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Station Loop Ramble

East Quabbin Land Trust held 12th annual run/walk fundraiser



Siblings (from left) Cordelia, Noah and Luca Grandinetti take off to compete in the children's one-mile run at East Quabbin Land Trust's 12th annual Station Loop Ramble this past Sunday. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE

By Paula Ouimette
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NEW BRAINTREE – Runners and walkers enjoyed the best fall views in town this past Sunday, during East Quabbin

Land Trust's 12th annual Station Loop Ramble, a three-race event utilizing the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Taking first male finisher in the 5-Mile Classic was Matthew Twarog with a time of 32:10 and taking first female

finisher was Adell Mayee with a time of 38:54.

Other results include Andrew Wiewell, 35:48; Brian Keleher, 36:54; Carl Lindley, 37:20; Brian Farmer, 39:46; Brian St. Jean, 40:22; Jessica

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Trunk or Treat brings something sweet

WARREN – The Warren Community Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, the West Brookfield Elementary School Parent Teacher Group and the Quaboag Regional Middle High School Student Council hosted the annual Trunk or Treat (and other Halloween activities) at the Middle High School, this past Saturday.

There were rows of decorated trunks from public safety

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Children enjoyed Trunk or Treat at Quaboag Regional Middle High School. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE

Fall Festival at the Farm

Annual event helps horses and ponies at CNEER

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WEST BROOKFIELD – For the second year in a row, people came from all around to visit the horses and ponies at Central New England Equine

Rescue during its Fall Festival at the Farm fundraiser this past Saturday.

For 20 years, Central New England Equine Rescue, a non-profit rescue founded by Vicky Berry and her daughter Betsy Johnson in 2003, has helped

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Rhea Pappas, age 2 1/2, rides on Finn. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE

Board drafts letter to East Brookfield about beach

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NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen approved a letter to be sent to East Brookfield's Board of Selectmen and Parks and Recreation Committee, regarding funding for the Town Beach on Lake Lashaway.

At the Oct. 10 meeting, Board of Selectmen Chair Jason Petraitis said the town shares ownership of the Town Beach with the town of East Brookfield, and they have tried to divide responsibilities to maintain the beach.

"We've been trying to work with them to find an equitable way to share the burden and keep nonresidents out," he said.

He said over six years, the town has worked with the neighboring town, but recent communication has gone unanswered.

He read the letter, which will notify East Brookfield officials that North Brookfield is withdrawing financial support for the Town Beach.

The letter stated that North Brookfield has waived East Brookfield's taxes on the beach, and North Brookfield also pays a portion of expenses to operate the beach.

Petraitis said originally, the beach was only for residents of the two towns, but East Brookfield has opened beach use to nonresidents, and numerous complaints have been made by abutters and residents.

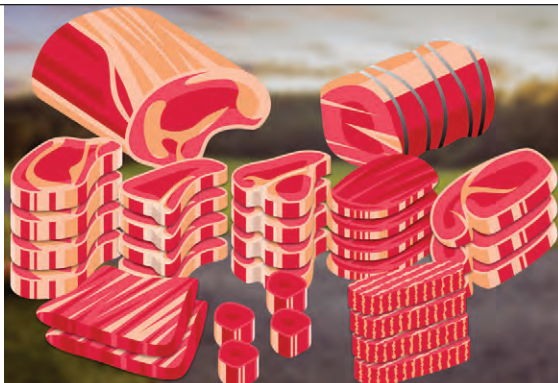
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Fire Department holds open house

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Fire Department hosted its annual open house this past weekend for the public to see and explore the station and learn about fire safety.

All who attended enjoyed apple cider and donuts, and kids got to take home their very own junior helmet, a pencil case, and more.

Last week was Fire Prevention Week, and the Fire Department went to many of the schools to give demonstrations to the kids as a part of their Children Safe Program.

Fire Chief Rich Lapierre was happy to have the station open for the day, but wants to see it grow into something bigger for the community to take part in. Their children's programs are especially important.

"We do our best to promote fire safety," Lapierre said. "We go into schools to teach about fire safety to the kids. We want to teach them everything we can about fire safety."

But kids aren't the only ones that can benefit from these programs. At the senior center, they host a Senior Safe Program that teaches them to use fire extinguishers with live fires.

The department also provides other services to help homes stay safe from the risk of fires. They have two sticker programs - a Pet Finder and an Alert-All - that will be stuck to the outside of peoples' doors, so firefighters are aware of pets or someone with a mobility issue.

"We are progressively moving forward with new technology," Lapierre



The West Brookfield Fire Department: Deputy Chief Dan Santos, Lieutenant Derek Lewis, Ken Collette, Lieutenant Ben Ash, Evey Doe, CJ Reardon, Mike Martel, Lynne Merrill, and Fire Chief Rich Lapierre. TURLEY PHOTO BY EMILY-ROSE PAPPAS

said of a newly donated drone and an installment of a Drone Program.

The drone has already been used to find missing people in both Warren and Ware within the past month. It is truly a lifesaving technology that has helped improve search-and-rescue missions.

They also have a Junior Firefighter Program that is for those interested in helping the community. They can then turn in applications and become a firefighter after experience in the program.

St. John's Harvest Thyme Craft Fair is Oct. 28

EAST BROOKFIELD – St. John the Baptist Parish, 131 Blaine Ave., will be hosting its annual Harvest Thyme Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Raffles, gift baskets, a lottery tree, silent auction, craft tables, jewelry, books,

and attic treasures will all be offered. A café with great soups, meat pies, chili, cider, and baked goods will also be available.

Come and enjoy the fair and food. For more information, please call 508-867-6469.

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Senior Center prepares for temporary move as project nears

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STURBRIDGE – Town Administrator Robin Grimm said the project to renovate the Senior Center went out to bid several months ago and the project cost totaled around \$13.2 million, which included the use of Community Preservation Committee funds.

The project will correct several structural issues in the 1800s brick building, located at 480 Main St., as well as construct an addition and improve parking.

At the Oct. 10 Board of Selectmen meeting, Grimm said the initial bid came in a little over \$1 million higher than the town could afford, due to the cost of HVAC.

“All HVAC is high right now, but that was really high,” Grimm said of the one bid returned for HVAC in the first round.

Grimm said the Senior Center’s Building Committee reevaluated the scope of the project and looked at ways to lower costs, including changing the fire suppression system from a full dry system to a wet/dry system, saving about \$250,000. She said the HVAC also came back “dramatically lower,” after the reevaluation.

She said there were also minor cosmetic changes to the design.

