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46th Annual Apple Country Fair held on Brookfield Common

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BROOKFIELD – The 46th Annual Apple Country Fair was held this past weekend on the Brookfield Town Common.

This annual community event showcased over 90 local artisans, had live music, lawn games, baked goods, food trucks, raffles, and an apple pie contest.

This event helps support the Brookfield Community Club, a charitable organization that makes grants to enrich community life. This year's fair featured 95 vendors and was the largest event put on by the Brookfield Community Club.

The Brookfield Community Club has been organizing the Apple Country Fair since 1979. The money raised at the Apple Country Fair has generated grants for a number of community service projects supporting



Colby Green was the Apple Country Fair mascot during the 46th Annual Apple Country Fair held on Oct. 11.

community departments such as the Fire Department, Council on Aging, and the schools. The club also provided a scholarship, the Diane Martell Community

Service Award for a graduating Brookfield senior.

Generations of members were highly represented in this year's Apple Country Fair. The success of the fair

is made possible by countless volunteers and generous donations from local busi-

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Sewer Commissioners submit resignations

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectman Chair Jason Petraitis announced that the board received resignations from all three Sewer Commission members, Charlie Haddock, Donald Smith and Kevin Valeri.

Petraitis said both Smith and Valeri submitted written resignations and Haddock gave a verbal resignation. He said Sewer Commissioners are appointed to their positions, and the board has assumed their responsibilities for the time being.

"We'll be doing it until we can figure out what we're going to do about appointing people going forward," Petraitis said at the board's Oct. 7 meeting.

The board members thanked Haddock, Smith and Valeri for their time on the commission.

In a follow up interview

this week, Petraitis said the board members would continue to serve as commissioners until the town has completed the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project.

"We want to make sure we're through the upgrade and have a bunch of things settled, and that the department is on strong footing until we look for people to replace the commissioners," he said.

Petraitis also addressed statements made by the commissioners in their resignation letters, which identified disagreements regarding the issuing of abatements as one of their reasons for resigning.

Petraitis said the town's sewer abatement policy is available through the Sewer Department, and the town does have a one-time leak abatement available to sewer users.

Two instances outlined

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NB Board discussed grant award

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Jamie Gilman said the board received a letter regarding the \$1 million Small Town Road Improvements to Enhance Public Safety grant (also known as a STRAP grant) for a coordinated project.

At the Oct. 7 meeting, he said there were some roadblocks in receiving the fund-

ing, which was awarded to the town.

"The roadblock really was the matching portion of the grant," he said. "The matching portion of the grant includes an in-kind donation, a match, of \$169,683.33 to be done by the North Brookfield Highway Department."

Board of Selectman Chair Jason Petraitis said this grant match situation is what prompted the board to change its grant policy.

Gilman gave a breakdown of the work needing to

be completed by the town's Highway Department. He said this grant would potentially delay the town's municipal paving project due to the required work.

Gilman said the current Highway Department crew would be spending about three-quarters of the year working on sidewalks. He said the matching portion takes up a lot of the department's resources.

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Brookfield Common becomes



The gazebo on Brookfield Common was decorated for Spookfield on Oct. 4.

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BROOKFIELD – The Brookfield Common was the home of Spookfield 2025 on Oct. 4 and it was a spooky time for the community.

The Brookfield Cultural Council organized the event, and the theme for this year

was "Season of the Village Witch." The entire event took place on Brookfield Common and the library annex space.

The common had various activities for kids to enjoy including a bounce house, face painting, a make and take craft table, and wand making. For entertainment, live music was performed by

Ryan McKenzie. The gazebo was decorated for the occasion, covered in Halloween lights.

Later in the evening was a performance by the Southern New England Witch Dancers Troupe. It was the season of the village witch,

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Firelight waved as Masters of the Flame performed at the Village.

Phantoms by Firelight arrives at OSV

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STURBRIDGE – For the month of October, Old Sturbridge Village becomes the land of Phantoms by Firelight.

This past week featured the opening night of this enchanted Halloween experience with performances by members of Cyrkus Vampyr. This group of traveling performers arrived at the Village and used the night sky to their advantage by igniting with fire-breathing acts and death-defying performances by amazing talents.

As part of the Halloween experience, Old Sturbridge Village got guests involved in their own version of trick-or-treat, Clues & Candy. Guests collected a Clues & Candy card as they entered the Village and set out to collect all the stamps to complete the card. At the end of the evening, guests could turn in their cards for a bag of treats at the Ox & Yoke Café.

To keep warm, the Village Common had a bonfire operating and historians will be entertaining guests with family-friendly spooky stories.

Tom Kelleher was one of the historians who told stories as guests got warm by the fire. Kelleher's stories were both spooky and

The Cyrkus Vampyr performers consisted of Tatiana and Nikolai defying gravity. Their act took place on the Village Common just in front of the center meetinghouse. Tatiana tiptoed above a fire board and soon took to the air.

Alexander was another performer who is known as the Man Upside Down. His tricks consisted of obstacles he would cross by the strength of his hands and feet in the air. Music was provided by Svetlana and the Dragan and musical accompaniment by Fox and the Dragon.

Over by the mill pond and sawmill was the fire show. This show was called Masters of the Flame, performed by the duo, Anastasia and Lucinda. Both performers were able to move fire by hand and brought the firelight to the village.

At the Bixby House Field there was Philomena and Her Magic Rope. Philomena defied gravity by reaching higher and higher

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Guests received this card for Clues & Candy and got it stamped throughout the village in exchange for treat bags.

entertaining.

The bonfire stories were a big hit during Phantoms by Firelight.

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Quabbin Days kicked off at Visitor Center

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BELCHERTOWN – The inaugural Quabbin Days kicked off this past Friday at the Quabbin Visitor Center.

Quabbin Days is a celebration of the beauty and heritage of the Quabbin Region and the towns that surround it. This newly incorporated celebration consists of four days across various towns that are connected to the Quabbin Reservoir.

This kick-off helped promote the Quabbin region and what it has to offer.

“It’s just an amazing place right in our backyard,” said Clayton Sydla, president of the Quabbin Fisherman’s Association.

Sydla says this kickoff is about the opportunities the Quabbin offers, including being a wonderful place to fish. The weather was perfect for the occasion as various state legislators attended the kick-off to honor the Quabbin and its past.



Clayton Sydla is the President of the Quabbin Fisherman’s Association, who spoke highly on the opportunities Quabbin offers.

Project Coordinator Ed Comeau spoke first and he said he hoped everyone in attendance appreciated the sheer beauty of where they live as Quabbin is their neighbor. The towns surrounding the Quabbin hope to promote tourism, hiking, and various opportunities for visitors all over the world



Pictured left to right are Sen. Jo Comerford, Office of State Sen. Peter Durant Communications Director Kim Mongeau, Quabbin Fisherman’s Association President Clayton Sydla, state Rep. Todd Smola, Ed Comeau of Friends of Quabbin, state Sen. Jake Oliveira, state Rep. Aaron Saunders, and state Rep. Susannah Whipps. This was during the kickoff of Quabbin Days at the Quabbin Visitor Center.

to enjoy.

“I hope Quabbin Days becomes an annual tradition,” Comeau said.

The first to speak during the kickoff was state Sen. Jake Oliveira, who is a big advocate of the Quabbin Reservoir. Oliveira mentioned that many residents who live in the eastern part of Massachusetts don’t realize that their drinking water comes from the Quabbin.

Many western Massachusetts towns are also served water by the Quabbin Reservoir.

Providing the Quabbin Reservoir involved a lot of sacrifice, including the disincorporation of four Massachusetts towns, Enfield, Dana, Prescott and Greenwich. The project also provided a lot of jobs in the 1930s and 1940s and Oliveira shared that his grandfather was employed during this project that created the reservoir.

Oliveira had a lot of memories from going to the Quabbin and sees it as a very special place. Oliveira ended by presenting a citation from

the Senate and was given to Comeau and the Friend of the Quabbin in recognition of this four-day celebration to honor the Quabbin.

State Rep. Aaron Saunders came up to speak and said “we have a complicated relationship with the Quabbin.” Having the Quabbin provides recreational opportunities, tourism and natural beauty of the region.

Saunders wanted to acknowledge the surrounding towns and local boards who do a lot to keep this resource going.

Senator Jo Comerford spoke next and feels it is “our job to recognize and honor that service” of what it took to bring Quabbin Reservoir to this region. Comerford hopes Quabbin Days will continue for years to come and offers opportunity for many residents of eastern and western Massachusetts.

Next to speak was state Rep. Todd Smola, who is quite the fisherman, who says it is a spectacular experience to explore this body of water on the actual water. Four towns were moved off the map to provide this water resource that serves over 2.5 million people.

