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Voters took quick action on STM articles

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Voters passed all 17 articles on the warrant of the special town meeting held on Nov. 15.

Moderator James Caldwell held a moment of silence to remember recently passed resident Lisa Morgan. Morgan worked at the town's landfill and was known for the funny hats she wore.

"She was always a bright sun down there," he said. "She always made us laugh."

Rescinded votes

Articles 1 and 17 both rescinded previous votes taken at town meetings.

With Article 1, voters rescinded the vote of the June 16, 2024, annual town meeting that transferred \$300,000 from Stabilization to Group Health. After rescinding, voters then voted to transfer \$233,436 from Free Cash to Group Health and to raise and appropriate \$66,564 to Group Health.

For Article 17, voters rescinded a vote from the July 31, 2024, special town meeting that transferred \$50,000 from Sewer retained earnings to Sewer stabilization and passed a motion to transfer \$50,000 from Sewer retained earnings to Sewer stabilization.

Caldwell said the Department of Revenue asked the town to reopen this article due to the fiscal year timeframe.

"It's just administrative," he said. "It's the same article, same motions, everything...we're just revoting it."

Previous year's bills

Articles 8, 15 and 16 addressed unpaid bills from the prior fiscal year, all of which passed by nine-

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Barre's 911 monument nears completion



Submitted photo

The 911 Monument Committee announces there is still time to "Buy a Brick" for the walkway at the soon to be completed Global War on Terror monument located on North Common. People should go to polarengraving.com to purchase a brick. The committee also seeks the names of Barre residents, who served in the Global War on Terror, to be engraved on the monument. 911 Monument Committee members stood by the new monument on North Common Veterans Day, Nov. 11. They are from left, Mike Wood, Mike Leonard, Dennis Fleming, Chairman, Paul Murphy and Bob Bentley. Missing from photo are Tony Musnicki, Charlie Fullam, Bill O'Donnell and Jason Benoit, Design Engineer.

Massachusetts wildland fires spike

Red flag warning remains in effect

With outdoor fuel sources extremely dry and no meaningful precipitation expected, Fire Chiefs and municipal leaders are extending restrictions on any outdoor fires at least until Friday, Nov. 22.

"This has been an unprecedented fall fire season in Massachusetts," said Oakham Fire Chief Timothy Howe. "The current and expected weather conditions mean that any outdoor fire is likely to spread quickly and become difficult to control. Those fires could easily spread to homes and other properties."

Oakham Fire Chief Timothy Howe said "[His department] has been out almost every single day for weeks. This is taking a toll on our members and the budget. More importantly I am worried about members safety. They fires are causing trees to fall, members to be fatigued and that is a set up for a disaster." "We still find people having outdoor fires and carelessly disposing of smoking materials that have caused these fires. Rutland, Oakham, Barre and

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Hospital committee reviews draft letter to Baystate Health

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – Hospital Review Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said a small working group has been meeting each week and has selected the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts as the town's best option to partner with to oversee trusts associated with Mary Lane Hospital.

At the Nov. 13 meeting, he said

Friends of Mary Lane Hospital Chair Cindy Allen Bourcier has been communicating with the foundation's contact person to determine how to make this happen.

"We want to kind of put together a plan," Trietsch said, in the event the Attorney General determines that Baystate Health and Bank of America will no longer control the Lewis Gilbert trust.

"We have to have an alternative and this is the alternative we came up with," he said.

Trietsch said Bourcier drafted a letter requesting cooperation from Baystate Health to work with the town's residents, Bank of America and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

"The leaders of Baystate and the foundation would hopefully work together to define the structure of this beneficiary foundation and that we would take this as a joint petition to the Attorney General's office," he said. "If we come up with an alternative that everybody

agrees with, then we don't have to go through the court system."

Trietsch said the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts will also help to create a beneficiary foundation, including the number of representatives from both Ware and Hardwick, term limits, etc.

"It's going to be something that is independent of both towns but it's going to have representation of both towns," he said.

A copy of the letter has been

sent to the town's Attorney Patricia Davidson to review. The committee members approved the draft letter, pending Davidson's review.

Legal update

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the town has asked Davidson for a list of things, including written confirmation of the nine month demolition delay extension offered by Baystate Health.

"She was to approach Baystate's

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Finding William Lewis

Journals chronicle the life of 19th century Barre man

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STURBRIDGE – At a recent program hosted by the Sturbridge Historical Society at the Publick House, Christie Higginbottom and Bruce Craven explored the life of a 19th century man, as told through his extensive journals.

Higginbottom said she and Craven were at an antique show in Tolland, Connecticut in 2012 when they found a wooden trunk filled with pass book journals. All of the journals were written by the same person, William Lewis.

"Each journal listed the town he lived in at the time, including Barre and Hubbardston," Higginbottom said. "Bruce convinced me that we needed to buy them...there were 99 pass book journals."

Higginbottom said the antique dealer had bought the journals from a woman's estate in Barre, which was being divided by her son, Frank Patterson.

"We had assumed it was where Lewis lived, but it wasn't," Higginbottom said.

After getting in contact with Patterson, Higginbottom and Craven were invited to visit the Barre house where the journals had been discovered, and try to learn more about Lewis. When they arrived, Patterson had found another 44 journals.

"We now had a collection of 143

passbook journals," Higginbottom said.

Upon a second visit to the Patterson house, Higginbottom and Craven were surprised with the discovery of over 200 receipt books, which also belonged to Lewis – now bringing the total documents compiled by the tradesman and farmer to over 300.

Using their decades of experience working at Old Sturbridge Village, Higginbottom and Craven set to work to transcribe all of the documents and learn more about Lewis, and what life was like in the 1830s and beyond.

"He had a five mile milk route in Barre year-round using a wheelbarrow."

Christine Higginbottom

"What his records show us is how he found himself," Higginbottom said.

Lewis made his first journal entry on March 11, 1836, when he was 17 years old. Born in Vermont on Feb. 14, 1819, Lewis became an orphan by the time he was 14.

He apprenticed with his uncle, Charles Mixer, in Rindge, New Hampshire, learning the skills of tanning and currying from age 13 until 17.

Lewis wrote about his trade, noting, "It is true that it is a wet and dirty business tanning hides."

Higginbottom said almost any town with a wet, marshy area had a tannery and they were known for their noxious odors. Hides were soaked in manure from chickens, dogs and other animals

over the winter.

"He tanned for a good part of his life," Higginbottom said of Lewis. "Tanning was a business that put a great deal of physical stress on him."

Lewis endured a lot of challenges throughout his life, including a tough economy and the Panic of 1837.

"He kept trying to work to become independent," Higginbottom said.

Lewis attended district school until he was 18, and he wrote in his journal that he missed being a student. He started keeping a journal as a way to improve his handwriting and composition, and also as a way to battle loneliness.

"He used his journal as his confidante," Higginbottom said.

When Lewis turned 21, he began keeping his own accounting books to keep track of money coming in and going out.

In 1838, Lewis made his way to the commonwealth, after spending the first part of his life travelling between Vermont and New Hampshire. He worked in Northborough and Dorchester, before returning to Vermont.

In the spring of 1840, Lewis moved to Templeton, where he earned \$15 a month tanning and currying for Daniel Swan. Lewis also worked for Albert A. Payne in Leicester (where Higginbottom and Craven live) at a tannery located near the Spencer line.

"It was not one of Lewis' favorite places to live," Higginbottom said of Leicester, due to the fact that it didn't have a Methodist church, which was of great importance to Lewis.

"I think this provided William

See **WILLIAM LEWIS**, page 5

Quabbin Youth Soccer under 12 have undefeated season



Submitted photo

The Quabbin Youth Soccer under-12 boys team recently completed an undefeated fall season with a record of 8-0. The team poses after their final victory at Sterling front row from left, Tyler Nadeau, Jacob Blanchard, John Cook, Walker Larson and Joseph Haley and back row from left, Head Coach Ryan White, Brady Malin, Seth Miller, Brayden Surprenant, Cameron Charpentier, Vincent Stark, Nolan O'Connor, Chase McQuestion, Chase O'Connor, Brady White and Assistant Coach Chris Haley.

Historical Society holds Thanksgiving market

HUBBARDSTON – The Hubbardston Historical Society's Annual Thanksgiving Farmers' Market is

Sunday, Nov. 24 from noon-3 p.m. at Williamsville Chapel, Burnshirt Road.

It will be held rain or shine or snow (will be indoors).

People may support the

Historical Society by buying pies and bidding on the raffle basket.

There will be lots of vegetables and fruit from Still Life Organic Farm, Rich Brodmerkle's maple syrup, Bee Nice Farm honey, Elzire's goat milk soaps, lamb meat, yarn and dryer balls from Greenwood Hill

Farm, pastries made by Sunflour Pastries, wine from Wachusett Vineyards, jams and jellies, herbal vinegars, sourdough breads, cookies, hot butternut squash soup for lunch, and vegetables from Ladybug Farm and wood ware made by Quabbin Woodworks, Art and Crafts made by Allison.



News of the Towns



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OES to hold 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. 7 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge Hall, 71 Pleasant St. There will be hundreds of cookies and cost is \$8 per pound. Cookies sell out fast so come early.

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

Barre Food Pantry
The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. In order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients Nov. 21 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers at multiple stations.

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

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

Mesa Farm to hold living nativity

RUTLAND – On Saturday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15 Mesa Farm, 67 Muschopaug Road, will hold a living nativity with two performances each day at 4 and 5:30 p.m.

The forty minute shows will consist of carol singing and a narration and re-enactment of the nativity story in a barn with live animals. There will be no charge although attendees are requested to bring a plate of cookies to share.

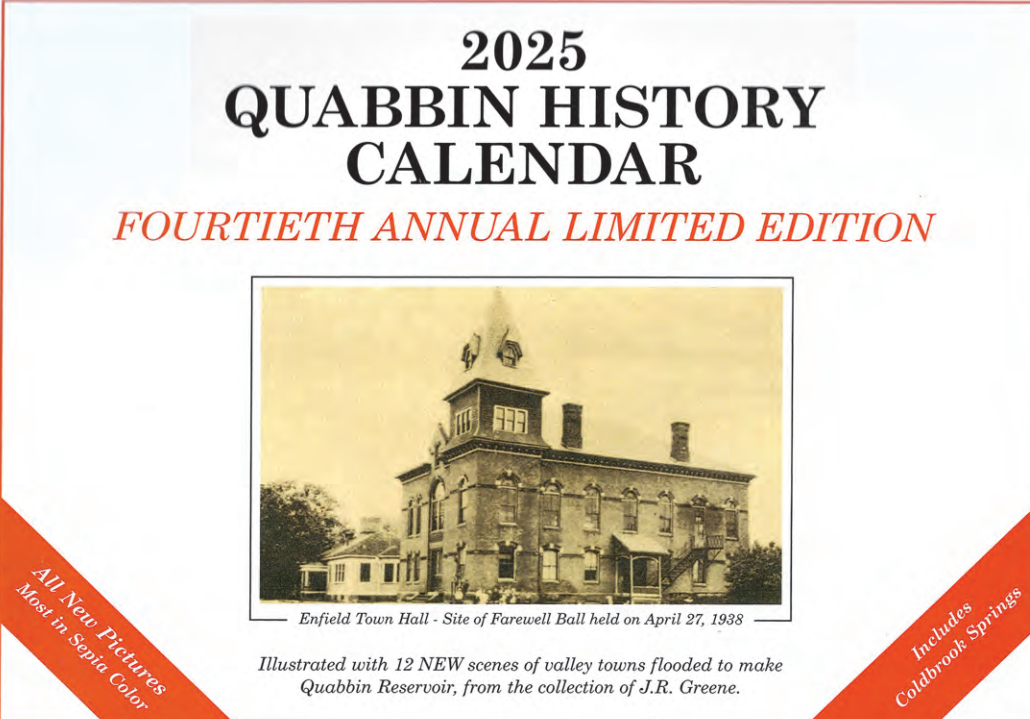
There will also be an opportunity to donate to the City to Saddle non-profit organization to support equestrian programs at Mesa Farm. Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. All performances will have sign language interpretation. For more information, people may call 508-886-6898 or visit www.mesafarmrutland.com.