Grimm said the bids came in very close in costs to each other, and the HVAC bids received were more competitive.

The contractor selected to complete the project has also worked on the Publick House’s addition, as well as the Dudley Fire Station.

Board of Selectmen Chair Jamie Goodwin said, “This is a great project...this has to happen, it’s going to cost more money if we don’t.”

The Board voted to authorize Grimm to execute the notice of award and contractor’s agreement, along

with any other contracts related to the project, on behalf of the town.

The Senior Center will be closed as of Nov. 1, reopening at its temporary location at the Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., on Nov. 6 where it will remain until the project is completed.

Route 20 roadwork

Grimm said Department of Public Works Director Heather Blakeley and herself have both reached out to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation regarding ongoing construction on Route 20, and have not received an acceptable response.

She said originally, MassDOT was going to close that section of Route 20 overnight to complete the work, but it was canceled due to weather and now the major roadway has been reduced to one-lane of travel for multiple weeks.

Grimm said there needs to be some compromise to this situation, as it is impeding commuter and school traffic.

She said while this is not a locally funded road project, the state is paying Sturbridge Police for traffic detail.

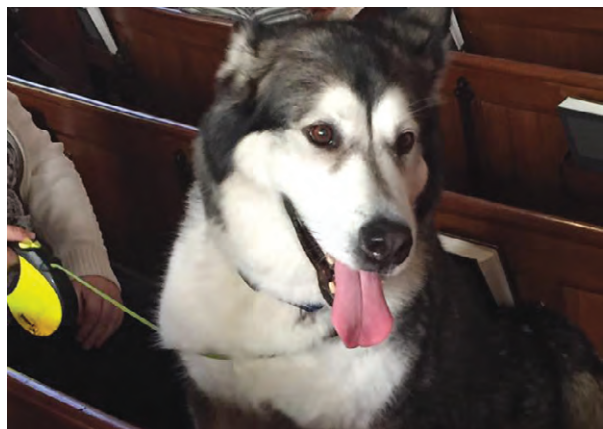
Veterans banners

Grimm said many residents have reached out to her asking about hanging “hometown heroes” banners, honoring the town’s veterans.

Grimm said she has looked into the banners, and said most of the cost is covered by the veteran’s family members. She said it’s possible the town could allocate betterment money to start a banner program.

“I think it’s worth at least pursuing,” Grimm said. She said residents have volunteered their time to coordinate this effort.

The town would need use of a cherry picker truck to hang the banners.



St. Paul’s Church will welcome pets to their Blessing of the Animals during the Sunday, Oct. 22 church service.

St. Paul’s holds Blessing of the Animals Oct. 22

PALMER – All are welcome to bring their pet to a special Blessing of the Animals service at St. Paul’s Church, 1060 Central St., on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m.

This unique church service will feature music, readings and prayers of blessing for the animals.

Pet photography will be offered by John McCarthy of Longleash LLC. Pet Photography of Wilbraham, at 11 a.m. at the church’s fellowship hall. A free 4 x 6 photo of pets will be given. Additional prints and gift certificates will also be available.

Bring your pet as they are, or in festive Halloween attire; perhaps even dressed for Christmas for a special Christmas card photo shoot. If your pet is unable to attend, then be sure to bring a photo of your pet to be blessed.

Reverend Steven Sousa of St. Paul’s speaks of the importance of being a blessing to the animals in our lives, “They do not ask for much in life, and just need a warm, safe and sheltered place to live, as well as adequate food, water and exercise. In return they will give you unconditional love, loyalty and companionship. Having a furry friend means you will always have a little living being, waiting patiently for you at home and ready to welcome you with a wagging tail or a purr.”

Drinks and refreshments will be served as well as treats for the animals.

About St. Paul’s Church

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The Garden Lady takes on squash pollination

Christl, a recent transplant to Belchertown from California, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady:

“We are doing the post-mortem on our veggie garden and we had an issue with our butternut squash.

Last year we grew butternut from seed and had some lovely fruit that lasted most of the winter. This year we used the same seed, but the fruit was white without the distinctive crookneck shape.

I’ve cooked some and it is definitely not as sweet, but my dog is enjoying the special treats. I suspect that it cross pollinated with something else in the garden.

We also grew two types of cucumbers (which despite the rain went gangbuster), Mini cantaloupe melons and a yellow summer squash. None of these fruits seemed to be affected.

My question is how to avoid this? Are there particular cucurbits that are more likely to cross-pollinate or be cross-pollinated? Is there a certain distance one can plant away from each other?

I was hoping to plant some pumpkins and watermelon next year, but in light of the butternut, I am wary. I may be willing to forego planting some of the cucurbits, but cukes are a must and I’d hate to give up my melons.

I have enough room that pumpkins will stay out of the veggie garden.”

Thank you for the wonderful and very timely question! First let’s talk about how cross pollination occurs.

In the simplest of terms, bees carry pollen from plant to plant. When fruit forms, and the seeds from the fruit are saved and used the following year to start new plants, you can sometimes run into trouble and not end up with the exact plants you grew the year before.

We will take melon and cucumbers out of the equation here - they belong to the genus Cucumis and are species melo and sativus respectively. They cannot cross pollinate because they are different species.

Nor can watermelons, since they are a different genus and species altogether: Citrullus lanatus.

