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Police promotions celebrated at pinning

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NEW BRAINTREE – Residents from New Braintree and Hardwick gathered in the Town Hall this past Sunday to celebrate the recent promotions and accomplishments of Police Department staff.

Acting as master of ceremonies was Lieutenant Ryan Daley of the North Brookfield Police Department, who first met Police Chief Kevin Landine 25 years ago, and developed a close friendship.

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Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette
Police Chief Kevin Landine is pinned by his wife Katherine and daughters Emma and Abigail.



Hardwick-New Braintree Police Chief Kevin Landine thanked everyone present for his promotion to that position at a celebration and pinning held this past Sunday in the New Braintree Town Hall.

Funding options for pool discussed

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WARE – The Selectboard and the Parks Commission met to discuss the future of the Reed Municipal Pool, which has been closed for several years due to its condition.

At the Sept. 16 meeting, Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot said the town has been unsuccessful in securing grant funding to replace the pool, and it is time to explore other options.

Parks Commission Chair Bill Imbier said the cost to replace the pool and add a splash pad was estimated to cost \$3.3 million a couple of years ago. This cost did not include the bathhouse.

“That wasn’t included in that process,” he said.

Imbier said he predicts the total cost of the project now,

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SB received audit from Baystate Health

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WARE – Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot said Baystate Health released an audit report regarding the Lewis Gilbert Trust and will.

At the Sept. 16 meeting, Talbot said the report stated that Baystate Health “did nothing wrong...that they followed the terms of the will.”

Talbot said she will be following up with Baystate Health CEO and President Peter Banko and requesting to receive a more thorough report than what was given to the board.

Selectboard member Ken Willette said the report provided to the board was more of a summary, rather than a detailed audit.

“Certainly, the more complete the data is that we can share with our town as we go through this challenge of navigating the new future of healthcare in Ware, I think is an expectation on the part of the town,” he said.

Talbot said there should be no holding back from Baystate Health about the use of the trust.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the memorial plaques taken from Mary

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Ware Lions Club members celebrated the organization’s 80th anniversary at Hitchcock Tavern this past Sunday.

Ware Lions celebrated 80th anniversary

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WEST BROOKFIELD – There was a lot to celebrate this weekend as members of Ware Lions Club hosted a party in recognition of the organization’s 80th anniversary.

The party was held at Hitchcock Tavern this past Sunday, just three days after the day Ware Lions Club was established back in 1945. This party welcomed members for a day of dining, dancing, music and revisiting the history behind the Ware

Lions Club. Judy Fair of Ware Lions Club is the Zone Five Chairperson in Lions District 33A and was pleased to have this party recognizing the 80 years of service and dedication by members in serving the community and so much more.

Ware Lions Club partakes in various events on an annual basis, including Concerts in the Park at Grenville Park, helping with the food pantry, and working with the Knights of Columbus during Halloween. The Ware Lions

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2nd annual Recovery Fair held in park

Staff Report

WARE – The Ware Recovery Center of HOPE held its second annual Recovery Fair last Wednesday at Grenville Park.

“The idea of having a fair grew out of a shared belief that recovery belongs in the heart of the community. We wanted to create a visible, joyful, and welcoming space where people in recovery, their families, and the larger community of Ware could come together to celebrate Multiple Pathways and reduce stigma,” said

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Turley Staff Photo

Recovery Center of HOPE leaders Julie Lutz, Kellyann Kaiser, Sue Daley and Hank Houghton represented at the Recovery Fair.

Sultana performed historical songs

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HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library welcomed the musical group Sultana for their program “History and Legends Through Song.”

The duo of Jon and Li Waterman came from Haverhill to present a unique performance and songs tied to history. This program of songs, history, and slides are about historical and legendary people and events.

Sultana played songs about Massachusetts history, ancient Mesopotamia, Arthurian legend, the Old

West, and one song related to the Quabbin. Jon and Li have been performing together for four years and are both lifelong musicians and songwriters.

Jon is also a licensed history teacher in Massachusetts and brings music and history together through this unique program. The presentation consists of slides as guests get to learn the history and how Sultana incorporates the history into song. Some of the slides had pictures of the disincorporated towns that make up the Quabbin Reservoir.

Sultana had copies of their album for sale during the concert inside the



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Jon Waterman of Sultana practiced on his guitar before performing historical songs.

Hardwick Town House. The album features 12 songs and Jon said they’re “all history related.”

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Grange presented program on seed saving

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WARE – The Ware Grange hosted a gardening workshop this past week about preserving harvest and saving seeds.

The presentation was given by Roberta McQuaid, who saves a lot of seeds and has ways to preserve harvests during the winter months. McQuaid started off by saying this season is her “favorite time of year” where growers get to see the fruits of their labor.

McQuaid shared various tips on how to preserve harvests and what can be made at home. One way of preserving is freezing the produce. This process helps retain the nutritional value, natural color, and fresh flavor.

McQuaid had a handout for growers featuring steps when it comes to unblanched freezing and blanching freezing. The unblanched freezing method is good for berries, peppers, kale and onions. Blanching is good for peas, snow peas, broccoli, corn, and green beans.

For preparing peaches for freezing, growers should wash and dry, blanch to remove skins, cut into pieces, soak in ascorbic acid or lemon water, pack in fruit juice, and then freeze.

Drying is another pro-



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Roberta McQuaid returned to the Ware Grange to discuss ways to preserve your harvest and save seeds.

cess, and it is a natural and uncomplicated alternative. Spaces such as attics are good for drying. There is also a dehydrator or oven that can help with drying produce.

Curing of vegetables helps toughen the skin for a long harvest. This works for garlic, onions, potatoes, and squash.

For storage of vegetables and fruits McQuaid provided a recommendation sheet that specifies the proper temperature, relative humidity and length of storage per fruit and vegetable.

McQuaid saves a lot of seeds and says saving seeds saves growers a lot of money. McQuaid also suggests that each grower keeps a record of the seeds and beans they save. One of McQuaid’s favorite sauces to make is apple sauce.

On the last sheet of the handout McQuaid shared a well-organized pickle recipe

for guests to take home.

“Get ready for some pickles,” she said as she explained the instructions.

The instructions said cooks should combine all ingredients into canning jars. Then, shake and leave on counter for 36 hours and refrigerate for two days.

Randy Vaill of the Ware Grange handed out tickets for the door raffle the Grange was hosting. The prizes consisted of a recipe book, pickle seasoning, an apple slicer, a jar lifter, and fresh cloves of garlic.

The Ware Grange will be hosting the final Kid’s Corner Workshop on Monday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. and will be featuring the annual pumpkin carving event. Vaill told guests to check updates about next season’s workshops and events on the Ware Grange Facebook page, website, and e-mail list.

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 1989 showed Helen and Frank “Kibbie” Rzeznikiewicz on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were honored by the friends at the Ware Golden Age Club and they received a cake, a card and many congratulations. The happy couple was identified by their nephew, Peter Ducharme.
If you recognize the folks in this week’s photo, please send their names and your full name to pourimette@turley.com.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – The Parks and Recreation Committee asked the Highway Department to create a pickleball court at Goddard Park.

Generous citizens donated paddles, balls and net. The equipment is available at the Paige Memorial Library, next door to Goddard Park. Equipment may be checked out during open hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information people may call the Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Gail Ann Anderson at 978-257-4107. Other members are James Broussard, and Kristin Doucas.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, people are invited to come to the Page Memorial Library and make hats and mittens to donate to local groups. They will knit or crochet from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a chance to use up lots of extra yarn. Some yarn will be available at the library.

People may email Pam Hinckley at pahinkley@gmail.com for more information

On Monday, Oct. 6 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. there will be a Vaccine Clinic at the New Braintree Town Hall, Memorial Drive by the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition serving Oakham, Hardwick and New Braintree and CVS Pharmacy featuring the following vaccines: high dose/regular dose flu, shingle, COVID, pneumonia and RSV.

The location is wheelchair accessible. People may call to sign up at 508-892-7008, extension 124. People should bring their insurance card. This clinic is open to all.

If 20 people register to have vaccines in Hardwick, the LRPHC and CVS will have a clinic at the Paige Memorial Library.

Laura Dusha Nelson, a caring, knowledgeable educator, will offer on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. at Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, for a free information ses-

sion. “Living Fully, Dying Prepared” is a welcoming “book club” that invites people to reflect back, turn inward, plan ahead and find peace on their journey. Anticipate engaging activities and discussions about life and how to prepare in advance for its end, adding to clarity and their peace of mind.

A six-week workshop is coming to Hardwick/Barre area in the fall with dates and times to be announced after information session on “The Death Doula’s Guide to Living Fully Dying Prepared Plan” by Francesca Lynn Arnoldy. People should register to attend.

The Paige Memorial Library holds story time on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. to meet and play and then enjoy stories at 11 a.m. with art and science projects to follow. For more information and to sign up to hold a place, people may email Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

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Three Mile Bridge closure scheduled for Sept. 28

WARE – An inspection for the Three Mile Bridge on Route 32 is scheduled on Sunday, Sept. 28.

The inspection will occur in the overnight hours from Sunday at 9 p.m. to approximately Monday, Sept. 29 at 3 a.m. The inspection will

require the complete closure of the bridge structure for the duration defined.

The previously used detour available on the town website, www.townofware.com, will be utilized again with Old Belchertown Road remaining open.

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Painted wine glasses brimmed with creativity

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – The monthly adult evening crafts at the Ware Library continue to have spectacular turnouts.

This past craft was a “express yourself kind of craft” activity, which was painted wine glasses. Regina Diemand returned as the instructor for this adult evening craft and felt this was one of her favorite crafts so far.

About 20 crafters showed up for this month’s craft, including several newcomers. Diemand convinced all the crafters to “paint what you feel”

when designing their wine glasses. The idea for this craft came from Diemand after extensive research on what crafts exist involving wine glasses.

The crafters had several artistic tools to choose from to design their painted wine glasses. There were sharpies, nail polish, multi-surface paint and acrylic paint.

A lot of crafters got into the fall and Halloween spirit with designs related to the season and holiday. There were pumpkins, witches, leaves, and bats being drawn

throughout the reading room of the library. Diemand designed some wine glasses of her own and drew flowers.

One group of friends was on a Harry Potter kick and painted owls and other symbols related to the book series. One crafter, Samantha, painted an owl and the wine glass was going to be a birthday present for a friend.



