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A cow from Thistle Rock Farm in New Braintree eyed one of its neighbors across the barn at the Spencer Fair, held this past weekend.

## Spencer Fair continues Labor Day tradition

SPENCER – The Spencer Fair was held over five days for Labor Day weekend, bringing a mix of agriculture and midway excitement.

Founded in 1888, this fair has been the longstanding unofficial “end of summer” for central Massachusetts. Fairgoers were able to enjoy cattle and poultry exhibitions, agricultural exhibits, arts and crafts, dog agility

performances, tractor and oxen pulling, live music, wandering performers, games and rides, vendors, food and more.

The Spencer Fair is also home to the “World’s Largest Demolition Derby,” hosted by JM Motorsports.

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Chris Tillotson's first place-winning giant pumpkin weight in at 937.4 pounds. See more photos on page 3.



## MassDOT presents Long Hill bridge replacement

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WEST BROOKFIELD – Members of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation presented a plan back in April regarding a bridge replacement needed at Long Hill Road over the Quaboag River.

Presenting the design and scope of work were Herrio Lamothe, project manager from MassDOT and Meghan Walter of Lochner, which is a consultant who did the studies of the bridge and found deterioration. Other people part of the project include Paula Simmons, a development engineer, Rosemary Scrivens, a community compliance officer and Dan Racicot who assisted with legislative affairs and communications. Local liaisons to the project include Town Administrator Theresa Cofske and highway su-

perintendent James Daley.

Walter said the anticipated timeline of the project is two years of construction starting in the fall of 2027, and a full seven mile detour of the road, utilizing parts of Long Hill Road, East Road and Route 67, with the detour expected to last a year. There will be no night work because of the residential area.

The estimated cost is \$18 million.

According to Walter, the need for the replacement was first viewed in August of 2022 when a regularly scheduled inspection required by law found deterioration. Walter said the next steps were a DOT checklist received in 2023, alternative analyses in 2025, a 25% design by February of 2026 and the public hearing in April.

Walter said the deterior-

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## Friends of North Brookfield Town House highlight two artists

By Ryan Drago  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – For the month of September, the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House highlighted two artists, Elisabeth and Darrell Hyder.

The couple each has their own spaces in their North Brookfield home which features a studio and printing shop.

For 50 years, Darrell has worked with old printing technology consisting of letterpresses and hand presses.

What started off as a childhood hobby with the use of a little hand press be-

came a craft that would be a part of Darrell's life. He said he got into using this traditional printing technology when it began to phase out commercially.

Throughout what he calls “the shop” are drawers of old metal pieces of words that were used to help print newspapers and other documents. Darrell has both small and large metal types and plates for his printing.

One large type in his shop is a 120-point type for larger wording.

Though he studied museum work in college, Darrell found a job at a printing shop which got him to work with this older technology.

Later in life, he worked

for a book printer in Vermont which is where he met Elisabeth.

The two of them got married near her home in Switzerland where Elisabeth taught kindergarten. Darrell found work as a printer while he and Elisabeth lived in Switzerland.

Soon they both found their way back home and settled in Barre. Darrell worked in production for Barre Publishers for a few years back in the late 1960s to the early 1970s.

After his time at Barre Publishers, the Hydres bought a house in North Brookfield. Darrell started



*TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO*

Elisabeth and Darrell Hyder of North Brookfield were selected as September's Artists of the Month by the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House.

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## Pathfinder Voc Tech welcomes new principal

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PALMER – As Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School reopens for the new year, the community welcomed Principal Jay Taylor to the staff.

Taylor has a diverse background in education, which has involved working in multiple roles as both a teacher and an administrator. He described himself as feeling honored and excited to be joining Pathfinder Tech.

“Each role taught me something different and helped shape who I am as school leader,” Taylor said.



Principal Jay Taylor

This week, Taylor is coming off of the late-week Professional Development ahead of students arriving at Pathfinder this past Monday. This served as Taylor's opportunity to introduce himself to the staff, and discuss all the opportunities the school has to offer and why he loves technical vocational education.

“People see relevance in their learning,” Taylor said. “Schools like Pathfinder Tech have the opportunity to change the trajectory of people's lives.”

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The West Brookfield common was one of the ice cream social stops hosted by the Quaboag Regional School District to kick off the upcoming school year.

## QRSCD kicks off new school year with ice cream social

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WARREN – The Quaboag Regional School District kicked off the school year with an ice cream social tour

on Aug. 31.

Members of the school district's administrative team stopped in Warren, West Brookfield and North Brookfield to give out free ice cream.

This kickoff of the school

year event was not only a chance for the community to enjoy a late summer treat, but to also meet and connect with members of the school district and community.

“We want to begin the school year by connecting

with the families and communities we serve,” Quaboag Regional Middle High School Principal John Diorio said.

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## 79th Annual Ware Grange Fair celebrated

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WARE – The 79th Annual Ware Grange Fair took place Aug. 28-29 with another strong turnout. Judging took place the day before and there were 350 exhibits entered. Randy Vaill of the Ware Grange said this year’s fair was “another good year”, as the traditions of the Ware Grange Fair continue. In 2025, the fair had a record setting year with 419 exhibits. This year, the Grange received 294 adult entries and 56 youth entries. There were 81 exhibitors at this year’s fair with 13 new exhibitors. The State Grange is the parent organization that helps support the annual Ware Grange Fair every year. There were a few “eye catchers” as Vaill described in this year’s fair. One outstanding exhibit was a giant field pumpkin that was entered by Rosalie Belisle of Ware. The field pumpkin received a Special Agriculture Rosette from the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources. Some spectators at the Ware Grange Fair referred to it as “the Great Pumpkin.” Another eye-catching exhibit was a non-agricultural entry. April Rose Carter of Barre made a crocheted afghan that received a Special Rosette from the Ware

Grange Fair. Heidi Bara of Wales won her first ribbon in this year’s fair. Bara entered a hydrangea which won a Special Agriculture Rosette from the Massachusetts State Grange. For the youth exhibits, Mackenzie McNally won her first ribbon in this year’s fair for her wildflower arrangement. “I was shocked,” McNally said when she saw her wildflower arrangement receive first prize. McNally put together an arrangement of wildflowers she picked near her home and ended up with a Special Agriculture Rosette from the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources. Charlotte Corbett of Monson was another youth exhibitor who received a ribbon for entering duck eggs. Terry Vaill is the star baker who made hundreds of cookies, breads, and pies for the bake sale. There were 143 packages of cookies, 87 breads, 117 packages of brownie bars, 32 packages of fudge, 20 packages of peanut butter crispy balls, 50 packages of whoopie pies, 27 large pies and 12 small pies. Vaill also made cakes



This field pumpkin, entered by Rosalie Belisle of Barre, received the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources Special Agriculture Rosette in the adult group.



