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Selectboard hears possible uses for opioid settlement money

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WARE – Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance presented ideas for

using the town's opioid settlement money to the Selectboard, along with Kirsten Krieger, Public Health Nurse for the Quabbin Health District, Randy Gratton of the Recovery Center of HOPE, Alyssa Curran of the HEALING

Communities Study and Police Officer John Cacela, Drug Addiction Recovery Team Officer.

All communities across the state who have received monies from the opioid settlement are starting to think about ways to use that

money, Gramarossa said at the Sept. 19 meeting.

"We're starting to talk to different towns in the area...just to get the conversation started," she said. "Tonight, is just an opening discussion."

Gramarossa said Ware is ahead of other communities because they've already put the money in a separate account.

Curran said Boston Medical Center has distributed funds to communities with coalitions to use

these funds, choosing from a list of different options.

One strategy is improving opioid prescribing practices.

She said the commonwealth is

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Earth removal public hearing closed after continuation

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WARREN – The Planning Board continued a public hearing on a special permit application from Cal Rolling Hills, LLC to remove earth materials from property located on Gilbert Road.

At the Sept. 11 meeting, a representative from Cal Rolling Hills, LLC presented updated plans for a one-acre staging area as well as an access road to the active work area. He said these were the only changes made to the plans.

The one-acre staging area would be located on previously used land.

The parcel of land is 40 total acres, but Cal Rolling Hills, LLC is only utilizing seven acres at a time for removal of earth materials. The representative said there is a well located on the property, for dust control during dry weather.

Vehicles and equipment will be stored in the staging area, and it will also serve as a location for vehicle and equipment repair.

Also, any road grindings from the project would be kept in the staging area. The representative said it would be one to two truckloads of grindings.

After closing the public hearing, the Board discussed language changes in the special permit, which they will vote on at the next meeting.

"Everything looks positive," Planning Board Chair Derick Veliz said of the application.

Secretary position

Town Administrator James Ferrera said the town received 32 applications for the position of Building and Planning Department secretary. He said of those applicants, about five to six would qualify for the position.

"There's a whole host of candidates that have either had some municipal experience or some state-level experience," Ferrera said. "It's a good mix of candidates."

Ferrera said he is hoping to start the interview process soon, and would like to form an interview committee.

Ferrera said Building Commissioner BJ Church has requested to serve on the committee, and Ferrera would serve as well in his role as town administrator, along with one other person.

Planning Board Vice-Chair David Duffresne recommended that a committee comprised of three people review the applications and

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Fall Fair benefitted Meeting House repairs

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer

WARE – The Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum hosted the annual Fall Fair this past Saturday.

A combination of local artisans, food vendors, and a historical learning experience, the event was the hub of community life.

Treasurer of Ware Center Meeting House, Janice Hills, said the Fall Fair is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Meeting House, with proceeds helping to maintain and preserve the iconic structure.

The current project is to raise money for their cupola roof repair at the Meeting House.

Hills had a booth of her own at the Fall Fair, selling sewed and quilted goods including hats, scarves and even catnip stuffed cats.

For custom apparel

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Melissa Kopec of Walker Faith Creations displayed an assortment of customized cups, T-shirts, bags and more.

Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Parks and Rec. discuss tree damage, Memorial Field

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer

WARE – A tree fell down at Grenville Park recently, landing on top of the park's restrooms building.

At the Parks and Recreation Commission's Sept. 11 meeting, Parks Manager John Piechota said this resulted in significant damage to the roof and the wall; causing the back wall to be separated from the divider in the restrooms.

The Commission reviewed several courses of action on how to get the restrooms repaired and how it can be handled through insurance. The Commission plans to send an adjuster out and try to get the restroom back up to standard.

The tree will be removed as soon as possible.

"We don't want the tree there for too long," said Piechota.

Memorial Field conditions

During spring and summer,

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Ware River Park's grand opening set for Sept. 26

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HARDWICK – Three years of dedicated work by the Conservation Commission and countless volunteers has finally paid off, with the completion of Ware River Park and the town's newest segment of the Mass

Central Rail Trail.

A grand opening will be held at Ware River Park, located on Lower Road (Route 32) in Gilbertville, adjacent to Hardwick Crossing Country Club and across the street from St. Aloysius Cemetery's lower entrance on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Ware River Park is a 10-acre

parcel of land owned by the town, that was under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission. The parcel already featured a gazebo at New Furnace Landing and the Gilbertville Fitness trail, as well as an overgrown canoe launch.

After the Department of Environmental Protection approved the Conservation Commission's notice of intent to work on the parcel, the Commission set to work to tackle the "daunting task" of removing invasive plants.

"This was our COVID project," Conservation Commission Vice-Chair Rebecca Bottomley said. "Bill and I met outside on a picnic table to work on the NOI [notice of intent]."

Bottomley is joined on the Commission by Chair Bill Zinni and members David Larson, Nicholas Paydos and Neal Halin.

Overrun with multiflora rose, Japanese knotweed, oriental bittersweet, barberry, and honeysuckle, the view of the Ware River was almost completely obscured, and the canoe launch was inaccessible.

Through many volunteer cleanup days, the Conservation Commission also removed the



WE HAD SO MANY VOLUNTEERS...IT HAD SUCH A GREAT PUBLIC SUPPORT."

**REBECCA BOTTOMLEY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

trash that had accumulated under the thick vegetation. A large pile of metal debris was recycled by a scrapper.

After clearing the invasive plants and trash, the Conservation Commission worked with Keith Davies of the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council to improve the canoe launch at the gazebo and add Blue Trail signage for paddlers.

Now, there is also a launch further upstream at Ware River Park, where paddlers can take a break and enjoy a picnic at one of the picnic tables. These picnic tables were built by a volunteer, who



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Conservation Commission Vice-Chair Rebecca Bottomley holds a sign for the Mass Central Rail Trail, which runs through the recently completed Ware River Park in Gilbertville.

donated their labor.

"Two years ago, you couldn't even see the Ware River," Bottomley said. "Now it's a riverfront property."

While working to clear the parcel, the Conservation Commission collaborated with Cynthia Henshaw, executive director of the East Quabbin Land Trust to secure

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Rebecca and Robert Bottomley built this raised bed garden, filled with perennials from the Harwick Farmers Co-Op.

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Tony and Amanda keep spirits and tempo upbeat

By Ryan Drago
Staff writer

HARDWICK – One of the most popular events going on at Hardwick Vineyard & Winery is live music during the week and on weekends.

On Sept. 12, the winery welcomed the happy acoustic duo of Amanda Meli and Tony Valley. This duo has been a musical team for eight years and show only signs of continuing their passion in music entertainment.

Valley and Meli are all about making the whole atmosphere happy not only for themselves, but for their audience and listeners.

Both provide a combination of vocals and acoustic guitar to some of their favorite cover songs and original songs. Throughout most of their performance, Meli was leading the vocals as Valley played charismatically on his acoustic guitar, while managing a music loop system.

Looping is a technique that allows a musician to record a musical or rhythmic loop in order to create a repetitive sequence. Valley said that his system for looping is top of the line and works excellently.

Valley got his start into performing music when he got his first guitar at the age of 14. He started off practicing three-to-four hours a day and would later increase his practice time to 10-12 hours per day.

During the performance, Meli said that one of Valley's favorite music groups is Led Zeppelin as he performed some instrumental solos. In addition, Meli said that Valley knows every guitar part in



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Tony Valley and Amanda Meli performed at Hardwick Vineyard & Winery recently, offering a mix of original songs and covers.

Led Zeppelin's music.

Valley had just release one of his original songs on Spotify titled "Starlight." He is also the proud owner of his family business, Tony's Happy Valley Pizza, a pizza shop on wheels.

Meli has her own entertainment company, Meli Entertainment and Event Services. She covers numerous activities such as music bingo, disk jockeying, open mics, fundraisers, festivals and music contests.

The duo played covers of classic songs from various music artists. Songs included "Dreams", "Crazy on You", "My Girl", "Angel Baby", "Sweet Dreams", "Stand by Me", and "Margaritaville".

Meli and Valley incorporate creative tunes and additions to the covers they play. However, they still play the song as original as they can, so the audience still recognizes the song.

"We like to compromise...make it recognizable with the audience," said Meli referring to the different

versions they add on to the cover songs they play.

Along with those new versions, Valley was very animated with his guitar. With his looping system, the music sounded as if there were more than two performers playing.

The duo enjoys playing together and wants to provide a positive atmosphere for their audience.

"We want to make everyone happy," says Meli.

Meli and Valley got a lot of appreciative praise from the audience, with the cover of "Angel Baby" being a favorite song of one of the spectators.

To learn more about Meli, Valley and their music, they both have their own websites, at amandameli.com and tonyentertainment.com.

The Hardwick Vineyard & Winery has more live music lined up for the rest of the month. To see who's performing next, go to www.hardwickwinery.com/musicschedule.

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 1991 showed Queen of the Quaboag, Taunya Shonio (center), at a parade with her attendants, Heather Lombardo (left) and Amber Cleveland. If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.

3rd annual TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K Oct. 29

STURBRIDGE – The Rotary Club of Sturbridge has announced that its popular TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K, and Fun Walk will return on Sunday, Oct. 29.

According to race director Klaus Hachfeld the family-friendly event offers two timed races, including a 5K trail run and fun walk, and a 1K road race.

The timed 1K road race for pre-teens (12 years and under) starts at 9:30 a.m. It will be a road race along Old Sturbridge Village Road, making it accessible to persons with mobility challenges.

The timed 5K trail run and fun walk will start at 10 a.m. using Old Sturbridge Village Road and the Arbutus Park Trail in the Leadmine Mountain Wildlife Conservation Lands.

All activities begin at the OSV Education Center on Old Sturbridge Village Road. Parking will be available in the Education Center lot.

The event also includes a costume parade for younger children, free games, and relay races beginning at 9 a.m. at the Education Center, and organized by a volunteer team from Burgess Elementary School. No pre-registration is required for the children's activities.

"This year, we've added a special prize for the best costume in both races," said Hachfeld. "Judging will be by popular choice during the presentation ceremony at the end of the race."

Pre-registration is now available on the RaceWire website at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=13548>

All participants who pre-register by Oct. 21 will get a TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K and fun



Submitted Photo

Kegan Cline and his sons, Julian and Kegan, Jr. brought some colonial spirit to last year's event.

walk tee-shirt. On-site registration will also be available starting at 8:30 a.m.

The Trek Sturbridge Halloween 5K and fun walk is a Sturbridge Rotary Club fundraiser, with all profits going to local student scholarships and other community needs projects. For additional information, visit the Sturbridge Rotary Club website at <https://sturbridgerotary.com/> or email the race director at laserklaus@gmail.com.

Vendors wanted for CNEER fall festival

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Fall Festival at the Farm will be held at Central New England Equine Rescue, 96 New Braintree Road, on Saturday, Oct. 14 from

noon-4 p.m. Students from Ware High School will be assisting visitors with parking.

Vendor space is still available, and people should call 413-265-

3270 for more information about signing up.

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



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School district's meal numbers remain steady

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – Food Service Director Jeff Nicholas gave the School Committee an update about food services at Ware Public Schools.

At the Sept. 13 meeting, Nicholas said school lunch numbers remain strong across the school district, as do breakfast numbers for Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School. He said the breakfast numbers have dropped slightly in Ware Middle School.

"We're doing the 'in the cafeteria' feeding for the students," he said. "It's a little slow to start. I think it's going to get a little better and we'll add more to the numbers as we go along."

Nicholas said students have more options for breakfast items this way, noting that a lot of food was being wasted during grab-and-

go breakfasts.

He said the grab-and-go breakfast would be one choice, now they have two or three choices.

"They're not just locked into one choice," Nicholas said. "There's quite a good array of different items."

Nicholas said the High School also offers cafeteria breakfasts, but SMK still uses grab-and-go bags.

He said there are still manufacturing issues with food supply, but they have a couple of food vendors to choose from when items are in short supply. Food costs continue to increase as well.

Superintendent Michael Lovato recommended changing the language in the school district's meal charge policy, which he will present to the School Committee at a later meeting date.

Nicholas said the Food Services department is also looking at replacing aging equipment, includ-

ing the dishwasher at SMK. The dishwasher is 35 years old and will need replacing in the next year or two.

He said staffing has been great, despite issues the food service industry is facing nationwide.

"I've been blessed to have a great staff who work very hard and are excellent food service professionals," he said.

Superintendent's report

Lovato said grades four through six will have open house on Sept. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m.; pre-K through kindergarten will be Sept. 26 from 5:30-7 p.m.; and grades one through three on Sept. 28 from 5:30-7 p.m.

He said the school district is also updating student photos on file.

Students at SMK can wear their favorite hat on Sprit Day, Sept. 22. SMK will also host a Scholastic

Book Fair on Sept. 25.

Lovato said the bus company is facing a shortage of drivers, and the school district will need to make changes to the sport's schedule.

School Committee Chair Christopher Desjardins said athletic transportation is an issue many school districts are facing right now.