It's the season of witches and ghosts as one crafter designed Halloween symbols on wine glass during Ware Library's monthly adult evening craft.

Diemand reminded all the crafters of one important step to the painted wine glass process. When the crafters get home, the paint on their wine glasses can be put into an oven for 250 degrees Fahrenheit. This process will help to set the paint onto the glass.

Diemand went around the room to take pictures of the creativity made on each and every wine glass. All the supplies and glasses were provided by the Ware Library.

The next adult evening craft at the Ware Library will be on Thursday, Oct. 16. The project will be determined soon and revealed on the library’s Facebook page and website.

The library is also hosting a Craft Supply Swap on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Guests can bring crafts and search



Its pumpkin season as this wine glass expressed



Painted wine glasses were considered an “express yourself kind of craft”.



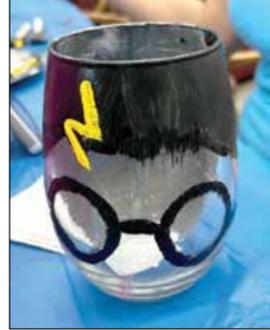
Popular Halloween colors were painted on this wine glass.



Pumpkins were painted on this wine glass.



A flower design on a wine glass was made by Regina Diemand.



A Harry Potter inspired design is painted on this wine glass.

for crafts that are available during the swap. The craft supply swap will take place in the reading room of the Ware Library, located at 37 Main St.

Guests are allowed to drop off or donate items in advance. The library appreciates all crafting supplies and materials donated.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Owls were a popular design choice for these wine glasses.



Friends of Ware Senior Center announce fundraisers

WARE – The Friends of the Ware Senior Center will be offering a raffle of a Philips 65-inch flat screen TV, (4K UHD), with tickets available at the Thrift Store in the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-noon.

Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket and the drawing will be held on Dec. 15.

The Friends are also selling their lotto calendars now until Oct. 31. Tickets are \$10 per lotto calendar and people have a chance to win every day in November.

Lotto calendars can be acquired at the Ware Senior Center, Nat Falk, Crystal Springs, Ware Library and the Ware branch of the North Brookfield Savings Bank. Ticket stubs and payment need to be placed in the drop off box at the Ware Senior Center.



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On behalf of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force

By Jennie Simmons, Melissa Hutchins and Monica Moran
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Ware River Valley DV Task Force: 25 years strong – how has the landscape changed?

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force is 25 years old this year.

It would be impossible to list everything we've done. But we can look at how the landscape has changed in our community for anyone who experiences domestic violence – or is even at risk of it.

Today, if you call the police for help with domestic violence in Ware, Warren or Hardwick, you will be connected with a local domestic violence advocate. That advocate can meet you at the office, in town, or at home if it is safe.

They can help you with safety planning, accessing resources, getting to court, and navigating the court process. You will get a guide to filling out an effective affidavit for a restraining order – something the Task Force created just this year. You will have access to a survivor support group. You will learn about the Task Force's donation fund that can help with emergency needs.

Prior to the Task Force – you would have to drive to Northampton, Holyoke or Springfield to get help. If you didn't have transportation, you were out of luck. If you did have transportation, but the person abusing you demanded to know where you went and what you were doing, getting help was never safe.

Today, if you go to your faith leader, they will know where to get help locally and some of them will have been trained and will know how to help you navigate both your faith and your safety. If your nurse was ever part of Mary Lane Hospital, they will know how to screen for domestic violence and how to connect you with support.

Your neighbor might have gone to a bystander training or a training on coercive control. They may have read

our letters to the editor, seen our outreach flyers around town, seen our brochure in their grocery bag, or seen our outreach flyer when it was mailed with over 4000 tax and water bills.

They will know that there is help, and how to guide you to it. They may even be a member of the Task Force – since anyone who lives in the community is and always has been welcome to join.

If you are the person using abuse and you want to change and become safe, there is also help for you. Today, there is an anonymous, confidential, free helpline. The Call for Change Helpline was launched by the Task Force, the town of Ware, BHN, Growing a New Heart, and a several other partners. It started by serving rural towns in Western MA and is now statewide.

It is the only helpline for people who use abuse in the country and would not exist without the leadership of our Task Force and support from the Town of Ware.

For help in-person, BHN also has educational groups in Ware. Prior to the task force, these groups were at least a half hour drive away.

Children in our community also live in a different landscape today. Even by pre-school, they may be reading and discussing picture books about healthy boundaries and consent donated to local libraries, schools and child-care centers by the Task Force and the Zonta Club of Quabog Valley.

By seventh grade, they will have the opportunity to be part of the Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force, the only high school-based domestic violence task force in the State.

If they don't join the Task Force, they will still learn about relationship health from their peers, and they will take part in annual school-wide writing prompts about what makes relationships healthy. Their parents will get letters from the Task Force every year coaching them on how to help teens build strong relationships

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A picture is worth a thousand memories

This column was prompted by a picture. You see, a coworker got out her phone and showed me a vase on her table that was filled with the most interesting velvet red flowers.

"What are these?" she asked. "Coxcomb or Celosia," I replied, and I went on to explain how the flower looks like a rooster's comb, hence the plant's name.

Seeing the image brought me right back to the late 1980s and early 1990s where I had a business growing dried flowers and crafting them into wreaths and arrangements that I later sold at area craft shows. It was a fun experience that I shared with my parents.

Read on to revisit some of my favorite flowers for drying.

Celosias make excellent dried flowers. They are available in three distinct types, crested or "Coxcomb," plumed and wheat. Crested types such as "Fireglow," "Prestige Scarlet," or "Big Chief" make quite a statement with their velvety-feeling, brainy-looking heads in rich shades of red, pink, and gold.

Plumed types come in similar colors, but are feathered in appearance. The "Sparkler" series are multi-branching when given ample growing space; just a few plants will provide you with many long lasting stems.

Newer to the catalogs, but really an heirloom, wheat celosia is the most delicate of the three. "Flamingo Feather" has rose tips with a silvery base. Pick often for an abundance of side shoots.

Globe Amaranth is another flower that is popular once dried. Clover-like heads on sturdy stems make great bouquet fillers. Nearly all varieties bloom well in the heat of the summer, producing even more flowers after they are harvested.

Cut when head reach the size of your thumbnail for best performance.

Lemon Bee Balm or

shoots are great for more delicate work.

Colors are typically shades of burgundy. Plants can grow anywhere from eighteen inches to several feet tall so site accordingly.

Winged Ammobium is a two foot tall, floppy annual that has an abundance of tiny white flowers. It is best picked when the center of the flowers just starts to show its yellow color.

If you wait too long, the centers will turn brown and unattractive. Gather small bunches of ten to twelve stems and secure them with rubber bands. Here too attach a wooden florist pick to tiny bunches for ease in floral arranging- besides giving the stem some strength, it will give it additional length.

An attic or barn loft are the best options in which to hang your harvest to dry. Flowers dried in the dark will retain their vivid colors very well and the heat will dry them out quickly.

Make small bunches of fresh cut flowers, securing them with a rubber band, not string. The rubber band will shrink along with the stems as they are drying. Hang them upside down and you will be rewarded with straight stems and upright heads.

Have fun experimenting with floral arranging or wreath making with these everlasting flowers.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

Red-eyed vireo

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a red-eyed vireo on Sept. 15 at their Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary, located on Massasoit Road in Worcester.

The red-eyed vireo has an olive green back and wings, white underparts, gray crown and a white eyebrow and a black line through its eyes. It has a yellow wash on the flanks. Adults have red eyes hence this six inch tall songbird's name. Immature birds have brown eyes.

It builds a cup shaped nest of grasses, bark and spider webs suspended in the fork of a tree. It sings almost continuously from dawn to dusk with a series of short note phrases, "Here I am, where are you?"

It is frequently parasitized by the brown-headed cowbird, which lays its eggs in other bird's nests.

It feeds on insects, mainly caterpillars and migrates to the Amazon basin for the winter. Vireos are found in the forest canopy, particularly in woodlands and forests.

Other birds at Broad Meadow
Other birds at Broad

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Task force holds 10th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

To the editor,

On Sunday, Oct. 5 the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force will proudly convene the 10th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and Community Gathering at Veterans' Park in Ware, 1 p.m.

There will be speakers, music, food, a children's bike raffle (free), face painting, and more. Students from the Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force will emcee and lead the event.

This year is especially significant. It is our 10th Annual Walk and Gathering, the

15th year for the Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force, and the 25th year for the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force which was founded in 2000.

We hope you can join us – support survivors and celebrate 25 years of making our community healthier, safer, and more resilient.

Sincerely,
Jennie Simmons, Melissa Hutchins, Dan Orszulak, Jesse Trzpit, Erin Ballard, Paula Kularski,

Camille Desjardins, Somer Bren, Jacqueline Jock, Monica Moran, Sue Lewandowski, Andrea Crete, Peggy Baxter, Mark Ames, Jenny Raiche, Sawyer Blake, Darcy Gauthier, Chief Gerald Millette, Chief Kevin Landine, Nancy Talbot, Representative Todd Smola, Stuart Beckley, Members and allies Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force

Recycling Center offers bulk waste day Oct. 18

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Recycling Center, 2011 Barre Road, will hold a Bulk Waste Collection Event on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8 a.m.-noon.

This event is open to the residents of Hardwick and surrounding towns. A recycling center sticker is not required.

Please note, there are fees per item charged to cover the cost of hauling and processing. Cash or check payment to “Town of Hardwick” accepted.

Prices are as follows: mattress/waterbed mattress/futon, \$30; couch, \$30; sleeper sofa bed/pull-out couch, \$40; loveseat/upholstered chair, \$25; pool table, \$25; wall unit cabinets, \$20; large entertain-

ment center, \$20; sink, \$15; ceiling fan/upright fan/box fan, \$10; toilet, \$20; carpeting/foam carpet backing, \$15; kitchen/dining table, \$15; bookcase/bureau, \$15; trash compactor, \$10; wooden chair/end table/coffee table/night stand, \$12; car seat (baby/child), \$7; bulk Styrofoam (bagged), \$5; and suitcases, \$5.

The staff and volunteers reserve the right to price or reject other items not listed above accordingly on site.

For more information, people can email recycling@townofhardwick.com or stop by the Hardwick Recycling Center during open hours. Volunteers are also needed during the Bulk Waste Collection Event.

