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Sturbridge celebrates 200th anniversary of Lafayette's farewell tour



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STURBRIDGE – This year marks the bicentennial celebration of the Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell Tour of the U.S. back in 1824 where the Revolutionary War hero from France visited the town during his tour.

On Sept. 3, an actor portraying Lafayette was greeted by costumed interpreters portraying veterans of the Revolutionary War, members of the Sturbridge Artillery and the musicians from the Uxbridge Grenadiers. The Common was

The 200th anniversary of Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell Tour was celebrated at Sturbridge Common thanks to the reenactments presented by Old Sturbridge Village and the working partnership of the American Friends of Lafayette.
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Selectmen vote to adopt single tax rate

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STURBRIDGE – The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a joint meeting and tax classification hearing for fiscal year 2025.

At the Aug. 26 meeting, Principal Assessor Ann Murphy said the purpose of the hearing was to have the Selectmen consider the tax rate options that are available to the town. She gave a presentation explaining the reason for the hearing and property assessment review.

"We received final certification of our values last week, so that opens the door for us to get this done tonight," she said. "We are not here to decide a tax rate and we're not here to determine how much money can be raised. It just determines

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Eagle Scout completes project at Pynchon's Grist Mill

WEST BROOKFIELD – When Chris Kiraly-Thomas, the trail steward of Pynchon's Grist Mill in West Brookfield was looking for some help improving the trail network of the East Quabbin Land Trust property she reached out to the Boy Scouts.

Ethan Salvadore of Scouts BSA Troop 144 in Oakham took on the task as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Phase one of the project was to clear a new trail to create a loop on the "yellow trail." Phase two involved building a staircase up a steep slope using timber ties. This part of the



Boy Scout Ethan Salvadore and trail steward Chris Kiraly-Thomas celebrate the completion of the staircase at Pynchon's Grist Mill with a photo together at the top. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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2024 Trail of Terror at Brookfield Orchards

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Trail of Terror returns to Brookfield Orchards, 12 Lincoln Road, in October.

Get a spooky experience by wandering through the haunted orchard on a tractor pulled wagon. The orchard will feature dark and unpredictable fields and experiences that hap-

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Kara K Fine Art gallery opens in Sturbridge

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STURBRIDGE – A new art gallery, Kara K Fine Art, hosted its opening reception this past Friday at 559 Main St., Suite #306.

The gallery features the work of local artist Kara K. Bigda. The turnout for the opening reception was remarkable as many friends, family and fellow artists came down to congratulate Bigda on her new art gallery.

Bigda is not only looking forward to sharing her artwork



Hearts were featured at the gallery.
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Jodie Gerulaitis honored as Community Hero

WARE – Country Bank is excited to announce that Jodie Gerulaitis, its Vice President of Community Relations, has been honored as a Community Hero by the Worcester Red Sox.

This recognition highlights Gerulaitis' commitment and unwavering dedication to serving the local community.

Her passionate advocacy for educators and local nonprofit leaders through Country Bank's partnership with the WooSox Foundation Programs has had a profound impact on the community. Her support in recognizing leaders and educators throughout the region is evident through the Most Valuable Teacher Program and The WooStars initiative.

The Most Valuable Teacher Program celebrates the achievements of nine exceptional teachers at their schools and the park.

Similarly, The WooStars Program recognizes the outstanding work of nine local non-profit leaders. These programs, championed by Gerulaitis, exemplify her passion, dedication, and desire to make a meaningful difference in the community.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of our work in the community is our work with Country Bank," said WooSox President Dr. Charles Steinberg in a press release. "Constantly, at the heart of each program, is the omnipresent Jodie Gerulaitis. Wherever we are in the region, trying to make an impact, she's there already, welcoming us to join her. Her passion and pursuit of community impact is inspiring."

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Country Bank Vice President Jodie Gerulaitis was recognized as a Community Hero by Worcester Red Sox. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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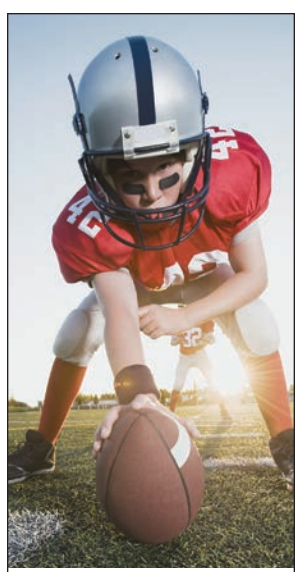
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Residents voice concerns about town offices, hospital demo

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WARE – Residents Keith Knickas and his "grom crew" with attorney Scribner and member Terence Smith to voice on any more matters would the issue of its resolution is resolved.

At an Aug. 22 Selectboard meeting, Knickas also questioned why a third person was not appointed to the Board of Register.

Knickas said in the six years he heard about a third person meeting to be appointed in that board Selectboard Chair Tom Clark.

Nancy Talbot serves as an executive member of the Board of Register, which has two other members.

"I find it a huge conflict and ethical thing to have the chair of the board overseeing any kind of hearing or participation in any kind of hearing to do with that," he said. Talbot said the vacancy on the Board of Register has been posted on the town's website since the third member resigned. The position needs to be appointed immediately, recommended by the Democratic Town Committee.

"The town is doing not everything have a Democratic Town Committee," Talbot said the position is open to any Democrat who is a registered voter in the town.

Talbot said an attorney will be present at the Aug. 28 hearing to help guide the Board of Register, following a complaint filed by Selectboard Vice Chair James Knicker. The hearing will determine whether Smith is eligible to serve as an elected or appointed official while he is temporarily filling out of town.

Knicker also discussed an issue being conducted of the Town Hall, something that has been ongoing for the last several months. He said the former assessment has been coming in on Saturday since the audit began.

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Board hears results of ADA self-evaluation plan

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

At the Board of Selectors' Aug. 22 meeting, CMAPC's Mike Kennedy and Jim Mack of the Center for Living and Working presented their findings and recommendations from the self-evaluation.

Robb said the work to complete this plan was finished through a grant received from the Massachusetts Office of Disability Employment and Development. Kennedy is the ADA Accessibility Specialist for the Center for Living and Working and he shared some of his findings and recommendations from the self-evaluation.

He said the town does not currently have a commission on disability, nor does it have records of previously having had one. He recommended the town establish a five-member commission.

Kennedy said Karen Deary is listed in the ADA Coordinator Directory website. He recommended that her position also be listed on the town's website and bulletin board to be more accessible to residents.