Safety inspection update

"There was nothing major that was identified," Lovato said of the recent safety inspection.

He said there are some internal issues that are "easy fixes" which can be quickly addressed including making sure doors are accessible and avoiding using mass electrical outlets.

Lovato said he is working with the Fire Department and the inspection office to correct these issues.

Rare but resilient: Endangered moth found in Hardwick

By Kimberly Palmucci
Staff writer

HARDWICK – Wildlife experts say the recent discovery of an orange sallow moth at the Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area is an example of animals and plants responding favorably to habitat restoration work.

"About 75 plants, insects, and animals on the Massachusetts Endangered Species List depend on habitats that experience periodic fires," the state's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife released in a press statement. "But natural wildland fires that support fire-dependent ecosystems have been suppressed for decades in the interest of public safety."

However, wildlife experts said many of these specialized plants and animals are "incredibly resilient."

"Plants can lie dormant as seeds in the ground for decades waiting for the right growing conditions to return," MassWildlife said. "Mobile species, like birds, bees, and moths, can travel to restored areas to recolonize fire-influenced habitats."

This plant and animal resilience is on full display at MassWildlife's Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area in Hardwick.

The greater Muddy Brook Valley contains "a collection of globally rare, fire-influenced habitats."

"After 70 years of fire exclusion, most of these habitats were not able to support the specialized plant and animal species that once occurred there," wildlife experts said, adding that MassWildlife began habitat restoration work at Muddy Brook WMA in 2014 after years of planning. "Restoration included tree canopy thinning and prescribed fire treatments."

Within a year of the first prescribed fire, an "abundance of native plants"—some that been absent for decades—began to emerge from the seedbank and become established, wildlife officials said.

"After a few growing seasons, long-absent insects and birds were observed making use of the restored habitat," MassWildlife released.

The most recent marker of success was discovered in the summer of 2023, when MassWildlife biologists observed the orange sallow moth (*Pyrrha aurantiago*) at Muddy Brook WMA. This is the seventh MESA-listed moth species recorded in the valley since the habitat restoration work began.

The orange sallow moth is listed as a "Species of Special

Concern" in Massachusetts. The moth's larva (caterpillar) feeds exclusively on the flowers, seeds, and leaves of false foxglove plants, according to reports.

"False foxglove grows in areas with occasional fire. Surveys show that false foxglove was not growing in the Muddy Brook Valley in the years leading up to the restoration work," MassWildlife released. "Following initial canopy thinning and the introduction of prescribed fire, a small patch of fern-leaved foxglove emerged from the seedbank in 2019. By 2023, more than 1,000 foxglove plants were counted, and in August the orange sallow moth was discovered at this foxglove patch."

The false foxglove plants at Muddy Brook likely originated from seed that had been dormant since the late 1950s, wildlife officials added.

"Habitat restoration allowed sunlight to reach the soil and re-introduced fire where it had been absent for decades. The nearest orange sallow population is about five miles away," wildlife experts said. "The moths detected the growing patch of foxgloves (likely signaled by the fragrant flowers) and set out to colonize this new habitat."

In a press statement, MassWildlife described this orange sallow at Muddy Brook as "just one of many amazing examples of the resilience displayed by fire-adapted plants and animals."

"Less than a decade after restoration work began, Muddy Brook WMA now supports over 20 MESA-listed species, including whip-poor-wills, rare bees, and Endangered plants. All of these have similar stories to the orange sallow that show how their highly specialized adaptations allow them to reemerge and flourish following long periods of time."

Additionally, Muddy Brook WMA is showing what wildlife officials described as "an impressive ecological response to MassWildlife's habitat restoration work," including: the emergence of 28 fire-influenced plants not observed prior to restoration, including four Endangered, one Threatened, one Special Concern, and five Watchlist species; the return of the eastern whip-poor-will bird to the site following a documented 30-year absence; a significant increase in early successional breeding birds, including the American woodcock, prairie warbler, field sparrow, and eastern towhee; an increase in bee species from 36 to 150 species (including one Threatened); and a growing list of specialized moths and butterflies that includes several state-listed species.

Wing hospital employees donate school supplies

PALMER – Throughout the month of August, Baystate Wing Hospital employees made donations to the hospital's annual back-to-school drive with the goal of supporting the great work of local teachers and learning opportunities for students at Ware Public Schools, Palmer Public Schools, and Quabog Regional High School.

Team members from the hospital filled several bins with school supplies which included pens, pencils, colored markers, folders, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, Post-it Notes, disinfectant wipes, crayons, and much more.

"We are grateful for the school supply donation from Baystate Wing Hospital," said Pamela Iwasinski, principal, of Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School in a press release. "We cannot thank you enough for your support of our students. These donations went directly into the hands of students and teachers in the Ware Public

Schools. It takes a village to successfully support the students and we thank you for being part of that village."

"Education is essential to success, and we're proud to help equip local students with some of the tools they will need to be successful in school," said Karli Barrett, MS, RN, NE-BC, vice president and chief nursing officer/chief administrative officer of Baystate Wing Hospital. "We believe that these school supplies are a message of hope and inspiration to our local students that receive them. We want them to know we are saying, we believe in you, and we want you to succeed."

"Baystate Health is committed to creating healthier communities by embracing the definition of health to include access to health care and basic needs including quality education, safe neighborhoods, food security, affordable housing, social and racial justice, and arts and culture. All these ele-



Shown from left are Pamela Iwasinski, principal at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School; John Mancini, HVAC tech, Baystate Wing Hospital; Nick Connors, facilities manager, Baystate Wing Hospital; and Kim Thompson, principal at Ware Middle School.

ments are needed to help communities to thrive," said Barrett. For more information about

Baystate Wing Hospital visit Baystatehealth.org/wing.

Town Clerk lists Special State Primary voter info

WARE – Voters will participate in the Special State Primary scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 10 to choose candidates for the seat vacated by state Sen. Anne Gobi

Gobi resigned recently to take a seat with the Healey administration as Director of Rural Affairs. A position long needed to address the 181 communities in the state and the many needs and issues of same.

Nomination papers have been circulated, signatures certified and ballots are being printed for the

Special State Primary as of this writing for the following individuals: Janel Holmes, Libertarian Party; Peter J. Durant, Republican Party; Bruce K. Chester, Republican Party and Jonathan D. Zlotnik, Democrat Party.

The Special State Primary will be held in the Town Hall at 126 Main St. from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. There will be no Early Voting, however.

The last date to change your party affiliation or register to vote is Saturday, Sept. 30. A special voter registration session will be

held on this day in the office of the Town Clerk from 9a.m.-5 p.m.

To check your party status, visit www.ma.gov, Elections & Voting/Voting Resources. On this site you may check to see if you are a registered voter, what your party enrollment is, where your polling location is and a sample ballot for any state election scheduled.

For more information, feel free to contact the Town Clerk Nancy Talbot at 413-967-9648 extension 177.

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select the top five applicants to refer to a hiring committee. He said the hiring committee would then interview the candidates.

Ferrera suggested making the secretary's position more than its current 29 hours, as most town's allot more hours to this position. He said he's received many calls to answer Building and Planning calls during the office's off hours.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7:15 p.m.

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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Why is my age 70 benefit not higher than my January amount?

Dear Rusty

I plan to retire in 2025, the year I turn 70.

Given that I'm still working, I'm delaying my Social Security until that year. I noticed on my Social Security statement that my payment in January of 2025 will not be much different than my age 70 amount in October of 2025.

If that is truly the case, would it not be better for me to start taking Social Security payments starting in January of 2025. Am I missing anything here?

Signed: Uncertain Senior

Dear Uncertain Senior

Your benefit in October 2025 at age 70 will be about 6% more than it will be in January 2025. If that isn't shown on your Statement of Estimated Benefits, it may be due to a particular nuance in Social Security's rules relating to Delayed Retirement Credits.

When benefits are claimed mid-year after full retirement age, the DRCs earned in that year aren't applied until the following January.

Thus, someone who claims benefits to start mid-year will initially get the DRCs they've earned through the end of the previous year, but not immediately get credit for the additional DRCs earned during the claim-year. Those extra DRCs earned between January and the month benefits started will be applied the following January.

By way of example, if someone beyond FRA claims benefits to start in October 2024, their initial SS retirement benefit will be what they were entitled to at the end of 2023 and would not include DRCs earned between January 2024 and September 2024. They will collect that initial January 2024 benefit until January 2025 when the DRCs earned in 2024 are applied, at which point their benefit would increase by 6%.

There is, however, one exception to this rule, which is that all DRCs are immediately credited when benefits are claimed to start in the month age 70 is reached, so despite what your Statement of Estimated Benefits might reflect, if you claim for benefits to start in the month you turn 70 (October 2025) you will get your maximum age 70 benefit immediately and won't need to wait until January 2026 for those extra DRCs to be applied.

Unfortunately, Social Security's benefit estimator doesn't explain how this nuance works and may show someone claiming mid-year receiving the same benefit as for the preceding January, without further explanation.

That is, in my opinion, a flaw in the estimator which may result in people making a wrong decision on when to claim their Social Security benefit. Nevertheless, rest assured that your benefit in October 2025, the month you turn 70, will be your maximum amount - 6% more than it would be if you claimed benefits to start in January 2025 and you won't need to wait until the following January to get the DRCs earned earlier in 2025.

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in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

Friends in the garden

For the last couple of weeks, I have been eagerly observing a garden spider in one of my flower beds.

It is so beautiful. Spider foes might balk at that particular choice of words. But if the shoe fits, wear it!

This spider is indeed a beauty. Over an inch long, yellow and black in color and attached to an intricately woven web, the spider on guard, waiting for unsuspecting prey.

Many years ago, when I grew flowers that were members of the Celosia genus in a big cut flower garden, it seemed this particular spider was a frequent visitor. I haven't seen one like it in a few years.

Lo and behold, she's attached to some plumed celosia, doing her thing. Read on to learn more about a real hero, garden style!

This particular garden spider goes by the name of Argiope (rhymes with calliope). Besides its brilliant color, other distinguishing characteristics include a large, egg-shaped abdomen, three claws on each foot, and a foot

wide (or larger) web that has a zig zag band of silk called "stabilimenta" running through its center.

The argiope makes its home in most of the lower 48 states, Mexico and Central America as far south as Costa Rica. It prefers sunny areas among flowers, shrubs and other tall plants to construct its web.

If weather permits, the female spider will construct and repair her web both day and night and will remain there unless food is scarce, or disturbances are frequent. Males generally roam in search of a mate, and when they find one will sometimes build a small web nearby to begin courtship.

Although their vision is rather poor, males get their intentions across by plucking and vibrating the females' web.

Once mating is complete, it is presumed that males die. Females produce up to three brown egg sacks, each one containing 300-1,400 eggs.

The sacks are positioned close to mom, nearby her resting position in the center of the



Submitted Photo
This garden spider, an Argiope, is a helpful friend to gardeners.

web.

Unfortunately, she will die prior to or as a result of the first hard frost, and although her eggs will hatch within the sack they do not emerge until spring. In warmer climates the female argiope may live for several years.

As with all spiders, the black and yellow garden spider is carnivorous. Its orb-shaped web will capture all sorts of flying insects, including aphids, flies, grasshoppers, and even wasps and bees.

Amazingly, she can bring down prey nearly twice her size thanks to a venomous bite that immobilizes its victims. We need not worry about this spider.

Although it is large, it bites only when harassed, and reportedly, its venom poses no threat to humans. In fact, the argiope is a valued predator of grasshoppers in American rangelands.

The spider will be fun to watch as the season progresses.

I have to admit I am a little sad that she won't survive the winter. I will have to be on the look out for her egg sacks.

Nature is just amazing. Be sure to stop and admire the spiders every now and then and smell the roses, too!

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FUR-EVER homes

By Kimberly Palmucci

Editor's Note: The following information was acquired over the course of my career as a journalist, through my work as an animal advocate, and through common knowledge.

Types of animal shelters

Did you know there are different types of animal shelters?

Years ago, when I first started volunteering in the world of animal rescue, I learned the difference between open admission shelters, limited admission shelters, and local animal rescues.

All three serve a vital role, requiring equal amounts of care and support from us.

Municipal shelters

Municipal animal shelters are run by a government, operating on a budget just like police departments, public health departments, and more. These shelters work as part of a city or county's animal control division, and are most often funded with taxpayer monies, aiming to assist animals within the shelter's authority while also protecting humans from the potential hazards posed by animals.

As per certain regulations, municipal shelters are often contractually required to take in any animal, regardless of health, disposition, or age - including every single dog that's surrendered, every stray cat, animals that are sick, kittens too young for adoption, animals taken from hoarding situations, and so much more. Because of this, municipal shelters are considered "open admission" and risk becoming overstrained.

As part of a governmental body, the requirement that falls on these shelters is to serve the public as a whole.

