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## Former fire chief arraigned on larceny charges

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NORTHAMPTON – Former Ware Fire Chief Thomas Coulombe was arraigned at

Hampshire County Superior Court last week, for allegedly embezzling more than \$28,000 from the town and three regional fire associations.

Coulombe's lawyer, Attorney Jared Olanoff, entered a plea of

not guilty on his client's behalf at the Sept. 20 hearing.

Worcester County Assistant District Attorney Maureen McNally asked that Coulombe be released on personal recognizance, which Judge Francis E. Flannery

granted without conditions.

A trial date was set for Feb. 28, 2024, with a pre-trial conference on Jan. 24, 2024.

According to a press release from the Office of the Inspector General, on Aug. 11 a Hampshire

County grand jury indicted Coulombe for four counts of larceny over \$1,200 for allegedly embezzling more than \$28,000. He is accused of submitting false

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Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund holds a print of artist Jacob Knight's painting of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital, which was commissioned by the Hospital for its 75th anniversary. The original painting hangs in the Young Men's Library Association.

## Ware River Park officially opens in Gilbertville

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HARDWICK – About 50 community members, volunteers, state and town officials and Mass Central Rail Trail supporters and enthusiasts joined the Conservation Commission this past Tuesday for the official grand opening of Ware River Park on Lower Road.

"We are here today to thank all of you," Conservation Commission Vice-Chair Rebecca Bottomley said. "We couldn't have done this without all of you."

Ware River Park started as the Conservation Commission's "COVID project," three years ago, when Bottomley and Conservation Commission Chair William Zinni sat outside on a deck and worked on a plan for the 10-acre parcel.

Bottomley thanked East Quabbin Land Trust's Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw for her collaborative efforts in securing a MassTrails grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, along with countless volunteer hours from EQLT's

members.

Henshaw said protecting this parcel of land was one of EQLT's first projects back in the 1990s. Back then, it was so overgrown with weeds and invasive plants, you couldn't see the Ware River.

Now, you can enjoy a view of the river almost the entire length of the trail.

The Mass Central Rail Trail connects from the gazebo at New Furnace Landing to another shorter section of trail near the Gilbertville mill. This shorter trail leads to the Ware-Hardwick Covered Bridge.

Once roadwork is completed, a crosswalk will be added at the gazebo, helping trail users cross Route 32.

EQLT oversees other sections of Mass Central Rail Trail in town, branching from Creamery Road into New Braintree, and from New Braintree to Wheelwright.

Henshaw said EQLT is preparing for its annual Station Loop Ramble on Sunday, Oct. 15, which features three different races utilizing the trails. Proceeds from this

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Conservation Commission Vice-Chair Rebecca Bottomley cuts the ribbon at the official grand opening of the Mass Central Rail Trail at Ware River Park in Gilbertville. Joining her are Conservation Commission Chair William Zinni (third from right), Clerk Peggy Baxter (second from right), Conservation Commission member Neil Halin (right), along with members of Brown's Trucking & Excavating, Inc. and the Highway Department.

## Residents share ideas for MLH site

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WARE – It was standing room only at the Ware Senior Center last week, as community members joined representatives from the Hospital Review Committee and HKT Architects Inc. in a visioning session for the Baystate Mary Lane Hospital site.

About 100 residents from Ware and Hardwick attended the session on Sept. 20, to discuss the future of the South Street property, which served as a hospital for almost 100 years.

Named after founder Lewis Gilbert's late wife Mary Lane, the hospital was built using a trust established to provide health services to the residents of Ware and Gilbertville.

Now, Baystate is working to transfer the remaining outpatient services to Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer by the end of the year, remove hazards and demolish some or all of the buildings.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the Gilbert Trust still exists, with around \$6-7 million in its endowment which generates around \$325,000-350,000 a year.

The purpose of the visioning session was to get feedback from residents about possible uses for the property.

"We'll get to hear your ideas for what goes on that site," Beckley said.