He said the town does have a nondiscrimination document, but it should also be posted for readability to find easily. Kennedy recommended creating an ADA general information poster; that is general information poster; that is general information poster; that is general information poster.

Kennedy also recommended that the town's website should have some kind of screen reader. He said the town should have some kind of screen reader. He said the town should have some kind of screen reader.

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Task force will look at bringing healthcare to Hardwick

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HARDWICK – Resident Bob Korzec gave the Select Board a report on a healthcare project he has been discussing with the Board of Health and others.

At the Aug. 26 meeting, Korzec said there are five other towns in the region that are looking to bring healthcare to Hardwick and he is working on it.

These pillars include the demolition of the old hospital, the demolition of the old hospital in Ware, the Gilbert. Then, the model for healthcare in the community, grant funding and location identification.

"The Mary Lane demolition is a really big deal," he said. "When it was decided that Mary Lane was being brought down, it's really interesting that Hardwick was not really brought into these discussions."

Korzec said Register Health not only that don't Mary Lane Hospital, but it also said all five health plans it was remaining to a private equity group.

"This is not just about the 'we don't have a building anymore'... a lot of people to know that are actually going to have their health care accessible in the same town as here," Korzec said.

Korzec said there is a demonstration delay for the building on the Mary Lane Hospital property, but he said the town is already signed in, due to a number of issues including cost, liability and insurance.

"I got it, it's a big fight," he said. Korzec said the demonstration delay is "absolutely" delaying the project for the adults, was Blanche Carlson of Ware for the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources. Special Agriculture Resource for the youth clinic eggs.

Hampden proudly said his ribbon-cutting ceremony for the youth clinic and also won a prize for one of the youth clinic eggs.

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Ware Grange hosts its 77th annual fair

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

All events are run by the Grange and its faithful members. There were a total of 81 exhibits, with 19 new exhibits this year. The grange had a total of 147 entrants, 252 adult entrants, 79 youth entrants.

There were 134 agricultural entrants and 213 non-agricultural entrants.

Recent winners: Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resource for the adults, was Blanche Carlson of Ware for the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources. Special Agriculture Resource for the youth clinic eggs.

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CDA reviews CDBG grant application

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – The Community Development Advisory reviewed their application results for the Development Block Grant program.

At the Aug. 19 meeting, the CDA members spoke with Erica Johnson of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to review the town's application for the CDBG grant. Johnson said the CDBG grant is looking to use the grant for a community-wide water main replacement project.

Johnson said the town's application for a CDBG grant, the town would also need a zoning infrastructure project. Johnson said the town's application for a CDBG grant did not score well.

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Singer songwriter finale rocks at Deep Roots

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STURBRIDGE – The second annual singer songwriter contest reached its finale this past weekend at Deep Roots Distillery.

This year's finalist had participated over the course of several shows in the summer and now Sept. 7 featured 13 individual singers and songwriters.

There will be four winners decided in this year's singer songwriter contest. Last year, during the inaugural singer songwriter contest, there were three.

This annual singer songwriter contest is presented by Meli Entertainment. The prizes consist of a recording studio package courtesy of Mark Thayer Recording, two music video recordings courtesy of RyGuy Digital and a \$500 cash prize courtesy of Meli Entertainment.

There were several judges at Deep Roots Distillery who got to witness all the finalists and help determine the four winners. The judges were Ryan Shepard of RyGuy Digital, 15-year-old singer and songwriter Shaely O'Dou, Poet Yvonne Beaudry and Mary-Jane O'Dou.

One of the returning singers and finalists was Andy Kuchta of Keene, New Hampshire. Kuchta got a big round of applause after singing three of his original songs, "DJ", "Storm Chaser" and "Hope its Not".

Many guests complimented Kuchta for his song, "DJ" which he wrote in honor of his brother. Kuchta brings a real country feel to music as he brings a lot of rhythm to his song and acoustic guitar.

Kuchta thanked Amanda Meli of Meli Entertainment for offering this contest for local music artists. When the judges spoke after his performance, all the

judges agreed that they loved Kuchta's contrast and verse in his songs.

Elias Acuna of Monson was also a finalist for the singer songwriter contests and one of his original songs was called "I'll Stay Awake".

Another finalist was Dave Bulley who had a couple long songs. His first song was called "coyote" which was inspired by a moment in his life while traveling in Maine.

After Bulley, Tobey Sol LaRoche returned as a finalist and began with his original song "Cassidy". The song is inspired by relationships that are sometimes short lived but leaves a meaningful mark in your life.

"Life brings you these relationships that are short lived and meaningful," LaRoche said.

The singer songwriter finale was a lot of fun for the finalists, the audience and the judges. 15-year-old Shaely O'Dou was serving as one of the judges.

"I don't want to be a judge anymore," O'Dou said. "Everyone here is so good."

Meli, the coordinator of the contest gave a special shout out to Deep Roots Distillery for their hospitality and supporting the arts such as music and the local artists behind them.

"They've always supported our live local musicians," Meli said.

After the finale was over, the judges would then decide the four winners. Kuchta won a recording studio package courtesy of Mark Thayer. Dan Frost won a music video package courtesy of RyGuy Digital. Ryan McKenzie also won a music video package from RyGuy Digital. Ben Bullock was the winner of the \$500 prize from Meli Entertainment.

Franco O'Malley of Sound Bites Events helped out Meli Entertainment during the singer songwriter contest and will soon be hosting a songwriting contest



Jake Goldstein is one of 13 finalists in this year's singer songwriter contest. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

soon. The contest will take place starting with qualifying rounds in September and October.

The finals will feature the final five artists on Dec. 7 at the Otter River Pub "The Onion" in Templeton. For more information search Sound Bites Events & Open Mics on Facebook.

Deep Roots Distillery is located at 559 Main Street Unit 209 in Sturbridge and always has live music to offer. For news and events visit www.deeprootsdistilleryusa.com.



Andy Kuchta was a finalist during the Singer Songwriter contest finale at Deep Roots Distillery.



Judges look on as Dave Bulley plays one of two songs during the finale.



Tobey Sol LaRoche performed an original song about relationships.

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How to best store your produce for winter enjoyment

The question I answered last week on how to best cure onions spawned a number of follow up questions.

Gardeners are looking for advice on storing potatoes, apples, winter squash and more. Read on for some timely tips that will keep your produce in tip top shape for offseason eating and enjoyment.

Why don't we start with potatoes, since they are perhaps the most tricky vegetable to store. Curing them properly will help to prevent rot, premature sprouting, and toxic greening of the skin and flesh.