Private shelters

While some privately-run shelters do contract with one or more municipalities, most are independently-operated nonprofit facilities - not run by a government. Private shelters often have a Board of Directors establishing policies, procedures, operations, and bylaws within the shelter, and while private shelters can be open admission (if they're contracted with a municipality) they're most often considered "limited admission."

This means that private shelters can choose which animals they take in, and they are able to turn animals away. Private shelters are typically funded through donations, as opposed to



an operating budget.

Rescue organizations

Nonprofit rescue groups are another alternative to consider when adopting a pet; these groups can have a physical location, but often do not and are "foster-based," relying on a network of foster homes instead. These organizations often take in animals from overburdened open admission shelters, and many function exclusively on donations and the efforts of volunteers.

Limited admission vs. open admission shelters

Open admission shelters will not, or cannot as per certain regulations, turn away an animal. This creates a problem when intake rates are high and resources are strained.

Limited admission shelters, on the other hand, are not obligated to accept every animal; they can say, "we're at capacity," or they can also accept only a specific group of animals, such as special needs pets or very young kittens, concentrating their resources and offering services that otherwise may not be available. These facilities are often considered "no-kill" as they will not euthanize animals regarded as healthy or adoptable.

Opinion: the writer's take

It's our duty to look beyond these labels to become part of the solution. I believe it's a mistake to criticize or vilify the open admission shelters that so urgently need our sup-

port.

Without these facilities, the animals would have no place to go - these shelters must exist, and it's our job to help them, not decry them.

To be considered "no-kill," an organization must reach a 90% placement rate for the animals in their care, which can include adoption, rescue transfers, and more. This is simply a more achievable standard for the limited admission shelters that can turn animals away, but the good news is that open admission shelters can also reach that "no-kill" status, although it requires a tremendous level of support from us, the community.

To help every open admission shelter get to this status, we must get involved. We must use our voices to spread truth and light, and we must contribute to the programming offered by these facilities.

The goal of every animal shelter reaching this benchmark requires us to dig deep within ourselves, to identify where our help is needed, and to contribute our skills and efforts.

The employees and volunteers working in the world of animal rescue are some of the most compassionate and courageous souls I've met; they choose to do what they do because they love animals, and they often put every aspect of their own health on the line.

Together, we can help.

It's important that we focus our efforts not on labels but rather on what matters—the animals and the people working to help them.

in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a rare sighting of an American white pelican at Big Pond in Otis.

The white pelican winters along the Florida and Gulf Coast and breeds in the western part of Canada and the United States. It is 62 inches long, white with a large orange-yellow bill and throat pouch.

In flight, the trailing half of the wings are black.

The immature is similar to the adult, but the bill and throat pouch are gray and the wing markings are brown not black. The immature

plumage is kept for three to four years.

These pelicans feed while swimming, dipping the bill into the water to catch fish in its pouch. They often feed in small groups where they herd fish toward shallow water to make facilitate catching the fish.

The female lays one to three white eggs in a nest that is a slight depression on bare ground or on a mound of earth, brush stems and debris. They often nest colonially on large inland lakes.

The American white pelican is one of the largest birds in North America. It can soar for long distance and often flies in line or V formation.

During breeding season, they may do flights involving soaring and diving.

They are generally quiet away from their breeding grounds. The young in the nest can give loud whines or grunts.

Bald eagle

An Oakham couple camped with family



American white pelican

members at Lake Dennison over the Labor Day weekend. They spotted a bald eagle while kayaking.

Upon returning to shore, their son was looking at a bird perched in a tree and said it was a bald eagle. They took turns watching the eagle through the binoculars.

Lots of wild turkeys

Seeing wild turkeys along the side of the

road or even having to stop while they cross the road is a common occurrence in my travels around the area.

This Monday, I stopped and watched a flock of six or so Tom turkeys. The three largest ones displayed their tail feathers in what looked like a competition between them.

Although wild turkeys are a common sighting now, I enjoy watching them. I also see flocks of several hens with their poults in various stages of growth.

Hummingbirds

The ruby throated hummingbirds are now migrating. Many people keep their nectar feeders out until later this month for a food source for the stragglers.

Soon, it will be time to take in the nectar feeders, clean them and put them away until next May when the ruby throated hummingbirds return.

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HOLY COW! HISTORY: Fort Blunder

The time we put a fort in the wrong place

By J. Mark Powell
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We all make mistakes. To err is human, after all.

For example, flowers sometimes get inadvertently planted or fences built on the wrong side of the property line. It's an imperfect world after all.

When armies and nations make such a faux pas, war can result. Fortunately, that didn't happen with this week's tale.

Although the story does begin with a war. Two of them, in fact.

We know Canada today as a mellow place, a country famous for its politeness and good manners (along with trying to stay warm half of the year). But that wasn't always the case.

When the American colonies launched the Revolutionary War, our neighbor to the north stayed loyal to England.

Twice, (during the Revolution and again 37 years later during its sequel, the War of 1812) the U.S. invaded Canada. Twice, we had our fanny handed to us on a platter; and, as my Canadian friends in college were fond of gleefully pointing out, "We burned your White House, too!"

After narrowly surviving the War of 1812, President James Madison said it was time to seriously invest in defense spending. Since a fort had famously stopped the British fleet at Baltimore (giving us The Star-Spangled Banner in the process), the War Department set about building a string of fortifications along the



Atlantic coast, many of which still stand today.

An imposing fort was planned to protect America from Canada as well. Money was authorized to build an eight-sided fortification with 30 foot stone walls and armed with 125 powerful cannons.

It would be built in New York state on the northern end of Lake Champlain within sight of the border. Twice during both wars, the British had used that waterway to launch their own invasions of our country.

Once the new fort was in place, no warship could get past it.

So, the Army set to work building the new fortress in 1816. Dozens of workmen and soldiers, overseen by the Corps of Engineers, commenced the mighty task.

It was so important; President James Madison even inspected the site in 1817.

Things were progressing nicely. Dozens of acres of woods had been cleared and the massive stone walls were going up.

Then it happened. A clerk in Washington discovered a mistake.

A bad mistake. A make-your-face-turn-red and hang-your-head-in-shame mistake.

The survey that had been used to select the new fort's site was wrong. Way wrong.

It mistakenly placed the inter-

national border three-quarters of a mile to the south. Meaning the fort intended to protect us from Canada was being built – in Canada!

President Madison was mortified. He ordered construction to stop, told the Army to immediately withdraw, then apologized profusely to the Canadians, who shrugged it off with a "these things happen" response.

Washington had spent \$175,000 (about \$3.5 million today) on the project. Now it was all wasted in a textbook example of a government boondoggle.

With the Army gone, local residents took stone and other materials for use in their houses, buildings and barns. In a few years, the site was picked clean.

No trace of it now exists.

The fort had never been officially named. Americans and Canadians alike eventually called the place exactly what it was: Fort Blunder.

Twenty years later, the Army built another fortification nearby. Called Fort Montgomery, it was smaller and less imposing than the original.

By then U.S.-Canadian relations were warming significantly.

In 1909 it was abandoned. Today it sits empty on the shores of Lake Champlain, a decaying relic from a bygone era.

But one thing was certain: when the Army began building Fort Montgomery, you can bet they made damn sure they went to work on the right side of the border that time!

Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.

A tour of community colleges

By Eric Goodhart

There are many questions that need to be answered by a teenager, who has college aspirations.

But for now, here is just one. Whenever I asked a teenager why they want to go to college I often get one of two answers: "To get a good job" or "It is the expected thing to do."

I have yet to hear a student reply like this: "The career I am interested in is something in the medical profession. Not sure if I want to pursue a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine or a Doctor of Medicine degree. Both cost a ton. My kid sister wants to be lawyer specializing in Health Care Law. She says she is going to keep an eye on me."

"I started in the summer between sophomore and junior year, taking college level classes at our local community college. I continued dual enrollment through junior year. The Salutatorian at my high school did that. He was accepted to Rhodes College as a sophomore plus a \$12,000/year scholarship. He saved his parents over \$102,000. In fact, each of the three years he will be there will cost about \$10,000 less than UMass, Amherst."

Such an outcome is possible. But it takes research coupled with practical planning including factoring in financial considerations.

For the students who are ready for a challenge, dual enrollment is a very good option. Mount Wachusett, Greenfield, Holyoke Berkshire community colleges and Springfield Tech all are focused on expanding their dual enrollment programs.

Right now, summer is when many are offering on campus dual enrollment introductory talks or on Zoom. Greenfield, MWCC,

Springfield and Berkshire community college have very easy to navigate websites with that information. Here is the website to visit for all the community colleges in the state <https://masscc.org/colleges/>.

In addition, each one, including Holyoke Community College, has a Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapter. It is not easy to become a member, nor should it be.

PTK, founded in 1918, is an international honor society for community college students mirroring the principles of the much older Phi Beta Kappa honor society at four-year colleges, founded in 1776 at the College of William & Mary.

Membership in PTK comes with many perks. More about that next week.

Be sure to ask admissions on your tour as to how many students received the honor in the last five years and where are they are now?

Whatever the reason for going to college may be, the first and most important first step of a teenager is to do some self-reflection and selected self-assessments. They are not tests.

Every community college has an academic and career advising department. Part of that advising includes some form of assessment and/or interest survey.

MWCC has a free 60 question interest questionnaire anyone can take resembling the John Holland SDS survey. That is a good start.

The college's overall explanation of its Academic and Career Advising process is very good. However, positive individual results ultimately depend on the student's initiative in taking advantage of that guidance.

Greenfield Community College has several self-assess-



Greenfield Community College president Michelle Schutt

ments anyone can take on its website. For a modest cost of \$39 a student even just thinking about attending Greenfield Community College can take advantage of that.

It illustrates the value and importance the college has in its advising philosophy.

The college recently completed a true nation-wide search for a new president.

Michelle Schutt, PhD, has a bachelor's degree, two master's degrees along with her Doctorate in Education and Human Studies. A Midwesterner at heart she has brought that to Greenfield and adjusted seamlessly into her new role in Franklin County.

The college is fortunate to have her as the 11th President.

Because of her past many leadership accomplishments in both the classroom and as a keynote speaker on leadership in many different stages it is no surprise that she is now in Greenfield. She has the academic and charismatic personality that, by all reports, foretells good things for the college's future and the wider community at the beginning of the Mohawk Trail.

Country Bank donates to MA Farm Resiliency fund

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, proudly supports the MA Farm Resiliency Fund.

Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, in partnership with the community and the United Way of Central Massachusetts, has established the MA Farm Resiliency Fund, to respond to the recent storm impact in western and central Massachusetts. This initiative aims to provide assistance to farms affected by the recent flooding and heavy rains that impacted an

estimated 2,700 acres, across 100 farms, resulting in \$15 million in losses.

"The relief provided by the Farm Fund is going to be life-changing for so many Massachusetts farmers," said Healey in a press release. "The Lt. Gov. and I spent time over the last several weeks traveling around the state to visit with farmers that have been affected so severely by these rains. We saw the damage, and we know how much of their livelihoods are at stake. That's why I'm thankful to all of the organizations and foundations who have donated

to the fund. It's because of their support that Massachusetts farmers will be able to start fresh for the new season," said Healey.

"Our goal with the Fund is to support farmers and communities by raising and distributing funds with urgency, as they are facing challenges right now. We are so grateful to Country Bank for immediately stepping up and joining us to address the losses for farms, food pantries and the rural communities who rely on a vibrant agricultural economy", stated Tim Garvin, President & CEO, United Way of Central MA.

DAMAGE from page 1

Memorial Field is home to Ware's varsity baseball team. In the fall, youth football and soccer leagues play on the field.

The Commission is hoping to improve the conditions of the field and keep all of the athletic clubs informed. The field is full again with athletic clubs, but the Commission plans to seed the grass on the field.

Memorial Field also features a field house, bleachers, storage shed and a lighted basketball court. The basketball court needs restoration and there are funds provided to restore it.

The sprinkler system at

Memorial Field is also in need of updates.

The goal is to have these repairs completed by June 1, 2024, and try to complete the fieldwork before the ground begins to freeze in the winter-time.

Playground report

Piechota said there are trees to cut down due to sap ruining the rubber matting on the playground. Other playground projects mentioned were backboards and benches and putting the metal sign in a better location.

New park/cemetery employee
Piechota acknowledged the

excellent work being done by the new park and cemetery employee. He is a great fit for the job," Piechota said.

Special events

The Commission approved several special events, including the Ware Knights of Columbus' annual Halloween Drive-Thru at the Park event on Friday, Oct. 27; and the Ware Holiday Flair on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Next meeting

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will take place on Monday, Oct. 2.



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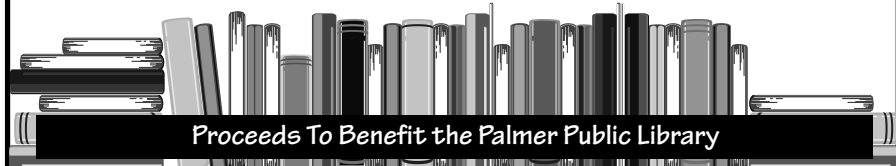
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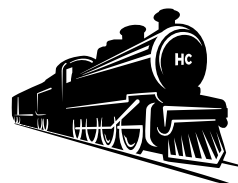
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Trail users can cross from the gazebo at New Furnace Landing to the continuation of the rail trail, which leads to the Ware-Hardwick Covered Bridge.