Janet Slemenda and Amy Dunlap of HKT Architects Inc. have been working with the town to find possible uses for the site.

Slemenda said her firm has assessed all of Baystate Mary Lane Hospital's buildings on the 21-acre site, noting that parking lots are in poor condition and not Americans with Disabilities Act compliant. There are stormwater issues as well.

The site is zoned as suburban residential and any reuse of the site will require rezoning, Slemenda said.

"There's a lot of site development that is very costly," she said.

A landscape engineer noted that there is a rare species zone on the site, which is located in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's flood zone B (moderate flood haz-

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## Let's talk emergency preparedness

Public Health Nurse gives presentation on emergency preparedness

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WARE – September is Emergency Preparedness Month, and in recognition of that, Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger of the Quabbin Health District gave a presentation about what to do during different types of emergencies.

Krieger has been a registered nurse for four years and has been a part of the Quabbin Health District



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Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger of the Quabbin Health District gave a presentation about emergency preparedness.

since 2022. The health district serves the communities of Ware, Belchertown and Pelham and

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## Task force brings awareness to domestic violence

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WARE – The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task force is preparing for its 8th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, helping to support and empower survivors in the towns of Ware, Warren, Hardwick and beyond.

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m., starting and ending at Veterans Park on Main Street. The event will be held inside the Town Hall if it rains.

Musician Lori Brooks will perform and there will also be a raffle fundraiser, in addition to featured speakers and much more. A dining table will be set, with place settings bearing the names and stories of people who have been killed in domestic violence situations.

Ware High School's Domestic Violence Task Force members will emcee the event.

Awareness Walk coordinator Jennie Simmons joined the Task Force many years ago and wanted to start the Awareness Walk

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Henry Tilton, left, and Owen DeFosse play a game of cards at the Quaboag Performing Arts Booster Club's Family Fun Day: Board Games fundraising event this past Saturday.

## Family Fun Day

Board games offer rainy day fun for all

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WARREN – Quaboag Performing Arts Booster Club hosted Family Fun Day: Board Games in the cafeteria of Quaboag Regional Middle High School this past Saturday afternoon.

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Autumn Tilton, left, and Jackson Tilton count their cards before starting their game.

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# Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition opens at Workshop13

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WARE – Workshop13 Cultural Arts & Learning Center presented the opening of the 5th annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition in traditional realism last week.

For the organizers of Workshop13, it's all about showcasing remarkable artwork and bringing the transformative power of art to the heart of the community.

This past weekend, an opening reception was available for the public to view nearly 100 submitted artwork pieces. At the same time, guests viewing the artwork got to vote for their favorite artwork and determine the winner of a people's choice award.

The 2023 Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition is on display now through Oct. 8.

Visitors got the opportunity to wander through the Grand Hall and witness stunning creations on display and get a glimpse of the creative skills of artists who come from all corners of New England.

Joining the exhibition is Julie Beck, serving as juror for the Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition. Beck serves as an instructor as well as the assistant director of the Academy of Realistic Art.

Workshop13 was proud to welcome Beck as their prestigious juror.

The types of artworks to express traditional realism during the reception included oil paintings, watercolors, acrylic paintings, scratchboards, plaster, welded steel and charcoal.

One of the award-winning art pieces in this year's exhibition was the sculpture "Emily and Jupiter". The sculpture is made of welded recycled steel and antique metal. The artist behind the creation, Brian McQuillan, was in attendance during the exhibition and enjoyed seeing his artwork displayed and admired by the guests at the reception.

Another award-winning art piece was an oil painting called "Just Desserts". The



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
"Emily and Jupiter" is a sculpture made of welded recycled steel and antique metal created by Brian McQuillan.

artist, Jeff Kern, did an oil painting on a panel and had a listed price of \$17,000.

Another unique art form was a bronze stain called "Look at Me". Designed by Patrick Goguen, "Look at Me" is an art form expressing an eye gazing at your direction.

For artwork expressing a

choice will be announced on Sunday, Oct. 8.

The Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition was organized thanks to the efforts of Executive Director Marie Lauderdale and Exhibition Chair Loretta Medeiros of Workshop13. Workshop13 Cultural Arts and Learning Center thanks all their dedicated volunteers for making this year's art show successful.

The exhibition was supported by many contributing sponsors in the community such as the Ware Cultural Council, The Edward & Barbara Urban Foundation, Rossi Engraving, Nat Falk, Rose 32 Bread, It's Wine O'clock, McCurdy Group and Front Yard Farm.

For more information, visit Workshop13 at 13 Church St. in Ware or contact them by calling 413-277-6072 or emailing [info@workshop13.org](mailto:info@workshop13.org). The workshop has a lot to offer from ceramics at their ClayWorks Community Ceramics Studio to their ArtWorks Gallery on Main Street and numerous events including live music, classes, parties, meetings and youth programs.

For upcoming events, [www.workshop13.org](http://www.workshop13.org).



Artist Paul Weisbach created this oil painting of the Ware River.

local feel, Paul Weisbach had several of his oil paintings displayed a realistic picture of the Ware River.

One of his paintings was called "Ware River After a Fall Thunderstorm". The other was Ware River in an "Early October Morning".

Many guests have voted to choose their favorite art piece and will continue as the exhibition continues. The winner of the people's

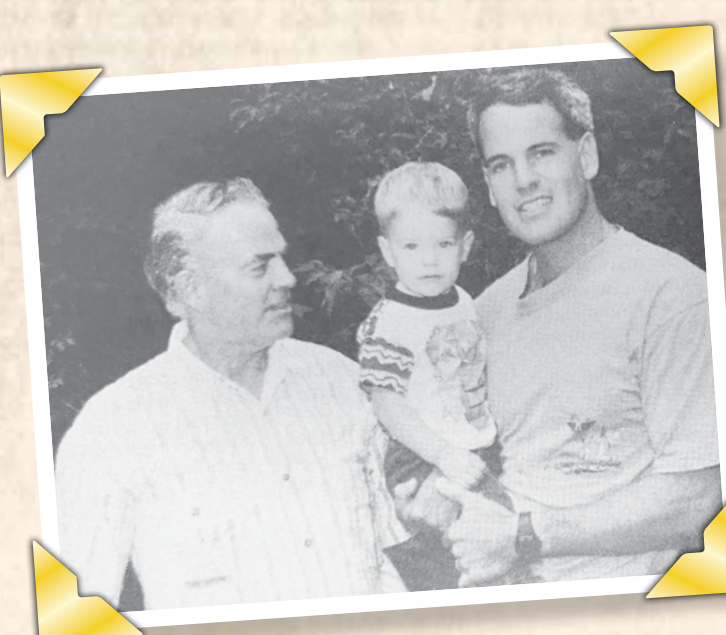
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# Are You Old News?



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



File Photo  
Last week's photo from 1991 showed a herd of first grade, confused dinosaurs that found themselves on a busy city street. They are from left, Stephanie Harder, Kyle Place, Ryan Siegel, Ashley Haesaert and Andy Close. Kevin Moriarty is shown in the background. If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com).

## Second Chance provides support for new pet owners

EAST BROOKFIELD – Adopting a pet involves a deep commitment and a lifetime of care and Second Chance Animal Services is committed to turning the tide by instilling a sense of responsibility during the adoption process and providing ongoing support for new pet owners. Making the decision to adopt a pet requires thoughtful consideration, as highlighted by Wendy Hall, director of Second Chance's Animal Relocation programs.

"Pet ownership is like raising a child-it takes time, care, and resources and Second Chance is here to help," said Hall in a press release. "Pets have emotions and needs and rely on their owners for food, medical attention, love, and companionship. By investing effort from the start, many common problems can be avoided, leading to a happy and lasting pet-owner relationship." To prevent unnecessary surrenders, Second Chance provides a range of resources and assistance for pet owners facing difficulties.

