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‘WE MUST NEVER FORGET’

Ware holds 9/11 remembrance ceremony

By Ryan Drago
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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.



Turley photos by Ryan Drago

Author presents talk on Quabbin Reservoir

By Paula Ouimette
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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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Select Board hears PFAS update

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HARDWICK – The Select Board met Monday where Dr. Richard Romano of the Board of Health along with licensed site professional Scott Parker updated the town on the recent findings of PFAS, otherwise known as forever chemicals, in some testing and private wells in the vicinity of the Hardwick Farmer’s Co-Op.

These chemicals have the potential to cause cancer according to Romano.

According to Parker and Romano, one of the contaminated wells is at the site of the proposed police station on Lower Road.

History of the site was given, with the presenters saying it was previously a landfill or dump that closed in the 1960s, but had cars and burning operations. They also said that there was a tractor equipment store nearby.

Parker said the state has just recently started requiring municipalities to test for PFAS in the wells, but had asked for general monitoring about 20 years ago.

Parker said the drinking water limit set out by the state is 20 parts per trillion, and several testing wells and residential wells are over that

limit, but there are also several wells that were undetectable, or below the limit. The presenters said there’s a 500 foot radius from a contaminated well that also has to be tested.

However, there was one resident that as of the meeting did not consent to testing, but during the meeting it was announced that they did.

There were concerns from an abutter to that resident as to why they would not test the well at the house, with Parker saying they cannot assume it is contaminated and draw another circle, nor can they force a private resident to grant them access to their well.

According to Parker, if a private residence is found to have water over the limit from a test from a public board, the town is required to provide bottled water, or some other alternative drinking water to that house. If someone decides to test on their own, it is their responsibility to contact the Department of Environmental Protection, according to Parker.

He also said PFAS is highly treatable with a filter. Parker noted that PFAS is found in thousands of products, including toilet paper, so it is already in every septic system in the country.

Ware River Park
Rebecca Bottomley of the Conservation Commission gave a presentation about some of the history of Ware River Park, culminating in the announcement that there is a plant for pollinators event on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., where native plants will be planted. Recent history of the area, according to Bottomley, is vegetation control, volunteer cleanups, gazebo replacement and enhanced lighting, murals about the human history of Hardwick and trail expansion.

Bottomley said there is also a Source to Seas cleanup event happening Saturday, Oct. 3, and this year is the 30th year it’s happened. The event is put on by the Connecticut River Watershed.

IT discussion
The board welcomed Jacob Gorham from Anevry, a local information technology company out of West Brookfield that provides IT services for municipalities and nonprofits, according to Gorham. He said some projects he hopes to complete in the next year are digitization efforts, digital infrastructure

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Are You Old News?



Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

File Photo
Last week's photo from 2022 showed Mike Saletnik and Sonny Kucharczyk enjoying the September birthday party lunch at the Ware Senior Center.

If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.

Annual tag sale this Saturday

PALMER – Local residents are invited to visit Mary Farm for its annual tag sale this month on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The location is Memorial Hall at Mary Farm, 1915 Ware St.

Come shop and support the Apostolate of the Suffering and the ongoing work at Mary Farm.

Friends of Ware Seniors, Inc. list fall happenings

WARE – September is the time of year to start thinking of the fall season and the last days of summer.

Brown Bag Sale
The Thrift Store at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, has a Brown Bag Sale for \$10. The store provides the brown bag and you fill it with summer clothing and shoes.

The Thrift Store is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Lotto calendars
The friends November lotto calendars will be on sale now until Oct. 3 for \$10 each.

Ladies Tea Party
Monday, Oct. 5 there will be a Ladies Tea Party, from 2-3:30 p.m., so wear your wide brimmed hat. There will be door prizes and everyone will go home with a goodie bag. You must sign up to attend the tea party by Sept. 28 by calling Sue LaBarge 413-544-1574.

Joint health presentation
Friday, Oct. 16 there will be a very informative presentation joint health from Ortho MA Orthopedic Urgent Care in Wilbraham regarding joint pain and arthritis and what can be done to protect your joints, manage everyday aches and when to seek orthopedic care.

RMV training
Thursday, Nov. 5 MassDOT will do a presentation on RMV training on how to make that “driving decision.” Discussion will be on topics relating to age concerns, Massachusetts license policies, ID cards, license surrender and local transportation options.

Holiday craft fair
Start your Christmas shopping early on Saturday, Nov. 14 the Friends are having a holiday craft fair at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins road from 9 a.m.-noon. To reserve a table, you must call Sue LaBarge 413-544-1574. Deadline to register for a table is Nov. 10. All the above are open to the public.



The late Roselind Ryder, formerly of Barre, submitted these photos she took from her New York City apartment on Sept. 11, 2001 to the Barre Gazette. This past Friday marked the 25th anniversary of the attack.

25 YEARS LATER



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

Ware River News ~ November 5, 2026

Ware River News will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to dflynn@turley.com or drop off a photo to Ware River News, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 20, 2026.

There is no cost to submit a photo. No photos will be accepted after deadline. If you would like to use a prior submitted photo, please contact Dan Flynn no later than October 13th (413) 297-5886.

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Thursday, Sept. 24

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m. Walking Club (weather permitting)

Friday, Sept. 25

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted
Required: call 413-967-45 by noon on the business day before, to put you on the lunch list.

Monday, Sept. 21
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Tuesday, Sept. 22
Taco Tuesday, Soft Taco
r, Spanish Rice, Black
ans, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Sept. 23
Chicken Cacciatore over
Noodles, Dessert of the Day
Thursday, Sept. 24

Brunch, French Toast,
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon,
Dessert of the Day

Friday, Sept. 25
Meatball Sub Sandwich,
tato Chips, Tossed Salad,
ssert of the Day

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said a vacancy on the DPW has been filled with the hiring of a equipment operator/truck drive for the Highway division. He said the town is looking to fill a part-time custodian.

Selectboard Clerk John Desmond discussed the cost of town employee health insurance, which he said totals \$5 million. He suggested the board contact town counsel regarding Chapter 32B, sections 21-23 to see what options are available to

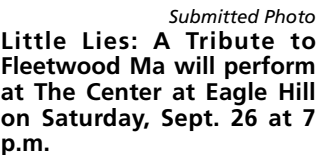
“Businesses are struggling...it’s hard to get contractors to come here to work

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GUEST COLUMN

The war’s silver lining

By Jack Kittredge

For most people the war in the Persian Gulf is an unmitigated disaster.

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For our rural way of life in changing times

The battles and bombs are killing innocent people and devastating an important region of the globe. Drone and missile technology is rapidly developing and introducing a new form of warfare around the world.

Blocked shipping through the Strait of Hormuz is driving up fuel prices and limiting the availability of synthetic fertilizer, helium, aluminum and many other materials.

In one way, however, the war is causing a long overdue blessing.

Renewable energy is becoming the cheapest and most widely adopted form of energy on the planet.

According to Politico the cost of utility scale solar has fallen 90% in the last 15 years and it is now 41% cheaper than the lowest fossil fuel alternative. A number of leaders seem to be recognizing solar’s advantages.

Countries that adopt solar power are better insulated from energy shocks, can rely on more decentralized energy sources, and can free themselves from dependence on oil hegemony. This is true throughout the world, wherever the sun shines.

They also can net lots of money. Solar power saved the European Union over 100 million euros a day in just the first 17 days after the war began and more

than 3 billion euros by the end of March.

Pakistan saved \$12 billion in fossil fuel imports by moving to solar in 2022 and is projected to net another \$6.3 billion by the end of 2026. Southeast Asia is planning a regional replacement of natural gas to save some \$67 billion.

Even Africa, which currently derives 80% of its power from fossil fuels, is expected to follow suit.

The war did not drive this alone, of course.

Since 2025 75% of growth in global electrical demand has been met by solar. But according to energy analyst Dinita Setyawati: The oil crisis has “introduced a new paradigm of renewables being the center of energy security.”

The major nation benefitting from this transformation has, of course, been China. It produces over 80% of the world’s solar panels and in one month of the Iran war exported a record 68 gigawatts of them.

Its installed capacity already exceeds 600 gigawatts, compared to the U.S. with our 262 gigawatts. China has been encouraging renewable energy for a number of years, while the U.S. has been inconsistent in supporting its development.

The growth in solar power which the Iran war is driving will of course broaden production to more countries as panel technology develops, and renewables gain market share. Eventually solar will become a vital industry here and free us from extracting and burning fossil fuels, which will seem so remarkably foolish.

A fall blooming vine worthy of merit

On my drive home from work this morning, I happened to notice the flowers of a familiar vine climbing up a lamppost.

It brought me right back to my old house and landscape. It is easy to miss the simplicity of that time in my life and wonder the age-old question of “Where did time go?”

