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No gas, all glory

Mass Clean Energy Week features EV showcase at PMP



State Renewable Energy, Inc. visited Palmer Motorsports Park recently to promote the "No Gas, All Glory! Charge Ahead All-Electric Showcase" on Wednesday, Nov. 13 as part of Mass Clean Energy Week. TURLEY PHOTO BY PAULA OUIMETTE

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – For the first time ever, the commonwealth will celebrate and explore re-

newable energy with Mass Clean Energy Week, to be held Nov. 11-15.

Mass Clean Energy Week will feature a number of events that will highlight various types of renewable energy, in-

cluding solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal and more.

"We're really just trying to shine a light on how Massachusetts is an innovator in clean energy," Scott Johnson, CEO of State Renewable En-

ergy, Inc. said.

Mass Clean Energy Week kicks-off with breakfast at Boston University on Monday, Nov. 11 from 9-10:30 a.m.,

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Special town meeting scheduled for Nov. 15

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A special town meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the North Brookfield Elementary School auditorium, 10 New School House Drive.

The warrant contains 17 articles, which appear below:

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote rescind that vote of the June 16, 2024, Annual Town Meeting, Article 3, that transferred \$300,000 from Stabilization to Group Health and further to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$233,436.00 from Stabilization to Group Health, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$300,000 from available funds to Group Health, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$90,000 from available funds to Town Administrator Salary, or take

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Quaboag Regional holds mock student election

WARREN – On Oct. 29, Quaboag Regional School District held a special election for the student body.

This election allowed students in grades seven-12 to vote their choice in the national presidential election and the five Massachusetts ballot questions. The town clerks, Heather Gough from West Brookfield and Laura Stockley from Warren, were special guests to explain the multiple ways to vote including mail, early voting, in-person, and where local voting centers in



Quaboag Regional Middle High School students mark their ballots during a recent mock election. SUBMITTED PHOTO

both towns are located.

The students were explained prior to the election what they would be seeing for the ballot questions. The

students were called down by grade, and after hearing about the process of voting from the

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Quaboag offers enriching career-focused programs for students

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – The Quaboag Regional School District offers many enriching programs for students in all grade levels.

Several of the programs that really stand out for the high school students consist of the Fire Academy, emergency medical technician course and the certified nursing assistant program.

Superintendent Stephen Duff talked about how beneficial these unique programs are for these students and help them prepare for careers they want to pursue after high school.

"These are creative opportunities outside the general curriculum," Duff said.

According to High School Counselor Eric Urban, having these programs for the students

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Student Council and Rotary Club host shoe drive

STURBRIDGE – The Student Council members of Tantasqua Regional High School, led by the Shoe Drive Committee Chair person Paige Rosen, worked hard during their Homecoming weeks from Oct. 14 through Oct. 28 collecting a total of 397 pairs of sneakers and other footwear for their Environmental Sneaker/Shoe Drive Project to help the World event.

This is the fourth year that the Student Council has partnered with the Rotary Club of the Brookfields and Planet Aid to do this Community Service initiative and it has gotten bigger every year.

The sneakers/footwear will be refurbished if they can by Planet Aid and given to people in need or recycled into other usable products such as insulation, car mats and more. Thank you to all who donated their unwanted footwear to the project.



The Student Council at Tantasqua Regional High School partnered with the Rotary Club of the Brookfields and Planet Aid to hold a shoe drive. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



A total of 397 pairs of sneakers and footwear were collected during a recent shoe drive.



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Lions Club announces Halloween costume contest winners

By Sylvia G. Buck
Submitted Article

STURBRIDGE – It was a warm night on the Sturbridge Common Thursday evening, Oct. 31 when, all of a sudden, a siren pierced the night from a firetruck.

Not an uncommon sight at this location. However, what was uncommon were close to 100 spooks, goblins, space-

folks mixed in with lots of other Halloweenies.

Their costumes and facepainting hid their real identities. Who and why were they here? They came to be judged for the best costume in their age group.

On top of this, they were being judged by LIONS, from the Sturbridge Lions Club. This annual program was sponsored by the members from the Sturbridge Fire Department Benefit As-

sociation.

Halloween judging on the Common has been going on since around the 1940s according to one of the judges. Now then, there were six age categories and the winners were:

Ages 0-6 Emberlee Schlegl, Devin Patel, Parix Mac and Devansh Patel.

Ages 5-7 Dainika Patel, Lena Bachand, Aelynn Kaitbenski and Boston Couture.

Ages 8-11 Ethan Donahue, Kavaya Patel, Ryan Greaney and Elizabeth Beaupre.

Ages 12-14 Anabel Joyner, Adrianna Isabella and Roark Keppler.

Ages 15-18 Alex Waw, Nathan Alicea, Rachel Perrault and Daniel Wexler.

Ages 19 and up - Cherish Sawa, Megan Gardner, Brianne Downing, Erik Swenson, Tonia Maloney and Tyler Rowley.



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Country Bank supports local schools with donations

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce its recent donation of \$250 Visa gift cards to 35 local schools, totaling \$12,000.

These schools have been long-standing partners in our financial literacy initiatives, and this contribution aims to support teachers and students as they head into the new academic year.

“At Country Bank, we are deeply committed to the communities we serve, and we believe that investing in education is critical to our future. Our financial literacy programs have empowered students with essential money management skills, and we are excited to continue working closely with local schools to enhance financial education,” said Jodie Gerulaitis, Vice President of Community Relations, in a press release.

As part of its ongoing commitment to financial literacy, Country Bank offers a robust Money School program. The program includes a variety of resources designed to teach students about managing money, budgeting, and saving.

Most recently, the program introduced a new debit card option for kids, allowing them to learn hands-on how to manage money earned from chores. This innovative approach to financial education is designed to give young people the skills they need to succeed financially throughout their lives.

For more information about Country Bank’s Money School program or to inquire about our community initiatives, please visit www.countrybank.com.

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Vice President of Community Relations Jodie Gerulaitis, left, presents a donation to West Brookfield Elementary School Principal Melissa Provost. SUBMITTED PHOTO

‘Leaving Coy’s Hill’ author comes to Warren Nov. 21

WARREN – The Warren Public Library is excited to host author Katherine Sherbrooke on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Sherbrooke will be discussing her historical novel “Leaving Coy’s Hill” and signing copies of her books. “Leaving Coy’s Hill” covers the incredible life of local suffragist and abolitionist Lucy Stone, who was a driving force in paving the way for women’s rights in the 1800s.

The library is currently hosting a Community Read and copies of the book are available to check out for all patrons that are interested in reading the story before meeting the author. For more information, please contact the library by calling 413-436-7690 or emailing warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

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in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Tulips and daffodils on vacation, oh my!

My spring flowering bulbs have traveled quite a distance to make it to me, and what a debacle in the process.

Usually, my order, placed in late July comes effortlessly around mid October. The east coast port strike may have only lasted three days, but it sent my bulbs that had come from the Netherlands first to New York, then to Mobile, Alabama, then to the Bahamas and finally, a week ago, to New Jersey, where they will be sent to me, hopefully.

