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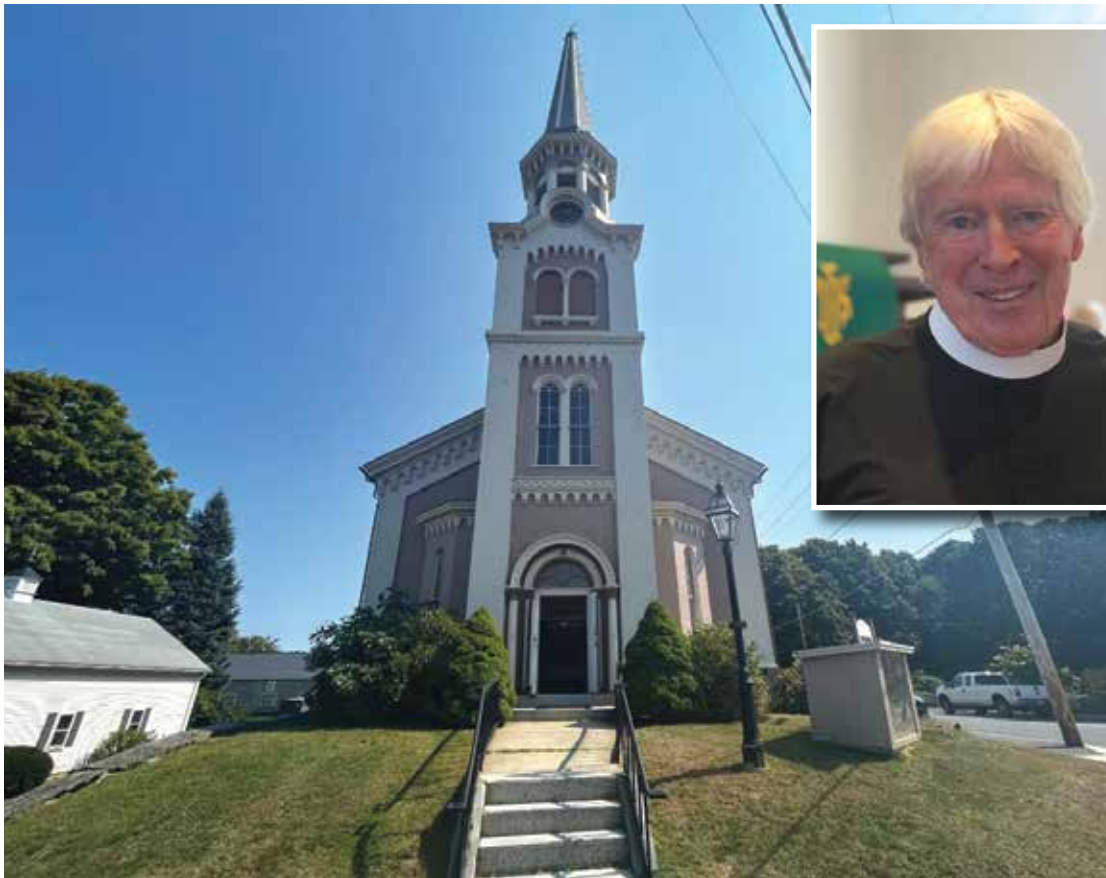
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## Brookfield Congregational Church is a church for all



Pastor Emeritus John Condon, left, alongside Brookfield Congregation Church's current pastor Brian Oxman, who was installed as Pastor back in April. (SUBMITTED BY BRIAN OXMAN)

The front entrance of Brookfield Congregational Church, which had its sanctuary renovated after the COVID-19 pandemic. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

By Ryan Drago  
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**BROOKFIELD** – The Brookfield Congregational Church is one of many religious institutions that came roaring back after the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the church's moderator and chairman of the church council, Clarence Snyder, many religious institutions were heavily impacted by the pandemic and needed support to recover and reopen. Snyder wanted to share that the Brookfield Congregational Church has recovered gradual-

ly and had seen an increase in activity going on at the church.

The history of Brookfield Congregational Church traces back to the original meetinghouse. Their mission is to provide a vision of hope that will strengthen our faith and commitment to teaching and

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## Local parish holds yard sale for community

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
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**WEST BROOKFIELD** – The weekend was filled with yard sales, tag sales, garage sales, and flea markets – if it was a used-item sale, you could find it in town.

The love of thrifting and repurposing old things into something new is something everyone can find joy in and help in the mission to keep things out of landfills.

The parishioners of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Par-

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## WB&CA and Beyond gets 'into the grain'



Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Inc. had the winning team for the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond's axe throwing night held last week at the American Legion. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE

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## Search begins for Highway Superintendent

By Paula Ouimette  
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**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – The Board of Selectmen discussed the possibility of forming a search committee to find a new Highway Superintendent.

At the Sept. 10 meeting, Chair Jason Petraitis said the

board will appoint members at the next meeting.

While the search for a new Highway Superintendent, Senior Laborer Randy Morgan will serve as acting foreman.

### Request for ARPA funds

The board approved a request to use American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase additional materials needed

to complete the landfill swale project. The cost of the additional materials is \$4,000.

### Spending request

Fire Chief Darin Anderson requested approval from the board to purchase new batteries and a lubrication kit for Tower 1. He said the batteries will cost approximately \$1,400.

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## Bluegrass Gospel Service is Sept. 29

**WEST BROOKFIELD** – The George Whitefield United Methodist Church will host its next 5th Sunday Bluegrass Gospel Service on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at 33 West Main St.

Always a fun and uplifting time featuring local musicians on guitars, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, stand-up bass, spoons, harmonica and vocals, the band gets better and better. All are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the music and message, and leave with a song in their heart.

A free will offering will be received that supports the church and its missions.



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### Residents voice concerns about town officials, hospital demo

By Paula Ouimette  
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**WARE** – Resident Keith Krackas said he has a great concern with allowing Selectboard members to have a say in the town's future. He has a number of concerns that he would like to see addressed by the town.

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

Krackas said in the six years he was on the Selectboard, he never heard about a third person being appointed to that board.

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

"I had a big conflict and the board covering any kind of hearing or anything like that," Talbot said.

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is open to any Democrat who is registered in the town.

"Talbot said an advisory will be given at the Aug. 28 hearing by the Board of Registrars, following a complaint filed by Krackas. The hearing will determine whether Talbot is eligible to serve as an elector or appointee."

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### HAVING A BALL

By Paula Ouimette  
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**WARE** – The Ware Soccer Club held its annual Summer Camp at Memorial Field last week. The camp was held from August 20 to August 24. The camp was held at Memorial Field and was a great success. The camp was held at Memorial Field and was a great success.

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### Task force will look at bringing healthcare to Hardwick

By Paula Ouimette  
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**HARDWICK** – Resident Jan Krackas says the town Board of Health and others are working on a healthcare project. He has been discussing with the Board of Health and others.

At the Aug. 26 meeting, Krackas said there are five pillars to the project, which he hopes will bring healthcare to Hardwick and its surrounding towns.

These pillars include the demolition of Mary Lane Hospital in Ware, the Gilberts, 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."

Krackas said Barstow Health not only shut down Mary Lane Hospital, but it also sold off the health plan it was managing to a private equity group.

"This is not just about 'we don't have a building anymore,'" he said. "We're going to have a lot of people in town that are actually not getting to have their healthcare accessible in the same way. It's a really serious situation out here."

Krackas said there is a demonstration delay for the buildings on the Mary Lane Hospital property and that Ware residents are fighting against what their town has already agreed to, due to a number of issues including cost, liability and asbestos.

"I get it. It's a big fight," she said.

Krackas said the demonstration delay is "ultimately delaying the project."

Krackas said it's important that the project of Hardwick pay monthly insurance for the Gilbert Trust and the Fudge Hospital property is tied to the town.

