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Spencer Fair celebrates 135th year



Above: Logan pets Lucky, a 6-month-old calf from Thistle Rock Farm in New Braintree.

Right: Fairgoers enjoyed the thrill of the midway, including a ride on the Cliff Hanger. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE

SPENCER – Fairgoers and members of the agricultural community continued a 135-year Labor Day weekend tradition by attending the Spencer Fair, an event that spans five days.

This annual event blends agriculture, with carnival fun, endless food options, community organizations and shopping vendors.

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Brookfield Orchard wraps up summer with flea market

By Ryan Drago
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Brookfield Orchards wrapped up the summer with one final flea market last Saturday.

These flea markets feature used items by owners who are looking to sell stuff that may be of use to others. There were many miscellaneous items from home goods, crafts, apparel, memorabilia, tools, art and electronics available at the flea market.

The orchard was preparing for the start of apple picking season and also had live music taking place along with hot apple dumplings, donuts, fudge and other goodies available.

Providing the music was singer and guitarist Joe Macey. Macey sings covers and some of his original singles including “Lonesome Rider” and “Give All You Can Give”.

Macey has performed at Brookfield Orchards many times and loves the atmosphere.

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Joe Macey is a singer and guitarist who performed at Brookfield Orchards during the flea market. TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

Auditions for music revue underway

By Ryan Drago
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Theatre Guild of North Brookfield hosted auditions for their upcoming winter show, “Decades of Song and Dance: The Movie Musicals”.

Auditions took place at the New Braintree Town Hall over the course of two nights. This show is a music revue that will include songs from movie musicals from the 1920s to today. From divas to Disney and Bing

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East Brookfield library lists special fall events

EAST BROOKFIELD – The East Brookfield Public Library, 122 Connie Mack Drive, listed upcoming special fall events.

Book sale special

A book sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Purchase four books for \$1 and get one free.

There will be a small bake sale and raffle running as well.

This is a great time to refresh your bookshelves while helping us raise money to support all of the library’s fantastic programs.

Local author talk

On Monday, Sept. 23 at 5:30 p.m. local author Diane Buzzell will be in the library to talk about her book “The Artist, the Farmer, the Hunter, and the Good Guy”. Light refresh-

ments will be served, and all ages are invited to attend.

Krispy Kreme fundraiser for playground

Stop by the library the week of Oct.15-28 to reserve a box (or more) of Krispy Kreme donuts to help raise money for the library’s playground. Each box costs \$15.

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The Centered Place offers free hybrid yoga presentation

WARREN – Megan McDonough will be giving a free presentation titled “Yoga and the Science of Happiness” at The Centered Place and via Zoom, Wednesday evening Sept. 11, from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

McDonough is the founder of Wholebeing Institute, a global educational organization based in Hardwick that teaches the science and practice of living life to its fullest – physically, emotionally, intellectually, relationally and spiritually.

In this presentation, she will draw on research from the modern, evidence-based sciences of positive psychology and neuroscience and she will go beyond western science to share what yoga has to say about fulfillment and happiness. Yoga is also an evidence-based science and one of the world’s greatest and oldest wisdom traditions and practices.

McDonough said in a press release, “We are

always striving to live this human life with less suffering and more joy. We want happiness and peace.”

She will guide you in an exploration of what constitutes true happiness and how to experience more of it.

The Centered Place yoga studio has served the local area since 1988. It was founded by Nancy A Nowak, who continues to co-direct and teach along with her husband, Phil Milgrom. The studio was voted Best in Yoga by Sturbridge Times readers for several consecutive years up to when the magazine was discontinued.

To register for this event, or for more information, email phil@thecenteredplace.com or call 413-436-7374. Masks are welcomed.

If you have been exposed to COVID-19, follow CDC recommendations. If you have COVID symptoms or test positive for the virus, you can still join us by attending online



Megan McDonough will present “Yoga and the science of Happiness” at The Centered Place in Warren and via Zoom on Sept. 11 from 7:15-8:30 p.m. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Town-wide rummage sale is Sept. 8

BROOKFIELD – The Brookfield Cultural Council would like to announce a town-wide Rummage Sale on the Brookfield Common on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

All are welcome. This is a rain or shine event.

There are several neighborhoods throughout the town that will also be taking part and maps will be available. This will be held in conjunction with a book sale at Merriack Public Library in Brookfield.

In addition to free popcorn and lawn games, there will be live music from local acts such as Woodshed, Heavens to Zeppelin and Ryan McKenzie.



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Residents voice concerns about town offices, hospital demo

By Paula Ouimette
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WARREN – Residents Keith Krackal and Jim Mark of the Ware River News have expressed their concerns about the town's office building and the demolition of the Mary Lane Hospital. Krackal said he has a "great concern" with allowing the town to sell the building to a private developer. He said he has heard about a third person being appointed to the board of the town's office building. Krackal said he has a "great concern" with allowing the town to sell the building to a private developer. He said he has heard about a third person being appointed to the board of the town's office building.

HAVING A BALL

By Paula Ouimette
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WARREN – Ware Soccer Club held its annual Summer Camp in Memorial Field last week, with a large group of young athletes learning soccer skills with the help of a team of coaches led by Bob Kelly.

Board hears results of ADA self-evaluation plan

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WARREN – Representatives from Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and the Center for Living and Working shared information gathered from the town's American with Disabilities Act (ADA) self-evaluation and transition plan.

Task force will look at bringing healthcare to Hardwick

By Paula Ouimette
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HARDWICK – Resident Judy Korte gave the Select Board an update on a healthcare project she has been discussing with the Board of Health and others.

Ware Grange hosts its 77th annual fair

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WARREN – The 77th Annual Ware Grange Fair took place over the course of two days on Aug. 23 and 24.

CDA reviews CDBG grant application

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WARREN – The Community Development Administration reviewed their application results for the Development Block Grant program.

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Saint Joseph's hosts 42nd BBQ and parish picnic

NORTH BROOKFIELD – All are welcome to attend the 42nd annual Chicken BBQ and parish picnic at Saint Joseph's Church, 296 North Main St., on Saturday, Sept. 7 and Sunday, Sept. 8.

There will be plenty of fair food on Saturday evening and a delicious BBQ chicken dinner served on Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The cost of the chicken dinner is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children ages 12 and under.

Music will be provided by DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc on Saturday and Sunday. The parish will also have assorted raffles including a scratch ticket raffle which features the grand prize of a book (50) \$30 lottery scratch tickets, and lastly a delicious bake sale.