I say this because it is time to get the tulips and daffodils I ordered in the ground, so they can do their thing before the calendar finally decides it is November and not September.

We learned how to plant garlic last week, and we plant spring bulbs each fall nearly the same way. Read on for a refresher course, and if you haven't gotten your bulbs in yet, there is no time like the present!

Let's consider these main points:

Timing

We do our best to plant our bulbs in early fall, so that they can take advantage of optimal temperatures for rooting. Strong roots will keep the bulbs in place, well-anchored during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter.

Location

Most bulbs thrive in full sun, in fertile, well-drained soil. It is important to avoid "wet feet" at all costs when planting bulbs. This means you should steer clear of low areas in your yard, or those that tend to pool water, such as under downspouts or roof overhangs.

Fertilization

I like to use a well-balanced granular organic fertilizer for my bulbs, mixing it into the soil at planting at the rate recommended on the bag. Bone meal was always the fertilizer of choice for bulbs, but this is no longer so.

It has been shown that in addition to phosphorus and potassium, bulbs require small amounts of nitrogen and trace minerals for optimal growth. These days advanced methods of cleaning bones by steaming have all but eliminated the nitrogen and trace minerals from bone meal.

In the spring, another fertilizer application can be made, and if you have an option, choose one with a higher nitrogen to support strong leaf growth. Daffodils are less dependent on fertilizer than tulips and hyacinth—the size of these flowers will diminish over time.

Spacing

Most folks will agree that drifts or clusters of bulbs are more stunning than one or two sprinkled here and there about the garden. Spring bulbs can come in all sizes, so the general rule is to plant them two times the width of the bulb apart from one another.

For example, if the bulb is three inches wide, plant it six inches apart from its neighbor.

Depth

The same rule applies for depth. Two times the height of the bulb is the ideal planting depth; you can even go a tad deeper.

This is especially true if you are hoping your tulip bulbs will return year after year. If your garden soil has been loosened up, planting lots of bulbs is easy.

I have described the fast, "jab and grab" method before, but here it is in a nutshell: Holding your trowel facing in, jab it into the

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in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

A Brimfield resident reported white-throated sparrows in his yard.

He said, "Adult white-throated sparrows are polymorphic, occurring in two plumage types or forms: white striped (bright) or tan striped (dull). Almost all of the white-throated sparrows I see are the tan striped morph."

I also saw white-throated sparrows, but they are mostly the white striped morph.

I put a small amount of bird seed and shelled peanuts in my feeders in the morning. I do not fill them as there are many black bears in my area. With this wonderful Indian summer weather, I have been working outside since I use a laptop computer. Besides working on the two papers I edit, Barre Gazette and Country Journal, I enjoy the weather, and get to see birds coming and going at the feeders.

The white-throated sparrow is 6 1/2 inches long with a dark crown with a buff or tan

central stripe and white throat. Depending on which morph, they have either white or tan eyebrows with a yellow mark before the eye. Their breast is gray with a few, faint streaks.

The female has a less bold pattern on the head, duller yellow by eye, more streaking on the breast and gray. The immature of either sex looks like the female. Immature plumage is kept through their first winter. Breeding pair usually contains one bird from each morph, either a tan female and white male or white female and tan male.

The female lays four to six light blue-green eggs with dark marks in a nest of grasses lined with hairs and rootlets. It is placed on the ground or under a small tree or shrub.

For many years, my family and I had horses. Their hair was a popular nesting material for the birds in our yard. Nests often had horse hair woven into them. After grooming the horses, birds would often come and fly away with strands of horse hair especially from the horses' mane or tail.

White throated sparrows summer in Canada and winter in the northeastern and part of the southern United States. They feed on the ground eating weed seeds, grain, fruit and insects. They come to tray type feeders or scattered on the ground. They like cracked corn, sunflower seeds and millet.



White-throated sparrow, white and tan striped morphs

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— Hank Houghton
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'A Country Christmas' fair will be held Nov. 23

WEST BROOKFIELD – The George Whitefield United Methodist Church will host its annual Church Fair "A Country Christmas" on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 33 West Main St.

Featured will be a bake sale, knit and handcrafted items, a Christmas shop of gifts and décor, fudge, jams and jellies, Gramma's Attic Thrift Store and lunch room. Come kick off the holiday season with the church.



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soil and pull forward. If you have not achieved the desired depth, repeat the motion.

Grab the bulb and drop it into the hole, pushing the soil back over as you do so.

Care during bloom time

I always deadhead the spent flowers on my bulbs. The theory behind dead-heading is that you remove the flower as it withers, before the plant wastes energy forming a seed.

That way energy is redirected to the bulb, and to forming next year's flowers. In college we were taught to do it, for the above rationale as well as to keep the plant looking tidy.

Most folks simply remove the entire stem at ground level. One part about this process always bothered me though, why don't we just pop off the spent flower parts and leave the stem – it is very leaf-like in appearance and will do a fair job of photosynthesizing and adding to the plant's energy reserves.

Care during post bloom

Unfortunately, foliage should remain in place until it is completely yellow and

withered. It seems to take a long time to get to that point, especially for daffodils, and we can get impatient in the process.

There is good reason for leaving it there – it is making energy for flowers next year. The best way around the inevitable ugliness is to camouflage them with other plants.

Try interplanting daffodil bulbs such as alongside daylilies or other leafy plants. Once the foliage yellows it is safe to remove it – a gentle tug is all that is necessary to release the leaves.

I will certainly have my hands full when the shipment of bulbs arrives, but the beautiful gardens around Old Sturbridge Village come springtime will be well-worth the effort!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Enrollment open for energy assistance program

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season is now open.

This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

HEAP is a free, statewide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies.

Starting Oct.1, homeowners and renters can apply online or through local administering agencies across the state. The assistance period runs from Nov. 1 to April 30, 2025.

HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

"No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the

winter," said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus in a press release. "With high costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program is more critical than ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. Please share this valuable information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months."

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older.

Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

For more information find your local HEAP agency at <https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/>

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Their song is two long whistled notes followed by three or four higher, quivering notes. It sounds like "sweet sweet Canada Canada Canada." Calls are "tseet" when birds are in flocks and "pink" in alarm. They inhabit coniferous and mixed woods and brushy areas.

Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident reported not much happening at the Warren ponds. In his yard, he saw a male eastern towhee, a couple of ruby-crowned kinglets, five goldfinches, a chipping sparrow, song sparrow and white-throated sparrows.

Black swallow tail caterpillars

The Brimfield resident also said in an email, "Over a week ago we found a couple of black swallowtail caterpillars on a volunteer 12" tall fennel plant growing out of the space between pavers in our walkway. I collected the caterpillars and put them in the house in a small aquarium with fennel leaves. Last year we found three black swallowtail caterpillars chrysalises in the garden, kept them inside a shed over the winter and in the spring tied the chrysalises to tree branches. All three hatched and flew away."

Fun facts about Canada geese

The Brimfield resident also offered some facts about Canada geese he got from MassWildlife. Human intervention radically altered the status of this species within the Bay State. Before the 1930s, these geese rarely nested here, today many Canada geese are in this state year round.