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### Ware Grange hosts its 77th annual fair

By Ryan Drago  
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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 came out for the Grange and its faithful members. There was a total of 18 exhibitors, with 19 adult and 147 children. 257 adult and 134 youth members attended. There were 134 agricultural entries and 215 non-agricultural entries.

Bonnie winners: Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources - Special Agriculture Director Blanche Carlson of Ware for the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources Special Agriculture Director Blanche Carlson of Ware for the year.

Hastings of Palmer holds his ribbon for children's eggs at the Ware Grange Fair.

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### CDA reviews CDBG grant application

By Ryan Drago  
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**WARE** – The Community Development Authority reviewed their application results for the fiscal year 2024 Community Development Grant program.

At the Aug. 19 meeting, the CDA members spoke with Grace Johnson of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to review an update on their CDBG application. One of the updates is that the CDA was looking to use the grant for a sign and informational materials to promote the town's community swimming pool.

Krackas said the town's website is accessible for those who use assistive technology.

Mark outlined some of the areas in town that need changes to this, and the reviewers took

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### Board hears results of ADA self-evaluation plan

By Paula Ouimette  
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**WARE** – Representatives from Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and the Center for Living and Working with Disabilities met with Ware officials to discuss the town's ADA self-evaluation plan.

At the Board of Selectmen's Aug. 22 meeting, CMRPC's Mike Kennedy and Jim Mark of the Center for Living and Working with Disabilities met with Ware officials to discuss the town's ADA self-evaluation plan.

Robb said the town does have a nondiscrimination document, but it should also be posted for residents to find easily. Krackas also suggested creating an ADA Coordinator webpage with links to important documents.

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## 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 Spatter, a licensed Insurance agent, who will explain the basics of Medicare including:

- Why it's important to evaluate your current Medicare plan each year.
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# Cruise for Critters supports pets in need

*Cars, fall fun and adoptable pets await at the annual event*

MONSON – The highly anticipated Cruise for Critters car show returns to Westview Farms Creamery on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., with a fun-filled day that combines community spirit and a love for animals.

Now in its 12th year, this event, organized by Al Widlan, owner of Service Connection, continues to bring together car enthusiasts and animal lovers for a meaningful cause - raising support for Second Chance Animal Services.

The end-of-season car show has grown into a much-loved annual tradition, featuring an exciting array of activities for all ages. This year, over 45 vendors will offer unique products, and attendees can try their luck with the great raffle prizes up for grabs.



Dogs are welcome at the annual Cruise for Critters car show to benefit Second Chance Animal Services.



Cars of all makes, models and years can be entered in the Cruise for Critters car show at Westview Farm Creamery in Monson on Saturday, Sept. 21. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Plus, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., guests will have the opportunity to meet adorable adoptable pets from Second Chance's mobile adoption unit, offering a chance to give a pet a forever home.

"It's inspiring to see how the community continues to come together for this event," said Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer of Second Chance Animal Services in a press release. "The support we receive from Cruise for Critters helps us continue our mission of providing critical care and services to pets in need, especially in a year where the demand for our programs has surged."

Along with the car show and vendor fair, the event will feature plenty of family-friendly fall activities, including Halloween-themed Barktaacular kids' games and pumpkin picking. Attendees can also enjoy live performances by the Barberic Band, all while savoring delicious food and ice cream from Westview

Farms Creamery.

This year's event is made possible in part by the generosity of sponsors like Ted & Barbara Hebert of Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, Joe Campisi, and Porter Road Pet Care, whose support helps ensure pets in need receive the care they deserve.

Spectators are invited to enjoy the event free of charge, while car owners can participate in the show for a \$20 vehicle entry fee. Every dollar raised will go directly to helping animals through Second Chance's vital programs.

In the event of rain, the event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Westview Farms Creamery is located at 109 East Hill Road. For more information, including sponsorship and vendor opportunities, visit [secondchanceanimals.org/events/cruise](http://secondchanceanimals.org/events/cruise).

**About Second Chance**

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization

founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need.

Today Second Chance operates Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester providing access to the highest-quality veterinary care for all.

Subsidized rates are provided to underserved communities to ensure access to care for all pets in need. Last year Second Chance helped over 49,000 pets live better lives through full-service veterinary care, spay/neuter services, adoption services, community and educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry.

For more information, visit Second Chance's website at [www.secondchanceanimals.org](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org) or follow them on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

## Haston Library to host 130th anniversary celebration

NORTH BROOKFIELD – In 1894, the Haston Free Public Library officially opened, thanks to the \$30,000 donation from Erasmus and Elvira Haston.

Now, the library is holding a 130th anniversary celebration.

Join the library staff on Saturday Sept. 21 from 2-4 p.m. for refreshments, a historical slideshow, and some library artifacts from the 19th and 20th centuries on display. Indulge in a part of local history.

The celebration doesn't stop there. The library will be celebrating all year, with several events planned for the upcoming months.

Stop by the library to pick up a library bingo card, filled with interactive goals. Get bingo and win a prize; complete the whole bingo board and be entered into the grand prize drawing.

On Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m.-noon the library will also host a scavenger hunt event for all ages, featuring library themed clues and riddles. Check back within the upcoming months for more events the library will be scheduling.

For more information, call the library at 508-867-0208 or email [haston-freepubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:haston-freepubliclibrary@gmail.com).



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## A blueberry question from Ed

“My name is Ed and I have a question that I hope you can answer: I have a small part of my back yard where three tomato plants used to grow. This year I bought a blueberry plant which I never have grown before. I planted it in May of this year and as of mid August I still have not had any blueberries yet. The plant actually looks the same as it did in May. I water the plant every day and just wondering why nothing has grown yet. I actually am considering just letting the blueberry plant stay as is through the winter and maybe by early 2025 there might be some blueberries. Any comment is much appreciated. Thanks!”

Thank you for your question, Ed. I am thinking that your blueberry plant might need a bit more time adjusting to its surroundings, and maybe a correction on soil pH.

Read on to learn about that.

Blueberries, more than tomatoes, are picky about pH. They are ericaceous, or “acid-loving,” just like rhododendrons and azaleas. In this part of the country our soil tends to be acidic, but blueberries like an even lower pH than most soils have, to the tune of 4.8.

To find out the pH of your soil, have it tested by the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension service. If you specify at testing time that you wish to grow blueberries, they will give you advice on how to amend the soil for that crop.

Some amendments used to lower pH include sulfur, peat moss and leaf humus among others.

I would also recommend that you apply mulch around the blueberry bush to a depth of four inches. As you know, mulch will conserve soil moisture as well as continue to add organic matter and nutrients to the soil as it breaks down.

For blueberries the best choice is well rotted sawdust. Grass clippings and straw are also suitable but need to be replaced more quickly than sawdust.

A word of caution: make sure the sawdust is well rotted or it could potentially burn tender stems as well as rob nitrogen from the plant it is intending to help.

Blueberries can self-pollinate, but for the best berry production plant at least two different blueberry varieties within 10 feet of one another. If, for example, the variety you have ripens mid season, purchase another mid season bush, so that the flowers will be blooming and therefore pollinated at the same time.

