shooting Stars Tournament, an exciting three-day event. Alexa Giarusso, Nikole Lampila, Jillian Schlegel and Tiana Morin, all seniors and students of QRHS are members of Worcester County United (WCU), a premier club field hockey team, consisting of high level players from across Worcester County and beyond.

25 years (Nov. 23, 2000)

Just a week after a small gathering witnesses the Tatman House find a new home only a few hundred yards away, Barre Savings Bank broke ground on its major expansion and renovation project. When complete, the bank will have doubled its capacity at its present site, according to bank President David Gale. "We are about to embark on an exciting new project," Gale told about 30 people last week during a traditional groundbreaking ceremony on the former site of the Tatman House.

Christmas in Barre will be held Friday, Dec. 1; Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3. This event is sponsored by the Barre Business Association. Many activities will take place at various locations. The Harding Allen Estate off Route 122 gift shop will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Stevens Farm Bed and Breakfast, Old Coldbrook Road, will hold an open house on Saturday, Dec. 2 and again on Sunday, Dec. 3. There will be refreshments, door prizes and entertainment.

Representing the Open Space Committee, Paul Hale brought the selectmen information on the committee's progress on the Information Center, which will be built on an empty lot at the foot of High Street. It will be in the form of an open kiosk with a roof enclosing information boards and elevated topographic map. The map will have on it coded numbers that will identify a site marked as that business, a recreation area, water area, trail or historic site. The kiosk will also list information about town government and special events. Bins will hold brochures for businesses, pocket maps and special announcements.

38 years (Nov. 26, 1987)

More than 300 older citizens of Barre and surrounding towns enjoyed the seventh annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Coldbrook Country Club as guest of the Barre Lions Club. When King Lion

Timothy Mylott welcomed everyone he said that his was a joint effort with the help of many as well as member of the Lions Club. Indeed, it was a joint effort since 57 meals, delivered to the homes of shut-ins, were made up under the directions of Natalie Ackert, Betty Martone and Ralph Willey, all from the Barre Nutrition Site. The meals were delivered to the several homes by George (Champ) Champigny, Charles Cummings, Timothy Mylott, Harry Norton and Betty Ann Smith with three of the Barre Rainbow Girls – Lynne Berube, worthy advisor; Laura Mucha and Tina Rossi.

The Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee is again hosting a learn to ski program on Sundays, Jan. 14 and 21. The program is offered through the generous cooperation of Pine Ridge Ski Area in Barre for Oakham children in grade kindergarten through twelfth grade. Younger children and parents may join at a discounted price.

Is your business being represented then Town of Barre Web Committee is asking all Barre business owners to help us update and complete our online service pages. The committee requested via the town web site email for services as diverse as piano lessons and snowplowing. Barre business can help to keep these services as up-to-date and as complete as possible. This list is free for Barre businesses.

Schedule of church fairs, craft shows and bake sales

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

HARVEST AND HOLLY FAIR takes place today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. There will be crafters, baked goods, cookie walk, snack bar, craft table, quilt raffle, raffle table, white elephant table and more.

HOLIDAY FAIR sponsored by St. Augustine's Mission, 98 Church Lane, Wheelwright, will be held today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the church hall. There will be handmade crafts, theme baskets, baked goods and raffles. A light lunch will also be available.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR sponsored by the Friends of the Wilbraham Seniors will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield St., Wilbraham. There will be crafters, pet products, pottery, greeting cards, metal work and holiday décor. There also will be raffles, baked goods, a light lunch for purchase and a visit with Santa from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. They are also asking to attendees to help stuff the Senior Center van with gifts for Veterans children, ages birth to 17. Donated gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped and labeled by gender and age range. All proceeds will be used to support the Wilbraham Senior Center programs and services.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

THANKSGIVING FARMERS MARKET sponsored by the Hubbardston Historical Society, takes place today from noon-3 p.m. at the Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road, Hubbardston. Nine local farms are selling organic vegetables, fruit, eggs, honey, maple syrup, holiday painted gourds and gifts, sheep wool products and lamb, macarons, seasonal cookies, hot butternut squash soup, chili, wine and more. Home baked pies and other items will also be for sale.

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

CHRISTMAS IN BARRE CRAFT FAIR will be held today from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., Barre in the cafeteria and

middle school gym.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

COOKIE SALE AND GIFT TABLES sponsored by Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star will be held today from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Hall, 71 Pleasant St., Barre. Cookies are sold by the pond. People can pick their favorites.

CANDY CANE FAIR sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi Parish will take place today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall, South Street, Barre. There will be handmade gifts, bake shoppe, hot cocoa bar, costume jewelry, theme basket raffles, quilt raffle, grand prize raffle ad more.

HOLIDAY FAIR Fair sponsored by the Women's Fellowship will be held today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St, Barre. There will be quilt and basket raffles, craft vendors, a baked goods, candy table, wreaths and a corn chowder and sandwich lunch available to purchase.

CHRISTMAS IN NEW BRAINTREE hosted by the Tri-Parish Community Church kicks off the holiday season today from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the New Braintree Grade School and Town Hall, both located on Memorial Drive, New Braintree. Photos with Santa are from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. along with crafts for children. The New Braintree Congregational Church will be holding their traditional cookie sale and cafe during the craft fair.

FIFTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will take place today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Saint Joseph and Saint Piux's X Parishes, 759 Main St., Leicester. New this year is a thrift store and furniture annex. There will be 50/50 raffle, scratch ticket raffle, face painting for children, crafts, food, meatball subs, chicken nuggets, fries, popcorn, desserts and more. Santa will also visit.



Spaces still available for craft fair

NEW BRAINTREE – The "Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the New Braintree Grade School and Town Hall.

The craft fair is being sponsored by the Tri-Parish Community Church. Eight foot by eight foot spaces are still available. To reserve, please call 443-835-7530.

Submitted Photo

Handcrafted quilled paper ornaments and other items by Carol Gancorz are some of the many items available at Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, Dec. 6.



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No. 4 Schoolhouse holds raffle fundraiser

BARRE – The No.4 Schoolhouse officers are offering a raffle for a basket full of many items.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward current needs, repairs, painting and more. Member Bridget LaChance collected gift cards, items and certificates for this raffle from Barre businesses.

Raffle ticket pricing for this outstanding collection of items cost \$5 each, or \$10 for three chances and \$20 for 10 tickets.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, Dec. 17. If people want to donate a raffle item, please let us know! The No.4 Schoolhouse is a

non-profit organization and any donation is tax deductible.

Raffle tickets are on sale now through Venmo. They will also be selling tickets at the Christmas in Barre Craft Fair at Quabbin High School, 800 South St., on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Businesses who donated include: Ace/Hamshaw Lumber, Café on the Common, Changes, Coldbrook Springs Winery, Country Gourmet, Higgins Energy, J&J's, Jenkins Inn, Quabbin Auto-Billy Payne, Quabbin Barbershop, Red Tomato, Stone Cow, Sturbridge Village, The Salon, Twitches Nutrition, Wash N

Wag, White Valley Motors and Wholesome Farmers Market.

To purchase tickets, their address in Venmo is @no4schoolhouse or scan the image with their cell phone and tap the yellow "venmo" sign that appears with this article. If people have any questions, they may call Allison at 508-523-5850 or Kay at 978-257-0890.



Keystone Bridge work continues to save historic landmark



Photo courtesy of Friends of Quabbin

Work began on the two-stage wall, which will ultimately stabilize the collapsing bridge structure seen in the background.

BELCHERTOWN – The historic Keystone Bridge, built in 1866 and spanning the Middle Branch of the Swift River in New Salem, is facing imminent collapse due to severe deterioration.