Their migratory population still pass through in the spring and fall and stop to rest during migration. Resident population are descendants of captive geese used by waterfowl hunters; live decoys were outlawed in the 1930s and captive birds were released. With no pattern of migration, these geese began nesting in Massachusetts. In the 1960s and early 1970s, MassWildlife moved geese from the coast into central and western Massachusetts to the applause of both hunters and non-hunters. A population explosion followed.

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Fall Fest celebrated arrival of autumn at OSV

By Ryan Drago
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STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Village hosted its fall event known as Fall Fest: Animals, Apples & Agriculture to celebrate the change of seasons.

Visitors got to learn about what role animals played in the daily life of early 19th century New Englanders along with the region's rich agricultural history. In addition, guests were treated to the tastes of fall with hard cider and apple themed treats.

Many apple products were available at the stores.

Fall was the time for 19th century New Englanders to celebrate their agricultural societies. The Friends Meetinghouse was hosting an exhibition of vegetables, fruit, butter, cheese, and home items such as cotton and woolen fabrics.

On display was a reproduction of an 1837 cradle quilt which was tied to an important part of history. The quilt exemplifies items that were made during the anti-slavery fairs, which took place from the 1830s to the 1860s, where many abolitionists, mostly women, who sold goods and distributed and discussed anti-slavery ideas.

There were also village manufac-

tured items such as shoes, tins, pottery, brooms, baskets and books to see throughout the meetinghouse. For fun, the kids participated in a scavenger hunt at Old Sturbridge Village.

Throughout the village there are some fun games for kids to play. The common hosted the farm Olympics and kids participated in fun games and learned how to use the water pump that sits on the common.

There was also a guided tour of the Salem Towne Orchard. This newly planted apple orchard is home to more than 70 varieties of apples.

Guests learned about the history of the Davenport Collection of Apples and get a behind-the-scenes look at how the village is using modern day solutions to ensure the best health of the new apple trees.

Next door was the Cider Mill building hosting various activities. A farmer demonstrated how to grind apples by using actual horse power at the cider mill. The goal was to make a year-round supply of cider.

"A cider barrel fits around 33 gallons of cider," the farmer said. "Straw is used as a binder to keep everything together."

When it comes to apples, it is important to learn the legend and history behind John Chapman, also known as



Old Sturbridge Village hosted a Fall Fest. Samples of different apples were displayed and available. PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

Johnny Appleseed and his involvement with apples and apple trees. Johnny Appleseed is unique to New England since he is a Leominster native.

There was apple tasting going on in the Visitor Center. There were Blenheim orange, Canadian strawberry, Milton apples, minnewashta, Somerset of

Maine and Washington Sweet.

For a fun ride around the village, a carryall ride powered by horses was available during Fall Fest. Guests got picked up at the Miner Grant Store and every ride took guests around the Common.

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A reproduction of an 1837 cradle quilt was displayed inside the meetinghouse during the agricultural fair.



The horse-drawn carryall ride was operating during Fall Fest and brought guests on a cozy ride through OSV.

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The newly planted apple orchard, the Salem Towne Orchard was a site to see with more than 70 different varieties of apples.



A farmer used the cider mill to make his own supply of cider with crushed, pressed and fermented apples.



Guests learned how to make butter the old fashion way.

Sturbridge to offer small business signage grant program

STURBRIDGE – The Town of Sturbridge is pleased to announce a grant program to help small businesses improve or create new signage.

Qualified businesses will be eligible for a grant for up to \$2,500 for sign creation or improvements to existing signage. The program will require a 50% match.

The purpose of the program is to create a positive visual impact for businesses as they work to attract patronage. Enhanced aesthetics for businesses have been shown to increase property values, improve the marketability of retail space and attract consumers who may be local residents or visitors from afar.

Financing for this grant availability will be sourced through American Rescue Plan funds with a total allocation of \$30,000.

Robin Grimm, Sturbridge Town Administrator commented in a press release; “We are very excited to be of-

fering this new resource that will help businesses improve their visibility and ‘curb appeal.’ Sturbridge is a well trafficked location so attractive signage strengthens our small businesses and elevates the streetscape of our town.”

Alexandra McNitt, Executive Director of the Chamber of Central Mass South, said, “It is great to see this new program which can help businesses improve their public profile and in turn increase their sales and foot traffic. The Chamber looks forward to working with its member businesses to access this program.”

Businesses that are interested in applying or just have questions can contact Terry Masterson, Economic Development/Tourism Coordinator with the Town at 508-347-2500, extension 1411. Accessing the grant program will require advance work with the Town on following Town Signage Design regulations as well as approving the costs for sign creation or improvements.

Brittany Murphy elevated for positive contributions to PR firm

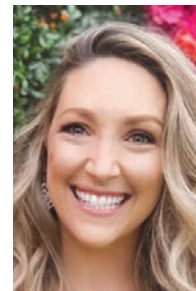
BOSTON/WORCESTER – Slowey McManus Communications announced that Account Director Brittany Murphy has been promoted to Managing Director of the firm.

After a successful career in broadcast journalism in central and western Massachusetts, Murphy has been with SMC for more than four years, rising from Senior Account Executive to Managing Director. She focuses on healthcare, energy and nonprofit clients.

The Sturbridge resident is a graduate of Emerson College in Boston.

“Britt has quickly become a key

part of our management team, providing important media industry insights and direction for client teams. She has established strong connections with a range of clients. Her hard work, ability to manage teams and secure high value media coverage have been a big part of our success these past few years. Britt will continue to be an important part of our team in the future,” said Jim McManus, principal partner of SMC, in a press release.




Brittany Murphy

Slowey McManus has expanded in central and western Massachusetts, adding more than eight clients in the past few years. It is the only public relations firm with offices in Boston and Worcester.

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followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the university's Center for Computing & Data Sciences from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Dennis Carlberg, the Chief of Sustainability at Boston University will be the featured speaker at the breakfast.

Johnson said the building operates using geothermal energy, and doesn't rely on any fossil fuels.

"They use solar and wind, too," he said. "The future is here."

From 2:30-4:30 p.m., participants can take an exclusive tour of the Polestar Boston Showroom and get an up-close look at the electric vehicles' impressive design.

On Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 10-11 a.m., learn about UMass Boston's hidden coastal sustainability secrets, along with a tour of the hidden power beneath New England at the Northfield Mountain Pump Storage from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Travel to Lowell for a look at the Boott Hydroelectric Project with a tour from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 13 from noon-4 p.m., experience the thrill of Whiskey Hill at Palmer Motorsports Park for the "No Gas, All Glory! Charge Ahead All-Electric Showcase" which allows people a rare opportunity to test drive cutting-edge electric vehicles on one of the top-rated tracks in North America.

Mass Clean Energy Week continues from 7-8:30 p.m. with "Powering Newton's Future" a look into community networked geothermal energy.