Ware Senior Center news

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. 29

9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch

Tuesday, Sept. 30

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9 a.m. Movin & Groovin to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Cornhole
5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class
6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Oct. 1

9 a.m. Tai-Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Chair Yoga
12:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

Thursday, Oct. 2

9 a.m. Walking Club. Participants should meet at the Senior Center.

Friday, Oct. 3

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.)

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. Cornhole
2:30 p.m. Art Class

Friday, Oct. 3

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

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Monday, Sept. 29

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Tuesday, Sept. 30

Grilled BLT Sandwich, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Stuffed Pepper, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Oct. 2

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

Friday, Oct. 3

Grilled Cheese and Tomato Sandwich, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Dessert

Selectboard begins TM's evaluation

By **Paula Ouimette**
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WARE – The Selectboard members began the process of conducting Town Manager Stuart Beckley's evaluation in his role, starting with setting goals for him.

At the Sept. 16 meeting, Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz read a list of potential goals provided by Beckley, including meeting more regularly with department heads and provide direction and feedback as well as highlight achievements at Selectboard meetings.

Other suggested goals included posting department projects and progress on the town website to keep residents informed; continuing efficiency reviews of town departments; incorporating a 10-year capital improvement program and budget into software; updating the five-year financial model; determining funding capability and sources for upcoming large items; establishing a recycling program and drop-off center for residents; continuing progress on infrastructure projects and planning; updating emergency management plans and preparations; and improv-

ing time management and communication.

Selectboard Clerk John Desmond said he would like to see Beckley take lead on large projects in town, such as the town pool.

“Give us directions and guidance...and then a recommendation,” he said. “It’s very important that we have a full and balanced picture.”

Selectboard member Jack Cascio credited Beckley's communication and said he gives Beckley a list of his questions and concerns regularly, and Beckley always provides a status report to him on this list.

Selectboard member Ken Willette said as a former Finance Committee member, he agrees with Beckley's goals about capital improvements and the five-year financial model.

“We have to identify what the trends are,” he said. “I think that’s very much needed.”

Willette said the establishment of a recycling program was also an important goal, and it would provide a better quality of life for residents and help address

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Meadow Brook Sanctuary included a Nashville warbler on Sept. 16, a great blue heron, a sharp shinned hawk and a broad winged hawk, all on Sept. 15.

Helping birds

Bird friendly windows can prevent collisions, which annually kill millions of birds. Birds can't see glass. Instead, they see whatever happens to be reflected in its mirror-like surface. Often, this is open sky or trees, which, for a bird, are appealing and perfectly safe things to fly towards. It's estimated that between one hundred million and one billion birds die every year in collisions with manmade structures, one of the biggest killers of migratory birds.

Bird-safe glass is specially designed to make glass a visible obstacle to birds. Bird safe glass is visible to birds while transparent enough for humans to look out. People may visit the Audubon Society at <https://www.audubon.org/news/what-does-bird-safe-glass-even-mean> for ways to keep birds safe from window strikes.

Here are some of the tips they offer. Try placing your bird feeder about 1.5 feet from the window; it will slow them down. Apply a thin film to the outside of the windows. The glass will become visible to birds, but remain transparent to people.

As an added bonus for being so eco-savvy, the film will cut down on incoming infrared radiation, so it will also lower summer cooling costs. Keep curtains or shades drawn during the day to reduce reflection. Place window decals, sun catchers, tape strips, ribbons or anything else in a dense pattern in the “2x4” format, a single decal will not work. Install a screen or net a few inches outside of your windows, to lessen the impact.

Brimfield bird watcher

A Brimfield resident continued watching for migrating common night-hawks in August, but did not have any luck. He has seen them in the past.

He had three ruby-throated hummingbirds feeding on jewelweed, cardinal flower and nicotiana last month. He saw a pair of American Goldfinch drinking from the drip he has in his yard. He also saw a female pileated woodpecker on the top of a mountain ash where it ate berries for while.

Bird calls

A reader sent an email about a free bird call app called Merlin. She thought

other readers might be interested. She said, “Just enter your location and press record. I never knew hummingbirds chirp. Now I do.”

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together attended the Recovery Fair.



Ware Library staff attended the Recovery Fair.



Community members enjoyed the event.



Hampshire Hope staffed their table in support of the Recovery Fair.



Baystate Health supported the Recovery Fair.

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Julie Lutz, Program Director of the Recovery Center of HOPE.

Over 50 people attended the event. The event featured games, food and local organizations and providers.

"This was a fun time and meant a lot to me to be here," said Nate Glanville, Recovery Center of HOPE community member.

The participating providers included Ware Library, Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance, Healthy Quaboag, Behavioral Health Network, Baystate Health, Narcotics Anonymous, Belchertown Overcoming Adversity Together, Empower and Hampshire Hope. A mobile methadone clinic vehicle was also on site.

This year's Recovery Fair was moved outdoors to Grenville Park to accommodate the growing event.

"We decided to relocate the event to the park, which is located in the heart of Ware," said Kellyann Kaiser, Peer Engagement and Operational Support Administrator. "Recovery is a pathway which the community can support. Recovery is community based, not to be

hidden but visible."

The theme of this year's Recovery Fair was "Multiple Pathways," which would assist those in recovery and seeking recovery to learn about different resources available.

"Our goal today are to show that recovery is real, positive, and possible; to connect people with resources and pathways that meet their individual needs; and to strengthen community connections," said Lutz. "We want our families, neighbors, and allies to experience recovery as a collective journey, not an isolated one."

Planning has already begun for next year's Recovery Fair.

"We hope it becomes a tradition the community looks forward to each year, where recovery is celebrated openly and where people feel inspired and connected," said Lutz.

"Today, recovery doesn't just happen in treatment centers or meeting rooms – it happens in parks, in conversations, and in everyday community life. The partnerships formed and strengthened here extend that impact well beyond one day."



Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance supported the Recovery Fair.



Narcotics Anonymous presented its program at the Recovery Fair.



Empower presented at the Recovery Fair.

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including the bathhouse, could be closer to \$5 million.

Imbier said there are several grants applied for without success, which has held up progress on the project.

"That's the next step – is funding," he said.

Imbier said when the survey was completed years ago to determine the best course of action for the pool; the engineers said the current location would be the most ideal due to its central location.

Parks Manager John Piechota said the estimated cost of the new pool does not include the cost to maintain and operate the pool, and hire employees to staff it.

"Can we find people to fill these positions and what's it going to cost us?" he asked. "We didn't get that far."

Talbot said the closure of the pool has been problematic for the town, and securing grant funding doesn't seem to be working. She said the town is in a good position to borrow money for the project.

"I believe we could get

this job done a lot sooner if we are willing to take the chance, get a better estimate, get a much better idea of exactly what we want," Talbot said. "So we know where we're going to be headed and the kind of costs that we'll have to deal with if and when this were to come to fruition."

Selectboard Clerk John Desmond said he is in favor of this approach, and he stressed the importance of learning to swim for the youth of the town.

Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz also said he is "100% behind this project."

Selectboard member Jack Cascio said the cost to operate a splash pad would likely be a much lower cost to operate, and he would be in favor of installing one first if replacing the pool isn't financially feasible at this time.

Selectboard member Ken Willette said the project could be completed in phases, starting with the installation of the splash pad.

"It's not just putting the pool and upgrading the bathhouse; it's having the infrastructure to support it, which is staff," Willette said. "We've got to be mindful of that."

The Selectboard and Park Commission voted in favor of forming a subcommittee to continue looking into the cost to complete the project. An article regarding the pool is expected to be placed on the annual town meeting warrant in the spring.

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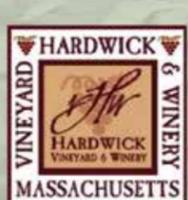


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Beyond scary

WB&CA and Beyond members tour fright park

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – The Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond held its September meeting at 13th World fright park, located at 1701 Park St.

WB&CA and Beyond President Dan Flynn said 13th World is one of the organization's newest members, and that the fright park is now celebrating its third year being open in the commonwealth. 13th World also has a location in Rhode Island.

Co-founded by Mike Crawley, Rich Vaillant and Zeke Fortier, 13th World has given western Massachusetts horror lovers something to scream about.

Crawley said their number one goal has been to get the community involved, and to make the location a family-friendly place.

New this year at 13th World, is a store offering merchandise and a food stand. A movie theater has been added to give patrons more photo opportunities.

Crawley said himself and the other owners are working to renovate the large function

hall on the site and build a pavilion.

Before leading a tour through the "Moonlight Mayhem" trail, Crawley explained how the fright park works and what guests can expect when they arrive.

He said thrill-seekers looking for something extra can purchase the "Touch of Fear" for a more "hands-on" experience.

"It adds a little bit more excitement," Crawley said.



Members of the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond held their monthly meeting at 13th World in Palmer. 13th World is a fright park located at 1701 Park St.



The "Moonlight Mayhem" transported brave participants through 13 different worlds, each with its own unique brand of horror.

During the meeting, Carol Blackmer and Jan Ouimette were presented with a gift of appreciation for their efforts to keep Ware's downtown blooming and beautiful since the spring. The pair has worked diligently to plant, water and maintain flowers in the many large pots that line

Main Street, throughout the hot and dry spring and summer.

After the meeting, WB&CA and Beyond members were able to enjoy a 10% discount good for that day at Hanna's on Main, followed by a night of axe throwing at the American Legion hall on Maple Street.



A movie theater offers visitors to the fright park a fun photo opportunity.



Co-owner Mike Crawley led a tour through the "Moonlight Mayhem."



An unusually large rodent poked its head out of a wall.



A store selling 13th World merchandise and other horror-themed items is located on site.

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Opportunities for the future

Quaboag's programs help students pursue goals and careers

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – One of the core values of Quaboag Regional Middle High School is opportunity and students have programs to seize various opportunities before graduation.

New to the Quaboag school community is Principal John Diorio who worked closely with staff over the summer to focus on the "Vision of a Graduate" and incorporate that vision into the classrooms during the current school year.

Diorio and the Quaboag staff had various conversations prior to the start of the school year to focus on the students what they will be able to after their time at Quaboag is complete. Diorio and his colleagues came up with the focus on soft skills and kinds of soft skills students want to work on during their tenure in high school.

The Quaboag staff worked hard in researching reports on soft skills and how educators can incorporate those into their classrooms. According to Diorio, soft skills can include creativity, leadership, team building, collaboration and many others.