Events begin on Saturday with a parish picnic at 5 p.m. on the church lawn after a special 4 p.m. Mass at the church. From 5-7 p.m. music will be provided by DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc and there will also be assorted fair-style food and raffles. On Sunday from noon-3 p.m. DJ Richard "Tabby" LeBlanc returns to provide music. There will also be a bake sale and assorted raffles.

The chicken BBQ dinner will be served (eat in and take out) from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

For chicken dinner tickets and more information, please call the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 508-867-6469.

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Baystate Wing Hospital employees donate school supplies

PALMER – Just before the start of the new school year, teachers from Ware Public Schools, Palmer Public Schools, and Quaboag Regional High School were gifted with hundreds of back-to-school items donated by employees across departments at Baystate Wing Hospital.

The supplies were the results of the employees' annual adopt-a-classroom initiative. They included folders, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, glue sticks, Post-it Notes, calculators, disinfectant wipes, crayons and more.

Studies consistently show that preparedness plays a pivotal role in a student's ability to excel in school. When equipped with the right tools, students are more engaged, focused and confident in the classroom.

"Thanks to the generosity of our hospital team members, we were able to help local schools by putting these tools into the hands of our teachers and students who need them to succeed," said Karli Barrett, vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer for Baystate Wing Hospital. "It was wonderful to experience the enthusiasm of our team as they supported our annual back-to-school supply drive. I am proud to work with so many compassionate and generous caregivers who care about our communities and want to ensure that local children get a fair chance at education and academic success."

"We couldn't do it without the help of our community partners, and we are grateful for the Baystate Wing team's back-to-school donations," said Megan Sears, Assistant Principal at Ware Middle School in Ware.

For more information about Baystate Wing Hospital visit Baystatehealth.org/wing.



The Baystate Wing Hospital team helped delivered school supplies to area school districts recently. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Shown from left are Phil Christensen and Jeff Bieg, electricians at Baystate Wing Hospital; Heather Malin, Assistant Principal at Stanley M Koziol Elementary School; Susan Wiktor, executive assistant at Baystate Wing Hospital; and Megan Sears, Assistant Principal of Ware Middle School.



Shown from left are John Mancini, facilities supervisor; Megan Binette, environmental services, supervisor, Baystate Wing Hospital; Karli Barrett, chief nursing officer and chief administrative officer, Baystate Wing Hospital; and Stephen Duff, Superintendent Quaboag Regional School District.

Proposed short-term rental by-law public hearing is Sept. 10

WEST BROOKFIELD – On Tuesday, Sept. 10, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on a new proposed Short-Term Rental Bylaw.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central St. This issue may be taken up during a Special Fall Town Meeting.

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in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Questions on lilacs and onions for the Garden Lady

Nancy wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I am hoping you can tell me why the leaves on my lilac bushes are turning brown, crispy and then fall to the ground. I had very nice lilac flowers this past May but now the leaves are not doing well. Thank you for any suggestions you can give me so my bushes will be back next spring."

What you mention Nancy, seems to be happening to a lot of lilacs in the area. All you have to do is ride in the car and you will notice brown leaved lilac bushes or those that are nearly devoid of leaves altogether! My best guess is that Pseudocercospora leaf blight of lilac is the culprit.

Last year it was quite noticeable as well. Some lilacs even lost their leaves then sported flowers in October because the plant, after leaf loss, was tricked into thinking it was time to flower and grow new leaves.

Because this new growth is very tender, you may notice tip dieback in spring on those areas of new growth and/or flowering. It simply didn't have enough time to harden off before winter.

Lilacs are tough plants, though, so don't despair.

What can we do to help, you ask? First of all, clean up fallen leaves and debris so that it won't spread the inoculum. Second, water the bushes well and at the base if this fall is droughty.

In the spring, prune out any dead branches, disinfecting your tools in between cuts. You can also choose to prune the plant in such a way so that there is better airflow throughout. That always helps to cut down on diseases.

I'm not a chemical girl – I really try to enhance my cultural practices to strengthen the overall health of the plant. I am sure there are options out there for this particular malady should you wish to research it.

Maria grew three varieties of onions this year. "The first variety has dropped all of its tops. What do I do next? Can I use them now or do they have to go through some kind of process before putting them in storage?"

This is a great question. I did a column some time ago on how to best cure onions.

Read on for some great tips: Many of my onions gave me the signal a week or two back that they would soon be ready for harvest. You see, their tops began to fall over.

After most of them did, I bent the rest on purpose. A few days later I pulled them up and laid them, tops and all, on the ground in the sun. I turned them once or twice over the last couple of days.

When the tops turn completely brown, I will cut the stems to one inch and spread them on screens single file in a warm and dry, well-ventilated area to cure further. They can rest in that spot for up to two months, then will be placed in mesh bags in a winter location where temperatures stay close to 40 degrees.

Instead of cutting the stem, you can braid them, for a pretty and heirloom style storage option. Start out with three onions, tying some jute or string around one of the stems to add strength.

Braid the three together one round, then add an onion each time you cross over. When

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DAVE GRANLUND © www.davegranlund.com

in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a Virginia rail in Hampshire County at Lake Wallace in Belchertown.

The Virginia rail is a small rail of nine inches. It has a long bill, which can be reddish at the base. Its back has dark feathers with reddish brown edges. The face is gray. It summers on freshwater and brackish marshes and winters in salt marshes.

It feeds on mud flats in search of worms, snails and aquatic insects. The rail is heard more than seen. Calls are given mostly at dawn and dusk, but may occur at other times of the day or night. The male's territorial call is a metallic "kit kidit kidit kidit kidit," It also gives a "kikiki-keer" and a series of descending grunts. The female lays five to 12 buff eggs with dark marks in a loose, canopied, cup like nest of coarse grasses, reeds and sedges placed on the ground.



Virginia rail

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident frequently visits ponds in his area. He said in an email, "On Aug. 17 I saw five great egrets at the no named pond on New Reed Street in Warren. Great egrets have shown up there starting in August most years, usually one or two. I had never seen more than three at that location previously."

He said, "A few days before that sighting I had seen a great egret at the osprey pond on South Street that is about half a mile from the pond on New Reed Street. I had never seen a great egret at that pond before."