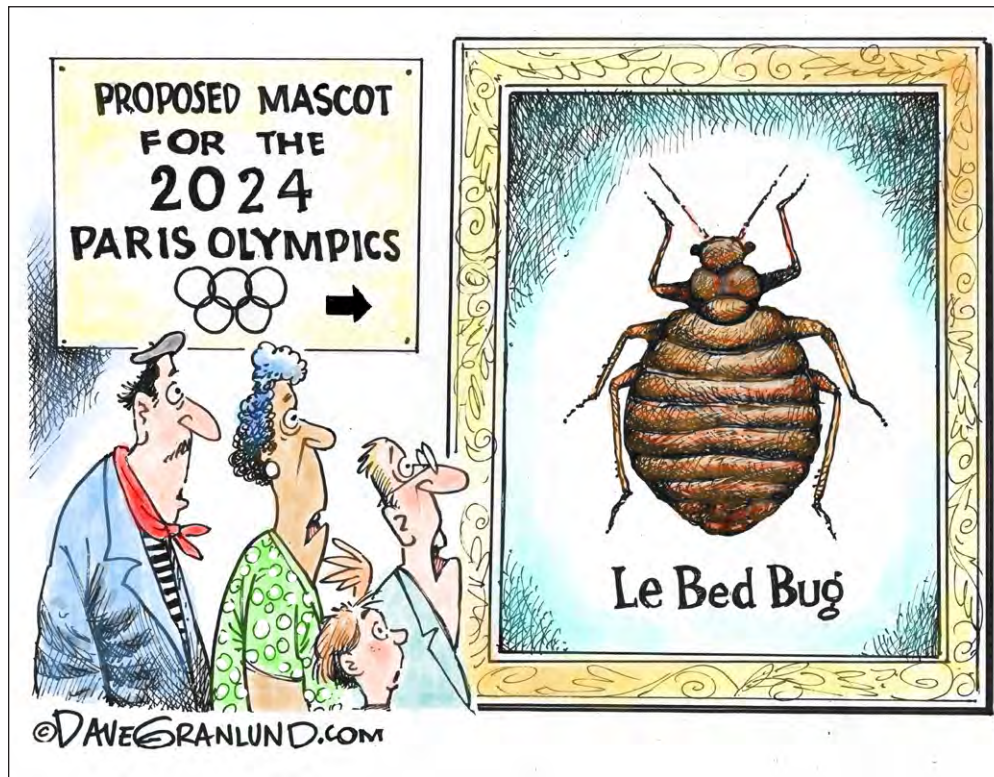
The genus Cucurbita, to which squash belongs, has five different species. Three of them are commonly grown in our climate; one more only occasionally:

Cucurbita pepo includes summer squash: zucchini, patty pan, and yellow crookneck as well as acorn, delicata/dumpling, and spaghetti winter squashes. Small gourds, and most pumpkins also belong to this species. Pepos have hard, five-sided ribbed stems.

Cucurbita maxima is comprised of banana, buttercup, Hubbard winter squash as well as some pumpkins, most notably the white pumpkin Lumina and the pretty deep orange-red “Cinderella.” Fruit in this species have round stems and tend to be on the large side. They often have bumps on their skin and button ends (think of a belly-button). Highest carotenoid content when mature and sometimes the largest fruit on earth!

Cucurbita moschata is comprised of the familiar butternut-type of winter squashes as well as the cheese pumpkin, ancient “Seminoles,” and many other less common fruits. One distinguishing feature of this group is its smooth surface and usually a tan color. It is often used interchangeably for pumpkin in pie recipes. Quality of flesh and carotenoid

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On Friday, Oct. 6 Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a sighting of a LeConte’s sparrow in Longmeadow.

The LeConte’s sparrow is about five inches long and has a dark crown with a white central stripe. It also has reddish-brown streaks on a gray nape.

The upper breast and flanks are buff colored. It has an orange to buff orange face surrounding a gray ear patch.

Other distinct features are a flat head and a short tail with fine streaking on the upper breast of juveniles.

This sparrow feeds on the ground and eats grass and weed seeds as well as insects.

The female lays three to five light gray eggs with darker marks in a cup like nest of grasses placed on or just about the ground.

They breed in Canada and winter in the Florida Gulf states.

To avoid danger, it often runs through grasses rather than flying over the grass. It may sing during the day and night.

LeConte’s sparrows inhabit marshes, wet meadows and weedy fields. Their song is a high-pitched buzz with accents at start and end like “tika-zzzzzz-tzt.”

Other sightings

Other sightings for Oct. 6 reported to Massachusetts Audubon Society included a Townsend’s warbler at Plum Island, a prothonotary warbler in Winchester and several reports of clay-colored sparrows.

Loon Preservation Committee

Loon Preservation Committee staff and volunteers in the month of September focused on a number of important post-season tasks including storing nest rafts on shore for the winter (over 140 rafts statewide), pulling and storing the signs that

were used to protect vulnerable loon families, rescuing loons in distress and beginning the process of quality checking the data collected during the summer months.

LPC staff rescued five loons in distress throughout the state during the month of September. Rescuing a loon is just the first step in getting it the help that it needs.

They thank the veterinarians and rehabilitators who worked with us to evaluate and treat ailing loons: the wonderful veterinarians and staff at VCA Capital Area Veterinary Emergency and Specialty, Hopkinton Animal Hospital, and Meadow Pond Animal Hospital, who helped with x-rays, blood work and assessment of rescued



LeConte's sparrow

loons; Dr. Mark Pokras, who consulted on all cases and provided valuable insight and suggestions for care; and Maria Colby of Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation, who housed, fed and provided daily care and treatment to all five loons rescued in September.

Sadly, LPC also continued to collect and necropsy dead loons throughout the state, nine total in September. While it is always sad to lose a loon, being able to determine the cause of death for individual loons allows LPC to collect valuable data on the challenges that the loon population is facing.

Feeders

I put out my suet feeder during the day and take it in before dusk, so the bears don’t take the suet and feeder. I have lost quite a few feeders that way.

I have downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers coming to the suet as well as white-breasted nuthatches and black-capped chickadees.

I also have a small tray feeder for meal worms and bird seed. I put a small amount of meal worms and seeds each day.

The birds empty the feeder, so the bears only find an empty tray.

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

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content can range from good to poor; seed is nutritious.

Cucurbita argyrosperma. To people that live in the Southwest, their “pumpkin” of choice is the “Green Striped Cushaw” or “White Cushaw.” Most consider it to be a rather pretty winter squash. Just like the moschatas, it can be used interchangeably in recipes calling for pumpkin. Reportedly, it handles dry weather and is quite resistant to vine borer. It is rarely grown in our climate. One distinguishing factor of this species is silver seed which is large and nutritious. Culinary quality, however, is pale and poor.

Confusion sets in when you want to save seeds of your produce!

All squash are monoecious, that is male and female flowers are produced on the same plant. Note male flowers (usually outnumber female flowers 4:1) are on stems, flowers are fused with stamens versus female flowers that have an ovary at base.

Both are high in nectar that is attractive to visiting bees, most notably the honeybee and native ground bees.

Cross-pollination will not occur between different species - say between a pepo and a maxima but it will take place among members of the same species.

Since I grew zucchini, yellow crookneck and pumpkins in my garden, all Cucurbita pepos, I can't save the seeds from any of those fruits and expect them to look, or taste, exactly like their parents did.

What makes seed saving even more confusing for the novice is whether or not the variety they are growing is open-pollinated or a hybrid. Hybrids, however, are the result of crossing two inbreds.

Seeds saved from hybrid plants will likely germinate and produce fruit. Unfortunately, it will not be true, and it may or may not have a resemblance to the fruit you saved it from - it will likely resort back to either of its parents or some unique, different combination of genes.