The organization believes that open communication and guidance can often resolve

issues without giving up a pet. Knowledgeable shelter staff are available by phone or email to listen to owners' concerns and offer advice on various pet-related matters.

Whether it's dealing with behavior problems, training challenges, or introducing a new pet to the family, they offer personalized solutions.

In addition, Second Chance operates four full-service veterinary hospitals to ensure pets receive necessary care. Located in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield and Worcester, the hospitals are open to everyone and offer reduced rates for those who qualify, along with weekly low-cost vaccine clinics.

The nonprofit also has a pet food pantry program that supplies pet food to local human food pantries, helping pet owners facing financial difficulties. New Second Chance adopters also get access to a week of free one-on-one online training through an app designed to help dog owners address behavioral issues and foster positive interactions with their pets in their homes. Owners can continue to use the app for a minimal charge as needed.

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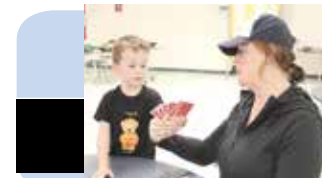


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Mack, a 2-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, is just one of the pets waiting to find a home at Second Chance's Adoption Center in East Brookfield.

likely to stay in their homes with their families.

Second Chance remains committed to educating pet owners, providing resources, and promoting responsible pet ownership to create a community where pets are valued as cherished family members. With the right support and effort, many challenges can be overcome, allowing pets to stay where they belong, with the families who love them unconditionally.

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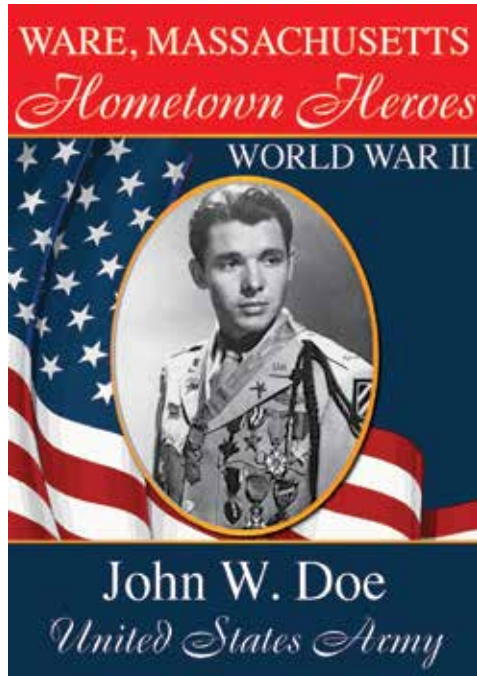
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# Workshop13 receives donations from Baystate

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WARE – As Workshop13 prepares to celebrate the completion of the Church Street building's sprinkler system at the end of this month, it's also getting ready to add new flavor to its artistic offerings thanks to a generous donation.

Workshop13's Executive Director Marie Lauderdale was contacted by representatives from Baystate Mary Lane Hospital, offering her a chance to look through any furniture and equipment that could be put to use in the arts and cultural center.

One of the items was a commercial grade kitchen hood, allowing Workshop13 to start moving forward with plans to create a commercial kitchen; venturing into the culinary arts.

"We've always talked about culinary arts and doing cooking classes," Lauderdale said. "Before the donation, it was kind of a pipe dream."

The vent hood is valued at around \$15,000.

Lauderdale said Workshop13 will begin installing the vent hood next year, bringing them one step closer to achieving this dream. Workshop13 will fundraise and seek grants to cover the cost of the installation, exhaust and duct work, as well as purchasing a commercial stove.

"Having a kitchen that's really outfitted opens up a lot of opportunities for Workshop13 and the community as a whole," she said.

In addition to the vent hood, Baystate also donated furniture for use in all of Workshop13's spaces, including ArtWorks and ClayWorks on Main Street. This included tables, shelves and even trash cans.