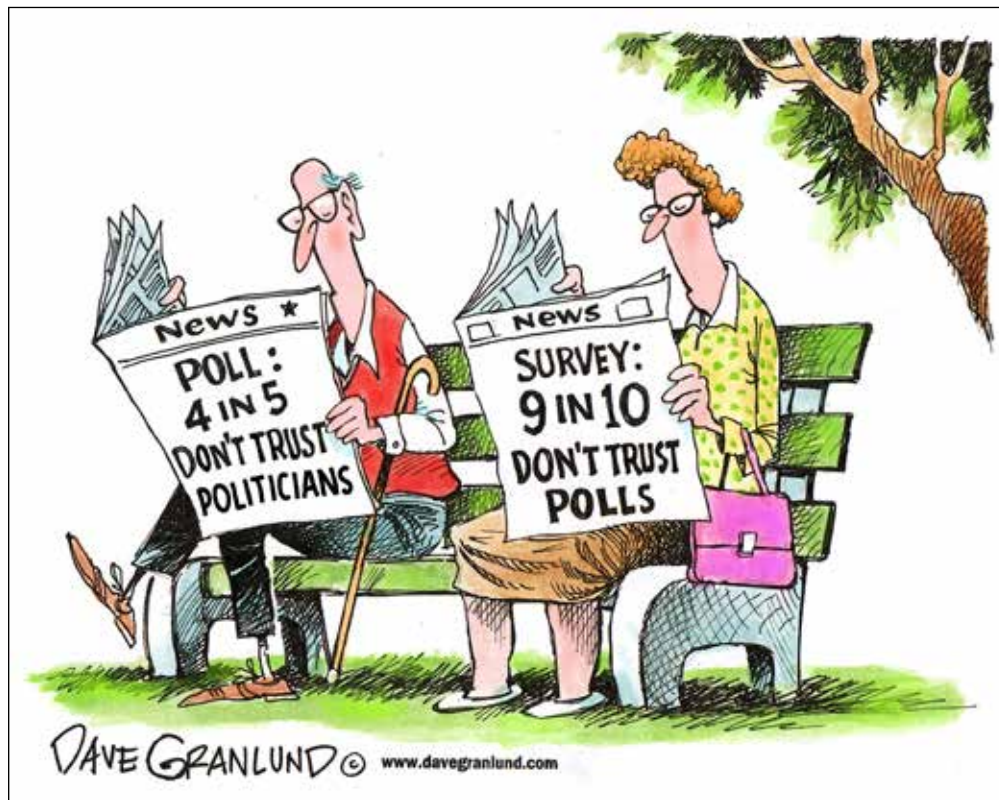
You will be delighted with larger fruit and more of it!

There would be some crossover with early and later varieties, but with only two plants I'd err on the side of caution and just purchase another of the same season whatever that is. If you don't know, don't worry about it, just plant another bush regardless.

The last thing I'd like to mention is that it usually takes two-three years for blueberries to produce fruit even if all of their needs are being met. It has to do with the maturity of the branches and whether they are productive.

The most productive branches tend to be around three years old. I'm not sure how old your plant was upon installation, but maybe it just needs a little more time.

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A Brimfield resident emailed that on Wednesday, Aug. 28, “I sat outside in front of the house and saw 35 common nighthawks, a group of five, seven, 22 and a straggler. The group of 22 flew around overhead for two-three minutes, fluttery flight, erratic, back and forth, round and round.”

He said he has sat out three other nights and had not seen a single nighthawk.

The common nighthawk is 10 inches long and is often seen flying at dusk or dawn and sometimes during the day. They have long, thin pointed wings with a conspicuous white bar near the tips of their wings.

Their flight tends to be high over 40 feet with slow, deliberate wingbeats. The male has a white band near the tip of his tail, which the female lacks. They have mottled feathers with white under their chin. Nighthawks scoop up flying insects when in flight. Sometimes they are seen feeding near city lights, which attract insects.

The common nighthawk gives a nasal “peerrt” call. The lesser nighthawk is similar to the common, but flies much lower, 10 to 20 feet and has thin, rounded wings with the wing bar nearer the tip than its cousin.

The female common nighthawk lays two olive brown eggs with dark marks in a nest on gravelly soil, fields or gravel rooftops. They inhabit forests, plains and urban areas. Lesser nighthawks prefer rivers, lakes and desert scrub.

### Warren bird sightings

In Warren there are still great egrets at the pond on New Reed Street and a juvenile osprey was seen Friday, Aug. 30 at the pond on South Street. It was perched in a tree eating a fish.

### Cooper's hawk

My daughter had what most likely was a

Cooper's hawk in her yard in late August. She heard a knocking on her basement slider. When she looked over her deck, the hawk was on the ground by the slider. She went downstairs to check on him and he flew up to her deck and then went into a tree before flying off.

### Loon chick rescue

On Aug. 22, Loon Preservation Committee received a call from Pawtuckaway Lake. Lake residents had found a loon chick that had beached itself on an island with no parents in sight. The chick had fishing line tangled around its neck, head and bill.

“As they called, the residents were in the process of untangling the chick and they asked us for guidance regarding what to do next. We were thankful that they had noticed and were helping the loon, and were also thankful that they had called us. Sometimes when loons are tangled in fishing line, there are additional injuries from hooks or tackle that are not immediately obvious when looking at the bird externally and we wanted to make sure that was not the case with this loon.”

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Pemigewasset Region Biologist, Jayden Mowery, was able to meet with the rescuers and collect the chick from them. He then brought it to VCA Capital Area Veterinary Emergency and Specialty (CAVES), where he met up with Maria Colby

and CAVES veterinary staff to x-ray the loon. We were glad to have taken this extra step to ensure the chick was okay, because the x-ray revealed something that was not easily visible during the external exam: the chick had a fishing hook embedded in the flesh of its mouth, under its tongue.”

An x-ray of the chick's head and neck revealed a large fishing hook embedded in the tissue of its mouth, underneath its tongue. It was removed and the chick was returned to the lake where it joined its parents.

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



Common nighthawk

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## YARD SALE | FROM PAGE 1

ish had their second yard sale over the weekend, and it a great success for all.

With the First Congregational Church hosting its annual flea market on the common that weekend as well, it made it the perfect opportunity for the parish to hold their yard sale as well.

“It takes a village,” said Eileen, a parishioner at the church. “Many parishioners came to help our with setting up for the weekend.”

Items were donated to the yard sale by the people who attended the parish, as well as from the community.

Treasures included anything from beautiful items to decorate your home, kitchen utensils and appliances, cook books, jewelry, furniture including a four-chair table set.

Members of the parish worked to make sure the people who came found something they would love, and to take home what they wanted for a bargain no one could resist.

Picture frames, mirrors, desk organizers, and beautiful flower-printed tins, there was a trinket or knick-knack for anyone to find.

“My favorite part is the satisfaction of putting together the money for the church,” Eileen said. “The church is always looking for ways to raise money.”

The money raised from the sales of the items goes directly to the parish in order to support the various missions and events they hold for the parish and the surrounding communities.

In November, the parish is hosting S.O.N.G., a nonprofit organization that helps orphaned children around the world, with a spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

The parishes also take part in White Christmas, and on Dec. 8, they will announce the winners of the bikes that are being raffled off by the sodality.

Margo, the head of the sodality at the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, held the raffle for the bikes, and the money from the raffle will go towards the sodality and funding its various women’s activities.

“I like to see people come and get a bargain,” Margo said of the yard sale. “We get occasional donations, too, and it makes it worthwhile to put this together.”

“A lot of people pitched in,” Eileen said. “It was really nice to see so many people get up early in the morning to help set up the tables and serve at them all weekend.”

The community coming together to enjoy the yard sales and support the parishes within the community is what makes the biggest difference and allows the parish to continue its missions and provide resources and events for its flock.



Margo (left), Eileen (right), and Father Joe (center) enjoyed their time at the yard sale this past weekend.



Christmas decorations and more items for repurposing were awaiting a new life.



Beautiful glass pieces, flower arrangements, and more treasures were found at the yard sale. Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

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# - sturbridge -

## Historical Society presents 'A Night with Bob Briere'

STURBRIDGE – The Sturbridge Historical Society will begin their 2024-2025 season of monthly evening programs on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Publick House by honoring one of the founders and longtime president of the Society, Bob Briere.

He will share his 90 years of living and working in Sturbridge with a story, or two. Or, three. Briere will also answer questions from the audience.