When we moved some years back we left behind numerous plants (the obvious outcome when you sell your house with two feet of snow on the ground). One of my very favorites was the sweet autumn clematis.

Each year, right about now, the vine would explode into clouds of white blossoms. And because the vine grew up a trellis on the gable end of my house, it made a beautiful, tall backdrop for the annuals and perennials still in flower.

I hadn’t really thought about this plant recently, until my drive earlier today. The white blossoms were abundant and beautiful.

Let’s take this opportunity to learn more about a fall plant that is used not nearly enough.

Clematis ternifolia (aka paniculata) is a fast-growing vine that if left to its own devices, can cover several yards in a single season. It does not climb by use of tendrils, rather it has long leaf

petioles that bend around neighboring objects for support.

mulch at the base of the vine.

Autumn clematis will tolerate all but the worst of soils and is hardy in zones 4-10.

Panicles of one inch flowers delight the eye and the nose for about six weeks beginning in late summer. Some liken the sweet fragrance to vanilla; others call it the smell of “springtime.”

After blooms have passed, silvery seed heads add another short season of interest to the garden before the leaves fall.

Admittedly, a brown vine is not the most attractive thing to look at during the winter months, but it is a small price to pay for the abundance of flowers you get at a time of year when most other plants are winding down.

I enjoy reminiscing, but I can’t think about it for very long or I’ll miss what is right in front of me; there is plenty blooming here, too.

Sturdy trellises are in order here; another option would be to let it sprawl over a fence or large rock.

Leaves are medium green in color; stems are green as well, but turn brown with age. New growth emerges in late spring.

Most experts recommend cutting autumn clematis back to a foot or so tall early in the season to rejuvenate the plant and initiate branching. Flowers buds form on the present season’s growth, so don’t worry that your pruning attempts will sacrifice flowers.

This rule is not absolute with all clematis species, though, so do your homework before tackling other varieties you may have.

Culture, however, is similar: Plant in a location where the plant’s roots will stay cool but where top growth receives ample sunshine. You can accomplish this situation by providing a thick layer of



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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters
By Russell Gloor

Must I enroll in Medicare at age 65?

Dear Rusty:
I will be turning 65 next month, I am currently retired and I am not on Social Security.
My question is; Is there anything I have to do, if I don't want Medicare? I am on my wife's employer plan and she works for the Postal Service as a Rural Carrier.
She doesn't plan on retiring for another eight years. Also, I would like to wait till my Full Retirement Age before I draw Social Security at 67. Do I have to draw Medicare at that point?
Signed: Retired but Curious

Dear Retired but Curious:
As long as you are covered by a “creditable” healthcare plan such as that from your wife’s US Postal Service employer, you can defer enrolling in Medicare until your Postal Service Health Benefit coverage from your wife’s employer ends.

When that happens, you and your wife will enter a Medicare “Special Enrollment Period” during which you can enroll in Medicare with-

out incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty. Thus, in your specific circumstances, you don’t need to do anything about enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65.

That is still true, regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits. If you claim Social Security at age 67 and before your wife retires from the USPS, you will be required to take Medicare Part A coverage for inpatient hospitalization services, but Medicare Part A is premium-free for those also eligible for Social Security.

However, enrollment in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) is always optional because there is a premium associated with it and you can continue to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B as long as you have “creditable” healthcare coverage from your wife’s employer even while you are collecting Social Security.

When you apply for Social Security, you can inform SS that you are declining Medicare Part

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your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

New flu vaccine comes with a dose of uncertainty

The 2025-26 flu season was a humdinger. About 31 million flu-related illnesses and 24,000 deaths were reported – from a disease that can be mostly prevented or at least mitigated with an annual flu shot.

This year’s flu season, however, brings with it a new flu vaccine that works differently from the traditional ones. It holds promise, but I don’t think you should rush out and find it just yet.

Earlier this month, the FDA approved mFLUSIVA, an mRNA flu vaccine from Moderna, which is based in Cambridge. It was mRNA technology that allowed the creation of COVID-19 vaccines so quickly during the pandemic and, even though controversy and skepticism persist, the vaccines had a role in ending the pandemic and getting us back to our usual lives.

The flu vaccine created through mRNA (or “messenger RNA”) doesn’t have to be incubated in chicken eggs like traditional vaccines. The encoded genetic information instructs the body to produce a fragment of a virus that then sets off a stronger immune response that was 27% more effective than regular flu shots, according to the FDA.

The formula can be adjusted to “rapidly emerging new flu strains, a capac-

ity we have not had before,” Georges C. Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association, told the New York Times. It was approved for adults over the age of 50, especially those with underlying health conditions.

The vaccine is being rolled out this fall, but there are a few caveats.

One is side effects. The stronger immune response may mean that you experience more in the way of fever, injection-site pain and headache than with the traditional vaccine. That’s to be expected; however, some people may wish to avoid those side effects.

Another is availability. Moderna says mFLUSIVA will be available “in a few weeks” at “select retailers” this fall, but we don’t know what that means yet for your local pharmacy.

There’s also a question of ongoing testing. The FDA granted accelerated approval in time for the coming flu season based on a Phase III clinical trial with more than 20,000 participants. This allows Moderna to market and distribute mFLUSIVA, but final approval depends on the outcome of a Phase IV clinical trial to verify its benefits.

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Conservation Commission hosts planting day at gazebo

HARDWICK –The Hardwick Conservation Commission is working on a restoration project on the slope of the Ware River next to the gazebo at New Furnace Landing, Gilbertville, on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Parking is available across the street at Hardwick House of Pizza.

Volunteers are needed to help plant native plants to stabilize the slope and attract pollinators. Wear sturdy boots and work gloves and bring a hand trowel for planting.

Volunteers can sign up for the whole day, or work in shifts from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1-4 p.m. Please RSVP to Becky Bottomley at b2b3bottomley@gmail.com.

Planning Board discusses the role of data centers

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – The Planning Board discussed the role of data centers and any potential bylaws and proactive measures for the town to take regarding these centers.

Members of the board had done extensive research on data centers and know there are pros and cons to having them.

At the Sept. 3 meeting, Planning Board Vice-Chair Chris Dimarzio said “the pros of this aren’t to a level that the state is pushing these on to communities.”

According to Planning Board Secretary Elizabeth Hancock, there is no official legislation happening for data centers on a federal level.

The information the board reviewed was based on what the town of Mansfield was

doing to address the role of data centers. The board briefly talked about data processing and if they should put in the definitions of what data processing is.

The board reviewed guidelines provided to them that are considered best practices on allowing data centers in town.

Director of Planning & Community Development Paralee Smith said these guidelines were written in the Energy Affordability Bill. This bill requires data centers to use their own clean energy.

One main concern addressed was the amount of land or size of parcel that is required to fit a data center. The board wanted to know if data centers are feasible in mill buildings.

The general rule for size is one acre per megawatt. It still depends on how much power a data center needs and where they’re built.

“We’re trying to get our brains wrapped around the area needed for certain megawatts,” Dimarzio said.

Richard Starodoj of the Planning Board thought if they look into data centers more, they should go by the megawatts and see if they would fit.

The board also talked about the definitions of decommissioning and abandonment and how those should be addressed.

The Planning Board members also want to check their bylaws to see what is considered abandonment and if there is enough evidence to support decommissioning.

If the board plans to consider data centers, Dimarzio said they can still put in responsible regulations. The board also wants to make sure they’re protecting water resources and minimize impact on abutters.

Some of the challenges

with incorporating data centers involve environmental impacts such as air pollution, water consumption and high noise levels.

The board is aware that there are benefits to data centers. The other factor is bringing in businesses to town.

The Planning Board agreed to discuss data centers more at its next meeting.

Subdivision regulations

The Planning Board discussed subdivision regulations with a highlighted document provided to them.

Smith said this is basically a new document of the subdivision regulations. The previous document dated back to the 1980s.

The board plans to go through each section of the document that will be rewritten with updates.

There are many definitions to go over and possi-

bly rewrite. Dimarzio pointed out definitions in the zoning bylaw about accessory dwelling units and their limitations.

The board also mentioned ADUs and the language should be specified. As they go through the document, section by section, the board will reference their bylaws in the subdivision regulations.

One concern about these regulations is the requirements of frontage. The board brought up larger municipalities in the state, such as Salem and Dorchester, where lots of land have very little to no frontage with homes and buildings being close together.

The Planning Board agreed to go over a few pages per meeting and do mark ups of the regulations page by page. In this process, they will know what corrections that may have to be made.

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projects, Wi-Fi improvements, an equipment inventory, and setting up cloud backup.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said there will likely be some items to declare surplus after the inventory is finished.