“We’re proud of this re-

source,” Smola said. “Make sure the voice of the Quabbin is heard.”

Representative Susannah M. Whipps came up to speak next and mentioned how many residents of the Commonwealth depend on this water source. Whipps finds it important to pay attention and be stewards of this region.

Sydla spoke and expressed appreciation for all the representatives and senators who watch over the Quabbin and make sure it is still supported. With Quabbin Days officially kicked off, Sydla hopes to see more people explore Quabbin in the near future. Sydla enjoys going out on the water and is a well-accomplished fisherman with 11 gold pins.

Former State Trooper and Selectman for the Town of Ware, John Carroll came out during the kickoff. Carroll said it was nice to recognize the sacrifices people of the four lost towns made to benefit the Commonwealth.

Carroll always appreciated the beauty of the Quabbin and describes it as an amazing place. Carroll enjoys walking the dam daily and views spectacular sunsets.

Many guests stuck around

to explore the visitor center, which featured displays and history of the Quabbin, as well as a documentary presentation on how the Quabbin was built back in the 1930s.

Comeau is on the executive board of the Friends of the Quabbin and hopes after this first celebration of Quabbin Days, the Quabbin will build on this momentum. The inspiration of Quabbin Days came from the passion of enjoying the Quabbin and the economic drive for tourism.

Quabbin Days has encouraged towns, local businesses, and community groups in the Quabbin region



State Rep. Aaron Saunders spoke during the kickoff of Quabbin Days.



Sen. Jo Comerford spoke on the importance of recognizing the service and sacrifice it took to construct the Quabbin Reservoir.

to host events that highlight the region’s heritage and natural beauty.

Comeau views this first year as a big success and the Friends of Quabbin will continue to improve on it. Comeau is also a nature photographer and has been involved in photography for many years and says he enjoys it so much.

For more information on Quabbin Days, visit quabbin-days.org.



The Visitor Center was open for guests to explore the history of the Quabbin, including the documentary about how it was constructed in the 1930s.

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QVARC to host October meeting Featuring DMR demo

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club welcomes all amateur radio operators and those interested in the hobby to its monthly meeting, where members explore a wide range of topics related to ham radio, public service, and emergency communications.

This month’s meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. (a change from the usual last-Tuesday schedule to accommodate other events). The meeting takes place at the West Brookfield Senior

Center, 162 West Main St.

The featured topic for October is Digital Repeaters and DMR (Digital Mobile Radio). DMR is a digital voice and data protocol that allows for clear, efficient communication and supports multiple conversations on a single frequency. It’s increasingly popular among amateur radio operators for its versatility and performance.

In addition to the presentation, attendees will be treated to a live demonstration of DMR in action, offering a hands-on look

at how this technology works and how it can be integrated into personal or emergency communication setups.

QVARC meetings are open to all-whether you’re a licensed ham, studying for your license, or simply curious about the world of amateur radio. The club also offers regular license testing for those looking to obtain their amateur radio license.

For more information about the club, upcoming events, or licensing opportunities, visit QVARC.com.

Library hosts annual craft fair on Oct. 18

EAST BROOKFIELD – The East Brookfield Public Library, 122 Connie Mack Drive, will hold its Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Stop by to support local artists and start your holiday shopping early. There will be knitters, doll makers, candles, woodwork, adult clothing protectors, painters and many more.

This program is free and open to the public.

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Inaugural Enchanted Market held in Brookfield

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BROOKFIELD – The Brookfield Rod & Gun Club hosted the very first Mystics & Makers Enchanted Market this past weekend.

Despite the oncoming nor'easter the Enchanted Market was ready to go on with over a dozen vendors, crafters, artisans, food, readings and good vibes.

This event was organized by Lulu's AvalonRose Cottage of Spencer. This cottage believes in the power of nature and spirit. Wanting to promote spirituality, the operators of Lulu's AvalonRose Cottage wanted to host a psychic event and market in the local area.

Associates Lauren and Candace thought of the idea of a market featuring crafters and artisans and came up with Mystics & Makers Enchanted Market. The duo connected with members of the Brookfield Rod & Gun Club and allowed them to of-



Jewelry and magical textiles made by The Queen's Grove.

fer this first-time market.

Lulu's AvalonRose Cottage had a booth featuring organic herb, tea, and skin-care products. This cottage is committed to embracing a holistic approach, blending nature's gifts with spiritual tools. At the market, Lulu's also had jewelry, candles, and baked goods. They also

offered metaphysical tools including items like crystals, candles, herbs, incense, journals, oils and tarot cards.

To a writer's surprise, there were various types of soaps, including one called "Drago" soap.

"It empowers your dragon soul," Lauren said.

Inside the club there were

psychic readings and healings of all kinds. Families and friends came out from all over New England to explore and support local vendors and experience psychic readings and healings.

One Massachusetts-based vendor who attended the enchanted market was the



Hand burned woodcrafts by Mad Crafterz.

Queen's Grove.

This is a traveling witch and pagan shop featuring hand crafted jewelry, textiles, metaphysical tools, and healing services.

The Queen's Grove offers a fresh approach to witchcraft and pagan spirituality, brought to life by Ealdgyth, Sionnach and Hawkeye.

Queen's Grove also offers various spiritual services. These services include energy healing, spiritual counseling

and past life regressions

Members of Lulu's AvalonRose Cottage look forward to hosting the Mystics & Makers Enchanted Market on an annual basis. The cottage is looking to host another market sometime in the spring.

Lulu's AvalonRose Cottage is located at 137 West Main St. in Spencer. More information can be found at avalonrosecottage.com.

Historical Society presents program on Louisa May Alcott

STURBRIDGE – On Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., the Sturbridge Historical Society is hosting local resident Ellen Duzak who will present the program "Strolling Through Concord with Louisa May Alcott," at the Publick House.

It is amazing to reflect upon the remarkable women and men who inhabited 19th century Concord. Henry James referred to that town as the "biggest little place in America."

Using the lens of Louisa May Alcott's young experience of living with all the literary greats of the American Renaissance as her neighbors and friends, this lecture will explore the town and its vibrant and innovative cultural revolution. Visits to

the homes and lives of Emerson, Thoreau, Hawthorne and wife Sophia Peabody, and visiting guest Margaret Fuller, and of course Louisa's own Alcott home, are highlights of the townwide stroll.

Ellen Duzak is a retired Professor of Psychology at Becker College. For a decade after retiring, she taught courses on historical and literary giants of the New England area at the Worcester Institute for Senior Education at Assumption College. Recently, she has given lectures in local libraries and civic organizations.

She has had a passionate love of the Concord area, its political and literary history and its people, since first visiting Louisa May Alcott's

Orchard House as a child. With her husband, she has been a colonial re-enactor in the Concord area as well as in Sturbridge.

She is active in the Joshua Hyde Public Library and has been a part of their book discussions for over 30 years.

Duzak will challenge the audience to imagine living in Concord in the 1840s when this first truly American literary voice and ethos bloomed. Then, she will ask the group to imagine how 1840s Sturbridge area residents would have responded to these radical ideas that were forming our American voice in literature and ethics. The program is free and open to the public and is graciously hosted by the Publick House.

Registration open for EQLT's Station Loop Ramble

NEW BRAINTREE – The East Quabbin Land Trust will hold its 14th annual Station Loop Ramble on Sunday, Oct. 19 beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the start on Depot Road at the intersection of West and Hardwick Roads on part of the Mass. Central Rail Trail.

This is a new course due to construction. The five mile classic is a hilly road race with a flat fast finish on Hardwick Road. The Kids Run and 5K run/walk are entirely on a flat course on the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The race begins and ends at the site of the former New Braintree Train Station, travels past scenic farmland, through deep woods and skirts the Ware River. Adults must accompany children running this course. Each mile is marked and mid-run water supply is provided.

Start times are 9:30 a.m. for five and under 200 foot dash and 9:40 a.m. for the ¼ mile 6-12 year old run. The 5K starts at 10 a.m. and the 5 mile classic at 10:05 a.m.

There will be post race refreshments, games, entertainment and more. Award ceremony is at 11 a.m. Entry fee is free for ages 5 and under, \$10 for ages 6-12, \$25 early bird online registration by Friday, Oct. 17 (10% discount for seniors, veterans and first responders) and \$30 day of race. A family registration for up to six members is \$35.

For more information, people may visit www.EQLT.org/station-loop-ramble/ or call 413-477-8229.