Briere enjoys sharing his love of his community with others. He has occupied various roles within the Town, and has repeatedly shown his commitment

to improving the community in multiple ways.

Wally Hersee, a member of the Society and originator of the Sturbridge History Facebook page, will host the discussion with Briere, eliciting his stories and fielding questions from the audience.

The program is free and open to the public. The Historical Society thanks the Publick House for their continued hospitality over the years, and in particular for their efforts to make this evening a special event.

## Senior Center holds open house on Saturday

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center, located at 29 Forest St. is having an open house to celebrate its 20th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be games, raffles, demonstrations, speakers and a name your price tag sale.

The North Brookfield Food Collaborative will also be there, if you would like to donate non- expired, non-perishable food items.

### GARDEN | FROM PAGE 4

Well, we covered a lot of material here, but I can sense how badly you'd like to see your bushes bare fruit. By making a few minor changes and providing the one plant you have with a friend you will hopefully see berries in a couple of years at the most.

Thanks for the question, Ed!

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.

### SEARCH | FROM PAGE 1

Anderson said a company has availability on Sept. 13 to test the ground ladders, which should be done annually. He said this has only been done once during his three decades with the department.

The cost of testing is approximately \$1,500. The board approved both spending requests.

#### Reimbursement

The board approved the reimbursement of \$300 to Town Administrator Michael Szlosek for the cost of his bar registration.

Petratis said this is part of Szlosek's contract and that it is helpful to the

town to have a licensed attorney on its staff.

#### Electrical aggregate update

The board approved listing Colonial Power Group as the town contact on the Energy Switch website. Colonial Power Group will be providing the electrical aggregate program to the town.

#### Approvals

The board signed a contract with JL Construction to complete sidewalk upgrades on Main Street. Szlosek said the engineers for the project, BSC Group, would like to mobilize the project once the contract was approved.

Szlosek said BSC Group, Vibram and himself will be meeting sometime the following week to coordinate.

The board also approved the service zone plan application for emergency medical services and a compliance form with Green Gold.

#### Cultural Council

Kaylee Khune submitted her resignation from the North Brookfield Cultural Council. She said she was "grateful for the experience."

"It has been a pleasure to contribute to our community's cultural development," she said.

The board also appointed Robert Filipkowski to serve on the Cultural Council at the recommendation of Karen Erikson, the council's chair.

#### Appointments

The board appointed Brandon Avery to represent the Planning Board on the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. The board also appointed Selectmen Vaughn Schlegel to serve as an alternate member to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Randy Morgan of the Highway Department was appointed to represent his department on the Fire/Highway Building Committee.

#### Public comment

A resident from Conroy Avenue, a dead-end street off of Route 67, discussed ongoing issues he's had with a

broken pipe and flooding on his property. He said work to replace the water, sewer and gas pipes has begun on his road.

The resident said the water floods around his house and into his basement. He said he has a dirt cellar floor and has had to replace two water heaters this year.

He said the road is going to be shortened to stop at his house, but he would like the road to continue onward to one of his catch basins in order to alleviate the flooding.

Another resident asked about the status of the Cider Mill bridge replacement.

Petratis said the project has been delayed and Administrative Assistant Ashley Barre said the engineer overseeing the project was shifted from Fuss & O'Neill to BSC Group.

#### Open house

There will be an open house on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Senior Center. The event will also be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Friends of the COA.

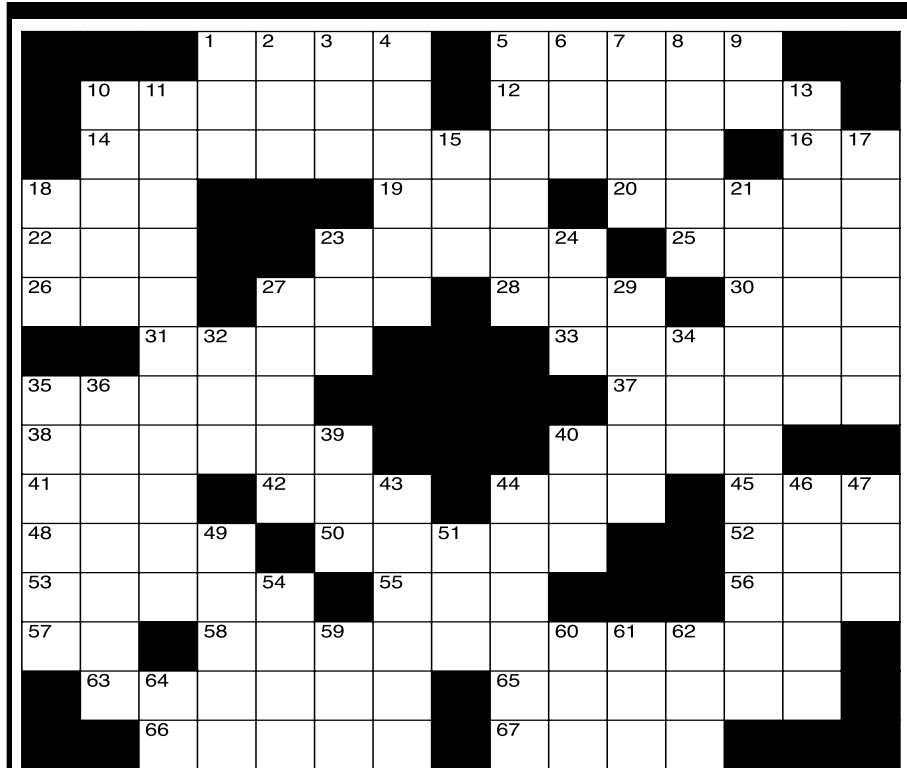
#### Special town meeting

Voters approved both articles on the special town meeting warrant held after the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Article 1 is an amendment to the general bylaws regarding downtown unloading for businesses.

The amendment states: "No person shall stand or park a vehicle, either for purposes of loading or unloading, or any other purpose, in such a way that it occupies two or more public parking spaces or portions thereof. Loading and unloading of vehicles shall take place in areas designated for that purpose. Violation of this bylaw shall result in a fine to the vehicle owner of \$50. This section will be enforced by any town police officer or take any action relative thereto."

Article 2 approved the transfer of \$176.68 from the Collector Postage Machine account to prior year unpaid bills.



#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Wrest
- 5. Russian river
- 10. Grupo Montparnasse founder
- 12. One who quits prematurely
- 14. Related to the nature of being
- 16. Early multimedia
- 18. Indigenous Tibetan religion
- 19. Tease
- 20. J.M. \_\_, Irish dramatist
- 22. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Surrendered
- 25. Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
- 26. Dash
- 27. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 28. British Air Aces
- 30. Data executive

- 31. Spiritual leader
- 33. Flower cluster
- 35. Of the cheek
- 37. Tears down
- 38. Uncoordinated
- 40. Touches lightly
- 41. Soak
- 42. Founder of Babism
- 44. Not good
- 45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 48. Type of casino game
- 50. Skills assessments for adults
- 52. Check
- 53. Gives a job
- 55. Fifth note of a major scale
- 56. Small, faint constellation
- 57. Thou
- 58. Reduce
- 63. Another recording
- 65. Removes for good
- 66. Jill and Catherine

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Greenwich Time
- 2. Metropolis
- 3. Complete
- 4. Scheduled
- 5. One who obeys
- 6. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
- 7. Days (Spanish)
- 8. Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
- 9. Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
- 10. Tributary of the Alabama River
- 11. One who eliminates
- 13. Ballroom music
- 15. Officer in the Book of Mormon
- 17. Denies
- 18. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 21. Make vital
- 23. Former NFLer Newton
- 24. Kashmiri tribe
- 27. Indigenous S. American person
- 29. Capacitance unit
- 32. MLB great Scherzer
- 34. Taxi
- 35. Boggy
- 36. Artist's workroom
- 39. Feline
- 40. Prosecutors
- 43. Freshwater perches
- 44. Young ladies
- 46. Whittles
- 47. Licensed for Wall Street
- 49. Type of gene
- 51. Express displeasure
- 54. Fly high
- 59. Norwegian krone
- 60. Investment account
- 61. Chinese surname
- 62. Language
- 64. By the way (abbr.)