Associate Planning Board member

Bill Cole, chair of the Planning Board, explained that a recent bylaw change awaiting approval by the Attorney General will allow the town to implement an associate Planning Board member, who would sit in on site plan reviews in the event of an absence on the board, or a conflict of interest.

He said the member would have no requirement to attend all meetings, just know about site plan reviews set to happen. The associate member would be appointed in a joint session of the Planning Board and Select Board.

Accountant

The board discussed the possibility of making the Accountant position full-time, rather than the current part-time hours, 19 hours a week.

Caggiano said with the amount of cleanup that has to be done, 19 hours may not be enough, and it could be a full-time position, but that brings in salary and benefits. She said the salary would be about \$85,000 per year, plus about \$30,000 in benefits, compared to the current \$45,000 per year.

Appointment

The board appointed Gio Giannetti as the Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator following an interview with Caggiano, Dr. John Mott of the Board of Health and Jen Kolenda of the Assessors. Caggiano said he has a human resources background.

Sewer items

The board set the sewer rate at \$1,299 per equivalent dwelling unit, which the town has about 740 of, according to Select Board

Vice-Chair William Tinker. He said the Eagle Hill School accounts for 116 of them, and they are billed on outgoing wastewater, which is unique to them.

Caggiano said this will affect the bills of Jan. 1, 2027 when quarterly billing starts.

The board also discussed a violation at Quabbin Estates with Sewer Superintendent Scott Potter, who said they are clogging up the Wheelwright system, and have not paid a fine imposed on them.

He said they have reached out to two engineers to solve the problem.

Trick or Treat

The board set the trick or treating hours for 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31.

The board will meet next on September 21.

Trinity Episcopal celebrates 125th anniversary with dinner

WARE – Trinity Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

A fundraiser dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3 in the Alfonso Banquet Room at Teresa’s Restaurant, 315 Palmer Road. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a social hour, family-style dinner and live music.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m., and a dinner of chicken parmesan with ziti, salad, coffee and tea will be served at 6 p.m. Cash bar is available.

Raffle tickets will also be sold during the dinner. Raffle items include at least two handmade quilts made by the church ladies quilt group, and items donated by friends and local businesses.

Entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. and has been graciously donated by local musicians, including Seth Newton.

All proceeds from the evening will go toward physical improvement projects at the new Jubilee Ministries center, 80 Pleasant St., especially a handicap ramp and awning and other projects.

This year is also the 45th

anniversary of the Jubilee Cupboard, which got its start in the church’s kitchen.

Tickets can be purchased on Sundays at the church after services from 10:30 a.m.-noon; during church office hours Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; at Jubilee Ministries, 80 Pleasant St., on Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon; at Jeffery & Jeffery, 137 Main St., during regular business hours Monday through Friday; or by calling the church office at 413-967-6100.

Tickets must be purchased by Thursday, Sept. 24.

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Who will pay for the new vaccine? It might be you.

Medicare, Medicare Advantage and private insurers typically won’t cover a vaccine until it’s approved by a CDC committee known as ACIP, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The committee hasn’t met for over a year after a judge voided appointments made by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., secretary of Health and Human Services. A new CDC director was only recently confirmed by the Senate. Stay tuned.

The takeaway is clear: Do not assume mFLUSIVA will be covered at zero cost. Contact your health insurance provider or Medicare plan directly to verify whether you’ll have to pay out-of-pocket.

And don’t wait to see if you can get the mRNA vaccine. Protect yourself and your family by getting regular flu shots as early in the season as you can. Remember that it takes about two weeks for your body to develop enough antibodies to fight off the flu.

Flu season is inevitable. Getting the flu doesn’t have to be.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, a Monson resident, is a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate. She is the author of several books on advocacy and founder of Nurse Advocate Entrepreneur, which equips medical professionals with the knowledge and skills to start their own advocacy businesses. Contact her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com.

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BACK ROADS STUDIO TOUR

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hand-painted panels on the front of a lot of them.”

Morello’s studio also has handmade soap, beeswax and Christmas ornaments.

“It’s more than just baskets. I wanted small things in case somebody just wanted to buy something small,” she said.

The week leading up to the Back Roads Studio Tour weekend, Sheldon Farm Baskets will be open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Morello’s studio is also featured in the Country Roads Holiday Tour Nov. 7-Dec. 6. Leading up to the holiday season, Morello’s studio will be open weekends or by request.

Dragonbelly Ceramics
Lisa Janice (LJ) Cohen’s Dragonbelly Ceramics studio is located at 183 Mechanics St., Gilbertville.

Cohen has been a potter for about 20 years, and this is her second year participating in the Back Roads Studio Tour.

“I’ve always worked with my hands, ever since I was very little,” she said. “I like to keep my hands busy.”

Cohen described creating pottery as a meditative art, and she enjoys knowing that people use her artwork in their daily lives.

“I like the thought that someone has their morning coffee in a mug that I made,” she said.

Cohen works out of her home studio, and glazes/fires her work at Workshop13’s ClayWorks Studio in Ware, where she can work alongside other artists. Cohen is also ClayWork’s glaze tech.

When she’s not throwing clay, Cohen is either working on her latest novel, transforming fibers into fashion, or volunteering in her community by helping to run the oldest agricultural fair in the U.S.

Brookfield Paperworks
In its second year, the Back Roads Studio Tour expanded to feature nine studios, including Elisabeth Hyder’s Brookfield Paperworks located at 23 High St., North Brookfield. She is the longest-participating artist in this year’s tour.

Hyder creates a decorated paper known as “paste paper” in her studio, which she said she is fortunate to have. Paste paper has a variety of uses, from making collages to folded paper boxes that are ideal for holding keepsakes.

She said she likes to create “art that can be used.”

A native of Switzerland, Hyder has lived in the U.S. for 50 years, and shares her studio space with her husband’s print shop.

When people tour Hyder’s studio, they will have a chance to make their own paste paper.

Buck Hill Studio

Russell Buzzell creates his realistic oil paintings, watercolors, pen and ink and scratchboards at Buck Hill Studio, 25 Tucker Road, North Brookfield. His artwork captures the farm life he remembers from his childhood.

“I like doing what I do,” he said.

Buzzell attended the Art Institute in Boston and he is also known for his book illus-



Sue Morello of Sheldon Farms Baskets in Barre features handmade baskets; many with hand-painted panels on them.



Sue Morello’s baskets come in all shapes and sizes.

trations.

This is Buzzell’s second year on the tour, and he said he liked talking to people who visited his studio last year.

“I really enjoyed meeting the different people that came,” he said.

Buzzell will be joined at his studio by his sister-in-law, Diane Buzzell, who published a book about the Buzzell family (“The Artist, the Farmer, the Hunter and the Good Guy”), which features his artwork.

Jeff Palmer Designs

Jeff Palmer and his wife Brenda are the team behind Jeff Palmer Designs, located at 14 Mill Road, North Brookfield. Palmer creates woodturned items and makes fine furniture.

A lifelong craftsman, he has also done stair work and kitchen remodels.

“This [furniture making] is what I really like to do,” Palmer said.

Palmer began making wooden furniture in his basement with his dad when he was just 12 years old.

“I’m 60 and still going,” Palmer said.

He works with a variety of wood, including cherry, black walnut, maple and elm.

Petersham Leathers

Sylvia Brown of Petersham Leathers, located at 202 Popple Camp Road, Petersham, creates classic leather handbags, as well as garments, belts, bags, briefcases and luggage.

Pieceful Primitives

Lou Meyerdierts’ studio, Pieceful Primitives, is located at 36 Donnelly Cross Road, Spencer, where she creates wool applique, rug hooking, needle punch and counted cross stitch works of art.

Meyerdierts grew up in East Brookfield and she has been a part of the Back Roads Studio Tour for about 15 years.

She said she has a deep appreciate for the craft techniques that she uses, and she likes to work with her hands.

Meyerdierts spoke about the tour, and shared some



These woodturned bowls were crafted by Jeff Palmer of Jeff Palmer Designs in North Brookfield.



Sculptor and painter John Collins of Ware is the first western Massachusetts artist to join the Back Roads Studio Tour.



This table is an example of the fine furniture created at Jeff Palmer Designs.

This wool applique was made by Lou Meyerdierts of Pieceful Primitives in Spencer. Meyerdierts’ studio is one of eight featured on the Back Roads Studio Tour, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 and 4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m



Russell Buzzell’s family farm is featured in a lot of his artwork.

of her favorite memories, including during the pandemic when artists had to set up tents outdoors.

“It’s nice to have people come,” she said.

John Collins Studio

John Collins is the first western Massachusetts artist to be a part of the Back Roads Studio Tour. His studio is located at 29 Beach Road, Ware, next to the picturesque Beaver Lake.

they posted personally on social media.”