Pumpkin Walk & Carving Contest comes to Riverlands

STURBRIDGE – The Sturbridge Conservation Department is thrilled to host this brand-new community event – the first ever Sturbridge Pumpkin Walk & Carving Contest – a glowing night of fall fun at the Riverlands.

The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 6-8 p.m. at the Riverlands Trail, 52 Stallion Hill Road.

A half-mile loop will be

lined with glowing carved pumpkins. There will be contest categories for kids, teens, adults, and local businesses, and there will be a special category for hand-painted pumpkins (ages 5 and under)

This event is free to attend and fun for all ages.

Want to enter? Register your pumpkin at the Conservation Commission's page at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/conservation-commission/pages/great-sturbridge-pumpkin-walk-carving-contest-2025>.

Pumpkin drop-off is 4:30-5:30 p.m. on the event day. A complete list of contest rules is posted on the above website.

Volunteers are welcome to help make this magical night happen. For more information, contact Lauren Vivier at 508-347-2506 or LVivier@sturbridge.gov.

that fee," Petraitis said.

In regard to the denial of an abatement request for the St. Clair Avenue property, Petraitis said the homeowner had their sewer tie-in fee of approximately \$4,000-5,000 waived after it was discovered that the house was not connected to the town's system.

Petraitis said the issue came to light several winters ago, when a freeze caused the sewer to back up in the homeowner's house. A scope of the lines showed that the house was not tied in to the sewer system, and further investigation through use of a dye test showed that the sewage was being emptied directly into a storm drain.

He said once the issue was detected, the homeowner was immediately tied in to the system by the Highway and Sewer departments.

"There was no great loss on this customer's part to North Brookfield," Petraitis said. "North Brookfield took care of him."

Petraitis said the homeowner requested a large abatement for their sewer fees after

it was found the house was not tied in, but he explained that the homeowner was still utilizing the town's infrastructure. This abatement request was recommended by the Sewer Commission but denied by the Board of Selectmen.

"Mass General Law has something that the town can adopt that says if the sewer goes by your house, whether you use it or not, you pay for it," he explained. "North Brookfield adopted that way back in the day. So therefore, he's still using our infrastructure and he's still supposed to pay for it according to Mass General Law."

In terms of changes being made in the Sewer Department, Petraitis said the board is looking to shift the sewer billing to quarterly invoices. He said this change would be of benefit to both the residents and town, making it easier for sewer users to stay current in their billing.

"We're going to end up going to quarterly billing because it's better," he said.

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in Valeri's resignation letter referenced abatement requests for properties on Union Street and St. Clair Avenue.

Petraitis said the homeowner of the Union Street property requested an abatement after watering their lawn, which was denied by the board at a recent meeting, as it did not meet the criteria for an abatement.

He also explained that when the town issues an abatement, currently, it is based off an average of the sewer user's last three bills.

"It doesn't go by usage, which is problematic when you do the abatement," Petraitis said, adding that the town is looking into changing this policy.

The recent \$130 per user increase in the minimum charge further complicates the way an abatement is calculated.

"If we had allowed that abatement, we probably would have had to give every single user an abatement for

Senior Center lists upcoming events in October

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Senior Center, located at 29 Forest St., will offer the following events and activities during the month of October.

Oct. 20, Music Bingo at 10 a.m.; Oct. 23, Free Art Class at 11 a.m.; Oct. 28, A.I. for Seniors at 11 a.m.; Oct. 29, Halloween Party at noon; and Oct. 30, Free Drawing Class at

11 a.m. Medicare Help will be available every Thursday, beginning Oct. 16. Please call 508-867-0220 for an appointment.

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Jack Frost has come and gone; time to review

Usually we have a few nights that teeter around the freezing mark each fall, giving us an advanced warning of sorts, before a real deal killer frost strikes. Not so this year.

I tuned into the weather last Tuesday night and to my shock, we were expecting temperatures to dip into the mid to high 20s Thursday night into Friday morning! That meant going into extreme harvest mode to get everything indoors that needed to be and trying to cover what I couldn't get to.

I was trying to hold off on harvesting my Butternut winter squash, hoping for the green tinges of the skin to fade to a warm buff color, but by the time Wednesday rolled around I had to give in and pick them. I think they are mostly ripe.

I grew three total hills this year, two of a variety Mom had saved the seeds of and one of a highly touted, powdery mildew resistant F1 hybrid by the name of "Little Dipper." I was lured in by the catalog description that promised seven plus fruits per plant.

From my two plants in that one hill, I harvested 15. Pretty good, I'll say! They range in weight from just about a pound and a half to over five pounds, with most around the 3.5 pound mark.

I already cut into one, and roasted it. Not being used to such a dry texture, I added a little water when I whipped it up and it was flavorful enough. And true to its description in the Fedco catalog (fedcoseeds.com) it was indeed powdery mildew resistant.

The leaves were incredibly green and still pumping out flowers until they were struck by frost. Will I grow it again? Yes.

One mention: the seeds took forever to germinate. I start mine indoors in early May. They were easily a week or 10 days behind the open pollinated squash and pumpkins I germinated indoors.

Another squash that was new to my garden this year was an Acorn squash by the name of "Festival" from Renee's Garden (reenebgarden.com). I typically don't veer from growing butternuts due

to a heavy load of squash vine borers on all other species, but the seed packet was so pretty that I succumbed to an "impulse buy."

I figured I could grow them to eat, and also use them for autumn decorations. The cream-colored squash are splashed with orange, yellow and/or green and reportedly will keep up to three months.

From four plants I harvested 21 squash; not too shabby for vines that are semi bush. I tried two plants in one of my raised beds as an experiment, and they did great there, as did the two in the main garden.

I cut one in half, removed the seeds and roasted it cut side down until fork tender. To me, acorns are on the blah side but all that changes with the addition of some maple syrup.

As far as the vine borers go, the plants were early to bear and quick to ripen. By the time the borers discovered them most fruits were curing right on the plants. I'll definitely be growing them again.

Mouse Melon, also known as Cucamelon was a newbie as well, and one that I was not sad to see go when the frost hit. I sowed the seeds indoors and planted the transplants along one side of an A-frame trellis. By August I had the cutest mini-watermelons, think the size that would be perfect Barbie Doll food!

My appreciation for this trial ended with its cuteness, however. To me it tasted like a bitter cucumber, with a little bit of a kick to it. Not a fan.

I did end them in the Ware Grange fair, however, and won first place in the "any other" category!

Stay tuned next week for more reviews and also what strategies worked and what didn't!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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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I'm in poor health and need to know my Social Security options

Dear Rusty:
I plan to stop working very soon.

My health is not good. I am 66 years old, born in June 1959, so my full retirement age is 66 years and 10 months. My wife passed away in March 2024 and she was collecting SS benefits when she died. I have no dependent children. In general, what benefits am I entitled to?

Signed: Unhealthy and Struggling

Dear Unhealthy and Struggling:

Sorry to hear that your health is failing and that you will need to stop working soon. But do not fear, Social Security will be there for you. Here is some info to help you decide your next possible steps:

Since you will not reach your full retirement age until next year in April 2026, your earnings limit from working for this year is \$23,400 or \$1,950/month. The earnings limit will apply only if you decide to claim Social Security early (this year).

If you decide to take Social Security this year, your earnings from before you take SS won't count, but your monthly earnings for the remaining months of this year will be subject to the 2025 monthly limit (\$1,950). If your monthly earnings exceed that amount, you won't be entitled to SS benefits for that month, unless your total earnings for 2025 are less than \$23,400. If you don't exceed the annual limit, your 2025 Social Security benefits won't be affected by your work earnings.

Next year, the year you attain your Full Retirement Age, your earnings limit will be much higher about 2.5 times more or something more than about \$63,000. If your 2026 earnings up through March do not exceed that limit, then you can claim your SS benefits a bit earlier in 2026 before



your FRA and your benefits won't be affected, except that your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced by .556% for each month you claim before your FRA.

For example, if you were to claim for your SS to start in January 2026, you would get 98.3% of your FRA amount. So, provided your work earnings won't exceed about \$63,000 between January and March 2026, you could claim effective January 2026 without worrying about Social Security's earnings test.

So, depending upon your health, you could claim SS to start in January 2026, likely without worry about the earnings test and would get about 98.3% of your FRA benefit. Or, health permitting, you could wait to claim SS starting in April 2026 to get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. Point is, you just need to be careful not to exceed Social Security's earnings tests prior to reaching your Full Retirement Age or SS will take away some of your benefits.

They "take away" by withholding future monthly payments as long as needed to recover what you owe. Worse case penalty for exceeding the 2026 monthly limit would be no benefits for any month you exceed about \$5,300 or a penalty of \$1 for every \$3 over the limit if you exceed the 2026 annual limit before your FRA.