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**CHURCH | FROM PAGE 1**

sharing “the good news” through stewardship and humility.

The BCC provides a loving, trusting and nurturing environment that will respond to the needs of the community and beyond.

During the pandemic, the Brookfield Congregational Church battled through and have welcomed more members to the congregation and new activities for youth and teens. Snyder said one of the biggest projects the church has recently completed was a renovation of the sanctuary.

The focus on community is reflected in the vibrancy of the church building. During the pandemic, while the church remained closed to services through a generous donation the sanctuary was staged, painted top to bottom and new carpets were added.

The church received a generous donation from an anonymous doner to make these renovations of the sanctuary possible.

With COVID-19 restrictions diminishing, the church finished up physical improvements, more activity and liveliness began. The church’s Sunday worship attendance doubled in size and the church now consistently has an average of 70-80 attend.

Its Sunday school has also doubled in size.

With an open calendar, the Brookfield Congregational Church opened up its fellowship hall to several groups. The church offers a vacation bible school, hosts Scout groups, AA and the Brookfield Council on Aging has meetings and activities a couple times a week.

Overseeing these activities going on is Pastor Brian Oxman. A member of the congregation for 18 years, Oxman was installed as Pastor back in April, while at the same time, longtime Pastor John Condon was appointed Pastor Emeritus.

Oxman has an engaging spirit and has really encouraged more youth

groups to be a part of the congregation.

Four years prior to becoming Pastor, Oxman was an Associate Pastor. When he was ordained to become the Pastor of the church, Oxman shared that Condon was “an amazing person who shepherded this congregation through difficult times.”

Oxman is determined to grow the youth and teenage population in the church and also grow a multi-generational connection. Oxman wants all generations, including youths, to have a sense of being at home when they come to church in Brookfield.

“Have that feeling of being able to come home,” Oxman said.

Before pursuing a path of working for the church, Oxman worked for Fidelity Investments for 24 years. It was a good company, but Oxman said God had filled him with a desire to serve and support the community. Before moving to Brookfield, Oxman grew up in Wilmington.

When his family did move to Brookfield, Oxman paid a visit to the church and fell in love with it within the first hour.

Oxman is the father of four children, Mason, Addison, Jake and Danilsa. His son Mason sings in the Church Choir and his children Addison and Jake are in the youth program at the Church.

Now the faith has brought Oxman to a good home in the Brookfield Congregational Church, which he feels is a good community that has dilemmas and people who need support. Oxman has always considered Brookfield Congregational Church as a great church with great people supporting it.

“It is a beautiful church,” Oxman said. “The congregation and the people make this church.”

Oxman believes there’s a lot going on in the communi-



A banner displaying the 300th anniversary of the Quaboag Plantation Churches is inside the church's fellowship hall. TURLEY PHOTO BY RYAN DRAGO

ty and there’s a lot of opportunity for healing. He wants the community to know that the church is here to help.

There has been an increase in young adults helping and volunteering to work in the community after experiencing mission trips to states including Maine and Rhode Island.

A vacation bible school is a free school offered in the summer as are mission trips throughout the year as it lives up to church’s mission to serve the community and beyond.

Members of Brookfield Congregational Church will be attending the Apple Country Fair on Oct. 12 on the common. Members bake a lot of pies for the fair every year.

According to Oxman and Snyder the fair helps grow the number of people and the faith of the Church. The fair is the biggest fundraiser for the church and will also feature a tag sale.

The church will also be hosting a

spaghetti supper on Nov. 9. For the holidays, the church will be a part of the Lighting of the Common with luminaries lighting up. The church will be providing hot chocolate and cookies inside the fellowship hall.

The church has wonderful ministers of music, Reagan and Lindsey Paras and a wonderful Administrative Assistant, Darlene Dean.

The church will be hosting a luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. and all are welcome. The service will take place at 10 a.m. prior to the luncheon.

There will be a sermon given by Oxman, who is always honored to speak to his congregation during a sermon.

“It’s a privilege and honor to deliver a sermon,” Oxman said.

For more about the Brookfield Congregational Church, visit www.bcc1857.org or visit the church’s Facebook page.

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# WB&CA and Beyond gets 'into the grain'



Farmer Matt of New Braintree provided a steady supply of fresh hamburgers. Shown behind the grill are Matt Koziol and Brandi Pasternack. *TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE*

WARE – The Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond hosted its second annual axe throwing event at the American Legion on Maple Street.

Into the Grain Axe Throwing of Sturbridge brought its mobile unit to the event and gave participants a chance to test their skills and hit the target. Businesses and civic organizations from the towns of Ware, Hardwick and Palmer joined in the competition, which included a dinner of hamburgers grilled by Farmer Matt.

Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Inc. had the top score, followed by the Ware Sox.



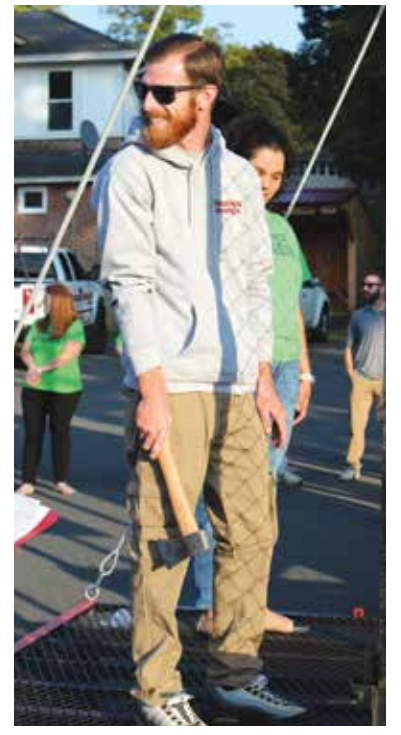
The Town of Harwick was represented by Town Administrator Justine Caggiano and Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos.



Ryan J. Witkos and Justine Caggiano get ready to throw their axes for team Hardwick.



Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond President Dan Flynn welcomes people to the axe throwing event.



The competition was fierce but friendly between Pennington Painting and Country Bank.



Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce CEO James Przypek gets ready to face Pennington Painting.



Megan Sinclair of B'leaf Wellness Centre prepares to throw her axe.



Micah Hinckley of Pennington Painting gets ready to compete.



Area businesses competed in an axe throwing competition hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond.



Amy Przypek aims her axe at the target.



Moulton Insurance Agency's team gets ready to throw.



Country Bank and Pennington Painting each had two teams registered for the event.