To prevent the loss of this unique landmark, the Friends of the Quabbin has launched an urgent stabilization effort, racing against time and the weather to preserve an irreplaceable piece of Quabbin Valley history. Regular updates, photographs of the project, and a video explaining the unique process to save it can be found by visiting www.FriendsOfQuabbin.org/keystone.

The Friends of the Quabbin is partnering closely with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection, which owns the site as part of the Quabbin Watershed.

DCR is providing engineering oversight and some materials for the project. "The Friends raised some funds to support this effort and given its urgency, our Board agreed to use organizational reserves, if necessary," added Friends of the Quabbin Treasurer and project coordinator Paul Godfrey. "We've made significant progress, but it's taking more time and resources than expected and our funds are running low."

Constructed by Civil War veteran Adolphus Porter for the then-remarkable sum of \$37.50 (about \$900 in today's dollars), the Keystone Bridge is a marvel of 19th-century engineering. This elegant span crosses the Middle Branch of the Swift River, one of the streams that feed the Quabbin Reservoir, using no mortar at all. Known as a dry-stone arch bridge, it is made entirely of

carefully cut and balanced stones, each one pressing against its neighbors in perfect harmony.

When the final piece, the keystone, was set in 1866, the arch locked itself into place through geometry gravity and skill. But, over time, shifting soils and natural wear have weakened its stability, prompting immediate action to prevent total failure.

There are only a handful of bridges like it left in Massachusetts and most are large railroad viaducts west of Westfield. The New Salem bridge, by contrast, is modest, a single arch designed for horse-drawn wagons and foot traffic, connecting the small village of Millington to Athol. For more than 150 years, it has stood quietly, enduring

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Poetry contest open to Worcester County residents

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

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

To enter the Jacob Edward Library annual poetry contest, you must be

either a resident of Worcester County, or a student or employee of institutions within Worcester County. First Place winners of previous JEL annual poetry contests are not eligible to enter.

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

later than Nov. 28.

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

Submit no more than three poems in any form.

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

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

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

Submissions will not be returned.

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

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

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

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

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homes. Barre was not a resort town. The small commercial exemption was for businesses with ten or fewer employees and a value of one million dollars or less. This exemption went to the property owner, not the business owner. The larger commercial and industrial businesses would carry the burden.

The vacant space discount did not apply to Barre as there was no land classified as vacant space in town. Barre had Chapter 61 land,

which gave owner a tax break to land filed under that classification of Chapter 61 A or B.

Amendment of Liquor License

The Select Board also approved the request for an amendment to the liquor license for 15 Exchange St. doing business as Bruso Liquor Mart. Their attorney attended via Zoom and explained it was a change of officers/directors and a change of stock interest.

New employees

Town Administrator

Melanie Jackson introduced the new Treasurer/Collector Shelby Lamothe and the new Veterans Service Officer Garrett Skinner.

Town Administrator report

The Town Administrator said Elder Services of Worcester, which provides the meal site program, would be serving meals the day before Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years holidays. At a previous meeting, she announced there would be no meals served the days before those upcoming holidays.

She also said she attended a meeting of Central Massachusetts Regional 911

District. They have five new towns joining the regional dispatch center located in Rutland. The winter farmers market will be held in the Town Hall as the outdoor season ended last month.

Wage authorizations

The Select Board approved a wage authorization for Shelby Lamothe, Treasurer/Collector of a pro-rated salary of \$76,379 for a 40 hour week and a biweekly amount of \$2929.54. Dylan Forss, a full time Patrolman got a Step 4 increase of \$29.66 per hour effective Jan. 1, 2026. Stan Andriski, Deputy Fire Chief (probationary) received \$34.50 per hour, on call. Other wage authorizations were Daniel Casavant, Department of Public Works equipment operator 40 hour week at \$31.79 per hour and Christopher Adams, part-time police officer, at \$27.84 per hour, as needed.

Retirement

The Select Board voted to authorize the payment of sick time and vacation time for Mary Ann Gendron and Jeannine Pimental, who are both retiring. Gendron had \$12,000 in sick time and \$7,000 in vacation time. Pimental had \$7,700 in sick

time and \$5,500 in vacation. Town Administrator Jackson said the personnel by law stated employees must notify the town six months in advance of their retirement; Neither did that. She said the precedent for the town was to pay accrued sick time and vacation time without pro-rating it. She looked through the bylaw and could not find anything about the adoption of the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 either.

The Town Administrator would let present employees know they must give six months notice regarding retirement. Select Board Chairman Maureen Marshall said they must follow past practice and then make adjustments to the by law. The Town Administrator will look into the bylaw.

Other business

The Select Board member present, Chairman Marshall and Vice Chairman Mark Regienus accepted the resignation of Dennis Fleming from the Council on Aging. They also made the yearly renewals of motor vehicle class I and II, common victualer, alcohol and entertainment licenses. The Board reappointed Joel Cranston to the Cemetery Commission.

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TOY DRIVE from page 1

Hosley in the kitchen was Steven Hosley, Tom McGee, and Al Marchiony preparing the meals. The club prepared over 40 meals for this year's fundraiser.

Hosley wanted to acknowledge South Barre Rod & Gun Club member Don Dunbar, who was at the spaghetti dinner this

past weekend. Dunbar is the one who donated all the food to the club and has been donating food for the last five years.

Dunbar is a proud member of the club who loves donating money, time and food for various causes.

The Stuff a Cruiser event is a big event Dunbar loves to support. Last year, Dunbar recalled a trailer of bicycles being given to the

kids.

Dunbar appreciates the South Barre Rod & Gun Club being a place that offers a lot of fun programs for the kids throughout the year. The Stuff a Cruiser and toy drive is a big one the kids look forward to every year.

"It is a good local cause," Dunbar said. "Kids look forward to this every year."

Dunbar does the shopping to collect all the food for this annual dinner and said it has always been spaghetti and meatballs. A delicious meal enjoyed by dozens of guests at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club.

The annual Stuff a Cruiser is scheduled for Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-noon at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club, 2626 Barre Road.

Annual Holiday Fair to be held on Nov. 22

WEST BROOKFIELD – The George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 West Main St., will host its annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring baked goods, hand knits and crafts, jams, fudge, holiday décor and Thrift

Store. Coffee and Donuts will be available in the morning and a lunch of homemade soups and hotdogs will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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OAKHAM from page 1

Meeting before proceeding with a by law change.

Resident concern

Michelle Betrand of North Brookfield Road and her husband attended the Select Board meeting regarding the installation of LED lights at Route 148 Variety, located across the street from their house. Recently, the owners of Route 148 Variety turned off a National Grid light in front of their business and replaced with numerous LED lights.

The lights shine into the Betrand home and light up not only their front yard, but the backyard as well and were on all night. She said one light blinds them as they exit their driveway onto North Brookfield Road, Route 148. Betrand spoke to one of the owners about the lights shining into their home and was told to install curtains to keep the light out.

The two Select Board members present, Chairman Haapakoski and Vice Chairman Michael Brunelle, will check it out and will talk with the Building Commissioner. Betrand said she lived there 30 years and never had a problem. The previous light on the telephone pole had a shield and was directed to not shine directly on her property.

Plowing of non town roads

George and Janet Paradis of Old Schoolhouse Road attended the Select Board regarding the town's decision to not plow their road and Skyline Drive, sub-division roads, which have not been accepted by the town, due to problems with easements. Town Counsel has not received replies to requests from the attorneys for Longview Estates, the developer of the subdivision, located off Old Turnpike Road. Spillane and Spillane failed to respond to letters

and requests for information to settle the easement issue so the roads can be plowed and maintained by the town.