Belted kingfishers

He observed interesting behavior between two belted kingfishers at the pond in Warren. He said, "A female was chased all around the pond for over half an hour by a male. I saw brief begging behavior from the male so think it might have been a juvenile looking to be fed. The male would fly towards the perch where the female was sitting. Sometime the female flew off the

perch before the male got close and other times the female sat for a bit before flying away. This continued, around and around, back and forth, all around the pond. I never saw either bird hover like it was attempting to catch a fish. Occasionally the male would land on the same branch as the female and she would fly away immediately."

Wild turkeys

The Brimfield resident has a wildlife camera in his yard. On Aug. 17 he checked the camera and it showed two adult turkeys and three poults had visited the yard. He said, "We knew turkeys had

been about because my wife found a feather in the driveway. We haven't seen turkeys much the last few years and it has been some time since we have seen poults."

Earlier this week, I saw a large flock of wild turkeys consisting of a few adults

and many poults in Hubbardston. After I took the where is photo for the paper, I returned home the same way. The flock was still there.

Massachusetts Audubon sightings

Massachusetts Audubon Society reported in Berkshire County a Baird's sandpiper on Bridgeway Lane in Sheffield, two Caspian terns at the Cheshire Reservoir in

Cheshire, a Bonaparte's gull on Lake Onata in Pittsfield and a black-crowned night heron in Dalton.

In Franklin County there were a modest numbers of red crossbills at the Montague Sandplains Wildlife Area in Montague where at least 33 were tallied, a summering ring-necked duck also continued to be seen at the Turners Falls Power Canal.

At the East Meadows in Northampton in Hampshire County there was a northern shoveler, four sandhill cranes, four short-billed dowitchers, nine stilt sandpipers and a dickcissel. Elsewhere in the county there was a Virginia rail and a marsh wren at Lake Wallace in Belchertown, four sandhill cranes in the fields off Old Post Road in Worthington and two blue grosbeaks at the Honey Pot in Hadley.

Hampden County had two blue-winged teal and a red-necked phalarope at the Longmeadow Flats in Longmeadow and two Caspian terns at the Ranch Golf Course in Southwick.

In Worcester County four sandhill cranes were seen on Hall Road in Hardwick and eight red crossbills at gate 43 at Quabbin

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Students tell what they like about school

From the desk of
Colleen Mucha,
Superintendent QRSD

The start of the school year is always exciting and we took the opportunity to ask some of our younger students what was so special about Quabbin Regional School District and their home school.

Students were interviewed during our recent Acceleration Academy session as they were planning for their back to school adventure. Here are some of our favorite responses:

“Quabbin is special because it is a community,” said Jesse, a fourth grader at Ruggles Lane Elementary School in Barre.

“We learn good stuff. Everyone is nice and respectful to everyone. Nature’s Classroom is in October. Field Day is all day and we do a fifth grade vs. staff kickball game. I love QRSD,” said Abby, a fifth grader at Hubbardston Center School.

“Quabbin is special because there is a music program. My school is special because I can walk to the library,” said Matt, a fourth grader at Hubbardston Center School.

“My school is awesome because I get to learn. I listen to the teachers,” said Zoe, a first grader at Hardwick Elementary School.

“Quabbin is special because we have amazing teachers. My school is special because we can have extra recess,” said Kylie, a fourth grader at Oakham Center School.

“I like Hardwick Elementary because everyone is kind and I like math. The teachers and the students here are so caring, kind, wise and fun. They also have classes like music, art, gym, and STEM,” said Layla, a



First graders work on STEM activities.

fifth grader at Hardwick Elementary School.

“My school is awesome because my teacher is nice to me and I love to learn. My friends are nice to me,” said Delvin, a first grader at Ruggles Lane Elementary School.

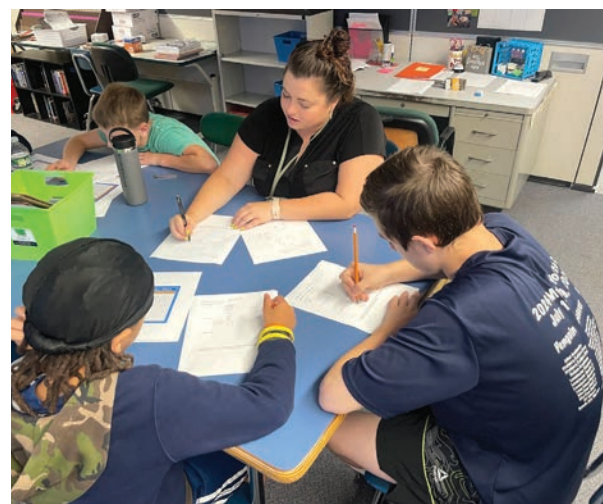
Teachers from the summer academy were also happy to share what is special to them about QRSD and their home school.

“The kids and the size of the school,” said Ms. Normand of Oakham Center School.

“My colleagues,” said Mrs. Butler of Ruggles Lane Elementary School.



Third graders enjoy independent reading time. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Middle school students refresh their math skills.

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Reservoir in Hardwick. At Birch Hill Wildlife Area in Winchendon three Acadian flycatchers and 28 red crossbills were counted. Five evening grosbeaks were present in Royalston. A sanderling was spotted at Quaboag Pond in Brookfield, and two blue-winged teal and a Louisiana waterthrush were seen at Bolton Flats Wildlife Area in Lancaster.

Another pond visit

The Brimfield resident and his wife, who regularly visits local ponds, saw two great egrets, six mallards, a belted kingfisher and a male goldfinch at the New Reed Street pond in Warren.

At South Street in Warren, the couple saw a great egret, two male wood ducks in eclipse plumage, two osprey, a juvenile and an adult, who brought a fish for the juvenile. At Sherman Pond in Brimfield there were no birds just a lone fisherman and at Wheeler Pond three wood ducks and a green heron.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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you have 10 or 12 onions running the length of the braid, quit and wrap the jute around the stems to end your work.

Make a loop and now you have way to hang it. Once hung, you can simply yank off the size onion you need from the braid.

A couple of notes: Apples, bananas, and tomatoes are kept clear of onions in storage because these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen and will cause onions to sprout prematurely. Also, use bulbs that have two centers first, they won’t store well.

It is interesting to mention that the same compound that starts the tears flowing when we cut into onions – sulfur, is also a potent fungicide and bactericide.

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.

Vendors needed for Oktoberfest at Common Ground Ciderworks

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House will be hosting Oktoberfest 2024 on Sunday, Sept. 29 from noon-4 p.m. at Common Ground Ciderworks, 31 East Brookfield Road.