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The 40th Annual Limited Edition Quabbin History Calendar is now available at local businesses and the Ware Library, 37 Main St., Ware.

Local author and historian J. R. Greene has announced the availability of his 40th Annual Limited Edition Quabbin History Calendar. Greene will be at the Ware Library, 37 Main St., Ware on Thursday, Dec. 5 to sell and sign his calendars and give a short presentation about the photographs in his calendar at 6 p.m. In addition to the calendars, he will have a selection of his other local history books for sale before and after the presentation.

The library also has calendars and a small selection of books available for sale for those unable to attend the program. A portion of the proceeds of all books and calendars sold at the library will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

Please contact the library by calling 413-967-5491 for more details.

The 40th Annual Limited Edition Quabbin History Calendar will also be available at the following local businesses: The Country Gourmet, Barre; Old Furnace General Store, Hardwick; The Country Trail, Hubbardston; Petersham Craft Center and Quabbin Woods, Petersham; Junction Variety, Thorndike; and Quabog Books and Plantation Store, West Brookfield.

People more information or to purchase a book or calendar, email jrg01331@webtv.net.



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

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

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

MONDAY – Chicken pesto, rice pilaf, glazed carrots, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread
TUESDAY – Roast turkey with gravy, cornbread stuffing, butternut squash, cheesecake mousse, Italian bread
WEDNESDAY – Spaghetti and meatballs, Marinara sauce, green beans, cinnamon pears, Italian bread
THURSDAY – No meal served Thanksgiving Day
FRIDAY – Jambalaya, steamed rice, green peas, pineapple, whole wheat bread
*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$3.00 per meal helps keep the program running.

Schedule of church and craft fairs

SATURDAY, NOV 23	SATURDAY, DEC. 7	HUBBARDSTON
OAKHAM HARVEST AND HOLLY FAIR from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road	BARRE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS FAIR from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St.	GINGERBREAD FAIR will take place at the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, On the Common, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
WEST BROOKFIELD COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIR from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 West Main St.	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH HOLIDAY FAIR from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 29 South St.	LEICESTER FOURTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will take place at St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish, 759 Main St. from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be shopping, children's activities, raffles, food and more. Flippo the Juggling Magician will perform from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Santa is scheduled to arrive at 1 p.m. so people should bring their camera for photos with Santa.
SATURDAY, NOV. 30	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE AND GIFT TABLES will take place today from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St. Cookies are sold \$8 per pound.	
BARRE CRAFT FAIR from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Quabbin Regional High School and Middle School in the gym		

New Braintree Library to hold Story Time

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering a Story Time program for preschoolers on Monday, Dec. 2 beginning at 9 a.m.

The program's focus is on the coming winter season with readings from Eric Carle. The readings will include "The Very Hungry Caterpillar's First Winter" and "Dream Snow." This reading and crafts program is held at the library. Parental supervision is required. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

Historical Society holds holiday open house Dec. 1

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Historical Society in conjunction with the New Braintree Revitalization Committee invites all to an open house on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum (1939 Grade School Building), 10 Utley Road.

There will be seasonal refreshments and an opportunity to view recent displays. Santa's Elf will have a gift from under the Christmas Tree for children 10 years and younger.

At the Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive at 5:30 p.m. there will be crafts and movies for the children.

The New Braintree Library will offer cocoa and cookies, family photo opts, Letters to Santa and a book sale from 4:40-6:30 p.m. This event will be held regardless of the weather. Families and all ages are welcome. For more information, people may visit newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org for more information.

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News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

DPW Commission – Nov. 21 at 5 p.m.
 Conservation Committee – Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.
 Board of Health – Dec. 2 at 5 p.m.
 Select Board – Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.
 Board of Assessors – Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.
 Felton Field Commission – Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Dec. 3 and Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Dec. 4 at 12:30 p.m.
 Water Commission – Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 DPW Commission – Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
 Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
 250th Anniversary Committee – Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Library Trustees – Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 Barre Housing Authority – Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.
 Cemetery Commission – Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Personnel Committee – Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee – Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 Planning Board – Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
 Recycling Commission – Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
 Council on Aging – Dec. 4 at 12:30 p.m.
 Paige Library Trustees – Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.
 Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council – Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Gilbertville Public Library – Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.
 Master Plan Steering Committee – Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Health – Dec. 12 at 6:45 p.m.
 Capital Planning Committee – Dec. 16 at 3 p.m.
 Gilbertville Water District – Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
 Cultural Council – Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Finance Committee – Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Cultural Council – Nov. 21 at 9 a.m.
 Board of Selectmen – Dec. 3, Dec. 17 and Dec. 31 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board – Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

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

PETERSHAM

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

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m.
 Special Town Meeting – Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.
 Planning Board Public Hearing – Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – On Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Megan McDonough, the founder of Wholebeing Institute, an innovative educational organization based in Hardwick, will speak on “How Libraries Make Us Happy(er).”

Through her work, she empowers people to apply cutting-edge research, fostering greater happiness and well-being in their daily lives. In this free talk, she shares five key pathways to greater engagement, fulfillment and vitality in everyday life plus how the Paige Library can play a vital role in supporting your journey to more happiness. People should register and reserve a free book, “A Minute for Me” by Megan McDonough, while supplies last by emailing director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or calling 413-477-6704.

On Sunday, Dec. 1 from

3-5:30 p.m. at the Town House, located on Hardwick Common, the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library will hold an annual cookie walk. People may buy cookies for their holiday celebrations. All the collected funds go to the Christmas for Kids gift program by the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. Jayne Foley returns to guide participants in making a Christmas tree. This is a fun activity appropriate for children. They should register so that there will be sufficient materials for all. They may bring buttons if they have some.

Ongoing activities include a weekly children’s hour on Wednesdays at 11 a.m., which features art and science activities. Toys, puzzles and LEGOS are also available.

The Paige Book Club meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 p.m. The Paige Writers group meets on alternating Tuesdays at 3 p.m. The Cookbook Club meets monthly on the last Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The FUNDamentals of ART a studio workshop for creating art and improving skills is open for all levels of expertise and a variety of art media and materials or bring their own project. Register for Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. once a month. Register for Family Game Night or “Away for a Day” Travel Club. People may call 413-477-6704 or email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com to register or for more information.

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Dismas to sell Christmas trees and wreaths
 Dismas Farm, 687 Lincoln Road, will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths on Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 7 and 8 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be homemade Christmas crafts, cookies, cocoa and hayrides.

Friends of Fobes Memorial Library

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

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

OHA lottery tickets

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

Harvest and Holly Fair

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

Festivals of Lessons and Carols

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

Senior Center Activities

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

The Centered Place hosts food drive

Fundraiser to help those facing food insecurity

WARREN – The Centered Place yoga studio in Warren is hosting a food drive and fundraiser to support The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry in West Brookfield as well as two Massachusetts food banks.

Many individuals and families in the area are experiencing food insecurity. With recent discontinuation of several government support programs that were implemented during the pandemic, their needs have increased.

The Centered Place hopes that the food drive and fundraiser can give a boost to those facing food insecurity and help them make it through the holidays with good food to eat and more to celebrate.

Donations of food and household items for The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry can be brought to The Centered Place at 286 Bridge St.

The most needed food items include non-perishable food such as regular sized canned proteins (meats or beans), dried beans, grains, peanut butter or other nut butters, cookies, crack-

ers, breakfast cereals, coffee or decaf, and canned or packaged soups. Household items that are most needed include paper towels and toilet paper, soap and other cleaning supplies.

Alternatively, food and donations can be brought directly to the Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry on Wednesday mornings between 10-11:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings between 7-8 p.m.

Note that on the week of Thanksgiving, the pantry will be open Tuesday morning instead of Wednesday morning, and will be closed on Thanksgiving. The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry is located at 36 North Main St., in the back of the First Congregational Church in West Brookfield.

Donations can also be mailed to: The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield, MA 01585.

Each month The Centered Place hosts a fundraiser for a different charitable organization. The fundraiser for both November and December supports the Worcester County Food Bank, a non-profit organization that provides donated food to those who need it. Last year, the WCFB and its network of 115 community meal

programs and local food pantries (including The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry) helped distribute nearly 6.1 million pounds of donated food (enough for 5.1 million meals) to 75,000 people from all 60 cities and towns in Worcester County.

The Centered Place has a Facebook fundraiser where you can donate to the WCFB: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/1116376256580110>.

Donations can also be made directly to the Worcester County Food Bank website at <https://foodbank.org/>. Another food bank that you can support is the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, which serves Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin and Berkshire counties. You can donate to this food bank online at <https://www.foodbankwma.org/>.

The Centered Place yoga studio has served the local area since 1988. It was founded by Nancy A Nowak, who co-directs and teaches along with her husband, Phil Milgrom. The studio was voted Best in Yoga by readers of the former Sturbridge Times.

The physical address of the studio is 286 Bridge St. in Warren. The web address is www.thecenteredplace.com.

Christmas decorating and holiday events listed

NORTH BROOKFIELD – On Saturday, Nov. 30, volunteers from North Brookfield Decorate Our Town Committee will be gathered at the Town House at 9 a.m. to start the task of decorating the town for the Christmas holiday.

Wreaths and sprays will be hung on the windows and doors of all the buildings on Main Street, and the Town

Park will be adorned with lights, wooden soldiers, a sleigh, Santa and much more.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, Santa will be sitting in his favorite chair to welcome those who wish to sit on his knee and whisper in his ear the present they hope Santa will bring on Christmas morning.

At the same time, the Haston Free Public Library

will be hosting a series of festivities. A Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 6 p.m., followed by Christmas Caroling at the Congregational Church.

Tabby LeBlanc will be leading all in the caroling, and it is hoped that the Theatre Guild will sing a favorite Christmas song or two.

Hardwick Co-Op hosts food and sock drives

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

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

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

Editorial deadline reminder

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

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High Hawk Farm Dispensary to Host Job Fair

High Hawk Farm Dispensary is excited to announce a job fair for those interested in joining our Rutland team as we prepare to open our doors. We are seeking motivated, organized, and hardworking individuals to fill several key positions, including Budtenders, Inventory Specialists, and Security Attendants.

Event Details:

- Date:** November 26, 2024
- Time:** 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Location:** Higgins Powersports Building, 140 Worcester Road, Barre, MA, 01005
- Positions Available:** Full-time and part-time roles, including Budtender, Inventory Specialist, and Security Attendant.
- Requirements:** Applicants must be 21+ and pass a CORI background check. Experience in the cannabis industry is preferred but not required. A passion for customer service, attention to detail, and the ability to work in a fast-paced environment are essential. Please bring a cover letter and resume.

The event will provide an opportunity to ask questions and submit resumes

Contact Information:

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Opinion

Guest Column



Wrap it up!

I spent this past weekend trying to wrap things up. Before we know it the holidays will be upon us and there will be little time to spend in the garden.

I had, and sadly still have, areas yet to clean up, last minute bulbs to plant and statuary and tools to put into storage. One major concern is how dry it is.

Read on to learn about some chores that should be tackled before the ground freezes.

Honestly, in all my years of gardening I have never felt the need to water in spring bulbs after planting them. This year is the exception.

What about our newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs? Just to be safe, get out the hose and give them a good soaking.

If weather permits, move a slow running hose from shrub to shrub over the course of a few hours. This is especially critical for our broad leaf evergreens such as rhododendrons, azaleas, and Pieris.

Remember the damage on older rhododendrons a few winters back? Some large specimens lost a third or more of their overall size!

Much of that was caused by excessive cold and winter winds that desiccated (removed moisture from) the foliage and left it susceptible to injury. Antidesiccant sprays are available from nurseries and garden centers. These products leave a waxy layer of film over the leaf, locking in its moisture.

Did you purchase any shrubs, roses or otherwise that were so beautiful you couldn't resist, even though they were only marginally hardy in our area (zones 6 or higher)? These need special attention.