Arriving at Quaboag, Diorio felt the culture of the school is very similar to his previous school district in North Brookfield. A lot of the core values align according to Diorio.

"It's always what can we do that is best for our students," Diorio said.

One of the first things Diorio said to the Quaboag staff before the school year started was, "how can I support you" and wants to be involved in what the school community is doing.

Diorio would then discuss the fantastic programs students can benefit from taking in high school and can help

them in their future endeavors. One of the biggest benefits Diorio believes students get from these programs is putting them head and preparing them for careers they may pursue.

Fire Academy

The Fire Academy at Quaboag has been a beneficial program treated as a real fire academy that many adults enroll in. The program provides hands-on training and classroom instruction in firefighting and emergency medical services, equipping students with life-saving skills and preparing them for careers in the fire service.

This program is developed in partnership with the Warren Fire Department. Captain PJ Russell is an instructor for Fire Academy at Quaboag and has 10 students currently enrolled. Sophomores and juniors can take the course and during their senior year take an EMT course.

Many students have graduated from the Fire Academy and have gone out to assist the fire department. Students of the Fire Academy also learn to fill out job applications and learn about the interview process.

One of the hands-on drills fire academy students due is a turnout gear drill, where the fire academy students practice getting their gear on in an efficient amount of time. Fire Academy Students also participate in first responder training and CPR.

Asher Sargent is a junior at Quaboag and is currently the Class Lieutenant in the Fire Academy. Last year while enrolled in the Fire Academy, Sargent wrote a paper on why she wanted to become the Class Lieutenant.

Sargent said she "loves the class very much" and wants to pursue a career where she helps people who can't help themselves. As the Class Lieutenant, Sargent feels being in the Fire Academy "displays leadership and feels the academy is a "collaborate class" and "it takes a team effort" for students to be successful.

CNA Program

Another rewarding pro-



Students of the Quaboag CNA Program are shown alongside instructor and Quaboag Regional Middle High School Nurse Joanne Dulak, far left. The CNA Program is one of several programs that help students pursue future careers.



Asher Sargent is a junior at Quaboag Regional Middle High School and is the Fire Academy Class Lieutenant and a Junior Firefighter at the Warren Fire Department.

gram Quaboag students can take is the CNA program taught by School Nurse, Joanne Dulak. Dulak has been the instructor for the course the last five years and has witnessed tremendous success by her students after graduating high school.

Last year, students of the CNA program were all employed as CNAs including some working at the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield. Dulak said the course gives the students the opportunity to learn and complete skills and test for CNA certification and for certification to be Phlebotomists and EKG Technicians.

Another benefit for students taking this course is it helps them get into college and nursing programs. This year, Dulak has 15 students in the CNA program, 14 juniors and one senior.

The program includes an additional room known as the Skills Room where students

learn how to properly care for patients. There are three mannequins who portray patients.

The Skills course of the program teaches students to check vital signs, conduct bed baths, transfers, and other clinical skills. There are over 30 clinical skills for CNA students to learn and they will be quizzed on them during the course.

Brielle Gerulaitis is a junior at Quaboag currently enrolled in the program. Gerulaitis expressed interest in becoming a naturopathic doctor and wanted to get early experience in working with medical patients. She believes taking this course helps in opening the doors to new opportunities in the future and see

Her classmate, Brea Sauriol is also a junior at Quaboag who has a dream to work with kids and be a pediatrician. Sauriol expressed passion in wanting to help kids and give them the best care possible.

Both Sauriol and Gerulaitis agree that the CNA program helps with communication skills and team collaboration. Students agree that Dulak is very knowledgeable and feels they can relate to her as she shares what she has learned in her profession. Having an educator like Dulak helps establish a level of honesty



Woodshop students picked up on carpentry skills including making their own toolboxes.

and trust.

"We trust what she is teaching us," both Gerulaitis and Sauriol said.

Dulak is proud of the success students achieve when taking the program and gain a sense of compassion and kindness during and after high school.

"They learn true compassion and kindness," Dulak said.

Additional soft skills information

With soft skills being incorporated into the classrooms, one of Quaboag's educators, Kimberly Chaffee, who is a history teacher has been a driving force in promoting soft skills for students to investigate.

For example, one of Chaffee's students had expressed interest in pursuing a career in civil engineering. The student would then list what soft skills are good to have first before pursuing that career and identified the skills of leadership and taking charge.

Chaffee's students shared additional soft skills they want to research such as communication, critical thinking, and attentiveness. Soon students will gravitate towards incorporating what matters in their soft skills.

"Being concrete in terms

with their skills," Chaffee said.

Woodshop courses

The wood shop at Quaboag provided various courses for students to built on carpentry skills. Charles Howard has been teaching at Quaboag for 15 years and runs the woodshop and teaches various courses to students who wish to expand on their craftsmanship. Students can take four years of carpentry related courses such as furniture making.

After high school, students can pursue an apprenticeship through the carpenters union. Taking courses in high school can knock a year off their training. Many talented students at Quaboag work on projects such as Adirondack chairs, cabinets, tables, toolboxes, and furniture pieces.

Howard says he has many students who are "committed to the craft".

Howard also has students who pick up skills by taking courses in welding and metal working. Benefits of taking these courses is the application of using tools, time management, a good work ethic and completion of projects. Howard did mention another important benefit his students pick up and that's learning from their mistakes.

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town-wide littering.

Willette expressed concerns about Beckley being spread to thin to fully oversee large infrastructure projects. He said both communication and time management are critical.

Kusnierz said Beckley has an "enormous amount of pride and care" for the town, but without a full staff, he is "somewhat vulnerable to

not be able to focus on every single thing that you should actually be doing."

"Getting this staff up to speed is going to play an intricate part," he said in improving this.

Kusnierz said Beckley is clear and open in his communication with department heads.

Kusnierz said Beckley should consider setting a policy to schedule time to meet with the public, to prevent

interruptions to his work.

Beckley thanked the Selectboard for the feedback on his proposed goals. He said he would also like to have the Selectboard work with him to set goals for the board as well.

The Selectboard will now draft a complete list of goals to approve at the next meeting. Beckley will also complete a self-evaluation and submit it to the board.



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Club also hosts an annual golf tournament every spring and proceeds from the event goes toward a scholarship.

In attendance for the anniversary party was District Governor Andrew Keane. The district consists of 1,200 members and Keane said, "we welcome new members to have fun and serve the community."

Keane did announce that a proclamation was given to the club as a way of recognizing Ware Lions Club for their 80 years of service.

Keane also talked about the Leo Club, which is a youth service club sponsored by Lions Clubs International. Leo stands for leadership, Experience, and Opportunity. The club welcomes youths under 18 to learn about taking up leadership and participating in community service.

Currently, there are 45 Lions Clubs and 10 Leo Clubs in District 33A, which consists of 300 Leos.

Members of the Lions Club want to reach out to as many people as possible and share how participative they are in various projects and causes. For example, Lions Club International offers grants for healthcare projects, including support for hospitals and clinics.

During the party at Hitchcock Tavern the Ware Lions Club had a table dis-



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
A scrapbook of memories and photos highlighted the work and membership of the Lions Club.

playing the history of Ware Lions Club. In this history there were notable projects throughout the years, including local projects.

The bandstand at Grenville Park was a Lions Club project back in 1948. Members of Ware Lions shared photographs, notes, and old newspaper articles highlighting the project that would soon become part of the park and its contemporary events.

The bandstand was rededicated back in 2014 and there was a copy of the article about the rededication that was written in the Ware River News. Various members of

Ware Lions Club expressed passion and dedication in the work they do, and the organization's efforts expand further than supporting one community.

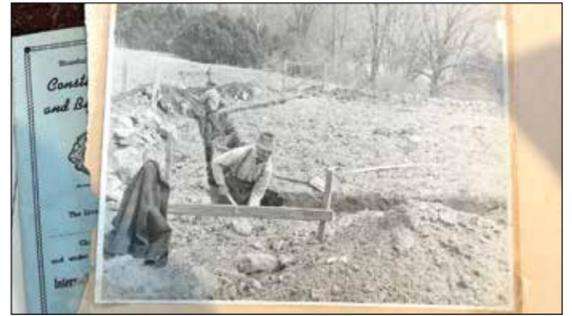
Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.

Lions Club International will be hosting the First Annual Heartfelt Messages Lion's Club Fundraiser on Oct. 5 at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery. The event will feature

Connections from your Loved Ones in Heaven event with Psychic/Medium, Vanessa Lynn. There will be raffle during the event to support the Lion's Club community outreach.

For tickets and further information, visit www.facebook.com/warelions or www.heavensguide.com. The fundraiser will be held at Hardwick Winery on Oct. 5 from 4pm-5:30 p.m.

The Ware Lions Club meets at St. Germain Professional Center at 246 West St. in Ware. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.



A photo taken back in 1948 showed where trench work was done during the construction of the bandstand at Grenville Park in Ware.



The bandstand at Grenville Park was a Lions Club project, which was rededicated back in 2014.



A ceremony with Ware Lions after the completion of the bandstand.



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Officer Andrew Ronnau received the Lifesaving Award from his department for his heroic actions at a house fire earlier this year. He also received citations from the House of Representatives and Senate.



Sergeant Ryan Gentile is pinned by his wife Dana and daughter Sophia.



Lieutenant Robert Toupin is pinned by his wife Stephanie and children Mackenzie and Benjamin.



Lieutenant Robert Toupin received a citation from state Sen. Peter Durant (left) and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.



Katie Tyler gave the invocation at the start of the celebration.



Tim Caouette sang the National Anthem.

PROMOTIONS from page 1

Daley commended both towns' Select Boards for voting to appoint Landine as chief following the retirement of James Ayotte earlier this year.

"The department will be in capable hands," he said.

He also noted the accomplishments of the department, and how it is regarded as "one of, if not the most professional in the area."

Daley invited Town Clerks Jessica Bennett and Ryan J. Witkos to each give the oath of office to Landine, who was then pinned by his wife Katherine and daughters Emma and Abigail.

Landine thanked everyone who attended the celebration, giving special appreciation to his family for their unwavering support and understanding.

"They never skip a beat helping me get out the door," he said of his wife and daughters. "This job couldn't

be done without family and friends."

Being a police officer is something Landine dreamed about since he was a small child and he joined the New Braintree Police Department after finishing the academy. Now, he is the third full time police chief of the combined Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department.