Crafters, wood workers and artisans of all kinds are welcome. No food vendors, please.

Spaces are available for \$50 for a 10 x 10 space. Vendors must provide their own table and if desired a tent with weighted legs.

Raffles, games for young and old and music will be provided by the Friends of the Town House. Common Ground will be selling food and drink. For more information, email Friends@NBTownHouse.com or M_Caramiello@yahoo.com.

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Federated Church to hold 'Welcome Home Sunday'

STURBRIDGE – The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale has announced that it will hold a "Welcome Home Sunday" service on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Families who may be interested in learning more what the church has to offer in terms of community and religious education are warmly invited to attend. The church is located at 8 Maple St.

According to Reverend David W. Cote, pastor, "an early portion of the 'Welcome Home Sunday' service will include a special children's message after which they and their parents will be guided to Fellowship Hall to join the church's Sunday School staff." When the service has ended, the congregation will move to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a social hour.

"Going forward, our CORI-certified staff will be available during all future Sunday services to supervise up to 25 children, aged 6 months to 10 years of age while their parents attend church," Cote said. "The Sunday School program will encourage Christian morals and ethics, within their understanding and age level, through story time, videos, crafts, and other activities aligned with that week's teachings and sermons."

The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale joyfully celebrates Christ's presence and God's grace in our lives. Community members are welcome and invited to join in worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Services are also live streamed on the church's Facebook page. For more information, call 774-304-1021 or visit sturfed.org.

Weir River Concert Band to begin its 20th season



The Weir River Concert Band is starting its 20th season on Sept. 11. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY ROSE GRANT

The Weir River Concert Band will begin its 20th season on Sept. 11 and the band is always looking for new members on any instrument, any ability level and any age.

The band rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, Route 32 in Gilbertville. The band has a Christmas perform-

mance scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center and a performance on June 8, also at the Stone Church at 2 p.m.

If you'd like to share your musical talent with the band, please contact Joanne Meegan by email at jomeegan@comcast.net.

Vendors needed for Flea Market on the Common

WEST BROOKFIELD –The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St. has been hosting its Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years and this year it will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sellers of all kinds are welcome - flea folk, antique dealers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics. No food vendors, please.

Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20 by 20 grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents.

The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats. Email to fcofwb-fleamarket@gmail.com for an application.

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on Tuesday, Nov. 5 (Election Day) and will be available for pickup anytime between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All proceeds will go towards fixing and improving the library's playground.

Town Wide Tag Sale

A Town Wide Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Stop by the library and pay the fee of \$5 to have your address put on the map by Oct. 5.

On Saturday, Oct. 19 everyone who wants to check out the sales can stop by the library and pick up the map for \$5. The maps have the list of tag sales, the hours the address will be open, and what they are selling.

The library will also have a few tag sale items. All proceeds will go to the Rebuild the Playground fund.

Library Craft Fair

The library will hold a craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is a great time to pick up some early holiday gifts - dolls, knitted items, handmade cat beds, and more. Note: not all crafters accept credit cards, so please plan to bring cash for purchases.

Crafters interested in securing a spot at the fair can stop by the library or message staff on Facebook. Spots are \$10 each and include a light lunch.

Wreath program

Make a ribbon wreath on Nov. 18 at 5 p.m.

The library is offering three different options for our ribbon wreath program this year. Each wreath will take between 4 and 9 hours to complete.

All participants must register in advance no later than Monday, Nov. 4. Note - this program is for adults only. The three options: Dragon Wreath - \$30 for parts; Snowman Head Wreath - \$20 for parts; Holiday Wreath - no cost

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to Broadway, this show has something for everyone.

This music revue was made by the creative group consisting of Joe Chenevert, Erin Smith, Missy McDonald, Jay Valencourt and Joey Valencourt. This group is excited to be providing this music revue that brings decades of song and dance all in one show.

The story will go all the way back to the year 1926 when the first movie musical "The Jazz Singer" first premiered. Nearly a century later, these classic musicals, films and songs will all be part of this fun music revue created by the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield.

The creative group behind this music revue were looking to see how each person who was auditioning sounded on stage. Jay Valencourt said each person who is casted is being "places based off singing and voice."

There are numerous musical numbers being performed in the music revue and each cast member will be identified based off their voice to appropriately pair them with the right decade and song. The group behind "Decades of Song and Dance" are looking to get a cast of about 25 performers.

Many who auditioned on the stage of New Braintree Town Hall had a song in mind. Almost every person who auditioned had song from a notable musical or a musical film.

Many songs from shows such as "The Sound of Music", "Oklahoma",

"The Greatest Showman" and "Wizard of Oz" were performed. There was one guest who sang "Can't Help Falling in Love" by Elvis Presley for his audition.

The final casting list will be announced soon by the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield. For show information and tickets, visit www.theatre-guildofnorthbrookfield.com.

Performances of "Decades of Song and Dance: The Movie Musicals" will take place in the auditorium of North Brookfield Elementary School on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

The Theatre Guild of North Brookfield will be offering something spooky during the Halloween Season at Brookfield Orchards in North Brookfield. Ride the tractor piled wagon into the Trail of Terror through the Haunting Brookfield Orchard. Travel through the dark and unpredictable fields and experience what happens late at night in the area's most haunted orchard.

The Trail of Terror will take place at Brookfield Orchards on Oct. 25, 26 and 27.

Other events during the 2024 Trail of Terror include pumpkin carving, music, DJ, snack bar, brewery, face painting, kettle corn, cider donuts and apples.

Tickets are available at www.theatre-guildofnorthbrookfield.com and www.brookfieldorchards.com. This event will take place, rain or shine.



Joe Chenevert auditioned with a song called "Harrigan". TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO



Greg and Derek performed on the guitar, banjo and harmonica for their auditions.

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Hayden of Dinky Reptiles and Aquatics of Auburn holds Luna, a red-tailed boa. *TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE*



Lego creations include this "Ghostbusters"-themed winning entry.



A team of oxen pull a 3,000 pound sled.



Amanda enjoys an afternoon nap with Alice of Lucky Me Brown Swiss farm of New Braintree at the Spencer Fair.



Floral arrangements were creatively displayed in old boots.



Ernie Grimes of North Brookfield took first place for his sunflower, which was so tall it reached past the rafters of the exhibition hall.



These vegetables were transformed into an adorable cat.



Rhonda and Keith Howe of New Braintree took first place in the giant pumpkin contest, with their entry weighing in at 138.6 pounds.