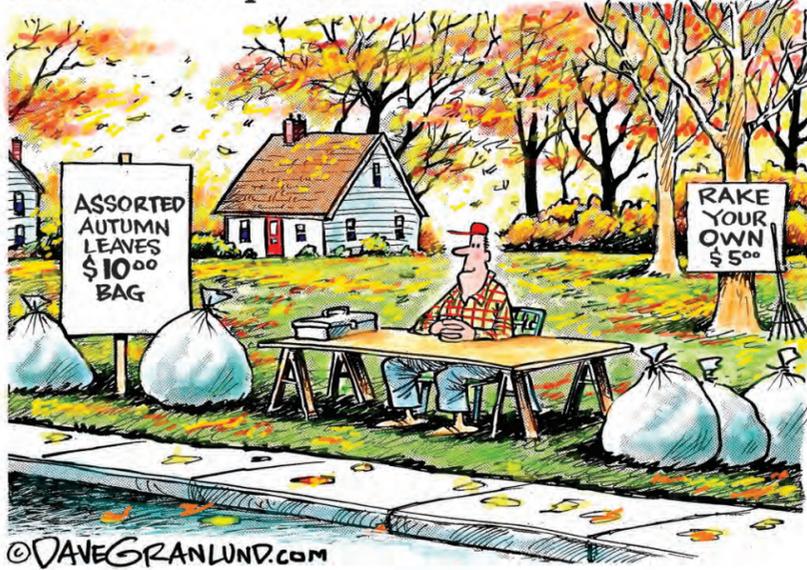
You do, however, have another option as your wife's surviving spouse: You can claim your benefit as a surviving spouse prior to claiming your own SS retirement amount. But the earnings test described above (if you claim before your FRA) would also apply to your survivor benefits. So, again, your plans for working enter this decision. If

you decide to stop working this year, you could, for example, decide to claim your survivor benefit this year and collect that until you reach your FRA in April 2026 when you would get 100% of your personal SS retirement amount. In fact, you might even decide to collect your survivor benefit longer, allowing your own SS benefit to grow until you are 70, at which time you would get about 25% more than your FRA amount. Indeed, if your survivor benefit is higher than your personal age 70 amount, you can just continue to claim the higher amount.

I suggest that when you decide that you must stop working full time, you contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to discuss whether it is best to claim your survivor benefit from your wife first and delay claiming your own until a later time to get a higher amount. You can make an appointment to discuss your options with SS over the phone, before deciding when (and what) to claim. And, of course, if you have any further questions, we are always here to assist you with your decision.

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Darlene Dean, left, and Gwen Yaskoski of the Brookfield Congregational Church kept busy with all the pies.



The Brookfield Congregational Church baked 260 apple pies for this year's Apple Country Fair.



The design of the apple life cycle was created by students of Willow Brook Academy.

APPLE COUNTRY FAIR FROM PAGE 1

nesses and restaurants. Another known tradition at the fair is the quilt. This is a centerpiece of the Apple Country Fair and is part of the finale to wrap up the fair. This year's quilt was beautifully designed by Denise Charpentier, Marie Op-rica, and Susan Finney. The design of the quilt is different each year, and this year's quilt was all about flowers. Raffle tickets for the quilt were sold by the Brookfield Community Club at the raffle table on the day of the fair. Fairgoers could also buy tickets to win other prizes provided by various local businesses. The Brookfield Community Club produces other events throughout the year,

according to Emily Byrer of the club. The club also hosts its annual Earthy Day clean up. After nearly half a century, the Apple Country Fair is the largest event put on by the Brookfield Community Club. "The largest event the club produces," Byrer said. Over by the gazebo was the art display by students of Willow Brook Academy in Brookfield. Shelby Hill of the Academy greeted fairgoers passing by the art display as it showed the talented artwork themed with apples and apple pie. Students also decorated an example of the life cycle of an apple. Another popular tradition of the Apple Country Fair is apple pie. Members of the Brookfield Congregational Church made 260 apple pies in this year's fair.

Speaking of Apple Country, members of Apple Country Radio/WACF-LP had a booth to share information about the local radio station. Since signing on the air in 2017, Apple Country Radio has been operating at

an old office space that was donated by Gavitt Wire Cable Company at 20 Central St. This Brookfield-based community radio station is relocating to a leased space at the Brookfield Town Hall.

Sharon Mahoney and Kevin Erkkila were sharing information about the radio station during the Apple Country Fair. Apple Country Radio provides music, news and entertainment to the greater Brookfield area. It also promotes and supports community arts, educational, cultural and municipal events and activities. The station also provides public service announcements and up to the minute emergency information. The Brookfield Congregational Church was busy hosting a tag sale during the fair. Various items were available, including some adorable ceramic piggy banks. Jessica Safford and her wonderful assistant Willa Safford of Metamorphosis Hair Design offered

feather hair extensions at their booth, which was stationed just in front of the church. There was also a booth for (SONG) Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, an organization caring for orphaned children since 1999. Providing the information was Support Coordinator, Tim Kane. The Apple Country Fair also hosted an apple pie contest. Entries for the contest were accepted at the Brookfield Fire Station next to the Town Hall. The categories are for children under 12, ages 13-19, and adults ages 20 and older. The Annual Apple Country Fair is a beloved community event put together by volunteers and helps enrich community life.



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Women entrepreneurs who have helped to shape the world

The business landscape is continually evolving, shaped by the relentless determination and innovative spirit of visionary leaders of industry. Entrepreneurs come in many types, and a significant percentage of trailblazers are women. Women entrepreneurs have built global empires and inspired many young girls and women to follow in their footsteps.

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor says one in three high-growth entrepreneurs and nearly two in five export-oriented startups were led by women, according to its latest report of women's progress in entrepreneurship over the past 25 years. Forty-two percent of all American firms are women-owned businesses, according to Ecommerce-tips.org. In many regions, women are driving forces behind new business creation. Here's a deeper look at some of the women entrepreneurs that have made their mark.

• **Oprah Winfrey:** It wouldn't be a complete list of women entrepreneurs without Oprah Winfrey. Despite a challenging childhood, Winfrey built a multimedia empire from the ground up, becoming a self-made entrepreneur. From her talk show to the founding of Harpo Productions and the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN), Winfrey became the first Black woman to achieve billionaire status.

• **Melanie Perkins:** Perkins is the co-founder of the popular graphic design platform Canva. At around age 19, Perkins had the idea to make graphic design accessible to everyone, even those without many design skills. She persevered despite facing numerous rejections from investors. Now Canva is a multi-billion dollar global success story.

• **Whitney Wolfe Herd:** Online dating has helped pair many successful couples. Many have Herd to thank, as she is the CEO of the dating app Bumble. The concept of the app is unique from other platforms, as it requires women to make the first move, a concept that has helped empower women. At 31, Herd became the youngest woman to take a

U.S. company public.

• **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw:** Shaw is an Indian billionaire entrepreneur, and the executive chairperson and founder of Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited. These are biotechnology companies based in Bangalore, India. Shaw is known for being India's first woman entrepreneur and the country's richest self-made woman.

• **Arianna Huffington:** Huffington is a digital journalism pioneer. She is the co-founder of The Huffington Post and founder and CEO of Thrive Global, a wellness and health platform.

This is just a short list of the many women entrepreneurs that have helped shape the world.



Mary C. McGovern, MBA Country Bank President & Chief Executive Officer

Mary McGovern brings more than 36 years of experience in the financial services industry to her role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Country Bank, where she is proud to serve as the institution's first female leader. A results-driven executive, Mary is recognized for her authentic leadership style that blends innovation, collaboration, and compassion.

Since stepping into the role, she has embraced opportunities to inspire others and elevate women in leadership, from speaking engagements to mentorship. She currently serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Bankers Association, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Housing Authority, extending her impact beyond banking into community well-being.

Mary's leadership and achievements have been recognized by both the Worcester Business Journal and Hannaford Supermarkets, honoring her as one of Massachusetts' outstanding women in business. She remains dedicated to advancing Country Bank's mission while empowering its people, customers, and communities to thrive.



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Cassie Paloucci Broker/Owner, Post Road Realty

In 2002, Cassie Paolucci and her husband, John Paolucci, opened Main Street Liquors in West Brookfield.

In 2005, Cassie received her realtor license and began selling real estate for Quaboag Valley Real Estate. Cassie earned her broker license and opened Post Road Realty in 2013 with husband John.

"I love meeting people and helping people with one of their biggest purchases in life," said Cassie. "I maintain relationships, not just clients but friends. I value all my past and future clients and have worked hard to have solid friendships."

