

Storyteller presents Fun with Fairy Tales

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WARREN – The Warren Public Library hosted Fun with Fairy Tales this past weekend at the Warren Senior Center.

Performing these fairy tales was storyteller and author Diane Edgecomb. For 30 years, Edgecomb has been a storyteller of fairytales that open up a child's world of imagination.

Edgecomb is an award-winning storyteller, including a Parent's Choice Award, an ORACLE Award for Storytelling Excellence in the Northeast, and Storytelling World Awards. For this Boston-based storyteller, the greatest award is giving children and adults with their inner child present the art of storytelling.

Fun with Fairy Tales is a program Edgecomb uses to tell some vintage fairy tales with some of her creative touches added in. This program also includes fairy tales with audience participation.

There was singing, acting, and a little bit of dancing happening at the Warren Senior Center.

"Always ready to fall into a story," Edgecomb said.

The first fairy tale Edgecomb performed is one of her childhood favorites, "Snow-White and Rose-Red". Edgecomb took the floor at the Senior Center and got into character as storyteller and played all the characters in the story.

The sound effects Edgecomb brought laughter and got the audience engaged in the story.

This classic fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm follows two girls who befriended a polite bear in the winter. After he left, Snow-White and Rose-Red went out to the woods looking for the bear and came across a mean dwarf with a long beard.

Edgecomb did an amazing job switching roles on the fly and her portrayal of the mean long-bearded dwarf was giving the audience a good laugh.

After helping the ungrateful dwarf on several occasions, the girls encountered both the mean dwarf and their bear friend. After stopping the dwarf, who was hiding treasure from the bear, the treasure was found and the bear soon turned



Diane Edgecomb performed as Goldilocks during her Fun with Fairy Tales program.

Diane Edgecomb is an award-winning storyteller and author who gives entertaining solo performances of various fairy tales.

into a prince.

Edgecomb explained how she likes to incorporate moments in the story. For "Snow-White and Rose-Red", it was how the prince is revealed and that treasures are considered spiritual in fairy tales.

The next story was a traditional Irish fairy tale called "Gilly Dirtyfoot". This story follows a young lad with the flaw of not washing his feet.

As a result of this flaw, Gilly finds himself connected to a band of fairies.

Edgecomb brings this story to life with a strong

Irish accent and once again taking on the roles of multiple characters.

Fun with Fairy Tales would end with an audience participation performance of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". Edgecomb played Goldilocks and turned three audience members into Papa Bear, Mama Bear and Baby Bear.

For more information on Edgecomb, visit livingmyth.com.

The Warren Public Library, 934 Main St., is hosting a book sale this summer on Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kopacko wins Board of Selectmen's seat

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WARREN – Raymond Kopacko was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen at the annual town election, securing 354 votes over Karen Dusty, 157; and Daniel Thibodeau, 50.

A total of 572 ballots were cast, which reflected a 14% turnout of the town's 4,110 registered voters.

During an April 30 Candidate Night moderated by eighth grade civics teacher Joe Salvadore with help from Quaboag Regional Middle High School students, Kopacko talked about his reasons for seeking a seat on the Board of Selectmen.

Kopacko said he moved to town in 1999 with his family, and he also shared his career background. This included working on a farm, as well as the tech industry.

He said his wife and himself ran a home baking business for some time, before he became nurse, working at area hospitals.

"The reason why I'm running is I feel that I want to bring a higher level of accountability and sensibility and community engagement to the Selectmen's office," he said.

Kopacko said an issue the town has right now is determining the difference between wants and needs.

"The only way to get through that, is to have honest discussions," he said. "Just look at the objective data to understand what the difference is between those two things."

Kopacko said he is semi-retired from nursing and that he has the time and energy to serve the town as a Selectman, just like he has on the Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee and Planning Board.

"I know the needs, I know the stresses that the town's facing with its finances," he said.

Kopacko said he is willing to talk with and work with anyone.

He said he has attended almost every Board

of Selectmen and School Committee meeting, as well as subcommittee meetings.

"I understand the school's needs, I understand the town's needs," he said. "Those two things have to married...the largest single item in the budget (over 50%) is the school."

Kopacko also spoke about the proposed public safety complex, which he said is a "nonstarter."

"We can't afford a \$25-30 million public safety complex," he said.

Kopacko said the town does need to do something for the Police Department, and that was one of his biggest motivations for seeking this office.

Focusing on spending and cost-containment is another issue he will address during this term.