The kiosk has many artistic details, like this antlered deer.



PARK from page 1

MassTrails Grant Program funding. With the help of Brown's Trucking and Excavating, a 0.6-mile section of rail trail was made fully accessible, expanding to 10-foot wide with two-foot-wide shoulders. The trail surface is three inch thick compacted stone dust that meets Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

The entire length of trail has a less than 5% slope for accessibility.

A newly paved parking lot, courtesy of Blacktop Services, has provided nine parking spots, including a handicapped parking spot.

"We wanted to make it accessible to the public," Bottomley said.

A handicapped accessible picnic table will be added to the Park soon, with direct access from the handicapped parking spot.

The Conservation Commission was also able to incorporate the existing exercise stations from the Gilbertville Fitness Trail into the Mass Central Rail Trail, with the Gilbertville Fitness Trail having been part of the town's trail network since 2014.

The Gilbertville Fitness Trail was created through the joint efforts of the town, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital and the East Quabbin Land Trust.

Now, stone dust has been added under and around the exercise stations, helping to improve footing and keep vegetation at bay.

Ware River Park's segment of trail is helping the Mass Central Rail Trail realize its goal of connecting

The kiosk was built by Jim Bourcier and the painting was completed by his wife, Cindy Bourcier.



The Blue Trail has multiple access points at Ware River Park.



The spring and early summer were spent completing the trail.

the former railway from Northampton to Boston.

"There's about 70 miles protected," Bottomley said. "It's growing. You can bike, you can walk, you can walk your dog...it's getting very popular."

Bottomley said she runs into visitors to the Park every day, with some enjoying the trail and others simply admiring the view from the seating area of what used to be a meadow of a long-gone farm.

There's more planned for the future of Ware River Park, Bottomley said, including clearing a parallel section of trail along the Mass Central Rail Trail, and adding historical signs near an old bridge abutment at the river.

Bottomley also wants to give Park visitors an idea of what the landscape looked like prior to the 1938 hurricane, before the railroad was abandoned.

Bottomley thanked the 50 volunteers who dedicated over 800 hours to make Ware River Park what it is today, as well as the Highway Department who helped remove trees and provide drainage, and R.N. Glidden Landscaping Service for spreading loam and seeding around the parking area.

"We had so many volunteers," she said. "It had such a great public support."

This can be witnessed any day of the week, as residents utilize the trail to walk or bike to work safely, exercise, or take a relaxing stroll accompanied by the soothing sounds of the Ware River.

"I've met new people that came to volunteer," Bottomley said. "It's great to see the community spirit."



Boardwalks help trail users cross small streams.



Submitted Photo

A bench made of old railroad ties makes a perfect spot to view the Ware River.



Ware River Park has picnic tables for people to sit and enjoy a picnic and a view of the scenic overlook.



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Ware River News ~ November 2, 2023

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Christopher Novak's model of the Ware Center Meeting House is on display in the Museum.



This cane chair appeared in the 2019 film "Little Women". The chair was donated to the silent auction.



Diamond art bookmarks were offered by a crafter at the annual Fall Fair.

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designs and screen printing, Walker Faith Creations out of Palmer was the booth to see. Displaying shirts, glass, and stainless-steel cups, Melissa Kopec has done these creations for five years and rebranded into Walker Faith Creations for two years.

According to Kopec, it is a fun way to allow people to design their own belongings.

"People always want something that is fun, and fun T-shirts would make everyone happy," said Kopec.

Walker Faith Creations can be reached by calling 413-544-3700 or emailing walkerfaithcreations@gmail.com.

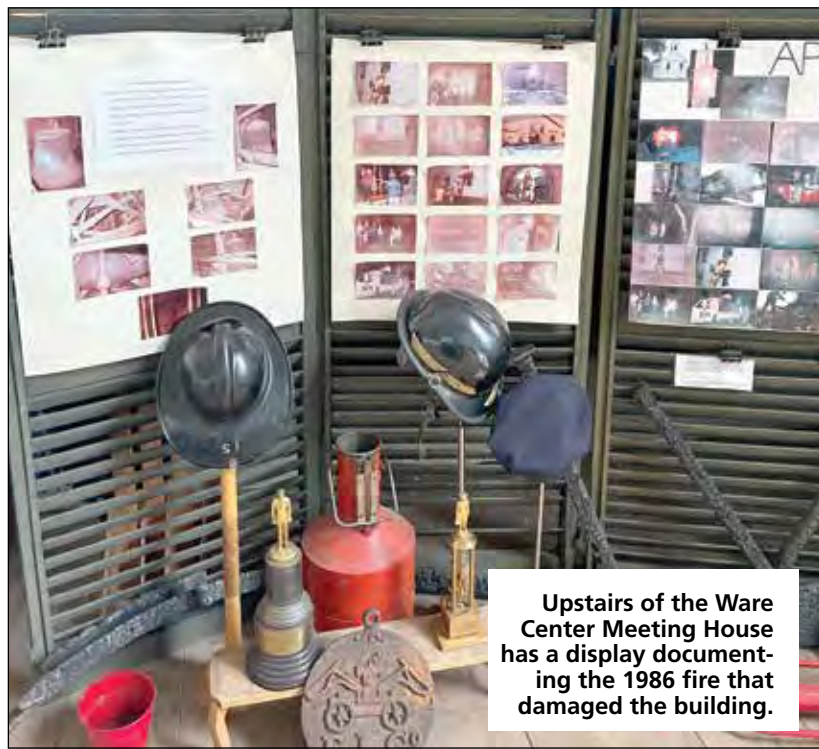
For crochet, quilting and wreath designs, the Fair welcomed Designs by Cindy out of Rutland.

Attending numerous craft fairs, Designs by Cindy was a first-time vendor for the Fall Fair at the Meeting House. The items offered included wristlets, journal covers, composition notebook covers, and hot pad trivets.

The business started off with designing wreaths and burlap wreaths, but the local artisan has been crocheting, quilting, and designing wreaths since she was 5 years old.

Designs by Cindy can be reached by calling 508-245-2092 or emailing cindychagnon5@gmail.com.

One activity to help raise money for the center house was the silent auction taking place during the Fair. Local businesses and residents donated items to the auction and help raise funds towards ongoing restoration efforts.



Upstairs of the Ware Center Meeting House has a display documenting the 1986 fire that damaged the building.

Running the silent auction was Lynn Lak, who also serves as the clerk for the Board of Governors. Lak also found the silent auction as a way to support local businesses.

"We try to promote Ware businesses. This is a way to get advertisement for the businesses who donate," said Lak.

One piece in the silent auction was an iconic cane chair that was in the 2019 film "Little Women", which was donated by an anonymous contributor.

The tradition of having the Fall Fair dates back to the 1940s, thanks

to the joint efforts of the Ware Historical Society and the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House.

Part of the Ware Historical Society and the Museum of the Meeting House is Julie Bullock. During the Fall Fair, Bullock presented a moment that brought people back in time to the earlier history of the New England community of Ware.

The museum showcased numerous displays, models, and photographs of the history of the town and the house itself which was originally built back in 1799.

In 1986, the Meeting House was heavily damaged in a fire.

As part of the Museum tour, a display was dedicated to the Fire Department that rescued the Meeting House from a damaging fire that still shows some of its scars today. While much of the building has been restored, the cupola is still in need of repair.

Despite some renovations needed, the Ware Center Meeting House still stands proudly as a historic landmark and a center of life in the community.

In its history, the Meeting House has served as a church and the first town hall. It would remain a church until around 1940. In the 1930s, the Meeting House also offered a Sunday school room.

The Museum would become part of the Meeting House in 2009 under the direction of the Ware Historical Society. The Ware Center Meeting House and Museum host ongoing programs and a summer concert series from May to December.

In December, the meeting house and museum puts on a Ware Tree and Wreath Stroll at the town hall. In past years, many businesses in Ware and in surrounding towns have helped the meeting house raise money for renovations.

The Ware Center Meeting House and Museum always appreciate volunteers, talents, donations, vendors, and other contributors who support the restoration efforts. To learn more, the center meeting house and museum can be reached at 413-967-7223 or warecentermeetinghouse@gmail.com.

Ware Senior Center

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The thrift store is open each of those days from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations to the store are only accepted by Sue LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

ACTIVITIES

Monday, Sept. 25

9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
6 p.m. Whist Party

Tuesday, Sept. 26

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
5 : 3 0 p . m .
Scrapbooking
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Sept. 27

9 a.m. Tai-Chi
10 a.m. Scat
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Kirsten Krieger, Quabbin Region DPH Nurse office hours
11:30 a.m. Lunch
11:30 a.m.-noon SAFE presentation by Ware Fire Department (smoke alarm and CO detector sign-ups after).

Thursday, Sept. 28

9 a.m. New Senior Walking Club
Meet at Senior Center and wear comfortable footwear. Bringing water, sunscreen, bug spray and energy snack are sug-

gested.
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
10 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

Friday, Sept. 29

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

LUNCHES DINE IN

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted
Reservations required by calling 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put you name on the lunch list.

Monday, Sept. 25

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Tuesday, Sept. 26

BBQ Chicken, Sweet Potato, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Grilled Cheeseburger with Toppings, Onion Rings, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Sept. 28

Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Potato Chips, Three Bean Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, Sept. 29

Brunch
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Corned Beef Hash, Dessert of the Day

Halloween fun day to be held Oct. 7

HARDWICK – The Friends of the Stone Church will present a Halloween fun day with arts and dance activities at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville between 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

This event is free for children of all ages. The program will offer spirited ghost dances and games, mask-making,

painted pumpkins, cookies to decorate and other fun.

Local artists and crafters will instruct, and refreshments will be served.

Reservations are requested at <https://forms.gle/Kq194HygDjD1riu68> or by calling Kathy McCrohon at 508-404-7552 by Oct. 5. Youth under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

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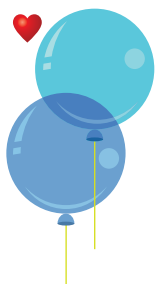
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The Center's Music & Car Show returns



Submitted Photo
Rave On! will perform at The Center's annual Music & Car Show this Saturday, Sept. 23 from 1-4 p.m. at the The Center at Eagle Hill.

HARDWICK – Get ready to kick up your heels for a rockin' good time at The Center at Eagle Hill, 242 Old Petersham Road, this Saturday, Sept. 23 from 1-4 p.m.

Come as you are or roll up in your vintage car for The Center's annual Music & Car Show, this year featuring Rave On! Electrifying music, classic cars, and plentiful food will make this an afternoon not to miss.

Inspired by some of the most influential music ever written, Rave On was formed to keep the music of the 1950s and 1960s alive for all to hear. Rave On will take you back in time to when Rock & Roll was just emerging, and the jukebox and dance floor was all that was needed for a good time.

Experience the thrill of listening to Buddy Holly's classic hits as well as songs by Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis, Etta James, Richie Valens, Dion, and many more. Rave On will have you dancing in your seats and bopping down the aisles.

Tickets are \$20; tickets for students under 12 are free. The Center also offers discounted \$10 tickets to EBT cardholders through Massachusetts' Card to Culture Program.

For tickets and information, visit www.thecenterataglehill.org or call the Box Office at 413-477-6746. In case of inclement weather, this outdoor concert will move indoors with general admission seating.

Artists participate in Backroads Studio tour

BARRE – The artists and artisans of central Massachusetts Backroads Studio tour will be opening their studios this fall, on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the towns of Petersham, Barre, Oakham, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield and Spencer.

This year the tour welcomes two new members, Dena Hengst from Oakham and Frank Bly from Hardwick.

Hengst studio will showcase her beautiful paintings, prints and notecards, many of which depict ocean shores, waterfalls and water surfaces. Bly's studio, established in 1971, features beautiful paintings of landscapes, flowers and wildlife.

Bly's friendship with Norman Rockwell has been inspirational to his work.

In the town of Petersham Sylvia Brown will showcase her line of contemporary classic leather handbags, garments, belts, briefcases and luggage.

In the town of Barre you will find three studios including Deer

Run Studio where metalsmith Bonnie Waterhouse works with sterling silver, semiprecious stones, fused glass and crystals to create rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings and ornaments.

Across the street from Waterhouse is Sue Morello of Sheldon Farm Baskets. Morello creates beautiful baskets in a variety of shapes and sizes, many of which are hand painted with lovely designs.

A short drive from there takes tourists to Stained Glass by Robert Hill.

Hill enjoys building artwork from glass that has texture and character. Hill's favorite pieces are those designed for gardens.

Another short drive brings tourists to New Braintree where they can visit David Thompson's wood shop studio. Thompson has a collection of handcrafted one-of-a-kind spoons, bowls and kitchenware. Thompson also builds a variety of unique interior and exterior furniture pieces.