Kusnierz said the Selectboard’s role is determine if someone is “qualified, willing and capable of serving on that particular committee.” He said he is uncomfortable using someone’s personal social media posts to determine this.

Michael Topor was appointed to serve on the town’s Youth Committee.

Steven Hawk questioned Rizzo about negative language he used in past social media posts. He said members of boards and committees represent the town in their actions.

Rizzo said he defended himself against anonymous people on social media and that he and his wife love the town.

Kusnierz read from a letter that he sent to Hawk regarding his concerns, and said candidates should not be judged “based on something



This wooden spoon and box were made by North Brookfield craftsman, Jeff Palmer.



Lou Meyerdierts will display her wool appliques, rug hooking and more.



Elisabeth Hyder creates paste paper at her North Brookfield studio, Brookfield Paperworks.

Collins creates fine art through oil painting and sculpture, specializing in portraits of people, pets and “prized possessions” – such as cars.

Lately, Collins has been focused on sculpting the likeness of his fellow artists, as well as working on collaborative art projects.

Over the summer Collins worked with other artists to create a towering Lady Liberty puppet, which was featured in his town’s U.S. 250th events (including a parade) and the Hardwick Community Fair. The puppet measured over 12 feet tall.

Collins sculpted Lady

Liberty’s head out of foam insulation, which was covered in mortar.

“It was all new to me,” Collins said of the experience.

More about the tour

Morello said the tour is something the artists look forward to, and it gives people a chance to purchase a one-of-a-kind piece of art with a story to tell.

“You can’t get them at a store or the mall or anyplace else.”

For more information about the Back Roads Studio Tour and the featured artists and crafters, visit backroads-studiotour.org.

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Health services committee

Kusnierz said the board has received one application to serve on the newly formed Health Services Committee. There are seven to nine seats available on the committee.

He said once enough applications are received the board can appoint members to the committee. Information about serving on the committee is available on the town’s website, www.townofware.com.

Appointments

The Selectboard appointed five members to the Downtown Economic Development Committee, which was formerly the Downtown Development Committee.

These members included Dennis Craig, Dan Flynn, Dustin Pennington, Glen Wojcik and Chris Swett.

Thomas Rizzo was appointed to serve on the Americans with Disabilities Act Commission.

Selectboard member

Open meeting law complaint

Beckley said language in 15 meeting minutes regarding executive sessions was amended to address an open meeting law complaint filed by Bourcier.

Selectboard guidelines

The Selectboard voted to accept the Standard Operating Guidelines for Selectboard.

Kusnierz said this is intended to be a “living” document, and change to meet the board’s needs.

Sewer abatements

The Selectboard approved sewer abatements requests for 93-95 Pleasant St., 48 Warebrook Drive, 66 Eagle St., 33 Homcrest Avenue and 227 West St.

Town Manager job posting

Willette proposed a salary range of \$145-160,000 for the position of Town Manager to accompany the job posting. The Selectboard approved the job posting and salary range.

Shoppers explore Warren during town wide tag sale

By **Ryan Drago**
Staff Writer
rdrago@turley.com

WARREN – The town of Warren held its town wide tag sale this past Saturday. Shoppers started off the day on Sept. 12 by picking up maps at the Parks and Recreation booth during the Farmers Market in the center of town. Addresses were also provided and each had a description of the items they had available. There were about 50 tag sale participants this year across Warren and West Warren. A little bit of everything was available during the town wide tag sale. Many homes offered furniture, antiques, toys, household items, clothing, tools, appliances and many practical items that



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Shown is a vintage doll carriage from the early 1900s.



Homemade ceramics were made by one resident in West Warren.

could go to a new home. Some tag sale homes had collectable items that have been part of their own collection for many years. Brian Demers of West Warren had a collection of diecast model cars that he collected over the course of 20 years. This collection consists of multiple model car brands including Hot Wheels and Matchbox. Demers also had Pokémon cards, sports cards, craft supplies and other miscellaneous items.

In West Warren, one resident planned a clearing of their entire attic for the tag sale. Tracey Mazur had a lot of items in storage including toys and books from the 1950s and 1960s.

The oldest item found in her attic was a vintage doll carriage that once belonged



This string of vintage banners were from the 1950s and 1960s.

to her grandmother. The carriage dates back to the early 1900s. While sorting through their items Mazur came across some costumes that were worn by her brother and sister in a church Christmas play. Her sister was an angel in the play and came with wings and a halo and her brother had a devil costume and mask. Mazur said the costumes reminded her of “a lot of shared memories and stories.”

The Dusty household was busy during the tag sale with most of their items consisting of tools, fabrics and furniture. Jim and Karen Dusty said they both prepared for the tag sale in advance to get rid of items they don’t need anymore.

The Dustys said they even got some repeat customers who visited them more than once.

The next town wide tag sale will be in 2028 around the second week of September.



One house had jewelry available during the Town Wide Tag Sale.



A collection of model cars were found at one stop during the Warren Town Wide Tag Sale.



Shown is a Bobby Orr hockey game with all its original pieces.

New England Hiking with Jeff Romano

WARREN – Join author Jeff Romano at the Warren Public Library on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. for a slideshow presentation highlighting hiking opportunities throughout New England. The program will cover destinations in all six states with a focus on itineraries featured in his latest guidebook, an updated edition to “100 Classic Hikes New England”. Romano will share advice, provide insights, and answer questions on how and where to plan your next hiking adventure. The program will also feature information on New England wildflowers, birds, wildlife, history, and conservation success stories.

Romano is a lifelong New England resident who has been hiking for five decades. He is the author of four other guidebooks: “Hike the Park Acadia” (2021), “Day Hiking New England” (2015), “100 Classic Hikes New England, First Edition” (2010), and “Best Loop Hikes: New Hampshire’s White Mountains to the Maine Coast” (2006). When not hiking, Romano directs public policy activities for Maine Coast Heritage Trust, a land trust that conserves and stewards Maine’s coastal lands and islands. This presentation is free and open to the public. Please contact the Warren Public Library to register: 413-436-7690 or warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

Items wanted for Warren time capsule

WARREN – To help preserve Warren’s history, the Warren Parks Department is collecting items for the next time capsule.

Residents interested in placing something in the time capsule can reach out to the Warren Parks Department or visit the table set up during the Farmers Market on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the common. The deadline for submitting a contribution to the time capsule is Sept. 27. The time capsule will be sealed during the farmers market on Saturday, Oct. 31. The time capsule will be placed underneath the gazebo. For more information or wanting to submit an item for the time capsule, reach out to the Warren Parks Department on their Facebook page, email at parksandrec@warren-ma.gov, or call 413-436-5701 extension 118.

Recycling Center offers bulk waste day Oct. 24

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Recycling Center, 2011 Barre Road, will hold a Bulk Waste Collection Event on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8 a.m.-noon. This event is open to the residents of Hardwick and surrounding towns. A recycling center sticker is not required. Please note, there are

fees per item charged to cover the cost of hauling and processing. Cash or check payment to “Town of Hardwick” accepted. Prices are available on the town’s website, www.hardwick-ma.gov. The staff and volunteers reserve the right to price or reject other items not listed accordingly on site.

Dirty or soiled mattresses or box springs have a fee of \$125. For more information, people can email recycling@hardwick-ma.gov or stop by the Hardwick Recycling Center during open hours. Volunteers are also needed during the Bulk Waste Collection Event.

Trinity Episcopal hosts talk about Lost Towns on Sept. 20

WARE – Trinity Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, will host a program about the Quabbin Reservoir by Ed Maxwell on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. in the basement. This program is free and open to the public. A goodwill offering will be taken to

benefit the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House. Tickets for the church’s 125th anniversary celebration dinner on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Teresa’s Restaurant will be available for purchase after the program. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a social hour, meal and live musical entertainment.