Pound some stakes into the ground just outside the drip line of the plant. Wrap the stakes with burlap and stuff it full of straw, salt marsh hay, or shredded leaves, anything that will insulate yet not pack down and cause rot.

Never use plastic; this material creates a greenhouse of fluctuating temperatures that will surely kill the plant. Climbing plants such as roses or clematis can be removed from their trellises, tied in loose bundles and wrapped in a similar fashion as above.

Many of our evergreen shrubs suffer under the weight of ice and snow. Smaller specimens can be protected by making "A-frame" tents out of plywood and placing them over the susceptible plant. Use hinges rather than nails to construct them; storage during the off-season will be a breeze.

These types of enclosures also provide a great deal of wind protection. Paint them to blend in with the landscape.

Other articles have covered the importance of winter mulch to protect strawberries, fall mums, garlic, and spring flowering bulbs among others. Large evergreen branches do well to cover bigger areas. I have used them successfully to weigh down other light mulches such as straw or chopped leaves for twice the protection.

Remember, this task is best accomplished after the ground freezes, with our goal being to keep it frozen, thereby avoiding thawing spells that heave plants from the ground.

During the winter voles and field mice can wreak havoc on young fruit trees by tunneling through the snow to the bark in search of food. Their gnawing will girdle the tree and if excessive enough will eventually kill it.

Remember, the layer of tissue just below the bark is the tree's "plumbing"! Protect the trunk by wrapping it with one-quarter inch hardware cloth or commercially made trunk protectors. Remove the protectors in the spring.

Unfortunately, I neglected to protect young trees one fall and that was all it took. A poor tree was gnawed almost completely around the trunk. I was surprised it had enough energy to leaf out the following spring, but less surprised to see it wither and die not a month later.

In case you were wondering, yes, my bulbs for Old Sturbridge Village did finally come in. I wish they could talk. What a story they would tell.

I think they have honestly traveled more in the last six weeks than I have in my entire life. Holland to New York to Alabama to the Bahamas to New Jersey and then to a shoe store in New York City. Yes, a shoe store.

A good Samaritan saw my name on the packing slip and called to say she received them. Regardless, I am happy they finally arrived in Sturbridge. I am hopeful that they will all be planted (and watered in) within the next couple of days!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



5 years (Nov. 28, 2019)

The Gilbertville Players of Hardwick announced their upcoming family holiday show will be "Matilda the Musical" at the Eagle Hill Cultural Center, 242 Old Petersham Road. Traditionally this event sells out and it has become the beginning of family holiday celebrations. The performances will be Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. Linda Klem Tomasi directs and John Tomasi is musical director.

Long before automobiles, big strip malls and the Internet, life was a bit simpler. People took the time to know their neighbor, stayed closer to home and small local communities found the general store to be the hub of their universe. Last Saturday night at New Braintree Town Hall, local author and Chronicle TV report, Ted Reinstein, took an audience of close to 70 people on a journey following the life of general stores in New England and shared some of their interesting and unique stories.

Brett Ouimette, director of the Quabbin High School Music and Drama Departments' production of "Guys and Dolls," said "the cast has a lot of talent." Stage manager Sarah McMenemy voiced a similar view. She said, "Honestly, all the actors did very well." Her younger sister, Katherine McMenemy, who saw the show agreed with her sibling. Sarah McMenemy said the next production at the high school would be a one-act play in March. She plans to work backstage again.

10 years (Nov. 27, 2014)

A 526 year old Black Gum tree with deeply fissured bark on one side stands amidst much younger varieties in a swampland in Oakham. To the untrained eye, those exploring the forest would hardly notice its unique importance. But there is historical gold in these here woods. Hopping from swamp hummock to avoid getting their feet soaked, about 30 tree lovers converged upon Oakham Wildlife Management Area on a Sunday afternoon for a special tour.

Assessor Michael Landry recommended the Barre Selectmen continue with a single tax rate. He said over 85% of property in town was residential with almost 7% commercial and less than 2% industrial. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a residential factor of one at the tax classification hearing held Monday night. He also recommended the Board not approve a residential exemption or a small commercial exemption. He explained the residential exemption was for communities with a lot of vacation homes such as towns on Cape Cod.

Oakham Selectman Matthew Broderick said at the Special Town Meeting that anticipated revenue for the Annual Town Meeting was only an estimate. Revenue came in higher. He said the Board prioritized some items when presenting them to the voters. Voters approved all the money articles. They gave a 2% retroactive wage increase to town employees. The Highway Department

In Past Pages

LOOK BACK Barre Historical Society - 1997



Kyle Musnicki played carols and Christmas classics at the Historical Society open house Sunday, Dec. 18, 1997 in Barre.

received \$10,000 to purchase and equip a used highway truck.

25 years (Nov. 24, 1999)

Petersham hiker, Caitlin Dwyer-Huppert hiked the entire Appalachian Trail and reached Mount Katahdin in Maine. Throughout her journey, she provided the Barre Gazette a chronicle of her hike. Will I remember how to drive in traffic or reach automatically to flip a light switch at night. On Oct. 3, these thoughts were in the very back of my mind as I crossed the flatlands and skirted the rivers of the last miles of the Hundred Mile Wilderness in Maine. My eyes saw only Katahdin, its substantial shape rising high above the surrounding low hills, its upper regions bright as sun hit rock, appearing almost like snow. The mountain pulled me toward it with incredible force.

An investigation has uncovered enough discrepancies in Police Officer Shawn Denis' dramatic account Nov. 6 with two men during a traffic stop to cause charges to be filed against him. District Attorney John J. Conte's office reported that Denis, 25, would be charged in Gardner

District Court on Monday, Nov. 22, with filing a false report of a crime and malicious destruction of property valued at more than \$250.

A potluck supper was held at the Hubbardston Rod and Gun Club on Oct. 15 to say goodbye to long-time local farmer, Richmond DeSilva. DeSilva who has sold his 117 acre farm on Williamsville Road, is moving to the Fall River area. His presence as a friend and neighbor, as well as a dependable purveyor of good hay to many local customers, will be sorely missed in town. About 60 of those friends, neighbors and customers gathered to tell him so.

38 years (Nov. 26, 1986)

A special public hearing was held Monday, Nov. 24 at the Barre Town Hall to discuss the current traffic flow pattern on the common. Approximately, 25 people attended the meeting, which was officiated by the Board of Selectmen. Police Chief Michael Ryder was on hand to answer questions. Those in attendance expressed concern over

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Election letters to the editor welcome

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

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

Campaign news

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

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

Guest Column



Older Veteran asks about Special Social Security credit for military service

Dear Rusty
I served in the U S Army from January 1958 to February 1961.

What increase should I receive for those years and who do I call and at what phone number?

Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran

First, thank you for your military service. I expect you are referring to the "special extra credits for military service," which are available to some who served in the US Military in earlier years. It is important to note that these "extra credits" take the form of an adjustment to your military pay record while serving and are not an incremental amount added to your monthly Social Security benefit because you served.

Military pay has been subject to deductions for Social Security since 1957. Thus, while serving between 1958 and 1961 you paid SS tax on your military earnings. But, for purposes of determining your Social Security benefit, your military earnings record would be increased by \$300 for each quarter you served on active duty, up to a maximum of \$1,200 increase per year of service.

That means for 1958 - 1960, when calculating your SS benefit, \$1,200 would be added to your military earnings record for each year you served. FYI, for those who served after 1967, this adjustment was automatically made by Social Security. But for service years prior to 1967, as in your case, you would need to inform Social Security of your service when you claimed SS and provide a copy of your military form DD-214, your discharge papers. SS would then make the appropriate adjustment to your military earnings record prior to calculating your benefit amount. And, for clarity, additional credits for military service are not available to those who served after 2001.

A key point to understand is that this adjustment to your military pay may or may not affect the amount of your Social Security benefit. Social Security determines your benefit amount based on your highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime, adjusted for inflation.

If, after you served in the military, you had at least 35 years of civilian employment where you earned more than your military pay, it is probable that your military pay is not included when calculating your Social Security benefit. If that is the case, it is likely that the "special extra credits for military service" would have no effect on your Social Security payment. If, however, your military pay including those special extra credits for any year is more than you earned in civilian life, then you can contact Social Security (1-800-772-1213), provide them with a copy of your DD-214, and ask that they recalculate your Social Security benefit to include the extra credits for your years of military service.

Again, thank you for your service to our country, and please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions. FYI, you may also find the "For Veterans" section of our AMAC Foundation website by visiting www.amacfoundation.org.

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

We had some very cool days, but we have to expect it as it is autumn.

I guess we got spoiled with the 70 degrees. I got my x-rays done at the hospital. They put me in a wheelchair and rode me around to the different stations. Gardner Hospital is so big now and you can't go in the emergency room entrance so it is quite the walk from the parking lot.

Most of the projects that I had listed for the handyman have been done. He was able to leaf blow the long driveway and also used a rake. Most of the leaves have fallen on Serenity Hill.

I have the garage so I can put the car in when it snows. I also got the oil changed for the winter in the car.

The girls surprised us on Sunday with a birthday party for Ken's 93rd year. They brought all the food and presents and the only thing I had to do was tell them what to do. Patrice arranged for a family photograph with us all on the stairs. There were ten of us.

The Hubbardston Historical Society will have their Thanksgiving Farmers Market and Bake Sale on Sunday, Nov. 24 from noon-3 p.m. There are a number of local farmers who will have their wares. Cathy Hansgate is the market manager.

Here is a recipe I plan to make with sweet potatoes that are plentiful in the stores right now.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

- 8 ounces of mashed cooked sweet potato
- 1 tablespoon of melted butter
- 1 or 2 tablespoons of milk
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 can of pineapple rings drained and halved
- 1 tablespoon flaked coconut
- 1 teaspoon butter, melted

In a casserole stir together all the ingredients except the pineapple and coconut. Place pineapple slices on top and sprinkle with coconut and teaspoon melted butter. Bake in 350 degree oven for about 15 minutes.

Note: This recipe calls for canned sweet potatoes but I prefer to make my own cooked and mashed.

This and That

I try to call a couple of my classmates once a week to see how they are doing. This week I called one from Florida and one from Nashua, New Hampshire.

I have been picking over things and trying to downsize but it hard as so many things I want to save.

I also have been watercoloring my Christmas cards. I find watercoloring is very relaxing. I keep my art setup in my office so I can do it whenever I have spare times. This office is a very busy place as I have my sewing machine, ironing board, computer, art set up and genealogy supplies. I have a book case full of books for quilting, history and art. Another full closet in this room contains all my genealogy family notebooks.

My children will have a lot to dispose of. I hope they will keep the family heirlooms.

I have a helper who comes each Tuesday and Friday for a few hours to help me with things that I cannot do any more. She bakes, cleans, makes beds etc. I am also able to do errands and get our groceries while she is here to take care of Ken. She is a great worker and very patients with Ken.

Life goes on and it seems the weeks go by very fast. People are so helpful when they realize we are aged. Have a good week.

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tenths majority vote.

With Article 8, voters approved the transfer of \$15,750.93 from Free Cash to prior year's bills to cover the cost of engineering for the downtown sidewalk project; Article 15 approved the transfer of \$3,706.85 from Water retained earnings to Water unpaid bills; and Article 16 approved the transfer of \$2,565.33 from Library electricity to prior year's bills.

Salary line items

Five articles transferred funds from both Free Cash and other line items to cover salaries and overtime expenses.

Article 3 approved the trans-

fer of \$90,000 from Free Cash to Town Administrator's salary; Article 6 approved the transfer of \$2,500 from Free Cash to Collector's salary; Article 12 approved the transfer of \$9,000 from Police salary to Police overtime and Article 13 approved the transfer of \$15,000 from Sewer assistant to Sewer operator II.

Article 11 approved the transfer of \$3,761.42 from Council on Aging receptionist payroll to Council on Aging janitor payroll. Council on Aging Director Courtenay Rivera said they are not replacing the receptionist position at the Senior Center, and the remainder of the payroll will be used to give the janitor more hours.