"I started as a 19 year old kid who thought I knew everything about law enforcement and was quickly humbled," he said.

Landine thanked both Select Boards for appointing him, and the number of residents who wrote letters of support for his promotion.

He also thanked the members of his department and said he couldn't run the department without each of them.

Landine then called Lieutenant Robert Toupin and Sergeant Ryan Gentile to the stage take the oath of office and be pinned by their



Sergeant Ryan Gentile received a citation from state Sen. Peter Durant (left) and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.

families.

Landine said he has known Toupin for 16 years and said his investigative work has "truly been his niche."

"Rob has been my go-to right hand and was an obvious choice," Landine said of his promotion to lieutenant.

Landine said Gentile has

been on the department for over 10 years and specialized in all things motor vehicle. He also graduated top of his class from the academy.

"He has been a sounding board to myself and the other officers," Landine said.

Landine recognized the other members of the department, including Officer Andrew Ronnau, who was given the department's Lifesaving Award for his heroic actions to save a resident at a Gilbertville house fire earlier this year.

Ronnau arrived to the scene within one minute of the 911 call coming in, and encouraged the resident to jump from the second story window, as the house was completed consumed by fire. He then dragged the unconscious woman up an icy hill for 45 yards to the front of the house and provided medical care until the ambulance arrived.

Ronnau "without a doubt," saved the life of this resident, Landine said. The woman is now home and mostly recovered thanks to his actions.

State Sen. Peter Durant and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume both presented Ronnau with citations from the Senate and the House of Representatives to recognize his response to this call.

"You are most certainly a hero," Berthiaume said.

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One of the songs on the album is about the railroad in the United States. One of the album songs is called "Northbound Train".

Both members of Sultana played on their acoustic guitars on the stage of the Town House. Other programs Sultana performs include "A Journey through the Roots of American Popular Music," "The Railroad through Song," and "Popular Music and Veterans."

It was truly live music bringing history to life as Sultana performed in Hardwick, a town rich with history. This program was supported by a grant from the Hardwick & New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Ware football's last drive falls short



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Jaiden Berthiaume heads toward the right side on a carry.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BELCHERTOWN—What a difference a year makes for the Belchertown football team.

After going winless a year ago, the Orioles have a perfect 2-0 record this season.

The Orioles, who posted a 40-0 shutout at Quaboag Regional in their season opener, remained undefeated by squeaking out a 21-20 non-league victory over the Ware Indians in the home opener, last Friday night.

“We didn’t win a game last year and we struggled to score points,” said Belchertown head coach Keith Lebeau. “We have a young crew, but our senior captains have stepped up this year. Everyone is on the same page and have been working very hard.”

The Orioles captains are Logan Duke and Eli Grillo, who are both linemen.

The Indians, who defeated Easthampton, 12-8, at home in week one, have a 1-1 overall record.

“We just made too many mistakes in tonight’s game,” said Ware head coach Mike



Alex Orszulak rushes for the Indians.

Fazio. “We had a bunch of turnovers. We just have some things to clean up.”

It was the first time that the Ware football team made the trek down Route 9 to Belchertown High School since 2017. The Indians

defeated the Orioles, 45-0, in the season opening game that year.

The previous four meetings between the two squads took place at Veterans’ Field in Ware.

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Quabbin field hockey defeats Oakmont

BARRE – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quabbin field hockey’s season continued to trend upward with a 6-0 triumph over Oakmont. According to a report from coach Shelly Zalneraitis, first quarter goal was scored unassisted on a corner by senior captain Maddy Stauder. Second and third goals came from junior captain Makenzie Casey in the second and third quarter. The third goal was assisted by sophomore Kayla Curran. The fourth goal was scored late in the third corner by sophomore Ellie Poulin assisted by eighth grader Maria Hamm. The fifth and sixth goal were scored late in the fourth corner by Maria Hamm and senior Alyssa Ebert, both assisting each other’s goals. The Panthers improved to 4-1 overall on the season.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Jontae Todd attempts to make a tackle.

Turnovers help Quabbin in win

BARRE – Last Friday night, Quabbin hosted its first home game of the season. Following an interception and another turnover from a safety, the Panthers jumped up to a big lead and eventually led 36-0 at half-time. The Panthers would defeat visiting Quaboag 36-8. Wes Sanderson, Adam Adams, Chase Talbot, and Owura Ankoma-Mensah had touchdowns. Joey Flynn had a pick-six with a 15-yard interception return for a score. Quaboag got one touchdown from Thomas Belizzi with a three-yard run in the fourth quarter.



Owura Ankoma-Mensah returns a punt.



Adam Adams catches the high snap.



Steven Smith takes the rush.



Braiden Bradley passes on the run.



Jacob Cacace tries to squeeze out another couple of yards.



Keegan Grieco takes down a ball carrier.



Chase Talbot attempts a point-after kick.



Wes Sanderson heads for the left side on a carry.



The Quabbin offensive line attempts to block.



Levi Ramirez splits the defense.

Pioneers, Indians battle to draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE— After beginning the regular season with a 4-1 home win over Hopkins Academy, the Ware boys’ varsity soccer team were outscored, 22-1, in their next four matches.

Ware was trailing Bi-County East rival Pathfinder Tech, 2-0, in the middle of the first half before storming back.

The Indians, who scored a goal before halftime, netted the tying goal with ten minutes left in regulation. Last Thursday night’s contest, which was held at Veterans’ Field in Ware, ended in a 2-2 draw.

“Our past few games haven’t been very much fun, but tonight’s game was a lot of fun,” said Ware head coach Charlene Valle. “All of the players worked very hard, and we played well as

a team. Everyone stepped up.”

The Indians had a 1-4-1 overall record and a 0-3-1 league mark following the home tie, while the Pioneers made short trip back to Palmer with a 2-2-1 overall record and a 1-2-1 league record.

Pathfinder Tech head coach David Wilson wasn’t as excited as the Ware head coach was fol-

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Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com
James Vulpe leads the charge as he brings the ball down field.

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Candlepin League News

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Bondsville League

WARE – It is week three of the Wednesday night Bondsville Candlepin League at Roll-A-Way Lanes.

During week three, Ironmen bowled against the Slow Burners. In game one, Ironmen won a close game by a score of 469-466. Steven Swistak of Ironmen bowled his first night of league and started the match with a 114. Jody Orszulak of Slow Burners began the match with a 115.

In game two, Slow Burners defeated Ironmen by a score of 458-444. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners bowled 110 and Billy Brunk of Ironmen bowled a 116 during game two.

In game three, Slow Burners won the last game by a score of 475-464. Orszulak finished the match with 112 and Brunk finished with a 123, the highest game bowled in the match. Slow Burners won total pinfall by a final score of 1399-1377.

Cannonballs bowled against Flaming Bowling Balls during week three. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls defeated Cannonballs by a score of 513-451. Joe Mullen of Flaming Bowling Balls had a good game with

110. In game two, Flaming Bowling Balls won again by a score of 514-470. Mullen followed up with a 105 in game two. Keith Marchesalt of Cannonballs bowled a 106 after an opening game of 108.



In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls won for a three-game sweep over Cannonballs, 507-504. Marchesalt finished with a 112 and a series of 326. His teammates Sally Czarnecki and Suzie Czarnecki finished strong with scores of 104 and 105.

Flaming Bowling Balls win seven points and total pinfall by a final score of 1534-1425.

Night Hawks bowled against Sandri in week three. In game one, Night Hawks were victorious by a score of 452-436. Bob Hutchinson of Sandri bowled well with a 122 and Lee Robinson of Night Hawks had the highest score on his team with a 112.

In game two, Night

Hawks won by a score of 402-375 (scratch totals). Robinsons bested his second game with a 120.

In game three, Sandri won by a scratch score of 422-373. Gavin Sinclair of Night Hawks finished strong with a 120 and a series of 333. Rich Picotte of Sandri finished strong with a 116.

The official scores of this match will be determined soon once handicap is configured.

Fire Mountain bowled against Spare Parts in week three. In game one, Fire Mountain defeated Spare Parts by a score of 348-310. In game two, Fire Mountain won again by a score of 394-335. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain had the highest game of the week with a 137.

In game three, Fire Mountain won again by a score of 350-325. Trott finished with 102 and a three-game series of 335.

Fabulous Four bowled against Zeke's Freaks in week three. In game one, Zeke's Freaks won by a score of 463-429. In game two, Zeke's Freaks won again by a score of 499-448. Steve Orszulak of Zeke's Freaks bowled a 107 and his teammate Pete Ducharme bowled a 103.

In game three, Zeke's Freaks won for a three-game sweep over Fabulous Four, 455-445. The final score was 1417-1322.

T-Birds make more personnel changes ahead of season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds have announced a hire and multiple promotions to their business staff heading into the new season. Sophia Mackin has been hired as Coordinator of Digital and Social Media, Frank Grimaldi has been promoted to Director of Ticket Operations and Retention, and Steve Brousseau has been promoted to Senior Account Executive.

Mackin joins the Thunderbirds after serving as a social and digital media intern with the team for the previous two seasons. A native of East Longmeadow, Mass., Mackin graduated from UMass-Amherst in May of 2025.

Grimaldi, a Springfield native, is an original staff member of the Thunderbirds front office, having been with the club since the team's inception in 2016. He served as an Account Executive from 2016 to 2018 before transitioning to his ticket operations & retention role before the 2018-19 season. He is an alumnus of Western New England University.

Brousseau joined the Thunderbirds front office full-time during the 2021-22 season after spending two seasons as a game-day intern with the team. A native of Freeport, Maine, Brousseau has been recognized for his excellence, having been named a finalist for the Howdy Award this past April for outstanding customer service in the hospitality

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Extra roster spots open in Quabbin Valley fall baseball league

SOUTH HADLEY – The Quabbin Valley Baseball League fall session is underway with just two games played. Due to injuries and other obligations, a small

number of roster spots have opened up on teams and the league would like to add a few more players for the remainder of the fall campaign.

Games are Sundays at 10 a.m. for the remainder through Nov. 2. Anyone interested in registering can go to www.quabbinvalley-baseball.org and click on the

registration link. There are six games remaining in the season and the fee to play in the remaining games will be prorated for any player who joins. Players looking to join

should be age 28 or older. For more information or to ask any questions, contact Greg Scibelli at GScibelli22@yahoo.com.