On Thursday, Nov. 14 from 9:30-10:30 a.m., tour Boston University's sustainable campus and experience the "green revolution" firsthand. From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., get a behind-the-scenes look at clean energy innovation at Deer Island Treatment Plant in Winthrop, the second largest wastewater treatment facility in the U.S.

From noon-1:15 p.m., tour Vicinity Energy's historical Kendall Square facility in Cambridge.

Mass Clean Energy Week ends on Friday, Nov. 15 with a sustainability tour of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center from 2-3:15 p.m. and the grand finale at Boston Harbor Distillery from 5-7:15 p.m.

"The EV ride and drive is the biggest and most talked about event," Johnson said of the Mass Clean Energy Week events.

The "No Gas, All Glory!" event will feature all of the big name suppliers of electric vehicles, including Tesla, Lucid, Polestar and more. This is the first event of its kind to combine a world-class track with an all-electric vehicle showcase.

Helping to make this event possible are Light Efficient Design, Independent Electric Supply and Energy Source.

"The three of them have generously sponsored the event."

Johnson said Balise Auto will also be bringing a number of electric vehicles to the event, including Toyota, Chevrolet,

Lexus, Kia, Hyundai and Ford.

"We're going to make it a fun day," Johnson said.

In addition to the electric vehicle showcase, there will be food trucks and the chance to test drive the vehicles on the 2.3 mile-long track, which gives a stunning, panoramic view from its peak.

Recently, Johnson and his team were joined by representatives from Lucid Motors and Polestar Boston, also event sponsors, who took to the track to film a video to promote Mass Clean Energy Week.

Polestar provided its newest electric vehicle, an SUV called the Polestar 3, which is currently only available for pre-order. Lucid provided a sedan, the Lucid Air.

With its minimalistic design, the Polestar 3 combines performance with luxury, creating a one-of-a-kind drive with all of the amenities. Its active air suspension provides a smooth ride, which Polestar refers to as "the golden ride."

The all-wheel drive vehicle can range up to 315 miles.

The Lucid Air can charge to 200 miles in 12 minutes with an estimated range of 512 miles. With a maximum horsepower of 1,234, the Air can reach 0-60 miles per hour in about 1.89 seconds.

Its solid glass roof can hold the weight of an elephant on it.

Palmer Motorsports Park Club Director Al Sandy said the "No Gas, All Glory!" event is just one of the ways that Palmer Motorsports Park uses its facility to test the newest innovations in the automobile industry.

"We are embracing the electric vehicles as they come on board," he said.

Sandy said the track often has automotive manufacturers come there to test out new projects and technology. Palmer Motorsports Park also works with students from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to test their solar powered cars.

While this is the first time the commonwealth has participated in Clean Energy Week, the Bay State has been a leader in renewable energy and innovation, offering a number of programs and incentives to help residents go green.

"Massachusetts is leading the way," Johnson said. "Now with clean energy, you can actually take control of your energy future...these programs are here; take advantage of them. We live in a state that really cares."

Johnson spoke about the importance of clean energy options when facing climate change.

"You're saving the planet and saving a tremendous amount of money," he said. "You can actually make money going green."

For more information about Mass Clean Energy Week or to register for any of the events, follow Mass Clean Energy Week on Facebook and Instagram or visit masscleanenergyweek.org.



Lucid Motors and Polestar Boston will bring electric vehicles to the showcase event at Palmer Motorsports Park. TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA QUIMETTE



Polestar Boston's driver enjoyed taking the Polestar 3 out for test laps on the track.



Lucid Motors brought an Air to the track for testing last month.



The Lucid Air has a sleek, aerodynamic design.

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town clerks and the importance of voting by civics teacher Joe Salvadore, they got to cast their ballot.

Quaboag Regional Middle High School has been accurately choosing the winner of the presidential election in the last seven elections over 28 years. Quaboag students voted and these are the results: for President, Kamala Harris totaled 142 votes and Donald Trump totaled 270 votes.

On the ballot questions: Question 1, the power to audit the state legislature, the yes votes win 197-167; Question 2, eliminate MCAS as a graduation requirement, the yes vote wins 321-85; Question 3, allow transportation drivers

to unionize, the yes votes win 215-157; Question 4, allow use of psychedelic substances, the yes votes win 216-209; Question 5, increase minimum wage for tipped workers, the no votes win 266-166

After the real election on Nov. 5, the students will compare their results to those of registered voters.

Special thanks goes to the student election workers Emma Nault, McKenzie Bennett, and Victoria Paradis, to senior Madison Neilsen for making the ballots and ballot box, and the students in Mr. Koss's classes that helped count and tabulate the votes.



Quaboag Civics teacher Joe Salvadore is shown with students Victoria Paradis, McKenzie Bennett and Emma Nault, along with West Brookfield Town Clerk Heather Gough and Warren Town Clerk Laura Stockley. SUBMITTED PHOTO

SPORTS

Early goals pace Panthers to win

BARRE – Last Friday afternoon on a very mild afternoon, Quabbin Regional High School field hockey once again entered the state tournament. Their opening opponent did not have to travel far as Narragansett, another Central Mass. team, met the Panthers in the first round. Quabbin scored early in the matchup and used the momentum to a 3-1 win in the Round of 32.

Coming up, the Panthers were scheduled for another home match, this time hosting a high school from the Massachusetts island of Nantucket. That game was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.



Abby Rogowski carefully moves into the offensive end of the field.



Farrah Wojcik reaches out to steal the ball. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Makenzie Casey looks to get a shot on goal during a penalty corner.



Veanna Salvatore fights to keep possession of the ball.



Kailynn Schuster makes a stop on defense.

Late goal lifts Pioneers in WMass tournament

PALMER – The Pathfinder boys soccer team, which co-ops with Palmer, prevailed in overtime over SICS last week to advance in the Western Mass. tournament. Adonis Dupre and Evan Costa scored the goals for Pathfinder. The Pioneers would beat Drury in the semifinals before falling in the Western Mass. finals. Highlights from the finals will be in next week's edition.

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Cayden Bousquet watches his pass head up the field.



Zander Auffrey attempts to clear the ball away.



Evan Costa shoots ahead of an opponent.

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Panthers score big win over Littleton, but don't make tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LITTLETON—Back in the fall of 2016, Dave Buchanan guided the Quabbin varsity football team to a 7-4 overall record. The Panthers also qualified for the Central Mass. Division 3 playoffs for the first time that season.

No other Quabbin football team has won seven games in a season since the program began in 2000.

The members of this year's squad won't be one of the 16 teams competing in the Division 6 state playoffs, but they still have a chance to make a little bit of history.

The Panthers finished the 2024 regular season with a 6-2 record follow-

ing a 30-8 road victory against Mid-Wach E rival Littleton on Halloween night.

"We haven't had a winning season since 2016," said Wayne Page, who took over as the Panthers varsity football coach prior to the start of the 2021 regular season. "We do have three more games remaining to try to break the school record for wins in a season. If we're able to do that, it would be extremely special for this group of players, especially the seniors."