Town Counsel told the Select Board that the Highway Department had no authority and should not do any plowing or repairs to those two roads until they are accepted as town roads. George Paradis said Shore Drive and Pine Lane were never accepted by the town, yet the town plowed those roads. He said winter was approaching and how would the ambulance, fire department or police department get to a home in an emergency.

Select Board Chairman Haapakoski said Shore Drive and Pine Lane provide access to the town owned beach on Lake Dean. The fire department pumps water from Lake Dean to fill the tanker and therefore, the road must be kept open. He also said ambulance, fire and police departments would be allowed to respond in an

emergency. The town in an emergency situation would send a plow to open the road.

Previously, the developer plowed and sanded the road in the winter. Last year, on short notice Mr. Como of Longview Estates notified the town and residents he would no longer plow the road. The town plowed the winter of 2024 before they knew the highway department had no authority to enter private property.

Select Board Vice Chairman Brunelle suggested the couple along with their neighbors send letters to the developer's attorneys, Spillane and Spillane. He said the attorneys might listen to the property owners as they had a vested interest, which the town did not have. This matter was on the agenda for the next Select Board meeting on Monday, Nov. 24.

Open Space Committee

The Select Board seek

applicants to serve on the Open Space Committee and will post on the town website. Terms on this committee expired on June 30 of this year. Anyone interested should fill out an application. Appointments will be made at the Monday, Dec. 8 Select Board meeting.

Highway Department request

The Select Board approved the taking off of Friday, Nov. 28, the day after Thanksgiving, for the three Highway Department employees contingent on weather conditions. Two of the three would be able to work that Friday if the situation required. The employees will either use a personal day or vacation day.

Administrative Assistant report

Administrative Assistant Maribel LaRange said she attended a Zoom meeting with Central Massachusetts Regional 911 District Center regarding the build-

ing location. The building in Charlton fell through, but they were now looking at the old St. Vincent's Hospital, 9 Trolley Crossing in Worcester. Both buildings were about the same size, but the Worcester location has an open floor plan. The open floor plan better suited the dispatch center's needs.

Five new towns voted to join the regional center: Auburn, Charlton, Oxford, Spencer and Sturbridge. Now the current member towns: Barre, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland and Warren have to vote to accept the new towns. The director of the center said he also reached out to three other towns: Douglas, Millbury and Northbridge. Rutland will continue to "manage" the center until June 30, 2026.

She also reported the new Civic Plus website would be up and running by the end of the calendar year.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 21

GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT GROUP meets today from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Worcester Family Resource Center, 20 Cedar St., Worcester. The group meets in person for breakfast the third Friday of the month. For questions or to register, people may call Debbie at 508-796-6118 and leave their name and contact information.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

HARVEST AND HOLLY FAIR takes place today from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, Oakham. There will be crafters, baked goods, cookie walk, snack bar, craft table, quilt raffle, raffle table, white elephant table and more. Snack bar menu includes chili, corn chowder, turkey soup, hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, soda, water, coffee, tea and hot cocoa.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR sponsored by the Friends of the Wilbraham Seniors will be held today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Wilbraham Senior Center, 250 Springfield St., Wilbraham. There will be crafters, pet products, pottery, greeting cards, metal work and holiday décor. There also will be raffles, baked goods, a light lunch for purchase and a visit with Santa from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. They are also asking to attendees to help stuff the Senior Center van with gifts for Veterans children, ages birth to 17. Donated gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped and labeled by gender and age range. All proceeds will be used to support the Wilbraham Senior Center programs and services.

WARE RIVER NATURE CLUB will hold a talk with Jim Morelly on Massachusetts mustelids today at 10:30 a.m. in the Rutland Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. Mustelidae are a diverse family of carnivorous mammals, including weasels, badgers, otters, polecats, martens, wolverines. They are typically small animals with elongated bodies, short legs, short skulls, short, round ears and thick fur.

thick fur. Their long, slender body structure is adapted to three main lifestyles: terrestrial, arboreal, and aquatic/semi-aquatic. Massachusetts is home to five species of Mustelids: North American river otter, American mink, ermine (short-tailed weasel), long-tailed weasel and fisher.

HARDWICK MEMORIAL HANDBELL CHOIR will perform today at 11 a.m. at Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant St., Barre. Following their performance, audience members will have the opportunity to participate in a hands-on demonstration and experience the joy of ringing the bells themselves under the guidance of the performers. This free program is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

THANKSGIVING FARMERS MARKET/BAKE SALE sponsored by the Hubbardston Historical Society will take place today from noon-3 p.m. at Williamsville Chapel, 4 Burnshirt Road. There will be great food, bread, pies, jams and jellies and more for the holidays from local farmers. People may enjoy apple cider or coffee while they browse.

Where is this?



Turley Publications photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Hubbardston. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Nov. 24. Bill Bowles and Peggy Civilik correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the Blue Trail and Rail Trail in Gilbertville by the Ware River on Lower Road, Route 32, Village of Gilbertville in Hardwick.

It will be held rain, snow or shine. For a full list of vendors and their products, people may visit www.hubbardstonhistorical.org. For questions, people may call Cathy Hansgate, market manager, at 978-928-3731.

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

THEATRE AT THE MOUNT will hold performances today, Nov. 29, Dec. 5 and Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," the beloved musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. A special sensory friendly performance will be held at Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Directed by Emily Smith, the production features musical direction by Dave Twiss, choreography by Kim Soel, scenic design by David Prescott, lighting design by Tim Smith and sound design by Sean Kyle. Tickets are available now at mwcc.universitytickets.com.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

CHRISTMAS SING ALONG by the Fanfare Brass Ensemble will take place today at 3 p.m. at The Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge. The 10 part group's program includes O Come All Ye Faithful, Three Ships, Three Kings, Westminster Carol, Jingle Bell Rock, Twelve Days of Christmas, Away in the Manger, A Christmas Cannon, Jingle Bells, White Christmas, Sleight Ride, Oh Holy Night, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, Angels from the Realms of Glory, All I want for Christmas, O little town of Bethlehem, We Need a Little Christmas,

Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Stars and Stripes for Christmas and more. For more information, people may email David Neill at tdn8@aol.com or call 413-686-5027.

BIRDING AND NATURE WALK sponsored by the Ware River Nature Club will take place today from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Harvard Pond, 324 North Main St., Petersham. The trail around the pond with a few added short spurs offers easy walking of about three miles. Participants should dress for the weather and bring snacks, lunch and beverage if they wish. People should pre-register by emailing warerivernatureclub@yahoo.com.

MONDAY, DEC. 1

AUDITIONS FOR THEATRE AT THE MOUNT will be held today and tomorrow Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in Room A110 at Mount Wachusett Community College, 444 Green St., Gardner. The production will be Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein. Terrie Hyde is the director. Cast consists of 10 principal roles plus ensemble for ages 18 and up.

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY will present a concert entitled "Baroque on Fire" at Princeton's First Congregational Church, 14 Mountain Road, Princeton at 7:30 p.m. A pre-concert Talk will take place at 7 p.m. A concert will be held on Friday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church Museum of Worcester, 30 Elm St., Worcester. They will perform Geminiani, Rameau, Scarlatti, Telemann, Praetorius and Vivaldi. All venues are handicapped accessible. Tickets are available by visiting <https://worcesterchambermusic.org/baroque-on-fire/> or by calling the WCMS office at 508- 926-8624.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

BARRE PLAYERS THEATER presents "Legally Blonde The Musical" today, Dec. 6 and 7 and Dec. 13 and 14. Music and lyrics are by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin. The book is by Heather Hach. It is supported in part by the Mass. Cultural Council.