Shiva is a Belgian Malinois who received a ribbon for Best in Show during the Ware Grange Fair’s Fun Dog Show.

and cornbread for the supper later on during the Ware Grange Fair. The Grange also hosted a penny sale with hundreds of items available. An auction of fruits, vegetables, baked items and other goodies took place after the supper on Saturday. The Fun Dog Show returned to the annual fair and it has become a beloved event. A total of nine dogs entered in this year’s dog show, participating in multiple categories. Tammy Taquino of Second Chance Animal Services served as this year’s dog show judge. Second Chance Animal Services had a booth set up during the Ware Grange Fair sharing programs and services they have to offer. Second Chance was also selling merchandise with proceeds helping to support the animals.



Mackenzie McNally of Brimfield received a Special Agriculture Rosette ribbon for her wildflower arrangement, which was exhibited during the 79th Annual Ware Grange Fair.

Timber, Golden Retriever-Yellow Lab mix, received a few ribbons during the Fun Dog Show. One of Timber’s tricks was rolling over on the ground. Timber, now 10 years old, came from Second Chance at 6 months old and is a proud participant in the Dog Show. Lily and Riley are a pair of bull mastiffs who were adopted at a young age and are both eight years old. Both dogs received the prize for best dressed wearing adorable outfits that made the audience make vampire noises. Riley received third place for Best in Show, and Lilly won second place. One category in the show was for Best Rescue Story. This was an opportunity for dog owners to share the backstory of how their dogs came into their lives. Dora was imported from St. Martin and is considered a “blessing” according to her owner. Dora is also a calendar dog for the 2026 Bay Path Calendar. Cairn, who received second place for being the scruffiest and fluffiest dog, was found somewhere on the Appalachian Trail. Her rescue story was voted for first prize. Shiva, a Belgian Malinois, was voted Best in Show for this year’s dog show. The annual Ware Grange Fair ended with a barbecue dinner featuring pulled pork, chicken, brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, desserts and drinks. This year’s fair also featured live music by the talented Brianna Lamb. The Ware Grange is located off Route 9 at 297 Belchertown Road in Ware. More about the Ware Grange can be found at www.waregrange.org.

## Garden club hosts ‘Plant with Purpose’ presentation

SOUTHBRIDGE – The Southbridge Garden Club will host Nikki Howell of Lady Fern Farm for a special presentation on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 1:30 p.m. at the Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge. In her talk, “Plant with Purpose, Design with Nature,” Howell will explore how to cultivate beautiful, resilient landscapes that support local pollinators and restore vital ecosystems. Attendees will be introduced to the core principles of ecological garden design, including native plant selection, structural layering, and site-specific planning-skills applicable to home gardens, community spaces and large-scale restoration projects alike. Lady Fern Farm is a woman-owned nursery dedicated to cultivating Northeast native plants and offering enriching educational workshops. Howell, the owner and founder, brings a wealth of experience to the field with a degree in Sustainable Agriculture and years spent farming in the landscapes of

Tuscany and Long Island. After returning to Worcester, Howell turned her passion for organic gardening into a mission to preserve biodiversity. Her work at Lady Fern Farm champions the ecological resilience of native species, emphasizing their co-evolution with local wildlife and their essential role in our environment. The Southbridge Garden Club is a regional organization that welcomes members from across the local community. The club meets monthly for horticultural programs, garden tours, and seasonal events, including its popular annual Plant Sale in May and Holiday Greens Sale in December. Their mission is “to share an interest in horticulture and to expand our knowledge of gardening for our mutual benefit and that of our local communities.” This program is free and open to the public, though registration is required. To reserve your spot, please visit jacobedwardslibrary.org or call the library at 508-764-5426.

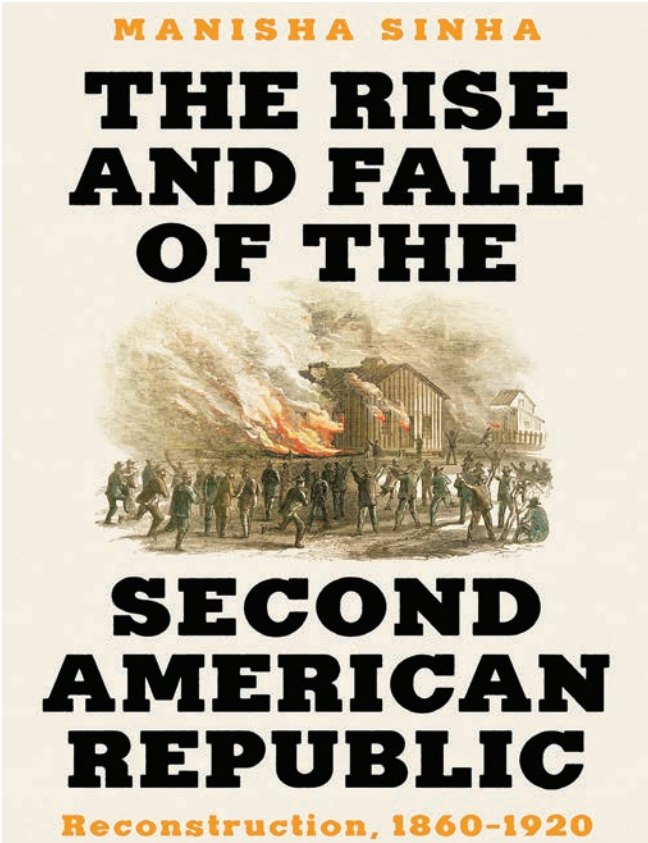
## Local author Sinha to talk on ‘Second American Revolution’