By waiting a week or more after the plant has died before digging up the tubers, the skins will thicken and be less prone to injury during harvest. Once they are dug, a week spent in a cool and totally dark space will further firm their skin and change sugars to starch, completing the ripening process.

Never wash potatoes prior to storage! Gently brush off dirt and store in a single layer in the darkness at 55-60 degrees.

Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Use any pitch-forked or shovel-marked spuds first, as damage to the skin will invite rot.

Harvest winter squash after vines have died back or prior to an impending frost. A pretty New England autumn scene is fields of pumpkins or colorful squash curing under sunny skies.

If you follow the farmers lead, just be sure to lift squash off the ground, and cover if rain or frost threatens. Two weeks in the field or a sunny, well-ventilated space is sufficient for curing, at which point the skin should be hard enough to resist the dent of a fingernail.

Gently washing squash in a 10% bleach solution will help to prevent rot prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees. The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age.

My garlic was harvested well over a month ago, after the plant gave me a signal with one-third of its foliage withered and browned. It was dried stems and all in a shady, protected spot up off of the ground.

Soon I'll gently rub off dirt and cut back the stems to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location, in mesh bags or on slatted trays etc. Soft neck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding.

In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

I don't grow enough apples of my own to store just yet, because my orchard is still very young. To get the low-down on best storage practices I consulted a couple of great books on the subject and this is what I came up with: According to "The Apple Cookbook" by Owen Woodier (Storey Publishing) the key to preserving the flavor and texture of apples is to put them in a cool place immediately after picking or purchasing.

But first, sort them, setting aside any with blemishes for immediate use- the old saying "one bad apple spoils the whole barrel" is true! Next, put them in perforated bags (you were right on, Mom!) and store them in the hydrator drawer of the refrigerator at temperatures between thirty-two and forty degrees.

No room in the fridge? Try storing them



Guest Column

Now is the summer of my discontent

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

I apologize to William Shakespeare for stealing and changing the first line of "Richard III".

It has been an interesting season that actually began in late spring.

It looked to be a wonderful growing season and I was carrying started plants outside from the cellar to harden off after opening only one side of the bulkhead door as I was in a hurry.

It turned out to be a mistake. I had done that many times before, It should not have been a problem.

Alas, turning the wrong way meant something had to give and it did. That something was my back. Horrific pain ensued.

I had to be somewhere, and left the bulkhead open, leaving the rest of the chores undone.

As the pain continued and even got worse, It was not long after arriving at my destination that I excused myself and left. At home, I tried to find a position that would be comfortable. It was impossible.

I don't take ibuprofen or acetaminophen, not because I am a brave soul, but because they never seemed to have much effect. I pestered my doctor for something, anything to ameliorate the pain.

He prescribed an opioid that taught me a lesson. Like the aforementioned medications, it had little effect, but it did cause me to feel strange and I stopped taking it.

The lesson was that I shall never condemn anyone who becomes dependent on medication that truly relieves an intolerable pain. If my prescription had caused my agony to depart, I might have been on my way to addiction.

Starting in my late 20s, I was subject to migraines a few times a year. Though I still get the aura that accompanied the experience, the pain does not recur. When the headaches were at their most intense, I did not want to be dead, I like life, but I wished to not be alive temporarily during the worst of it.

That feeling returned when the pain of the recent incident was at its most acute. I am not out of the woods, but am glad to have not left this dimension.

Over time, the pain alleviated and there were some medical appointments, that though not accomplishing too much, let me think there was some hope.

Then, I walked out back to check on something and there was a decline in the ground I did not realize was there, but it caught me such that much of the pain I thought was gone, returned.

Again, it took a little time to return to semi-functionality.

The next event was the worst. As a beekeeper, it was time to go into the hives. I had thought my problem was the result of how I moved and not weight. In lifting one of the heavy deep supers (i.e. large boxes filled with bees, brood and/or honey), my back felt a shift. I had done it again.

I had not been shy in bringing my problems to the attention of the primary care physician and other staff, but it was time to bring out the talents possessed as a world class whiner and complainer.

That did not mean an instant cure, but more appointments and tests than one could imagine. The worst was an MRI in a small tube that if one was not claustrophobic beforehand, afterward would be a different story.

What went through my mind in the chamber was of an old Alfred Hitchcock Presents episode. Hitchcock was known for the dark and macabre. One episode was of a man trapped in a coffin waiting for a friend to dig him up.

His buddy had a few too many and the trapped fellow is shown lighting matches to check his watch while wondering where his mate was.

In the tube, there was a bulb that if one was desperately closed in, they could squeeze it and be liberated. Boy, did I want to squeeze.

The battle is not over, I have a pain management appointment and some alternatives will be discussed.

Previously, a nurse practitioner told me a possible treatment could be a spinal injection of a cement. Never having heard of that, I asked her if they would really do that, saying: "Is this set in concrete."

She gave out a world-weary smile, as if to say, "yeah, we get wise guys like you all the time."

Some of my contemporaries have told me the struggle will be unending. They suggest Tai Chi or Yoga.

I have never warmed to such activities and ballet is certainly not me, but facts have to faced.

The most unpleasant is that I've been instructed to never lift more than 20 pounds at a time. If there is no training that allows me to do more than that, I am no longer a beekeeper.

As the novelist P.K. Dick said, "Reality is that which does not go away once you stop believing in it."

None of this would have happened when I was younger and more lithe and agile, so my suggestion to those in my age cohort or not too far behind is, pay attention!

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Rotary Club presents 4th Annual TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K

STURBRIDGE – The Rotary Club of Sturbridge is delighted to announce that its popular TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K, and Fun Walk will return on Sunday, Oct. 27, according to race director Klaus Hachfeld.

The family-friendly event offers two timed races, including a 5K Trail Run & Fun Walk, and a 1K Road Race.

The timed 1K Road Race (\$20 registration) for pre-teens (12 years & under) starts at 9:15 a.m. It will be a road race along Old Sturbridge Village Road, making it accessible to persons with mobility challenges.

The timed 5K Trail Run (\$35 registration) & Fun Walk (\$30 registration) will start at 10 a.m. using Old Sturbridge Village Road and the Arbutus Park Trail in the Leadmine Mountain Wildlife Conservation Lands.

An awards ceremony will follow at 11:15 a.m. starting with a competition for best Halloween costume for all registered runners and walkers. Judging will be by popular choice.

The event also includes free children's game starting at 9 a.m. at the Education Center, and organized by a volunteer team from Burgess Elementary School. No pre-registration is required for the children's activities.

All activities begin at the OSV Education Center on Old Sturbridge Village Road (not to be confused with Old Sturbridge Village Academy at the main entrance to the village). Parking will be available in the Education Center lot.