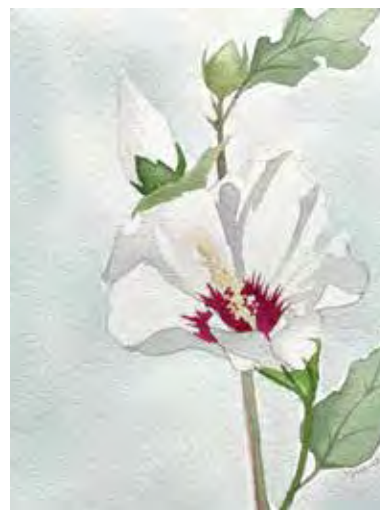
In the town of North Brookfield, there are two more studios to visit.

At Palmer Design Group, you will find Jeffery Palmer who handcrafts beautiful furniture using time honored techniques of mortise and tenon and dovetail joinery. Palmer's natural oil finish glows with the warmth of a valued heirloom.

Nearby is Brookfield Paperworks where Elisabeth Hyder will welcome you to view her beautiful boxes, journals, cards, framed art and collages. Vibrant colors and beautiful design combine to create gorgeous "art you can use."

In the town of Spencer this year you will find Lou Meyerdierts creating beautiful table runners, penny rugs and holiday pieces, using techniques of wool applique, rug hooking, needle punch and counted cross stitch.

Be inspired by the different studios and demonstrations this self-guided tour has to offer, while experiencing the autumn beauty of our serene New England backroads. For more information and a map, please visit backroadsstudiotour.org.



Submitted Photos
Artist Jen Swan teaches a variety of artistic techniques to students of all ages at Listening Wellness Center.



Artist Jen Swan is teaching an art class for adults, Art for Adults – Botanical Workshop, which explores your favorite flowers, herbs and trees through pen and ink and watercolor.



Participants in Jen Swan's Art for Adults – Botanical Workshop, will learn how to recreate a variety of flowers using watercolor paints.

Listening celebrates fall with classes

By Paula Ouimette
Editor
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BARRE – Fall classes for kids and teens have already kicked off at Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., but there are still opportunities to take part in some of the many creative and fun programs.

Teen Circuit Training with Rhonda Hamer will be held over five weeks on Mondays, starting Oct. 30 and running through Nov. 27 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Children ages 12 and up will build strength and stamina by completing a variety of exercises at multiple stations. Hamer will lead participants through alternating exercises, balancing work and rest, using different workout styles.

Teen Circuit Training will mostly use bodyweight movement for the training, with plenty of good music to move along to. This program is open to all abilities.

The cost for Teen Circuit Training is \$60.

Starting Monday, Nov. 6, Hamer will help kids "takeover" the kitchen just in time for holiday cooking season.

"Kids Takeover the Kitchen" will be held for ages 8-12 for three Mondays from Nov. 6-20 from 4-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$18 per session, or \$45 for all three.

Children will learn to make fun, seasonal and tasty food, while honing their kitchen skills. The Nov. 6 session will focus on breakfast; Nov. 13, lunch and dinner; and Nov. 20, snacks and desserts.

Listening's Executive Director Laura Dusha Nelson said adult classes have also taken off, including Jen Swan's Art for Adults – Botanical Workshop, which explores your favorite flowers, herbs and trees through pen and ink and watercolor.

Classes are Friday, Sept. 22, 29 and Oct. 13 from 10-11:30 a.m. The cost of the class is \$75, and participants will need to bring watercolor paints, various sized flat and round brushes, watercolor paper or block, black micron pens, pencil and an eraser.

More adult art classes are planned for the near future, Dusha Nelson said.

"Listening has heard of several people interested in this class," Dusha Nelson said. "If you have other days and times that work better for you, please reach out to Listening."

Dusha Nelson said Listening Wellness Center has a lot more to offer this fall, including holiday classes such as Holiday Gift Making, Holiday Themed Teen Circuit Training and Reindeer Games.

Swan will lead Holiday Gift Making on Mondays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and 11 for ages 6-11 from 4-5:15 p.m. The cost is \$60.

This festive workshop series will allow children to make handmade gifts for friends and family including ornaments, paintings, snow globes and fresh pine arrangements.

Hamer will continue Teen Circuit Training with a holiday theme on Monday, Dec. 11 from 2:45-3:45 p.m. for ages 12 and up. The cost is \$12.

Hamer will also host Reindeer Games on Monday, Dec. 11 from 4-5 p.m. for ages 5-12. The cost is \$12.

During Reindeer games, children will enjoy a variety of seasonally themed games and fun.

Scholarships for these upcoming programs are available through Listening Wellness Center's generous donors. People can apply for a scholarship by emailing director@listeningwellness.org or by selecting the "scholarship" ticket in the event on the website, listeningwellness.org.

These programs are funded in part by local Cultural Councils including Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, Hubbardston Cultural Council and Oakham Cultural Council.

Lions Club holds meat gift card raffle

WARE – The Ware Lions Club is hosting a meat raffle with a \$500 gift card prize which will be drawn on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Proceeds from the raffle will support ear, eye

research and low vision. The cost is \$10 per ticket.

Tickets are sold at Nat Falk, St. Germain's Insurance, through Lions Club members or by calling 413-967-7666.

Warren library hosts annual book sale Sept. 30

WARREN – The annual book sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the front lawn of the Warren Public Library, 943 Main St.

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Mia DiRienzo helps control of protecting her goal.



Madisyn Davis pushes through the defense.



Shelby Hogan adds finesse with her ball control.

Indians offense explodes in win



Jack McKeever tries to get by the Putnam defense.

SPRINGFIELD – Last Thursday afternoon at Forest Park, Ware's offense started a bit slow, but eventually the Indians boys soccer team broke out and scored a 7-1 win over host Putnam. Connor Moody had three goals to lead the team. Ware is a perfect 3-0 to start the season. The Indians have also had a few rainouts as well.



Connor Moody makes a pass back.



Remy Cahalan heads off the ball on defense.



Owen McKeever works in the middle of the field.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Ware girls raise money for childhood cancer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE— Being involved with a community service project is something that Ware Athletic Director Thomas Shamgochain would like all the athletic teams to do during the school year.

Prior to the start of the high school soccer season, Ware junior Chelsea Foley approached Morgan Toelken, who's the Lady Indians varsity coach, about putting together the first annual Childhood Cancer Awareness night soccer game.

Despite the Lady Indians 3-0 loss to Pioneer North rival Holyoke High School, last Thursday's match held at Ware High School was very special.

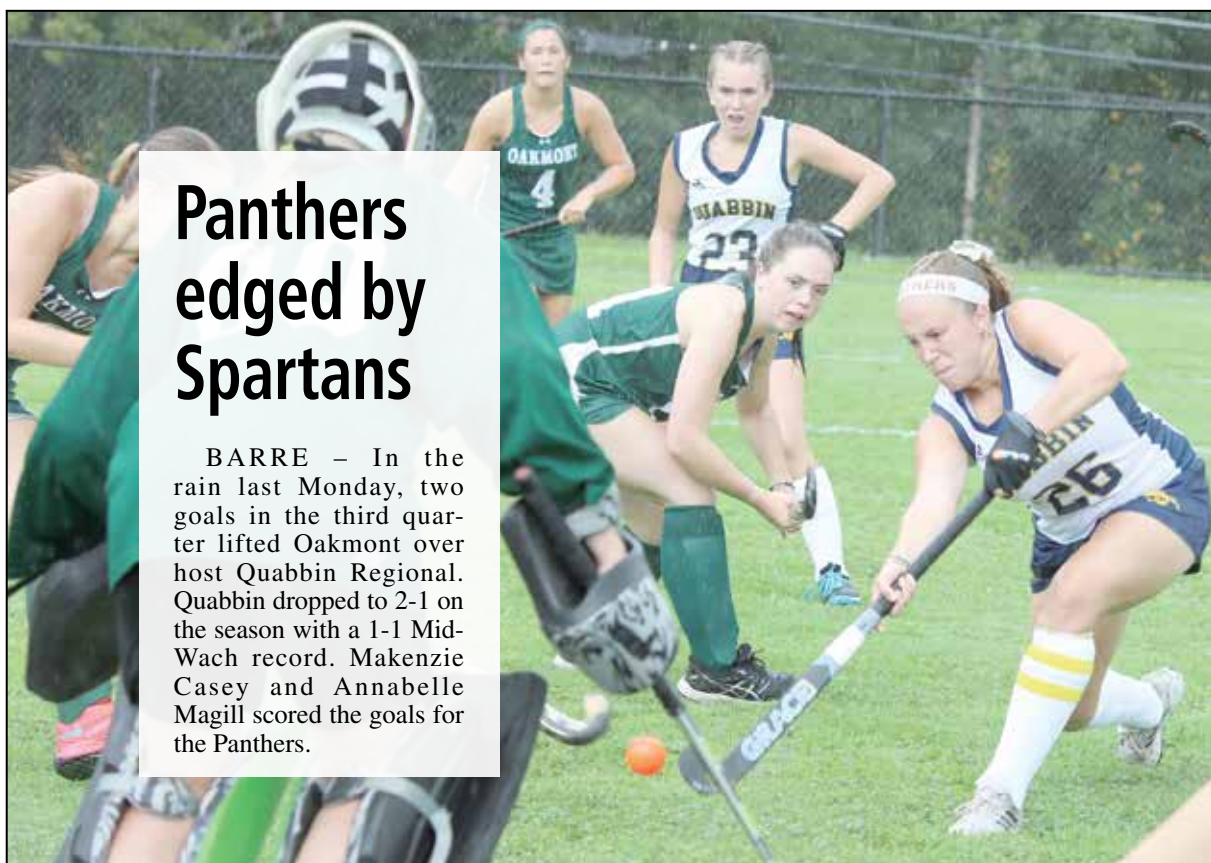
"September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month," Toelken said. "I really appreciate Chelsea Foley taking the lead on this project. She came to me with this idea before the start of the regular season. It's something that meant a lot to her. She did a great job putting

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Goalie Emily Jones is focused as she readies to protect her goal.

Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com



Panthers edged by Spartans

BARRE – In the rain last Monday, two goals in the third quarter lifted Oakmont over host Quabbin Regional. Quabbin dropped to 2-1 on the season with a 1-1 Mid-Wach record. Makenzie Casey and Annabelle Magill scored the goals for the Panthers.

Kylie Casey scores Quabbin's second goal.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy



Juliana Stanger makes a kick save.



Farrah Wojick takes a shot on goal.

Quaboag gets big shutout of Palmer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN—Tyler Withers is one of the five seniors listed on the Quaboag football roster.

Withers, who's a co-captain, scored three touchdowns and set-up another one with an interception, as the Cougars rolled to a 34-0 non-league home victory over the Palmer Panthers before a large crowd, last Friday night.

"Tyler is our go to guy offensively. He also plays defense and is our field kicker," said Quaboag head coach Dave Shepherd. "He's an outstanding athlete and is a very hard worker. We would certainly be in a lot of trouble without him."

Withers, who made four of his five extra point attempts against the Panthers, joined the varsity football team as a kicker in the eighth grade.

"I'm going to miss playing football under the lights on a Friday night next year, but I'm hoping to play college football," Withers said. "We're now 2-0 and it just feels amazing."

After squeaking out a 22-21 win at Ludlow in this year's season opener, the Cougars managed to pull away from the Panthers (0-2) during the second half in their home opener.

"We started the game off a little bit slowly, but we really got it going in the third quarter," Shepherd said. "We played a lot better in the second half."

It was the first meeting on the gridiron between the two teams



Jacob Cacace gets ready to start a play.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

since the Cougars pulled out a thrilling 13-12 home win in the 2019 season opener. Quaboag also posted a 13-0 shutout victory at Legion Field in 2018. The last time that Palmer defeated Quaboag was in 2017 by the final score of 6-0.

Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac was pleased with the way his team battled during the first half of last Friday night's contest.

"I thought we performed well during the first half," Marciniac said. "We had the momentum, but we just need to take that next step and make smarter plays."

The Palmer defense did make a key play in the first quarter.

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Tyler Withers gets the pass attempt off.

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Pioneers edged by Renaissance

SPRINGFIELD – Last Friday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer went to half-time in a 1-1 deadlock, but Renaissance tacked on two goals in the second half for a 3-2 win. Pathfinder is 0-2 to start the fall. The Pioneers lost to Athol 7-0 last Wednesday afternoon. The Pioneers look for their first win on Sept. 21 against Sizer School of Central Mass.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Emily Hoad tries to work the ball out of the defensive end.



Samantha Lowe passes the ball away with a quick touch.



Goalie Addison Doktor makes a low save.



Reilly Ireland stops the ball.



Victoria Stevens tries to get to the ball before her opponent.

Twarog tallies twice in Panthers win



Seth Twarog challenges the ball.



Turley photos by Ray Duffy
Gavin Mayjoy heads the ball out of the Quabbin zone.