He said engaging community involvement with residents is also something that he believes is important.

Other contested positions at the May 5 election included a three-year term as Assessor, which was won by John Feeney with 284 votes, over James Dusty with 240 votes. Steven Cristol secured a three-year term on the Cemetery Commission with 293 votes over Susan Brodeur with 223 votes.

Representing the town of Warren on the Quaboag Regional School Committee are Matthew Peloquin, with 418 votes; and write-in candidate Patrick Cieslak with 29 votes. West Brookfield representatives are Philip Landine, 258 votes; and Travis Mathieson, 266 votes.

The rest of the election results are as follows: Moderator, Dario Nardi, 449 votes; Park Commissioner, Anne Norton, 447 votes; Sewer Commissioner, Joan Lavigne, 435 votes; Board of Health, Travis Baker, 442 votes; Planning Board, Karyn Wood, 432 votes; and Housing Authority (two-year term), James Dusty, 380 votes.

A five-year term on the Housing Authority received 17 write-in candidates, with the majority of votes (29) going to Laura Fitzpatrick.

West Brookfield overrides fail to pass at polls

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WEST BROOKFIELD – The Town of West Brookfield held their municipal elections on May 5, with two questions related to the passage of a proposition 2.5 override. The town hosted several information sessions during the month of April to educate residents on what the override is for, and how a reduced budget could impact local services like the police department, fire, EMS, the library and the elementary school.

Ballot question 1A was for a \$1.6 million override, which would have preserved local services, and the Quaboag Regional School District's budget. Question 1B was for the preservation of local services, but a reduced budget for the QRSD.

Both questions on the ballot failed, according to unofficial results posted to the West Brookfield website (wbrookfield.com), with question 1A receiving 497 yes votes and 624 no votes. Question 1B received 501 yes votes and 604 no votes.

Other election results

Henry Brogna was elected to a term on the Board of Selectmen, running unopposed, receiving 808 votes. Jason Paquette was elected to the Board of Health, running unopposed, and receiving 849 votes.

Cassie Paolucci was elected to the Common Committee, running unopposed, and receiving 904 votes. Janet Foley and Jane Higgins were each elected to the Library Board of Trustees, receiving 780 and 751 votes respectively. Philip Guerin was elected

to the Water Commissioners, running unopposed, and receiving 767 votes.

Matthew Peloquin was elected as the QRSD school committee member from Warren, running unopposed and receiving 534 votes. Philip Landine and Travis Mathieson were each elected as the QRSD school committee members from West Brookfield, receiving 607 and 639 votes respectively.

There were no candidates on the ballot for Assessor, Planning Board, or Housing Authority.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
Docket No.
HS26P0240EA
Estate of:
Evelyn E. Krol
Also Known As:
Evelyn Krol
Date of Death:
January 09, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kathleen J. Bourcier of Ware, MA.**

Kathleen J. Bourcier of Ware, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure

by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

05/14/2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS Transportation and Transfer of Liquid Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Town of Warren, Massachusetts

The Town of Warren is soliciting sealed bids for the Transportation and Transfer of Liquid Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge between the periods of November 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029. Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Administrator (second floor), 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609 Warren, MA 01083, until **June 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.** The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Proposals must be made upon forms included herein. Proposals must be delivered in a sealed envelope plainly marked for the appropriate bids. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened.

The Proposal Form, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be obtained electronically by emailing Jim Ferrera at townadministrator@warren-ma.gov or can be found on the Town's website at www.warren-ma.gov.

Questions regarding this solicitation must be directed in writing to the Town Administrator, Jim Ferrera at townadministrator@warren-ma.gov.

A performance bond with a Surety Company or Sureties satisfactory to the Town will be required of the successful bidder for the complete and faithful performance of the Contract.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check, or a Treasurer's or Cashier's Check issued by a responsible Bank or Trust Company, payable to the Town of Warren in the amount of five (5) percent of the minimum total

bid (plus FY28 & FY29). Said bid deposit shall become the property of the Town of Warren should the bidder fail to execute the contract and provide a satisfactory bond within fourteen (14) days after they have been officially notified.

Bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30.

Award is contingent upon the appropriation of funds. Bidders may be requested to waive the right to the 90-day withdrawal period.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Proposal, and to make an award in any manner, consistent with law, deemed in the best interest of the Town.

Town of Warren
James J. Ferrera,
Town Administrator
05/07, 05/14/2026

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