Stabilization and reserve funds

Voters passed articles that transferred \$376,298.84 from Free Cash into the town's Stabilization account and \$20,000 from Free Cash into the Finance Committee's reserve fund.

Other transfers

Voters approved the following transfers: Article 2, \$300,000 from Free Cash to Group Health; Article 4, \$800 from Free Cash to Board of Selectmen supplies; Article 5, \$2,700 from Free Cash to Board of Selectmen dues and memberships; Article 10, \$420 from the Board of Health recycling contracts to prior year's bills and Article 14, \$506 from Sewer natural gas to Sewer facilities/planning/capital project.

WILLIAM LEWIS, continued from page 1

with the closest thing to family, since he left his uncle's home in Rindge," she said.

Lewis wrote in his journal about walking a distance of 21 miles to attend worship.

While living in Leicester, Lewis attended his first Methodist camp meeting for six days in Southbridge, hearing the words of prominent black preachers, John Newton Mars and Samuel Snowden in crowds of thousands of people.

"He continued to attend camp meetings and the church continued to be an important aspect of his life," Higginbottom said.

Lewis also attended a lecture by abolitionist and civil rights leader Frederick Douglass, which was a moving experience for him. Douglass was exactly one year older than Lewis, each sharing a Feb. 14 birthdate.

By the early 1840s, Lewis's health went on a great decline and he sought the help of his uncle, Jabez Smith, who was a farmer in Wilmington, Vermont. Lewis lived there while he recovered and helped with the farmwork.

"Working on his uncle and cousin's farm reintroduced him to farming," Higginbottom said. "Farming was something he really wanted to do."

As his health returned, so did Lewis to the tanning business; living and working in Hubbardston from 1843-1851.

"It was stressful for his health, and he developed migraines, which he had for the rest of his life," Higginbottom said.

It was here that Lewis faced conflict with his church's minister, who was very strict.

"The conflict with the minister led to psychological conflict and he sunk to a low point, where he may have considered suicide," Higginbottom said.

Lewis recorded his marriage to

Abby Louisa Kemp on Aug. 14, 1845 with an entry in his journal that stated, "I am now a married man and I am placed under new obligation," a week after the two were wedded.

In 1848 the couple welcomed their only child, a son, Collins Winslow Lewis. Higginbottom said it is likely that Collins was born with a cleft palate.

She said Collins left home when he was in his 20s and neither of his parents ever had contact with him again.

Lewis gave up tanning in 1851 and moved to Barre. It was around this time that the Lewis family took in Abby's niece (also named Abby), after her parents died when she was 7 years old.

In 1855, Lewis started a book lending business, carting novels throughout the towns of Barre, Petersham, New Braintree and Hardwick. Books were lent out for 10 cents each.

Lewis' detailed journals helped Higginbottom and Craven collect valuable data about what books were popular at the time, and who was reading them. One of the most in demand novels was "12 Years a Slave" by Solomon Northup.

"We discovered most of his customers were women," Higginbottom said.

Lewis and his family relied heavily on supplemental income, with Lewis seating chairs, haying and farming, and Abby sewing bed ticks. The couple also took in peddlers as boarders.

In 1857 Lewis bought his first cows and started a milk route, logging in his journal, "Went to an auction and bought a cow. The first I ever owned."

"He had a five mile milk route in Barre year-round using a wheelbarrow," Higginbottom said.

In 1860 Lewis bought his first farm on West Street, located on land that is now part of Stone Cow Brewery. His farm was about half of the average size of a farm in the

town at 34 acres and cost \$1,650.

"What he did with it was astonishing," Higginbottom said of the farm.

Lewis continued to keep detailed records of his life, noting how much milk each cow produced, including the cow's names.

"There were many Lucy's," Higginbottom said, which was the name of Lewis' sister.

Lewis also kept a journal to record his pear tree orchard, complete with a map of all 174 trees.

In 1871, C.H. Osgood built the first of two "glass house" greenhouses on the Lewis farm, and the couple added the sale of plants and flowers, as well as eggs and poultry, to the farm's offerings.

Lewis' wife Abby was incredibly fond of flowers, Higginbottom said, and had won many awards at the town's agricultural fair. She died on Feb. 6, 1894, followed by her husband on Feb. 5, 1897.

"William was 77 when he died," Higginbottom said.

After his wife's death, Lewis was cared for by his best friend, James N. Patterson and his wife. When he died, his personal effects were entrusted to his friends, which is how they ended up in Frank Patterson's possession.

The couple is buried in Glen Valley Cemetery on Valley Road in Barre.

Lewis' obituary, which was printed in the Barre Gazette on Feb. 12, 1897, paid homage to his journal writing: "It was his custom to keep a written account of his daily life and actions, and after his death his executor found a small trunk in which was nearly one hundred pass books each closely written, and covering the every-day life of this singular man for nearly fifty years."

Nativities From Around the World to be displayed Dec. 5-8

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The 15th annual Nativities From Around the World held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 108 New Braintree Road (Route 67) will be displayed for four days, Dec. 5-8.

Dates and times include Thursday, Dec. 5 from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 6 from 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 8 from noon-2 p.m.

There will be over 500 nativities displayed this year and all will be in settings of various Christmas themes. Some are old, some are new, some are classic and others modern.

It is always amazing how many ways the human spirit and artistry can portray the central theme of Christmas, the birth of Christ.

There is never a charge of any kind, nor any donation or solicitation for any event at the Church, including the Nativities display. All are warmly welcomed. north of the North Brookfield town center. The Church is located 2.2 miles north of the North Brookfield town center.



Submitted Photos by Derick Veiz

The 15th annual Nativities From Around the World will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in North Brookfield, Dec. 5-8.



This is just one of hundreds of nativity scenes displayed at Nativities From Around the World.

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several areas on the common. The first dealt with the local traffic on Common Street near the bank and post office. The second area of concern is the island on the south end of the Common.

The Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving held at the Barre Congregational Church Sunday,

Nov. 23 was attended by over 300 parishioners for the four churches. This year's attendance was the largest ever for the service. About 30 choir members from the several choirs joined their voices in praise and thanksgiving. Sherrie Stevens of Barre was the organist and Carol Posey was the choir director for the several hymns. The Good News Folk Choir led the congregation in the closing song.

The Barre Lions Club is to be congratulated once again for a truly exceptional service project, their sixth annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the senior citizens of Barre and Wheelwright. It was a beautiful day with a delicious dinner that was enjoyed by over 250 people at the Coldbrook Country Club. More than 60 similar dinners were delivered to those who could not get out.

WILDLAND FIRES, continued from page 1

Hubbardston have set up automatic mutual aid to help hot these fires fast before they get deep seated," said Chief Howe.

Burning yard waste is already prohibited across Massachusetts through Jan. 15 and year-round in some communities under 310 CMR 7.07, the Open Burning regulation. The local fire restriction additionally restricts the outdoor use of fire pits, chimineas, candles, cooking/heating equipment, and other ignition sources under Section 10.10.2 of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code. The Code grants fire officials the authority to prohibit any and all open flames and other ignition sources under certain hazardous conditions, including extreme drought. About 200 Massachusetts municipalities have imposed these prohibitions.

Any requests for permits for outdoor fires, hot work such as cutting/grinding and other activity will be decided in light of the ongoing fire risk.

All of Massachusetts is facing an unprecedented fall wildfire season. While the state averages 15 to 20 fires a month in October and November each year, local fire departments have reported more than 500 fires since Oct. 1. These fires have burned more than 1,500 acres – rivaling average statewide totals for an entire year. Many of these fires have damaged homes and other properties, and they are taxing local and regional firefighting resources.

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, and the Department of Conservation &

Recreation's Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry, almost all of these fires start with human activity and can be prevented by limiting outdoor activity that involves open flames, sparks and embers, hot engines or gasoline from power equipment, and other ignition sources.

People should follow fire prevention strategies during this period of severe fire risk.

Follow local and state guidance on outdoor ignition sources. Remember that burning yard waste is prohibited statewide through January and in many communities year-round. Many cities and towns have implemented temporary restrictions on any outdoor fires until conditions improve.

Refrain from outdoor cooking and heating. Sparks and embers from chimineas, fire pits, and grills can easily ignite dry vegetation, debris, and overhanging branches.

Use caution with lawnmowers,

leaf blowers, all-terrain vehicles, and other power equipment. Hot engines, sparks, and spilled gasoline can ignite dry leaves and grass.

Dispose of ashes from fireplaces and wood stoves in a metal can, douse them with water, and cover them with a tight-fitting lid. These ashes can remain hot enough to ignite combustibles long after the fire goes out: never dump them outdoors or in the trash.

Extinguish smoking materials in a sturdy ashtray with water or sand. Never toss cigarette butts, matches, or other smoking materials over the edge of a balcony, stub them out on stairs or railings, or toss them in dry vegetation or debris.

"The faster we hear about a fire, the better chance we have of safely extinguishing it," said Chief Howe. "If you see smoke or flames, please call 9-1-1 right away so we can protect you, your neighbors, and our community."



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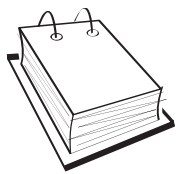
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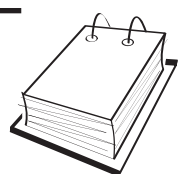
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Calendar of Events



FRIDAY, NOV. 22

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 24

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

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

Where is this?



This week's mystery photo is from Petersham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Nov. 25. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in the following edition. Robert Augustine, Peggy Civilik, Stephen Craven, James Laramee and Evelyn Luukko correctly identified the photo. The photo last week was of the solar array on Barre Road, Oakham.

Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

HOLDEN TURKEY TROT will take place Thanksgiving morning from Seven Saws Brewery, 112 Industrial Drive, in Holden with a start time of 8 a.m. This is a family friend run, walk or wobble. Strollers are allowed as well as dogs on leashes. The fees is \$35 through Wednesday, Nov. 27 and \$40 the day of the race. Last year there were over 1,200 participants.

Food insecurity is a serious issue, affecting millions globally, including right here in the community. In Haiti, nearly half the population, 4.4 million people, needs immediate food assistance. This year, in addition to supporting the Be Like Brit Foundation's work in Haiti, the Holden Turkey Trot will again help local food pantries like St. John's Food for the Poor, Rutland Food Pantry and Wachusett Food Pantry. The 5K race will start and end at Seven Saws Brewery. For more information, people may visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Holden/HoldenTurkeyTrot>.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE will take place at Dismas Farm, 687 Lincoln Road, Oakham today; Sunday, Dec. 1; Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be homemade Christmas crafts, cookies, cocoa and hayrides.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE will be held today from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the New Braintree Historical Society and the New Braintree Revitalization Committee. at the Historical Society Museum (1939 Grade School Building), 10 Utley Road. There will be seasonal refreshments and an opportunity to view recent displays. Santa's Elf will have a gift from under the Christmas Tree for children 10 years and younger. At Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive at 5:30 p.m. there will be crafts and movies for the children. The New Braintree Library will offer cocoa and cookies, family photo opts, Letters to Santa and a book sale from 4:40-6:30 p.m. This event will be held regardless of the weather. Families and all ages are welcome. For more information, people may visit newbraintreehistoricalsociety.org for more information.

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

SMALL WORKS AND HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE by members of the Princeton Arts Society will be held today from 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday, Dec 13 from 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Princeton Senior and Community Center, 206 Worcester Road, Princeton. The marketplace features fine, artisan made items such as jewelry, cards, prints, ornaments, fabric items, original books, bags, ceramics, wood-working and more. The Princeton Arts Society is a nonprofit organization promoting the arts in Central Massachusetts through programs, events and shows.

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attorney to get that in writing," Beckley said. Previously, Baystate Health's CEO Peter Banko had offered to extend the delay by that amount of time. Beckley said Davidson will also be gathering account balances from the other trusts and information about how those trusts have been expended over the years. "You can see what the balances are and what might be available for a foundation," he said. Davidson will also review a proposed agreement for use of the Lewis Gilbert trust and a process for coming together with Baystate Health and trustee Bank of America.