BARRE – Quabbin boys soccer picked up its second win of the season with a defeat of visiting Maynard last Tuesday. Seth Twarog scored both of Quabbin's goals. Jacoby Diling and Jenkins Miller each had assists as the Panthers Alijah Flint grabbed the win, allowing just one goal.



Mike Tobin moves the ball upfield.



Freshman Goalie Alijah Flint with one of his saves.



Jenkins Miller chases after the ball.

Bonsignore adds 11th Riverhead Raceway win

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – Saturday night's NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race at Riverhead Raceway came down to the final five laps, with the two championship contenders battling it out to the finish.

At the checkered flag, Justin Bonsignore scored his 11th career Riverhead Raceway victory, tying Mike Ewanitko for the most all-time at the New York bullring. The

win was also his 40th career in NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competition and fifth of the 2023 season.

Bonsignore is one of just four drivers in the history of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour to win 40 events. He is currently just two wins behind tying Ted Christopher for third on the all-time list.

With the win, Bonsignore took

over the points lead over Ron Silk with just three races remaining in the season. Silk finished third on Saturday after the two battled down the stretch.

"Tying Mike Ewanitko has been a goal of mine since I was fortunate enough to start winning races here on the Whelen Modified Tour," Bonsignore said. "I wish

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WSU girls get big win

WESTFIELD - Westfield State junior forward Delaney Parker (Orange, Mass./Mahar HS) notched her 52nd career goal to set the Owls' career goals record in a 5-0 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's soccer match at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Westfield, the defending conference champs and picked first in the league's pre-season poll, looked the part as they outshot Buccaneers 28-0 in the first half, and 37-1 in the match. The Owls improve to 3-3, 1-0 MASCAC. Mass Maritime is now 0-4, and 0-1 in the league.

Parker's record-setter was the Owls fifth goal of the first half, as she scored on PK after the Owls Ryan Moran was taken down from behind while attacking the goal in the 42nd minute.

Parker's shot was just off the left side of Buccaneers starting goalkeeper Brady Deschamps (Brewster, Mass./Nauset).

"It feels great," said Parker. "I could tell the shots I was taking earlier were just me in my head. I was thinking 'I need to get it' but I was just off."

The crowd surged with excitement for each Owls scoring chance for Parker, but she delivered a couple of shots high over the cross bar in the early going.

"Even the PK wasn't great," she said, throwing up her hands. "But it went in, and now it's over with."

Westfield made sure the game was over by the half.

Tia Tollis (East Longmeadow, Mass.) put the Owls on the board in the eighth minute with a nice header off of a corner kick from

Jaida Cochran (Middleboro, Mass.) Kiana Maratsuka (Mililani, Hawaii) delivered a pair of goals, both on feeds from Parker, and Kiana Patel (Nairobi, Kenya) tallied her first collegiate goal with an assist from Maratsuka as the Owls got out to the big early lead.

The Owls peppered Deschamps with 28 total shots as she made 11 saves in the first half. Reagan Kerecz (Tolland, Conn./Ethel Walker School) played between the pipes for the Bucs in the second half and came up with six saves to keep the Owls off the board in the second frame.

Westfield used 26 players including two goalkeepers. Kayla Santucci (Agawam, Mass.) didn't face a single shot in the first half in getting the win, and Michaela Monchecchi (Windsor, Mass./Wahconah) came out of the net to play a wide shot from Deschamps, who played in the field in the second half, late in the game on the only serious incursion into Owls territory for the Buccaneers.

Parker now has 52 goals, one more than Owls hall of famer Sandy (Pinto) Graham '97. Parker shares the team lead with Maratsuka with five goals each this season. Parker led NCAA D3 in goals with 31 as a freshman and added 16 in her sophomore season.

Westfield State was playing its first home game of the season after starting with four straight on the road. The Owls traveled took them from Gorham, Maine to Cortland, N.Y. while playing schools from Maine, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. Westfield traversed 1,114 miles in facing those four foes.

T-Birds start season Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds, the proud AHL affiliate of the St. Louis Blues, today announced their slate of promotions and theme nights for the 2023-24 season, presented by MGM Springfield. The T-Birds will host 36 home games from October to April inside the MassMutual Center.

The Calder Cup quest begins on Saturday, Oct. 14 for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. In the team's annual tradition, fans will be treated to a pregame Block Party on the property of MGM Springfield from 4:00 - 6:00 PM presented by Community Bank N.A. with the support of the Springfield

Business Improvement District (BID). The outdoor bash will feature live music, food, and drink. Thunderbirds fans will have the opportunity to get their hands on a plethora of giveaway souvenir items this season, beginning on Opening Night with jersey-shaped rally towels on each and every seat at the MassMutual Center.

"On the heels of a record 15 sellouts last season, we are continuing to aim higher to ensure the Thunderdome remains a definitive home-ice advantage for our team," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "Our fans will always remain our number one priority, and this year's promotions and theme nights

reflect that, as there truly is something in it for everybody. We cannot wait to get another unforgettable season underway."

Fans interested in attending Opening Night can take advantage of a value offer with the purchase of a Dunkin' Opening Night Pack, which starts at \$100 in the Defense Zone, \$115 in the Attack Zone sections and \$130 in the Center Value Zone sections. Fans who purchase a pack will receive: two (2) tickets to Opening Night on Oct. 14; four (4) vouchers redeemable at any regular season game in 2023-24 (subject to availability); one (1) T-Birds hat; a Dunkin' gift card; and one (1) Single Day Big E admission*.

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everything together. The members of the junior varsity and varsity soccer teams also helped her out."

Foley, who's a first-year member of the girls' varsity soccer team and is also a member of the student council, gave her thoughts about the night.

"Obviously, we would've liked to have won the game, but tonight was all about Childhood Cancer Awareness," Foley said. "Mr. (Wayne) Blais, who's a teacher at the high school, gave me this idea during the first week of school. His son (Alex) passed away from cancer five years ago. We were hoping to raise a little bit of money tonight."

The proceeds from the gift baskets will be given to Camp Hole in the Wall, which is in Ashford, Connecticut.

"Because this was our first year doing this, my main goal was to raise around \$200.00. I never expected to make more than one thousand dollars tonight. I'm so proud of everyone involved," Foley said. "All of the proceeds will go to Camp Hole in the Wall. They do a lot for families who

have been affected by Childhood Cancer. It's a great organization. My teammates gave me a lot of help tonight. It was an amazing night."

The Lady Indians home game versus Holyoke was originally scheduled to be played last Wednesday night but was postponed for 24 hours due to the weather. There was also an open house at the high school last Thursday night.

"I feel like a lot more people came to tonight's game because of the open house," Foley said. "I saw a lot of the teachers here. Having the game postponed last night worked out in our favor."

Foley is looking forward to putting together the second annual Childhood Cancer Awareness night soccer game next September. She'll then pass the baton to one of her younger teammates.

"I really want this to become an annual event," she said. "When I graduate from high school, I'll be handing everything off to an upcoming senior on the girls soccer team."

Prior to the start of the contest,

the members of both teams took a group picture together.

"I think this was a great night," said first-year Holyoke head coach Kellen Matthews. "Sportsmanship is a very important thing to me."

Matthews had been the Holyoke junior varsity soccer coach for several years. She was the goalie coach last year. Matthews graduated from Algonquin Regional High School in Northboro and she's the all-time leader in saves for the women's soccer team at Goucher College.

The Purple Knights (2-0-1) scored all three of their goals during the first 40 minutes.

"This was our second win in a row and our first shutout of the regular season," Matthews said. "I'm very proud of my players."

The Purple Knights finished the 2022 campaign with a 3-13-2 overall record. They equaled their win total from a year ago following a 2-0 victory against Mahar Regional in their home opener last Friday afternoon.

Junior Tryana Ayala scored Holyoke's first goal against Ware

on a rebound shot that went into the net past Ware freshman goalie Emily Jones (15 saves) during the sixth minute.

In the middle of the opening half, sophomore Yasani Thompson pushed the ball across the goal-line for another unassisted goal.

With ten minutes remaining in the first half, freshman Kyra Lippman scored what turned out to be the Purple Knights final goal by putting a shot into the right corner of the net. Senior Alivia Kaifer was credited with the assist.

The Lady Indians had three shots on goal in the second half from senior Mia DiRenzo, senior Emily McGrail, and freshman Reese McKeever. All three attempts were kept by Holyoke junior goalie Jayah Stuckey (5 saves).

"I've been working with Jayah during the past couple of years," Matthews said. "She has really stepped it up a lot so far this year."

Holyoke is scheduled to host Ware on their new turf field on October 5.

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he was here tonight, but I'm sure I will get something funny in texts later tonight. It was a heavyweight fight for sure tonight. This is an awesome event that everyone here puts together to keep racing going on Long Island and honor Ed Partridge. The momentum has been on our side lately - onto North Wilkesboro in two weeks."

The next event on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule is set for Saturday, Sept. 30, as the series heads to North Wilkesboro Speedway, one of the most historic tracks in NASCAR history. For more information on three-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates from the track.

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Audubon Society sightings

In addition to the American white pelican in Otis, the Massachusetts Audubon Society reported another rare sighting a masked booby at the edge of the continental shelf near Hydrographer Canyon. The booby was one of only three or four sightings ever recorded in Massachusetts.

Other sightings included red crossbills at Montague Plains Wildlife

Management area, eight red crossbills at the Birch Hill Wildlife Management Area in Winchendon, four sandhill cranes Meadows Conservation Area near Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Northampton, and upland sandpiper, a whimbrel, a Baird's sandpiper, a short-billed dowitcher, a dickcissel and two lark sparrows in Northampton.

Also reported were a Bonaparte's gull and a common tern at the Quabbin Reservoir Visitor Center in Belchertown and three black vultures

over Mount Wachusett in Princeton.

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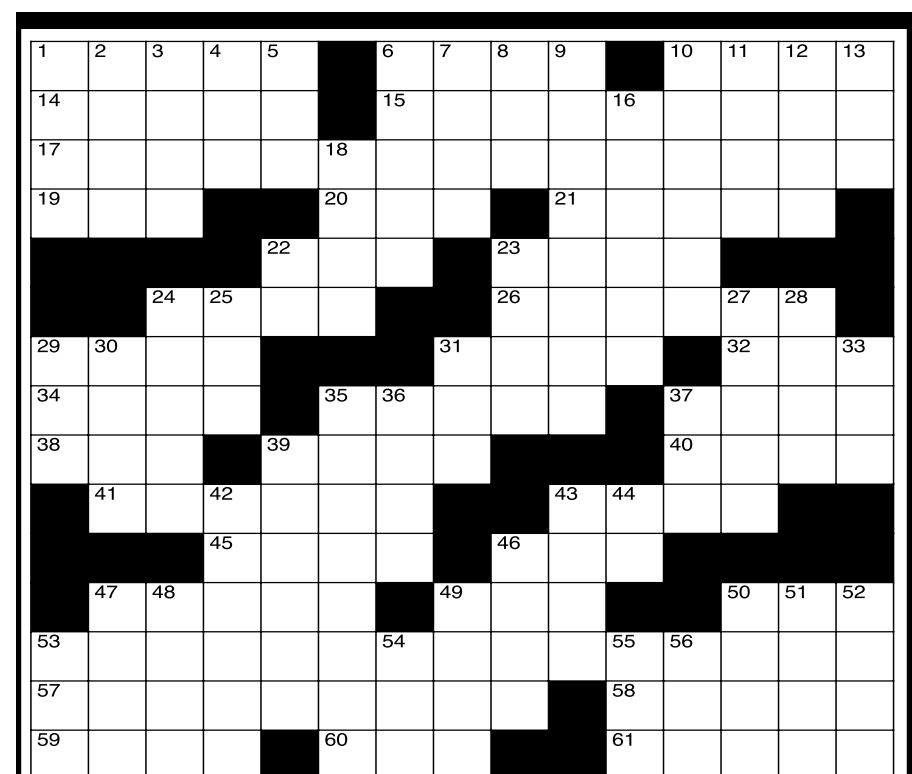
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of cat
6. Weaponry
10. Western Christian Church service
14. Significant eruption of pustules
15. Baltic nation
17. Start of American holiday season
19. Unhappy
20. Maintains possession of
21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
22. Mountain pass
23. Vestments
24. Type of dish
26. Escaped quickly
29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
31. Wings
32. Political action committee
34. Touches lightly

CLUES DOWN

1. Body art
2. Middle East military title
3. Actor Pitt
4. Container
5. Speak incessantly
6. Relating to algae
7. Jacob ____, journalist (abbr.)
8. Rock TV channel
9. Boat's cargo
10. Most wise
11. Within
12. Chinese industrial city
13. Scotland's longest river
16. Not capable
18. Footwear
22. Savings account
23. Capable
24. Vaccine developer
25. Tax collector
27. Fencing swords
28. Native religion in China
29. Promotional materials
30. A shot in a film production
31. Afflict in mind or body