CONCERTS from page 1

Conductor is Joanne Meegan, also the organization's president.

Both events are free. At these events Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. will collect unwrapped toys

for children and youth, gift cards valued from \$20-\$50 and checks payable to Christmas for Kids for distribution to local families by the Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department.

Donations to Friends

of the Stone Church, Inc. P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031, to support the preservation of the Stone Church Cultural Center and community cultural programs, will also be accepted.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

CHRISTMAS IN NEW BRAINTREE hosted by the Tri-Parish Community Church kicks off the holiday season today from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the New Braintree Grade School and Town Hall, both located on Memorial Drive, New Braintree. Photos with Santa are from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. along with crafts for children. The New Braintree Congregational Church will be holding their traditional cookie sale and cafe during the craft fair. The New Braintree Historical Society will be hosting their Holiday Open House at the museum at 10 Utley Road from 4:30-6:30 p.m. There will be a town tree lighting ceremony at the Town Hall to bring an end to the festivities. All are welcome. Anyone who would like to participate as a vendor or volunteer may call Bonnie St. Cyr at 443-835-7530 or email her at bonniestcyr@yahoo.com.

HOLIDAY FAIR sponsored by the Women's Fellowship will take place today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre. There will be quilt and basket raffles, craft vendors, a baked goods, candy table, wreaths and a corn chowder and sandwich lunch available to purchase. Potential vendors can call 978-355-4041 and leave a message.

FIFTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will take place today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saint Joseph and Saint Piux's X Parishes, 759 Main St., Leicester. New this year is a thrift store and furniture annex. There will be 50/50 raffle, scratch ticket raffle, face painting for children, crafts, food, meatball subs, chicken nuggets, fries, popcorn, desserts and more. Santa will also visit.

CANDY CANE FAIR sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Parish will once again take part in Christas in Barre with their newly names Candy Cane Fair today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall, South Street, Barre. There will be handmade crafts, theme baskets, bake shoppe, hot cocoa bar, free games for children, costume jewelry, Anthony from Cash for Gold and a raffle of a handmade quilt made by Beth Cunningham. There will also be a silent auction.

LIGHTS OF LOVE sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society will hold their annual Tree Lighting today at 6:30 p.m. on the Common, Rte. 122A, Rutland. The Rutland Historical Society needs help with the Lights of Love. People may send their name and address and the names of those you wish to place in memory, to honor or to celebrate along with a donation to the Rutland Historical Society, P.O. Box 69, Rutland, MA 01543. They appreciate the support.

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Panthers beat Saint John Paul II to advance to quarterfinals

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE— Eighth grader Maria Hamm was the leading scorer for the Quabbin varsity field hockey team with 22 goals and 10 assists for a total of 22 points this fall. She also came very close to leading the Mid-Wach B Division in scoring.

Because of a wrist injury, Hamm didn't play in the Lady Panthers round of 16 home match against Saint

John Paul II. It forced long-time Quabbin head coach Shelly Zalneraitis to shuffle the starting lineup a little bit.

With Hamm watching from the bench, the seventh-seeded Lady Panthers advanced into the Elite 8 of the Division 4 state tournament for the third consecutive year with a 2-0 shutout victory over the 10th-seeded Lady Lions, last Tuesday afternoon.

"We're going back to the Elite 8 again and Uxbridge

isn't in our way this time," Zalneraitis said. "Because Maria is injured, we did need to make a couple of changes in the starting line-up. The players adjusted to the changes very well. This is a very big win for us."

Junior captain Abby Rogowski who normally plays the low mid position was moved to center forward. Junior Makenzie Casey, who's also a captain, usually plays the high mid, but started at center forward.

Those were only a couple of the changes.

Zalneraitis also praised the performance of sophomore Kayla Curran.

"Kayla was one of the heroes in today's game," Zalneraitis said. "She's normally a forward, but we needed a back, and she did a fantastic job at that position."

Unlike the past two seasons, Quabbin didn't have to face Uxbridge in the Elite 8. The Lady Spartans, who have captured the Division 4 state

championship title during the past four years, are now competing in the Division 3 state tournament.

The Lady Panthers (16-4-1) began this year's journey in the Division 4 state tournament with a 3-0 home win over 26th-seeded Hamilton-Wenham in the round of 32.

The three Quabbin seniors, who played their final field hockey game on the grass field located next to the high school last Tuesday, are Maddy Stauder, Alyssa

Ebert, and Farrah Wojcik.

"We're going to be losing three seniors who are very special kids," Zalneraitis said. "They've worked very hard and have made a lot of contributions this season. They're our leaders."

Stauder and Wojcik are also captains.

Since moving from Division 3 to Division 4 in 2023, the Lady Panthers have a perfect 5-0 home record in

See FIELD HOCKEY, page 8

Unified basketball has final regular season game

BARRE – Last Tuesday, Quabbin Regional High School's Unified basketball team closed out its regular season schedule with a home matchup against Oakmont. The rest of the week was spent by the Panthers preparing for their final matchups in a jamboree format to finish of the season. That jamboree was scheduled to take place earlier this week with Quabbin getting to host the event with multiple Central Mass. schools visiting.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Calvin Hurd makes his way down the court.



Colby Hill focuses on his dribble.



Sadie Ouimette makes her way across mid-court.



Kylie Gagnon leads a crowd of players down the court.



Stevie Gagnon heads into the paint.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Brayden Gates winds up for the free kick.



Matthew Vitello tries to settle the ball.

Senators conclude season with win



Elias Roberts heads up the field.

ORANGE – The Mahar Regional High School boys soccer team's season came to an end recently with the Senators not qualifying for the Western Mass. or state tournaments this year. Mahar, whose region includes Petersham, finished at 3-13-1. The Senators salvaged their final game by beating Ware on the road 3-1.



Aydon Davis watches his goal kick head up the field.

Pioneers, Orioles, set for 24th holiday tilt

BELCHERTOWN – The Thanksgiving rivalry between Belchertown and Pathfinder had a small new layer added to it as two teams now find themselves matched up in the regular season during conference action. The situation has taken place with other holiday rivals such as Agawam-

West Springfield and East Longmeadow-Longmeadow.

Because of that, Belchertown will be looking to avenge two straight losses to the Pioneers.

In last year's holiday game, Pathfinder and Belchertown were knotted 14-14. But a touchdown in

the second half sealed the win for Pathfinder, giving the Pioneers it's 10th win in the all-time series against the Orioles. The two teams were able to play the game on

Palmer High's Legion field with the Panthers on the road at Ludlow.

This year's game will kick off from Belchertown High School at 9 a.m.



Quarterback Anthony Arventos sends a throw up the middle.



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2020: No game - COVID	2009: Belchertown 41-6
2019: Belchertown 44-7	2008: Pathfinder 15-13
2018: Belchertown 46-6	2007: Pathfinder 34-8
2017: Belchertown 39-0	2006: Belchertown 8-6
2016: Belchertown 30-0	2005: Belchertown 25-0
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Turley photos by Sofia DiGrande
Anthony Arventos sends a kick away in Pathfinder's holiday matchup with Belchertown last year.

Sports

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
rdrago@turley.com

Bondsville League

WARE – The first round of the 2025-2026 candlepin league season is complete for the Bondsville League.

After 11 weeks of bowling, the team that finished first in the west division was Sandri with a record of 47-30. The east division was won by Fire Mountain with a record of 47-30. Night Hawks finished in second place in the east division with a record of 45-32, just two points shy of first place.