Cassie also operates Post Road Storage, which has just become Post Road Storage & Billboards. "It's a resource that Post Road can offer their clients storage space, either before the move in or move out stages. And now, we offer billboards which opens doors to local businesses to market themselves." Cassie also has rental properties which is often used as a benefit to the buyers or sellers of the properties.

Cassie has a strong knowledge of the construction industry. She has built new homes and renovated homes for resale. "Knowing the contractors and the costs of building, helps me provide a stronger input to a seller or buyer that they can count on," said Cassie.

Cassie has a daughter, Isabella, and a son, Vinny, and three dogs, Gino, Enzo and Rocko. On her off time, she enjoys gardening, camping. She has chickens and three beehives.

"It's not just a job, it's a passion. This job is not all roses but the satisfaction of helping a family makes it right for me," said Cassie.



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Pictured are Chris Jeffery, Jessica Morra and Lauren Jeffery

Christine Pekala Jeffery was raised in Monson, graduated from The Cooley Dickinson Hospital School of Nursing and worked at Mary Lane Hospital.

In 1976 she married Reid C. Jeffery. They have 2 children, Reid Jr. and Jessica. After Virginia Jeffery retired in 1983 began working at Jeffery and Son Deputy Collectors and later became President of Jeffery and Jeffery Inc.

Christine is active in mission and ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. Member of MA Collector/Treasurer's Association, National Altar Guild Association, Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and Clowns of America Inc. She enjoys walking on the beach at Cape Cod and expeditions and adventures with Reid.

Jessica Jeffery Morra born in Ware, graduate of Wilbraham Monson Academy 00' and Union College 04'. Married to Robert Morra 2010 with two kids Annabelle and Jameson. Currently a resident of Belchertown. I have been working at Jeffery & Jeffery Inc. full time since 2004, but in reality, it has been in my blood since the day I was born. In her free time, she is busy shuttling her kids to dance, soccer softball, baseball, basketball, drum and guitar lessons. She also enjoys playing pickleball and relaxing on her front porch with her husband.

Lauren E. Adamczyk Jeffery, born in N.C., raised in Ware. Lauren worked in the insurance industry prior to joining the family business in 2008. Lauren married Reid C. Jeffery Jr. in 2001 and they share 4 children. In her spare time Lauren enjoys gardening, cooking, is a expert seamstress and doing construction at her father's business.

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Warriors fall to Orioles

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—It doesn't matter if a team has an undefeated record or a winless record, Belchertown girls' varsity soccer coach Kyle Thibeault always treats each opponent the same way.

The Belchertown Lady Orioles held a 2-0 halftime lead against Tantasqua Regional in a non-league home match.

The Lady Warriors, who made the trip to Western Mass. looking to celebrate their first win of the season, had a couple of chances to tie the score at the start of the second half, but were unable to accomplish the feat. The Lady Orioles put the game out of reach with three more goals leading to



Kylie Somers looks for a throw-in.



Tess Alexander possesses the ball near the sideline.

a 5-0 victory, last Wednesday night.

"Every team that we play is going to give us a hard fought battle," Thibeault said. "You just have to show up and play every game at a high level. You can't look at a team's record. Tantasqua battled us for almost the entire game."

The Lady Warriors (0-12) are members of the new Central Mass. Athletic Conference (A) Division, along with Sutton, Nipmuc, Douglas, and Auburn.

It was the fourth meeting on the soccer pitch between Tantasqua and Belchertown since 2022.

While the Lady Orioles squeaked out a 4-3 win in last year's meeting in Fiskdale, the Lady Warriors posted a 3-0 victory in their first visit to the Belchertown High School stadium grass field in 2023.

Last Wednesday's home

win improved the Lady Orioles overall record to 5-6-2. They're members of the Coombs Division and were ranked 11th in the MIAA Division 3 power rankings.

"I think we're capable of competing against any team on our schedule," Thibeault said. "Most of the teams in our league are in Division 2, which helps us in the state rankings."

The contest remained scoreless until the 25th minute of the opening half.

That's when the Lady Orioles finally broke the ice with a corner kick goal.

Sophomore Adelina Gualberto booted the ball into the box from the right corner where it was headed by senior Alexa Karabetsos into the left corner of the net past senior goalie Sarah Parsons (19 Saves).

"Set pieces are always

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Emma Pesaturo plays the ball off her body.



Kina Demears looks to make a pass to her left.

Tantasqua football nipped at home

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

FISK DALE—Ken Lachapelle won his first game as the head coach of the Northbridge High School football team during the fall of 1975. He became the first high school football coach in Massachusetts to win 400 games last November.

Lachapelle, who's planning to retire from coaching at the end of this season, entered last Friday night's non-league contest at Tantasqua Regional with a 404-140-6 overall record.

The Warriors came very close to celebrating a victory against the Rams, but the visitors from the Blackstone Valley escaped with a 21-20 victory before a large crowd.

"Our kids played very hard in tonight's game," said Tantasqua head coach Nate Orzech. "We just made a couple of costly mistakes at the end of the game. We just needed one first down to win the game. There are some things that we'll learn from this loss."

It was the first meeting on the gridiron between the two teams since 2021.

"This was the first time that we faced Northbridge since I've been the Tantasqua head coach," Orzech said. "I have a ton of respect for coach Lachapelle and his team. We really wanted to win tonight's game."

Northbridge didn't have very much trouble posting a 36-0 home win against Tantasqua in 2021.

It was the first time the Rams played a regular season game at Tantasqua since 2019. The Warriors won that game by the final score of 21-6.

Both teams entered this year's meeting with a 3-1 overall record.

The Warriors, who were ranked ninth in the MIAA Division 4 power rankings, suffered a three point home loss to Grafton at the end of September.

Tantasqua's three victories so far this season came against Marlborough (27-7), East Longmeadow (17-14), and Nashoba Regional (35-21).

Both Northbridge and Tantasqua scored a touchdown during the first half.

The Rams, who were ranked ninth in the Division 7 power rankings, won the pregame coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff.

It took them almost eight minutes and 13 plays to reach the endzone for the first time.

Senior quarterback Joel Lachapelle, who's the grandson of the Rams head coach, ran the ball six times and completed three passes during the opening series.

With 4:08 left in the first quarter, Lachapelle called

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Comeback falls short for T-Birds on Opening Night

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (0-1-0-0) battled valiantly, but could not overcome an early three-goal hole in a 4-3 loss to the Charlotte Checkers (1-0-0-0) before a sold-out Opening Night crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center on Saturday night.

The season began with a dose of adversity just 19 seconds into the opening period, as Hunter Skinner and starting goaltender Vadim Zherenko miscommunicated on control of a loose puck, and Charlotte newcomer Jack Studnicka pounced to poke the loose puck into the yawning net to give the Checkers a 1-0 advantage.

The defending Eastern Conference champions then flexed their power play muscles at the 9:04 mark, as Ben Steeves rifled a one-timer over Zherenko's glove off a slick feed from Ryan McAllister, and the visitors' lead grew to 2-0.

Before the T-Birds could stop the barrage, Charlotte added still another when rookie defenseman Ludvig Jansson squeaked one through Zherenko on the short side at 11:28, and the deficit became 3-0.

Despite the tumultuous beginning, Springfield

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Pioneers beat Ware, even record



Adonis Dupre goes after the loose ball.



Jaleel Roman attempts a backwards pass.

PALMER – In a rematch between now two league rivals, Pathfinder boys soccer shut out Ware 4-0. The Pioneers improved to 6-6-1 while Ware fell to a disappointing 1-12-1. Brody Wetnicka had two goals while Owen Marion and Cayden Bousquet had the other goals. Jaleel Roman had two assists.



Owen Pear fights with a Ware midfielder for the ball.



Brody Wetnicka dekes to get around an opponent.



Abees Castillo-Clotter sends a pass away.

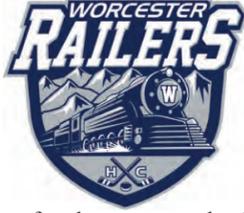


Cayden Bousquet receives a pass.

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Railers wrap up preseason with loss

BIDDEFORD, ME — The Worcester Railers HC (0-2-0-0) lost to the Maine Mariners (2-0-0-0) on Saturday, Oct. 11, in front of a crowd of 1,000 by a final score of 3-2 in favor of Maine at the Harold Alfond Forum in Biddeford, ME. The Railers open the regular season against the Maine Mariners next Saturday at the DCU Center on October 18th at 6:05 p.m. EDT.



net for the next stretch of the first, until Mariners' Robert Cronin sent a shot off the pads of Railers' goaltender Luke Pavicich, setting up a rebound shot for Wyllum Deveaux (1st), which broke past the goal line for Maine's second of the night at 17:42. Worcester looked to even the score, but found themselves trailing by a goal at the end of the period. Maine outshot Worcester 12-8 with no penalties or power-plays on either side.