STURBRIDGE – Join the Sturbridge Historical Society and the Joshua Hyde Public Library for an evening with renowned historian and Sturbridge resident Manisha Sinha on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Sturbridge Senior Center. As our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding, Professor Sinha will explore how the Civil War and emancipation functioned as a “Second American Revolution.” This transformative period led to the re-founding of the American Republic during Reconstruction, establishing birthright citizenship and the first federal civil rights laws. Her talk is drawn from her latest acclaimed work, The Rise and Fall of the Second American Republic: Reconstruction, 1860-1920. The presentation will delve into the overthrow of this Second Republic by domestic terror and legal decisions that hollowed out Reconstruction-era

protections. The promise of American citizenship regardless of race or color would not be realized until the Civil Rights Movement in the twentieth century. We still live with the competing legacies of reactionary authoritarianism and progressive democracy bequeathed by this history. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation. Having resided in Sturbridge since 1994, Sinha has authored several distinguished, prize-winning volumes including “The Slave’s Cause: A History of Abolition” (2016), a work that earned a spot on the National Book Award longlist for nonfiction. A graduate of Columbia University with a Ph.D. in American history – where her doctoral research was a Bancroft Prize nominee – she spent more than two decades at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. During her ten-



Manisha Sinha



Historian will be the featured speaker at the Sturbridge Historical Society’s meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Sturbridge Senior Center.

ure there, she received the Chancellor’s Medal, the faculty’s most prestigious commendation. Since 2016, she has served as the Draper Chair in American History at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, and is the Past President of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.



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## Library hosts Sept. 14 story time

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Spencer Fair continues Labor Day tradition



One of the dogs from Central K9 Performance Dogs took a dive at the Spencer Fair.



Tonic and Jameson of Moonshine Acres in Barre enjoyed a late afternoon nap.



A bantam rooster was entered in the poultry showed by Shannon Byrnes.



Terry Baker's second place giant pumpkin weighed in at 431 pounds.



Michael Vinsh took third place with this 328.8 pound giant pumpkin.



Below Deck performed on Friday evening of the Spencer Fair.



Newly hatched chicks drew many visitors.



Pigeons watched fairgoers explore the poultry exhibition.

Ecumenical Service on the West Brookfield common

WEST BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC, and the George Whitefield United Methodist Church will hold an ecumenical Sunday morning worship service on the West Brookfield town common on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m.

The public is warmly invited to attend. Extra chairs will be available but bringing your own is encouraged.

Instead of a collection, it is asked that items for the Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry be brought for donation.

In case of rain, the service will be inside the church at 36 North Main St.

Please call the Congregational Church for more information at 508-867-7078.

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By Ellenor Downer

Doug Moore of Belchertown took this photo of an osprey protecting its young from a red winged blackbird at Lake Wallace on July 17.

The osprey, also known as the fish hawk has the ability to dive into water to catch fish. It also has the ability to hover.

Ospreys are unusual among hawks in possessing a reversible outer toe that allows them to grasp with two toes in front and two behind. Barbed pads on the soles of the birds' feet help them grip slippery fish. When flying with prey, an osprey lines up its catch head first for less wind resistance.

These hawks are excellent anglers. Over several studies, ospreys caught fish on at least one in every four dives with success rates sometimes as high as 70%. The average time they spent hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes.

The osprey readily builds its stick nest on manmade structures such as telephone poles, channel markers, duck blinds and nest platforms designed especially for it. Such platforms have become an important tool in reestablishing ospreys in areas where they had disappeared. In some areas nests are placed almost exclusively on artificial structures.

Osprey eggs do not hatch all at once. Rather, the first chick emerges up to five days before the last one. The older hatchling dominates its younger siblings and can monopolize the food brought by the parents.

If food is abundant, chicks share meals in relative harmony; in times of scarcity, younger ones may starve to death.

These birds may log more than 160,000 migration miles during its 15 to 20-year lifetime. Scientists track ospreys by strapping lightweight satellite transmitters to the birds' backs.

The devices pinpoint an osprey's location to within a few hundred yards and



Osprey at nest.

PHOTO BY DOUG MOORE

last for two or three years. During 13 days in 2008, one osprey flew 2,700 miles from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts to French Guiana, South America.

The oldest known osprey was at least 25 years, two months old and lived in Virginia. It was banded in 1973 and found in 1998.

Glossy ibis

On July 13 Doug Moore saw a glossy ibis at Lake Wallace. They expanded their range over the past century from the southeastern United States to include much of eastern North America.

At a distance the glossy ibis looks uniformly dark, but a closer look in sunlight reveals deep maroon, emerald, bronze and violet feathers.

Large flock of grackles

I saw a large flock of grackles in late August. I did not count them, but there were at least 50, probably more.

They flew from one side of the road to the other. I stopped the car and waited for them to safely pass. There were stragglers and some flew behind the car as well as in front of it. Seeing them reminded me that the fall migrations are happening or at least the birds are gathering in flocks to make their journeys south.

Some species of birds travel long distances to their winter habitat. Ospreys are just one of many that travel thousands of miles.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

Teachable moments during preservation

I had far too many plans for a long weekend.

There were peaches to can, applesauce to make, peppers to roast and tomatoes to turn into sauce and salsa. Oh yes, and cabbage to ferment into sauerkraut.

Tis the season!

Someone once said that it is important to "make hay while the sun is shining." That is exactly what I did.

While I was at it I came across a few teachable moments, and that is what I want to share with you today.

Some of my peaches have brown rot and some had split pits. Brown rot is a fungal disease that leaves furry brown areas on the fruit.

It can spread fast. One day a small patch; the next day half a fruit is infected.

Much like with apple scab, sanitation will go a long way to aid in prevention. Your goal is to prevent disease spores from overwintering.

Throw out any fallen infected peaches. If peaches are clinging to the trees well after harvest, pick these "mummies" and get rid of them too.

Rake up leaves that may also carry the disease. If raking is unrealistic, mow under the tree to encourage the leaves to break down.

In late winter, prune to encourage good air flow, a paramount practice in disease prevention. Thin fruit to four to five inches apart. Applications of fungicide can assist, but I prefer the natural route as much as possible.

I encourage you to do your own research.

Split pit on peaches is new to me. It was like the pit was indeed split, and sometimes stuck in each side of the fruit. From there, rot can begin to take over.

Apparently split pit a

physiological issue. Too much rain prior to harvest could be the culprit especially since spring and early summer were somewhat dry.

Watering during dry spells, and applying a mulch around the base of the tree to conserve and even out moisture can help.

by Roberta McQuaid

While working with my apples I observe a few clusters of tiny dots here and there, as well as patches of gray over the apple's skin. These are summer diseases known as fly speck and sooty blotch respectively.