In week 11, P&J Meats bowled against Sandri on lanes three and four of Roll-A-Way Lanes. In game one, Sandri won a close game against P&J Meats, 467-464. Steven Fennyery filled in for an absent bowler of P&J Meats and began the match by bowling a 115. Brandon Lane of Sandri had the highest game on his team, 108.

In game two, P&J Meats came up with the victory by a score of 467-442. In game three, Sandri won big by a score of 533-441. Lane bowled well with a 132, Ron Gouin scored 121, and Sue Horton finished with a 131.

The final score was 1442-1372 in favor of Sandri, the first-place team in the west division.

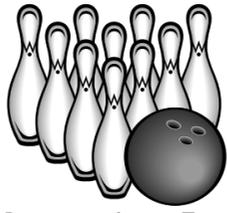
The Snappers bowled against Slow Burners during week 11 of the season. In game one, Slow Burners got the win by a score of 483-457. Nate and Jody Orszulak each bowled a 110 in game one.

In game two, Snappers were victorious by a score of 489-470. Kevin Krasnecky of Snappers bowled well with a 126 second game.

In game three, Snappers won again by a score of 469-450. Krasnecky bowled another 126 to end the match. The final score was 1415-1403 in favor of Snappers.

Team UMass bowled against Ironmen in week 11. In game one, Ironmen won by a score of 484-470. Ryan Drago of Ironmen had the highest game by scoring 134 in game one. Billy Brunk of Ironmen bowled a 118. Keith Forenz of Team UMass began with a 115.

In game two, Team UMass won by a score of 502-472. Drago bowled a 121 in game two and his teammate Jason Swistak bowled 119, but it wasn't enough to get the win against Team UMass.



In game three, Team UMass won by a score of 461-451. Drago finished with a 110 and a three-game series of 365. The final score was 1433-1407 in favor of Team UMass, who finish the round with a record of 31-46.

Night Hawks bowled against Flaming Bowling Balls in week 11. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 488-471. Ryan McCarthy of Flaming Bowling Balls began the match with a 125.

In game two, Night Hawks got the victory by scoring 471 to Flaming Bowling Balls' 465. Darryl Sinclair of Night Hawks finished the match by making a couple of clutch spares in the back half of his 129.

In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 490-468. McCarthy finished with a 109 and a series of 328. Sinclair finished with a 124 and a three-game series of 368. The final score was 1443-1410 in favor of Flaming Bowling Balls.

Thunderbirds offensive struggles continue against Penguins

WILKES-BARRE, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-10-1-1) could not overcome an early deficit, falling 3-1 to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (12-3-1-0) on Saturday night inside Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza.

After scoring five goals in a third period comeback win on Friday night, the Penguins picked up where they left off just 2:20 into the game on Saturday, as Raivis Ansons funneled a wrist through heavy traffic and past Georgii Romanov to make it a 1-0 game.

The T-Birds had a tough time getting much cooking in the offensive end, and the Penguins' relentless pressure pushed the lead to a pair at 12:51. After already picking up a fighting major in a scrap with Springfield's Kale Kessy earlier in the period, Boko Imama positioned himself in the slot and deflected a Zach Gallant shot through Romanov's legs to make

it a 2-0 game and bringing Imama two-thirds of the way to a Gordie Howe hat trick in the opening period.

The Penguins wasted



little time adding to their margin early in the second, as Rutger McGroarty - making his season debut - cashed in with a backhand tuck between the legs of Romanov just 1:06 into period two.

After continuous even-strength action for the first 28 minutes, special teams were finally put to work in the middle frame, and the T-Birds had a perfect showing, killing off two Penguins' man advantages and adding a power play goal at 11:52. After creating his own predicament

on a turnover, Romanov reacted alertly to deflect a centering pass toward the neutral zone, where Chris Wagner and Hugh McGing sped up on the rush and converted a 2-on-1 past Joel Blomqvist to make it a 3-1 game, as McGing picked up his third of the season while Wagner picked up a point for a second straight night.

Romanov settled in very well after the McGroarty tally and turned aside the final 11 shots he faced to keep it at a two-goal margin heading into the third. Blomqvist, though, answered in kind with a busy and strong final period, as the Penguin backstop turned away all 12 attempts that came his way in the third, while the Penguins' PK also survived one more Springfield power play threat.

The T-Birds continued their busy road schedule Tuesday morning when they square off in Hartford against the Wolf Pack at PeoplesBank Arena.

MISSION TRIP from page 1

grams for kids in Ukraine. Working with Connor, Kane said he is well "connected with the mission and the cause."

Wanting to do as much as possible to help, Kane is dedicated to going on this mission trip and support the orphaned children during the Ukraine conflict.

"I can go over there, I can help," Kane said.

While he is there, Kane will be assessing what aid is required.

The trip will consist of delivering and distributing supportive aids throughout the region and helping with day-to-day activities. These daily activities will be held at orphanages and Kane will assist during programs to help boost happiness and quality of life.

The goal is to help provide these kids with a better life and a chance to succeed in trying times.

This is Kane's first mission trip and has helped raise thousands of dollars over the last couple of weeks to further support S.O.N.G., Inc. and its mission. Kane will be in Ukraine throughout the month of November and hopes to help as many kids as possible.

After this trip, Kane knows there will be more work to do to help support the children of Ukraine. This is his first mis-

sion trip, but he said it will not be his last.

Kane finds this trip highly important and will actively help change the lives of these kids and give them opportunities to help ensure a more successful and productive future.

In the past, Kane has participated in soup kitchens, food drives and fundraisers. Kane recalled helping during a disaster clean up in 2011 when a tornado came through western and central Massachusetts.

Connor's first trip to Ukraine was in 2022, the same year the conflict started.

S.O.N.G., Inc. has also worked with Aerial Recovery out of Nashville, Tennessee. This organization provides support for children and people in disaster areas. Aerial Recovery responds to natural and man-made disasters globally by providing rapid assessments, search and rescue, medical aid and emergency supplies.

S.O.N.G., Inc. has also worked with New Horizons for Children, and has provided support to over 1,000 orphaned children, who were able to be in safe havens in western Ukraine.

Overall, through S.O.N.G., Inc., they have supported around 5,000 people, including orphaned children. S.O.N.G., Inc. continues to support shelters and safe

havens and with regular visits, they are able to bring love, hope and joy to these children.

The S.O.N.G., Inc. team will provide clinical support such as food, clothing, medical supplies, comfort and companionship for children in orphanages and shelters and educational and wellness programs that give kids a chance at a brighter future.

To support S.O.N.G., Inc. and its mission, donations are accepted online at www.supportingorphans.org.

Organizations can do various fundraisers while working with S.O.N.G., Inc. In the past there have been music festivals, concerts, entertainment, dinners, raffles, calendar raffles and other fundraising related events.

Connor says S.O.N.G., Inc. is dedicated to continuing its mission and supporting children in need.

"We're happy that were still able to provide support for the children in need," Connor said. "Very grateful for all the people over the years who have supported us."

More information about Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally can be found at www.supportingorphans.org. Contact S.O.N.G., Inc. by emailing info@supportingorphans.org or calling 413-813-8100.

KEYSTONE BRIDGE from page 6

floods, storms and neglect. But now, this extraordinary bridge is facing its greatest challenge yet and must be urgently stabilized.

"There are incredibly few people across the country who can do this type of work," said Godfrey. "We are fortunate to have found Michael Weitzner, a Vermont-based mason specializing in dry-laid stone arches, to work alongside a local contractor. It's a steep, difficult site that has required an extraordinary effort and a lot of material to stabilize."