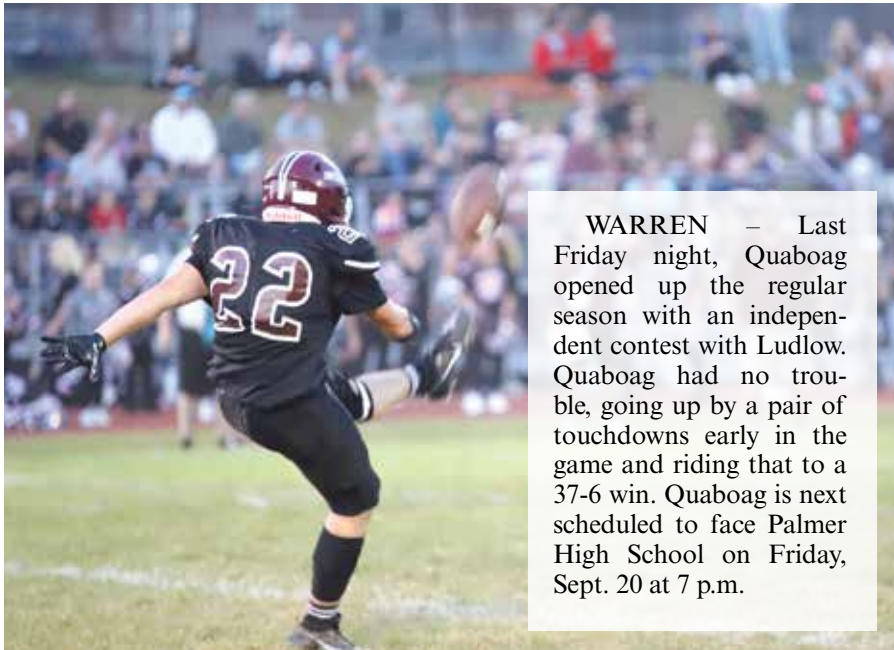
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# SPORTS

## Offense helps lead Quaboag to first win



**WARREN** – Last Friday night, Quaboag opened up the regular season with an independent contest with Ludlow. Quaboag had no trouble, going up by a pair of touchdowns early in the game and riding that to a 37-6 win. Quaboag is next scheduled to face Palmer High School on Friday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

Cameron Evans looks to punt the ball away. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Jarrett Dupre and Cameron Evans combine to make a tackle.



Jacob Cacace gets ready to hand the ball off.



Brasen Sauriol makes the reception and goes on a long run.



Jack Morgan takes in the two-point conversion.

## Panthers split first four games

**BARRE**— Last Monday afternoon, the Quabbin Regional High School field hockey team defeated North Middlesex 3-1. Unfortunately, that was followed by a loss against Marlborough 4-3 last Wednesday. The Panthers are out to a 2-2 start though they have had

a good amount of offense in those first four games. Coming up, the Panthers are scheduled to host Hopedale on Friday, Sept. 20 at 4:30 p.m., then host Oakmont on Monday, Sept. 23 at 3:30 p.m.

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Haley Ayer looks to head off a Patriots midfielder. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Kylie George advances up the field.



Abby Rogowski looks to get around her opponent.

## Warriors out to perfect start

By **Tim Peterson**  
Sports Correspondent

**FISKDALE**— After outscoring their first four opponents of the regular season, 30-0, the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity soccer team will most likely be playing some challenging matches down the road.

The Warriors improved their early season record to a perfect 4-0 following a 9-0 shutout victory over the David Prouty Panthers which was played on the turf field located inside the cage on a beautiful late summer afternoon, last Wednesday.

"While all of our regular season games are very important, the players do get a little more excited whenever we're

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- sports -

# Pathfinder football falls to rival Palmer

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—Because next year's meeting on the gridiron between the cross-town rivals will be taking place at historic Legion Field, Palmer junior running back Dylan Doherty will probably remember his final high school football game at St. Joe's Park for a very long time.

Doherty scored two rushing touchdowns and caught a pair of TD passes from junior quarterback Matt Santos. He also returned a punt late in the fourth quarter for another touchdown, as the Panthers began the 2024 regular season with a convincing 40-7 non-league victory over the Pathfinder Tech Pioneers before a large crowd, last Friday night.

"This was our first game and hopefully it'll set the tone for the rest of the season," said Doherty before making the short bus ride back to Palmer High School. "This is the first time I've scored five touchdowns in a game during my varsity career and it's very special. We just took care of business tonight and I'm very proud of my team."

The Panthers had several players miss practice last week due to sickness.

"We did have a rough week of practice with some sickness, but it was an outstanding team win tonight," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac. "It's not going to be easy, but if we can compete like we did in tonight's game, we're capable of winning every game that we play this season."

Pathfinder Tech won last year's contest against Palmer, 33-6, which was held at Legion Field. Hunter Griswold, who was the Pioneers starting QB scored two rushing touchdowns and completed two TD passes in that game. He's currently a freshman member of the Mass. Maritime Academy football team.

"We didn't play very well against Pathfinder in last year's game," Mar-

ciniec said "I wasn't very happy with that performance. We competed very hard in tonight's game. We played well on offense, defense and special teams."

The Pioneers lost a total of 17 players to graduation.

"We lost 17 players from last year's team, so we had a bunch of first-time starters in tonight's game," Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling. "Hunter did a lot of very good things for us last year and he's going to be hard to replace."

Junior Nicholas Pfister replaced Griswold as the Pioneers starting quarterback. Junior Dustyn Cook also saw some playing time at the QB position for the home team in the season opening loss.

Doherty, who rushed for more than 100 yards in the season opening victory, is one of the Panthers three running backs, along with sophomore Taydem Haly, and junior Hunter White.

"It's nice having three running backs this year," Marciniac said. "Dylan is a pure athlete, which is something that we haven't had at Palmer High School in several years."

The Panthers, who won two games a year ago, only needed five plays to score a touchdown on the game's first possession.

Following an 18-yard pass completion from Santos to Haly, Doherty completed the quick scoring drive with a 39-yard touchdown run less than three

minutes into the opening quarter. Sophomore Dylan Holbrook made the first of his four extra point attempts.

With 15 seconds remaining in the first quarter, Haly intercepted a deflected pass and ran 12 yards before being tackled at his own 31-yard line.

Doherty gained 12 yards on the first two plays of the series before Santos scrambled for 19 more yards on the next play. He then completed a 39-yard touchdown pass to Doherty with 10:49 left in the first half. The extra point attempt was blocked.

In the middle of the second quarter, Palmer junior Brecken Gilman recovered a fumble. That se-

ries ended without any more points, as the Panthers wound up turning the ball over on downs.

The visitors held a 19-0 halftime lead following a 25-yard touchdown scamper by Doherty with 1:39 remaining on the scoreboard clock.

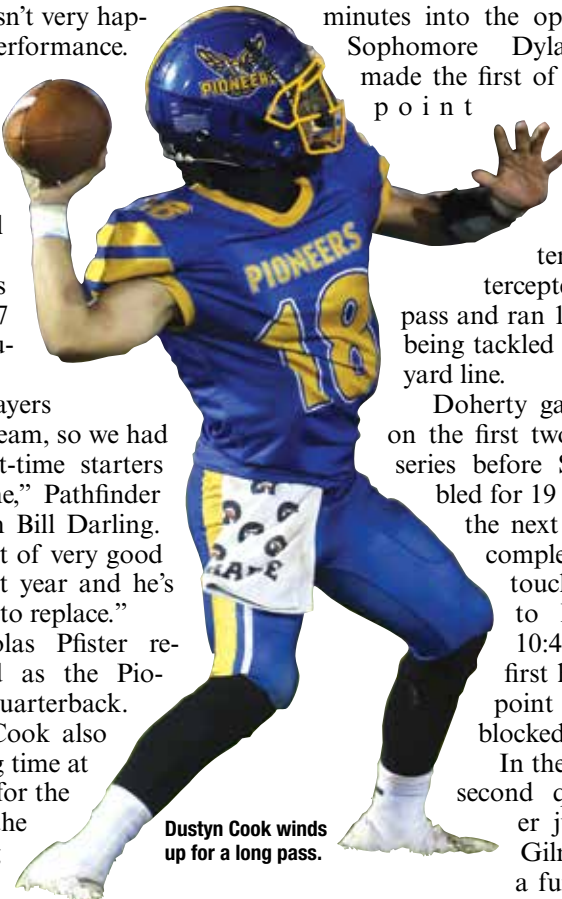
Freshman Mason Baer intercepted a pass on the Panthers two-point conversion try.

After Pathfinder was forced to punt on the opening drive of the second half, senior Dominic Jarry recovered a fumble at his own 35. Following four runs by freshman running back Cassian Kowalik, Cook completed a 15-yard TD pass to sophomore Anthony Arventos in the back of the endzone.