Pre-registration is now available on the RaceWire website at <https://www.racewire.com/register.php?id=14151>

All participants who pre-register by Oct. 21 will get a 2024 TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K & Fun Walk T-shirt. On-site registration will also be available starting at 8:30 a.m.

The Trek Sturbridge Halloween 5K and Fun Walk



Brooks Billings, age 4, won the pre-teen division at the 2023 TrekSturbridge Halloween 1K Road Race. SUBMITTED PHOTO

is a Sturbridge Rotary Club fundraiser, with all profits going to the organization's community needs projects. For additional information, or to sign on as an event sponsor, email the race director at laserklaus@gmail.com or visit the Sturbridge Rotary Club website at <https://sturbridgerotary.com>.

Tour Sturbridge's Old Burial Ground on Sept. 21

STURBRIDGE – On Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. join local historian Bill Barnsey for an Old Burial Ground walking tour through 170 years of Sturbridge history.

Through 21 stones we will explore some notable people who shaped our Town, and some unique stones that illustrate the development of stone carving and belief in the afterlife. Note: this tour will be "off-trail" on some very uneven surfaces, please wear your study shoes.

This program is sponsored by the Sturbridge Historical Society. Registration preferred, please contact by emailing sgibquig@gmail.com. Rain date is Sept. 28.

Park along the road in front of the Old Burial Ground, 293 Main St., or behind the Center Office Building at 305 Main St., or in the Publick House parking lot off Haynes Street and behind the Old Burial Ground.

Lake Wickaboag to receive weed treatment Sept. 17

WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Board of Health and Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association have announced that Lake Wickaboag will receive an herbicide treatment on Tuesday, Sept. 17, to address residual weeds and algae.

The Board of Health has hired SOLitude Lake Management to apply the herbicide treatment. Lake water use will be restricted as follows:

- Sept. 17 – No swimming, fishing or boating
- Sept. 17-18 – No livestock watering
- Sept. 17-19 – No direct drinking of lake water
- Sept. 17-22 – No use of lake water for irrigation

Members of the LWPA will notify boaters and swimmers by posting signs on streets leading to the lake and by placing red flag buoys on the lake.

For additional information, please contact SOLitude Lake Management, by calling 508-885-0101, or email the LWPA at LWPA01585@gmail.com.

Large church tag sale is Saturday, Sept. 14

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A large tag sale will be held at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be plants (indoor and outdoor), puzzles, books, clothes, kid's stuff, kitchen and household items, treasures, and more. Name your price.

Rain date is Saturday, Sept. 21.

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in the cellar at temperatures close to thirty-two degrees and eighty to eighty-five percent humidity.

Janet Chadwick, in her book "The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home" (Storey Publishing) recommends storing apples in sawdust inside a cardboard box lined with a plastic.

Although they will ripen more quickly at even slightly higher temperatures, don't let the lack of a super-cold spot dissuade you from storing your apples. Sure, they won't keep till spring, but you may get a month or two out of them.

Any that turn a little soft will still make great baked apples. Late season apples would lend themselves to winter storage better than those that are ripe now.

Enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of your labor by proper curing and storage!

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.

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A sensational turnout was had at the Sturbridge Common where Marquis de Lafayette visited 200 years ago during his Farewell Tour of the U.S. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

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packed with actors from Old Sturbridge Village reenacting the event that took place 200 years ago in the exact location where Lafayette visited Sturbridge.

Hundreds of residents were in attendance to witness an important moment in history for Sturbridge.

Lafayette was a French aristocrat who fought in the Continental Army with the American colonists against the British in the American Revolution.

Joining the celebration were members of the American Friends of Lafayette. This organization knows all about the French visionary leader, the inspirational quality of his remarkable career, his contributions to the struggle for liberty, and his ceaseless efforts to forge an eternal bond of friendship between the U.S. and France.

American Friends of Lafayette helps to foster and promote this traditional friendship by way of continual research into the history that began with the American War for Independence and includes any documents and discoveries past and present that shed more light on the life of Lafayette.

President of the American Friends of Lafayette is Alan Hoffman, who spoke during the ceremony, had a lot to share during the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's visit to Sturbridge and Farewell Tour.

"I'd like to thank the Town of Sturbridge for this great event," Hoffman said. "This farewell tour was a remarkable event in our nation."

Hoffman mentioned that in the last few weekends, the American Friends of Lafayette had over 20 events going on throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire as both states were involved in the Farewell Tour back in 1824.

Lafayette arrived in New York and visited all 24 states during his tour. On Aug. 31 of 2024, Lafayette arrived in Boston, and visited seven nearby towns and every town had an event for Lafayette's visit.

"The American people wanted to see this man for what he did for the country," Hoffman said.

The organization formed a bicentennial committee to commemorate the Farewell Tour of Lafayette. The committee consists of 500 members who live in the 24 states Lafayette visited from 1824-1825.

Hoffman has been the organization's president for 13 years and also serves as president of the Lafayette Society. There are many organizations who have proudly partnered up with the Friends of Lafayette to commemorate this historical event and Old Sturbridge Village has been a partner for years.

Hoffman described Old Sturbridge Village as a "wonderful organization."

Lafayette's visit to Sturbridge on Sept. 3, 1824 had an attendance of 3,000 people. There was an arch welcoming Lafayette and a band playing music to greet him.

Now 200 years later, the common again featured a welcoming arch where the actor portraying Lafayette would enter as the band played.

The next stop for Hoffman and the American Friends of Lafayette is Lexington Common near the Battle of Lexington and Concord. For more details about The American Friends of Lafayette and other Bicentennial Tour programming, please visit lafayette200.org.

The Publick House was one of the buildings that Lafayette visited in 1824 and was also part of the 200th anniversary celebration. A banquet was held at the Historic Publick House after the festivities on the common.

During the banquet, Hoffman translated the account written by Lafayette's secretary and reflected on the contrast between the original tour and it's just completed recreation. There was also an additional discussion of Lafayette's human rights record during the banquet.

Members of the Colonel Timothy Bigelow chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution did a presentation of "Lafayette and the Ladies."

Lafayette is forever honored as a beloved guest in the U.S. and known as a war hero who fought for independence.



Andrew Volpe, left, alongside Gerry Gomes portrayed militia men during the bicentennial celebration.



An arch was put in place to welcome Marquis de Lafayette to Sturbridge. More than 3,000 people attended his visit to Sturbridge back on Sept. 3, 1824.



American Friends of Lafayette President Alan Hoffman expressing gratitude for Sturbridge's efforts to honor this bicentennial celebration of Marquis de Lafayette's tour of the U.S.