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Maxwell said researching a topic is something that he enjoys doing, and one topic, the Quabbin Reservoir, is one that hits close to home. “My wife Linda was born and raised in Ware and she introduced me to the Quabbin about 30 years ago,” he said. “It’s been part of my heritage (by marriage). It’s a place we frequented often and I never fully understood the history of it until I took up the topic.” In his research, Maxwell learned a lot about the city of Boston’s drinking water supply and the complex construction project that resulted in the loss of four towns. In 1927, the Massachusetts legislature passed the Swift River Act authorizing the flooding of the Swift River Valley to supply Boston’s growing water needs. Four towns – Enfield,

Dana, Greenwich and Prescott – were disincorporated and destroyed, displacing residents, shutting down businesses and requiring more than 7,500 graves to be relocated to the new Quabbin Cemetery. The inhabitants of these towns, and the surrounding towns, didn’t have the means or the manpower to push back against the construction of the reservoir, and their land was taken by imminent domain. “There were too few people – they had no power and no money. They couldn’t fight it,” Maxwell said. “It’s a very sad story...They had a cause and they couldn’t fight.” In his presentation, Maxwell will trace the human and engineering story behind the Quabbin Reservoir, and share about the impact its construction still has on the Swift River

Valley today. He will cover the dam’s construction, including the 24.6-mile Quabbin Aqueduct completed in 1939, as well as the reservoir’s legacy as both an engineering marvel and its impact on the surrounding towns. “It was a very complex construction process,” Maxwell said. He also researched the history of the disincorporated towns and the people that lived in them, as well as the businesses that were alive and well during that period. “And how much the people who lived there lost when the towns were taken over by imminent domain,” he said. Maxwell will also highlight buildings that once stood in the “Lost Towns” including the Joseph Allen Skinner Museum in South Hadley, which was formerly a congregational church in Prescott and Ware’s

“Quabbin House” which was owned by one of Enfield’s last resident to leave, Marion Andrews Smith. Maxwell will also talk about the scarcity of water resources, and the drinking water needs of the towns surrounding the Quabbin Reservoir, as well as a recent push to increase water going to the state’s capital. “Boston has plenty of water and they want more,” he said. This is despite towns across western and central Massachusetts having to impose limits on water use throughout the summer months due to drought conditions. “Water restriction signs are up everywhere, but not in Boston,” Maxwell said. Maxwell noted that even if towns were able to tap into the Quabbin Reservoir’s 400+ billion gallons of water, the cost to run aqueducts

would make it impossible. “I see people say ‘well why can’t we use the Quabbin water?’” Maxwell said. “The cost of the ducting to run into a town would be astronomical.” Maxwell said the reservoir was down about 10 feet this summer and it hasn’t been full in four years. “2022 was the last time they had to use the spillway,” he said. “It’s a crisis that isn’t getting enough attention.” This program is free and open to the public. A goodwill offering will be taken to benefit the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House. Tickets for the Trinity Episcopal Church’s 125th anniversary celebration dinner on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Teresa’s Restaurant will be available for purchase after the program. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a social hour, meal and live musical entertainment.

WHS Class of 1976 plans 50th reunion

WARE – Ware High School Class of 1976 is planning its 50th reunion celebration to be held on Oct. 17 at Teresa’s Restaurant. Class alumni have reached out to many, but are still in need of contact information for many other classmates. If you have not yet been contacted, or you know someone who needs information or for other questions, text or call Michelle (Nowak) Higney at 413-237-5854.

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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.



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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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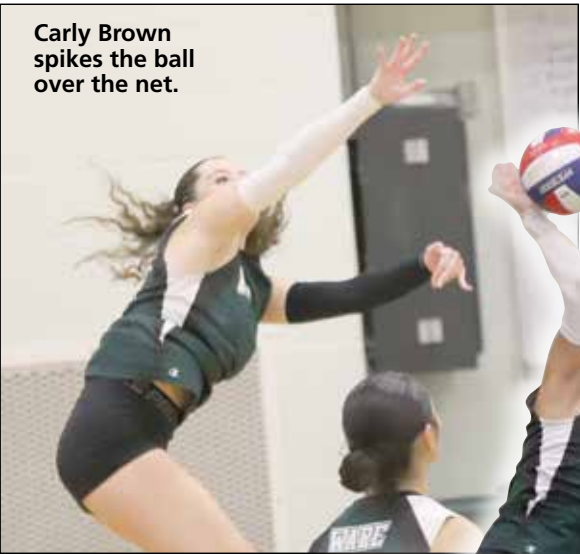
Naomi Torres is pursued by the SICS defense.



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 Lagimoniere 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.

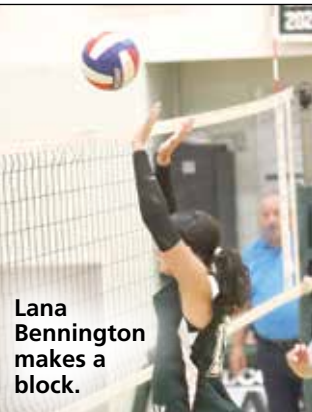


Andrea Albano goes for a spike.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



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.



Thomas Belizzi drops back to pass.



Braiden Bradley goes for a tackle.



Tyler Snow goes on a run for the Cougars.

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Grieco Keegan tries to fend off a Belchertown defender.

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Lady Panthers offense scores big win in opening match

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—The Quabbin girls’ varsity soccer team pulled out a pair of close victories over the West Boylston Lady Lions a year ago. There wasn’t very much suspense in the first meeting of the 2026 regular season between the Mid-Wach D League rivals.

The Lady Panthers, who held a 3-0 halftime advantage, coasted to a 6-0 shutout victory in their home opener, last Thursday afternoon.

“West Boylston gave us a couple of hard fought battles last year, but I thought we played very well in today’s game,” said Quabbin head coach John Gillis. “Once we took the lead in the first half, I was able to get the younger players some playing time. A couple of those players scored their first varsity goals.”

Quabbin, who finished with an 11-5-1 overall record a year ago, kicked off the 2026 regular season with a 3-3 draw at North Middlesex two days earlier.

The Lady Panthers senior captains are Kennan Sadie, Maya Putnam, Grace VanOudenhove, and Ailey Majoy, who’s sidelined with an injury.

One of Quabbin’s younger players is sophomore Adalyn Cranston. She entered the

home opener for the first time in the middle of the opening half, and she wound up scoring a pair of goals.

“This was Adalyn’s first varsity game, and she almost had a hat-trick,” Gillis said. “She has been working very hard. She has a very bright future.”

Quabbin took a 1-0 lead during the sixth minute of the opening half.

The scoring play began with freshman Saylor Bissonnette delivering a pass to sophomore Allie Lipiec, who finished off the play by firing a shot into the back of the net past West Boylston sophomore keeper Isabella Tokarz.

Lipiec had a couple of more scoring chances during the next 15 minutes, but the contest remained 1-0.

During the 34th minute, Cranston, who was a member of the j.v. squad a year ago, ripped a shot into the left corner of the net for her first varsity goal. Freshman Ellery Sylvia was credited with the assist.

Sage McQueston fights in close quarters for possession.



Sylvia Ellery lines up a power shot that goes in for a score.



Larrah Gagne battles for possession of the ball.

Turley photos by Jeffrey Haynes

Two minutes later, Sylvia received a pass from classmate Katharine Porter before netting her first varsity goal, which gave the Lady Panthers a 3-0 lead.

Seven minutes into the second half, Bissonnette scored an unassisted goal by firing a shot into the back of the net.

Cranston added her second goal, which was assisted by freshman Eden Fortier,

during the 64th minute making the score 5-0.

Down at the other end of the field, Quabbin sophomore goalie Zoey Salvadore, who’s a first-year starter for the varsity team, only had to make two saves.

“Zoey was our backup goalie last year,” Gillis said. “She did see some playing time whenever we had a large lead.”

Salvadore was replaced in goal by senior Mia Gleason

with 14 minutes remaining in regulation. Gleason only made one save preserving the shutout.

With less than ten minutes remaining on the scoreboard clock, Fortier closed out the scoring with a breakaway goal. It was also her first varsity goal.

The Lady Panthers will be looking to sweep the season series against West Boylston for the second consecutive year on Oct. 6.

PIONEERS from page 9

A year ago, the Pioneers began the regular season with a 0-4 record before getting into the win column following a 28-8 home win against Smith Vocational on the first Friday of October.

“We got off to a slow start last year because we had a couple of new assistant coaches and a few new players. It just took us a while to put the pieces together,” Darling said. “I thought we executed very well in this year’s season opener.”

The Lions, who only have four seniors listed on this year’s varsity roster, finished with a 3-9 overall record a year ago.

“We just didn’t execute very well tonight,” said Ludlow head coach Ray Saloio. “We just made too many mistakes. You can’t afford to fall behind early in the game.”

After the Pioneers forced the Lions to punt on the opening drive, it didn’t take the visitors from Palmer very long to score the first of their six touchdowns.

Griswold, who’s the Pioneers second-year starting QB, capped off the seven play drive by completing a 28-yard touchdown pass on a fourth down play to sophomore Jimmy Sem with 5:58 remaining in the first quarter.

Junior Caleb Crum made the extra point attempt.

Less than two minutes later, the Pioneers took a 14-0

lead when Griswold connected with junior Mason Baer for a 39-yard TD completion.

On the first play of the second quarter, Griswold hooked up with Sem once again for a 40-yard touchdown pass.

“I worked a lot with my receivers during the offseason, and we’ve built a very good chemistry. It was very important for us to take an early lead,” Griswold said. “It feels very good to win our first game of the season. We really want to have a winning season.”