With all of this said, I have a few thoughts as to what happened to produce misshapen butternut squash. If it was seed you saved from the plants you grew the year before, maybe they were hybrids and what you ended up with is something back in the genetic line.

Or maybe they cross pollinated with your neighbors moschatas; for true seed, plants would need to be isolated one-half to one mile.

If what you grew was from the original seed packet - not anything you saved, then it remains a mystery.

Regardless, I do hope this helped in de-tangling a confusing topic and encourages you to plant all of your favorites next year!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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.

Community Center gets ready for Fright Night

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – If you're looking for something spooky to do with family and friends this Halloween season, plan to spend your evening on Friday, Oct. 20 from 6-10 p.m. in a “Nightmare on Main Street.”

The Emilia K. Hope Community Center will be hosting a fun and spooky evening for all lovers of Halloween with its first ever Fright Night event.

The Fright Night will have all sorts of spooky Halloween activities with candy, costumes, scary traps and more. Advanced tickets are \$10, or \$12 at the door.

The event is “definitely geared toward those who like to be scared, so discretion is advised for littles”, organizer Jillian Phillips of the Community Center said. “We hope people will enjoy having a fun event close to home.”

Mixed by Nona will be offering delicious Halloween treats, the Welcome Country Store will have new and fun items, and the newest addition to the town,



The Emilia K. Hope Community Center will host its first ever Fright Night with a “Nightmare on Main Street” on Friday, Oct. 20 from 6-10 p.m. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dragon Stones, with its magical crystals.

“The downtown district will be abuzz with all things spooky,” Phillips said.

If a Fright Fest isn't for you, the following day will feature the Community Center's SpookFest family event. This will feature a free trunk-or-treat and a \$5 entrance fee for a Fun Zone including a bounce house, petting zoo, games, prizes, and even more candy.

The Fright Fest is sure to be a fun way for you and your fellow Halloween-loving friends to have a fun time getting spooked and having tasty treats.

All advance ticket purchases and additional information are available at Coalitionforahealthynb.org.

The proceeds from Fright Night and SpookFest will help the Coalition for a Healthy North Brookfield to cultivate a healthy community by bringing much needed resources to our neighbors through the Emilia K. Hope Community Center.

Danielle Forcier-White joins EXIT Realty

SPENCER – EXIT Real Estate Executives in Spencer announced the addition of Danielle Forcier-White to its team of real estate professionals.

“We're excited to welcome Danielle to EXIT Realty,” said Michelle Terry, Broker and Owner of EXIT Real Estate Executives in a press release. “EXIT is growing and attracting quality business people like Danielle each and every day.”

Forcier-White is a life-long resident of the Sturbridge area. She was introduced to the Real Estate industry back in 2011 and has been licensed since 2012.

Forcier-White is a member of the local, state, and National Associations of Realtors, in addition to the Massachusetts multiple listing service. Forcier-White is

an Accredited Buyers Representative, and has earned her certification as a Real Estate Negotiation Expert.

Specializing in first time home buyers, she understands the dynamics of the Real Estate market and is an expert at educating her clients so they can make the best decisions for their needs. Forcier-White's extensive knowledge and experience as a Realtor provides her a unique view of Real Estate market trends that she shares with her clients.

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- community -

Harvest Festival returns to Sturbridge Common

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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STURBRIDGE – The Common brought the family fun tradition of the Annual Harvest Festival back to town this past weekend.

Reaching its 33rd anniversary, the Harvest Festival is an event that includes countless local crafters, artisans, specialty food vendors and farm fresh harvests.

The festival is a signature event provided by the Chamber of Central Mass South. The event was also made possible by the sponsorship of the Sturbridge Tourist Association.

The vendors throughout the common had a lot to offer from food, beverages, entertainment, crafts, photography and educational services. The majority of the vendors are local crafters, and some have traveled from Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire.

For education, Literacy Volunteers of South-Central Massachusetts, located in the Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, provide free, confidential, and individualized tutoring to adults in basic adult literacy and English for speakers of other languages. Services are provided by their professionally trained and supported volunteer tutors.

Tutoring is flexibly scheduled, and remote and/or hybrid options are available. Literacy Volunteers can be reached by calling 508-765-3880 or emailing info@lvscm.org.

For photography, Olivia Jean Williams returned for her fifth time at the Harvest Festival. Williams offers



Photographer Olivia Jean Williams and her family enjoying their fifth year at the Harvest Festival offering a booth filled with amazing photos. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

photo sessions for birthday parties, senior portraits, fine art, babies, colorful dance, maternity and families.

At her booth, many of Williams' own photos were displayed and available for purchase. Along with her photos, Williams had several booths and backdrops setup to take some photos of patrons visiting the festival.

Williams mentioned how involved she is with photography and the atmosphere of the annual festival is always welcoming.

"A great reception! I love this festival," said Williams.

To learn more about Olivia Jean Williams Photography, visit her website at oliviajeanwilliams.pixieset.com or email oliviajeanwilliams@gmail.com.

For baked goods, lines were growing to get hands

on Cookies by Ray.

For more than two years, Ray has offered homemade cookies in multiple unique flavors. Based out of Monson, Ray enjoyed her first time at the Harvest Festival offering flavors such as traditional chocolate chip, candy corn and mint chocolate chip.

Cookies by Ray also offers online orders and pickup at their location. Ray enjoyed her time at the festival along with the help of her best friend, Emily.

The annual Harvest Festival is the Chamber of Central Mass South's largest fundraiser, an event born out of the tourism in Sturbridge. In the past, surveys show that the vast majority of vendors and visitors are local to Sturbridge and numerous surrounding towns and 20% of visitors come from a long distance.

The Publick House across the street from the common has been very supportive in helping the festival. Parking is a large challenge during the event, but the Publick House has been accommodating for parking and for giving crafters a space to lodge during the weekend-long festival.

In addition to great partnerships, the Chamber coordinates with town departments to make the festival happen. Working with police, fire, inspection, and parks and recreation make it all possible to provide a fun and safe environment when the harvest festival is in town.

One of the biggest benefits of offering the harvest festival is the appreciation of the townspeople. "The town appreciates the festival," said Alex McNitt, director of the Chamber of Central Mass South.

The funds from the festival help support future operations of the Chamber.

Historical Society discusses early American militia Oct. 26

STURBRIDGE – The Sturbridge Historical Society is pleased to present Michael Piatt as he explains "Early America's Militia System" on Thursday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. at the Publick House.