Guests danced with members of Old Sturbridge Village after the commemoration ceremony.

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Celebrating a Legacy of Art:

Exhibition of Ellen and George Ludway's work at Eagle Hill School

HARDWICK – The Center at Eagle Hill is proud to host an extraordinary exhibition showcasing the artwork of Ellen and George Ludway, two remarkable artists whose talent and creativity flourished during a time of great historical significance.

This collection offers a rare glimpse into the artistic legacy of a family deeply rooted in the arts.

Ellen Ludway, a young artist with incredible promise, created stunning pen and ink drawings and pastels of Hollywood movie stars during the Great Depression. Remarkably, all her featured work was completed before the age of 17.

Though her artistic career was shortened by societal expectations, Ellen's pieces remain timeless, capturing the glamour of her era with grace and precision.

Her brother, George Ludway, a prominent cartoonist, contributed to leading publications such as The New Yorker before serving as an Air Force pilot in World War II. After the war, George continued his work as a cartoonist and later, at the age of 75, took up watercolors, producing a new body

of work that reflects his lifelong artistic passion.

This exhibition not only honors their artistic achievements but also highlights the strength of familial creativity, with generations of Ludways making their mark as artists in various forms. Visitors are invited to experience this unique collection, which celebrates both the challenges and triumphs of pursuing art through adversity.

The exhibit Celebrating a Legacy of Art will run from September to December, at The Center at Eagle Hill. There will be an opening reception, free and open to the public, on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 4:30-6 p.m.

For additional viewing hours, please call 413-477-6746.

About The Center

The Center at Eagle Hill is a performance venue in central Massachusetts presenting world class music, dance, theatre, and comedy. For more information about upcoming events, please visit the website at www.thecenterateaglehill.org.

The Center at Eagle Hill is located at 242 Old Petersham Road.



The Center at Eagle Hill will showcase the artwork of Ellen and George Ludway, September through December. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 4:30-6 p.m. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Free 'Intro to Meditation' class offered on Sept. 21

WARREN – The Centered Place in Warren is offering a free Introduction to Meditation class Saturday, Sept. 21 from 3:30-5 p.m.

The class will be taught by Swami Prajñananda. She resides at the Svapra® Vidya Ashram in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, where she serves as a Teacher Trainer. She also teaches yoga, meditation, and yoga therapy there and worldwide.

Swami Prajñananda came to The Centered Place several years ago and was very well received. Her teaching is both precise and gentle. Her programs are always deep, supportive and life changing.

Swami Prajñananda will teach an easy and deep method of meditation, the same method taught at The Centered Place by yoga and meditation teacher Phil Milgrom.

She will show you how to sit comfortably, whether on blankets or on a chair. She will then guide you inward, past the busyness of your mind, to experience a profound sense of inner peace.

Also included will be a discourse on yoga's ancient teachings, which are very applicable now in what is often referred to as "the age of anxiety."

Meditation is the fastest growing health trend in the U.S. today. Contemporary scientific research on meditation has finally confirmed the ben-

efits that practitioners have long been claiming for centuries.

Some of these benefits include curbing negative thinking and boosting self-confidence; easing anxiety, inflammation and pain; reducing stress; decreasing blood pressure; and improving sleep. Meditation also improves brain health, helping prevent Alzheimer's disease and improve memory and attention span.

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, please stay home and take care of yourself.

Swami Prajñananda is also presenting a 1/2 Day Program the same day, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The program includes easily accessible yoga poses plus chanting and meditation. There is a fee for this program.

For more information, email phil@thecenteredplace.com or call 413-436-7374.

The Centered Place yoga studio, 286 Bridge St., has served the local area since 1988. It was founded by Nancy A Nowak, who co-directs and teaches along with her husband, Phil. For more information visit www.thecenteredplace.com.

Church hosts 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.

There will be flea folk, antique dealers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats.

Knights host spaghetti dinner this Saturday

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Knights of Columbus Council 11080 is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 14 in Dugan Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 10 Milk St.

Proceeds from this event will benefit local food pantries. Dinner includes pasta fagioli, garden salad, meatballs and sausage, spaghetti and sauce, Italian bread, dessert, water, soda, and coffee.

The cost is a \$15 donation and \$10 for children under 12 years old. Take-

out is available at 6 p.m. and sit-down dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Admission tickets are also good for entry for a special door prize. Raffle tickets for a 50/50 and more will be available.

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged and appreciated. Tickets are available from any Knight or by calling 413-813-8100 or by emailing wallyconnor122@gmail.com.

Tickets will only be available at the door while they last.

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.

Medicare 101 Educational Event is Sept. 25

EAST BROOKFIELD – The East Brookfield Senior Center will be hosting an educational presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 1 p.m. at the senior center located at 110 Pleasant St., for current beneficiaries and for those who will soon be eligible for Medicare.

The information is specific to Massachusetts. The session will run for 1 hour, including time for questions.

The presentation will be conducted by Ed Spater, a licensed Insurance agent, who will explain the basics of Medicare including:

- Why it's important to evaluate your current Medicare plan each year.
- The pros and cons of each of your Medicare plan options.
- What to consider when deciding which Medicare plan option is right for you.
- Ways to save money and get a better Medicare plan in 2025.

For accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings call 774-271-5199 or 711 for TTY callers.

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but ready to open her gallery for other artists. The gallery is on one of the top floors of the old cotton mill off Main Street.

Bigda said she has always loved the old building and thought of it as a good location for her art gallery.

"I have a thing for factory buildings," Bigda said.

When a space in the old mill building was available Bigda seized the opportunity to take up the space and convert it into an art gallery.

Bigda's art choice is predominantly watercolor art on a clay panel. There were over 30 art pieces displayed in the art gallery as many guests observed and took pictures all over the gallery.

Bigda said a lot of her guests thought her watercolor paintings were oil paintings. Her artwork brings out a lot of realism. Bigda also enjoys using still life and architecture as art forms.

One of her popular art themes are paintings of Fisher Price Little People figures. Bigda said she is obsessed with these vintage figurines and uses her collection for certain setups that she will do paintings of afterwards.

One corner of the art gallery has all paintings of Fisher Price Little People portraying different occupations.

Bigda majored in fine art and is a former art teacher at Quabbin Regional High School. Bigda pursued a full-time career in art back in 2008 and has been painting for 12 years.

With a new art gallery open to the public, Bigda looks forward to having art shows, offering classes and workshops.

Bigda currently offers classes at her home studio. Bigda is also looking forward to working with her fellow tenants in the mill building during future events.