20. Small freshwater duck
40. Filled with love
43. Without (French)
45. Vetch
46. Swiss river
47. Describes a sound
49. Sign language
50. Hair product
53. Have surgery
57. Quality of being imaginary
58. Far-right German party
59. Drove
60. Former French coin of low value
61. Hard, durable timbers
33. A passage with access only at one end
35. Breathing devices
36. Employ for wages
37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
39. Popular Boston song
42. Made amends
43. Selling at specially reduced prices
44. Atomic #18
46. With fireplace residue
47. Chiveleaved cornbread
48. Draw out
49. Southwestern Alaska island
50. Where the Pyramids are
51. People of Nigeria
52. Smaller quantity (abbr.)
53. Destroy the inside of
54. City
55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
56. No (Scottish)

public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of Sept. 11-19, the Ware Police Department responded to 12 miscellaneous calls, 39 administrative calls, 14 traffic violations, 14 emergency 911 calls, five animal calls, 10 harassments, four thefts/larcenies, three assist other agencies, three motor vehicle accidents, two frauds, two trespasses, two fires, one breaking and entering/burglary and 23 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Monday, Sept. 11
6:57 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gould Road, Dispatch Handled
7:02 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Dispatch Handled
9 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Monson Turnpike Road, Report Made
Summons: Brittany R. Hutchins, 31, Ware
Telephone Calls/Electronic Communications, Annoying
1:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
Summons: Ilyana M. Muler, 23, Agawam
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
9:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Tuesday, Sept. 12
12:38 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Services Rendered
7:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
8:01 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Could not Locate
8:48 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Services Rendered
1:27 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gould Road, Services Rendered
1:53 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
3:10 p.m. Assault, West Street, Report Made
5:13 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, No Action Required

Warren Police Log

During the week of Sept. 1-3, the Warren Police Department responded to 86 building/property checks, 92 community policing, six traffic enforcements, three radar assignments, six emergency 911 calls, one complaint, one vandalism, one burglary, one property damage, one motor vehicle accident, two animal calls and 15 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Friday, Sept. 1
1:45 p.m. Traffic Safety, Old West Brookfield, Message Delivered
7:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bragg Road, Written Warning
9:20 p.m. Burglary, Main Street, Negative Contact

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Sept. 11-18, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 39 building/property checks, 34 directed/area patrols, one traffic control, nine emergency 911 calls, seven radar assignments, one complaint, one investigation, one assist other agency, three citizen assists, two safety hazards, two harassments, one threat, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and 16 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Sept. 11
9:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
3:59 p.m. Assist Citizen, New Braintree, Officer Handled
7:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Fiske Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Sept. 12
11:17 a.m. Assist Citizen, Broad Street, Officer Handled
2 p.m. Harassment, Muddy Brook Road, Report Taken
2:03 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Greenwich Road, Report Taken
5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Wednesday, Sept. 13
7:23 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Osborne Road, Could not Locate
12:09 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Beaver Lake Road, Report Made
12:55 p.m. Warrant Service, West Main Street, Services Rendered
Arrest: Loni G. Otero, 41, Ware
Warrant of Apprehension
4:15 p.m. Administrative, North Street, Services Rendered
Arrest: Nicole Littlefield, 41, Ware
Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon
Arrest: Jeremy A. Spaulding, 35, Ware
Disturbing the Peace; Disorderly Conduct, Subsequent Offense c272 §53
10:03 p.m. Structure Fire, Old Belchertown Road, Extinguished

Thursday, Sept. 14
12:27 a.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered
11:39 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Main Street, Dispatch Handled
12:50 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Walnut Street, Advised
2:13 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Main Street, Dispatch Handled
4:16 p.m. Drugs, South Street, Assist Given

Friday, Sept. 15
11:42 a.m. Fraud/Deception, Old Belchertown Road, Services Rendered
2:53 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, West Street, Services Rendered
3:20 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
4:18 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Services Rendered
6:02 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Park Street, Dispatch Handled
8:39 p.m. Assault, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Sept. 16
3:51 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick, Investigated
12:43 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Services Rendered

Saturday, Sept. 2
6:40 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Main Street, Gone on Arrival
7:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bridge Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Jonathan A. Snow, 39, Warren
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Trespass with Motor Vehicle
9:04 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdialed/Abandoned, Reed Street, Report Filed
9:55 p.m. Complaint, Reed Street, Officer Advised

Sunday, Sept. 3
11:07 a.m. Property Damage, Old Douglas Road, Report Filed
11:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
1:45 p.m. Breathing Difficulty,

Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
6:22 p.m. Threat, Turkey Street, Officer Handled
6:43 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Fleming Road, Transported to Hospital
Wednesday, Sept. 13
8:31 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Sept. 14
2 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital
6 p.m. 911 Disabled Motor Vehicle, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
7:47 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To
8:29 p.m. Medical Alarm, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Sept. 15
5:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued
9:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued
11:40 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Spoken To

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3:46 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, West Street, Report Made
4:41 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Belchertown Road, Investigated
5:13 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Dispatch Handled

Sunday, Sept. 17
10:24 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Aspen Street, Investigated
1:30 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Old Poor Farm Road, Advised
10:38 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Spring Street, Advised

Monday, Sept. 18
9:50 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Spring Street, Advised
12:02 p.m. Outside Fire, Shoreline Drive, Services Rendered
1:09 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Could Not Locate
1:28 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Complaint Taken Care of
5:05 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Advised

Tuesday, Sept. 19
2:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Vehicle Towed
2:42 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
2:56 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Services Rendered
3:18 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled

Comins Pond Road, Transported to Hospital
1:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Wichita L. Vo, 45, Worcester
Speeding; Marijuana, Open Container; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
2:16 p.m. Vandalism, Old Douglas Road, Officer Spoke to Party
2:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Little Rest Road, Report Filed
9:09 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Comins Pond Road, Party Departed Without Incident

Saturday, Sept. 16
3:48 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Hardwick Pond Road, Negative Contact
4:16 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
12:58 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Removed Hazard
2:13 p.m. 911 Utility Issues, Pine Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
2:30 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
2:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Sunday, Sept. 17
12:30 p.m. Harassment, Barre Road, Spoken To
6:43 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
1:53 p.m. Investigation, North Street, Negative Contact
5:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued
6:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning

Route 20 culvert replacement starts Saturday morning

STURBRIDGE – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is announcing that a full roadway closure of Route 20 in the vicinity of Cedar Meadow Brook will be required to allow culvert installation to take place.
Route 20 will be closed between Cedar Street and Holland Road, on Saturday, Sept. 23, starting at 9 p.m. The roadway will reopen to traffic Sunday, Sept. 24 at 8 a.m.
These temporary overnight traffic impacts are necessary to allow crews and contractors to safely and effectively conduct construction operations.
During the overnight work, the following detours will be in place: Route 20 eastbound traffic will

be directed to follow the detour signage in place and use Holland Road, Douty Road and Stallion Hill Road.
Route 20 westbound traffic will be directed to follow the detour signage in place and use Cedar Street, Cooper Road and Arnold Road.
Truck traffic traveling on Interstate 90 looking to access Route 20 at either I-84 (exit 73) or Route 32 (exit 63) will be directed to use the next interchange to avoid the road closure.
Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area. Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use

caution.
All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.
For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

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“pretty good” with prescribing practices around opioids but there is also room for improvement. Curran said Baystate Pharmacist Mark Klee has been visiting all of the pharmacies in Belchertown and Ware to talk about safer prescribing practices, such a co-prescribing Naloxone [Narcan] with opioids.
Installing NaloxBoxes in areas around town has been a focus of HEALing Communities Study. There are currently NaloxBoxes in the Town Hall, the Library, Aspen Street Rod and Gun Club, Subway, B’leaf Wellness Centre and soon the Police Department.
“Those are really just to increase the available of Naloxone in the community if there’s an overdose...we also want to be able to use it for grab and go,” she said.
Curran said they were just given approval to purchase 14 weatherproof Naloxone cabinets which would hold nine units of Naloxone and can be stationed outdoors.

Curran talked about Guiding Rides, a collaborative effort with the Recovery Center of HOPE, which offers free van transportation to receive recovery services. She noted that substance use medication, such as methadone, is “notably missing” from rural areas and is only in larger cities.
“We’re offering recovery rides free of charge to anyone who needs it,” she said.
This includes trips to Springfield every mornings, as well as rides to jobs, interviews or to go grocery shopping.
“Things that can allow someone to build recovery capital early in recovery...just create some opportunities so they can sustain recovery,” she said.
Krieger said she is a family member of someone who has died from addiction issues, and said the area is a “methadone desert.”
Since she started her role as Public Health Nurse last July, one of the things she’s noticed is there is no methadone treatment here, and she is often asked about finding access to this treatment.

Krieger said the Quabbin Health District is able to receive Naloxone for free to share with the community. She also teaches about stigma, how to recognize overdose and how to administer Naloxone.
“We wanted to look at doing something that we could, for one, connect with members of the community that either have a family member, or have a neighbor, or they themselves are using substances and really try

to (as harm reduction is) to focus on reducing the negative consequences and support them in any way that we can,” she said.
Krieger talked about distributing harm reduction kits to people in the community. These kits would be an inexpensive way to “bridge the gap” for those using substances to help protect them from disease and infection and build trust with the medical community.
The harm reduction kits would contain information about resources, fentanyl testing strips, Naloxone, gloves, face shields, nonlatex condoms and more. She said the kits would be handed out at events and organizations around town, or just in passing while walking down the road.
“Stigma...stigma is probably a very big challenge,” for substance users, Krieger said.
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Flood control
Town Manager Stuart Beckley shared a report about the federal flood control system with the Selectboard.
“The federal program consists of the dike that is by our wellfields on Barnes Street, there is a small levee along the Williams Cemetery off of Vernon Street and the third system is effectively, they widened the Ware River below the concrete walls for a significant amount...it’s channel work,” he said.
Beckley said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found the Barnes Street dike to be in good condition and were impressed with how it was maintained. He said there is an “unacceptable” rating for the dike, due to two pipes that go through the system, one of which needs to be filled with concrete.
The valves on the other end of the dike are tested annually by the Water Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is satisfied with the structural integrity of the dike.
Beckley said the Williams Cemetery levee is located on private property and the state did not get an easement at the time it was created. He said the Department of Public Works did a great job clearing brush last year, but it has grown back.
Beckley said they are working with property owners for a permanent easement to be able to continue brush removal annually.

Listening session hears housing needs of seniors

WARE – Does Ware need more or different housing types to serve the needs of an aging population?
Voice your opinion at the Ware Council on Aging’s listening session at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m.-noon.
Like many other communities, Ware is seeing an increase in the percentage of people over the

age of 65 compared to other age groups as people are living longer and having fewer children.
With technical assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Town is developing a Senior Housing Plan and wants to hear from local residents, business owners, health and social service providers, and others involved in helping older adults to find housing in Ware.

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Beckley said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found the Barnes Street dike to be in good condition and were impressed with how it was maintained. He said there is an “unacceptable” rating for the dike, due to two pipes that go through the system, one of which needs to be filled with concrete.
The valves on the other end of the dike are tested annually by the Water Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is satisfied with the structural integrity of the dike.
Beckley said the Williams Cemetery levee is located on private property and the state did not get an easement at the time it was created. He said the Department of Public Works did a great job clearing brush last year, but it has grown back.
Beckley said they are working with property owners for a permanent easement to be able to continue brush removal annually.

Traffic concerns
A Palmer Road resident expressed concern about the high

traffic volume on her road, and how the future Tractor Supply store will impact the area, which is surrounded by schools and residences.
She asked that wetlands be left undisturbed and asked the Selectboard to make sure a traffic study is conducted.
Future discussions
Selectboard member Jack Cascio said he will be bringing up discussion on having AEDs in the town’s police cruisers at the next meeting.
He also expressed concern about who has access to the Town Hall’s security cameras and views the footage. Cascio said he talked to Beckley and was told only one or two people have access.
Cascio said he doesn’t “want to go to the extreme,” but requested that the Selectboard discuss having an illegal immigration policy in place, after reading about small towns trying to handle a sudden influx of people without the funding to support them.
Selectboard member Keith Kruckas said he received a phone call about use of the armory building, but Beckley contacted the Colonel who said the facility would not be adequately suited to house people.
Beckley said if the town had adequate facilities, such as a hotel, that could be seized to house people.

Approvals
The Selectboard approved a voluntary toll road for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8 a.m.-noon. Knights members will collection donations at North and Main streets, and East Main, Main, Church and South street intersections.
The Selectboard also approved a request from Alex Wayne for permission to film a motorcycle commercial in town Oct. 3 and 4 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Trick or Treat hours
Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5-8 p.m.

Appointments
The Selectboard appointed the following people to serve on the 250th U.S. Committee, Joshua Kusnierz, Kathy Galford, Nicole Croteau, Claudia Kadra and Nancy Talbot.
Talbot was also appointed to the town’s Americans with Disabilities Act Commission.
Mary Healey was appointed to serve on the Cultural Council for a three-year term, running from Nov. 1 to Oct. 31, 2026.