Early Americans in the colonial and Federal eras considered militias an important social institution, which also provided defense and public safety. Individual towns formed local independent militias and all able-bodied men of a certain age were members.

Piatt will explore both the defense and social roles of militias, primarily in the first half of the 19th century, with a focus on the artifacts exhibited at Old Sturbridge Village.

Piatt is a west coast transplant, who arrived in the area in 1982 to work as a blacksmith at OSV. After two years working full-time at the Village, he then worked as a civil engineer for the State.

He continued to work weekends at OSV in the blacksmith shop for 10 years, and volunteered to staff the museum's Firearms & Militia exhibit for the next 20 years. He has done considerable research into militias locally, statewide, and nationally.

The program is free and open to the public, and is generously hosted by the Publick House.

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BOARD | FROM PAGE 1

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, the town of North Brookfield will fully withdraw financial support, and the taxes for the property will no longer be waived. Utilities will also be the full responsibility of East Brookfield.

Petratis said the beach is located in North Brookfield, but it is owned by East Brookfield. He said there were many attempts for the two towns to work together.

ARPA spending

Petratis said the Board received a recommendation to pay for tree work using American Rescue Plant Act funds. He said National Grid used to remove trees that posed a hazard to the town's power lines, but they no longer do this unless the trees fall down.

Petratis read a recommendation from ARPA Committee Chair Ethan Melad to spend \$30,000 to remove approximately 100 hazardous trees from the town's roadway. Vice-Chair John Tripp said the original request was for \$45,000 (30 days at \$1,500 a day) and that \$30,000 would only cover 20 days of work at the tree company's rate.

Petratis also discussed rescinding the previous year's allocation of ARPA funds in the amount of \$50,000, which were intended to address catch basins but not used.

"They were able to find another funding source, so we need to rescind that vote and let it go back into the ARPA account," Petratis said.

The Board voted to rescind the appropriation, returning the \$50,000 to the ARPA account.

Tripp asked if the difference for the tree work could be approved using the \$50,000 that was just returned to the ARPA account by the Board's vote.

Tripp amended a motion to approve the \$30,000 from ARPA and increase it to \$45,000. Clerk Elizabeth "Brooke" Canada said she would prefer to approve the \$30,000 recommendation from the ARPA Committee and wait to approve the additional \$15,000.

The amended motion passed, with Canada being the only vote against the increase.

Petratis said there was also a request from the Water Department for funds to fix the water tank at the plant. He said the town has already given over \$400,000 in ARPA funds to the Water Department for infrastructure repairs.

"They had made increases to their rates years ago to do the repairs that we just gave them ARPA money for...as of June 30 they have \$281,000 in their retained earnings which is supposed to be used for infrastructure and it's probably going to go up in the fall when we close out the budget for the year," Petratis said.

Petratis made a motion to deny the ARPA request, having the Water Department pay for the water tank repairs from the retained earnings, which was approved.

Drainage issues

Conroy Avenue resident Raymond Baillargeon continued discussion of an ongoing stormwater drainage issues he has on his property, as well as neighboring properties, caused by a broken pipe.

He said the Highway Department took out the broken pipe, and removed the tree that caused the damage to the pipe.

Baillargeon said he is still waiting to hear from the Highway Department and the last rain storm flooded his property and basement.

Petratis said at some point, a pipe was added to a brook that goes behind Baillargeon's property, to a catch basin. He said it eventually ties into the main by the old fountain.

"What we're doing at this point, is we're looking into scoping out the line, and finding exactly where all the breaks are to try to get it fixed," Petratis said. He said the town will also need to look at easements for properties that the line runs through.

Petratis said the previous owner of Baillargeon's property had received a tax abatement for the flooding, and recommended that Baillargeon request the same from the Assessors.

Baillargeon said he was unaware of the flooding issues when he purchased the property, until a neighbor pointed it out to him after he had moved in.

Financial items

The Board approved a request from the Parks and Recreation Committee to purchase crushed stone in the amount of \$509 for the Town Forest Park parking area.

Parks and Recreation Chair Brandon Avery said they received timbers to edge around the parking area and they hope to complete the project this season.

The Board also approved the Highway Department's request to purchase a muffler in the amount of \$400.

Donation

The Board accepted \$1,800 on behalf of the Fire Department to purchase Nomex hoods, in memory of David Richard Lutz, a firefighter on the training flight lines during the Korean War and a retired police officer.

"We believe that this donation will help protect our brave firefighters," the Lutz family wrote in their letter.

Winter parking

The winter parking ban will go into effect Nov. 1 through April 1 from 9 p.m.-6 a.m. Anyone leaving a vehicle parked overnight on a street or in a town parking lot will be subject to a parking ticket and fine, and possible towing for repeat offenders.

The previous winter parking ban hours were from 1 a.m.-6 a.m. Questions about the winter parking ban can be directed to the Board of Selectmen or the Police Department.

Resignations

The Board accepted two resignations from NB Helps, one from Stephanie Lachambre and the other from Katie Byszek. Both said they enjoyed serving on the committee and decorating the town for holidays.

Tucker Road closure

The Board announced the closure of Tucker Road, between Tucker Cross Road and the Bates and Old West Brookfield roads intersection due to flooding. Concrete barriers will be in place to block the road.

Contract approval

The Board signed a contract from BSC Group for the Complete Streets project, after it was reviewed by town counsel.

One-day liquor licenses

The Board amended the date of a previously approved one-day liquor license for Still Hart's Café's playground fundraiser event. The event was rescheduled to Oct. 21 from noon-9 p.m. due to the weather.

The Board also approved a one-day liquor license to Still Hart's Café on Oct. 22 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for a Police Department fundraiser.

Methodist church to hold Bluegrass Gospel Service Oct. 29

WEST BROOKFIELD – A Bluegrass Gospel Service is planned for Sunday, Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. at George Whitefield United Methodist Church, 33 West Main St. with local musicians on guitars, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, stand-up bass, spoons and voices.

The service will feature bluegrass gospel music with meaningful messages of faith, interspersed with background stories. These services, which are planned for months with a fifth Sunday, have been very well attended, drawing many from the surrounding community to the music and its uplifting messages of redemption and hope.

All are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the service.

For more information, people may call Heidi Jeldres at 978-989-5736 or email Heidi.jeldres@gmail.com.



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personnel, local organizations and business, and community members. Each one offered a sweet treat to children and their families.

The QRMHS Performing Arts had a display to promote their upcoming stage performance of “The Addams Family” in February.

