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‘WE MUST NEVER FORGET’

Ware holds 9/11 remembrance ceremony

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WARE – The town conducted a 9/11 remembrance ceremony on Sept. 11 outside of the Ware Fire Station.

The day marked the 25th anniversary of the tragic events that occurred in the U.S. Ever since, the entire

nation vowed to never forget what happened and the lives that were lost.

Ware has held a ceremony for many years in honor of those who were lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

The town received two pieces of steel from the World Trade Center buildings

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Ware Fire Chief James Martinez welcomed guests to the 9/11 ceremony that took place on the grounds of the Ware Fire Station. RIGHT: A memorial by the front entrance of the Ware Fire Station includes a piece of steel from the World Trade Center.



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Author presents talk on Quabbin Reservoir

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WARE – South Hadley resident Ed Maxwell will give a slide presentation and talk about the Quabbin Reservoir called “Water, Water Everywhere and Not a Drop to Drink” on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. in the basement of Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Park and Pleasant streets.

Maxwell, who has his doctorate in linguistics, has a keen interest in history and recently published a book about the Navajo code-talkers of World War II, “Unbreakable!: Navajo Code-Talkers, World War II’s Most Secret Weapon”. He has also presented talks on the history of Holyoke and Shays’ Rebellion.

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Back Roads Studio Tour returns Oct. 3-4

Area artists and crafters open studios to the public

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Since 1994, the Back Roads Studio Tour has given people the opportunity to experience firsthand the creative process of local crafters

and artists by visiting their studios across the region.

This year’s tour will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 and 4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and includes studios in Barre, Gilbertville, North Brookfield, Petersham, Spencer and Ware.

Founded by the Hardwick Artists Guild, the Back Roads Studio Tour was at first limited to a handful of artists in the town of Hardwick, but later grew to include studios in surrounding towns from the central part of the state.

This year, the tour will include a western Massachusetts studio for the first time.

Sheldon Farms Baskets

Back Roads Studio Tour President Sue Morello makes handmade baskets at her studio, Sheldon Farm Baskets, located at 587 Sheldon Road, Barre. She has been a part of the tour for about 15 years.

Morello has been making baskets for 35 years, thanks to a gift card she received from her husband for the Back Door in North Brookfield.

“I learned everything I needed to learn from her and took classes for quite a while,” Morello said.

Morello now offers basket making classes herself at area libraries, Brookfield Orchards, Petersham Art Center and her studio.

Morello was a teacher for

more than 30 years in East Brookfield, where she met her friend and fellow artisan, Lou Meyerderks.

“I’m going to continue doing baskets for as long as I’m able. It truly is very rewarding...I love what I do,” Morello said.

Her baskets are made with premium reed, and the handles are made by the Amish.

“There all handmade and hand dyed,” she said. “I have

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Lisa Janice (LJ) Cohen of Dragonbelly Ceramics in Gilbertville enjoys creating artwork for every day use.



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Lady Indians edged by SICS

WARE – Last Thursday evening, Ware High School girls soccer was defeated in a one-goal game for the second time in a week. SICS defeated Ware 2-1 at Ware High School. Thanishka Cordero had the lone goal in the match for the Indians while Emily Jones made eight saves in the defeat. Ware was defeated by Hopkins 4-3 in the season opener last Tuesday. Ware faces Central on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.



Amelia Orszulak gets a touch on the ball.



Josephine Galeckas winds up for a free kick.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Reese McKeever tries to get a pass by a couple of opponents.

Pioneers win over Ludlow in opener

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Aside from committing a couple of penalties, everything went very smoothly for the Pathfinder Tech football team in their season opening game against the Ludlow Lions.

Junior quarterback Grayson Griswold completed three touchdown passes and scored a rushing touchdown, as the Pioneers cruised to a 43-0 victory before a large crowd at the Ludlow Sports Complex, last Friday night.

“This is a really nice win for us, but it’s only the first step of an 11-game season,” said Pathfinder Tech head coach Bill Darling. “We came out very focused at the start of tonight’s game.”

It was the first time that the two teams had squared off on the gridiron since the 2017 regular season.

The Lions had won the last three games of the series by outscoring the Pioneers, 80-12.

The last time that Pathfinder Tech celebrated a victory in the series was a 27-0 shutout in 2012.

The Pioneers also hadn’t won their first game of the regular season since posting a 33-6 home victory against cross-town rival Palmer on September 9, 2023.

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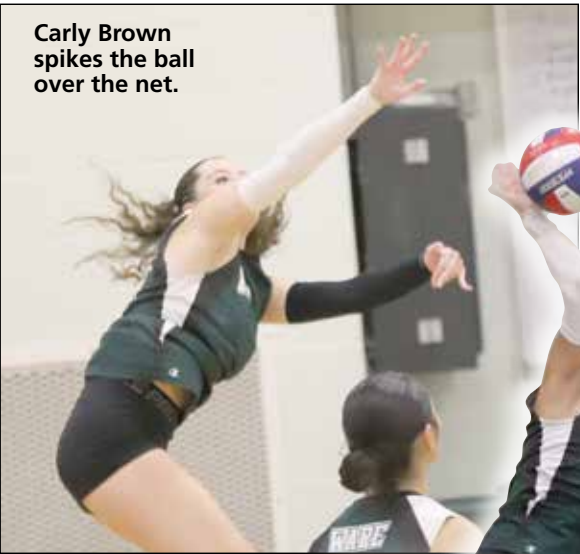
Naomi Torres is pursued by the SICS defense.



Emilia Sullivan goes after a loose ball.



Goalie Emily Jones punts the ball away.



Carly Brown spikes the ball over the net.



Emma Zalesky sends a hit toward the net.



Kazmiryr Lagimoniore serves for the Indians.

Ware girls volleyball sweeps Sci-Tech

WARE – Last Wednesday evening, Ware High School girls volleyball scored three straight dominant wins over visiting High School of Science and Technology. In the 3-0 Indians win, Carly

Brown had 6 kills and Emma Zalesky had eight aces and eight assists. The Indians would fall to South Hadley 3-0 last Friday and are 1-1 to start the season.

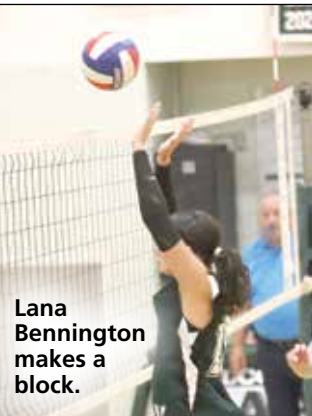


Andrea Albano goes for a spike.

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Brianna Ramirez starts a play off with a bump.



Lana Bennington makes a block.

Cougars suffer shutout loss in opener

BELCHERTOWN – Last Friday night, Belchertown High School football was back on its grass field, and hosted Quaboag Regional in an independent matchup in the season opener for both teams. The Orioles scored early and often and scored a 38-0 shutout win over the Cougars. Coming up, the Orioles will travel to Ware while Quaboag while have its home opener against Quabbin. Both games are scheduled for 7 p.m.



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Grieco Keegan tries to fend off a Belchertown defender.



Braiden Bradley goes for a tackle.



Tyler Snow goes on a run for the Cougars.



Thomas Belizzi drops back to pass.