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In this year's contest, Ware won the pregame coin toss and deferred until the second half kickoff.

It took the Orioles nine plays to reach the end zone for the first time.

Following runs by sophomore Ethan Longley, junior Avery Cote, and senior game captain Adam O'Rourke, junior quarterback Coleman Longley called his own number in the huddle. He capped off the scoring drive, which covered 65 yards, by dashing three yards into the end zone around the right end with 8:15 left in the first quarter.

The extra point was made by junior Leandro Martins, who's a first-year member of the Orioles football team. Martins made all three of his extra point attempts, which turned out to be the difference maker.

"Leandro is a soccer kid, and we asked him if he'd be interested in doing some kicking," Lebeau said. "His extra points were huge."

The Indians responded with a six play scoring drive covering 60 yards.

Senior captain Jaden Berthiaume carried the ball for 25 and 10 yards on the first two plays of the series.

Following two more runs by junior quarterback Troy Jurczyk and senior captain Alex Orszulak.

The Indians other two senior captains are Sean Bernier and Marek Luongo.

Berthiaume picked up another first down. He then plowed into the end zone on a four yard run up the middle with 4:49 remaining in the quarter.

The snap from center on the PAT attempt was fumbled. Jurczyk, who's also the Indians kicker picked up the ball and completed a pass to Orszulak, who was tackled short of the end zone.

With 2:30 left in the first quarter, Coleman Longley



Jayden Diaz makes a block.

completed a 40-yard TD pass to Martins, which gave the home team a 14-6 advantage.

The Orioles, who rushed for more than 350 yards in their season opener, kept the eight point lead until the end of the first half.

Following an interception by Bernier at midfield, Jurczyk, who's the Indians first-year starting QB, threw a 35-yard bomb down the right sideline to junior Dalton Marquis. On the next play, Jurczyk scrambled 15-yards into the end zone with 1:07 showing on the scoreboard clock. A pass attempt on the two-point conversion play was incomplete.

It gave the Orioles a slim 14-12 halftime lead.

Both teams traded fumbles in the third quarter.

The Orioles built a 21-12 lead with 53.5 seconds left in the third quarter when Ethan Longley scored a 16 yard rushing touchdown on a fourth down play.

Just like they did in the first quarter, the Indians answered right back at the start of the final quarter.



Troy Jurczyk takes the snap.

Orszulak finished the scoring drive with a 14-yard TD run with 10:51 left in regulation. He also caught a TD pass from Jurczyk on the conversion try.

The Orioles did have one final chance to take the lead.

With two minutes left, Jurczyk completed a pass over the middle to Marquis, who made an outstanding catch between a couple of defenders at the Orioles 39-yard line. The visitors couldn't get any closer than that, as they turned the ball over on downs.

Coleman Longley took a knee on the final three plays of the game, which enabled the Orioles to celebrate their second victory.

The Indians will be looking to get back into the win column when they host the Springfield International Charter School (0-2) on Friday night.

Belchertown will be looking to improve to 3-0 when they battle Ludlow (0-2) in another non-league home game on Friday night.



Ian Hogan goes for a tackle.

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Athlete of the Month

Alex Orszulak
WARE HIGH SCHOOL

Orszulak had a rushing touchdown late in the game for Ware football against Belchertown, bringing the Indians to within a point of tying the score. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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losing the match. "I'm not very happy with this result," Wilson said. "We dominated the first half and had plenty of scoring chances. It's very frustrating, but you have to give a lot of credit to Ware. They fought very hard and played with a lot of heart."

It was the first meeting on the soccer pitch between the two squads since the 2022 regular season. The two meetings that season also ended in ties.

One of the Indians key players in last Thursday's match was senior goalkeeper Jack Gaudreau, who made a total of 22 saves.

"I think Jack has a chance to finish his varsity career with more than 700 saves, which will be a new school record," Vallee said. "He always keeps us in every game even when we're losing. He's a fantastic goalie."

Gaudreau was aided by a strong defense led by senior Kyle Kaczuwka, sophomore Jaedon Warren, and sophomore Levi Ramirez.

The Pioneers did take a 1-0 lead during the 13th minute of the opening half when senior Adonis Dupre put a shot into the right corner of the net for an unassisted goal.

A couple of minutes later, junior Cayden Bousquet fired another shot on goal for the visiting team, but Gaudreau made an outstanding diving save.

Bousquet assisted on the Pioneers second goal, which was scored on a tap in by senior Jaleel Roman in the 24th minute.

The Indians got on the scoreboard two minutes later following a free kick goal from about 30 yards out by sophomore Matt Skutnik. The ball sailed into the back of the net past freshman goalie Elijah Hodge.

"Whenever Matt takes free kicks closer to the goal, they usually go over the crossbar," Vallee said. "I knew that he could score a goal from that distance. It



Kyle Kaczuwka blocks the ball to grab control.



Brodie Kozcur heads the ball during early play.



Jaleel Roman knocks the ball down to gain control.

also set the tone for the rest of the game."

The Pioneers had eight more shots on goal during the final 15 minutes of the first half, but the score was still 2 to 1 at the break.

Hodge, who made three saves in the first half, was replaced by junior Gavin Peters (5 saves) at the start of the second half.

Ware senior Ryder Cahalan had several scoring chances in the first twenty minutes of the second half.

Another shot by Cahalan struck off the right post with ten minutes left in regulation. Then senior Kaleb Kanozek passed the ball to freshman

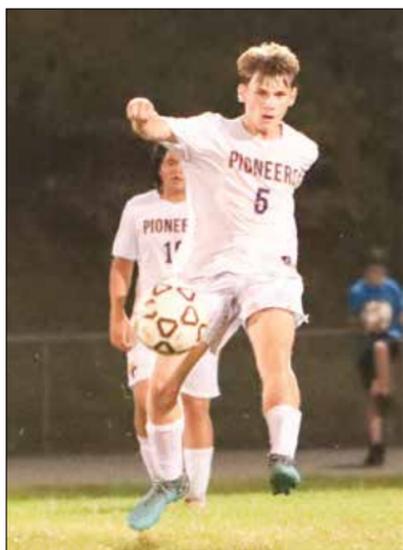
Raymond Kularski, who scored his first varsity goal tying the score at 2-2.

"Ray is a first-year member of the boys' soccer team," Valle said. "His tying goal pumped up the rest of the team. Everyone was very excited for him."

Ware had a corner kick and a free kick during the final five minutes, but the match ended in a tie.

The second meeting of the regular season between the rivals is scheduled to take place at Pathfinder Tech on October 10.

Cayden Bousquet focuses on bringing the ball into play.



Raymond Kularski ready to pass the ball.



Owen Pear heads the ball during play.

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industry. He is an alumnus of Springfield College.

In addition, the Thunderbirds have also brought in Andrew "Guam" McCormic as Retail Office Coordinator and Ethan Vattaso as Gameday Operations Assistant.

McCormic served as the Gameday Operations Assistant last season before transitioning into this role, where he will assist in gameday merchandise and retail sales. He is a 2025 graduate of Springfield College and will be entering his fourth season with the T-Birds organization.

Vattaso, a current undergraduate at Springfield College, is entering his third season as part of the Thunderbirds' gameday staff. He will manage the staff and oversee live entertainment elements throughout home game nights at the MassMutual Center this season.

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Great AMERICAN MUSCLE Car Show

First ever car show pays tribute to U.S. horsepower

By Paula Oullette
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PALMER - Car enthusiasts celebrated the nation's independence and American-made horsepower at the first ever Great American Muscle Car Show held at Palmer Motorsports Park this past Sunday.

Hundreds of American muscle cars were on display at the track, ranging from hot rods and classics, to popular "pony cars" such as Mustangs and Challengers.

This event was sponsored by Sara Ford Lincoln and Palmer Motorsports EMPERORANCE. The Valley's Classic Cars 97.7 gave a live broadcast from the car show and played tunes for all to enjoy.

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Bob Derocches of Spencer is shown with his 1949 Chevy vintage gasser racecar.

Residents discuss concerns about rail trail usage

By Paula Oullette
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WARE - Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnerz said he was contacted about concerns regarding access to the Mass Central Rail Trail in the area of Oakridge Circle.

At the Selectboard's July 1 meeting, Kusnerz said a resident shared his concerns and video footage of ATVs, dirt bikes, golf carts and unlicensed animals entering private property. He expressed his own concerns about someone being hurt by the use of motorized vehicles on the trail.

He said these motorized vehicles do not belong on the trail, and also said the placement of gates near Oakridge Circle would help to prevent this type of unauthorized use.

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ConCom held public hearing

By Ryan Deane
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WARREN - The Conservation Commission met on July 1 for a public hearing for a lot off Crouch Road.

Pursuing the project on Lot 3B of Crouch Road was Professional Land Surveyor Bryan Hill. The project consists of moving into the lot and there is a stream on site that needs to be crossed for access Hill said the purpose of wanting to cross that stream is to provide the house on site with septic.

The land surveyor's goal is to still protect the wetlands and reduce disturbance areas. The project also features the installation of a safe driveway on the lot.

The commission pulled a map of the lot on their screen and shared their main concerns. Conservation Chair Joyce Eubank circled some of the impacted areas on the map and wanted to have a description of what the house would look like.

The house is going to have a walkway to access the porch and a walkway to the walk-in basement. There is also a plan to install an infiltration system for the roof runoff and a groundwater recharge.

The Conservation Commission had documentation to share with the Hill that is required information. One of the sheets is a application checklist, a document researchers are encouraged to follow and document when

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Selectboard, residents discuss the use of trust funds

By Paula Oullette
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WARE - Several residents attended the July 1 meeting to ask the Selectboard to reconsider its care of the Lewis Gilbert Bank of America, which Baystate Health is its beneficiary.

Friends of Mary Lane Hospital members, Cindy Allen Boiesler and Cathy Cascio, along with several other residents, spoke in support of naming the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts as the new trustee.

Boiesler said Bank of America made a decision on April 6 to turn the funds over to the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

Hospital Review Committee Chair Howard Trisch said for the last four years, the committee has worked to bring health care back to town. He said the recent proposal by Baystate Health to open a fund money in order to move forward.

"This is an opportunity to bring healthcare back to town," he said. "We have a real plan. It has a timeline, it has funding, it is Community Care, which by their definition has some urgent care components to it."