Those brave enough to enter the QRMHS Student Council’s Haunted Halls were given thrills and chills. A performance was given by the Dance Factory and a pumpkin carving contest was sponsored by Country Bank.



Princess Peach and Bowser watched as Mario and Luigi handed out candy from the back of Fountain and Sons Construction Company’s dump truck. *TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETT*



The Addams Family made an appearance at Quaboag’s Trunk or Treat event this past Saturday. From left are Jara as Morticia, Jeremiah as Pugsley, Ezariah as Uncle Fester, Yarelises as Wednesday and Julie as Gomez. *TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETT*



Spontaneous dance parties broke out during Trunk or Treat.



Hampshire Towing had fun “hanging” out at Trunk or Treat.



No bones about it, this trunk was the life of the graveyard.



The Cheshire Cat may think we’re all mad here, but this cast of friendly characters had plenty of treats to hand out at this “Alice in Wonderland” themed trunk.



Sugar skulls and candy made for a sweet treat.



Mad scientists offered tricks and treats for those brave enough.

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SPORTS

Cougars take care of Oxford

WARREN – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quaboag girls soccer defeated Oxford 2-1. Unfortunately, they did not keep the momentum going as they lost to Tantasqua Regional 1-0 later in the week. The Cougars are 4-7-2 and are looking for a few more wins to both qualify for tournament and increase their power ranking before the end of the season.



Paige Leach sends the goal kick away. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Gabrielle Riendeau catches up to a pass.



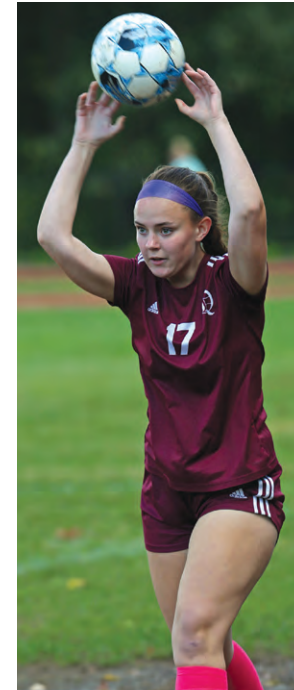
Parker Tunley tries to move forward with the ball.



Elizabeth Tetlow looks to clear the ball.



Madeline Potvin balances the ball.



Riley Sloan goes for the throw-in.

Panthers suffer shutout loss

BARRE – Last Monday afternoon, Quabbin field hockey suffered a setback with a 1-0 loss against Leominster. The lone goal in the

game came with 12 minutes remaining in the game. Quabbin was not able to break through and tie the game. The Panthers are now 7-4-3

and have qualified for the state tournament.



Gracie Talbot launches a shot. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RAY DUFFY



Abigail Rogowski passes past a Leominster player as Kylie Casey follows up.



Julianna Stanger makes a save for the Panthers.



Annabelle Magille collides with the goalie while taking a shot.

- sports -

Burke leads way for Pathfinder football

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—During the first five weeks of the high school football season, Pathfinder Tech senior William Burke was a cornerback.

Burke saw his first action at the running back position against Tri-County League rival Drury last Friday night.

Burke scored the first rushing touchdown of his varsity career late in the fourth quarter. It turned out to be the difference maker, as the Pioneers pulled out an exciting 26-18 victory over the Blue Devils at St Joesph's Park.

"When I scored my first touchdown of the season, it was just an amazing feeling," said Burke, who rushed for a total of 73 yards on 10 carries in the home game. "I was a tight-end last year, but this was the first time that I've been a running back."

Pathfinder head coach Bill Darling is very glad that he and his coaching staff decided to move Burke to running back.

"Most of our running backs are either freshmen or sophomores. We just needed to make a change at that position," Darling said. "Billy is a solid football player and he's a very hard worker. I just thought it was awesome when he scored that touchdown late in the fourth quarter."

Burke also scored a touchdown in a varsity football game a year ago.

"I did catch a touchdown pass against Ware last year," said Burke, who's going to be a member of the Pioneers wrestling team this winter. "Scoring a touchdown in tonight's game was a much better feeling because I just love being a running back."

The home victory evened the Pioneers overall record at 3-3 and they have a 2-1 league record. They're also 2-0 at home and are in a four-way tie for first place in the league standings.

Drury (1-5,1-2), who captured the Tri-County League title a year ago, tied the score at 18-18 with 7:44 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Pioneers defense made a stop on the two-point conversion play, which would've given the visitors from North Adams a two-point lead.

Following a 23-yard kickoff return by sophomore Dustyn Cook, the Pioneers offense, which is led by senior quarterback Hunter Griswold, set-up shop at their own 40-yard line.

After gaining just six yards on the first three plays of the series, Griswold kept the drive alive by completing a nine-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Jarett Skowyra on fourth down.

"Hunter is an outstanding athlete, and he's also a great kid," Darling said.

"We have a lot of confidence in him to complete that pass to Jarett on fourth down. It was a pivotal play of that drive."

Griswold also completed a 17-yard pass to senior wide receiver Ethan Nompleggi-Hawk and a four-yard pass to senior tight-end Jacob Longo, which moved the ball down to the Blue Devils 33.

Then Griswold called his own number and rushed for ten yards, which set the stage for Burke, who scored on a 19-yard power run up the middle with 3:23 left on the scoreboard clock.

Griswold completed a touchdown pass to Longo on the conversion play giving the home team an eight-point lead.

The Blue Devils offense did move the ball down to the Pioneers 20-yard line with the help of a 25-yard reception by junior Cole Wetherell, but freshman Nicholas Pfister made the Pioneers fourth fumble recovery of the game on the next play.

The Pioneers picked up a first down on their final offensive series before Griswold took a knee on the last two plays of the game.

Things didn't start out very well for Pathfinder Tech, as the Drury offense marched down the field during the opening series. The Blue Devils took a 6-0 lead five minutes into the first quarter following a short TD run by senior Hunter Marceau.

Pathfinder Tech answered with an eight-play scoring drive, which was capped off with a four-yard dash into the endzone by Griswold. A pass attempt on the two-point conversion try was incomplete in the endzone.

On the ensuing kickoff, senior Orion Flowers recovered a fumble, which gave the Pioneers the ball back at the Blue Devils 18.

The home team took the lead for the first time two plays later when Griswold hooked up with Skowyra for a 13-yard TD reception. The extra point attempt was blocked.

The Pioneers defensive unit took over the spotlight during the second quarter. Junior Landyn Russo, and sophomore Francis Meade both recovered fumbles, which prevented Drury from scoring the go-ahead touchdown.