"The Parking Ticket" and "A Shave and a Haircut" were made with watercolor on paper.

The opening reception partnered up with Deep Roots Distillery who is the downstairs neighbor of Kara K Fine Art. Wine and hors d'oeuvres were provided as well as catered food thanks to Chef Adam Popp.

The opening reception was hosting a raffle where one lucky winner will go home with a painting as a prize.

Kara K Fine Art gallery is open to the public with weekend hours of 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

"I look forward to having shows featuring different artists and themed shows," Bigda said.



Kara K. Bigda, right, is shown alongside friends during the opening reception of her new art gallery. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO



The opening reception drew a big crowd as artist Kara K. Bigda greeted everyone who looked around the gallery at some of her beautiful art.



Watercolors of candy and Ben & Jerry's ice cream come off very realistic.



Kara K. Bigda's artwork was inspired by Fisher Price Little People figurines.



A watercolor titled "To the Airport".



"Morning Sun" is a watercolor on paper.

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pen late at night when the orchard is not open.

Maybe you will witness ghosts and ghouls picking apples before the season is over.

This event is presented by the Theatre Guild of North Brookfield.

The Theatre Guild of North Brookfield has been around for over 40 years. The theatre guild brings a lot of opportunity and community engagement through many different shows and programs.

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

and 27. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with the trail opening at 6:30 p.m. and the last ride taking place at 9 p.m.

The event will also feature pumpkin carving, music with a DJ, snack bar, brewery, face painting, kettle corn, cider donuts and apples. Tickets are available at www.theatreguildofnorthbrookfield.com and www.brookfieldorchards.com.

This event will take place, rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$12 per child under the age of 12.

This attraction is not for the faint of heart and ride at your own risk.



Kara K. Bigda's art is predominantly watercolor on a clay panel as several are displayed here above fireplace.



SPORTS

Cougars take down neighbor Indians

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN—The Ware and Quaboag girls' soccer teams entered last Friday night's non-league match-up with 1-0 records.

The Lady Cougars remained undefeated following a 4-0 shutout victory over the Lady Indians in their home

opener.

"We do play in a very tough league, and we've been struggling to win games during the past couple of years," said Quaboag head coach Norm St. Denis. "It does feel very good to win our first two games of the regular season. I think it's the first time that we've won our first two games of the season in the five years that I've been coaching the girls' varsity

team. We played very well in tonight's game."

Quaboag also posted shutout victories against Ware on the soccer pitch during the last two years.

The Lady Cougars began the 2024 regular season by posting a 2-1 road win against David Prouty two days earlier.

The Lady Indians also opened the regular season on the road, as they de-

feated Mahar Regional, 2-0, the previous afternoon.

"Playing back-to-back road games are very difficult," said Ware head coach Morgan Toelken. "Quaboag is a talented soccer team, and they have a couple of fast players, especially the midfielder's. We struggled with the pace of the game."

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Cross Country teams hold scrimmage race



The Quabbin Cross Country teams participate in an exhibition meet last Thursday afternoon. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

BARRE – Ahead of its regular season opening race against Lunenburg High School, Quabbin's cross country teams hosted Monty Tech in an exhibition race. Both teams were able to get the atmosphere of a race through the contest as each gets ready for their first contests.



Luis Pagan puts his all into the final part of the race.

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Aidan Mahoney makes his way down the track.



Jillian Rigney finishes out the race.

Warriors score two straight wins

FISKDALE – Last week, after dropping its season opener, Tantasqua Regional girls volleyball rebounded with two straight wins, the Warriors defeated Sutton 3-2 followed by a 3-0 sweep of Notre Dame Academy on Friday, Sept. 6. The Warriors next face Oxford on Monday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m.



Daniela Machado sends a serve away. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Jake Oxmen sends the ball over the net.



Anna Hendricke makes a successful block.



Addy Walder sends a tip over the net.

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Panthers shut out by Littleton



Nathan Cruz navigates through the middle of the field. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Matt Labrousse makes his way up the field.



Goalie Alijah Flint socks a punt away.

BARRE – Last week, Quabbin boys soccer was defeated at home by Littleton High School 4-0. The Panthers also suffered a 5-2 loss against Oakmont in its season opener. The Panthers are 0-2 and were scheduled to be on the road earlier this week before returning home to face Tahanto High School on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. The Panthers will host Tynngsborough on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.



Owen Twarog tries to clear the ball out of the defensive end of the field.



Logan Bruley makes his way up the field.

MIAA looks to honor officials

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is looking to collectively recognize the efforts of our Game Officials. The fall National Officials Appreciation Week will be held Oct. 6 to 12. Once again, MIAA staff members will travel around the state to personally

thank officials and support their efforts on the local level. We hope that you will consider recognizing them in some manner. The Winter Officials Appreciation Week will be Jan. 13-18, 2025 and the Spring Officials Appreciation Week will be April 6-12, 2025.

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Toelken gave a lot of credit to senior goalkeeper Abigale McQuaid, who made a total of 16 saves.

“Abi kept us in tonight’s game, and she deserves a ton of credit,” he said. “We have to work on a few things offensively. We didn’t have very many shots on goal.”

Junior Isabella Cotaj scored both of the Lady Indians goals in the season opener against Mahar.

Down at the other end of the field, Quaboag sophomore goalie Persephone Piermarini, who’s a first-year starter at the varsity level, didn’t see very much action.

Quaboag scored three of their goals during the first half.

The Lady Cougars first goal was scored by junior captain Madelyn Bagg, who fired a shot into the right corner during the 11th minute. Junior Maddie Potvin was credited with the assist.

“Being able to score the first goal of the game always takes the pressure off,” St. Denis said. “Then we went about 20 minutes before scoring our next goal.”

With about seven minutes remaining in the opening half, a goal by senior captain Parker Tunley gave the Lady Cou-

gars a 2-0 advantage. Tunley’s classmate, Nora Schwenker was given the assist.

A couple of minutes later, Quaboag senior captain Corah Nielsen delivered a pass to eighth grader Julia Queiroga, who netted her first career varsity goal.

“It was awesome to see Julia score her first varsity goal late in the first half,” St. Denis said. “She has really been a very nice addition to our team this year. She’s a very hard worker.”

Seventh graders are allowed to play soccer at Quaboag, but Queiroga wasn’t a member of the team a year ago.

The Lady Cougars only goal came on a free kick during the 65th minute. Senior Liz Tetlow booted the ball from the right side into the box where Tunley redirected it into the net for her second goal of the match.