Mary Lane Hospital property

Beckley said the Building and Fire departments are waiting for engineering plans from Baystate Health that would describe a safety and security plan to winterize the buildings on the property.

This plan will, "just make sure that all parties involved are on the same page," he said.

Trietsch said Hilltown Community Health Center still hasn't had a tour of the property, which should be done prior to winterization. He said they will need to set a firm date with Baystate Health and any interested healthcare services.

Trietsch asked the committee members if they wanted to let the Selectboard to ask Baystate Health if they would consider separating the Wetherby building from the property, for the town to utilize.

"That might be the logical building to parcel off for historic reasons," he said.

Committee member Denis Ouimette expressed concerns about the building sitting vacant for a lengthy period of time and the asbestos, should the town assume ownership of the building. He said the committee has already been told that the asbestos tiles are structural and cannot be abated.

"As beautiful and historic as that building is, I would not recommend the town take it," he said.

Committee member Terrance Smith said there may be a way to demolish the buildings in phases that would preserve the Wetherby building, similar to the State School property in Belchertown.

This topic will be discussed by Selectboard members at their next meeting.

SOCIAL SECURITY, continued from page 4

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Panthers fall in holiday matchup

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—As a member the Quabbin football team from 2012-2015, Dan Salvatore broke the school record for single-game and single-season rushing yards. The most games that the Panthers won in a season during those four years was five.

Dan's younger brother, Luke, is one of the seniors on this year's Panthers football team, which has had a very memorable season.

The Panthers will be looking to break the school record for wins in a season when they travel to Gardner High School on Thanksgiving morning.

It'll be the second meeting of the season between the Panthers and the Wildcats.

Back on Sept. 12, the Wildcats defeated the Panthers, 26-14, in the season opener at Alumni Field.

The Panthers did win their final four home games.

In the final game of the season played at Alumni Field, Luke Salvatore scored two rushing touchdowns and senior quarterback Jaxon Warburton also scored a pair of rushing touchdowns leading Quabbin to a 48-20 non-playoff victory over the North Middlesex Patriots, last Thursday night.

It was the Panthers seventh win of the season, which ties them with the 2016 squad for the most victo-



Luke Salvatore works his way around Gardner defenders during last year's Thanksgiving Eve matchup

ries in the program's history.

"When I was driving to school this morning, it hit me that this would be my final home football game," Salvatore said. "My older brother was also a running back and he's the main reason why I began playing football. I'm very grateful for the career that I've had here and the great moments that we've made as a team on this

field." Luke Salvatore is hoping to continue playing football at the collegiate level next year just like his older brother, who played football at Stonehill College.

When the seniors listed on this year's football roster were freshmen, the Panthers only won four games.

"Everything has come full cir-

cle," Salvatore said. "When I was a freshman, we struggled to win games, but we've worked very hard during the past couple of years. All our hard work has paid off for us this season. We really want to beat Gardner on Thanksgiving and break the school record for wins in a season. We don't want to share it."

The other Panthers seniors are



Jaxon Kelley scores the two-point conversion on a center sneak.



Offensive MVP Luke Salvatore and Defensive MVP Jaxon Kelley with the team behind them.

Ryan Wreschinsky, Bryce Venne, Jake Thao, Cole Wilson, Adam Faulha, Zach Zajak, Zeke Santoro, Travis Wells, and Jack Fors.

"The majority of the seniors have been playing football together

since we were in the fifth grade," Salvatore added. "A lot of us played different positions at the youth level. I've always been an

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Pathfinder looks to rebound from last Turkey Day



The Pathfinder defense stops a Belchertown rusher during last year's matchup in Belchertown.

PALMER – Once again, the Pathfinder and Belchertown football teams will participate in a Thanksgiving morning football game. The unique part of this matchup is the teams begin play earlier than others, with kick off set for 9 a.m. instead of the traditional 10 a.m. other games start at on the holiday. The game time was changed a few years ago. Last year, Belchertown raised its Turkey Day record to 13-9 against Pathfinder with a 61-14 blowout. But it's not a winning streak yet as Pathfinder got a win in 2022 47-22. Both teams have had a tough 2024 with Belchertown going 1-8 while Pathfinder went just 2-8.



Branden Hnitecki goes for a tackle.



Nicholas Pfister looks to make a handoff.



Nicholas Pfister attempts to stiff-arm a Belchertown defender.

College: Rischitelli contributes to Gulls season

WEST HARTFORD — The Endicott women's soccer team fell short against top-seeded University of Hartford, 2-0, on Tuesday evening in the Conference of New England (CNE) semifinals at Alumni Field.

The fifth-seeded Endicott defense was put on the back foot from the beginning against the best offense in the conference. However, Endicott looked threatening at times, controlling possession in the midfield, and passing around Hartford defenders looking to find the opener but they were limited to just one shot in the first half.

The Hawks outshot the Gulls, 6-1, in the first 45 minutes, but the game remained even with zeroes across the board as the halftime whistle sounded.

In the 54th minute, the Hawks broke through after working a corner-kick opportunity. On the set piece attempt, the home team lobbed a beautiful kick into the center of the box, which was calmly headed in to claim the 1-0 lead.

The Blue and Green responded looking to halve the deficit quickly. Samantha Klimas (North Andover, Mass.) provided the first shot of the game for the Gulls. She found space at the top of the box and launched a shot on the net that was saved.

Hartford added to its advantage in the 68th minute off another set-piece play after a foul near the sideline. The free-kick taker found an open runner who proceeded to cross the ball into the box. In the mess of a crowded box, a Hawk was the first to fire the ball into the net to give the hosts an insurance goal.

Endicott found its best chance of the night in the 79th minute, when Morgan Hubert (Southington, Conn.) fed Michelle Donahue (Melrose, Mass.) at the top of the box for a one-timer, but Hartford's goalkeeper sprawled out to keep the shutout installed.

The Gulls were unable to muster anything further prior to the buzzer sounding, closing out their 2024 campaign.

Samantha MacCormack (Danvers, Mass.) played the full 90 in net for the Blue and Green and scooped up two saves in the loss.

Among the members of the team are North Brookfield's Riley Rischitelli, who had four goals and an assist this season. She played in every game this season for the Gulls.

Team Schedules

Belchertown Football (1-8)

- Friday, Sept. 13 – Northampton 16, Belchertown 13
- Thursday, Sept. 19 – Pittsfield 42, Belchertown 14
- Friday, Sept. 27 – Ludlow 40, Belchertown 18
- Friday, Oct. 4 – Hoosac 43, Belchertown 8
- Thursday, Oct. 10 – Easthampton 20, Belchertown 19
- Friday, Oct. 18 – Lee 46, Belchertown 0
- Friday, Oct. 25 – Frontier 20, Belchertown 0
- Friday, Nov. 1 – Commerce 28, Belchertown 6
- Friday, Nov. 8 – Belchertown 46, Greenfield 13
- Thursday, Nov. 14 – Bye
- Thanksgiving Game**
Thursday, Nov. 28 – at Pathfinder 9 a.m.

Pathfinder Football (2-8)

- Friday, Sept. 13 – Palmer 40, Pathfinder 7
- Friday, Sept. 20 – Athol 40, Pathfinder 0
- Friday, Sept. 27 – Franklin Tech 46, Pathfinder 6
- Saturday, Oct. 5 – SICS 40, Pathfinder 30
- Friday, Oct. 11 – Monument Mountain 40, Pathfinder 34
- Saturday, Oct. 19 – Pathfinder 28, Drury 12
- Saturday, Oct. 26 – Pathfinder 42, McCann Tech 12
- Friday, Nov. 1 – Smith Vocational 40, Pathfinder 8
- Friday, Nov. 8 – Frontier 38, Pathfinder 12
- Friday, Nov. 15 – South Hadley 27, Pathfinder 9
- Thanksgiving Game**
Thursday, Nov. 28 – vs. Belchertown 9 a.m.

BELCHERTOWN VS. PATHFINDER

Belchertown leads series 13-9

- 2023: Belchertown 61-14
- 2022: Pathfinder 47-22
- 2021: Belchertown 44-8
- 2020: No game - COVID
- 2019: Belchertown 44-7
- 2018: Belchertown 46-6
- 2017: Belchertown 39-0
- 2016: Belchertown 30-0
- 2015: Pathfinder 16-0
- 2014: Pathfinder 3-0
- 2013: Pathfinder 30-6
- 2012: Pathfinder 30-8
- 2011: Belchertown 29-0
- 2010: Belchertown 9-7
- 2009: Belchertown 41-6
- 2008: Pathfinder 15-13
- 2007: Pathfinder 34-8
- 2006: Belchertown 8-6
- 2005: Belchertown 25-0
- 2004: Pathfinder 28-0
- 2003: Belchertown 27-6
- 2002: Belchertown 9-6
- 2001: Pathfinder 48-24



Dustyn Cook fields a kickoff for the Pioneers.



Sports

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The second round of the league for the Commercial Elks League began this past Tuesday night.

Gutter Mouths were the winners of the first round and will compete in the championship roll off at the end of the year. The other five teams will attempt to join Gutter Mouths by securing a good record to win round two.

In one match, The Daft Kings bowled against Last in Line in week one of round two. In game one, Daft Kings were victorious 377-374. Ken Trudel of Daft Kings began the match with a 107. His teammate Dave Cobleigh bowled a 103.

In game two, Last in Line bounced back with a dominate victory over Daft Kings, 430-333. Three of the four members of Last in Line broke the century mark with Rich Chambers having the high game of 112.

In game three, Daft Kings won the last game 363-358. However, Last in Line won total pinfall, 1162-1113. Each team started the new round by winning two points each.

First round winner Gutter Mouths bowled against Compression. In game one, Compression defeated Gutter Mouths 330-325. Jay Dominick of Compression started with a 106. In game two, Gutter Mouths won 370-354.

In game three, Gutter Mouths won the last game 380-349. Gutter Mouths start the new round strong by winning three out of four points. Final score was 1075-1033, in favor of Gutter Mouths.

The Mailmen team bowled against Team BK. In game one, Team BK was victorious 357-353. In game two, BK was victorious again by a score of 352-312. In game three, Team BK won a close last game, 367-365, to win all three games and total pinfall.

The final score was 1076-1030 in favor of Team BK. The team started off round two with a record of 4-0.

Bogey Doubles
EAST BROOKFIELD – The results of the second round of this past week's Bogey Doubles League.

The team of Renaud & Ward won two out of three games against Murphy & Kenneson. The final score was 778-725 in favor of Steve Renaud and Tina Ward.

The Gauthier & Clough team won all three games against Rando & MacDougall with the final score being 824-784.

The doubles team of Clauson & Santora won all three games against Halbedel & Fontaine. The final score was 860-755 in favor of Clauson & Santora.

Talamini & Gravel won two out of three games against Mondor & Brayton. The final score was 785-765 in favor of Talamini & Gravel.

Pellett & Nester won all three games against Sandman & Marvin. The final score was 861-748 in favor of Pellett & Nestor.

The high single and high series in this session was bowled by Jim Nester. His high single was a 156 to go along with a 407 series. Phil Clough had the second highest single and series with a 141 and a 390.

Late goals get T-Birds much-needed win

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-8-1-0) got a clutch late-game goal from their captain en route to a 4-2 win over the Charlotte Checkers (7-4-0-1) on Saturday night at the MassMutual Center. Springfield picked up its first set of back-to-back wins this season in the process.

The T-Birds played a stout defensive opening period against the AHL's most potent offense, keeping the Checkers to just nine shot attempts and one unsuccessful power play opportunity. Vadim Zherenko has a stable start to his night, denying each Charlotte shot that reached the blue paint.

At the other end, former T-Birds head coach Geordie Kinneer also had his team locked in defensively. The Checkers also killed off one Springfield power play, and Ken Appleby had answers for each of the T-Birds' seven first-period shots.