To make this possible, workers are constructing a stone revetment platform along the southeast side. The platform serves two purposes: it provides a stable base for the crew and heavy machinery and it will help to stabilize the bridge once the

repairs are complete.

"It's extraordinary work on a very steep slope," said Godfrey. "Every stone must be set with precision, mostly by hand."

The Keystone Bridge sits within the watershed of the Quabbin Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to 2.7 million Massachusetts residents, most in the Greater Boston area. Because of the bridge's instability, the popular trail crossing has been closed. "We had to close the trail for safety reasons," said Godfrey. "But our goal is not only to save this vital part of history, but to also work with DCR to reopen the area so visitors can once again enjoy this beautiful 'accidental wilderness.'"

The site will remain closed during the stabilization work, but updates are being shared regularly on the Friends of the Quabbin website at www.FriendsOfQuabbin.org.

www.FriendsOfQuabbin.org/keystone and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/foquabbin.

Donations to help save the Keystone Bridge can be sent to: Friends of the Quabbin, c/o Les and Terry Campbell Visitor Center, 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007.

For more information, people may call Paul Godfrey at 413-450-8329 or email godfrey@umass.edu.

The Friends of the Quabbin (www.FriendsOfQuabbin.org) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the natural, cultural and historical significance of the Quabbin Region. Through education, advocacy and partnerships, the organization works to protect the Quabbin Watershed and share its remarkable stories with future generations.

FIELD HOCKEY from page 7

the state tournament.

It was also the first ever meeting between Quabbin and Saint John Paul II, which is a Catholic High School in Hyannis.

The Lady Panthers only had two shots during the opening period. Both shots were from sophomore Ellie Poulin, but goalie Talya Panepinto kept the ball out of the cage with kick saves.

Down at the other end of the field, Quabbin junior goalie Aubrey Thorpe made only two saves in the match.

Thorpe received plenty of support from junior Violet Kelley, Strauder, and Curran.

The Lady Panthers were given a penalty corner just before time expired at the end of the first half. Rogowski banged a shot into the cage, but it was disallowed by the referee. The first shot on any penalty corner must hit the boards, which is 18 inches high. The shot by Rogowski hit the netting above the boards.

Zalneraitis wasn't very upset with the call.

The match remained scoreless until the start of the final period.

The home team took a 1-0 lead following a penalty corner goal from Rogowski with 10:48 remaining in regulation. The scoring play began with Poulin inserting the ball to Casey. She then made a pass to Rogowski, who rolled a shot into the cage.

"I was disappointed that I didn't score a goal at the end of the first half," Rogowski said. "It just gave me a little bit of extra motivation to score a goal in the second half. I'm very happy that we won our final home game."

Seven minutes later, Casey fired a shot that bounced into the cage, which was assisted by Rogowski, sealing the Lady Panthers Sweet 16 victory.

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Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Divine Materials Part 4

The following prayer was penned by Scottish minister and theologian, John Baillie (1886-1960). It is worthy of deliberation:

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

This prayer is impacting, revealing that the circumstances of our lives serve as vehicles for spiritual growth or regression. Ultimately, we choose what we will make with the material God allows. Of course, and as we have noted in recent editions, Baillie expounds upon his plea with a series of specific requests. This week, let us explore the following elements in kind: a) "Let me use suspense as material for perseverance" and b) "Let me use danger as material for courage." Let's delve in.

We have the potential to react poorly to challenging situations. In the midst of trial and affliction, we all-too-easily segue from faith to fear, crippled by cowardice and concern. This is displeasing to God and, quite frankly, rather unhelpful for us. Yet what if we seized such moments and made them occasions for God-honoring growth and the demonstration of virtue?

The prophet Daniel was a man who seized such a moment. In a season of real opposition, threat and soul-crushing crisis, Daniel demonstrated persistent faith and valor—the type of faith and valor John Baillie cried out for many decades ago. Please take a moment to read Daniel 6 separately and in its entirety, for it is too voluminous to print in this publication. Once you have done so, come back and let us consider a timeless yet timely account. Go ahead, I'll wait...and no cheating.

1) Daniel 6:1-10. Daniel is faced with a dire choice: a) obey the decree of king Darius and pray only to him for one month; or b) pray to the Lord and face death in the lions' den. What did he do? Did he waver in his faith or in the practice thereof? Did he wither under pressure, yielding to the power of fear? No, Daniel maximized the opportunity afforded him by God and sought Him as he had always done. This scene showcased a sense of heroism and endurance seldom seen in the earth.

2) Daniel 6:11-18. Herein we realize that such virtues before heaven may come with corresponding earthly consequence. What happened? This selection records that—in accord with the edict of the king—Daniel was placed into a den of lions. Thus, it would appear that the prophet's commitment to and courage before God would culminate with the loss of his life.

3) Daniel 6:19-28. However, Daniel is preserved by the power of God from certain death. The king, moved by the scene, has Daniel lifted from the pit. Scripture records that "no wound was on him, because he had trusted in his God" (v. 23b). The king, impacted by what he had witnessed, issued a new decree: that the whole of his kingdom must recognize and reverence the God of Daniel—the One True God. Therefore, the courage and perseverant faith of the one man, Daniel, came to have large-scale impact for both time and eternity. Consider that you and I are still speaking of these happenings.

There is application herein. Dear reader, do not give in to fear, and do not quit. Do not let the circumstances of your life, as difficult as they may be, move you to a place of cowardice or

retreat. Stay the course, moving onward and upward. Embrace the opportunity before you to practice the attributes noted in this writing. You never know the impact such a one as you may have.

Remember the example of Daniel! It has been recorded in the Bible for all time and for our benefit. Moreover, let us lift our voices with that of Baillie: Teach us, O God, so to use all the circumstances of our lives today that they may bring forth in us the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin. Let us use suspense as material for earnest perseverance, and danger as material for courage.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me using the information below. Also, check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 am.

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Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

New Members' Sunday
"Here I am Lord...
Send Me."

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 65 v 17 -25 and Matthew 9 v 35 - 38

I. Introduction

As we approach Thanksgiving and the Christmas period, we look forward to being together with those close to us.

Coming together is about sharing, listening to each other's stories, and offering support to the ones who need it. This is a period of renewal, inner joy, and peace. For some, it is revisiting the places that feed our souls. For others, it is about finding comfort with new friends and loved ones.

This is what God's purpose is with us and our world, renewal and healing, love and care, as we see in our passages. That renewal happens also when we as God's disciples reach out, invite and bring in those who need love, compassion and a place to share in the healing presence of God.

II. Here I am Lord...send me

In Isaiah Chapter 65 we see the transformation of Jerusalem from a city in ruins and the people of Israel in pain and sorrow, to a new creation, free from weeping... crying will be heard no more. The dying of young babies too soon after their birth will not happen anymore. Growing old will be common and prosperity will return to their lives.

There will be no more fear of an invasion. They will hear the voice of God again, and God will create a new heaven and a new earth, after they, the rebellious nation will return from exile, with the promise from God to forgive their sins, and rebuild them into a new creation.

This Chapter is also speaking about the hope of God for the nations of the future. God is a God of forgiveness who will redeem the world into a new creation after the passing of the earth as we know it. God will bring peace and the pain from the past will be forgotten.

The Son of God played a central role in God's plan for salvation and in the ongoing new creation that God seeks to bring about. God continually seeks to forgive and restore both

God's people and all of creation, in accordance with divine will, a vision of unity and peace rather than con-

flict and division. When Jesus walked around in the villages and towns around Galilee, His purpose was to bring the good news to a wider area of Galilee.