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SPORTS

Baseball team headed for Quabbin High Hall of Fame

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Athletic Hall of Fame announced last week it will induct the 1974 state champion baseball team at a ceremony next month.

After a great season in 1973 which saw them advance to the state championship game, only to lose in the finals 1-0 to Lynn Tech, hopes weren't very high for the 1974 Quabbin baseball team. Only three starters were returning from a team that lost six senior players to graduation.

However, in his third season as head baseball coach, Mike Dymon and his Quabbin Panthers would not be denied this time.

Behind the phenomenal left arm of Hall of Famer Joe Sinkewicz, the hitting of fellow Hall of Famer Ed Podbelski and the leadership of seniors Paul Clark and Phil Briand, Quabbin captured the state Division 2 baseball title.

Quabbin defeated Bartlett in the district semifinals and then

topped Notre Dame of Fitchburg 11-5 for the District III, Division 2 championship. In that game, Sinkewicz struck out 15 batters, including the side in the fourth, seventh and eighth innings. Meanwhile, Podbelski went five-for-five, scoring four runs and driving in two.

In the state semifinals, the Panthers edged St. Patrick's of Watertown 3-2 in another Sinkewicz gem where he struck out 17 and belted a two-run fifth inning home run.

Then in the state championship game, Quabbin made quick work of their opponents St. Joseph's of Pittsfield by scoring ten runs in the first inning to win going away, 10-5. In five playoff games, Sinkewicz worked 40 innings allowing only six earned runs and struck out 62 batters. He also hit .389 in the playoffs with seven hits including a home run and eleven RBI.

The Panthers closed out the season with a 20-5 record.

Here are the members being inducted into the Hall of Fame: Seniors – Phil Briand, Paul Clark and Joe Sinkewicz.

Juniors – Chuck Andrukonis, Kerry Kenda, Mike Kirby, Olen Muir and Ed Podbelski.

Sophomores –Rick Lindsten, Jim Owens, manager John Ruddy, Gordon Smith, Gerard Spinney, Matt Thorng and Vinny Tomasello.

And Freshmen – John Dymon, Tom Gareau, Spence LaPorte, and David Valardi

Pioneers use scrimmage to get ready for season



Jaleel Roman makes his way up the field after receiving a pass.

PALMER – Last Friday afternoon, with the regular season looming this week, Granby and Pathfinder boys soccer engaged in a preseason scrimmage. It was the last major scrimmage action for both teams before regular season action begins this week. Granby and Pathfinder both were playoff contenders last season and both should be in the mix this year. Granby opens the season on Thursday, Sept. 5 at Smith Academy at 4:30 p.m. Pathfinder, which co-ops with Palmer High School, travels to Athol on Sept. 5 for a 6 p.m. game.



Cayden Bousquet looks to settle the ball.



Four-run eighth leads A's to Valley Wheel title

LONGMEADOW – The A's Dan Baker doubled in a run in the bottom of the eighth inning to break a scoreless tie and lead the Athletics to a 4-2 victory over the Cubs in the 18th Valley Wheel Baseball League championship game.

League Commissioner Jim Nason who sat right behind home plate for the action stated, "I think it might be the most exciting and best-played Valley Wheel game I've ever seen."

A picture-perfect day for baseball at DiPippo Park in Longmeadow turned into quite the pitcher's duel with defensive gems all over the field. The top seeded A's were taking on the 3rd seeded Cubs in a rematch of the 2023 Valley Wheel Championship, in which the A's won 13-12 after erasing an early 7-0 deficit.

The Cubs have had revenge on their minds all season and came out swinging their sticks. A's starter Mike Bielen took a perfect game into the 5th inning when he faced the Cubs a month ago, but any thought of a no-hit bid ended when the Cubs leadoff hitter Jon Campbell singled to start the game. Cory Concardo followed with another single before Bielen walked Mark Caputo to load the bases with no outs. Bielen would bear down. He got a strike out and two pop ups to leave the bases loaded and escape the jam. Bielen would



Brody Wetnicka sends a free kick away. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Aiden Santiago chases a shot.

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Relics put cap on season

LUDLOW - The Western Mass Relics, a softball league for elder citizens in the region, wrapped up its season a couple of weeks ago with playoffs and a championship game. It was the Q-Tips who came out on top in the league, which is based in Ludlow.



Jerry Ago sends a pitch away.



Derrick Green looks to tag out John Richards. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



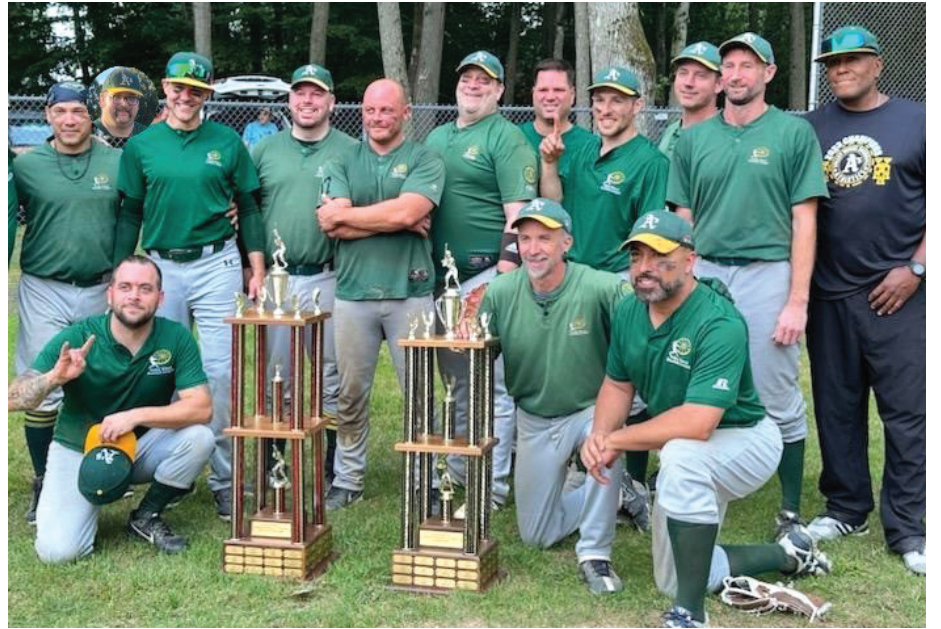
Paul Grugden takes a swing.



Dan Jasak delivers a pitch.



George Slattery looks to slide safely into second.