2:30 into the second, one of the newcomers to North America got Springfield the night's first tally. Leo Loof brilliantly maneuvered himself down the right wing into the slot, moving the puck to his forehand and rattling a shot off

the post. While Loof did not have luck on his side, his fellow Swede Simon Robertsson did, as the rookie arrived in the slot, found the loose puck, and snapped it past a fallen Appleby to give Springfield the 1-0 lead. It was Robertsson's first AHL goal, and it marked the first time in three games that Springfield tallied the first marker.

The Springfield power play, which had not scored since Nov. 2, got into the action next at 5:57, as Aleksanteri Kaskimaki uncorked a one-timer from the right circle off a setup from Samuel Johansson. Marcus Sylvegard parked himself in front of the net and deftly tipped the shot past Appleby for his second man-advantage goal of the season, and the T-Birds lead moved to 2-0.

A late penalty and subsequent unsportsmanlike conduct call put Charlotte on the power play for four minutes at the tail end of the middle stanza. With just 1.8 seconds left in the frame, Trevor Carrick held a clearing attempt in and snapped a shot past Zherenko to bring the Checkers to within a goal heading into the third.

The visitors built off that goal at the 2:23 mark of the third when

Marek Alscher moved up from the blue line to find a loose puck in a scramble and score his first AHL goal to tie the game, 2-2.

The stalemate carried into the back half of the final frame, and a pair of matching minors set the teams up at 4-on-4 hockey with less than six minutes to play. Almost immediately, the T-Birds rose to the occasion. Hunter Skinner raced to the right point to hold a puck at the blue line. With no hesitation, he whipped a pass diagonally to a streaking Matthew Peca on the left-wing side. Appleby denied Peca's first attempt with the pad, but the captain corralled the rebound and swept it into an empty net, restoring the T-Birds lead, 3-2, with 5:29 to go.

With Appleby pulled in the closing minutes, Charlotte kept pressing the issue, but Zherenko and the T-Birds defense stiffened. Dylan Peterson blocked a last-ditch effort, cleared the defensive zone, and tapped the puck into the empty cage to wrap up Springfield's win.

Zherenko earned his first win since Oct. 12 with 25 stops on the night, while Appleby had 22 saves for Charlotte.

Education

Henry David Thoreau Foundation awards scholarships

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation awards collegiate scholarships of up to \$26,000 to eight to ten students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts.

As Henry David Thoreau Scholars, these select high school seniors may enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field. The Henry David Thoreau Scholarships are up to \$26,000 four-year scholarships awarded to eight students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. High school seniors awarded the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships can

enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field.

Henry David Thoreau Scholars are encouraged to enroll in internships or study abroad to broaden their awareness and understanding of environmental issues. Henry David Thoreau Scholars have studied a wide variety of environmentally related areas, including biology, epidemiology, oceanography, international affairs and environmental law, and upon completing their undergraduate degrees, they became members of the Henry David Thoreau Society.

The Henry David Thoreau

Foundation further assists its scholarship winners by identifying environmentally related internships, offering internship stipends, and providing networking opportunities. Upon graduation from college, Henry David Thoreau Scholars are inducted into the Henry David Thoreau Society. A sign of success of the Henry David Thoreau Foundation's mission to foster environmental leadership is the support past scholarship winners provide to present scholarship winners.

To learn more about the Henry David Thoreau Foundation and the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships, visit thoreauscholar.org. Students have until Feb. 1, 2025 to apply.

Quabbin Regional High School list honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School lists the first quarter honor roll for grades 9 through 12.

Grade 9 High Honors

Student in Grade 9 attaining High Honors are Brent Benoit, Abraham Brown, Nicholas Carroll, Michael Condry, Maya Edouard, Chloe Howarth, Ellie Poulin and Erin Trotter.

Grade 9 Honors

Student in Grade 9 attaining Honor Roll are Nicholas Antonio, Mary Asiedu, Anyiah Bergeron, Josephine Buck, Carlmorisia Campbell, Eleanor Carroll, Brian Colleton, Aiden Crane, Kayla Curran, Adrien Cyr, Oliver Davis, Aliyah Edouard, Andrew Erickson, Audrey Faucher, Samuel Feldman, Alaina Flynn, Maya Fontaine, Daniella Gaudreault, Callahan Hardy, Jadin Harnois, Samuel Jamieson, Matthew Labrousse, Alison LaRoche, Emma Lindsey, Kingston McKenzie, Lynn Diarrh Michel, Niki Nikakhlagh, John Orsini, Aubrie Phelps, Moira Powers, Juliet Priestley, Lealani Prunesti-Thomas, Veanna Salvadore, Kristen Schur, Ava Sobol, Haley Stoll, Silas Stukuls Barrieau, Benjamin Thompson and Catherine Tucker.

Grade 10 High Honors

Student in Grade 10 attaining High Honors are Jacob Bassett, Madeleine Boisselle, Tess Dunphy, Kathryn Ford, Ella Reeves and Ellary White.

Grade 10 Honors

Student in Grade 10 attaining Honor Roll are Klavdiya Antonian, Skyler Bard, Halo Bissonnette, Samantha Breault, Makenzie Casey, Benjamin Darcey, Kherington Deschenes, Oliver Doane, Isabel Doty, Leah Doucette, Brody Faucher, Grace Flamand, Lilian Hinckley, Kaylie Howland, Kirk Kaelin II, Emma Keddy, Violet Kelley, Sadie Kennan, Nathaniel Korandanis, Sierra Lambert, Audrey Laursen, Ailey Majoy, Anna Metcalf, Mia Miville, Jesse Newton, Samantha O'Connor, Sadie Ouimette, Maya Putnam, Julia Quintal, Camren Robertson, Abigail Rogowski, Emma Ryan, Sienna Shaw, Aubrey Thorpe, Owen Twarog, Grace Vanoudenove, Brendan Welch, Carlo Zolla and Leanna Zou.

Grade 11 Honors

Student in Grade 11 attaining Honor Roll are Owura Ankoma-Mensah, Aaron Bodine, Owen Breuer, Micah Cerezo, Annabella DiMartino, Mia Ducos, Kalina

Dyer, Garrett Erickson, Ava Gilman, Adelaide Harmon, Emma Kahlau, Anthony Landry, Logan Loomer, Grace Manna, Elizabeth Matheson, Hunter McQueston, Jayne O'Brien, Madelyn Stauder, Andrew Warfield, Farrah Wojcik and Jin Xi Zou.

Grade 12 High Honors

Student in Grade 12 attaining High Honors are Ava Conlee, Teaghan Earle, Matthew Erickson, Quinn Geary, Samuel Guertin, Isabel LaBelle, Julia Smith and Jaxon Warburton.

Grade 12 Honors

Student in Grade 12 attaining Honor Roll are Shime Ankoma-Mensah, Eamon Arnold, Haley Ayer, Jordan Blanchard, Kevin Boles, Alisyn Bruso, Kyle Clark, Abigail Crawford, Christiana Dunn, Adam Faulha, Ruby Gatulis, Rachel Harrington, Rylee-Anne Harty, Hunter LaBier, Travis LaRoche, Kun Liu, Veronika Mendrek, Adelynn Prochnow, Ethan Salvadore, Amanda Samaha, Ezequiel Santoro, Sadie Sheldon, Hannah Shepard, Sydney Slattery, Isabella Smith, Irene Stolgitis, Kevin Thompson, Richard Tucker, Abigail Ure and Ryan Wreschinsky.

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outside linebacker, but I didn't play offense back then."

Salvadore is a senior captain, along with Warburton, Venne, Faulha, Wilson, and Wells.

"I became the head coach when the seniors were freshmen," said Quabbin head coach Wayne Page. "It hasn't hit me yet that the football season is almost over, but I do care about the seniors and all the other players on the football team a lot. These guys have worked very hard to turn this program around during the past couple of years. All of them are great kids."

The Panthers, who have scored 40 or more points in four games this season, will enter the final game of the season with a 7-3 overall record.

One of the reasons why the home football game against North Middlesex was held last Thursday night was because the members of

the Quabbin performing arts performed Disney's Beauty and the Beast inside the school's auditorium last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Salvadore became a member of the Quabbin performing arts for the first time at the beginning of the school year.

"I decided to join the performing arts club because it was my senior year," he said. "I do like movies, and I always thought I would like to become an actor someday. I'm Gaston in the Beauty and the Beast play. It's a perfect role for me. I'll be singing five songs. Being on the stage is very similar to being on a football field. It takes a lot of hard work to be successful." The play rehearsals took place at the high school from 6-9 pm every Monday and Wednesday night since August.

"It has really been a lot of fun doing something new in my life. It's a very welcoming community," Salvadore said. "My older brother, Ben, was a member of the theater group when he was in high school. I'm also following in his footsteps."

Page and his coaching staff were looking forward to watching Salvadore perform in the play on opening night.

"I can't wait to go watch Luke perform in the play tomorrow night," said Page following the win against North Middlesex. "Luke is an outstanding young man, and he does a lot of different things. The whole team will be there supporting him."



Chase Talbot snatches a pass.

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In a couple of weeks, Salvadore, who's also a member of the NJROTC, will be beginning his final season as a member of the boys' basketball team. Longtime Quabbin boys' varsity coach Dennis Dextradeur doesn't remember any of his former players ever having a leading role in a school play before.

Luke Salvadore might not have broken any of his older brother's rushing records, but he and his teammates are hoping to celebrate one more victory on the gridiron before the curtains close at around nighttime at Watkins Field in Gardner on Thanksgiving.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR PUBLIC NOTICES

Thanksgiving will bring early deadlines for all public notices to run in TURLEY PUBLICATIONS the week of November 25-29, 2024.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 2 PM for November 27 Issue
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Convinced Part 7

Do you possess convictions? In other words, what bedrock beliefs both inform and impact the manner in which you live? In this series we have noted an array of biblical truths that should shape our life and living. Let us close with the following:

1) The Supremacy of God

To what degree are we convinced that the Lord is greater than our enemies (i.e., of the earthly and the spiritual variety)?

1 John 4:4 (NIV)
4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

The following account speaks to the supremacy of God:

“John Paton was a missionary in the New Hebrides Islands. One night hostile natives surrounded the mission station, intent on burning out the Patons and killing them. Paton and his wife prayed during that terror-filled night that God would deliver them. When daylight came they were amazed to see their attackers leave. A year later, the chief of the tribe was converted to Christ. Remembering what had happened, Paton asked the chief what had kept him from burning down the house and killing them. The chief replied in surprise, ‘Who were all those men with you there?’ Paton knew no men were present, but the chief said he was afraid to attack because he had seen hundreds of big men in shining garments with drawn swords circling the mission station.”

2) The Strength of God

To what degree are we convinced that the Lord grants necessary strength and renewal amidst the difficulties of this life?

Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

In his book, “Against the Flow,” Oxford professor John Lennox notes that when God calls us to do something difficult he gives us the strength when we need it, not before we need it. Lennox illustrates this biblical principle with a story about an encounter with a Russian follower of Jesus, who spent years in a Siberian labor camp for the crime of teaching his children about the Bible. Lennox writes: “He described to me that he had seen things that no man should ever have to see. I listened, thinking how little I really knew about life and wondering how I would have fared under his circumstances. As if he had read my thoughts, he suddenly said: ‘You couldn’t cope with that, could you?’ Embarrassed, I stumbled out something like: ‘No, I am sure you are right.’ He then grinned and said: ‘Nor could I. I was a man who fainted at the sight of his own blood, let alone that of others. But

what I discovered in the camp was this: God does not help us to face theoretical situations, but real ones. Like you I couldn’t imagine how one could cope in the Gulag. But once there I found that God met me, exactly as Jesus had promised his disciples when he was preparing them for victimization and persecution.” Lennox adds, “We can be confident, then, that the Lord will give us a sufficient amount of grace to handle whatever comes our way, whenever it comes our way—and not necessarily a moment before.”