Both occur after lots of rain and humidity. Unfortunately all apples are susceptible to them, but the good news is that they only mar the apple's good looks; it doesn't penetrate the skin nor will it affect its taste.

Some elbow grease will likely rub it off. To reduce the likelihood of your apples getting these diseases prune for good air flow (it will dry out fruit faster after a rain) and remove nearby wild blackberry canes (the diseases overwinter here).

I talked about peppers and tomatoes not that long ago, but I do have to say that I am upset that I had what feels like one round of peppers. There are no little pepper replacements anywhere on most of my plants.

I know my rock edged raised beds get hot, and tend to dry out quickly, so perhaps that is the culprit for "some then done." Drought then a deluge could force the blossoms to fall off.

I'll be sure to keep this

in the forefront of my mind as I plan next year's garden. Soaker hoses and more organic matter may help.

As I was processing the tomatoes I stopped twice to save some of the seeds of two of my favorites. If you grew open pollinated, non hybrid tomatoes and plan to start your own seeds indoor next spring, you'd be silly not to save your own seeds!

Cut open a tomato – scoop out the goop and put it in a small jar with a few drops of water. Wait a few days until mold forms on top and then dump into a sieve and separate out the seeds.

Allow to dry on paper towel and then store in an envelope marked with the variety and date. You just saved yourself some cash, too!

The only thing I have to say about my cabbage is that I wish I had grown more of it. All of my Crucifers – broccoli, cabbage and kale worked out so tremendously well under insect netting that I will definitely grow it that way again next year.

No worms at all. Planting a few early cabbages and some later ones was smart to spread out the kraut.

Next year I'll just add a few more to my plot.

Alas, the harvest season is in full swing. I am so incredibly grateful for my garden and what I can preserve for use in the off season.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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.

Can my spouse file at 63 and then get half of mine when I later claim?

Dear Rusty:

My spouse is 63 and I am 65.

I am planning to take my Social Security benefits at age 70. Can my lower earning spouse take his own benefits now, and then -when I take my full benefits at age 70, can he then file for 50% of mine instead of the lower benefit he is getting because he claimed at age 63?

Signed:  
Higher Earning Spouse

Dear

Higher Earning Spouse:

Yes, your lower-earning spouse can take his benefits

By Russell Gloor

based on his personal lifetime earnings record at any time (i.e., age 63) and, when you later claim your own SS at 70, your spouse will be evaluated to determine whether he is eligible for a "spousal boost" based on your Social Security record.

But to be sure you are clear, if you claim at age 70, your spouse will not get 50% of your age 70 benefit amount.

Spousal benefits are always determined by comparing each partners' Full Retirement Age entitlement and, if your spouse's FRA entitlement is less than half of your FRA entitlement, your spouse will get a "spousal boost" to bring his monthly SS retirement payment up to what he is entitled to as your spouse.

The amount of the "spousal boost" would be the difference between his FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, which would be added to his own (age 63) SS retirement amount.

And that means that his total benefit amount would be less than half of your age 70 amount (less also than 50% of your FRA amount, because he claimed at age 63).

One caution for your spouse to be aware of: if he is still working and claims at age 63, he will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much he can earn before SS takes away some benefits.

The earnings limit for 2026 is \$24,480 (changes annually) and if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 of benefits for every \$2 he is over the limit. FYI, Social Security will "take back" by withholding future benefit payments, so he will not get his benefits for some months if he exceeds the annual earnings limit.

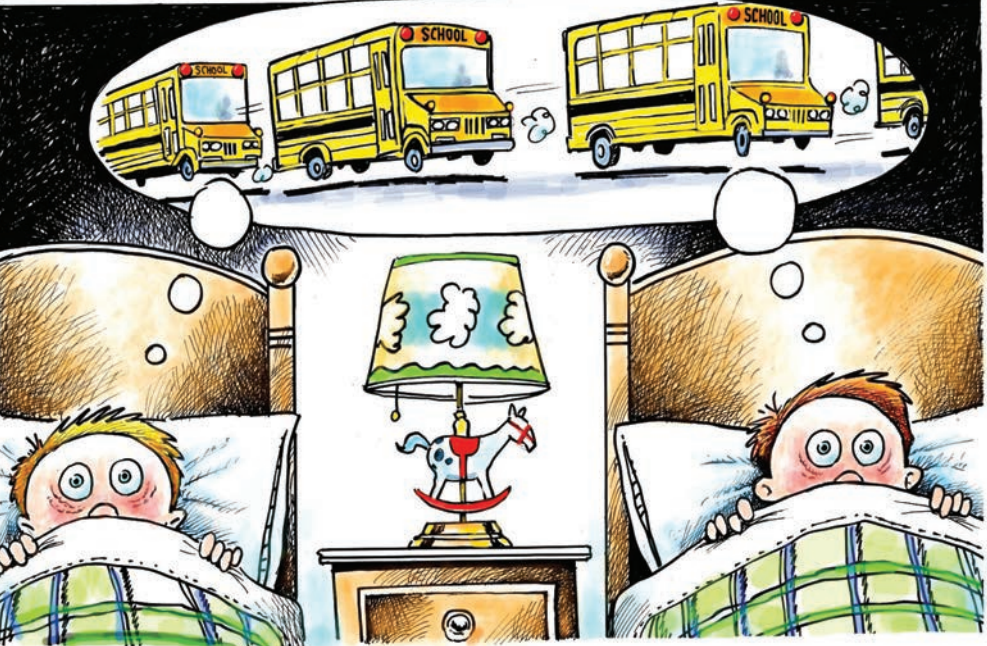
And if the annual earnings limit is significantly exceeded, your spouse could even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits (until he either earns less or reaches his full retirement age, the earnings limit goes away when FRA is reached).

The only way your spouse can avoid both a reduced personal benefit and the annual earnings test limitation is to wait until his own Full Retirement Age to claim Social Security.

However, if he's not

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While visions of school buses danced in their heads...



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Elisabeth Hyder is shown with a box featuring her decorative patterns.



Darrell Hyder demonstrated the use of his original Heidelberg machine press in his workshop.

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his own small printing operation.

His clientele came from many regions of New England, including the nearby living history museum, Old Sturbridge Village.

Darrell did some museum reproduction work at Old Sturbridge Village's Asa Knight Store. The printed work on many of the historic general store's items, such as the labels, were done by him.