Open meeting law complaint

Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot read the Selectboard's response to board's open meeting law complaint filed against the board's executive session regarding the Lewis Gilbert Trust.

The Selectboard members voted to release the document.

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At the July 1, the Selectboard appointed Summer Bren to serve as a full-time police officer on the Police Department. Bren is shown with Police Chief Shawn Crevier.

Wingmasters visit Hardwick for Summer Reading

HARDWICK - A very head-shedded markings. The strong connection between raptors and Native Americans suggested that five live birds of prey with artifacts and both explained and shows how different

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Questions needed for 'Meet the Candidates' forum

WARE - Ware Community Television and the Ware River News are hosting a "Meet the Candidates" forum prior to

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public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of Sept. 14-23, the Ware Police Department responded to 37 miscellaneous calls, 17 administrative calls, eight traffic violations, 23 emergency 911 calls, eight motor vehicle accidents, three harassments, two thefts/larcenies, three trespasses, one damage/vandalism, two breaking and enterings, three safety hazards, 11 animal calls and 50 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Sunday, Sept. 14
6:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
11:39 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Main Street, Advised
12:15 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered
3:39 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, North Street, Investigated
5:33 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Investigated

Monday, Sept. 15
2:34 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gould Road, Services Rendered
4:42 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Assist Given
5:55 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Main Street, Advised

Tuesday, Sept. 16
11:12 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Storrs Street, Report Made
2:39 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Mountain View Drive, Investigated
5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasant Street, Citation/Warning Issued
8:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Wednesday, Sept. 17
12:29 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Morse Avenue, Dispatch Handled
10:58 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Could Not Locate
12:11 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Grove Street, Services Rendered
12:26 p.m. Abandoned

911 Call, West Main Street, Dispatch Handled
1:02 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated
3:35 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sky View Drive, Could Not Locate
5:29 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Services Rendered
6:23 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made
7:50 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, North Street, Advised

Thursday, Sept. 18
2:58 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sky View Drive, Services Rendered
3:52 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sky View Drive, Dispatch Handled
11:31 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gould Road, Dispatch Handled
6:12 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, West Street, Assist Given
10:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Vehicle Towed

Friday, Sept. 19
7:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
9:18 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Valley View, Services Rendered
4:16 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pleasant Street, Investigated
4:26 p.m. Safety Hazard, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
5:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued
6:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Arrest Made
7:35 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Assist Given

Saturday, Sept. 20
3:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
4:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
7:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued

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9:46 a.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Services Rendered
12:11 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Pleasant Street, Vehicle Towed
7:25 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Maple Avenue, Advised

Sunday, Sept. 21
1:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
6:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued
8:15 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Investigated
9:48 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
10:54 a.m. Safety Hazard, Benham Avenue, Services Rendered
12:13 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Morse Avenue, Services Rendered
2:37 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Main Street, Services Rendered
5:31 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Crescent Street, Dispatch Handled

Monday, Sept. 22
2:56 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, High Street, Dispatch Handled
5:47 a.m. Safety Hazard, Babcock Tavern Road, Services Rendered
6:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
12:01 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, East Street, Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

During the week of Sept. 7-13, the Warren Police Department responded to 94 building/property checks, 27 community policings, six emergency 911 calls, one complaint, one safety hazard, one fraud/forgery, one larceny/theft, one harassment, one illegal dumping, one threat, one parking issue, three animal calls and 62 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Sept. 7
7:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
10:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Citation Issued
4:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
5:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
7:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Written Warning
7:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning
9:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning
9:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Quaboag Street, Written Warning
9:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
10:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

Monday, Sept. 8
12:09 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road,

Written Warning
3:39 p.m. Harassment, School Street, Officer Spoke to Party
4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning
4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
5:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Road, Written Warning
6:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Warren, Written Warning
6:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:32 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Old West Warren Road, Officer/Chief Advised
7 p.m. Safety Concern, Carpenter Street, Investigated
7:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
7:28 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
7:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Written Warning
7:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

9:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge, Written Warning
9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, School House Drive, Written Warning
10:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, Sept. 9
12:29 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
12:57 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Yankee Drummer Drive Report Filed
2:02 p.m. Threats, Reed Street, Report Filed
6:19 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
9:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, Sept. 10
11:04 a.m. Falls, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital
11:28 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed
1:53 p.m. Suspicious Person, Brook Road, Report Filed
5:45 p.m. Parking Issues, Maple Street, Investigated

Thursday, Sept. 11
1:42 p.m. Diabetic, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
5:21 p.m. Noise Complaint, North Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Sept. 12
10:28 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Old West Brookfield Road, Investigated

Saturday, Sept. 13
3:25 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of Sept. 8-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 157 building/property checks, 88 directed/area patrols, 17 radar assignments, six traffic controls, 16 emergency 911 calls, seven citizen assists, seven assist other agencies, four complaints, five investigations, three motor vehicle investigations, one harassment, three larcenies/thefts/shoptliftings, one motor vehicle accident, seven animal calls and 17 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Sept. 8
12:17 p.m. Harassment, Lower Road, Spoken To
3:07 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Officer Handled
4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Criminal Complaint
5:14 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Dispatch Handled
7:13 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patrill Hollow Road, Patient Refusal

Tuesday, Sept. 9
10:16 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered
3 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled
11:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency, South Barre, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 10
4:01 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Officer Handled
7:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Sept. 11
11:12 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Spoken To
12:45 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Spoken To
7:22 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Prospect Street, Spoken To
8 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Sept. 12
8:50 a.m. Investigation, Prospect Street, Services

Rendered
11:53 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered
3:46 p.m. Assist Citizen, Out of Town, Officer Handled
7:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, Sept. 13
6:58 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
12:15 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
12:44 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Report Taken

Sunday, Sept. 14
8:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Transported to Hospital
1:13 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle

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Send Us Your Community Dazzler Events

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obituary

Fire Dept. open house is Oct. 4

WARE – The Ware Fire Department will hold an open house on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join the firefighters for some fun and education. There will be station tours, apparatus tours, gear demo, handouts and information and arts and crafts.

This year the Ware Fire Department will be collecting donations for Second Chance Animal Services. Donations of food, treats, toys, old blankets and towels are greatly appreciated. For a list of shelter needs, visit www.secondchanceanimals.org/wish-list.

Maddie's Dogs will be at the station during the open house offering food and refreshments.

6th annual Cars & Coffee show is Sept. 27

WARE – The 6th annual Hawkman Cars & Coffee show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at McDonald's, 117 West St.

There is no entry fee and the rain date is Sept. 28. For more information, contact Frank by calling 413-512-0356 or emailing fsapowsky@yahoo.com.

Two-vehicle collision leaves one person dead

BELCHERTOWN – A 48-year-old Ware woman died Tuesday, Sept. 16 when her car collided with a truck parked on Route 9 in Belchertown.

The woman was alone in the car when her vehicle collided with a UPS truck parked alongside a residence at 300 Ware Road shortly after 1 p.m. She was taken by ambulance to Baystate Wing Medical Center in Palmer, where she was pronounced deceased.

The driver of the truck sustained minor injuries when he was knocked down in the collision.

The crash remains under investigation. Belchertown Police, State Police assigned to the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, and members of the Collision Analysis Reconstruction, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, and Crime Scene Services sections of the State Police responded to the scene.

RMV announces driver's ed returns to in person format

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles announced that, starting Monday, Sept. 22, all classroom instruction provided by professional driving schools will transition back to an in-person format.

The RMV has been in communication with driving schools, customers and other stakeholders, explaining how this change will result in enhanced student engagement, stronger learning outcomes, equal opportunities for all schools and improved road safety.

The option of remote (virtual) classes was introduced as an accommoda-

tion during the pandemic. Effective Sept. 22, a live instructor will be required to teach all classes including the parent class. There will be a maximum of 30 students per class for a student/teacher ratio of 30:1. Research supports that in-person learning fosters better focus, higher engagement and more effective preparation for safe driving.

For information, people may visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/drivers-education-programs>. For the latest RMV updates and information, people may follow the RMV at MassRMV on X, formerly Twitter.

Christine A. Raiche, 72

WARE – Christine A. (Collins) Raiche, age 72 of Ware, passed away after a courageous three-year battle with cancer.



Born in Springfield to the late Aneclair M. (Hamborg) Collins. Christine enjoyed going to beaches and thrift shops on Cape Cod and craft fairs and enjoyed traveling on vacations and cruises with her family.

She retired after 40 years in the deli and the healthful foods department as a clerk for Stop Shop.

She leaves her beloved husband and best friend, Jeffrey Raiche and sons, Steven Raiche and his wife Jennifer of Belchertown and Brian Raiche of Martha's Vineyard. As well as, her sister-in-law Lorianne Crane of Ludlow, brother-in-law Joseph Raiche of Springfield, niece Joella Raiche and partner Mark Surprenant of South Hadley and neph-

ew Nicholas Crane and fiancée Nicole Fregeau of Springfield. She also has three grandchildren, Branden, Lucas and Kristina. Christine was predeceased by her sister Karin (Collins) Denhard.

Visitation is to be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10-11 a.m. in Cebula Funeral Home, 66 South St., Ware. A Funeral Prayer Service with Words of Remembrance to follow at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cebula Funeral Home Ware. For more information and an online guestbook, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the D'Amour Center for Cancer Care 3350 Main St., Springfield, MA 01107 or Baystate Hospice, Baystate Health Foundation, 280 Chestnut St., Springfield, MA 01199.