The Valley Wheel Athletics captured the championship on Sunday, Aug. 25. The A's defeated the Cubs 4-2 to take the title. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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only give up one more hit over his next five innings of work.

Cubs starting pitcher Jon Campbell was coming off a 10-strikeout performance in the Valley Wheel semifinals and was just as dominate in the championship game. Campbell scattered three hits over six innings without giving up a run.

A's manager/infielder Tim Provost continued to employ his playoff strategy of giving Bielen mid-game breaks so that he could start and finish the game. The A's Erick Velez came on in relief in the 3rd inning and retired the side in order with two spectacular leaping catches by shortstop Kevin Hill. Bielen would return in the fourth inning and struck out two in a one, two, three frame.

Hill then stepped on the mound in the sixth inning and Campbell led off with a bunt single. Condrardo followed with another hit. After a ground out that held the runners, Hill walked Bryan Ring to load the bases. Hill then induced a 4-6-3 double play to get out of the jam.

In the top of the sixth inning the game remained scoreless when Jason Mikesell walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. The next hitter popped up down the first base fence line but A's first baseman Ryan Walsh made a sliding catch for the second out and the runner held up. After another walk, Bielen got a pop up to end the inning.

In the top of the seventh, Hill returned in relief and with two outs gave up back-to-back singles to Aaron Holcomb and Ryan Lopes before hitting John Britt with a 1-2 pitch to load the bases. Hill then found an extra gear as he struck out the Cubs with their leadoff hitter up to end the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh inning with Britt on in relief, the A's threatened

for the first time all game. Bielen walked and got to third base with one out. Michael Waterhouse hit a hard grounder to third and Bielen was thrown out at the plate. After Hill singled the A's would have second and third with two outs before Britt would get a pop up to end the inning.

With Bielen back on the bump, he retired the 2-3-4 hitters of the Cubs in order in the eighth inning. The game remained tied 0-0 heading into the bottom of the eighth inning when Dan Oleksak would leg out an infield single. Provost followed with a walk, before Dan Baker doubled over the head of the left fielder to plate the first run of the game. After an error, Provost scored. Baker would score on a wild pitch, before Walsh hit a sacrifice fly to center to give the A's a 4-0 lead.

Bielen went out to close the game in the ninth inning, but walked Jonathan Downs to lead off the inning before Chris Curtis singled. Bielen retired the next two hitters before walking Greg Gallivan to load the bases. With the Cubs down to their last out, Paul Audette grounded to shortstop, but the A's second baseman could not corral it giving the Cubs life and their first run. A wild pitch would plate another run and put the tying run at second base when Bielen got a ground ball he refused to let get by him. He tossed it to first for the final out of an epic game.

The A's won their seventh Valley Wheel Championship and became the second team to win the pennant as the top seed in the regular season and win the championship in back-to-back seasons. The Indians did it in the inaugural two seasons in 2006 and 2007. The A's who started off the season 0-3, finish by winning 12 of their last 14 games.

North Brookfield 2024 fall varsity schedule

Field Hockey

Friday, Sept. 6	Away	Bromfield	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Away	Worcester Tech	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 11	Home	Bay Path	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 13	Away	Burncoat	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Home	Quaboag	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23	Home	Blackstone Valley Tech	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25	Home	Worcester Tech	3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 28	Away	Blackstone Valley Tech	11 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Away	Bay Path	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	Greenfield	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Away	Montachusett	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Home	Burncoat	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Home	Montachusett	4 p.m.

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Quabbin 2024 fall varsity schedule

Football

Thursday, Sept. 12	Home	Gardner	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Home	David Prouty	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Away	Quaboag	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	Murdock	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Away	Ayer Shirley	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19	Away	Oxford	1 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 25	Home	Narragansett	7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 31	Away	Littleton	7 p.m.
Nov. 8/9	TBD	Week 9 - TBD	TBD
Nov. 15/16	TBD	Week 10 - TBD	TBD
Thursday, Nov. 28	Away	Gardner	10 a.m.

Boys Soccer

Tuesday, Sept. 3	Home	Oakmont	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 5	Home	Littleton	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Away	Maynard	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Home	Tahanto	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Home	Tyngsborough	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Away	Bromfield	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Away	Oakmont	7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Away	Littleton	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Home	Quaboag	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Home	Gardner	5:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Home	Maynard	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 7	Away	Tahanto	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Away	Tyngsborough	6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12	Away	Fitchburg	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Home	Bromfield	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Home	Uxbridge	6 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Tuesday, Sept. 3	Away	Oakmont	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 5	Away	Littleton	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Home	Maynard	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Away	Tahanto	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Home	Tyngsborough	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Home	Bromfield	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Home	Oakmont	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Home	Littleton	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Home	Quaboag	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Home	Gardner	7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Away	Maynard	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Home	Tahanto	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Away	Tyngsborough	4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12	Away	Fitchburg	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Away	Bromfield	4 p.m.

Field Hockey

Wednesday, Sept. 4	Home	Narragansett	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 6	Away	Sutton	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Home	North Middlesex	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 11	Away	Marlborough	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 18	Away	Leominster	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Home	Hopedale	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23	Home	Oakmont	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 25	Away	North Middlesex	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Home	Marlborough	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	Notre Dame Academy	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 7	Away	Westborough	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Away	Oakmont	6:45 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Away	Tahanto	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14	Away	Quaboag	10 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Home	Westborough	6 p.m.

Golf

Monday, Aug. 26	Away	Lunenburg	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 30	Away	Quaboag	11:30 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 6	Home	Clinton	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Home	Bromfield	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Away	Tyngsborough	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Home	Littleton	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Away	Clinton	3 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Home	Athol	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23	Home	Oakmont	3 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 25	Away	Bromfield	4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Home	Quaboag	3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Home	Tyngsborough	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Away	Littleton	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	Lunenburg	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 7	Away	Oakmont	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Away	Gardner	3:30 p.m.

Boys Cross Country

Thursday, Sept. 5	Home	Montachusett	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 11	Home	Lunenburg	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 18	Home	Bromfield	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 25	Away	Tyngsborough	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Away	Hudson	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Home	Littleton	4 p.m.

Girls Cross Country

Thursday, Sept. 5	Home	Montachusett	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 11	Home	Lunenburg	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 18	Home	Bromfield	4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 25	Away	Tyngsborough	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Away	Hudson	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Home	Littleton	4 p.m.