One donated item that's gotten a lot of use during Workshop13's many performance events upstairs in the Grand Hall, is the drink cooler located on the top floor.

Prior to having the drink cooler, volunteers at events would have to carry portable coolers stocked with canned beverages up and down the stairs, which became an exhausting task as audiences grew.

Lauderdale said Baystate also donated a griddle to use under the vent hood, but once they got it to Workshop13's kitchen they realized it wasn't compatible with the power supply. With Baystate's permission, Workshop13 was able to find a new home for griddle at a minority, woman-owned restaurant



Workshop13's Executive Director Marie Lauderdale, stands with the new drink cooler, which was donated by Baystate Mary Lane Hospital.



New tables were donated for use during art classes.

Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Center," said Bryant. "The final transition of programs and services of Baystate Mary Lane to Baystate Wing Hospital is projected to be complete by December 2023, beginning with radiology services transitioning to Baystate Wing in mid-November."

Abatement is currently underway in the Storrs and Wetherby buildings at Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Center, noted Bryant.

"During the abatement process, hazardous materials identified in the buildings including asbestos, lead, and PCPs are being safely removed, encapsulated, and disposed of by professionals following federal and state laws," he said.

Westmass continues to partner with Baystate Health to assist in the decommissioning of the Baystate Mary Lane facility and is working closely with the town of Ware to perform work related to evaluating the current conditions of the buildings on the campus and to determine the best plans for the building and the land, Bryant said.

Following meetings held with the Ware Historical Commission, a number of items identified by the Commission from Baystate Mary Lane have been relocated to the Town Hall.

As requested, the historic painting of the portrait of Mary Lane will be given to the Commission. Additional items given to the Commission include the leaded half-moon windows, two lamp posts located outside the Wetherby

building, the chandelier from the vestibule of the lobby, several framed historical pictures, and pieces of furniture.

Several items were relocated to the Ware Center Meeting House for preservation, including the Mary Lane Auxiliary tea set and silver platters. The Jacob Knight painting and the needlepoint wall hanging made by Mary Lane team members have been relocated to the Young Men's Library Association.

A rose bush planted by Baystate Health cancer support group members has been transplanted to a prominent location on Town Hall property and plans are underway to bring additional flowers from the healing garden and the Mary Lane property to the new garden at Town Hall with the help of Scouts from Ware and Gilbertville.

Four cancer support groups funded by Baystate Health have continued to meet virtually since the pandemic. For more information or to join a cancer or caregiver support group, community members can call Camille St. Onge, LICSW, at 413-239-7239.

"We will work with the town and community partners to find suitable homes for any other surplus/historic items as the decommissioning process continues," said Bryant.

# Select Board signs MOU with CMRPC

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HARDWICK – Executive Director of Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, Janet Pierce, presented a memorandum of understanding to the Select Board.

At the Sept. 25 meeting, Select Board Clerk Eric Vollheim said the Capital Planning Committee had previously met and asked Pierce to help the town seek funding for various capital projects.

Vollheim said in the past, the town has worked with both the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission as well as CMRPC. He said CMRPC has offered to work with the town to apply for Community Development Block Grant funding this year.

"We thought it'd be a great idea to get together with them and have a formal agreement," Vollheim said. "They have a lot of staff and consultants that are going to be very valuable to us as we proceed through these needed projects."

Pierce said her organization is currently working with the town on its Open Space plan. They've also worked on the town's municipal vulnerability preparedness plan.

"We've done quite a few plans with the town of Hardwick, we're very engaged with you," she said.

Pierce said CMRPC has "grown considerably," and has a staff of 52, of which four to five that work on CDBG funding alone.

She said CMRPC's model is similar to PVPC, and they sign a memorandum of understanding with the towns they serve.

Town Administrator Nicole Parker said the town has applied for CDBG funding jointly with the town of Ware, but is able to apply on its own.

"We can be our own community, going for our own funds,"

Parker said. "As long as we have CMRPC helping and guiding... then they'll be able to assist greatly in our applications."