3) The Peace of God

To what degree are we convinced that God provides peace for his own? Consider afresh and anew this promise of Christ:

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

I have come to love the statement that peace “consists not in the absence of danger but in the presence of God.” This reality was made manifest in the life of Nicholas Ridley. In 1555, Nicholas Ridley was burned at the stake because of his witness for Christ. On the night before his execution, his brother offered to remain with him in the prison chamber to be of assistance and comfort. Nicholas declined the offer and replied that he meant to go to bed and sleep as quietly as ever he did in his life. Because he knew the peace of God, he could rest in the strength of the everlasting arms of his Lord to meet his need. So can we.

4) The Sufficiency of God

2 Peter 1:3

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

God is sufficient. He has provided everything that you need for this life and the next through His Son, Jesus Christ. Do you believe that is enough? Cling to Him and you shall see! And in those moments when you feel weary or depleted, consider: “When you have nothing left but God, then you become aware that God is enough.”

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your leisure using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10 v 11 – 25

I. Introduction

I love the soothing sound of a plane in the distance.

It has a stimulating effect on my brain, I think and it makes me feel lighthearted. Likewise, the sound of the ocean waves can be so relaxing, not to mention the splashing of the waves across one’s legs and feet. It has such a cleansing effect on the mind and the soul.

Fall leaves can be beautiful, or just plain fun when you roll around the heap you’ve just made before getting rid of them. The sprinkling of soft rain or snow on our faces as we stroll through the woods or down the road is enchanting and peaceful. To be surrounded by so much that makes us feel good, is like sprinkles that stir the mind and the soul.

Are you with me? So, let’s see what Paul is teaching us about the sprinkling of the hearts in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

II. Our hearts have been sprinkled by the Holy On

In this passage Paul describes how Christ, the High Priest gave His Body as a complete sacrifice for the sins of humanity. The priests in the Old Testament never sat down in the sanctuary but remained standing throughout their sacred duties. These sacred duties and sacrifices were done regularly but could never cleanse or purify the hearts and souls in a permanent way.

On the other hand, when Christ finished His work on earth, died and rose again, He sat down at the right-hand side of God, and became the mediator between God and humanity. His bodily sacrifice happened only once and its purpose was to save humanity from its sin, offer forgiveness and healing. He did not have to die again. In verse 13 and 14 it states that He makes His enemies His footstool, and those who seek redemption will be made holy. As High Priest and Son of God, His work is done and perfected in those who receive forgiveness of their sins. He is therefore available always to anyone who needs forgiveness and healing.

Because of the sacrifice of Christ through His Body, Paul is reassuring the believers here that they have the wonderful privilege to enter the Most Holy Place where God is, entering through the curtain, which is the Body of Christ. He then encourages them to draw near to God in full assurance of faith, “having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”

The sprinkling of the heart indicates an inward and spiritual cleansing. Reference is made to the ashes from a young female cow that had not borne a calf yet and mixed with water, for the purpose of cleansing and sanctifying. If so, how much more powerful and redeeming is the Blood of

See **SERMONS**, page 10

Women’s Guild holds Christmas fair

BARRE – Once again, the Women’s Guild of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be taking part in “Christmas in Barre” with their Annual Christmas Fair, on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in St. Joseph’s Hall on South Street.

This year’s Grand Raffle: first Prize will be \$1,000 CASH, second Prize 100 Gallons Heating Oil or 100 Gallons of Propane donated by R.J. McDonald and third Prize is a Handcrafted Doll House, made by

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The Christmas Fair will have Handmade crafts, Gift Cards, and Basket Raffles, the ever popular Cemetery Baskets, Bake Shoppe and Hot Cocoa Bar, plus fun games and prizes for the children. One very special craft item which will be raffled off is a Handmade Quilt

titled, “Underground Railroad.” The Grand Raffle or the Quilt Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses up to the Fair. Guild members have tickets to sell.

There are sign-up sheets to order a cemetery basket in the back of each church or by calling or texting Judy at 508-320-5049. Deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 1.

People can enjoy a delicious lunch of homemade soups and sandwiches.

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Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiBank, N.A., dated October 16, 2015 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54453, Page 120, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated May 24, 2022, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67776, Page 234, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for CitiBank, N.A. its successors and assigns to CitiMortgage, Inc., recorded on May 9, 2016, in Book No. 55296, at Page 345 CitiMortgage, Inc. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., recorded on July 25, 2017, in Book No. 57470, at Page 376 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on May 4, 2020, in Book No. 62326, at Page 290 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 PM on December 17, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises located at 1476 Patril Hollow Road, Hardwick, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: A certain parcel of land situated on the northwesterly side of Patril Hollow Road, in Hardwick, Massachusetts and being the lot containing 4 acres shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Hardwick, Massachusetts, Surveyed for Karl D. and Brenda L. Germain” dated March 13, 1995, by Daniel A.

Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., and being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 692, Page 24, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description.

The Grantee takes the parcel conveyed hereunder with notice and acknowledgment that the parcel conveyed is adjacent to the Hardwick Landfill which is owned by Hardwick Landfill, Inc. and although not being operated as a landfill on the date of conveyance, the Grantor or a successor in interest may seek permits and, if granted, operate the Landfill in the future. As a part of the consideration for this conveyance the Grantees have agreed not to object to the reopening of the Landfill in the future. This provision shall survive the delivery of the deed.

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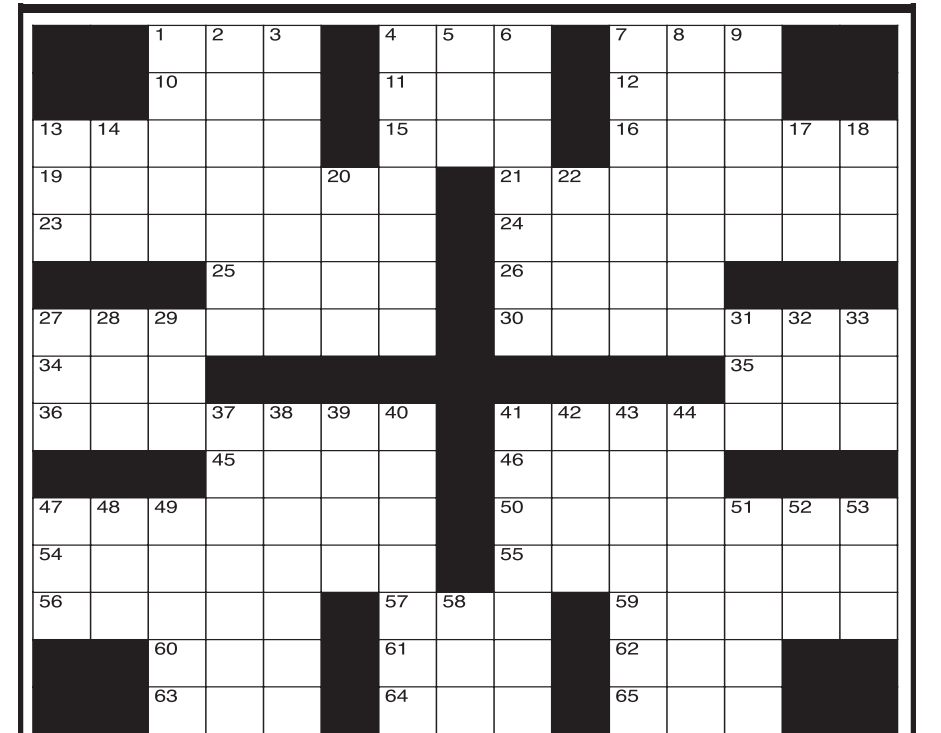
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1. Defunct airline
4. Beverage container
7. A team’s best pitcher
10. Unit of liquid capacity
11. It comes before two
12. Male child
13. Type of wheat
15. One’s mother
16. Upper side of an organism
19. United is one
21. Extraction process
23. A being with lesser divine status
24. People living together in a community
25. Luxury automaker
26. This (Spanish)
27. Semitic language
30. Period for a defined purpose
34. Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure

CLUES DOWN

1. Heat unit
2. ___ Faulkner, American writer
3. Guatemalan town
4. Of funny things
5. Actress ___ de Armas
6. Agents of one’s downfall
7. Takes forcibly
8. Body lice
9. Large nest of a bird of prey
10. Defensive nuclear weapon
11. “American Idol” contestant Clay
12. Midway between east and southeast
13. Court decision “___ v. Wade”
14. Born of
15. Soviet Socialist Republic
16. Actress ___ Margaret
17. Not even
18. Used of a number or amount not specified
19. Complications
20. Fail to win
21. Before the present
22. Musical genre
23. Flurry
24. 007’s creator
32. Indiana Pacer Toppin
33. Midway between north and northeast
37. Feeling
38. Damage another’s reputation
39. Mottled citrus fruit
40. Beauty product
41. They man first, second and third
42. Harness
43. Herb
44. Expressed concern
47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
48. Consumed
49. Nostrils
51. Gathered fallen leaves
52. Express good wishes
53. Monetary unit of Brunei
58. Japanese Buddhist festival

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Friday, Nov. 1
 11:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:43 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Pommogussett Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle, East County Road, Citation Issued
 10:39 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Emerald Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, Nov. 2
 11:15 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Charnock Hill Road, Investigated
 11:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Main Street, Report Filed
 11:57 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Maple Avenue, Report Filed
 12:44 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, Glenwood Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:18 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Maple Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Maple Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:54 p.m. Fires – Structure Fires, Victoria Avenue, Fire Extinguished
 9:37 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, East County Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 9:42 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Locke Road, Information Taken
 9:55 p.m. ACO Lost and Found/Wildlife, Main Street, Investigated
 11:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Nov. 3
 4:23 a.m. Noise Complaint, Memorial Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 7:05 a.m. ACO Call, Pleasantdale Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:54 a.m. Fire – Vehicle Fires, Forest Hill Drive, Fire Extinguished
 11:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 12:28 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Sassawanna Road, Investigated
 1:48 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Neurological/Head Injury, Miles Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 5:47 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Hope Way, Investigated
 7:55 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Anthony Drive, Transported to Hospital
 9:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Monday, Nov. 4
 2:02 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Watson Lane, Transported to Hospital
 6:41 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, East County Road, Unfounded
 7:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main

Street, Written Warning
 8:37 a.m. Court Duty, Main Street, Court Duty
 10:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Gaffney Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:41 a.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Maple Spring Drive, Officer, Chief Advised
 11:47 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Ridge Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 12:22 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Charnock Circle, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:11 p.m. Trespasser, Wachusett Street, Party Departed Without Incident
 3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Written Warning
 4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasantdale Road, Citation Issued
 5:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:04 p.m. Fire – Structure Fire, Edson Avenue, Fire Extinguished
 7:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 7:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:32 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Crawford Road, Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, Nov. 5
 2:01 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Ten Rod Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:55 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Peace Restored
 9:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 10:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, Oakridge Drive, Transported to Hospital
 12:02 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Prescott Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:10 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Turkey Hill Road, Property Returned
 2 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Mutual Aid Transport
 2:37 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Edson Avenue, Peace Restored
 6 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Emerald Road, Property Restored

Wednesday, Nov. 6
 7:52 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East County Road, Written Warning
 9:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Intervale Road, Written Warning
 2 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Suierte, Ashley Tyler, 36, Rutland
 Charges Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle
 2:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:28 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Stroke (CVA), River Road, Transported to Hospital

2:28 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Miles Road, Information Taken
 3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pommogussett Road, Citation Issued
 3:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Wachusett Street, Written Warning
 3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Written Warning
 4:21 p.m. Missing Person, Beverly Hills Drive, Returned to Family/Guardian
 10:46 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Athens Avenue, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 7
 4:12 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Prison Camp Road, Property Picked Up
 10:22 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, Crawford Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 10:44 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Wachusett Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:01 a.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 1:01 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Avenue, Citation Issued
 2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:40 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Stevens Way, Officer/Chief Advised