The Quabbin seniors, who won just four games as freshmen, are Jaxon Warburton, Ryan Wreschinsky, Bryce Venne, Jake Thao, Luke Salvatore, Cole Wilson, Adam Faulha, Zach Zajack, Zeke Santoro, Travis

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Candlepin League News

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Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The Commercial Elks League has one week left in round one of the candlepin league season.

As of Oct. 22, there is a tie for first place between the Mailmen and Gutter Mouths who each have 19.5 wins. The Daft Kings are close in third place with 16 wins. Last in Line is in fourth place with 15 wins, Compression has 14 wins and Team BK has 12 wins.

In the second to last week of the first round Last in Line bowled against Compression. In game one, Compression was victorious 331-302. Jay Dominick of Compression has a 108 to start the match.

In game two, Compression repeated their first game score, 331 and won again. In game three, Compression swept Last in Line with a third consecutive victory with a 342. Dominick finished with a 111 in game three and was the high bowler on his team with a series of 311.

Compression was victorious and took all four points, including the one for total pinfall with a score of 1004.

The two teams tied for first place bowled off during league night on Oct. 29, Gutter Mouths and Mailmen. In game one, Gutter Mouths won by one point, 337-336. Bryan Surprise of

Mailmen had a chance to tie the game, but only filled his spare with a nine count. Surprise finished with a 120.

In game two, Gutter Mouths won again by a score of 324-301. In game three, Gutter Mouths won again for a three-game sweep over the Mailmen, 328-323. Surprise bowled another 120 in game three and had a series of 333.

The total pinfall score was in favor of Gutter Mouths, 989-960. By winning all four points, the Gutter Mouths have a distant lead going into the final week of the season.

The Daft Kings bowled against Team BK. In game one, Team BK won the first game 367-358. In game two, BK were victorious again by a score of 379-367. Dave Cobleigh of Daft Kings had a 107 in game two.

In game three, Team BK ran away with game three with a score of 397-363. Jeff Whyte of BK broke the century mark in game three with a 101. Whyte currently holds an 87 league average. Matt Bertelli of Daft Kings finished with a 104.

Team BK won all four points with a final score of 1128-1088. A winner for round one will be determined the first Tuesday night in November. The winner will receive a playoff berth in the championship roll-off.

Visit Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes at 1446 North Main St. in Palmer. The alleys can be reached at 413-289-0013.

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Wells and Jack Fors,

The Panthers, who have scored 30 or more points in five of their six victories, are scheduled to play two non-playoff games before traveling to Gardner High School on Thanksgiving morning. It'll be the second meeting of the season between the two rivals.

The Wildcats made the trip to Barre and pulled out a 26-14 victory in the season opener. The Panthers also lost a non-league game at Oxford, 18-14, on October 18.

"I really think we're a playoff caliber team this year and not qualifying for the Division 6 playoffs with a 6-2 record is a little bit tough," Page said. "If we wanted to make the playoffs, we needed to win all of our regular season games."

The Panthers suffered a 27-0 loss to the Tigers (3-5) when they made their last visit to the turf football field located at Littleton Middle School two years ago.

"Littleton beat us up here two years ago and we came here with a little bit of extra motivation," Page said. "It was very nice to come back here and get a win in tonight's game."

Warburton, who's the Panthers starting quarterback, remembers the shut-out loss.

"I started my first varsity game as a quarterback on this field two years ago," said Warburton, who's a three-sport athlete. "Our starting quarterback at that time was injured at practice and I had only one day to prepare for the game. It feels great to come back here and celebrate a win. We're a completely different team than we were two years ago."

A year ago, the Panthers squeaked out a 16-14 home win against the Tigers.

The Panthers racked up a total of 121 offensive yards and scored two rushing touchdowns during the opening twelve minutes of last Thursday night's contest.

The Quabbin defense set the tone on the opening series of the game as they forced Littleton to turn the ball over on downs.

Warburton and junior Chase Talbot both rushed for eight yards on the Panthers first two offensive plays. Then Salvadore rumbled 19 yards up the middle down to the Tigers 21 yard line. Following a 19-yard pass completion by junior Wes Sanderson and another short run by Salvadore, Sanderson capped off

Quabbin's six play scoring drive with a two-yard touchdown run with 3:58 remaining in the first quarter.

Venne made the first of his two extra points.

Littleton was forced to punt on their next offensive possession.

With nine seconds left in the quarter, Sanderson scored his second rushing TD on a 10-yard scamper around the left end, which gave the visitors a 14-0 lead.

"We dominated the first quarter," Page said. "Then we let our foot off the gas pedal a little bit. It allowed Littleton to make a comeback against us."

Just when it looked like the Panthers defense had forced the Tigers to turn the ball over on downs for the second time, a pass interference penalty on Quabbin gave the home team a first down at the 12 yard line.

Two plays later, Littleton senior QB Evan Manno completed a 10-yard touchdown pass to junior Tyler Branco with 6:24 left in the first half.

The Quabbin defense tackled a Tigers running back short of the goal-line on the two-point conversion play, but a facemask penalty on the Panthers gave the home team another opportunity. This time, junior Jake Taglieri carried the ball into the endzone slicing the Tigers deficit to 14-8, which was the half-time score.

With 2:46 remaining in the third quarter, Warburton scrambled 19 yards into the endzone capping off a six play scoring drive, which covered 53 yards.

Talbot also scored a rushing TD on the conversion play.

After the Tigers were forced to punt, Warburton called his own number in the huddle on the first down. He sprinted 33 yards down the left sideline into the endzone for his second touchdown of the third quarter.

"Jaxon is an outstanding football player and his two rushing touchdowns in the third quarter were huge for us," Page said. "He wouldn't score those touchdowns without the help of his teammates."

Salvadore scored on the two-point conversion play, which gave the visitors from Barre a 30-8 advantage.

The Panthers j.v. unit saw a lot of playing time during the fourth quarter, which was fast moving as the scoreboard clock was kept running.

Hall of Fame Series heads for Vegas

PHOENIX – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), announced that the 2027 Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas will take place at the iconic Allegiant Stadium on November 12, 2027, marking the first-ever basketball game at the renowned stadium.

The historic event will feature two marquee matchups between elite men's basketball programs: Arizona vs. Duke and Indiana vs. Kansas. Both games will once again be showcased on TNT Sports' networks and platforms, with additional programming information to be announced at a later date.

These four teams represent some of the most storied traditions in college basketball, with a combined 15 national championships, over 35 Hall of Famers, and a legion of passionate fans. The rivalry between Duke and Arizona, which will be on display in Tucson, Ariz., on November 22, as well as the timeless Kansas vs. Indiana matchup, is set to provide fans an unforgettable experience and signal a significant milestone in Las Vegas' sports history.

Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders and Super Bowl LVIII, will be hosting its first college basketball games, showcasing the versatility of the venue. The stadium will also serve as the site for the 2028 NCAA Men's Final Four, further solidifying its position as a premier destination for top-tier sporting events.

The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a collection of multi-game, singular events that showcase several of the top collegiate basketball teams in exciting non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. The inaugural Hall of Fame Series took place in 2023 in Las Vegas, Charlotte, San Antonio, Toronto, and Phoenix, and the series continues its successful run in 2024 with upcoming stops in Las Vegas (November 4), Phoenix (November 14), Baltimore (November 15), and New York (December 14).