Pierce said every community in the state has a "community needs" score, with higher scores being more likely to receive funding over communities with lower scores. She said Hardwick scores a nine out of 10.

The Select Board accepted the memorandum of understanding between CMRPC and the town.

### HCA acknowledgement

Select Board Chair H. Robert Ruggles said there was a clerical error on the original agenda listing the acknowledgement of receipt of the draft Host Community Agreement from Casella as an acknowledgement of a memorandum of understanding.

Parker immediately corrected the agenda when the error was brought to her attention.

She said the draft HCA was emailed to her and she thought it was important to deliver the draft to the Select Board as quickly as possible.

Ruggles and Vollheim voted in favor of acknowledging receipt of the draft HCA from Casella, with Select Board Vice-Chair Kelly Kemp abstaining.

Ruggles said a copy of the draft HCA will be posted on the town's website, hardwick-ma.gov, under "Important Notices."

Town Administrator's report Parker said the Capital Planning Committee has been meeting monthly and will present recommendations to the Select Board soon.

"We have many building deficiencies," she said. "A lot of our infrastructure is really in need of some attention."

Parker said the heat needs to be turned on in the Municipal Building and a safety is being installed on the boiler, which will

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# Board reviews drafts for municipal/public safety buildings

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WARREN – Town Administrator James Ferrera presented the first drafts for public safety and municipal offices from Tecton Architects to the Board of Selectmen, following the completion of the space/needs assessment.

At the Sept. 21 meeting, Ferrera said he met with Tecton representatives along with Police Chief Gerald Millette and Fire Chief Adam Lavoie. The town would need 19,125 square feet of space in order to have the space needs it currently has, in addition to a 30% adjustment for growth.

Ferrera said the building drafts feature shared meeting spaces. “The purpose of these meeting rooms and conference rooms, are to have a combination so that we can get rid of some of the square footages in the offices that they’re currently at,” he said, including his office, the Assessors, Board of Health and Town Accountant offices.

“If you need to have a meeting where there’s a conference table involved, you could go to one of the meetings rooms that are off the side of your office,” he said.

Ferrera said square footage adds up, and with it the cost. But they also need to leave room for future growth in the event the town’s population grows.

Ferrera said they scaled back the Police Department size from almost 12,000 square feet to around 9,000 square feet.

He said the municipal office building would require about 1.75 acres of land and the public safety building around 1.1 acres. He said Tecton was reluctant to design a two story building, due to Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and the need for elevators.

Ferrera said Tecton is currently looking at the possibility of constructing these buildings at the site near the Highway barn.

“These are all very preliminary,” Ferrera said of the drafts.

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Richard Eichacker asked if meeting rooms would be divided by solid or removable walls, which could help maximize the use of space. Ferrera said there can be subdividable walls between rooms.

Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said the priority

is having a public safety complex for the Police and Fire departments over municipal offices.

“They need to have a new building...that’s not even an option and we can’t cut too much,” he said.

Dufresne said it’s important to have the MILO (Multiple Interactive Learning Objects) active shooter training room inside the public safety complex building. He said the buildings also need to be away from flood plains.

### Moment of silence

The Board of Selectmen had a moment of silence to recognize the passing of two longtime Warren residents, Don Nickerson and Peter Hastings.

### Appointment

The Board appointed part-time Police Officer Brad Merkel back to a full-time officer on the Police Department.

Millette said Merkel began his career as a sheriff in Florida before joining the Warren Police Department full-time. Merkel then took a position with the Sturbridge Police Department full-time, before returning to Warren as a part-time officer.

“I appreciate the opportunity to come back here full-time,” Merkel said.

Dufresne said Merkel has been a “very good officer” in town and welcomed him back to the Department.

### Emergency Management report

Emergency Management Director James McKeon presented the monthly report for August.

He said the Community Emergency Response Team helped with the Pan-Mass Challenge Bike Ride that started in Sturbridge and he attended a search and rescue class with Charlton CERT. McKeon will teach what he learned at the search and rescue class to the rest of Warren’s CERT team.