Many of Darrell's printing jobs involved book plates, invitations and posters. One of his machines in the shop is a proofing press from the 1960s.

He also operates an original Heidelberg Machine Press which helped him produce more prints. Hyder once got an order for 20,000 copies for one customer.

In his printing shop are copies of his previous printing jobs, including a poster of a George M. Cohan event that took place in 2007 in North Brookfield.

Darrell's print work also involved monthly notices and stationary work. In his shop were boxes full of his job tickets documenting about 3,500 jobs.

Elisabeth had her own studio built back in 1993 after the kids were grown up and moved out. Her paste

paper art starts with her own creation of mixing corn starch and adding acrylic paints.

Her designs on paste paper also come from stamps and erasers.

Elisabeth also worked on pattern designs that were printed in traditional letterpress by Darrell. There were stacks of paste paper inside her studio, and all had different effects and colors blended in.

Elisabeth uses her own hand tools from combs, rollers and stamps that create the shapes on paste paper. She also has rollers with symbols attached to them to help her complete her new designs.

Both Elisabeth and Darrell found a way to work together that involves both print and art.

"Different floors, under the same roof," Darrell said.

Around 1995, the Hydres started working for the firm OrangeArt of Woodstock, Connecticut. With this collaboration, a new line called "Brookfield" was created.

Both Darrell's printing work and Elisabeth's paste paper art were incorporated into stationary cards, boxes and miniature books of quotes.

In her studio, Elisabeth has extra Brookfield-themed cards, boxes and correspondence envelopes, and plan-

ners. The use of these tools helps her create new designs on her paste paper.

"Always trying new things," Elisabeth. "I love to make."

Hyder still creates and sells her papers and products. Her studio is filled with notebooks, notepads, cards, boxes and miniature books.

Her studio also features posters of her collage work. Elisabeth began designing squares and then those designs would lead her to work on collages.

Aside from her at home studio, Elisabeth also has her paste paper art displayed at the Petersham Art Center.

She said working with paste paper has endless possibilities.

Both Elisabeth and Darrell shared a comment they got from a major collector of decorative papers. This collector stated that Elisabeth is "among the most innovative and accomplished paper decorators in the country."

During the Back Roads Studio Tour, Elisabeth will have an open house at her studio, located at 23 High St. on Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

As of now, Darrell has retired from his regular print work but still has his own traditional print tech-



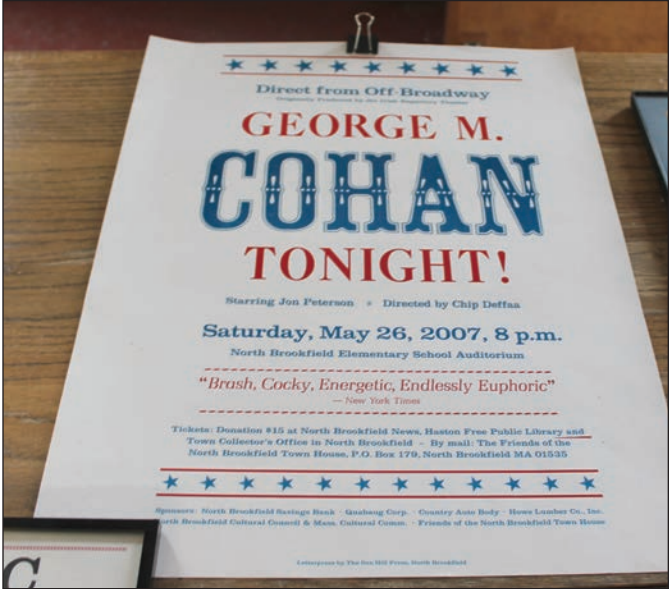
A frame of books, mostly books of quotes, with the covers designed by Elisabeth Hyder.

nology at his shop for his own projects.

About the Friends  
The Friends of North Brookfield Town House is a nonprofit organization focused on restoring, preserving, and sustaining the Town House as a cultural center of North Brookfield and Central Massachusetts.

For more information, visit [nbtownhouse.com](http://nbtownhouse.com).

A copy of a George M. Cohan  
Tonight poster when an event  
was held back in 2007 in North  
Brookfield. This poster was  
printed by Darrell Hyder.



Elisabeth Hyder demonstrated the work of her paste papers with the use of simple hand tools.



A close up of Elisabeth Hyder's paste paper art, which she incorporated into albums, journals, book covers and boxes.

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North Brookfield Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Cultural Council has set an Oct. 15 deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants supporting community cultural activities.

According to LCC spokesperson Nancy Waldron these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in or around North Brookfield, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The North Brookfield

Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the nation’s largest grassroots cultural funding network, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences every year.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to Mass Cultural Council, a state agency that allocates funds to each community.

This year, the North Brookfield Cultural Council will distribute about \$7,200

in grants.

Previously funded projects include: production of “Legally Blonde 2”, programs Birds of Prey, Watercolor Painting at the Haston Library; and Hip Hop Square Dance at the Senior Center.

For local guidelines and complete information on the North Brookfield Cultural Council, contact Nancy Waldron at nancy.rachel@comcast.net. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.massculturalcouncil.org.

Annual QQLA Paddle Poker Run is Sept. 12

BROOKFIELD –The Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association will hold its 14th Annual Paddle Poker Run on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Lake Quaboag (North Pond) boat ramp on Quaboag Street.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with paddling from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The registration fee is \$20 per hand.

Participants may play more than one hand, and more than one person may play from the same watercraft, with each participant registering and playing a separate hand. The event will be held rain or shine.

Participants paddle the

3.5-mile course and visit four designated stops, which may be completed in any order. At each stop, they receive a playing card.

Upon returning to the North Pond boat ramp, paddlers receive a fifth card to complete their poker hand. Players who want to improve their hand may purchase up to two replacement cards for \$5 each.

Winning hands will be announced after the last registered player returns to the North Pond boat ramp and all hands have been ranked. A \$250 cash grand prize will be awarded for the best poker hand, with more than

\$600 in additional prizes donated by area businesses.

Proceeds from the 2026 Paddle Poker Run benefit the Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association’s mission to preserve and protect the quality of Quaboag and Quacumquasit lakes – better known as North and South ponds – and the surrounding watershed through the promotion of responsible and effective environmental policies.

For adwditional information, visit qqla.org, email QQLakeAssociation@gmail.com, or email event chair Randy Weiss at RanWiz@aol.com.