Death notice

Raiche, Christine A. (Collins)
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Services Sept. 27, 2025

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Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated

Monday, Sept. 15

12:28 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Services Rendered
3:37 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Bridge Street, Referred to Other Agency
3:59 p.m. Assist Citizen, Brook Road, Transported to Hospital
4:30 p.m. Investigation, Greenwich Road, Negative Contact

7:36 p.m. Complaint, Prouty Road, Officer Handled

9:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Sept. 16

10:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
1:46 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Spoken To
2:12 p.m. Investigation, Prospect Street, Negative Contact
2:36 p.m. Assist Citizen,

Town Hall, Services Rendered

4:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, School Street, Spoken To
5:28 p.m. Investigation, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Sept. 17

8:29 a.m. Utility Issues, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
9:17 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Spoken To

Thursday, Sept. 18

2:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

3 p.m. Complaint, North Street, Officer Handled
3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Friday, Sept. 19

8:13 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Main Street, Report Taken
8:51 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Road, Transported to Hospital
12:30 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Barre Road, Report Taken

6:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Sept. 20

11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
7:40 p.m. Disturbance, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
8:25 p.m. Disturbance, Greenwich Road, Investigated
9:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Services Rendered

11:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Sept. 21

6:53 a.m. 911 Fire Alarm, High Street, Services Rendered
7:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Sept. 22

6:09 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

Ware River News ~ November 6, 2025

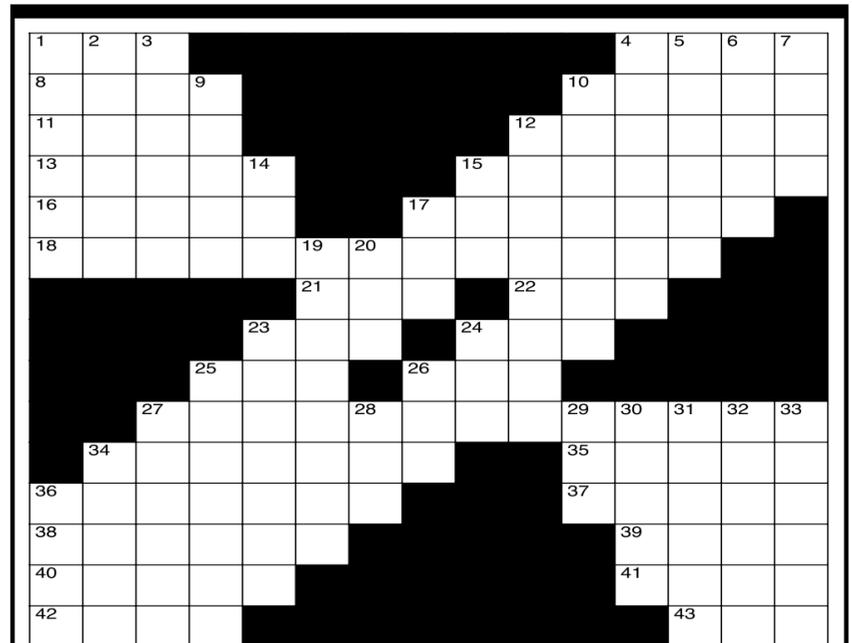
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Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 13, 2025.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Gas usage measurement
- Muslim mystic
- Towards the mouth or oral region
- Monday (Spanish)
- Frame for a coffin
- Rub out
- John ____, English educator 1467-1519
- Small round particle
- Chilean seaport
- News service
- Pay for dinner
- Glamorous city
- Subway rodent
- "The Raven"
- Buddhist festival
- Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- Indigenous person of Thailand
- "The Blonde Bombshell"
- Series-ending episodes
- Bluish greens
- Aquatic mammal
- Unit of measurement
- Eye membranes
- Indian god of dissolution
- People of Scotland
- Leak slowly

CLUES DOWN

- Large hat covering
- "From what is earlier" (Latin)
- Celtic
- Retirement region
- A way to change posture
- Touches
- A small island
- Rubbish
- A citizen of Laos
- A place to dance
- 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- Mild expression of surprise
- 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- Descriptions
- Men's fashion accessory
- Thieves of the sea
- Prohibit
- Card game
- French and Belgian river
- Underling
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Holy Cross church hosts school supply drive

WARE – Holy Cross PNCC is collecting school supplies to be donated to students at local Ware schools.

Donations can be brought to Holy Cross PNCC, 61 Maple St., on Sunday mornings during the 8 a.m. Holy Mass, after Mass in the

Church Hall, or anytime to the rectory located on the right side of the church.

TASK FORCE from page 4 and how to support their teen if they are being mistreated or abused.

Our work is not done until everyone in our community is safe. But this October, we will take one day to pause

and look how far we have come.

The 10th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and Community Gathering will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. at Veteran's Park. As always, the event will

be led by students from the Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force.

There will be hot dogs, face painting, a free bike raffle, messages of hope, and recognition for all we have accomplished. We hope you will join us.

AUDIT from page 1

Lane Hospital were delivered to the Ware Center Meeting House, and the missing meeting minutes from the Hospital Review Committee have been completed and posted on the town's website.

Talbot said the committee will meet one last time to approve those meeting minutes before it dissolves.

DV Awareness Walk

Monica Moran and Melissa Hutchins of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force said they will be holding the 10th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and Community Gathering on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m.

Moran said that it's also the 15th year the Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force has been in existence, led by teachers Dan Orszulak and Jesse Trzpit.

"It's a big one and we want to make sure everybody knows about it," she said.

Moran said the event will feature a free raffle of kid's bicycles, facepainting, music and more.

Hutchins said domestic violence affects one in four women and one in seven men. She is a domestic violence advocate with Behavioral Health Network, working with the police departments in Ware, Warren and Hardwick.

"Just in Ware alone, we have served 88 people," she said. "We have served 318 total this year...almost 28% of the people we serve are right here in town."

Hutchins and Moran credited the protocol the task force has with the three police departments, allowing them to help survivors of domestic violence.

Reorganization of board

Selectboard member Jack Cascio nominated Willette to serve as chair of the Selectboard, which was not seconded. Willette said he respectfully declined the nomination, as he is the newest member on the board.

"I appreciate the vote of

confidence, but as the newest member of the board I do find myself still learning and still engaging and drawing on the experience of the current board members," Willette said.

No other nominations were made, so the Selectboard members decided to keep all positions as they currently are.

Comments and concerns

Desmond said vegetation from vacant properties has been growing onto town property, including sidewalks. He suggested the town come up with a bylaw that would require property owners to keep vegetation from the sidewalks, or allow the town to remove it if necessary.

He said the existing process is lengthy and complicated and a bylaw would help to expedite things and keep sidewalks clear for pedestrians.

Cascio also raised concerns about Planet Aid donation bins being placed in the municipal parking lot by Veterans Park, and he said a resident had brought up worries about trash being dumped there and parking being impacted.

Beckley said Planet Aid has been very responsive with collecting donations from the bins, which were formerly placed on the school campus. He said the school department no longer wanted the bins, and it was decided to bring them downtown.

Beckley said people can still park in front of the bins, and the donation pickup will only occur on specific mornings when the restaurants are not open.

He said the Town Hall staff park in the lot, and there are many people monitoring the activity at the bins. He said the town receives a small income for having the donation bins.

Town Hall business hours

The Selectboard reviewed the current public hours of Town Hall staff, after the hours were switched to appointments only on Wednesdays on a six-month trial basis.

Beckley said the change in the hours benefited the Treasurer/Collector's office, allowing them to get caught up with banking and reconciliation, as well as the Town Clerk's office. He said other departments didn't see a change one way or the other.

The Selectboard will continue the discussion at a future meeting to determine whether the current hours need to be adjusted.

Town Hall stage curtain

Beckley said the stage curtain in the Town Hall needs to be remediated and a plan has been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

He said they now need to find a contractor to complete the work, which involves cleaning behind the stage and approximately 20 feet in front of the stage, in addition to the encapsulation of the curtain. He said he expects this to take about a month to finish.

Beckley said the town has filed an insurance claim to help cover these costs.

Appointment

The Selectboard appointed Susan Sandridge to the Historical Commission for a three-year term.

Hiring update

Beckley said the water and sewer operations manager positions have been posted, and the Department of Public Works Director position has been reposted with a higher salary range. He said they have received one response for an operations manager.

He said a laborer was hired for the Parks Department and that person will be starting in a couple of weeks.

Water/Sewer Commission meeting

The Selectboard scheduled a meeting of the Water/Sewer Commission on Oct. 21 at 5 p.m.

Special Town Meeting date

A Special Town Meeting will be held on Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Ware High School.

Town of Hardwick Conservation Commission Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Meeting will be held for a Request for Determination of Applicability on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Applicant: Kevin Graves
Description of Proposed Work: Installation of electric poles and underground trench to single-family home
Location: 528 Ridge Road
Town: Hardwick
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By: James M. Regin
Dated: 9/4/2025
09/11, 09/18, 09/25/2025

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TOWN OF WARREN RIVER & CENTRAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Town of Warren invites sealed bids for the River & Central Street Improvement Project. The project consists of furnishing all labor, tools, materials, and equipment necessary for the installation of approximately 805 linear feet of 8-inch DI water main and associated water services, 425 linear feet of 12-inch-HDPE drainage pipe and associated precast concrete structures, and 510 LF of roadway reconstruction, and associated work. Alternate #1 includes the installation of approximately 510 LF of new concrete sidewalk paving & curbing. Alternate #2 includes the installation of approximately 395 LF of roadway reconstruction, associated drainage improvements, and new concrete sidewalk paving & curbing. This project is being administered by the Town of Warren and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) and funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), FY2024 Warren Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The engineer's estimate for the base bid totals \$655,000.

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be viewed electronically beginning September 24, 2025. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available at www.biddocs.com (may be viewed electronically and downloaded at no

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All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates required by M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27H, inclusive, or by the federal Davis-Bacon wage rates, whichever hourly rate is higher. The project is also governed by HUD's Section 3 policy as implement by 24 CFR Part 75, whereas efforts occur to ensure that economic opportunities, most importantly employment, generated by this CDBG program shall be directed to low- and very low-income persons. Bidders on the work shall also make a good faith effort to achieve the goals of the Federal Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) policy regarding utilization of MBEs and WBEs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder. This project is subject to Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act requirements.

A bid bond with an acceptable surety, or a certified bank check in the amount of 5% of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid and made payable to the Town of Warren. The successful bidder must furnish a 100% Performance Bond, and 100% Labor and Material Payment Bond.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the River & Central Street Improvement Project. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the bid opening.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the EOHLB Block Grant program. The Town of Warren, the Awarding and Contracting Authority, may cancel this Invitation for Bid (IFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town, and will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

A pre-bid conference will not be held for this project. Questions regarding the bid specifications should be directed in writing to Jacob Murray at Waterfield Design Group, at jmurray@wdgrp.com. Contract documents may be viewed at the CMRPC, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, MA 01608, or Warren Town Hall Building, 48 High Street, Warren, MA 01083.

Bids must be received at the Town of Warren, Office of Town Administrator, located at

48 High Street, Shepard Municipal Building, Warren, MA, 01083 no later than 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 16th, 2025. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

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(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 25 SM 002732 ORDER OF NOTICE TO:

Brian Herring and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 et seq.:

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Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

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