“Having a four goal lead in the second half, gave us the opportunity to work on a couple of different things,” St. Denis said. “This is a very good win for us.”

It was the only meeting of the regular season between the two teams, but both head coaches are hoping the series can continue next year.

Quabbin Athletic Hall induction set for Nov. 9

BARRE – Tickets for the 10th Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame Induction are now available for the Nov. 9 ceremony to be held at The Hardwick Crossing Country Club. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the induction ceremony.

Eight 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 65 and 9 teams.

The induction Class includes: Rick Wine ’77, Anne Marie Midura

Kilpatrick ’86, Melissa Staiti Leslie ’00, Hadley Adams ’04, Bob Mitus ’04, Ethan Dickson ’07, Kyla Dickson ’09 and Christian Horton ’12, 1973 Baseball Team, 1985 Softball 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. 19 and all checks must be payable to QRSD.

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the distribution of the taxes.” She said the tax rate used in the presentation is a proposed rate, and it has not been certified by the Department of Revenue yet. Last year’s tax rate was \$16.49 per \$1,000 valuation and this year is \$15.95.

“It’s as close to the tax rate as we think it’s going to be,” Murphy said.

Murphy explained why property assessments changed, saying that it is required by the DOR under Massachusetts General Laws.

“The values must reflect the market... what the properties are selling for,” she said.

Murphy said the DOR reviews the town’s data every year and every five years a revaluation is conducted. She said FY25 is a revaluation year.

“Department of Revenue actually comes out to the town. They do field reviews of our sales, they do field review of our land values, our land curves... they get a little bit more involved in what’s happening in the town of Sturbridge,” she said.

Murphy said if the assessed values are not within 10% of fair market value, the town would not have its tax rate approved.

Tax classification

Murphy said the town has five class-

es of property types: residential, open space, commercial, industrial and personal property.

With a single tax rate, 84.89% of the levy allocation would be on the residential class and 15.11% would be on the commercial, industrial and personal property (or CIP) class.

Murphy said the Selectmen will vote to decide if the town will continue to have a single tax rate or shift to a split tax rate.

She explained that the higher the CIP value is, the easier it is to have a split tax rate. She said 108 communities in the commonwealth had a split tax rate last fiscal year and 101 of them had higher CIP values than Sturbridge does.

“Normally it’s about a 30% CIP value that makes it feasible to do that split tax rate. We’re at 15%,” she said. “If you try to do a split rate, which we have done in the past, it puts the burden on to that smaller group of businesses.”

Murphy said a lot of the businesses pay both residential and personal property tax already. She said the Selectmen can also vote on discounts and exemptions for open space, residential properties and small commercial properties.

Murphy said the Assessors recommended the Selectmen vote to adopt a single tax rate, and vote not to adopt any of the discounts or exemptions.

“We have found over the years that the single tax rate is the best thing for Sturbridge, only because of the CIP percentage that we have,” she said. “To shift that burden onto them, we would foresee that we would lose businesses; not gain any businesses. It might prevent other businesses from coming here.”

She said if this happened, it could negatively impact the residential properties by losing more of the CIP percentage, meaning the residential class would carry more of the tax burden.

Town Administrator Robin Grimm said the town gets 18% of its revenue from local receipts collected from restaurants and hotels. Restaurants also contribute to the revenue through meals tax.

“It’s not just losing the business, it’s losing what also comes with that,” Grimm said.

Assessment values

Murphy explained how property values are set by the housing market. She said the town is required to set the assessed value within 10% of the property’s fair market value.

The sales prices of comparable properties that sold in close proximity to the assessment date are the primary indicators of assessed values.

She said the assessment values increased by roughly 10-12% based on

recent property sales. She said lake land values increased more than the average.

This, in addition to the approved town budget and local receipts (including state cherry sheets, meals and revenue tax, marijuana tax, etc.), is what determines the tax levy and sets the tax rate using a mathematical formula.

“They’re two separate things; the budget is set at town meeting and the values are set out on the market,” Murphy said.

Murphy said the Assessors do not look at the budget when setting the values, that is strictly based on the housing market. Once the Assessors have set the values, all of the data is reviewed by the DOR for certification.

“They’re verifying that we’re doing our job,” she said.

Murphy said the Assessors also conduct 500 cyclical inspections a year to help verify that data is accurate.

“The more properties we can get into, the better our data is, the better our increases or decreases in values have been,” she said.

Motions

The Board of Selectmen approved a motion to adopt a single tax rate and not to adopt the following: an open space discount, residential exemption and small commercial exemption.



Scouts and adult leaders broke ground on day one of the project at Pynchon’s Grist Mill. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

SCOUT | FROM PAGE 1

project proved to be quite a job and involved many other Scouts, adult leaders and volunteers.

The timber ties came from the old railroad truss bridge over the Ware River in New Braintree that the EQLT recently replaced. The ties were stained, cut into four-foot sections and then brought to Pynchon’s Grist Mill.

A truck can only get to the start of the trail so the ties and all the tools had to be carried by hand and wheelbarrow about a quarter mile to where the stairs would be built.

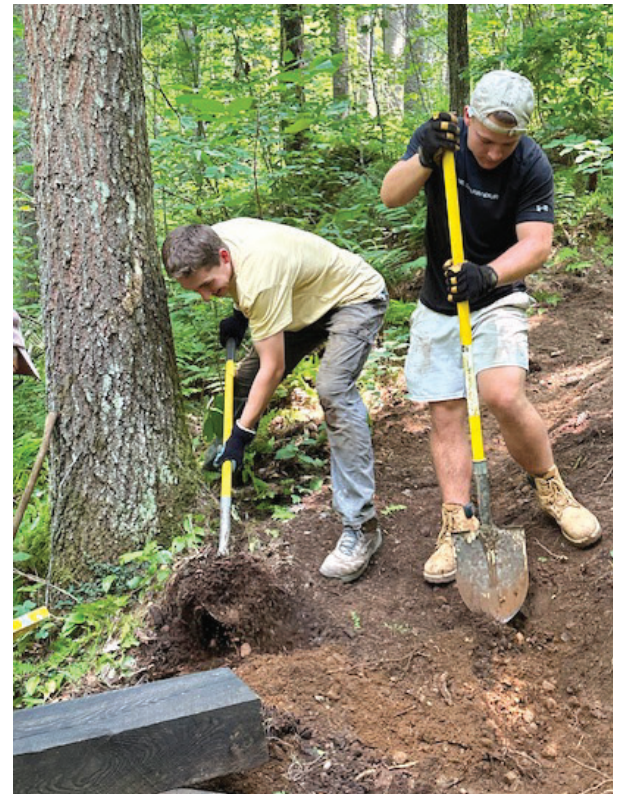
Salvadore and his work crew then had to dig into the hill side to create level terraces to layer the beams and create the ascending staircase. To reach the top of the slope required 26 steps and over 40 of the large ties, and the help of many volunteers.