The extra point attempt sailed wide right.

The Lions offense, which is led by first-year starting QB Connor Sylvestre, finally picked up a first down with the help of a personal foul penalty during the next series. They were eventually forced to punt.

The Pioneers held a commanding 23-0 halftime lead following a 28-yard Crum field goal on the final play of the first half.

Pathfinder Tech junior Cassian Kowalik took over the spotlight

Grayson Griswold takes a high snap.



Caleb Crum sends a kick through the uprights.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Cassian Kowalik lumbers through the defense.

during the third quarter with a pair of rushing touchdowns.

Kowalik’s first rushing TD came on a five yard dash into the end zone, which increased Pathfinder’s lead to 29-0 with 9:42 left in the third quarter. The extra point attempt was blocked by senior Giovanni Perez.

Then following a fumble recovery by senior Peyton Kularski, Kowalik carried the ball four times, which included a 12-yard run into the end-zone with 3:37 remaining in the third quarter.

Following another punt by Ludlow, the home team got

the ball back when sophomore Mason Bartolucci intercepted a pass at the 34 yard line on the final play of the third quarter.

It was the only time that Ludlow was able to move the ball into Pathfinder territory.

Because the Pioneers were



Jimmy Sem makes an easy reception.

leading by more than 30 points at that point, the entire fourth quarter was running time.

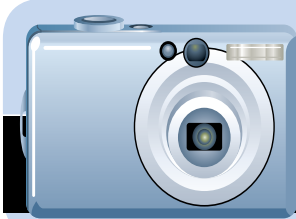
Griswold capped off the scoring with an 8-yard touchdown run on the final play of the game.

While the Pioneers will

be looking to improve to 2-0 against Commerce in the home opener on Friday night at historic Legion Field in Palmer, the Lions will be looking to get into the win column when they play at Smith Vocational on Thursday night.



Trevor Alexander kicks off for the Pioneers.



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Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming September programs

HARDWICK – Author Don Duffy has become an amazing resource on the Indigenous Americans around Hardwick.

He has studied those who lived here and can answer your questions about their history. The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, has his latest book, “Native Americans React to British Incursions”, and his previous books.

Check out some history books on Native Americans at the library and attend a presentation with Duffy on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town House

at the annual Hardwick Historical Society meeting.

Scavenger hunt

Come try to find school-themed items throughout the library for the September Scavenger Hunt. Check off items on your scavenger sheet and pass it in and choose a school themed prize.

Drumming circle

A Drumming Circle with Jafar Manselle and the Wendell Warriors will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. This program is for adults and teens.

Experience this joyous African drumming workshop and learn different tones on the drum so you can play with the Warriors. This activity is funded by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council.

Rain date for this event is Thursday, Sept. 24.

Book hunt

Massachusetts Good Neighbor Day Book Hunt will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. Have fun in this friendly book hunt, where readers of all ages get to hunt outside and find books to keep.

Ongoing programs

Join the library for Wednesday morning Story Hour and activities beginning with “getting to know you time” at 10:30 a.m. and story and activities at 11 a.m. Homeschoolers are welcome and can access books and materials through our library and through Interlibrary Loan.

The Friends’ Book Sale is ongoing.

The Book Club and the Cookbook Club meet monthly. The Paige Writers meet every other week. Friends of the Paige Memorial Library, the

Movie Committee, the new Hardwick Gardening Club, and the PML Volunteers are open to new members.

The library is looking to start a teen group where creative teens can come together and make art, discuss music and culture, and relax.

Visit the library’s website at www.paigelibrary.com, Facebook, email paigeli-brary.hardwick@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704. See the full calendar of activities here: <http://www.paigelibrary.com/calendar-of-events/>.

Recovery Resource Fair will be held Sept. 17

WARE – The Recovery Center of HOPE will host its third annual Recovery Resource Fair, “Recovery Without Permission: A Punk Recovery Fair” on Thursday, Sept. 17 from 2-6 p.m. at Recovery on Main, 78 Main St.

This fair celebrates individuality, paving your own way and community care. There will be DIY arts and crafts, homemade food, local supportive resources and music.

All are welcome to attend this family friendly event.

Author presents at historical society’s annual meeting

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Hardwick Town House, 32 Common St. on Thursday, Sept. 17.

The guest speaker will be author Donald Duffy. He will speak about his new book; “Native Americans React to

British Incursions”.

This book covers incursions in Central Massachusetts, the Connecticut River Valley, Connecticut Highlands, Quabbin, Petersham and other towns in this area.

His program will be followed by the Historical

Society’s business meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Members and non-members of the Historical Society may attend this event although only members will be able to vote during the meeting.

Refreshments will be served.

Jonah Knight presents ‘New England Ghosts’ on Sept. 21

WARE – Are you ready to get in the mood for Halloween? Storyteller and magician Jonah Knight will be presenting his “New England Ghosts” performance at the Ware Library on Monday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Knight will be telling ghost stories from each of the New England states, with interactive enhancements to heighten the mood. All ages are welcome, but

this program is geared for adults, so may be too spooky for some.

No registration is required. For more information call 413-967-5491.



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During the week of Sept. 2-8, the Ware Police Department responded to 14 miscellaneous calls, 10 administrative calls, eight traffic violations, 11 emergency 911 calls, three harassments/stalks/threats, eight disturbances/nuisances, six suspicious/wanted, two thefts/larcenies, one fraud, one trespass, two motor vehicle accidents, one assist other agency, three safety hazards, six animal calls and 21 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Thursday, Sept. 3
1:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Park Avenue, Citation/
Warning Issued
8:27 a.m. Abandoned
911 Call, Babcock Tavern
Road, Investigated
4:08 p.m. Fraud/
Deception, North Street,
Services Rendered
6:48 p.m. Theft/
Larceny, Greenwich Road,
Investigated
8:04 p.m. Suspicious/
Wanted, Church Street,
Investigated

Friday, Sept. 4
2:18 a.m. Abandoned
911 Call, South Street,
Could Not Locate
4:38 a.m. Traffic
Collision, Shady Path,
Vehicle Towed
7 a.m. Miscellaneous,
North Street, Services
Rendered
Arrest: Keith Lowell, 53,
North Brookfield

OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd
Offense; Resist Arrest
2:54 p.m. Abandoned
911 Call, South Street,
Investigated
3:26 p.m. Assault, North
Street, Services Rendered
6:21 p.m. Abandoned
911 Call, Gould Street,
Investigated
7 p.m. Harassment/
Stalk/Threat, Pulaski Street,
Services Rendered
8:14 p.m. Assist Other
Agency, Hardwick Line,
Could Not Locate
9:14 p.m. Suspicious/
Wanted, Church Lane,
Investigated
9:16 p.m. Warrant
Service, Osborne Road,
Arrest Made
Arrest: Jason Lizak, 45,
Ware
WMS Warrant
11:03 p.m. Suspicious/
Wanted, Fisherick Road,
Arrest Made

Saturday, Sept. 5
2:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Church Street,
Citation/Warning Issued
2 p.m. Disturbance/
Nuisance, North Street,
Services Rendered
3:59 p.m. Assault,
Webster Road, Services
Rendered
6:25 p.m. Disturbance/
Nuisance, Crescent Street,
Investigated
6:49 p.m. Abandoned
911 Call, South Street,
Appears Secure After Check
8:59 p.m. Disturbance/
Nuisance, Main Street,
Transport Complete

Sunday, Sept. 6
2:01 a.m. Suspicious/
Wanted, Main Street,
Services Rendered
2:30 p.m. Disturbance/
Nuisance, Otis Avenue,
Services Rendered
3:59 p.m. Harassment/
Stalk/Threat, Monroe Street,
Advised
5:06 p.m. Suspicious/
Wanted, West Street,
Investigated
6:30 p.m. Suspicious/
Wanted, South Street.