The extra point was made by junior Jacob Kokoski cutting the Pioneers deficit to 19-7 with six minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Less than ten seconds later, the Panthers were leading 26-7 following a Doherty 60-yard touchdown run down the right sideline.

On the final play of the third quarter, White recovered a fumble snap in



Dustyn Cook winds up for a long pass.



Tyler Rondeau tries to avoid being taken down. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Aiden Girard, Nicholas Pfister, and Amias Kowalik line up to start a play.



Cassian Kowalik runs into traffic on a return.

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Maria Hamm locks up with an opposing player. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



In traffic, McKenzie Casey looks to clear the ball out of the defensive end.

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playing against the bigger schools like Grafton, Nashoba Regional, Wachusett Regional, Doherty, and Shepherd Hill,” said Tantasqua head coach Matt Guertin. “Those games are a little bit more intense. We just came out a little bit flat in the first half of today’s game.”

Tantasqua began the regular season with a pair of one-sided home victories against Southbridge and Bartlett before squeaking out a 1-0 road win against Leicester on September 9. The Warriors closed out last week’s action with another 1-0 shutout in a non-league match at Nipmuc Regional, last Friday night.

Last Wednesday’s home match against the Panthers (0-4) was a very memorable afternoon for Tantasqua senior striker Gerson Catun-Teni, who recorded his first career hat-trick in a varsity match.

“Gerson is a great kid and he’s been a member of the varsity soccer team for the past three years. He’s also one of our captains this year,” Guertin said. “He had three goals in today’s game, but we also had contributions from several other players as well.”

Catun-Teni, who’s looking forward to the upcoming matches against Grafton and Nashoba, gave his thoughts on his first hat-trick.

“It feels very good to get my first hat-trick of my varsity career,” he said. “I’m the second leading goal scorer on this year’s team. We’re looking forward to our upcoming challenging matches.”

Tantasqua’s other senior captains are Joe Chidester, who’s a starting

midfielder, and Lukas Springer, who’s a starting defender.

“It feels nice to be one of the leaders of this year’s soccer team,” said Chidester, who’s also a three year member of the Warriors varsity soccer team. “We’re now 4-0, but we do have some big games coming up against Grafton, Nashoba, and Shepherd Hill. Those games will be very good tests for us. We have to stay focused in every game and stay healthy.”

Springer, who has started every varsity game since he was a freshman, anchors the Warriors stout defensive unit, along with senior Fletcher Sacco, junior Andrew Ticlea, and freshman Evan LaFountain.

“We haven’t allowed any goals so far this season, but we haven’t seen the strongest competition yet,” Guertin said. “Those four guys back there have been working very well as a unit. A strong defense wins championships.”

Junior Todd Derose has also seen some playing time as a defender so far this season.

“We’ve lost a couple of defenders to graduation, but we do have a very strong defensive unit this year,” said Springer, who was credited with an assist against Prouty. “I never played defense before I joined the high school soccer team. I was always a midfielder, but there was an open spot on defense when I was a freshman. It was a difficult transition for me at first, but I really enjoy playing back there now. It has been a lot of fun playing soccer with these

guys.”

Springer is looking forward to playing Shepherd Hill at home in the final match of the regular season.

“We lost at Shepherd Hill, 1-0, in our first game of the season last year,” he said. “We’ll be playing them in our final regular season game this year. It’ll be our senior night and we’ll be ready for it.”

The other Warriors seniors are Ethan Parker, Levi Shepherd, and Alex Kenney, who’s the starting goalkeeper.

Kenney only had to make one save during the first half against the Panthers.

Just like he did in the previous three games, sophomore Sam Conroy replaced Kenney in goal at the start of the second half.

“Both of our goalies have been working very hard at practice,” Guertin said. “They’re pushing each other to become better. I told them they’ll be splitting the duties until someone takes over the reins.”

The Warriors only goal during the first 25 minutes against Prouty was scored by sophomore Easton Ferro.

Their other three first half goals were scored by freshman Nathan Cutler, junior Fenton Michalak, and Catun-Teni, who also scored the first two goals of the second half.

A goal by junior Cole Pattee increased the Warriors lead to 7-0 before freshman Jacob Delong wrap-up the scoring with a pair of goals during the final twenty minutes of the match.

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the endzone, which increased the Panthers lead to 33-7.

With a little more than two minutes remaining in the game, Doherty capped off his memorable performance with a 25-yard punt return for a touchdown.

The Panthers will be looking to celebrate another victory when they face Quaboag Regional in their home opener on Friday night. Pathfinder Tech will also be in action on Friday night when they host Athol.



Anthony Arventos goes on a run for the Pioneers.

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 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 9.63 Acres located and known as 147 WIGWAM ROAD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 022.0-0013-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66585 on page 62 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$3,369.30

Assessed To ANDREASSI LUIGI  
 Assessed To BELL-PAOLUCCI DONNA M  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 24829 Square Feet located and known as 104 NORTH MAIN STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 041.0-0104-0003.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 41633 on page 0309 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$1,044.26

Assessed to BLAND PHILIP E & HELENA G And TRUSTEES OF 15 WOODSIDE RD REALTY TRUST  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 20909 Square Feet located and known as 15 WOODSIDE ROAD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 048.0-0032-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5875 on page 0163 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$5,272.49

Assessed to BOOTH SETH C And BOOTH JENNIFER A  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.06 Acres located and known as 98 TUCKER ROAD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 030.0-0015-0010.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 34602 on page 0310 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$4,778.47

Assessed To BROOKFIELD WIRE CO.  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 40.7 Acres located and known as 231 EAST MAIN STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 006.0-0002-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3735 on page 0110 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$6,301.82

Assessed To CHAFFEE RICHARD  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.74 Acres located and known as 27 NIPMUCK ROAD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 049.0-0009-0001.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56217 on page 0175 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$1,483.48

Assessed To CHAFFEE RICHARD A  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 14375 Square Feet located and known as 105 LAKE SHORE DRIVE shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 044.0-0145-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56184 on page 0322 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$2,188.73

Assessed To CHAFFEE RICHARD A  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.78 Acres located and known as 13 CHECKERED LANE shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 049.0-0018-0001.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 46517 on page 0186 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$800.70

Assessed To CHAFFEE RICHARD A  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 7.85 Acres located and known as 200 LONG HILL RD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 003.0-0010-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 30208 on page 0021 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$1,044.77

Assessed To CHAFFEE RICHARD A  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 20.8 Acres located and known as 300 WICKABOAG VLY RD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 025.0-0021-0004.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 56897 on page 0054 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$1,423.96

Assessed to CHAFFEE RICHARD A And SIELIS JAMES A  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.2 Acres located and known as 210 LONG HILL RD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 003.0-0011-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 41492 on page 0325 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$43.80

Assessed to CHOBOT ANGELA D And CHOBOT KEVIN  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 11761 Square Feet located and known as 3 BROOK DRIVE shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel

Identifier 051.0-0082-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 22339 on page 0106 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,731.67

Assessed To CODY HILLIKER  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 9.02 Acres located and known as 85 TUCKER ROAD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 030.0-0016-0011.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66816 on page 351 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$778.24

Assessed To DANIEL FRANCIS MASKELL  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.78 Acres located and known as 260 WICKABOAG VLY RD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 025.0-0021-0006.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 64168 on page 204 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$2,128.09

Assessed to ERICKSON ROBERT J And ERICKSON JOAN F  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.43 Acres located and known as 21 RICHARDSON RD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 002.0-0012-0002.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16897 on page 0068 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$1,361.43

Assessed To FOUNTAIN LORRAINE M  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 24394 Square Feet located and known as 6 GILBERTVILLE ROAD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 023.0-0002-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 36925 on page 0079 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$134.04