The completed staircase is impressive to see in the middle of the woods and now makes the trail more accessible and prevents erosion.

Pynchon’s Grist Mill is a EQLT property off Wickaboag Valley Road in West Brookfield. There is a kiosk with trail maps and the trail begins on the other side of the road from the parking area.



This photo shows the staircase halfway done.



Ethan Salvadore and Luke Salvadore are shown moving some dirt.

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During the week of Aug. 26-Sept. 2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 14 building/property checks, 41 directed area patrols, nine radar assignments, three traffic controls, two emergency 911 calls, two safety hazards, one threat, two animal calls and four motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Aug. 27
4:53 a.m. Safety Hazard, Unitas Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Aug. 29
10:08 a.m. Threat, Unknown Location, Spoken To

Saturday, Aug. 31
7:21 a.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
8:16 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Wine Road, Merge
8:22 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Old Wine Road, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Sept. 1
2:50 p.m. Gunshots, Pierce Road, Officer Handled

East Brookfield Police Log

During the week of Aug. 26-Sept. 2, the East Brookfield Police Department responded to 141 building/property checks, 81 directed area patrols, 16 traffic controls, 23 radar assignments, nine emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, six assist other agencies, one complaint, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, one fraud, one safety hazard, two animal calls and 57 motor vehicle stops in the town of East Brookfield.

Monday, Aug. 26
12:19 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, East Main Street, Spoken To
7:20 a.m. Be On the Lookout, New Boston Road, Investigated
8:10 a.m. Radar, Podunk Road, Citation Issued
8:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Written Warning
8:39 a.m. Radar, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
8:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Written Warning
9:33 a.m. Traffic Control, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Written Warning
10:34 a.m. Safety Hazard, East Main Street, Officer Handled
11:16 a.m. Assist Citizen, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled
2:54 p.m. Investigation, Route 49, Investigated
6:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued
8:47 p.m. Radar, East Main Street, Citation Issued
8:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Aug. 27
6:32 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Knox Trail Road, Transported to Hospital
10 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Jean Avenue, Dispatch Handled
1:46 p.m. Welfare Check, Podunk Road, Transported to Hospital
3:32 p.m. Fraud, Connie Mack Drive, Report Taken
4:19 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Harrington Street, Investigated
10:37 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Aug. 28
8:12 a.m. Medical Alarm, Maple Way, Services Rendered
6:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Shore Road, Citation Issued
9:15 p.m. Radar, Route 49, Written Warning
9:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued
9:29 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Spencer, Services Rendered
10:05 p.m. 911 Misdial, Maple Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, Aug. 29
5:30 a.m. Medical Emergency, Harrington Street, Transported to Hospital
12:26 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled

5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Written Warning
5:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
8:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Sturbridge Road, Citation Issued

Friday, Aug. 30
7:30 a.m. 911 Medica Emergency, Podunk Road, Transported to Hospital
8:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
10:09 a.m. Traffic Control, East Main Street, Citation Issued
11:51 a.m. Officer Initiated, Depot Square, Arrest(s) Made
4:02 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
10:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
10:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, Aug. 31
9:22 a.m. Serve Warrant, Gleason Avenue, Arrest(s) Made
9:23 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Sept. 1
4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
4:47 p.m. Radar, Route 49, Citation Issued
4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Written Warning
5:10 p.m. Radar, Harrington Street, Citation Issued
5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Harrington Street, Written Warning
5:38 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Blaine Avenue, Transported to Hospital
7:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Howe Street, Vehicle Towed

Monday, Sept. 2
9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:42 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Officer Handled
9:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
11:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
11:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
11:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
6:37 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Podunk Road, Negative Contact
9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
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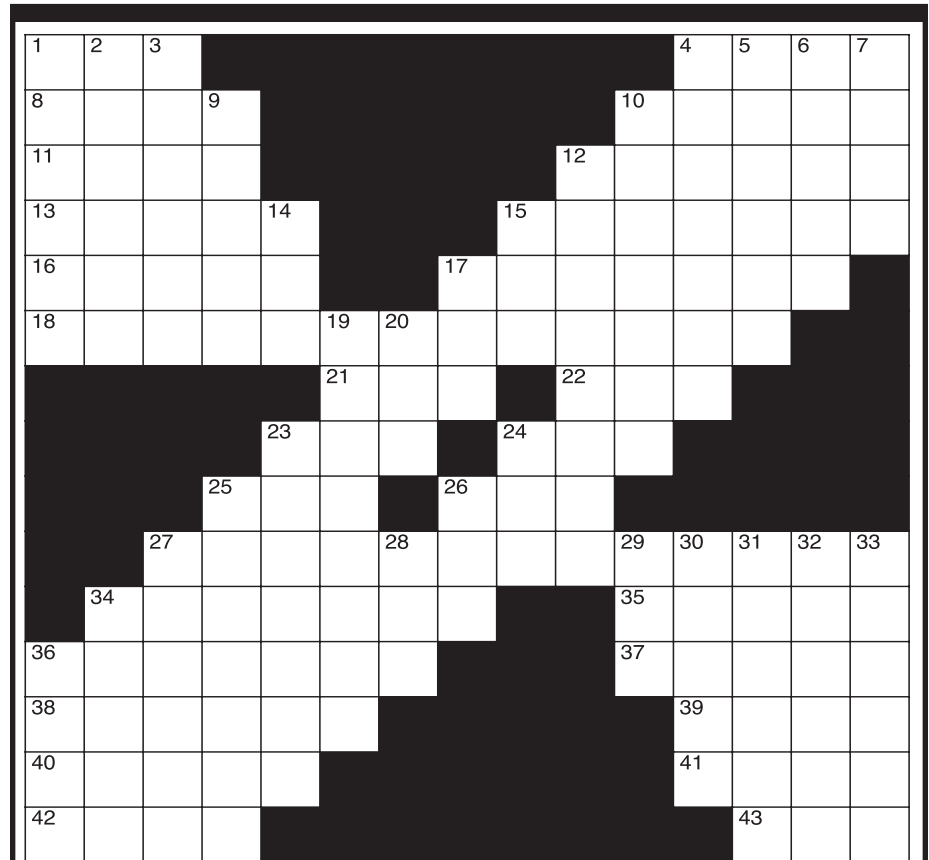
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