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Advised
7:38 p.m. Disturbance/
Nuisance, Smith Avenue,
Services Rendered
7:47 p.m. Trespass/
Unwanted, Marjorie Street,
Could Not Locate
9:44 p.m. Fuel Spill/
Odor, Babcock Tavern
Road, Investigated

Monday, Sept. 7
12:08 a.m. Safety
Hazard, Shoreline Drive,
Services Rendered
3:10 p.m. Traffic
Collision, West Street,
Report Made
3:17 p.m. Abandoned
911 Call, Fisherdict Road,
Dispatch Handled
4:54 p.m. Harassment/
Stalk/Threat, Pulaski Street,
Services Rendered

Tuesday, Sept. 8
2:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, West Street, Citation/
Warning Issued
5:09 a.m. Safety Hazard,
West Ware Road, Services
Rendered
5:32 a.m. Safety Hazard,
Main Street, Services
Rendered
6:21 a.m. Theft/Larceny,
West Main Street, Services
Rendered
10:34 a.m. Abandoned
911 Call, Otis Avenue,
Dispatch Handled
10:54 a.m. Abandoned
911 Call, Vernon Street,
Unfounded

During the week of Aug. 16-22, the Warren Police Department responded to 149 building/property checks, two community policings, 12 emergency 911 calls, seven suspicious activities, two thefts/larcenies, three trespasses, one threat, three safety concerns, one disturbance/disorderly, three complaints, three motor vehicle accidents, one animal call and 26 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Aug. 16
8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
8:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
2:20 p.m. Safety Concern,
North Street, Officer Spoke
to Party
2:45 p.m. Complaint,
North Street, Criminal
Complaint
4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Criminal
Complaint

Monday, Aug. 17
8:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Boston Post Road,
Written Warning
8:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
9:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
10 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
11:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Criminal
Complaint
12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
12:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
2:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
2:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Main Street, Citation
Issued
2:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Stop, Milton O. Fountain
Way, Citation Issued
3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Written
Warning
7:55 p.m. 911 Hang-
up/Misdial/Abandoned,
Brimfield, Officer/Chief
Advised
10:53 p.m. Fire/Power
Lines, Town Farm Road,
Investigated

Tuesday, Aug. 18
 12:22 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle, Albany Street, Checked/Secured
 1:11 a.m. Suspicious Person, Main Street, Public Assist
 1:27 a.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Main Street, Information Taken
 4:18 a.m. Threats, Comins Pond Road, Report Filed
 7:49 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Boston Post Road, Report Filed
 9:25 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Comins Pond Road, Peace Restored
 10:04 a.m. Suspicious Person, Boston Post Road, Report Filed
 1:50 p.m. Trauma, Boston Post Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 2:54 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Sarty Road, Officer/Chief Advised

4:54 p.m. Noise Complaint, Richardson Street, Officer Spoke to Party
5:25 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
7:04 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Keys Road, Officer/Chief Advised
8:45 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation, Maple Street, Investigated
10:16 p.m. Safety Concern, Boston Post Road, Referred to Other Agency
10:28 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Old West Warren Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
Arrest: Sean P. McDonnell, 48, Wilbraham
Trespass; Burglarious Instrument, Possess; Conspiracy C4; Railroad Track, Walk/Ride On; Receive Stolen Property -\$1,200
Arrest: Giovanni A. Parisi, 36, West Springfield
Trespass; Burglarious Instrument, Possess; Conspiracy C4; Railroad Track, Walk/Ride On; Receive Stolen Property -\$1,200

Wednesday, Aug. 19
5:05 a.m. Sick/Unknown,
Pine Street, Transported to
Hospital
6:11 a.m. Chest Pain/
Heart Problem, Winthrop
Terrace, Mutual Aid
Transport
1:03 p.m. 911 Hang-
up/Misdial/Abandoned,
Winthrop Terrace, Officer
Spoke to Party
1:35 p.m. Suspicious
Vehicle, Ware Road, Area
Search Negative

Thursday, Aug. 20
2:13 a.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:58 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Old Douglas Road, Transported to Hospital
3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Parkview Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:56 p.m. Suspicious Person, Southbridge Road, Negative Contact

Friday, Aug. 21
7:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Southbridge Road Extension, Ambulance Signed Refusal
12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed
3:19 p.m. Noise Complaint, Main Street, Report Filed
7:42 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Winthrop Terrace, No Action Required
8:23 p.m. Welfare Check, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:53 p.m. Suspicious Person, Southbridge Road, Area Search Negative

Saturday, Aug. 22
1:47 a.m. Fall, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
5:58 a.m. Unwanted Party, Cronin Road, Report Filed
6:48 a.m. Unwanted Party, Cronin Road, Remove to Court/Lockup
8:19 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Report Filed
10:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

During the week of Sept. 7-14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 46 building property checks, eight directed/area patrols, three radar assignments, three traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, two assist other agencies, six complaints, three suspicious activities, one vandalism, five safety hazards, one missing person, one scam, one motor vehicle investigation, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and six motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Sept. 7
10:55 a.m. Complaint,
Hardwick Road, Services
Rendered
12:39 p.m. Vandalism,
Turkey Street, Services
Rendered
2:59 p.m. 911 Suspicious
Activity, Greenwich Road,
Call Canceled
7:29 p.m. 911 Complaint,
Barre Road, Officer Handled
8:58 p.m. 911 Safety
Hazard, Lower Road,
Removed Hazard

Tuesday, Sept. 8
8:43 p.m. 911 Medical
Emergency, Prouty Road,
Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Sept. 9
9:40 a.m. Safety Hazard.

Turkey Street, Removed
Hazard
Thursday, Sept. 10
8:06 a.m. 911 Medical
Emergency, Pine Street,
Transported to Hospital
1 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Investigation, Main Street,
Officer Handled
4:34 p.m. Safety Hazard,
Prouty Road, Referred to
Other Agency
7:20 p.m. Suspicious
Activity, Broad Street,
Officer Handled
7:30 p.m. Assist Citizen,
East Street, Officer Handled
8:10 p.m. Complaint,
Petersham Road, Services
Rendered
8:49 p.m. Assist Other
Agency, Out of Town,
Services Rendered

Friday, Sept. 11
5:10 a.m. 911 Missing Person, Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital
8:57 a.m. Welfare Check, Turkey Street, Negative Contact
10:43 a.m. 911 Complaint, Summit Road, Peace Restored
12:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To
2:37 p.m. Safety Hazard, Broad Street, Services Rendered
4 p.m. Scam, Ruggles Hill Road, Officer Handled
5:32 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Lower Road, Merge

5:49 p.m. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Lower Road, Officer Handled
10:26 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled
11:15 p.m. Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Sept. 12
12:20 p.m. 911 Assist
Citizen, East Street, Services
Rendered
4:18 p.m. Disturbance,
Main Street, Peace Restored

Sunday, Sept. 13
 3:05 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Greenwich Road, Report Taken
 5:46 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 9:06 a.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 10:56 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 12:28 p.m. Welfare Check, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Spoken To
 6:10 p.m. Complaint, Broad Street, Spoken To
 8:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 8:19 p.m. Complaint, Broad Street, Negative Contact



New Businesses Welcomed

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Hometown Tan

Members of the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond welcomed Hometown Tan to its new location at 40 East Main St., Ware with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured left to right are, Stuart Beckley, Ware Town Manager; Dustin Pennington, Pennington Painting; Chris Murphy, Colorblind Guy; Ginger Hicks, owner of Hometown Tan; Kyle Kelley, Micah Hinckley, Pennington Painting; Darryl Goudreau, The Fitness Factory; and Dan Collette, Advanced Energy Concepts.

FurBaby Medical Veterinary Practice



Dr. Sasha Santiago (center) and Daniel J. Santiago (left) accepted a citation from the State House from state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume (right).

Family members have created artwork which decorates each exam room at FurBaby Medical Veterinary Practice.



Members of the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond and Town of Ware held a ribbon cutting at FurBaby Medical Veterinary Practice located at 124F West St. Shown from left are WBCA members Jan McCoy and Dustin Pennington; Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley; FurBaby Medical Veterinary Practice's practice manager Daniel J. Santiago; FurBaby Medical Veterinary Practice's veterinarian and owner Dr. Sasha Santiago; Selectboard member Valerie Granger; state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume; and WBCA member Dan Collette.

Three Pearls Bakery



Members of the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond and Town of Ware officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Three Pearls Bakery to its location at 30 West Main St., Ware. Pictured left to right, Diane Vadnais; Chris Murphy; Valerie Granger, Selectboard member; Shalymar Estrada; Sugeils Reyes, Three Pearls Bakery owner; Maria De Jesus; Stuart Beckley, Ware Town Manager; Dan Collette and Josh Ruggierio.



Surrounded by family and friends, Shalymar Estrada, Sugeils Reyes (Three Pearls Bakery owner) and Maria De Jesus, performed a second ribbon cutting ceremony at the bakery's grand opening on Sept. 12.



The Whistlestop's new owner Dillon Sherwood cut the ribbon at a ceremony held at the restaurant, located at 248 Main St., Gilbertville. Shown from left are Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond member Jan McCoy; state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume; WBCA President Dan Flynn; Hardwick Town Administrator Justine Caggiano; Sherwood; WBCA members Dan Collette and Blair Robidoux; state Sen. Peter Durant; and WBCA member Dustin Pennington.

The Whistlestop



State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume (left) and state Sen. Peter Durant (right) presented citations from the State House to The Whistlestop owner, Dillon Sherwood.