Assessed To JACOBSON KEVIN MICHAEL  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 20909 Square Feet located and known as 45 JUNIPER STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 053.0-0074-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 38624 on page 0357 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$74.12

Assessed To JACOBSON KEVIN MICHAEL  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 10454 Square Feet located and known as 51 JUNIPER STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 053.0-0073-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 38624 on page 0354 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$37.06

Assessed to JENSEN JAMES C And OLIVER-JENSEN J DIANE  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.13 Acres located and known as 29 WARE STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 037.0-0015-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 29729 on page 0181 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$2,830.21

Assessed to MOONEY J MICHAEL And FORMERLY: VENDETTA  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 16553 Square Feet located and known as 11 HEMLOCK STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 053.0-0043-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 27534 on page 0386 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$27.29

Assessed To MOONEY JOHN M  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 20038 Square Feet located and known as 31 HEMLOCK STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 053.0-0031-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 17595 on page 0318 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$33.07

Assessed To MOONEY JOHN M  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 13068 Square Feet located and known as 120 PIERCE ROAD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 053.0-0046-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 31695 on page 0258 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$21.52

Assessed to MOONEY JOHN M And FORMERLY: FERRIS  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 14810 Square Feet located and known as 15 HEMLOCK STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 053.0-0044-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 27559 on page 0036 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$24.66

Assessed To NINE WEST MAIN LLC  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 23522 Square Feet located and known as 9 WEST MAIN STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 041.0-0005-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 58372 on page 0020 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$2,700.25

Assessed To OTTEN DEREK W  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5663 Square Feet located and known as 41 BURWELL TERRACE shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as

Parcel Identifier 047.0-0033-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 63982 on page 21 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$10.47

Assessed To OTTEN DEREK W  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5663 Square Feet located and known as 39 BURWELL TERRACE shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 047.0-0034-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 63982 on page 21 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$10.47

Assessed To OTTEN DEREK W  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5663 Square Feet located and known as 37 BURWELL TERRACE shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 047.0-0035-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 63982 on page 21 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$10.47

Assessed To PECORE JOSEPH  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 13939 Square Feet located and known as 10 ATWATER AVE shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 044.0-0023-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 69280 on page 71 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$98.82

Assessed to RHODES REALTY TRUST And MERRY LYNN WHITE TRUSTEE  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 13939 Square Feet located and known as 20 ALLEN STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 040.0-0028-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 43754 on page 0285 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$950.66

Assessed to SAN CLEMENTE MAILYN And CARTER ANGELA  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 6098 Square Feet located and known as 32 CENTRAL STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 038.0-0044-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 59042 on page 0258 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$963.19

Assessed To SHADDAI HOME INVESTMENTS LLC  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 30056 Square Feet located and known as 3 OLD WARE ROAD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 015.0-0013-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 69227 on page 115 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$2,293.17

Assessed To STENTIFORD CAROL L  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.06 Acres located and known as 4 RICHARDSON RD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 002.0-0016-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 6484 on page 0285 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$81.38

Assessed To STRAIN CATHERINE A  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 14375 Square Feet located and known as 44 CENTRAL STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 038.0-0064-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 11566 on page 0029 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$698.97

Assessed To TAFT RAYMOND R  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3920 Square Feet located and known as 73 LAKE VIEW AVE shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 045.0-0024-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 49338 on page 0056 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$2,145.63

Assessed to TAYLOR JAMES R And TAYLOR LINDA A  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5.14 Acres located and known as 142 NEW BRAINTREE RD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 016.0-0014-0011.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 10034 on page 0060 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$3,193.98

Assessed to WARD ARTHUR P & KATHERINE R And C/O JOSEPH P WARD  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.72 Acres located and known as 9 NIPMUCK ROAD shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 049.0-0001-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3950 on page 0180 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$62.99

Assessed To WEST BROOKFIELD INVESTMENT PROPERTY LL  
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3.28 Acres located and known as 154 WEST MAIN STREET shown on the Town of West Brookfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 010.0-0014-0000.0 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66519 on page 19 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.  
 2024 Tax \$2,201.73

09/20/2024

# - public safety -

## New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of Sept. 2-16, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 25 building/property checks, 54 directed/area patrols, 18 radar assignments, six traffic controls, two emergency 911 calls, one motor vehicle accident, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, three complaints, one citizen assist, two animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

**Wednesday, Sept. 4**  
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**Thursday, Sept. 5**  
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**Friday, Sept. 6**  
4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued

**Saturday, Sept. 7**  
11:57 a.m. Complaint, Ravine Road, Investigated  
10:25 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

**Tuesday, Sept. 10**  
5:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Cut Off Road, Vehicle Towed

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
4:49 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Barre Road, Officer Handled

5:36 p.m. Complaint, McEvoy Road, Officer Handled

**Friday, Sept. 13**  
5:25 p.m. Investigation, West Brookfield Road, No Action Required  
5:30 p.m. Complaint, Barr Road, Officer Handled

**Saturday, Sept. 14**  
10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, West Brookfield Road, Investigated

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#### 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  
 10:36 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  
 9:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, North Street, Investigated

#### Tuesday, Sept. 3

10:07 a.m. Scam, Faith Drive, Spoken To  
 5:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East

Main Street, Citation Issued  
 7:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued  
 9:27 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Out of Town, Dispatch Handled  
 9:52 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Harrington Street, Officer Handled  
 9:58 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Harrington Street, Transported to Hospital

#### Wednesday, Sept. 4

4:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 4:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 9:26 a.m. Assist Citizen, East Main Street, Spoken To  
 11:49 a.m. Assist Citizen, Harrington Lane, Spoken To  
 12:32 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Route 49, Call Canceled  
 12:38 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled

#### Thursday, Sept. 5

5:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 10:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 10:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued  
 12:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued  
 12:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 12:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 1:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 7:27 p.m. Assist Citizen, East Main Street, Officer Handled  
 9:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North

Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
 9:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation Issued

#### Friday, Sept. 6

5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 7:37 a.m. Investigation, Podunk Road, Services Rendered  
 7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Howe Street, Citation Issued  
 8 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 8:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation Issued  
 8:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 8:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 9:41 a.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Blaine Avenue, Spoken To  
 3:29 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Transported to Hospital  
 3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 3:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
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 4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 7:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation Issued  
 11:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Criminal Complaint

#### Saturday, Sept. 7

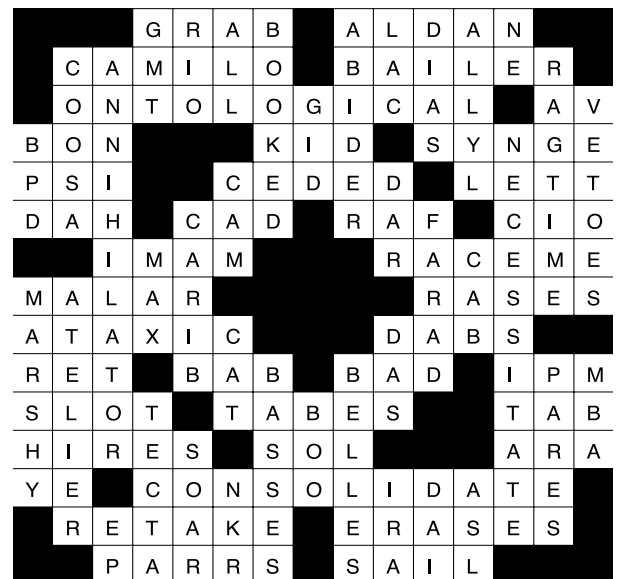
9:27 a.m. Traffic Control, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 9:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 1:05 p.m. Complaint, Park Street, Report Taken  
 6:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Elm Street, Citation Issued

#### Sunday, Sept. 8

12:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
 7:49 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, East Main Street, Transferred Call to C3

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