Parish hosts annual chicken BBQ and family fair

NORTH BROOKFIELD – St. Carlo Acutis Parish will host its annual Chicken BBQ & Family Fair Sept. 12-13 at Saint Joseph’s Church 296 North Main St.

Come join the parish for plenty of fair style food on Saturday evening and a delicious Chicken BBQ dinner served on Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Chicken BBQ are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children age 12 and

under. Chicken BBQ tickets can be purchased at the parish office.

There will be karaoke music on both days. They will also have assorted raffles including a scratch ticket raffle which features the grand prize of a book (50) \$30 lottery scratch tickets, and a bake sale.

The Family Picnic begins on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m. on the church lawn after the 4 p.m. Mass. From 5-7 p.m., there will be ka-

raoke music, fair style food and raffles.

On Sunday, Sept. 13 from noon-3 p.m. there will be karaoke music, fair style food, bake sale and raffles. From 12:30-1:30 p.m. the Chicken BBQ will be served, either eat in or take-out.

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

Open poetry series starts Sept. 17

WEST BROOKFIELD – An open poetry reading series meant to provide a venue for writers to share their work as well as the work of established writers they admire will be held at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, 3 West Main St., in the upstairs Library Meeting Room.

This room is elevator accessible.

The series will be held on select Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. Generally, readings will occur on the third Thursday of every month, though some schedule adjustments may have to be

made around holidays.

Dates include Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15 and May 20. The series is open to the central Massachusetts community at large.

For every original poem a person reads they will be asked to compliment that poem by reading a poem of their choosing by another established and published writer: From Shakespeare to Stern, Bradstreet to Bukowski, Yeats to Young, Rumi to Rich and any and all between.

If you have no original

work to read but want to offer poems from writers you love, please join us.

The reading will be held in round robin fashion (two poems maximum each time) and the number of turns allowed for each person will be determined by the number of willing participants.

The host ask those who read to be sensitive to other attendees and not present overly long poems that will delay another’s turn. One may also participate by attending and simply listening, not reading, if they so choose.

Open house showcases historic Sturbridge photos

STURBRIDGE – The Sturbridge Senior Center, in collaboration with the Sturbridge Historical Society, invites you to an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Come explore the rich history and heritage of Sturbridge through a special showcase featuring approximately 40 historic

photographs.

The exhibit includes a collection of early photographs, including several produced from glass plate negatives generously donated to the Historical Society by Jeff and Mary Lavergne. Visitors will also see captivating images of familiar landmarks captured by local

photographer Bob Arnold during the 1970s and 1980s.

The featured photos were framed and arranged by Bob Arnold alongside local history researcher Wally Hersee. Both will be present throughout the evening to share their knowledge, insights, and stories about the collection.

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ration found was described as “advanced,” with concrete spalls, exposed rebar and severed prestressing strands. She said the severed strands were of most concern because the capacity of the beams depends on their health, and it was being compromised.

She said the study also found corrosive soil around the steel piles and the hydraulic opening did not meet all legal requirements.

Walter said the scope of the work would include demolishing the existing bridge and building a new one with two lanes of traffic with shoulders that are compliant with the complete streets program.

She said the bridge

would be accessible for bikes and the sidewalks would be made Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, in part by widening them to six feet and building ramps.

The current roadway has five foot sidewalks, two lanes of 12 feet and three foot shoulders. The new proposed design would have two 11 foot lanes and five foot shoulders, along with the widened sidewalks.

Walter said there was an alternative design done where they could have only replaced the superstructure, or the top portion of the bridge, and continue to utilize the bottom portion. The alternate design would reuse existing abutments and construct a steel plate girder on the superstruc-

ture.

The preferred design will construct the girder, and add new abutments behind the existing one, expanding the span of the bridge from 98 feet to 145 feet. The design will also increase the hydraulic opening and include a wildlife passage under the bridge to help prevent them from crossing the road and getting hit by vehicles.

Walter explained that since this bridge is considered a “footprint bridge,” it is exempt from certain laws including the wetland protection act, but there will be a water quality certification required. Since there will be more impervious areas, she said they will utilize a stormwater guide from 2023.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Longtime Vogue editor Wintour

5. A Spanish title of respect

10. A way of looking

12. Properly

14. Rolled steel

16. Not down

18. Law degree

19. Consume food

20. Intermediate ecological stage

22. Old world, new

23. Dispense justice

25. Stiff hair-like structure

26. Ethiopia

27. Cool!

28. Father

30. An enthusiastic devotee of sports

31. Holm oak

33. Be united

35. Rattling breaths

37. Supermarket chain

38. Provided with a quality

40. Samoan monetary unit

41. Swiss river

42. Hill (Celtic)

44. Have already done

45. ATM company

48. Syngman \_\_, Korean president

50. Very willing

52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)

53. Food listings

55. Bachelor's place to crash

56. Big Blue

57. Sports magazine

58. Relating to a place north of south of the equator

63. Female follower of Bacchus

65. A type of laugh

66. Slovenly women

67. Large jug

CLUES DOWN

1. Boxing's GOAT

2. Zero

3. Midway between north and northeast

4. Concurred

5. Added flavor

6. Amount of time

7. Eggs of parasitic insects

8. S-shaped moldings

9. Atomic #45

10. \_\_ d'art: small artistic item

11. A godparent's "kids"

13. Nocturnal burrowing lizard

15. Hit lightly

17. Aircrafts

18. Witness

21. Alluding to something

23. Take to the limit

24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal

27. Start over

29. Administered

32. Romanian monetary unit

34. Unit of liquid capacity

35. Equips with weapons again

36. Disney town

39. Female deer

40. Title of respect

43. A place to go rafting

44. A way to conclude

46. Type of television

47. Georgia rockers

49. Leonhard \_\_, Swiss mathematician

51. Slang for gun

54. River in Bosnia and Herzegovina

59. Bar bill

60. Small, gray-headed crow

61. Frozen water

62. Norwegian krone

64. Commercial



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

Quaboag Current ~ November 5, 2026

Quaboag Current will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to dflynn@turley.com or drop off a photo to Quaboag Current, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069

All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 20, 2026.

There is no cost to submit a photo. No photos will be accepted after deadline. If you would like to use a prior submitted photo, please contact Dan Flynn no later than October 13th (413) 297-5886.