At the same time Jesus was preparing His disciples for their mission in those villages. He brought them along to see what they needed to do and how they had to go about it. He was their teacher and He was the embodiment of God's will for the people of the Holy Land. Jesus displayed the same compassion that God had for the Israelites. Matthew describes how He was filled with compassion when He saw the crowds, who were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd, without a leader.

The Greek word for compassion, *spansnizomai* translates into "His heart that went out to them" and He followed it up with caring and effective action, says R.T. France in his commentary on Matthew. Jesus' compassion and action led to the transformation and renewal of their lives, in the same way God transformed and renewed the lives of the Israelites upon their return from exile.

Then in verse 37 He explains to His disciples that these people have become their harvest, waiting to be reaped. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. And in verse 38 He instructs them to pray to God of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest field. He describes the process in a very systematic way.

They must look around in these villages, see the suffering of those in the crowds, then they must have compassion with them and help them change their circumstances, heal them and bring the good news of salvation. The crowds needed renewal of hearts and minds, and in their difficult circumstances, and they, the disciples were being commissioned to go and do this and pray to God for more workers in God's harvest fields.

III. Conclusion

Dear new members of Barre Congregational Church, and all of us this morning. God has called us all to hear from God what our purpose is, to look within and recognize the gifts we have and bring to the Body of Christ. We have been called by God to be filled with compassion, and for our hearts to go out to the crowds around us. We have been sent by God to love, care, and to bring the Good News from God to those who need it and invite them to worship with us, or where they find a place of worship, comfortable to them.

We are called to be partners with God in the renewal of our creation through our love and service and reaching out to those in need here in Barre and surrounding towns and beyond. When we hear the call, may we all respond, saying here I am, Lord...send me.

Amen.

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

Carolyn J. (Waite) Caille

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Carolyn J. (Waite) Caille, 85, a long-time resident of North Brookfield, passed away on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025.

She was born on July 7, 1940, in Quincy, Carolyn was the daughter of the late Stanley and Priscilla (Kendall) Waite. After graduating from North Brookfield High School with the class of 1958, Carolyn went to work for the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company in the legal department.



She left the corporate world to raise her three children, actively involved in their school and extracurricular activities. After dedicating herself to raising her family, she worked as a home health aide for Medical Resources Home Health before retiring. She remained deeply involved in her community, serving for many years on the North Brookfield High School Alumni Association and was a member of the Tri-Parish Community Church.

Carolyn loved music and dancing with all her heart and had many other interests ranging from genealogical research, spending time with her family, playing board games and cards, toile painting, quilting, knitting, crocheting and walking,

to name a few. One of the more impressionable experiences she had as a young woman was a cross-country trip taken with three close friends.

Although she remained closer to home in adulthood, she passed on her playful, adventurous spirit to her grandchildren, filling their lives with cherished moments of joy and imagination. Carolyn was a generous and kind soul, who always tried to make people feel wanted and welcome.

Preceded in death by the love of her life, Eugene V. "Gene" Caille Jr., their affection, kindness, and companionship reflected a truly lasting partnership. Her memory lives on through her three children, Laura, Jeffrey with his wife Emily and Gregory with his wife Kathryn and through her four beloved grandchildren: James, Mary, Timothy and Matthew. She also leaves a much-loved sister, Virginia (Waite) Poirier-Skoczulek, a nephew Christopher Poirier with his wife Renee and their son Devin, many Waite and Kendall cousins and a larger circle of family and friends who she loved

DEATH NOTICE

Caille, Carolyn J. (Waite)
Died Nov. 14, 2025
Calling hour on Nov. 22 10- 11 a.m. and Funeral 11 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield

with all her heart. She will be greatly missed by all.

The family is very thankful for and would like to express its deepest appreciation to the people at Harbor House Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and AccentCare Hospice and Palliative Care for their loving care over the last few years.

The funeral for Carolyn will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025 at 11a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield. A calling hour will be held from 10-11am. prior to the service in the funeral home. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the NBHS Alumni Association, Inc., c/o Maryellen Brunelle, Treasurer, P.O. Box 520, East Brookfield, MA 01515 or a charity of your choosing.

If you wish to share your memories or offer a condolence, please visit: pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Public Notices

Barre Conservation Commission

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on a **Notice of Intent** for the construction of an inclusive retreat center building with dormitories, kitchen, and meditation area. Three duplex cottages along with supporting driveways, parking area, and stormwater management at property located at Pleasant Street and 183 Mill Road, Assessors Map B, Lots 107A and 90 and recorded with Books 54612 and 18293, Pages 48, 157 consecutively.

From: Insight Meditation Society
1230 Pleasant Street
Barre, MA 01005
To be held on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025 7:00 p.m.** in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.
Ronald Rich, Chairman
11/20/2025

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11/20, 11/27/2025

TOWN OF NEW BRAintree CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

New Braintree Conservation Commission will review a Notice of Intent for Ecological Restoration filed by Chris Beulow from MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Project location: 95 McEvoy Rd., New Braintree. The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 7:15 pm** in the meeting room at the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive. The public is invited to attend.
11/20/2025



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Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Oct 26
 12:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 6:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:21 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Soucy Drive, Transported to Hospital
 7:46 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Glenwood Place, Transported to Hospital
 9:45 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Negative Contact
 10:09 a.m. Erratic Operator, Crawford Road, Negative Contact
 1 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Grizzly Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:25 p.m. Gunshots, Watson Lane, Area Search Negative
 4:22 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Maple Avenue, Removed to Court/Lockup
 Arrest Bolduc, David Joseph, 39, Rutland
 Charges Disturbing the Peace, Subsequent Offense c272 §53, Disorderly Conduct, Subsequent Offense c 272 §53, Attempt to Commit Crime, Breaking and Entering for Felony, Person in Fear
 4:54 p.m. Erratic Operator, Maple Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised

Monday, Oct. 27
 5:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 8:26 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, No Action Required
 8:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Lewis Street, Transported to Hospital
 1:25 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issue, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:32 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Rutland Police Department, Report Filed
 4:01 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:52 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Peach Street, Referred to Other Agency
 8:18 p.m. Public Assist, Pommogussett Road, Returned
 10:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Edson Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Paxton Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, Oct. 28
 9:46 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Charnock Hill Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:47 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Soucy Drive, Transported to Hospital
 11:53 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Prospect Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:01 p.m. Assault and

Battery, East County Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Village Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 2:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, Oct. 29
 11:38 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:07 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Verbal Warning
 4:44 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 4:45 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 7:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Oct. 30
 8:34 a.m. Complaint, Rutland Police Department, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:37 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Trudell, Brian E. II, 34, Spencer
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 12:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:39 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Barre Paxton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Pursuit, Maple Avenue, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Trudell, Brian E. II, 34, Spencer
 Charges Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle, Stop for Police Fail, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
 Summons Cote, Brianna Marie, 26, Spencer
 Charge Unlicensed/Suspended Operation of Motor Vehicle, Permit
 3:41 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, Maple Avenue, Peace Restored
 4:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 5:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Julie Ann Circle, Mutual Aid Transport
 7:05 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East Hill Road, Report Filed
 7:38 p.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Negative Contact

11:34 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Prospect Street, Referred to Other Agency