Pathfinder 2024 fall varsity schedule

Football

Friday, Sept. 13	Home	Palmer	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Home	Athol	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Home	Franklin Tech	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 5	Home	SICS	10 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Away	Monument Mountain	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19	Away	Drury	12 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26	Home	McCann Tech	7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 1	Away	Smith Vocational	6 p.m.
Nov. 8/9	TBD	Week 9 - TBD	TBD
Nov. 15/16	TBD	Week 10 - TBD	TBD
Thursday, Nov. 28	Home	Belchertown	9 a.m.

Boys Soccer (co-op with Palmer)

Thursday, Sept. 5	Away	Athol	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Away	PVCA	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Home	Smith Vocational	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Away	Franklin Tech	7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 18	Away	PVCIC	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Away	Hampden Charter	4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Home	Duggan	3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28	Away	SICS	11 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1	Away	Putnam	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Home	PVCIC	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Away	Frontier	7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Home	Putnam	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14	Home	PVCA	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Away	Smith Vocational	4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 18	Home	Athol	3:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Wednesday, Sept. 4	Away	Greenfield	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 9	Home	Gateway	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 11	Away	Pioneer	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16	Home	Frontier	4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Away	Athol	6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Away	Renaissance	4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 23	Home	Franklin Tech	3:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30	Home	Greenfield	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 2	Away	Gateway	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Home	Pioneer	3:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Home	Athol	3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 15	Home	Renaissance	3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 17	Away	Franklin Tech	4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 21	Home	Sizer	4 p.m.

Golf

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Monday, Oct. 7	Home	McCann Tech	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	Home	SICS	3 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10	Home	Smith Vocational	3 p.m.

Candlepin League News

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Bogey Lanes King/Queen of the Hill

EAST BROOKFIELD – The monthly King/Queen of the Hill at Bogey Lanes took place this past Sunday, Sept. 1.

Returning to defend his crown is Bogey Lanes bowler John Blais, who won in the month of August. Blais will await the winner of the five-bowler stepladder and compete in a two game final.

Every entry bowls a total of three games and their individual handicap will be added to their scores. Handicap is determined based off the bowler's current and highest league average. A bowler will have a tournament average once the bowler bowls a total of nine games.

Fifteen bowlers showed up for this month's King/Queen of the Hill and competed to qualify for the five-bowler stepladder. Rich Clark out of New Hampshire became the #1 seed by bowling scores of 145, 144 and 132 on his way to a 421 series. This was the first

time Clark has ever bowled at Bogey Lanes and it was a successful first time.

With a 421 scratch total and handicap, Clark finished first with a 457. In second place, Luke Marvin finished with a 426. Marvin bowls out of Bogey Lanes and is the tournament director for their upcoming tournament on the 14th.

Third place is Madison Lorion with a 396, Chris Lafreniere scored 389 and had a high single of 146 in game two. Lafreniere was one pin shy of throwing three strikes in a row. Sophia Hearnlaye of Bogey Lanes got the fifth spot with a 374. Falling two points shy of the ladder was former King of the Hill Shawn Rackus.

Stepladder

The matches in the stepladder consist of one-game matches. In match one, the #5 seed Sophia Hearnlaye bowled against #4 seed Chris Lafreniere. Lafreniere was victorious over Hearnlaye, 124-106.

Next match had LaFreniere bowling against #3 seed Madison Lorion. The score was 102-97 in favor of Lorion. Next match was Lorion bowling against #2 seed Luke Marvin. The Bogey bowler was victorious over Lorion, 111-93.

Marvin would move on to face #1 seed Rich Clark.

Marvin defeated Clark by a score of 110-90. The finals consisted of Luke Marvin bowling against defending king of the hill John Blais. This final will be a two-game final.

In game one, Blais got a small lead over Marvin, 137-134. In game two, Marvin bounced back and scored 122 to Blais' 108. The final score was Marvin 256 and Blais 245. Luke Marvin is the new King of the Hill at Bogey Lanes and will defend his crown in the month of October.

Bogey Lanes is located at 199 North Brookfield Road. The lanes can be reached by calling 508-867-6629.

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sphere of the orchard. Macey has also performed on stage with New England legend Big Al Downing and Houston country hit maker Doug Supernaw, and has performed at the Topsfield Fair, Woodstock Fair, Marshfield Fair and many more.

Vendors came from all over the commonwealth and adore the atmosphere of flea markets.

Debbie Aaronson drove in from Norton to provide a series of items that she has always liked. With this being the last flea market of the season Aaronson had a lot of items available that many shoppers will enjoy.

"I pick up stuff I like," Aaronson said. "That's why there's quite a variety."

Aaronson had many unique including ceramics and decorations that are themed with all the holidays. There was items for Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's Day, Easter and many others.

There was also a vendor selling sports memorabilia and merchandise. Being in New England, this vendor had various sports gear featuring all of New England's favorite sports teams. One unique sports product was a rivalry chess set featuring the play pieces as Red Sox and Yankee players.

For readers and gamers, a vendor had vintage electronic games and gaming systems along with classic comic book issues. This vendor had many Star Trek comic books available that go back to the 1980s.

Vintage gaming systems included a Game Cube, Nintendo 64, Original Nintendo, and Dreamcast. There were also vintage games to go with some of the systems as well as controllers and vintage movie tapes and DVDs.

One unique item that stood out during the flea market were custom made marshmallow guns. These marshmallow guns are made out of pipe and come in multiple sizes, designed by Steve Milioto of Worcester.

Milioto has made and sold these marshmallow guns for 15 years at flea markets, fairs and Christmas shows. These are air blow guns that shoot marshmallows, which Milioto was also selling at his booth.

For Milioto, the flea markets are helpful and he sells a lot of marshmallow guns. Working a fulltime job, Milioto still makes times to build and sell marshmallow guns.

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Hats, sweaters, bags and shirts of your favorite New England sports teams were found at the flea market.



The booth of Debbie Aaronson had items of many holiday themes such as these Christmas items.



A rivalry chess set featuring figurines of Red Sox and Yankees players was available at a vendor with sports memorabilia. *TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO*



Vintage electronics and video games were available at the flea market. A Game Cube and a Nintendo 64 were up for sale.



Unique items like this model pirate ship certainly exemplified the unknown you come across while shopping at a flea market.



Familiar characters popped up at the flea market.



Many items brought back childhood memories such as this Speed Racer Car with an action figure inside.

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Resources offered to educate college students about campus fire risks

As the new school year approaches, college students nationwide are preparing to move into campus dormitories and off-campus housing.