Friday, Nov. 8
 7:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Seizures, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:29 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Miles Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 11:20 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Carlsons Way, Transported to Hospital
 12:45 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Brunelle Drive, Report Filed
 7:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, Nov. 9
 2:04 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Coldbrook Road, Negative Contact
 7:45 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Main Street, Negative Contact
 10:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:20 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Main Street, Returned to Family/Guardian
 1:53 p.m. Illegal Burn, Vanessa Circle, Fire Extinguished
 2:50 p.m. Property – Lost and Found, Main Street, Information Taken
 3:14 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Kitchens Fire Road, Fire Extinguished
 6:52 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Thurston Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:12 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Whitehall Road, Party Departed Without Incident
 8:53 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Butterworth Road, Fire Extinguished

Friday, Nov. 1
 8:50 a.m. Court Duty, Worcester Court, Court Duty
 9:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Hubbardston Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:29 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Exchange Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 2:27 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Worcester Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 2:32 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Unconscious/Unresponsive, Syncope, James Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:23 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Old Coldbrook Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Plaza, Olga, 33, Athol
 Charges Operating Under Influence – Liquor OR .08%, Child Endangerment While Operating Under Influence
 6:22 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Worcester Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:66 p.m. Erratic Operator, Worcester Road, Negative Contact

Saturday, Nov. 2
 10:22 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 3:35 p.m. Serve Warrant, Fir Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Lelievre, Keith A., 50, South Barre
 Charge Warrant
 10:30 p.m. Erratic Operator, Exchange Street, Criminal Complaint

Sunday, Nov. 3
 1:52 a.m. Noise Complaint, Cedar Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8 a.m. Property Damage, Valley Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:30 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, School North Street, Returned to Family Guardian
 12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fruitland Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest Exantus, Claeains, 32, South Barre
 Charge Warrant, Uninsured Motor Vehicle
 12:28 p.m. Smoke Investigation,

Barre Police Log

Sassawanna Road, Investigated
 1:16 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:30 p.m. Complaint, Varney Lane, Officer Took Call
 7:51 p.m. Illegal Burn, Fir Street, Fire Extinguished
 8:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:21 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, South Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Nov. 4
 8:55 a.m. Property – Lost and Found, South Street, Investigated
 11:46 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:19 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Hubbardston Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 6:04 p.m. Fire – Structures Fire, Edson Avenue, Fire Extinguished
 8:46 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, Fir Street, Investigated
 10:32 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Crawford Road, Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, Nov. 5
 9:04 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Ruggles Lane, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:54 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Trauma, Lockwood Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 Summons Jewell, Frida, 54, Springfield
 Charges License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Inspection/ Sticker, No
 5:53 p.m. Harassment, Winter Street, Officer Took Call
 6:06 p.m. Fire – Illegal Burn, Union Street, Fire Extinguished

Wednesday, Nov. 6
 2:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, West Street, Public

Assist
 9:22 a.m. Court Duty, Barre Police Headquarters, Court Duty
 11:24 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Butterworth Road, Information Given
 5:50 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, South Street, Referred to Other Agency
 8:50 p.m. Medical Alarm, West Street, Public Assist

Thursday, Nov. 7
 8:54 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Old Coldbrook Road, Report Filed
 8:05 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Animal Bites, South Street, Report Filed

Friday, Nov. 8
 6:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hubbardston Road, Written Warning
 4:25 p.m. Fire – Power Lines Down/ Arcing, Cat Alley, Fire Extinguished
 4:50 p.m. Be On the Look Out, Rutland, Message Delivered
 5:17 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Station Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 5:20 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, School North Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:33 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Princeton, Negative Contact

Saturday, Nov. 9
 2:04 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Old Coldbrook Road, Negative Contact
 12:41 p.m. ACO Lost and Found Wildlife, South Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 1:02 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Valley Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:14 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Kitchen Fire Road, Fire Extinguished
 8:53 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Butterworth Road, Fire Extinguished
 11:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Valley Road, Vehicle Towed

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Nov. 11-18, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 33 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, 12 emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, four assist other agencies, two safety hazards, three complaints, seven fires, one fraud, one burglary, one scam, two investigations, one harassment, five animal calls and six motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Nov. 11
 12:37 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
 6:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Nov. 12
 12:39 a.m. Fire/Other, Grove Street, Investigated
 11:29 a.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Services Rendered
 11:34 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Rad, Officer Handled
 1:49 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Charity Hill Road, Extinguished
 2:19 p.m. Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:10 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered
 4:48 p.m. Fire/Other, Barre Road, Unfounded
 5:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich

Road, Negative Contact
 8:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
 10:50 p.m. Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:52 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine Street, Served in Hand

Wednesday, Nov. 13
 10:50 a.m. Complaint, North Street, Officer Handled
 3:20 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Old Greenwick Plains Road, Extinguished
 9:09 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Shunpike Road, Investigated

Thursday, Nov. 14
 7 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 9:01 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 11:58 a.m. Fraud, Barre Road, Spoken To
 3:26 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Hardwick Road, Report Taken
 7:05 p.m. Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Nov. 15
 9:31 a.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 1:53 p.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
 2:21 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Voice Message Left

3:21 p.m. Harassment, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 6:10 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 11:46 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, Nov. 16
 8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning
 8:49 a.m. Scam, Main Street, Officer Handled
 9:41 a.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 11:28 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled
 3:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered
 5:35 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, High Street, Citation Issued
 5:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered
 7:17 p.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, Nov. 17
 8:48 a.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Hardwick Road, Extinguished
 2:03 p.m. Fire Alarm, Old Petersham Road, Investigated
 6:03 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Bridge Street, Officer Handled

Oakham Police Log

Friday, Nov. 1
 11:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Spencer Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 2
 11:08 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Crocker Nye Road, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Nov. 3
 10:54 a.m. Fire – Vehicle Fires, Forest Hill Drive, Fire Extinguished
 12:28 p.m. Fire – Smoke Investigation, Sassawanna Road, Investigated

Monday, Nov. 4
 10:13 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem,

Gaffney Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:56 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Crawford Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 5:53 p.m. Illegal Burn, Farm Pond Road, Fire Extinguished
 6:04 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Edson Avenue, Fire Extinguished
 10:32 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fire, Crawford Road, Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, Nov. 5
 9 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning
 5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Nov. 6
 9:23 a.m. Court Duty, Oakham Police Department, Court Duty

Thursday, Nov. 7
 10:23 a.m. Court Duty, East Brookfield District Court, Court Duty
 5:31 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Crawford Road, Report Filed
 8:13 p.m. Animal – ACO Call, Ware Corner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Nov. 9
 10:40 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Abdominal/Back Pain, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:14 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Kitchens Fire Road, Fire Extinguished
 8:53 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Butterworth Road, Fire Extinguished

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Nov. 11-18, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to four building/property checks, 22 directed/area patrols, two radar assignments, five emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, three complaints, one scam, one safety hazard, three motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle investigation, three animal calls and one motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Nov. 11
 5:43 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact

Tuesday, Nov. 12
 8:17 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial

Drive, Officer Handled
 3 p.m. Scam, Dennis Whitney Road, Officer Handled
 6:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Hardwick Road, Report Taken

Wednesday, Nov. 13
 7:38 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Moore Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:52 a.m. Animal Call/Complaint, Pierce Road, Dispatch Handled

Friday, Nov. 15
 11:44 a.m. Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
 8:20 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Merge
 10:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident,

Wine Road, Services Rendered
 11:46 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Nov. 17
 2:59 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Gilbertville Road, Unfounded
 4:05 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, West Brookfield, Citation Issued
 11:25 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 1:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 5:54 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Hubbardston Police Log

Friday, Nov. 1
 12:51 a.m. Gunshots, Pitcherville Road, Negative Contact
 5:10 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Diabetic, Madison Way, Transported to Hospital
 8:55 a.m. Assault and Battery, Barre Road, Report Filed
 9:39 a.m. Property Damage, Woodview Drive, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Nov. 2
 12:23 p.m. Fire – Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, South Cove Road, Investigated
 3:11 p.m. Complaint, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:59 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Barre Road, Report Filed

Sunday, Nov. 3
 10:47 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Gardner Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Nov. 4
 7:34 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Underwood Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 6:04 p.m. Fire – Structure Fires, Edson Avenue, Fire Extinguished
 10:32 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Crawford Road, Fire Extinguished

Tuesday, Nov. 5
 8:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run,

Main Street, Report Filed
 10:36 a.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle Collision, Gardner Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:28 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Allergic Reaction, Georgie Lane, Ambulance eSigned Refusal
 2:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, High Street, Mutual Aid Transported
 5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident – No Fire Department/EMS Response, Main Street, Report Filed

Wednesday, Nov. 6
 10:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Brigham Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:47 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Gardner Road, Information Given
 3:23 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Old Princeton Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning
 4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning

Thursday, Nov. 7
 11:01 a.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Negative Contact
 1:14 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Elm Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 3:22 p.m. Fire – Motor Vehicle

Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 3:22 p.m. Road/Traffic Hazard, New Templeton Road, Removed Hazard

Friday, Nov. 8
 7:09 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle – Parking Issues, New Templeton Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:27 p.m. Fire – Vehicle Fires, Ragged Hill Road, Fire Extinguished
 6:27 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old Boston Turnpike, Negative Contact
 7:29 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Breathing Difficulty, Hale Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:13 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Burnshirt Road, Unfounded

Saturday, Nov. 9
 3:14 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Kitchens Fire Road, Fire Extinguished
 3:35 p.m. Landlord Tenant/Neighbor Dispute, Barre Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:07 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, Grimes Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 6:42 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:53 p.m. Fire – Brush and Wildland Fires, Butterworth Road, Fire Extinguished

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Christ who offered Himself to God as a sacrifice for humanity, says FF Bruce in his commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews.

This text is also a reference to Ezekiel 36 v 25 where it states, “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my

laws.”

III. Conclusion
 This month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to be grateful for all our blessings and for the blessings from the earth. We are also approaching Advent, which gives us so much more than the material blessings in our lives, like the beautiful fall, the snow and more. The Christ who died and rose again, who sits at the right hand of God, was born to make all things new, who encourages us, as Paul says in verses 23 v- 25 to hold onto our hope in Him, who is faithful beyond our imagination.

He encourages us to love and do good, to continue coming together

in worship and be there for one another. These are the things we must do, he says, as we see the Day of the Lord approaching at the end of time. While we do that, the Mediator and Great Priest, Son of God sees us, hears our prayers, and prepares us for the Day we will meet our Maker. We must therefore allow ourselves to be sprinkled and cleansed by Him as we prepare for this beautiful time of year.

Amen

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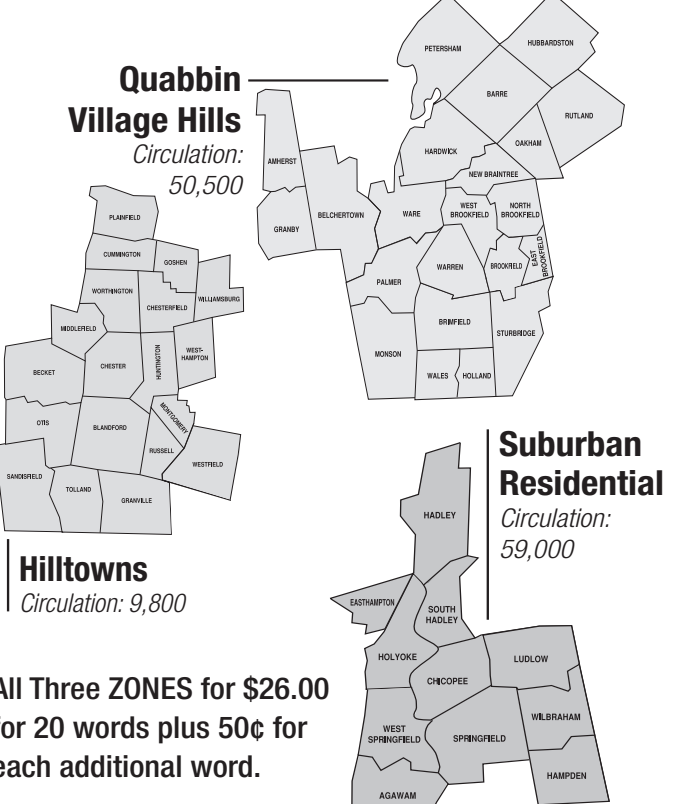
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