Friday, Oct. 31
 1:16 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), East County Road, Removed from Scene
 5:43 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Crawford Road, Removed from Scene
 7:18 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Barre Paxton Road, Investigated
 8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Bestman, Benetta J., 41, Worcester
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Inspection/Sticker, No
 9:24 a.m. Erratic Operator, East County Road, Call Transferred
 10:41 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Davis Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:50 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Moulton Mill Road, Investigated
 10:53 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Main Street, Unfounded
 5:43 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Barre Paxton Road, Returned
 8:28 p.m. Safety Concern, Prouty Lane, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:11 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Main Street, Removed from Scene
 9:53 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Vista Circle, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 1
 7:14 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Cloverdale Lane, Transferred to Other Agency
 8:37 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Crawford Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:41 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Glenwood Road, Investigated
 1:25 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Glenwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:45 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Peace Restored
 2:17 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Highland Park Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Campbell Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:37 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Glenwood Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:23 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Welch Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:21 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, Miles Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:37 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, John Robert Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:37 p.m. Lockout (Home or Vehicle), Maple Avenue, Entry Gained

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 26
 1:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Avenue, Written Warning
 5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:14 p.m. Juvenile Runaway, South Street, Report Filed

Monday, Oct. 27
 10:01 a.m. Property Damage, Summer Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:28 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Broad Street, Investigated
 1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident– No Fire Department/EMS Response, Summer Street, Report Filed
 4:14 p.m. Complaint, Barre Police Headquarters, Report Filed
 7:49 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Wheelwright Road, Area Patrolled
 9:25 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Tuesday, Oct. 28
 7:30 a.m. Motor – Vehicle Disabled, West Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:06 a.m. Public Assist, Barre Police Headquarters, Public Assist
 1:35 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Hubbardston Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:19 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:53 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Root Road, Returned
 6:45 p.m. Suspicious Person/

Vehicle Activity, Pleasant Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Wednesday, Oct. 29
 8:51 a.m. Court Duty, Barre Police Headquarter, No Action Required
 2:48 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:19 p.m. Erratic Operator, Hubbardston Road, Negative Contact
 6:21 p.m. Harassment, South Street, Peace Restored
 8:38 p.m. Erratic Operator, South Street, Report Filed
 9:30 p.m. Animal Bites, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:41 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Gardner, Officer/Chief Advised

Thursday, Oct. 30
 10:30 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Williamsville Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:44 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, South Street, Officer/Chief Advised

Friday, Oct. 31
 6:57 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hawes Hill Road, Information Given
 8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Vehicle Towed
 Summons Bestman, Benneta J., 41, Worcester
 Charges Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Registration Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Inspection/Sticker, No
 2:08 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Ruggles Lane, Report Filed
 2:13 p.m. Emergency Medical

Service – Stroke (CVA), Station Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:01 p.m. Threats, Gauthier Road, Report Filed
 Arrest Wasielewski, Robert, 65, Barre
 Charges Threat to Commit Crime, Exhortation by Threat of Injury
 7:36 p.m. Property – Lost/Found/Surrender, Barre Town Common, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:47 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Old Hardwick Road, Information Given
 8:51 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), North Brookfield Road, Negative Contact
 9:06 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Barre Depot Road, Removed from Scene
 9:30 p.m. Fire – Power Line/Wires, Wauwinet Road, Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Nov. 1
 12:30 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Granger Road, Referred to Other Agency
 7:43 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, South Street, Investigated
 4:35 p.m. Follow Up Investigation, Barre Police Headquarters, Officer Spoke to Party
 Summons Wasielewski, Robert, 65, Barre
 Charges Threat to Commit Crime, Exhortation by Threat of Injury
 5:43 p.m. Be On the Lookout Notification, Wheelwright Road, Referred to Other Agency
 7:25 p.m. Robbery or Holdup, Summer Street, Report Filed
 7:58 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Dana Road, Transported to Hospital

Oakham Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 26
 9:46 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Crawford Road, Negative Contact
 1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
 6:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Oct. 27
 10:29 Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Edson Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 29
 2:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pine Lane, Citation Issued

7:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Oct. 30
 7:05 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East Hill Road East, Report Filed

Friday, Oct. 31
 5:43 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Crawford Road, Removed from Scene
 7:17 a.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Crocker Nye Road, Information Given
 8:01 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, South Road, Information Given

12:58 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Old Turnpike Road, Officer / Chief Advised
 10:10 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Crawford Road, Referred to Other Agency
 10:26 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Barre Road, Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Nov. 1
 3:05 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, East Hill Road, Investigated
 9:49 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Bleeding (Non-Traumatic), Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Oct. 26
 7:06 p.m. Unwanted Party, Williamsville Road, Returned
 8:05 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Abenaki Street, Unfounded

Monday, Oct. 27
 4:10 a.m. Property Damage, Gardner Road, Report Filed
 5:15 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Abenaki Street, Negative Contact
 11:57 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Burnshirt Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:06 p.m. Notification, Kruse Road, Information Taken
 3:50 p.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Kruse Road, Information Taken
 11:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Chicopee Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Oct. 28
 3:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Main

Street, Investigated

Wednesday, Oct. 29
 7:11 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Adams Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:16 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Mayo Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 10:05 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:07 p.m. Erratic Operator, Pommogussett Road, Verbal Warning
 4:39 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Pain, Flagg Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:49 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Natty Pond Drive, Area Search Negative

Thursday, Oct. 30
 10:44 a.m. Animal – ACO Call, Geordie Lane, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:52 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Boston Turnpike, Vehicle Towed

6:30 p.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Negative Contact

Friday, Oct. 31
 12:23 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 1:08 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Gardner Road, Negative Contact
 9:50 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Elm Street, Negative Contact
 2:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Pond View Way, Transported to Hospital
 9:37 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Lombard Road, Removed from Scene

Saturday, Nov. 1
 9:37 a.m. Safety Concern, New Westminster Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:13 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Hale Road, Removed from Scene

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Nov. 10-17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 41 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, two traffic controls, nine emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, two assist other agencies, four motor vehicle investigations, one investigation, one missing person, two fires, eight animal calls and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Nov. 10
 11:36 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Transported to Hospital
 3:38 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Nov. 11
 7:26 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:06 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Nov. 12

5:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Nov. 13
 10:35 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered
 12:18 p.m. Missing Person, Main Street, Report Taken
 2:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Grove Street, Officer Handled
 3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Officer Handled
 4:20 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Church Lane, Officer Handled
 7:23 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, High Street, Transferred Call to C7
 9:05 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Upper Church Street, Transferred Call to C7

Friday, Nov. 14
 11:53 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 12:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 12:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Muddy Brook Road, Transported to Hospital

4:40 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Bridge Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, Nov. 15
 2:41 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Services Rendered
 5:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Nov. 16
 1:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 8:46 a.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, High Street, Spoken To
 2:39 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

Monday, Nov. 17
 3:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gracias Way, Officer Handled
 3:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gracias Way, Officer Handled
 3:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gracias Way, Officer Handled

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Nov. 10-17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 16 building/property checks, 15 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, one traffic control, six emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, one assist other agency, one safety hazard, one property damage, one complaint, one property damage, two illegal dumpings, one motor vehicle accident, four animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Nov. 10
 8:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Moore Road, Patient Refusal
 6:36 p.m. Property Damage, Oakham Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Nov. 11
 2:03 p.m. 911 Misdial, Igoe Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, Nov. 12
 1:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 6:08 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled
 6:10 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Old Wine Road, Transferred Call to C3
 8:52 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, Nov. 13
 12:44 a.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
 9:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

9:07 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Oakham Road, Negative Contact
 9:15 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:44 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

Friday, Nov. 14
 3:24 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

Saturday, Nov. 15
 11:35 a.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
 1:40 p.m. Illegal Dumping, McKay Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Nov. 16
 10:33 a.m. Illegal Dumping, McKay Road, Services Rendered

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