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Justin Davis heads up the field.
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Owen Pear sends a shot away.



Jaleel Nevue-Roman dribbles up the field under pressure.

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Quabbin Regional High School seniors host Fall Bazaar

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BARRE – The 2025 Fall Bazaar took place recently at Quabbin Regional High School.

The Fall Bazaar is a day of fun activities and fundraising to support the senior class. Students of the Class of 2025 put in a lot of hard work and effort to put this fun fall bazaar together to help raise funds for their class activities.

Senior Advisor to the Class of 2025, Davey Ljungberg can only describe the Fall Bazaar as “an event brought back to life.”

He said this senior class fundraiser brings back a fun tradition for the students of Quabbin Regional High School. It is also a fun community event that connects the school community with the town community.

“A little community event to raise money for the senior class,” Ljungberg said.

Ljungberg’s co-advisor is Chris Nosek who is also a big supporter of the Fall Bazaar. Nosek teaches middle school math and Ljungberg teaches computer science.

This was the second year that the school has hosted a Fall Bazaar to support the senior class since bringing it back. Prior to the pandemic, the Fall Bazaar was a fun, annual event that gave seniors the opportunity to provide fun activities and reach out to the community for support.

Barre Fire Department brought a fire truck and ambulance for a touch a truck event for the families who visited during the Fall Bazaar. Additional funds came from raffles, the concession stand in operation and a spot to buy some Quabbin High School Panthers merchandise.

Many volunteers consisted of juniors, seniors and parents who helped with running the snack shack, raffles and games. The Fall Bazaar also welcomed a face painter for kids. Fun activities for kids also included arts and crafts, pumpkin painting and many fun outdoor games.

The Fall Bazaar featured several Halloween themed games, including a unique game called Zombie Eye Toss. There was also tic-tac-toe, cornhole, ring toss and corn stock smash.

One game that got seniors involved was called Senior Shootout. Kids could attempt to score a soccer goal against a senior who played as the goalkeeper. Occasionally, the seniors and guests would play a round of soccer with a big inflatable soccer ball.



The Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2025 hosted a Fall Bazaar. Seniors are shown with a banner featuring their supporting sponsors. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO

The hamburgers and hotdogs cooked at the snack shack were provided by Wholesome Farmers Market Inc. in Barre. Merchandise came from the school store.

For the month of October, hosting the Fall Bazaar is a great way to help set up the rest of the school year as class funds accumulate. According to Ljungberg, “the students have been really motivated.”

The students of the Class of 2025 have partaken in many leadership rolls, community outreach and communication. Thanks to the Fall Bazaar fundraiser, the class was able to enjoy a class trip to New York City.

“Having these trips build experience and help us come together as a class,” says class president Luke Salvadore. Other class representatives who were in attendance during the Fall Bazaar were Vice President Ruby Gatulis, Secretary Irene Stolgitis and Treasurer Ellie Frost.

All class leaders view the Fall Bazaar as a “feel good fundraiser” as they learn to connect with the community they’re a part of. The students feel they have learned a lot and developed several essential skills that will help them in their future endeavors and careers.

Gatulis hopes this fundraiser continues at their school after they graduate.

“We hope the classes below us continue it on,” Gatulis said.

The class gets involved in numerous activities throughout the school year and enjoy being with each other and working as a team. Many seniors had the pleasure of going out to the public and looking for support to make this thriving fundraiser possible.

The seniors would gather and hold up a banner showcasing their Fall Bazaar’s supporting sponsors and contributors.

Sponsors included Old Furnace General Store, E.P. Wine Propane, Brookside Equipment Sales, Healy Brothers Insurance Agency, Inc., White Valley Motors, Salvadore Trucking and many more. The Class of 2025 appreciates all the community support for help making the Fall Bazaar a successful fundraiser that will carry on for years to come.



Face painting was featured during the Fall Bazaar.



A concession stand offered hotdogs and hamburgers during the Fall Bazaar.

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HARDWICK – Every song is fresh. Every scene is new. Every night is different. It's all improvised and it's all funny.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., "Broadway's Next Hit Musical" comes to The Center at Eagle Hill.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for students and seniors. The Center also offers discounted \$10 tickets to EBT cardholders through Massachusetts' Card to Culture Program.

"Broadway's Next Hit Musical" is the only unscripted theatrical awards show. Have you heard of the Tony Awards? Well, "Broadway's Next Hit Musical" is the "Phony" Awards.

Audience members write down made up song titles and master improvisers gather the suggestions and present them as "nominated songs" for this coveted award. Spontaneous scenes and songs are created filled with great dancing,

catchy melodies, and tons of laughter.

The audience votes for their favorite song and watches as the cast turns that song into a full-blown improvised musical – complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists galore.

For tickets and information, visit www.thecenterateaglehill.org or call the Box Office at 413-477-6746.

About The Center

The Center at Eagle Hill is a performance venue in central Massachusetts presenting world class music, dance, theatre, and comedy.

For more information about this, and other events, please visit our website at www.thecenterateaglehill.org. The Center at Eagle Hill is located at 242 Old Petersham Road.

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takes a team effort. For the Fire Academy as an example, it is about working collaboratively with the schools, the superintendent and the fire departments.

One of the biggest benefits about these programs is that students develop their own leadership skills and experiences in working with a team.

"To see them grow like that is incredible," Urban said.

Many students from the past who were in the school's fire academy still have their academy t-shirts and still wear them with pride. Seth Beall is one of the educators who teaches for the school's fire academy and has been doing it since the first time the school offered the courses.

The students who partake in the Fire Academy learn everything there is about fire safety and firefighting. The class focuses on the tools they use, hose line handling, gear preparation and much more.

Another Fire Academy educator, Adam Walters, who also has been involved with the school's courses since day one has seen many students have success after going through the program.

The class consists of juniors and seniors. Many of them take the course their junior year and then move onto an EMT course in their senior year.

According to Walters, these students show a lot of interest and commitment to the course and want to pursue future careers in the field.

"The kids are here because they want to be here," Walters said.

Many students after graduation would enter into a junior program with the fire station. Junior firefighters would also get sent to one of the Fire Academies throughout Massachusetts, including the one in Springfield.

Walters believes this is a great program for the kids as many local fire departments including Warren Fire Department are pushing for new recruits. A lot of the gear inside the Fire Academy classroom was retired gear donated by fire departments from Warren, West Brookfield, Ware, Brimfield, New Braintree and many more.

The gear has a lifespan of 10 years and is helpful for the Quaboag Fire Academy to get students better at preparation. The academy wants to help their students get as close to the actual program itself after high school.

Many students have had the opportunity to go on call with the local departments for cases such as brush fires and structure fires.

It's great for students to get more involved in the field such as fire services and emergency medical services. One of Quaboag's students went to college for fire science.

In the two years of the school's Fire Academy, year one is Introduction to Fire & EMS Service and year two is Fire & EMS services: Leadership & Command.