Worcester opened up the scoring for the game early on, with JC Campaigna (1-0-1) nailing a shot into the Mariners net at just 0:30. Mariners responded 69 seconds later with a goal from Ty Cheveldayoff (2-1-3) at 1:39 to make it 1-1. Mariners center Wyllum Deveaux (1-0-1) landed a rebound goal towards the end of the period at 17:42, which gave Maine a 2-1 lead to finish the first. Worcester evened the score early in the second with a goal from Tyler Kobryn (1-0-1) off a rebound shot 3:59 into the frame. Mariners' Robert Cronin (1-0-1) secured the win for the night at the 17:26 of the third period after a battle at the net with Railers' goaltender Gale.

The Railers opened the first period with a winning faceoff that allowed them to get a point on the board early with a goal at just 0:30 from JC Campaigna (1st), assisted by Lincoln Hatten and Tanner Schachle to make it 1-0. The Mariners didn't wait long to even the score with a goal from Ty Cheveldayoff (2nd) at 1:39, just 69 seconds after the Worcester goal was made, assisted by Xander Lampapa and Linus Hemstrom. Neither team found the

the game so far, with two penalties from Mariners' Jacob Perreault and James Marooney. Maine outshot Worcester 17-9.

The Railers entered the third looking to take the lead for the second time. An early attempt to take the lead from Mariners' Zachary Massicotte passed the goal line after the referee whistle—on-ice officials determined no goal for the defenseman to keep the game nodded 2-2. Worcester's Nathan Burke received a two minute minor for tripping at 5:32, allowing the Mariners to go onto their first power-play of the game. Maine's Jacob Perreault followed Burke into the box shortly after with a slashing minor for four-on-four play and a brief 40 second power-play for Worcester. The Railers didn't wait long to head back into the box as Nick Pennucci served two minutes for a holding minor on Mariners' Tyler Cheveldayoff. Both teams looked to score and take the game, but it would be Maine's Robert Cronin (1st), assisted by Shawn Element and Xander Lampapa, who would secure the win for the Mariners at 17:26 by making it 3-2. Worcester followed the goal with a delay of game at the faceoff dot at 17:41, leading Maine to their third power-play of the night. Worcester had a late game opportunity, pulling Gale for an extra man on the ice to try and grab another goal but failed to find the net. Worcester had three penalties for the period, Nathan Burke, Nick Pennucci, and a delay of game served by Matt DeMelis. Maine had one with Mariners' right wing Jacob Perreault.

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critical in the game of soccer," Thibeault said. "You always need to capitalize on them. It was a nice header by Alexa."

It looked like the home team had taken a 2-0 lead in the 28th minute when a free kick sailed into the left corner, but a Lady Orioles player was offsides on the play.

In the 35th minute, sophomore Aubrey Klingensmith dribbled down the right side before firing a shot into the back of the net. Karabetsov, who's a captain, was credited with the assist.

Klingensmith, who missed her freshman season with an ACL injury, is following in the footsteps of her older sister, Avery, who's wrapping up her collegiate soccer career at American University.

Aubrey Klingensmith, who also scored the Lady Orioles' first two goals of the second half, recorded her first hat-trick in a varsity game.

"Aubrey's older sister was a great soccer player in high school," Thibeault said. "Aubrey missed last season with an ACL injury, so this her first season playing for the varsity team. I don't like to compare players, but Aubrey is quickly becoming a quality soccer player."

The hat-trick put Klingensmith at the top of the Lady Orioles scoring list



Hayden O'Malley sends a shot away.

with eight goals.

Trailing 2-0 at halftime, the Lady Warriors did have several very good scoring chances during the first ten minutes of the second half.

A high shot by senior Ashlee Rio was saved by freshman Ava Stelmokas (3 saves), who had replaced classmate Linnea Anderson (1 save) at the start of the second half.

The two goalies have split playing time for most of the regular season.

A couple of minutes later, a breakaway shot by Tantasqua freshman Jenna Cain deflected off the right post.

In the 51st minute, junior Tessa Sheldon fired another shot for the visiting team which sailed high over the crossbar.

Klingensmith scored her second goal in the middle of the second half, which was assisted by Karabetsov.

Three minutes later, senior Isabel Moreau sent a pass to Klingensmith, who capped off her memorable night by putting a low shot into the back of the net.

The Lady Orioles final goal of the home match was scored by senior Morghan Litz with ten minutes remaining in regulation

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his number in the huddle and scored on a three yard dash up the middle. Senior Jayden Wilson added the extra point.

The Warriors offense, which is led by sophomore quarterback Jack Nichols, began the ensuing series at their own 25 yard line.

Junior running back Sean Allen, who rushed for a total of 50 yards, gained 14 yards on the first down play.

The Warriors picked up another first down before being forced to punt.

After Tantasqua missed a 30-yard field goal attempt in the middle of the second quarter, the defense kept the Rams out of the endzone.

With 50 seconds left in the first half, the Rams offense turned the ball over on downs at the Warriors 22 yard line.

Instead of taking a knee, Nichols completed a 9-yard pass to senior Gabe Lopez on first down.

Nichols, who threw for a total of 248 yards, completed another 7-yard pass to Lopez and a 23-yard pass to Allen, which kept the War-

riors drive alive.

On the final play of the first half, Lopez made an amazing one-hand catch in the endzone.

"That was an incredible catch by Gabe at the end of the first half," Orzech said. "Jack also played very well. He made a couple of outstanding touchdown passes."

Allen added the extra point attempt tying the score at the half.

The Warriors took a 14-7 lead on the opening series of the second half when Nichols threw a 71-yard touchdown pass to senior Brady Willitts, who sprinted down the left sideline into the endzone.

With 5:39 left in the third quarter, Joel Lachapelle completed a pass to senior Antonio D'Alfonso on the left side. He then lateraled the ball back to junior Mo Rodney Daigle, who ran into the endzone.

Lachapelle threw another pass to D'Alfonso in middle of the endzone on the two-point conversion play giving the Rams a slim 15-14 lead.

The Warriors responded with a 13 play scoring drive,

which was capped off with a two-yard TD run by senior Brandon Denham with 9:49 left in the fourth quarter.

The Rams made the stop on the conversion play, which gave the home team a 20-15 lead.

It looked like Northbridge was about to score the go-ahead touchdown when Tantasqua junior Charley Mayo recovered a fumble at the Warriors 16 with 1:11 showing on the scoreboard clock.

Following a first down run by Allen, the Rams called their final timeout.

On the next play, senior Chase Lawson recovered a fumble which gave the Rams offense one final chance to retake the lead.

With 12 seconds left in regulation, senior Matt Coughlin caught a two-yard touchdown pass from Lachapelle giving the Rams a one point lead. Another pass on the conversion play dropped incomplete in the endzone.

It was a disappointing ending to a very exciting football game for the Warriors players and their supporters.

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fought back, beginning with Otto Stenberg pursuing a loose puck after being denied on a first attempt on Charlotte goalie Cooper Black. The second-year Swede chopped the second chance past Black, cutting the lead to 3-1 at 14:37.

Just 1:33 later, former Checker Matt Luff continued the momentum shift, arriving at a loose puck at the blue paint after a Skinner shot ricocheted off a teammate in the crease.

Luff played through to the whistle and jammed it under the fallen goaltender, and after so much had gone wrong to begin the night, the T-Birds had clawed to a 3-2 score heading into the second.

Charlotte, however, got right back to their power play excellence to begin the second, with rookie Jack Devine wiring a one-timer over Zherenko's shoulder at 2:11 of the second, restoring the insurance marker, 4-2.