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## Panthers ready for regular season

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School boys soccer team tuned up for the regular season by hosting Oakmont last Thursday afternoon.

The Panthers were scheduled to open the regular season earlier this week on the road at Uxbridge.

They will remain on the road on Sept. 10 against West Boylston at 3:30 p.m. and stay on the road for three more games.

Their first game is not until Thursday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. against Clinton.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY JEFFREY HAYNES  
The Panthers go for the header.



Quabbin goes for possession in Oakmont's end.



A Panthers varsity hopeful defends against a push from Oakmont.



Quabbin moves the ball upfield with Oakmont players in pursuit.



Quabbin was in preseason action last week with Oakmont.

## Pathfinder girls soccer gets going



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM  
Taylor Allen is pressured by an opponent.

PALMER – Last Thursday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer had its preseason scrimmage, taking on cross-town rival Palmer High School. The two teams are both gearing up for the regular season. Pathfinder was set to open the season on Thursday, Sept. 10, taking on Lee at home. The Pioneers are on the road Monday afternoon, Sept. 14 at Commerce at 4 p.m.



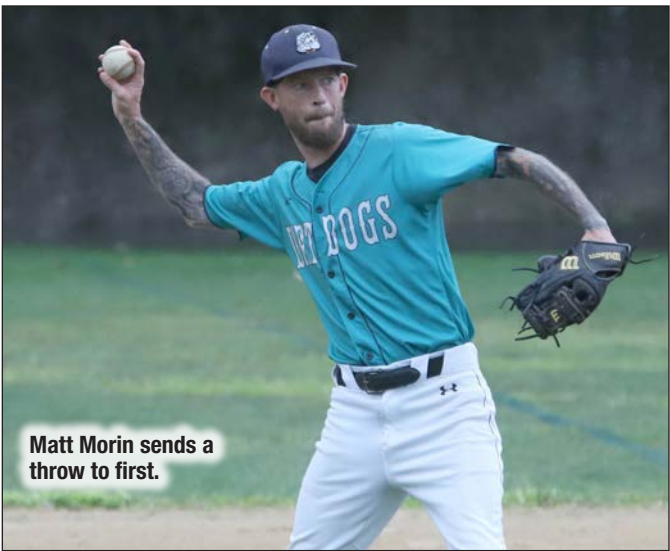
Eudyn Wood takes a free kick.



Aubrey Ortiz sends the goal kick away.



Kayleigh Peters is closely pressured.



Matt Morin sends a throw to first.

## Dirt Dogs take Pioneer Valley championship



Andres Conde delivers a pitch for the Knights.

SOUTH HADLEY – On Aug. 22 at Beachgrounds Park, after trailing earlier in the game, the Dirt Dogs came back to defeat the Knights 7-5 to sweep a best-of-three game championship series to win the Pioneer Valley Baseball League's title for 2026. This was the first year of Pioneer's merger with the Quabbin Valley Baseball League. The merger included the addition of the Blue Jays to bring the league to six teams. The Dirt Dogs had Pioneers best record of 19-2 in the regular

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## Committee announces next Hall of Fame induction

BARRE – Tickets for the 11th Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame Induction are now available for the Nov. 7 ceremony to be held at Teresa's Restaurant, 315 Palmer Road, Ware, MA. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the induction ceremony.

Seven individuals and a

pair of championship teams will be honored. Dating back to the first induction in 2002, this will bring the total number of individual inductees to 72 in addition to 11 teams.

The induction class includes Louis Panaccione

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TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO  
Students made their way to the ice cream social tour bus, which stopped in front of Quaboag Regional Middle High School.

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Diorio said this event was a great way for the families to meet the administrators, learn about what’s coming up this school year and ask questions they may have.

Superintendent Stephen Duff, Warren Community Elementary School Dean of Students Brian Guimond, Director of Student Support Services Dr. Kirsten Esposito and newly welcomed Warren Community Elementary School Principal Kathleen Cadarette were on the ice cream social tour meeting everybody at each stop.

Cadarette saw the ice cream social as a great opportunity to meet the students and families as the school year was about to begin.

Joining the tour was Warren Police Chief Gerald Millette and Warren Fire Chief Adam Lavoie.



A couple students enjoying ice cream cups during the social.

Students from the towns of North Brookfield, West Brookfield and Warren had a good time enjoying some ice cream, hanging out with friends, and connecting with their school leaders.



Students and families not only got to enjoy some ice cream but also meet members of the Quaboag Regional School District and community.

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season and the Dirt Dogs went on to win five consecutive games in the double elimination playoffs. The Knights went 16-4 in the regular season and were defeated in winner’s bracket of the playoffs by the Dirt Dogs. They would go on to beat the Wolves 2-1 in 11 innings in the elimination final to make it to the championship series for a rematch with the Dirt Dogs. The Dirt Dogs won the championship opener 18-4 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke on Aug. 18. Pioneer will have a four-team fall league for the first time, which begins on Sept. 12.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI  
Tom Burzynski leads off first base.



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“Above all I have an uncompromising dedication to students. What works best for students is the compass I bring to instructional leadership,” Taylor said. “My leadership style is being visible, being present, interacting with students and being available in hallways. My goal is to be the first person that welcomes every kid into the building.”

“It used to be if you didn’t fit into this box that the school system expected, then you’d be ‘discarded’ to a vocational school,” Taylor said. “Nowadays, it’s the place where everyone wants to be.”

Taylor shared a story from his own background as an illustration of what vocational technical schools like Pathfinder are for.

“When I was young, I wanted to be a lawyer forever, everyone knew that,” Taylor said. “I went to college as a prelaw student, and organically had a conversation with a professor who said he used to be a lawyer making millions in New York City, but never had time for his family. He said teaching was the best thing.

“At the time, I thought maybe law wasn’t for me,” Taylor continued. “Sophomore year, coming home for Thanksgiving, I announced I didn’t want to be a lawyer anymore, and would maybe become a teacher someday.”

Taylor proceeded to switch majors to political science as an easy way to transfer credits. He was able to obtain a highly coveted internship for Senator John Kerry and worked in his Western Massachusetts office, where he performed clerical duties, ranging from opening letters, responding to emails, writing proclamations and putting everything through Kerry’s auto-pen.

“It was awesome,” Taylor said. “They actually asked me to stay on even after I graduated.”