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The latest statistics, according to NFPA, show that U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 3,331 structure fires each year in dormitories, fraternity houses, sorority houses, and barracks between 2018 and 2022. Fires in dormitory-type properties caused an annual average of 21 civilian deaths, 23 civilian injuries, and \$21 million in direct property damage during that period.

Approximately three out of four fires in these properties began in the kitchen or cooking area, accounting for 58% of the civilian injuries and 11 percent of the direct property damage. Cooking equipment was involved in nearly eight out of 10 fires.

“As students return to campus this fall, many of them will be preparing their own meals. Some will be using kitchen appliances for the first time or cooking food after studying or coming home late from a party,” said Lorraine

Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA and CCFS Advisory Council member in a press release. “The data tells us that more education is needed about when and where cooking hazards exist, along with ways to prevent them. Campus Fire Safety Month is a great way to raise public awareness of fire safety on our college campuses.”

NFPA and CCFS offer a wealth of tips and resources for cooking safely in resident housing, including these key messages:

If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

Stay in the kitchen while preparing meals; use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop.

Further, while cooking remains a leading cause of fires in campus housing, there is growing concern on college campuses about the increasing number of fires caused by lithium-ion batteries.

Alan Sactor, vice president of the Center for Campus Fire Safety, said, “Micromobility devices like e-bikes and e-scooters and smaller electronics such as cell phones, laptops, and tablets are vital to the daily life of college students. However, the mishandling or misuse of these batteries can lead to safety hazards such as overheating, fire, or even explosions. NFPA and the CCFS are working together to help educate students

on how to use, store, and charge these devices safely to reduce the risk of fire.”

NFPA and CCFS provide several resources and tips for safely buying, charging, storing, and using lithium-ion batteries to help prevent fires:

Use only charging equipment that is supplied with your device.

Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.

Stop using your device if the battery shows signs of damage, such as an unusual odor, excessive heat, popping sounds, swelling, or change in color.

In 2023, CCFS launched the Micromobility/Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Reporting Program for fire safety professionals. The program aims to support the development of educational programs, policies, and advocacy efforts to help reduce the risk of these battery fires on college campuses.

For this information and more about the Campus Fire Safety Month campaign and to find free resources and safety tips, visit nfpa.org/campussafety and the CCFS webpage.

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To help ensure compliance, a countdown clock is now live by visiting Mass.Gov/RMV.

The Registry is encouraging everyone seeking a Real ID compliant license or identification card to go online at Mass.Gov/ID to learn what documents are needed for a required in-person appointment.

“The countdown is on for REAL ID federal enforcement and the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, and its partner AAA Northeast, have successfully been issuing REAL ID credentials and are prepared for interested residents prior to the May 2025 deadline,” said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie in a press release. “We want Massachusetts residents to know they can upgrade to the REAL ID driver's license or identification card during their normal renewal process for the same cost as a renewal. For the customers who wish to do this, we highly recommend you schedule your appointment at least three weeks before your birthday so that you can receive your credential in the mail ahead of your expiration.”

The RMV has posted helpful information on Real ID requirements that customers can use to prepare for their in-person visits including convenient document checklists to help pre-stage Real ID applications by visiting Mass.Gov/ID. Documents required for this transaction include two proofs of Mas-

sachusetts residency, proof of a full Social Security Number and proof of lawful presence.

Customers who have had a name change since the issuance of a birth certificate, passport or other document, will need to show the reason for the name change by presenting documentation like a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court document. These required documents must be original or certified versions.

The RMV recommends customers gather these documents well in advance of appointments to ensure they have the information required by federal law.

Currently, Massachusetts is at 54% Real ID adoption with almost 3 million credentials being Real ID-compliant. Customers are eligible to renew up to one year in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID and up to two years after the expiration date.

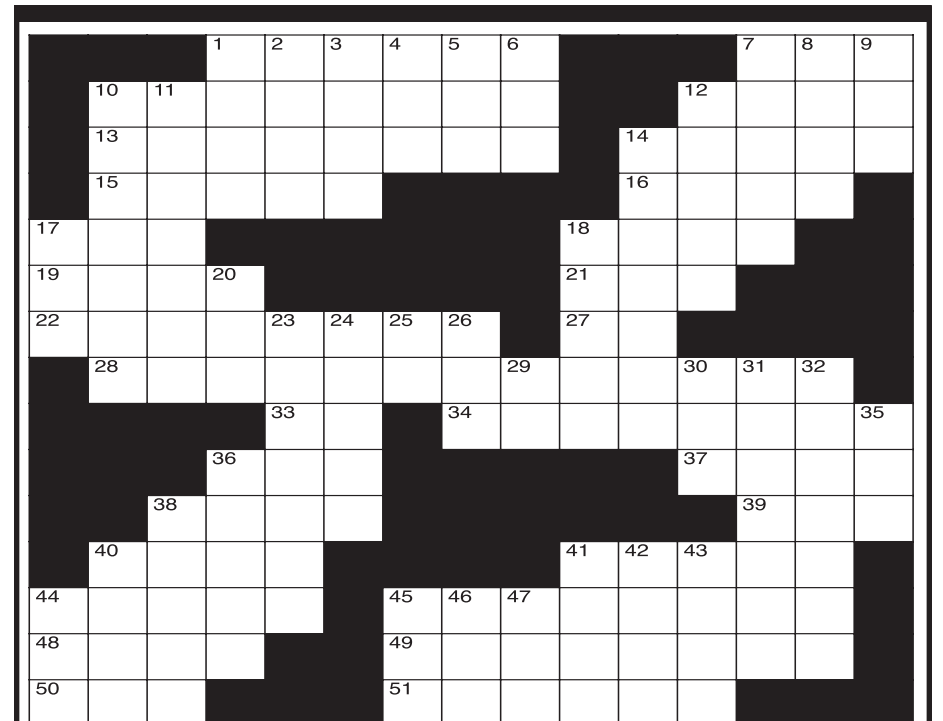
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The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or Real ID driver's license is \$50. The fee for renewing a Mass ID is \$25. The fee for upgrading to a standard or Real ID card is \$25.

Customers with a less than five-year stay in the U.S. pay a pro-rated fee.

Appointments can be scheduled by RMV customers by visiting the RMV's Online Service Center at Mass.Gov/RMV or if they are a AAA member at <https://northeast.aaa.com/automotive/registry-services/massachusetts.html>.

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