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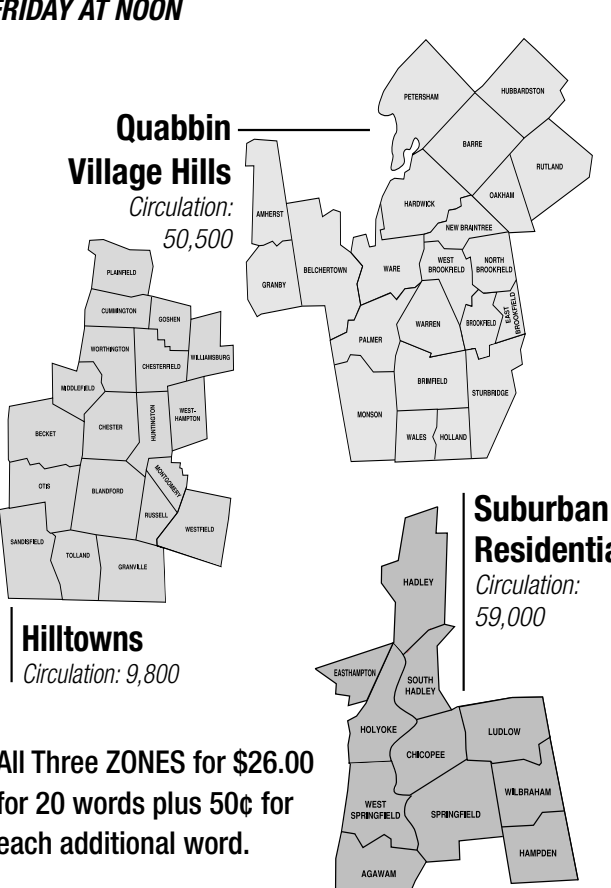
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Enjoy a night of comedy in downtown Ware

WARE – Workshop13 is excited to announce the return of Ware Comedy Show, a Colorblindguy comedy event.

This 21+ show takes place at 13 Church St. on Saturday, Sept. 26. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$20 thanks to the support of the Ware Cultural Council and can be purchased in advance at www.workshop13.org.

Comedy fans can expect a night filled with original material, quick wit and memorable performances.

Returning as host is Boston Comedy Festival winner Dan Boulger.

Boulger headlined last year's Ware Comedy Show and left audiences thoroughly impressed with his relaxed delivery, sharp observations, and polished stage presence. His ability to make comedy look effortless is a testament to his skill and experience.

Headlining this year's show is Jake Silberman, a nationally touring comedian whose sharp wit, unique perspective, and exceptional crowd work have made him a favorite with audiences across the country. Silberman 's ability to find humor in everyday life and connect with a crowd ensures a performance that is both intelligent and hilarious.

The opening acts are equally impressive.

Avery Quinn has headlined venues throughout New England and regularly performs at the Comix stage at Mohegan Sun. His animated style and commanding presence immediately capture an audience's attention.

Joining him is Hilary Price, known for her off-beat sense of humor, originality, and relatable storytelling. Her thoughtful, clever material consistently earns big laughs while giving audiences something to think about.

Together, these performers create a lineup loaded with talent, originality, and the creative material that defines great stand-up comedy.

About Workshop13

Workshop13 is a dynamic center where arts, culture, and community converge –expanding access to the arts and nurturing creativity and self-expression in the rural region.

For more information visit workshop13.org, or call 413-277-6072.

Eastern Star holds annual chicken barbecue, Sept. 26

BARRE – Cradle Rock Chapter Order of Eastern Star holds their annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 26 with pickup time at 1 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 71 Pleasant St.

The meal consists of 1/2 chicken, homemade

Coleslaw, baked potato, bread and cranberry sauce. It is cooked by the their great barbecue cooks with their special touch.

Price is \$18 each. Reservations are needed by Monday, Sept. 21. People may call or message Dolly at 508-826-7535.

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Town of Warren Public Hearing Pole Petition

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166, Section 22, a public hearing for consent to install 2 SO Poles on Bemis Road beginning at a point approximately 625' ft north of the centerline of the intersection of Old Carriage Way and continuing approximately 1,500 feet in a northeast direction; Install new SO Pole P28-84,~30' west of P28; Install new SO Pole 21-50, ~ 112' southwest of P 21. Copies of the petitions are available for viewing during normal business hours in the Selectmen's Office prior to the hearing. This hearing will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, 1st Floor, Selectmen Meeting Room, Warren, MA 01083 at 6:00PM or by remote participation via Zoom. Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84297540904?pwd=P9YKPRCdqODKwGJFIop0oFJEsmNk.1>**

Meeting ID: 842 9754 0904
Passcode: 191841

Richard Eichacker
Chair Board of Selectmen
09/10, 09/17/2026

Town of Warren Public Hearing Pole Petition

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166, Section 22, a public hearing for consent to install 8 JO Pole on Bemis Road and relocate 2 JO Poles on Bemis Road beginning at a point approximately 100' feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Old Carriage Way and continuing approximately 5,100 feet in a north direction; Install new JO Pole 30-50, ~ 117' north of P31. Install new JO Pole 28-50,~113' north of P29; Install new JO Pole 25-50,~112' north of P26; Install new JO Pole 23-50,~115' north of P30. Install new JO Pole 12,~116' north of P13; Install new JO Pole 29-50,~137' north of P30; Install new JO Pole 26-50,~124' north of P27; Install new JO Pole 24-50,~112' north of P25; Relocate JO Pole 22,~15' southwest; Relocate JO P15,~15' north. Copies of the petitions are available for viewing during normal business hours in the Selectmen's Office prior to the hearing. This hearing will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, 1st Floor, Selectmen Meeting Room, Warren, MA 01083 at 6:00PM or by remote participation via Zoom. Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84297540904?pwd=P9YKPRCdqODKwGJFIop0oFJEsmNk.1>**

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Town of Warren Zoning Board of Appeals

The Warren Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, October 5, 2026 at 5 p.m.** regarding an Administrative Appeal by ASL Cronin Land Holdings, LLC c/o Amp Solar Development Inc. on a Cease and Desist order issued by the Building Inspector. Petitioners are seeking to demolish a structure at 452 Cronin Road. The meeting will take place in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Shepard Municipal Building. 48 High Street, Warren, Mass. Zoom meeting ID: 869 2503 5858, Passcode: 130095.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection by appointment in the Office of the Tax Collector by calling 413-436-5701, ext. 104.
09/17, 09/24/2026

STORAGE AUCTION

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law 105A, the contents of the following storage units will be sold for non-payment:

Adam MacMillan: Bldg. 1 Unit 13
Yalira Lugo: Bldg. 7 Unit 16
Country Corners Storage 50 Greenwich Road Ware, MA 01082
Saturday Sept. 26, 2026 at 10:00 am
09/17, 09/24/2026

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION

The Gilbertville Water District intends to file an application for federal financial assistance with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service. Funding for the project will be under the Rural Utilities Service, Part 1780, Water and Waste Loans and Grants (CFDA 10.760). The project includes replacement of the District's existing water tank with a new tank at the end of Prospect Street in Gilbertville, MA along with an extension of the existing water line on Prospect Street to the new tank, Work will all be associated with the construction project. Any comments regarding this application should be submitted in person to the Gilbertville Water District at our monthly meeting at the Gilbertville Public Library on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm or mailed to Gilbertville Water District, PO Box 97, Gilbertville, MA 01031.
09/10, 09/17/2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elizabeth Ann Sanborn, John Allen Sanborn to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as

nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., dated August 3, 2022 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14637, Page 46, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on January 27, 2023, in Book No. 14790, at Page 101 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on October 15, 2026, on the mortgaged premises located at 207 Osborne Road, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land in Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, being a certain parcel shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Ware Owned by James Mosher, Lot 2, Osborne Road, Ware, Mass.", said plan being recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14637, Page 43. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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Storage Auction

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9/17, 09/24/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS26A0034AD In the matter of: Vincent Tundra Walters n/k/a Brody Andrew Sylvester CITATION G.L.c. 210, §6

TO: Chelsea Caitly Sylvester Mathew Walters, and any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

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Carl Gifford Sylvester of Ware, MA Shari Ann Sylvester of Ware, MA

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

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WITNESS, **Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.
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The Town of Hardwick is seeking qualified candidates to perform high-level secretarial, clerical, and administrative work assisting the Town Administrator and Select Board.

This is a part-time 10 hours per week position. For full job description go to www.hardwick-ma.gov.

Qualified applicants should send their resume and cover letter to admissions@hardwick-ma.gov or send to P.O. Box 275, Gilletteville, MA 01031.

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The Town of Ware is seeking applicants for the position of Health Director. The position is a full-time position with a salary range of \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year. The Town of Ware is an equal opportunity employer. For full job description see www.warema.gov.

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