After graduation, Taylor didn’t know what to do with his degree until he happened to run into a friend at a social gathering who was a substitute teacher at Taylor’s old high school.

“I absolutely loved it,” Taylor said. “I was the substitute everyone requested.”

That summer, Taylor encountered another friend, who was in charge of Duggan Middle School in Springfield, and invited him to teach English. After teaching at Duggan for a year and passing his Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure, Taylor moved to a middle school in Chicopee, where he taught social studies to seventh and eighth grade.

In Chicopee, Taylor worked as a soccer coach

for the high school, and applied to teach social studies at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, the local vocational technical school. Taylor said this is when people started recommending that he apply to be an administrator.

“I left Chicopee to work in Westfield as the supervisor of social studies, where I supported all the social studies teachers in grades five-12 by doing evaluations,” Taylor said. “It was good, but I didn’t work with kids anymore. I really wanted to be able to work with kids and also be an agent for change.”

This is when Taylor decided to pursue a position as assistant principal, which he filled at Lawrence School in Holyoke after the COVID-19 pandemic. Taylor then moved to Baird Middle School in Ludlow when the principal resigned.

He described being “voluntold” by the superintendent to take on the responsibility of supporting the interim principal.

“I got a lot of pressure to throw my hat in, and was offered the position,” Taylor said. “I loved it at the middle school. It was a great learning experience and took a lot of hard work.”

Taylor described the early days at Baird as “really dysfunctional and unorganized,” but he was able to put systems in place to support learning and restore calmness to building.

“Through hard work, that building dramatically changed,” Taylor said. “Now people go to the building and say it’s one of the quietest middle schools. People are smiling when they had never smiled before.”

Taylor said he was able to work together with the staff at Baird to improve the culture at the school.

“I really liked that, and the kids were great,” Taylor said. “But I had itching to get back into high school and specifically vocational school. Since I taught at Chicopee Comp, I had always enjoyed working there, and I loved that kids were able to see the relevance in their learning through vocational schools.”

Besides the increased relevance of technical programs, Taylor also appreciates the strong connections that vocational schools have with their communities. He has said that teaching at the high school level feels more rewarding and impactful for the students.

“Every single place I’ve worked has been a meaningful experience, but most gratifying for me, personally, has been the high school level,” Taylor said. “Vocational schools like Pathfinder provide opportunities to seriously change the trajectory

of someone’s life. When you graduate from a school like Pathfinder, you’re not just career-ready, but also college capable.”

Having worked at multiple vocational technical schools, Taylor said that Pathfinder has a unique advantage by serving nine different communities in the area.

“Chicopee Comp (and other vocational technical schools) all have great instructors, administration, students, and communities they serve, but Pathfinder has a broader availability to service students,” Taylor said. “We pull in students from all different towns, so we have more diversity economically and socially. We have the opportunity to create these cultures and bring people together, that’s something I’d say Pathfinder has an advantage in that sense.”

Taylor also spoke about the cutting-edge equipment at Pathfinder, saying that the school “offers the best materials and resources for our students.”

“I got my first tour of the building with the Head of Maintenance, and I felt like a kid in a candy store going through the tech programs and seeing the tools,” Taylor said.

Though he said talking about himself was “the most uncomfortable part” of his day, Taylor shared a little bit about his home life. His wife, Dr. Elizabeth Taylor, also works in education, in the field of school psychology.

“I absolutely love her, she’s the best,” Taylor said. “The best Professional Development I get is at dinner table, talking with her.”

The Taylors live in Feeding Hills with their two children, Catherine, age 10, Matt, age 8, and their black labrador, Shep. Taylor said Matt, who shares his name with his father but goes by his middle name, is an athlete who plays hockey, lacrosse and soccer, and Catherine, nicknamed “The General,” seems to have inherited his drive to be a lawyer.

“I’m deeply affected by my family and take any chance I get to spend time with them. They’re the anchor in my life, and I love them more than anything,” Taylor said.

Pathfinder Tech is about to start offering classes in medical assisting at its Cold Spring Campus in Belcher-town. Taylor mentioned the school is considering expanding its offerings to include things like veterinarian studies and criminal justice. If you’d like to know more about what Pathfinder Tech has to offer, you can visit their website at PathfinderTech.org.

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’75, Eugene Rich ’95, Matthew Brunelle ’08, Stephany Halfrey ’15, Thaddeus J. Gumula Contributor and

Athletic Director, Coach Cheryl Adams, Coach Debra Spinelli, 1979 Field Hockey Team and 1998-99 Boys Varsity Basketball Team.

Tickets are \$50 and may be obtained by calling Hall of Fame Chairman Ted Gumula at (413) 348-0414 or

through the mail by contacting: Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 874 Barre, MA 01005. The last date to purchase tickets will be Oct. 23. All checks must be payable to Quabbin Regional School District.

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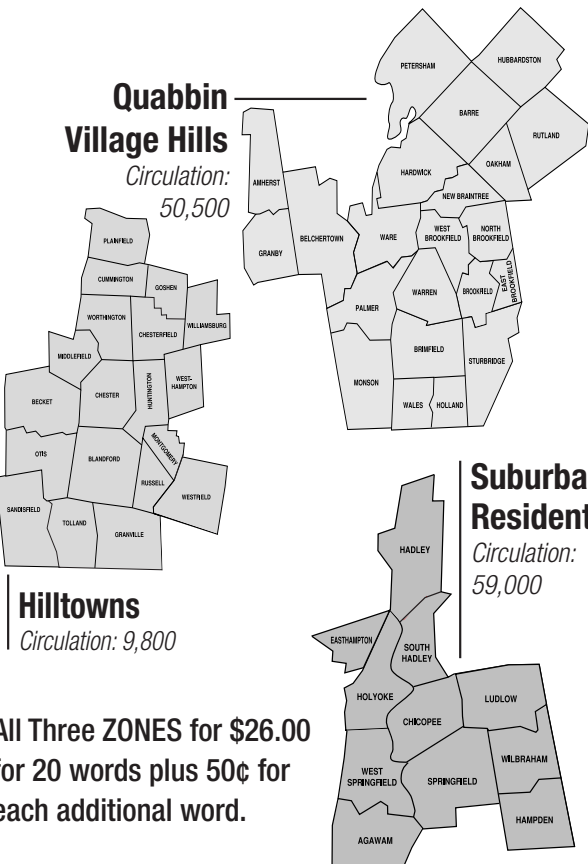
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