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Diva Dance School in Warren participated in Brookfield's 350th birthday celebration parade this past Sunday. *Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette*



Ware's own Herb Foley, known by many young athletes as "Coach," drove Brookfield Cemetery's tractor in the 350th parade.

Community members join in 350th celebration

BROOKFIELD – Some familiar faces were seen in Brookfield's 350th birthday celebration parade this past Sunday, helping to mark the milestone occasion. Members of Diva Dance School in Warren were seen dancing along the route, and Ware Soccer Club coach Herb Foley drove Brookfield Cemetery's tractor.

Listening Wellness Center welcomes physical therapists

BARRE – Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St. has recently welcomed two new practitioners, Dr. Dmitry Voloshinov and Dr. Kristie Voloshinov.

Dmitry and Kristie are both licensed Physical Therapists, offering appointments on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Both practitioners are self-pay only and do not accept insurance.

Listening Wellness Center's Executive Director Laura Dusha Nelson said there has been a lot of demand for physical therapy within the community, with many people having to travel over half an hour for services.

Dmitry graduated from American International College with a master's degree in physical therapy. He also holds his doctorate degree in physical therapy from Temple University.

He has been practicing clinician, healthcare executive, and wellness advocate for over 20 years.



Dmitry Voloshinov, DPT



Kristie Voloshinov, DPT

Dmitry's extensive background comes from acute care hospitals, outpatient clinics, acute and subacute care facilities. He has co-founded and managed several rehabilitation organizations and medical practices in western Massachusetts.

Dmitry is a multi-sports admirer, soccer aficionado and has extensive experience in treating musculoskeletal and neurologic disorders, chronic and acute conditions as well as many sports related injuries. His background includes orthopedics, manual therapy and vestibular rehabilitation.

Dmitry is offering a wellness centered approach to myofascial balancing and postural restoration

techniques.

He is accepting new self-pay patients at this time. Please contact Dmitry by emailing vantagewellness1@gmail.com or calling 413-237-0211.

Kristie graduated from Quinnipiac University with a master's degree in physical therapy. She also earned her doctorate in physical therapy from Temple University.

She has been a clinician, educator, and wellness promoter for over 20 years.

Kristie's clinical experience stems from working in acute care, outpatient clinics, and workplace ergonomics. She has been a co-founder of multiple outpatient rehab clinics and has focused her career on one to one patient centered care treating musculoskeletal injuries, neurologic disorders, post-surgical recovery, vertigo and vestibular disorders.

Kristie is a provider of holistic, wellness centered approach to myofascial balancing and postural restoration.

She is accepting new self-pay patients at this time. Please contact Kristie by calling 413-237-3228 or emailing vantagewellness1@gmail.com.

TJO craft fair to be held Sept. 30

SPRINGFIELD— The annual Pawzart Craft Fair is a signature event for the Foundation for TJO Animals. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It is a local craft fair that attracts some of the Pioneer Valley's finest crafters, along

with hundreds of animal loving patrons, all to benefit homeless animals in the community.

There will be 30 vendors, great raffles, Jeannies Weenies and Fat City Kid food trucks, music provided by Visual Sound Productions, pet merchandise for sale, bake sale and more. Special guests Jonathan Hall and Toto the Tornado Kitten will be stopping

by for the afternoon.

Proceeds go directly to the medical care and treatment for Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center animals in need.

More information is available on www.tjofoundation.org, by emailing info@tjofoundation.org or by calling 413.306.5161

public notices

TOWN OF WARE Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to MGL Ch. 40A, Sec. 5, the Ware Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 5, 2023** during their normally scheduled meeting starting at **7pm** in the Town Hall meeting room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to consider amendments to sections 3.4 (Overlay Districts) and 4.9 (Overlay District Regulations) of the Town of Ware Zoning Bylaws to include language and a map on a proposed overlay district known as the "Rural Business Overlay District" along the route 9 corridor.

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in Town Hall Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

A complete copy of the proposed changes can be found at the Planning & Community Development Department Office and on the department web page at www.townofware.com. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend.

WARE PLANNING BOARD
Edward Murphy,
Chairman
09/21, 09/28/2023

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The contents of the following storage units:
Brian Goodridge:
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Bryan Losaw
Building 6, Unit 4
will be sold for non-payment on the premises of Country Corners Storage, 50 Greenwich Road in Ware on **Saturday, Sept. 23 at 10:00 am**
Tel 413-967-6095
09/14, 09/21/2023

SECTION 1 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDERS Transportation and Transfer of Liquid Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Town of Warren, Massachusetts

Sealed bids for the Transportation and Transfer of Liquid Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge between the periods of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2026, will be received by mail to the Office of the Town Administrator, 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609 Warren, MA 01083

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

until September 28, 2023, at 1:00p.m. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Proposals must be made upon forms included herein. Proposals must be delivered in a sealed envelope plainly marked for the appropriate bids.

The Proposal Form, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be obtained electronically by emailing Tammy Martin at accountant@warren-ma.gov.

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

Bids must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check, or a Treasurer's or Cashier's Check issued by a responsible Bank or Trust Company, payable to the Town of Warren in the amount of five (5) percent of the minimum total bid (FY24 plus FY25). Said bid deposit shall become the property of the Town of Warren should the bidder fail to execute the contract and provide a satisfactory bond within fourteen (14) days after he has been officially notified.

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

Chapter 30. The award is contingent upon the appropriation of funds. Bidders may be requested to waive the right to the 90-day withdrawal period.

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

Town of Warren
Board of Sewer Commissioners
09/14, 09/21/2023

Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle under G.L. c. 255, Section 39A

Notice is hereby given by REGIN'S REPAIR, 19 CHURCH ST., GILBERTVILLE, MA 01031

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on **10/06/2023 at 10:00 AM** at: Regin's Repair, 19 Church St., Gilbertville, MA 01031 by private sale, the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle. Vehicle description: 1999 FORD F150

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Name and address of owner:
Timothy B Lomme
3 Highland Ave.
Monson, MA 01057
By: James M. Regin
Dated: 09/19/2023
09/21, 09/28, 10/05/2023

Town of Warren, MA Invitation for Bids HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD MATERIALS

The Chief Procurement Officer is seeking qualified bids for the purchase of road materials and services listed below for the Town's Highway Department. Specifications may be obtained in the Town Accountant's Office at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street starting on September 6, 2023.

To obtain a copy of the invitation for bid please email accountant@warren-ma.gov.

Sealed bids are due in the Town Administrator's Office, by **Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 11:00a.m.**, where they will be publicly opened and read. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject all bids not in the best

interest of the Town of Warren.

Bids will be opened and accepted for the following highway materials...

- Crack Sealing, ¾"
- Washed Stone, 1 1/2"
- Washed Stone, Rubber Chip Seal, HMA In Place, HMA Picked Up, HMA Handwork, HMA Sidewalk Overlay, HMA Sidewalk Reconstruction, Tack Coat, 12-inch Perforated ADS Pipe.

09/14, 09/21/2023

Hardwick Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaw, Sections 3.2.6.1.1, 4.2 and 9.0 will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023** at 6:45PM at the **Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01301**

This Hearing is regarding the application for Special Permit by Patrick D. Rondeau of Valley Solar for a residential ground mounted 10KW solar installation at 694 Main Street in Gilbertville. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal

Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>
Hardwick Planning Board
Jenna Garvey, Chair
09/21, 09/28/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD22A0023AD In the matter of: Madison Ann Wetterwald CITATION G.L. c. 210, §6

TO: Nicholas George Wetterwald 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.

A petition has been presented to said court by: **Kyra Browne of Ware, MA Tanner Alan Browne of Ware, MA**

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to **Madison Ann Browne** If you object to this adoption you are entitled

to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3.10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **Springfield ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 10/19/2023.**

WITNESS, **Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.** Date: September 14, 2023 **Rosemary A. Saccomani** Register of Probate 09/21/2023



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Minimum qualifications include a high School Education. Associate degree; or Bachelor's degree in science, public health or related field preferred. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. We train on the job for all inspectional related work!

For a full job description please visit <http://quabbinhealthdistrict.com> for more information, or to apply for the position please send request or resume with cover letter to Administrative Assistant, Betty Barlow.

Email to bbarlow@townofware.com or mail to
Quabbin Health District ATTN: Betty Barlow; 126 Main Street, Ware MA, 01082.

Job Opening
Three Rivers Fire and Water District
Full Time Fire Chief Position Available

Interested Candidates
Should Submit A Letter of Interest
To The Three Rivers Prudential Committee

Note - A complete list of requirements as well as salary and benefits is available to interested applicants who submit a letter of interest to the Three Rivers Prudential Committee at the following

TRFDprudential@gmail.com

Community Newspaper EDITOR WANTED

Turley Publications is looking for a "hands on" energetic candidate who loves telling stories to be the editor for two weekly publications. This position will include managing and coaching a small news staff that will provide the community with a great local newspaper.

The editor will need to cover local government and events while representing the newspaper at public venues.

The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills and is also expected to gather news and write stories for the two papers as well as for other occasional companywide publications.

This is a job for a self-starter who has a vision for growing and connecting with our valued readers, and who thoroughly enjoys community journalism.

This full-time position with flexible schedule is based in our Palmer office at 24 Water St., this is not a remote position.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
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Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
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Local residents participate in Spencer Fair

SPENCER – Many residents from surrounding towns entered their animals, vegetables, eggs, crafts, tractors and more at this year's Spencer Fair, a long-standing Labor Day weekend tradition.

Over five days, fairgoers could visit with a variety of farm animals, including dairy and beef cows, chickens, geese, ducks, horses, donkeys, rabbits, goats and more. Tractor pulls and demolition derbies gathered a full crowd, as did the rides and games of the midway.

People of all ages entered their prized vegetables, baked goods, canned goods, giant pumpkins, hay, artwork, crafts and tractors for judging, hoping to bring home a top ribbon.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

New Braintree residents took second and third place for their giant pumpkins at this year's Spencer Fair. Earning second place was Rhonda Howe with her 68 pound pumpkin; and third place was Grace Wagher with her 64 pound pumpkin. Earning first place this year was Scott Lehto of Fitchburg and his 222 pound pumpkin.



Cory Worrick of Oakham entered an impressive 52 pound pumpkin.



Rose of Madd Hatter Rabbitry sets up an obstacle for her English Lop.



Cory Kibbe of Ware entered his Allis-Chalmers 190 and 620 tractors.



Lori Fournier of West Brookfield earned first place and reserve grand champion for her patriotic-themed cross-stitch.



Pirate Man Dan's ship left a splash of bubbles in its wake as it traveled the grounds of the Spencer Fair.



Jeffery Bouchard goes for the tackle.



Brasen Sauriol heads for the sideline on a run.



Cameron Evans runs through the middle.

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Sophomore Dylan Doherty put pressure on Quaboag sophomore quarterback Jacob Cacace and senior Andrew Menard recorded the sack on a fourth down play, which gave the Panthers offense the ball at mid-field.

Palmer sophomore QB Matt Santos picked up a first down by completing a 16-yard pass to Menard on fourth down.

With a little more than two minutes left in the first quarter, the Panthers were forced to turn the ball over on downs, which set up the Cougars first scoring

drive.

On a third down play from their own 45, Cacace connected with junior Brason Seriel, who was tackled at the Panthers 29. Palmer also had a roughing the passer penalty, which moved the ball 15 yards closer to the end zone.

Withers capped off the six play drive with a 10-yard run on the final play of the first quarter.

Three minutes into the second quarter, Palmer junior Guillermo Rivera recovered a fumble at the Cougars 23, but they turned the ball over on downs once again.

With 2:40 remaining in the first half, Cacace handed the ball off to Withers, who gave it to Seriel on a reverse play. Seriel ran 62 yards down the left sideline into the endzone giving the home team a 14-0 lead.

"The touchdown on the reverse play was huge for us," Shepherd said. "It gave us a two touchdown lead."

Withers missed a 34-yard field goal as the final seconds ticked off the scoreboard clock.

Withers took over the spotlight in the second half.

He returned an interception 73 yards to the Panthers seven

yard line with 8:54 left in the third quarter. Seriel scored his second rushing touchdown on the first play of the series.

Another short TD run by Withers with 1:50 remaining in the third quarter gave the home team a commanding 28-0 lead.

At the beginning of the final quarter, Cacace threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Withers.

Because Quaboag was leading by more than 32 points at that point, the clock kept running for the rest of the game.

One of the Cougars leading defensive players was senior co-captain Bryce Douglas, who

made more than ten tackles.

"Bryce was tremendous defensively," Shepherd said. "He made a lot of tackles and also anchors the offensive line."

The other Quaboag seniors are Chucky Smith, Jaden Ostig, and Aidan Pontbriand, who are all starters.

While the Cougars will be looking to improve to 3-0 with another non-league game at Quabbin Regional on Friday night, the Panthers will be looking to get into the win column for the first time this season when they visit Easthampton.

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