Holding a slim six-point halftime advantage, the Pioneers took an 18-6 lead when Griswold sprinted 38 yards down the sideline for a touchdown with 8:41 left in the third quarter. Griswold broke away from a couple of tacklers along the way.

"They were trying to tackle me, but I just kept running on that touchdown run," Griswold said. "I was very hap-



The Pathfinder defensive line attacks. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Jarett Skowyra starts a return for the Pioneers.



William Burke powers through the middle.

py when I finally reached the end zone. This was a fun back and forth game."

Drury answered right back with a 47-yard TD reception by senior wide receiver Dante Dillard in the middle of the third quarter. Dillard also caught another touchdown pass in the fourth

quarter before Burke became the hero of the game.

The Pioneers will be making a trip to North Adams to face McCann Tech on Friday night before wrapping up the regular season with a home game against Smith Vocational on October 27.



Dylan Cominoli gets a first down with a short run.



Hunter Griswold scrambles around looking for a receiver.

RAMBLE | FROM PAGE 1

Howland, 42:19; Audrey Snay, 42:22; Nicole Keleher, 42:25; V. Garofoli, 43:01; Toni Brown, 44:12; Patrick Bresette, 45:21; Ed Hood, 46:08; Michael Groner, 47:15; Kevin Loggie, 47:28; Mark Johnson, 50:12; Matthew Gromosky, 52:18; Michelle Sheperd, 53:24; Pamela Jean Clark, 54:44; Michael Cavanaugh, 54:44; Christine Palmer, 58:25; Sarah Howe, 58:25; Mary Vaugh, 58:28; Brian Vaugh, 1:06:45; and Eric Howe, 1:06:46.

Taking first male finisher in the 5K Run/Walk was Eric Snay, with a time of 21:38 and first female finisher was Lynne Feldman with a time of 31:48.

Other results include Rowan McCleod, 21:40; Patrick McDermott, 22:43; William Kimoro Norman, 24:20; Matthew

Sloan, 24:49; Connor Snay, 24:55; BJ Williams, 25:21; Matt Langa, 26:03; David Maher, 26:56; Mark Kablack, 28:01; Will Baker, 31:52; Ca-triona Standfield, 32:08; Tony Guitunim, 35:19; Claire Norberg, 36:22; Doris Farmer, 40:30; Geoff Bloom, 42:32; JoAnn Crain, 45:46; Colson Ladue, 46:38; Amy Bloom, 48:59; Arlene Kusak, 52:04; Kathryn Caci, 52:04; Elaine Siok, 52:04; Michael Siok, 52:06; Kristin Siok, 52:06; Rick Dorsch, 57:28; Joseph Siok, 57:28; Lindsay Gaouette, 58:23; and Kristen Bock, 58:23.

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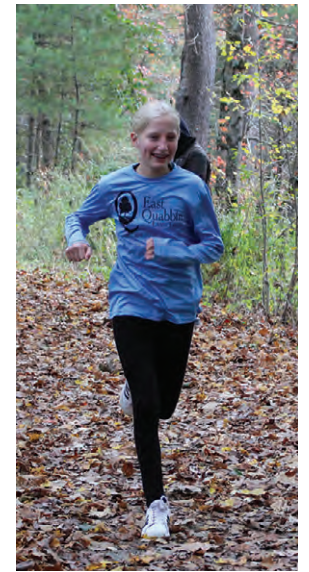
Brian Keleher of New Braintree gets ready to start the 5-Mile Classic. His daughter Eileen, 2 ½ accompanied him over the hilly course in her stroller.



Students from Assumption College's Running Club visited with Abbie Jo, one of East Quabbin Land Trust's canine volunteers. The Running Club assisted the land trust with timing the races.



Runners line up at the start of the 5K Run/Walk along the Mass Central Rail Trail. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUI-METTE



Cordelia Grandinetti races in to take first in the one-mile run.



Runners prepare to face the first hill on the 5-Mile Classic course.



Race Director Dave Broschart gives instructions to runners while East Quabbin Land Trust Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw gets ready to take photos.

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hundreds of horses and ponies find loving homes. Some have even found their "forever home" as sanctuary horses on the farm.

Caring for the horses and ponies is a huge financial commitment, as many require customized diets in addition to veterinary care. With the cost of hay and wood shavings reaching an all time high, the volunteers at CNEER invited the community to help defray these costs, while having a good time.

The Fall Festival at the Farm had a number of free family activities, including facepainting by Hannah and Adrianna and pumpkin decorating. The pumpkins were donated by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and CNEER volunteers helped younger children add some fall flair to their pumpkins.

A raffle spanned several tables, and had an impressive display of donated goods and services, with many appealing to the horse lover's heart. CNEER volunteers had plenty of shirts and sweatshirts available for sale as well.

Leah Shattuck drove her team of Percheron's around the farm, offering festivalgoers a wagon's eye view of the fall foliage.

CNEER volunteers and Ware High School students directed traffic and helped with parking during the busy event.

Volunteers also cooked up food throughout the day, and there was a variety of treats, including popcorn, cupcakes and ice cream, as well as refreshing lemonade. Numerous vendors offered a variety of crafts and services as well.

Students from Johnson's horse farm, Stoney Hill Farm in Barre, offered horse and pony rides on Finn, Brutus, Chief and Isaac.

Deux Amis, made up of musicians Sam Politz and Betsy Bronstein (who is also a CNEER volunteer), provided live music with a French twist throughout the day.

The Fall Festival at the Farm offered plenty of photo opportunities with its resident equines, giving festivalgoers memories to last a lifetime.

For more information about CNEER, visit cneer.com or follow them on Facebook.



Kamila Cobb, age 2, rides Brutus with the help of her grandfather, and Stoney Hill Farm equestrian and Central New England Equine Rescue volunteer Callie. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE



Gianna, age 7, and Joseph, age 3, show off their facepainting designed by Hannah and Adrianna.



The Worcester Police Department's Mounted Unit toured the grounds of Central New England Equine Rescue during the Fall Festival at the Farm.

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Deux Amis performed during the Fall Festival at the Farm this past Saturday.



Leah Shattuck drives her team of Percherons out of the gate to take festivalgoers on a wagon ride.