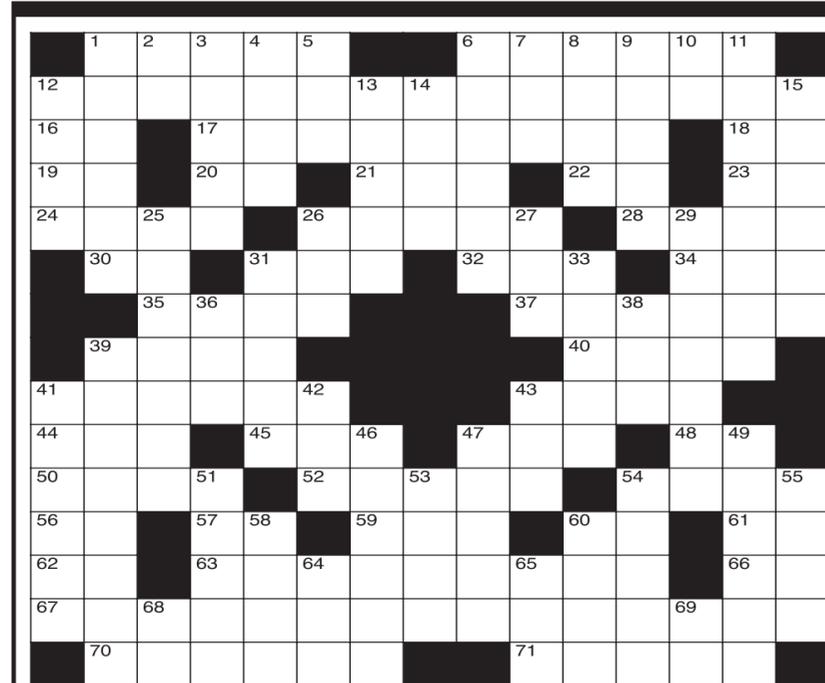
After six goals in the

game's first 22 minutes, both goaltenders settled down through the duration of the middle stanza, and the 4-2 score carried into the final period.

The third period proved to be tough sledding for both teams to locate offense, but with Zherenko on the bench with 1:23 to play, Juraj Pekarcik unleashed a one-time slapper past Black, cutting the lead back down to one, 4-3. Theo Lindstein also picked up his first AHL point with the primary assist.

Despite the tough beginning of his night, Zherenko showed great resilience in making 32 saves for the night. Black earned the victory with 26 stops in the Charlotte goal crease.

The T-Birds take to the road for the first time in the 2025-26 season next Saturday and Sunday for a pair of contests against the Hershey Bears.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Martial arts in China
6. The butt of jokes
12. Nevertheless
16. Sportscaster Michaels
17. A firm believer
18. Atomic #18
19. One's bestie
20. Of I
21. Hamburger accessory
22. Thus
23. Partner to Pa
24. Scottish tax
26. Cuts away
28. Require
30. Government lawyer
31. Own (Scottish)
32. Body cavity
34. Brew
35. Young woman (French)
37. Platforms
39. Pair of points in mathematics
40. Attack suddenly

CLUES DOWN

1. Ate quickly
41. Aviators
43. Make perfect
44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
45. Neither
47. The center of a city
48. Sacrifice hit in baseball
50. Singer Redding
52. Dragged forcibly
54. Puncture with a knife
56. Belonging to me
57. Expresses surprise
59. Haul
60. The Golden State
61. Biblical Sumerian city
62. Integrated circuit
63. Opposed to certain principles
66. Sodium
67. Qualities
70. Walk
71. It awaits us all

2. Peyton Manning's alma mater
3. Moves through water
4. Run away from
5. Utah resident
6. Natural objects
7. Children's game
8. Obligation to prove
9. Ancient Greek building for performances
10. Soldier
11. Decorated
12. Catches
13. Russell __, author
14. Speak indistinctly
15. Students get them
25. Japanese warrior
26. Dessert
27. Doleful
29. Most cushy
31. Moon crater
33. Small evergreen Arabian tree

36. Something fugitives are "on"
38. 007's creator
39. Paintings on hinged panels
41. Type of bomb
42. Japanese classical theater
43. U.S. gov't department
46. Flightless bird
47. One who cuts wood or stone
49. Buttock and thigh together
51. A way to gather
53. Body part
54. Argentinian city
55. Undergarments
58. Jai __, sport
60. Container for shipping
64. Type of screen
65. Get free of
68. Indicates position
69. Business department



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Old Sturbridge Village is hosting of Phantoms by Firelight this October.



The performance by Tatiana and Nikolai defied gravi



The announcement prior to the Masters of the Flame show.

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with the use of a dangling rope. The act featured some near falls that Philomena successfully avoided as the rope was her ally. The spotlight showed Philomena's shadow as she swung in the air during her performance.

For magic, there was Magnus the Magnificent, showcasing magic tricks, juggling, and a games alley. At one point during the show, Magnus would juggle fire.

For the guests, there was the Reaper's Maize over by the Gristmill. The field featured a high maze and in the distance you can see a statue of a glowing grim reaper. Thankfully, all guests made out of the maze in one piece.

Phantoms by Firelight concluded with a finale where all members of Cyrkus Vampyr came together on the Village Common for one final performance. The firelight was finally put out as the show came to a close, and it ended with a thunderous round of applause for the performers during Phantoms by Firelight.

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Anastasia and Lucinda performed with fire during Phantoms by Firelight.



Alexander is the Man Upside Down, who showed skills of balance and flexibility.



The finale featured all the performers of Cyrkus Vampyr.

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Highway Superintendent Randy Morgan said the need for matching funds would take up his budget and prevent any other work from being done in town.

Gilman said he attended a meeting with representatives from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, after the board decided they would not hold up the town's municipal paving project, which was conflicting with the coordinated project. He said the Water, Sewer and Highway department heads all agreed that municipal paving needed to move forward.

Gilman said he has also reached out to the Department of Transportation and the town's paving project leader to give them the go-ahead.

"We are not going to stand in the way, there's nothing in the way," Gilman said of the municipal paving project.

Gilman said at that point, the DOT was going to "pull the plug" on the municipal paving project to return at a future time. He said with the uncertainty of state and federal funding, it's important to complete the paving sooner than later.

"We need it now," he said.

Gilman said after this discussion with the DOT, the municipal paving plan was put back on track.

"Everybody seemed in line with this," he said.

Gilman said it's now the town's decision whether they move forward with the grant for the coordinated project or not.

He said the municipal paving project is also on hold due to "internal processes" at the DOT. He said there are four different towns looking to be part of the paving project, and North Brookfield is next in line.

Gilman said its now looking like the municipal paving wouldn't happen until next year.

"We can't have paving and the sidewalk being done...and the sidewalk that the only way it's going to get done is to use resources that we really don't have," Gilman said.

Board of Selectmen Clerk Ralph Kay asked if it was possible to put off the coordinated project, and reject the grant and re-apply for it in the future. He suggested the board investigate a different funding source for the project.

"I think we all agree that that match is impossible," Kay said.

Downtown Development

Committee Chair Sheila Orsi said it might be possible to extend the grant, rather than reject it. Petraitis said the match is still three-quarters of the Highway Department's annual budget.

Gilman said in talking to residents, the road conditions are of high importance to them.

"Paving is a pretty strong topic," Gilman said.

The Selectmen voted to reject the STRAP grant award due to the challenges of paying the matching portion.

Permitting software

Petraitis said the board met with the town's Building, Plumbing and Electrical inspectors regarding the need for software required to streamline the permitting process.

Petraitis said there are two different software models available, and one was significantly less expensive than the other. He said a funding source has not yet been identified for the purchase of the software, or its annual fees.

"The general consensus of the inspectors was that it would cost us hiring somebody to manage the software," Petraitis said. "We really don't have the money for that at this time."

He suggested the board wait until a Town Admin-

istrator is hired to continue looking into the need for permitting software.

Senior Center survey

Kay said about 10% of the surveys mailed out regarding the Senior Center were returned, with more than half of those people requesting the center be opened on Fridays and with longer hours.

"There were a lot of suggestions for activities," he said.

Suggestions for activities included computer training, bus trips, and more.

Kay said the survey was directed to senior citizens, who make up about a third of the town's population. The survey asked seniors citizens what they would like to see at the Senior Center, and how it can better meet the community's needs.

Kay said the survey also showed a need for better communication from the Senior Center to promote its programs and services. He said the Council on Aging will utilize the local newspapers more to promote the Senior Center's offerings.

"One of the good things that came along...is that 43 people expressed a willingness to volunteer at the Senior Center," Kay said. "That means we can get people there to help run these programs that everybody wants."

Kay said the Council on Aging is working hard to implement the suggestions received in the survey.

Trunk or Treat

Nancy Waldron of the Parks & Recreation Committee said Trunk or Treat would be held during Trick or Treat hours on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the common. She said

there would be decorated trunks, prizes and a DJ.

The Senior Center, 29 Forest St., will be open during this event, offering cookies to trick or treaters.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," Waldron said.

Waldron said donations of candy for Trunk or Treat can be dropped off at the Senior Center, or by contacting a member of the committee. Those interested in entering their vehicle at Trunk or Treat should contact the committee and can arrive at the event starting at 4 p.m. in order to be ready for 5:30 p.m.