The classroom has an amazing logo

that was painted by Hailey Smith. The teachers want to give a shout out to Seth Blackwell, who is a huge part of the Fire Academy program.

Blackwell had a very inspirational quote that is written on the board. "Common sense isn't a flower that grows in everyone's garden, cultivate it in yours."

The school also provides a CNA program. Teaching the course for the last four years is the QRMHS school nurse, Joanne Dulak. According to Duff and her students, Dulak is an excellent teacher.

Dulak has been a school nurse in the district for 21 years.

Duff said the district has had a lot of support in making the CNA program possible. Mary Lane Hospital was instrumental in providing hospital beds, mannequins and other equipment for the students to learn the tasks of nursing, CPR, EKG training and phlebotomy.



The logo for Quaboag's Fire Academy course, which is one of several unique programs the district offers for their students.

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One of the CNA students, Madison Sears, is planning on becoming an ultrasound technician. Madison Dufresne says she wants to become a family physician.

The program helps students figure out what they want to do after high school.

According to Duff, thanks to this program students are well qualified after graduating high school and immediately go into clinical rotations and work at nearby medical facilities. Several students work at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield and Cedarbrook Village in Ware.

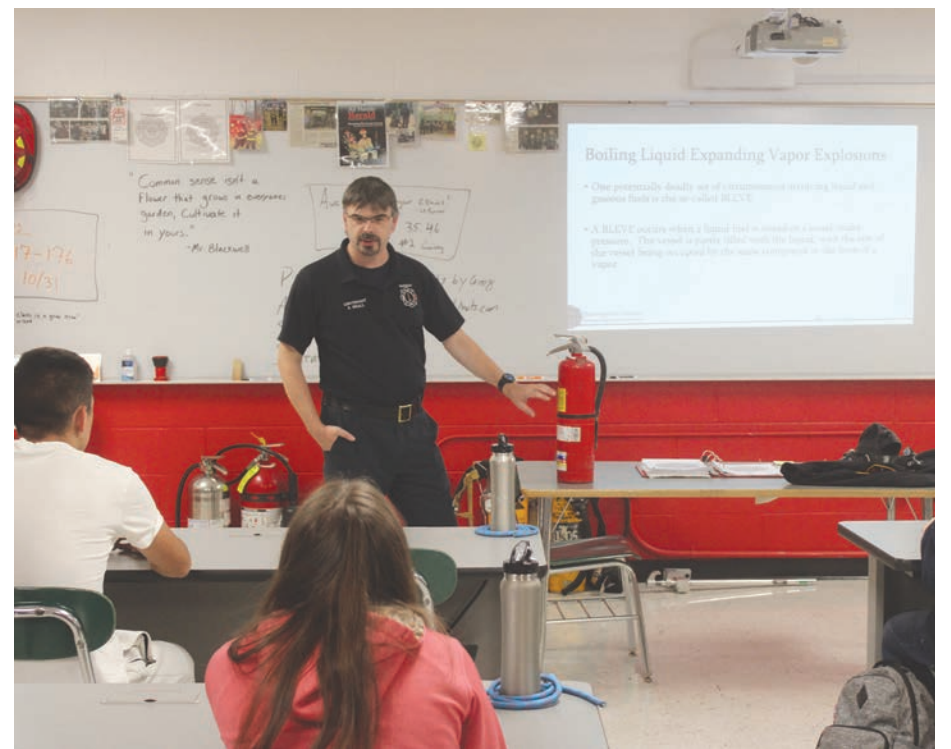
Last year, Quaboag had 14 CNA students, and they all passed last year and currently are employed at several nearby medical service facilities and hospitals.

Duff wanted to mention that state Sen. Peter Durant, state Sen. Jacob Oliveira, state Rep. Todd Smola and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume were all responsible for providing funding that helped provide these great programs for the school district. There was an issue of the All Hands Herald Magazine where students of Quaboag were featured on the front cover.

Quaboag takes a lot of pride in providing these programs for their students and is recognized as a top school district in the commonwealth.



Students of the certified nursing assistant program at Quaboag Regional Middle High School are shown with teacher Joanne Dulak, the school nurse. TURLEY PHOTOS BY RYAN DRAGO



Seth Beall teaches the Fire Academy class and was telling students about all the flammable liquids.



One of the rooms used for the certified nursing assistant program at Quaboag Regional Middle High School, where students have moved on to go work at hospitals and medical centers after high school.

Explore the Ware River Watershed on Nov. 9

BARRE – Exploring the Ware River Watershed, a group hike via the Riis Farm trail, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Participants should meet at the Ware River Watershed parking area on Route 62 (3.1 miles east of Barre center) at Gate 62-4 for this intermediate level hike. Google Maps parking area location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7YTLVh-38CxZTWiF87>.

Join Department of Conservation and Recreation staff for a 3.3-mile lollipop loop hike in the Ware River Watershed. The route climbs/descends roughly 400 feet in elevation.

The hike travels around the former Riis Farm property.

Visit the following website for additional information on the route: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/riis-farm--burnshirt-river-from-rte-62/>

Register for this hike by visiting <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/93fb8bc9120047d894ff-0fa0d90c0878>

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To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to Prior Year Bills to pay costs of engineering for downtown sidewalk project, or take any action relative thereto.

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To see if the Town will vote to trans-

fer the sum of \$3,761.42 from Council on Aging: Receptionist Payroll to Council on Aging: Janitor Payroll, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Police: Salary account to Police: Overtime account, or take any action relative thereto.

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To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Sewer: Assistant to Sewer: Operator 2, or take any action relative thereto.

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Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,706.85 from Water: Retained Earnings to Water: Unpaid Bills, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,565.33 from Library: Electricity to Prior Year Bills, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to rescind that vote of the July 31, 2024, Special Town Meeting that transferred \$50,000 from Sewer: Retained Earnings to Sewer: Stabilization Account, and further to transfer \$50,000 from Sewer: Retained Earnings to Sewer: Stabilization Account or take any action relative thereto.

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- public safety -

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Oct. 28-Nov. 4, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 12 building/property checks, 33 directed/area patrols, three radar assignments, one traffic control, five emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, three assist other agencies, two complaints, two trespasses, one safety hazard, four animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Memorial Drive, Dispatch Handled 10:30 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, North Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

6:11 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Bernard Whitney Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Oct. 31

11:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Wine Road, Spoken To

Monday, Oct. 28

4:10 p.m. Trespass, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Oct. 29

12:15 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Service Rendered

12:54 p.m. Trespass, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

5:51 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

9:40 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Padre Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 30

10:24 a.m. Assist Other Agency,

Friday, Nov. 1

2:40 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Nov. 2

7:35 a.m. Assist Citizen, Worcester Road, No Action Required

Sunday, Nov. 3

1:48 p.m. Complaint, Silver Bridge, Could Not Locate

3:06 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Ravine Road, Voice Message Left

3:59 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Ravine Road, Services Rendered