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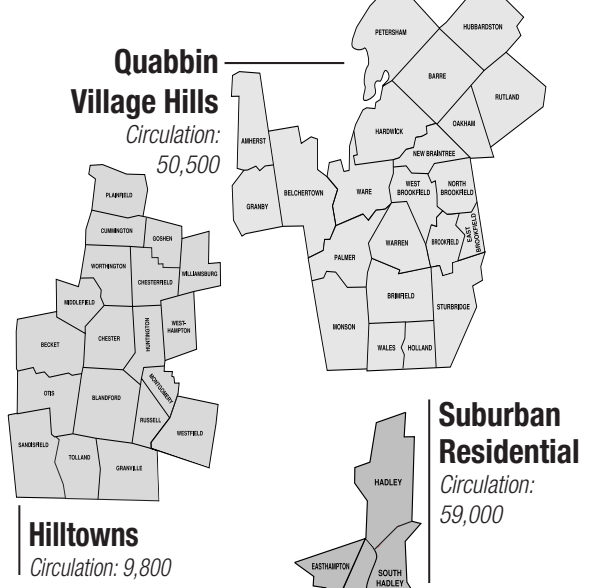
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Brookfield, MA, to operate a West Brookfield Historical Museum. The parcel to be leased is described in the deed recorded with Worcester South District Registry of Deeds at Book 8464, Page 0218.

Proposals are due no later than November 6, 2023, at 10 AM to the Town Administrator's Office, located

at 2 East Main Street in West Brookfield, MA. The Proposal Packet is available on line at www.wbrookfield.com or in person in the Town Administrator's Office, Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 4 PM.

You may contact the Town Administrator with any questions. 10/13, 10/20/2023

Lions Club hosts 17th annual 5-Mile Apple Run/Walk

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The 17th annual 5-mile Apple Run/Walk for Diabetes will be held Saturday morning, Oct. 28 at Brookfield Orchards, 12 Lincoln Road.

The event is hosted by the Lions Club of the Brookfields. All proceeds will benefit the Clara Barton Diabetes Camp in Oxford and the Diabetes Research Team at UMass.

The event in prior years has raised over \$34,000 in donations for these two organizations.

The race is professionally timed and cash prizes will be awarded to the men's

and women's first and second place finishers. Registration will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m., with walkers beginning the course at 10:30 a.m. and runners at 11 a.m.

The entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 17 and younger.

Oakhalm Brewery of Brookfield will return as a sponsor this year, and will be onsite at the event with a complementary beer for each registered runner and walker at the completion of the course.

For more information and link to online registration (as well as a downloadable registration form) visit brookfieldslionsclub.org.

Postcard and ephemera show and sale Nov. 4

BARRE – The 39th annual Postcard & Ephemera Show and Sale will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 29 South St., on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Admission to the show and sale is \$3. This event is sponsored by St. Jo-

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For more information, contact show coordinator J.R. Greene by emailing jrg01331@webtv.net.

New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of Oct. 2-16, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 40 building/property checks, 54 directed/area patrols, 16 traffic controls, six radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, three assist other agencies, two citizen assists, one complaint, one motor vehicle accident, two motor vehicle investigations, one investigation, two safety hazards, two animal calls and 11 motor vehicle stop in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Oct. 2

8:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
9 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, No Action Required
9:58 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Oakham Road, No Action Required

Thursday, Oct. 5

10:12 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Dispatch Handled

Friday, Oct. 6

8:10 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered
3:56 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Out of Town, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Oct. 7

3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, West Brookfield Road, Investigated

Sunday, Oct. 8

12:10 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
1:29 p.m. Safety Hazard, Unitas Road, Services Rendered

1:38 p.m. Safety Hazard, Unitas Road, Merge
4:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued
4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Turnpike Road, Citation Issued

Monday, Oct. 9

5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Failure to Stop, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, Oct. 10

4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
5:14 p.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Oct. 11

3:50 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Memorial Drive, Services Rendered

Thursday, Oct. 12

4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ravine Road, Written Warning

Friday, Oct. 13

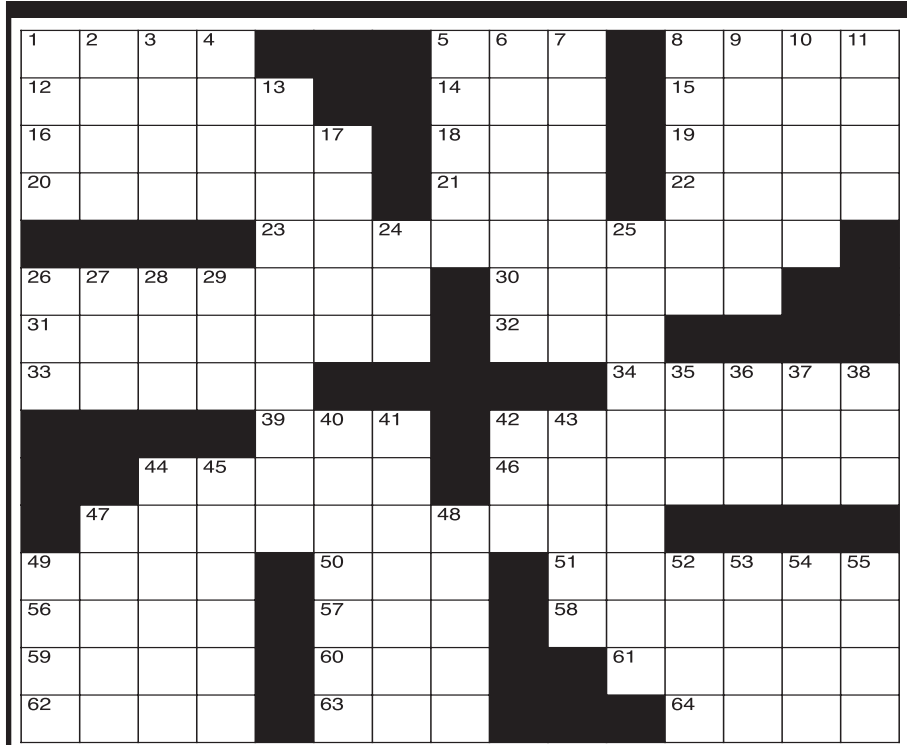
11:37 a.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Oakham Road, Spoken To

Saturday, Oct. 14

1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated

Sunday, Oct. 15

9:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Road, Citation Issued
2:36 p.m. 911 Fire Alarm, Hardwick Road, False Alarm



CLUES ACROSS

1. A device to disengage without a key
5. Subdivision
8. Network of nerves
12. Lounge chair
14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. ___ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo

39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implementations
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition
59. Opposite of subtracts
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England

CLUES DOWN

1. A dissenting clique
2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over
7. Fortified wine
8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They ___
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
53. Heroic tale
54. Amounts of time
55. Eat

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