Police Chief hiring

Petraitis said Police Chief Mark Smith has accepted a position in another town and has submitted his resignation to the board, with his last day to be Nov. 21. He said Smith has been with the department for 10 years and that the board wished him well in his future endeavors and thanked him for his service.

Petraitis said there are potential candidates to serve as police chief within the department and he suggested looking internally first. Kay said an internal hire would be good for department morale as well.

Gilman said he supported this, but also wanted to hear feedback from the community regarding the hiring of the next police chief. He encouraged residents to reach out to him and share their insights.

Board of Assessors appointment

The board appointed Brandon Avery as the third Assessor to fill out the board.

Petraitis suggested the town consider hiring one

full-time, appointed Assessor, to serve in the office, along with an elected board of three Assessors to complete revaluations.

"Other towns do it that way and it would also save us two pays," he said.

He said this change would require a town meeting vote to move forward.

Change orders for building project

Pete Orsi presented a series of proposed change orders for the Fire/Highway building project to the board for approval. Orsi said the change orders are to deal with ledge underneath the building, concrete flooring, structural repairs and more.

The board approved the change orders as presented.

Downtown parking concerns

The board members discussed parking concerns on North Main Street at the area between the church and the library. Gilman said with the installation of the sidewalk at the stonewall in front of the church, it will further reduce the width of the road and it may be a good idea to remove some of the parking spots.

A resident said the area is already difficult to pass through with a truck and trailer due to the narrowness of the road. One suggestion was to eliminate the diagonal parking spots and just have parallel parking.

These concerns and suggestions will be sent to the town's Safety Committee.

Online auction

Administrative Assistant Mary Beth Kularski said the town received \$10,937 from its online auction of surplus items. This money will go to free cash for the next fiscal year.

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so it was only appropriate to have witches visit Brookfield Common.

Over by the Library Annex there were ghost stories being told.

To wrap up the evening, Spookfield hosted an illuminated pumpkin walk with a

special musical performance from Heavens to Zeppelin, Practical Magic: The Music of Stevie Nicks.

There were several vendors and artists throughout the common and were enjoyed by many guests; some guests had dressed up for the occasion. There were witch hats all over the common.

For some spooky treats, Epic Pastries had seasonal treats available for purchase.

It was a magical evening in Brookfield as Spookfield took place on the common. The Brookfield Cultural Council appreciated all of the performers and vendors who came out to make this event wonderful.

- obituaries -

Enola Jean Reynolds, 69

RAPID CITY, SD – Enola Jean Reynolds passed away on Oct. 4, 2025, from a tragic accident.

Enola was born on Feb. 10, 1956, to Elwood and Beverly Jean Reynolds of Warren.

Enola grew up in Warren where she attended Quaboag Regional High School excelling in every sport she mastered. Her senior year she was selected athlete of the year.

Enola earned an athletic scholarship to attend Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota where she obtained her teaching degree in physical education. This October she was to be inducted into the Mount Marty Athletic Hall of Fame.

Enola began her teaching and coaching career in Wyoming, Utah, and California; within a few years she had the basketball officiating bug and became a NCAA Division 1 basketball official and traveled all over the Western United States.

Enola became an entrepreneur in 1989 and created Eno's Pizza and Pub in Keystone, South Dakota where she and her brother Bob and sister-in-law Deborah ran it for 34 years. It was known by many to have the best pizza around and had many returning visitors year after year for her pizza and friendship.

As time was passing, and her parents were aging, she put her lifestyle aside and became her parents caregiver. After the passing of her parents and retiring from the pizza business she would travel back and forth to spend time with her brother Michael in Massachusetts and her brother Bobby in South Dakota.

Enola enjoyed swimming, yoga, biking, snowmobiling, riding her mo-

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Died Oct. 4, 2025
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torcycle, and walking with the people she met doing the same. Enola would donate her time helping at the Restore for Habit for Humanity in Rapid City and spend time at the Senior Citizens Center in Massachusetts where she would help complete taxes for the elderly. While in Massachusetts she substituted taught at Quaboag Regional High School, Warren and West Brookfield Elementary.

Those she left behind include her brothers Bob and Deborah, Michael and Barbara, and half-sibling Charles Reynolds. Nieces: Stacy Reynolds, Chelsea and Eric Landry, Alisha and Joe Dolciotto; nephew, Justin and Mandy Reynolds, great-niece, Ellie Reynolds and great-nephew, Noah Reynolds. In addition, she left behind several close friends Terri, Sunny, Jo, Theresa, Wendy, Callie and many more.

Enola was strong, tough, and courageous. Enola left us way too soon; she will be missed tremendously. Enola God Bless.

Memorial visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 at Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Calling Hours will be from 10 a.m.-noon on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 at Varnum Funeral Home in West Brookfield.

In lieu of flowers, contribute to the Senior Citizens Center in West Warren, Massachusetts. Thank You and God Bless.

Her online guestbook is available at www.osheim-schmidt.com.

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Form 299 Date: September 22, 2025

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S NOTICE

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32

Town of West Brookfield -- Case No. 11952

Annual Town Meeting of June 3, 2025

Article# 15

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Article failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning ... by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a ... town has ... held a public hearing thereon ... at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the ... town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the ... town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the executive office of housing and livable communities, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town In cases involving boundary, density or use changes within a district, notice shall be sent to any such nonresident property owner who has filed such a request with the city or town clerk and whose property lies in the district where the change is sought.

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defect: the Planning Board hearing notice was posted in the Town Hall on April 22, 2025 for a hearing to be held on May 5, 2025 which was only thirteen days prior to the hearing date, not fourteen days as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. For this reason, the 90-day period prescribed for the Attorney General's review of Article

15 is suspended in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the West Brookfield Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of West Brookfield.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of West Brookfield, any resident of the Town of West Brookfield, or the owner of any real property in the Town of West Brookfield or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's Review

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

Note: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

Date: September 22, 2025

10/17/2025

NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION 55 MILL STREET BROOKFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS MASSDEP RTN 2-52148

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP; 310 CMR 40.0000). A Notice of Activity and Use Limitation (AUL) for the disposal site was recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 72618, Page 216, on October 1, 2025, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

The Notice of Activity and Use Limitation will limit the following site activities and uses on the above property:

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in place, and determined by the LSP to be consistent with maintaining a condition of No Significant Risk.

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Any person interested in obtaining additional information regarding the Notice of Activity and Use Limitation may contact Kevin L. McAndrews, LSP, at IES, Inc., 50 Salem Street, Suite

108, Lynnfield, MA 01940, or by phone at (617) 623-8880.

The Notice of Activity and Use Limitation and the disposal site file are available for review on the MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 2-52148 at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal/dep/wastesite/>, or in person at the MassDEP Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond St, Worcester, MA 01606. For assistance, contact the office at 508-792-7650.

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New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 18 building/property checks, 18 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, one safety hazard, three citizen assists, one illegal dumping, one scam, two complaints, one animal call and six motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Sept. 29
5:28 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Removed Hazard

Tuesday, Sept. 30
7:44 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
4:50 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Barre Road, No Action Required

Thursday, Oct. 2
4:26 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Road, Transported to

Hospital
Friday, Oct. 3
2:43 a.m. Illegal Dumping, West Brookfield Road, Services Rendered

10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Arrest(s) Made

11:09 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
11:20 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Saturday, Oct. 4
9:40 a.m. Scam, Barre Road, Report Taken
10 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Moore Road, Dispatch Handled

11:02 a.m. Complaint, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Oct. 5
12:19 a.m. Complaint, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
9:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

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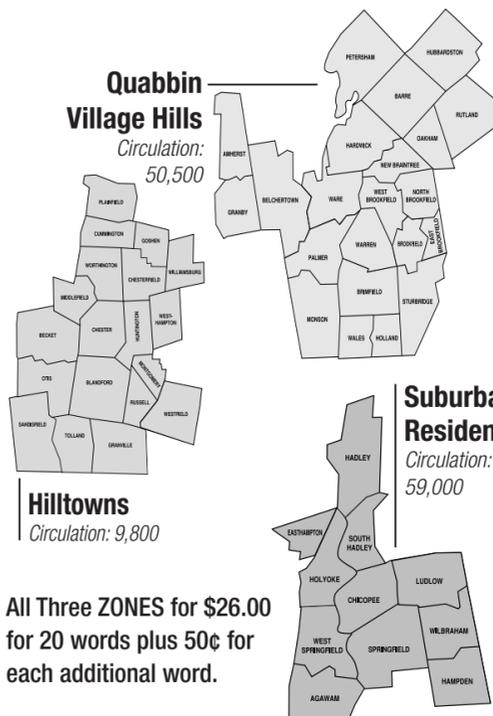
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