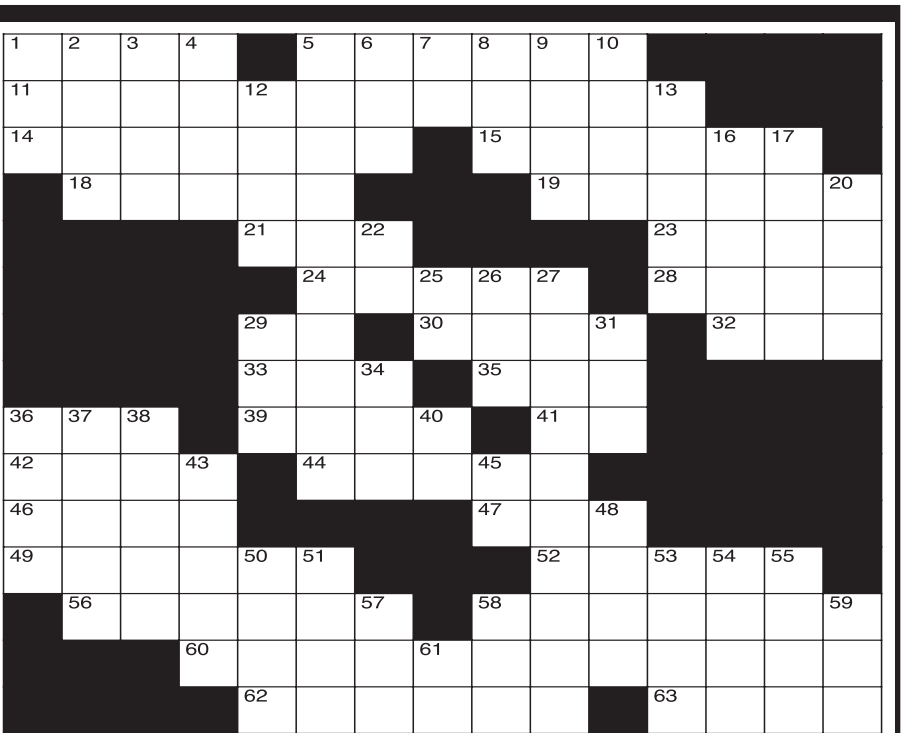
New Braintree Library holds story time

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering a “Story Time” program for preschoolers on Monday, Nov. 18 beginning at 9 a.m.

The program’s focus is giving thanks. The readings will include “Bear Says Thanks” by Karma Wil-

son and “The Thank You Book” by Mo Willems.

Parental supervision is required at this reading and crafts program. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.



CLUES ACROSS

- Absence of effort
- Preserve a dead body
- Gratitude
- The act of coming together again
- Simpler
- Visionaries
- Large, fish-eating bird
- Indicates near
- Former CIA agent and critic
- Icelandic poems
- Pop
- “Hammer” is one
- Senses of self-importance
- Thyrotrophic hormone
- Not around
- Electronic data processing
- Licenses and

passports are two types

- Snakelike fish
- Air Force
- Popular computers
- Of a withered nature
- Wings
- Used in combination
- Laid back
- Jeweled headdress
- In slow tempo
- __ Falls
- Assertions made again
- Periods of history
- Hyphen

- Sea eagle
- A type of subdivision
- Variety of Chinese
- Mr. T’s name on “The A-Team”
- Consumed
- Chinese dynasty
- NFL great Randy
- Ireland
- Palm trees with creeping roots
- Fungal disease
- Impressionable persons
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Instinctive part of the mind
- “The First State”
- A way to develop
- Fraternalities
- Woman (French)
- Sunscreen rating

- Beer
- Spiritual leader
- Indigo bush
- Burn with a hot liquid
- Junior’s father
- Ray-finned fishes
- Morning
- Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- Double curve
- A small bundle of straw or hay
- Got older
- Crater on Mars
- Humanities
- Relating to the ears
- “To the ___ degree...”
- Residue of a burned product
- It cools a home

CLUES DOWN

- Body part
- Mimics
- Expel large quantities rapidly

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- Highway maintenance laborer salary rate range: \$18.16 - \$26.46
- Highway maintenance laborer with CDL and Hoister's license salary rate range: \$25.00 - \$36.41

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TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

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Highway Department

The Town of Worthington is soliciting letters of interest and resumes from qualified candidates to fill the position of Highway Superintendent.

Nature of work: The Highway Superintendent is responsible for administering and overseeing the daily activities of the Highway Department including the maintenance and repair of town roads, parks, bridges, equipment maintenance and snow/ice removal operations.

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More information can be found on the Town of Worthington website:

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Send letter of interest, resume and three references with relevant contact information to:

To: **Worthington Police Department**
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Town of New Braintree LEGAL NOTICE

The New Braintree Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Notice of Intent (NOI) by the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, for the proposed removal of Cusky Pond Dam and replacement of a downstream culvert for ecological restoration. Said hearing will be held at New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531. To view the application and related plans, contact the Conservation Chair at (774) 200-0551. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://mass-publicnotices.org>. 11/08/2024

LEGAL NOTICE QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION BID

The QUABOAG SCHOOL DISTRICT hereafter referred to as the "District", will receive sealed proposals for the furnishing of School Transportation until **December 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the School District Conference Room. The proposal requires the furnishing of scheduled

School Transportation for all designated school children of the District to include Regular Transportation, Special Education Transportation and Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activities Transportation for a period of up to five (5) years, beginning July 1, 2025. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish all services necessary and required, but not necessarily limited to the following in general: Drivers, Transportation Equipment, Maintenance of Equipment, Operation, Supervision, Inspection, Registration, Licensing, Insurance and conformance to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Departments of Motor Vehicles, Departments of Public Utilities and the School District.

The conditions of employment and minimum state wage rates, as set forth by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, do not apply in the execution of the work under this contract (M.G.L. C.71 S.7A).

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for all interested bidders, on November 21, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the School District Conference Room.

Specifications and Proposal Forms may be obtained electronically at the School District Business Office, 284 Old West Brookfield Road, Warren, MA 01083, Tel.: (413) 420-1987, Email: ngoncalves@quaboagrsd.org on or after November 8, 2024.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any

and all bids, in part or in whole, at their sole discretion. The decision of the Quaboag Regional School Committee shall be final and binding on all bidders without recourse.

Steven Duff
Superintendent
Quaboag Regional School District
November 4, 2024
11/08/2024

LEGAL NOTICE: TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, 18-25, as amended by Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009, The Wetlands Protection Act, the West Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **WEDNESDAY November 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm** in the first floor meeting room, West Brookfield Town Hall, 2 East Main Street.

6:00 - Public Hearing:
NOI - 9 Pine Trail Continuation- Allen-Retaining wall Repair/Replacement-

RDA - 15 Woodside Road - Bland - Philip Land Trust - Access through Buffer Zone

RDA - Cronin Road Solar NOI - Coy Hill Road, West Main Street, Pierce Road, Mill Road, Ragged Hill Road, Lyons Road Continuation- Seaboard Solar - Distribution Line Upgrade

NOI - 40 Shea Road - Clark-Sjogren - Addition

NOI - 5 Lakeshore Drive - Faucher, Representative - Deck Replacement
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