McKeon said September is Emergency Preparedness Month and he said it’s a good time to work on a personal safety plan during emergency situations. He said make sure to have plans for pets during a storm, and also check on neighbors and photograph any damage caused by storms to your property for insurance purposes.

He said more information on emergency preparedness is avail-

able at ready.gov.

McKeon addressed concerns about the light tower being uncovered. He said it is designed to be outside, but he will either cover it or move it inside for the winter.

McKeon asked about having a used vehicle for CERT to use, especially when they need to tow things or travel flooded roads.

The Board suggested a pickup truck, possibly from the Highway Department.

Ferrera said a truck will need to be budgeted for in the Emergency Management department and be approved by voters at town meetings.

### Quote for doors

Ferrera said he received a quote of approximately \$211 a door for the Shepard Municipal Building’s office doors. The doors would have nonremovable pins and hinges.

He said there would be a total of nine doors to be replaced, and they would be custom-made to meet various size differences of the doors.

Connecting doors between offices would not be replaced, only exterior doors of offices.

Ferrera said money could be transferred at the special town meeting to cover the expense, which would total about \$3,000.

Dufresne said replacing the doors would address safety concerns as many of the departments have personal information stored in their offices.

### Correspondence

The Board discussed some correspondence they received regarding a 5.9 acre property that is primarily wetlands. The property was previously offered to the town as a donation.

The property is about to go into tax title, Dufresne said, after the owners passed away.

Dufresne said it may make more sense to accept the property, versus having to pay for tax taking.

“I don’t want to waste the town’s money going to court,” he said.

They will continue discussion about the property at a later meeting.

### Veterans Agent

Ferrera said one person has expressed interest in replacing retiring Veterans Agent Gary

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# ‘The Addams Family’ cast list goes up at Quaboag

By Haileigh Swistak  
Student Intern

WARREN – Auditions for “The Addams Family Musical” took place at Quaboag Regional Middle High School on Sept. 21.

Auditions were hosted by Director and Music Teacher James Joinville along with choreographer Meg Masciangioli.

The evening started out with a brief warm-up group singing of “When You’re An Addams”, the opening number to the production. This was followed by solo singing intervals of a song sung by the character each student auditioned for.

Masciangioli then went on to teach the aspiring actors a dance from the opening number that they would later perform onstage in small groups.

The last step in the audition process was the cold-reads, where students were asked to perform a scene from the musical that they hadn’t read prior to auditions.

It wasn’t long before the cast list was put up the next day, Sept. 22, during lunch. The actors eagerly crowded around the slips of paper on the wall that would determine their roles.

Senior Ty Armitage will play Gomez Addams beside junior Abigail Join as Morticia Addams. Their daughter, the iconic Wednesday Addams, will be played by senior Rachel McGrath, and her younger brother Pugsley Addams will be played by freshman Jade Fontaine.

Wednesday’s love interest, Lucas Beineke, will be played by Joshua Leaming. His parents Mal and Alice will be played by Barry Nash and Falon Rice, respectively.

Other leads include juniors Parker Chaffee as Uncle Fester, Avienda Andreoli as Grandma, and Dante Martino as Lurch.

The cast’s first read through of the script will be on Monday, Oct. 2, after school until 5 p.m.

## Craft fair is Oct. 7

WARE – The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., is having a fall/Halloween/Christmas craft fair on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Many different items have been lovingly made by church members and span several seasons of decorating and gifting. There will be other crafters selling their wares as well. Additional tables are still available for rent. Anyone interested can call the church office at 413-967-9981 for more information.

There will also be a cookie sale and a light luncheon of homemade soup and sandwiches, along with dessert and drink.



Submitted Photo  
Jeff Belanger presents “Ghosts and Legends” at the Warren Senior Center on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

# Jeff Belanger talks ‘Ghosts and Legends’ Oct. 12

WARREN – Prepare to explore the unexplained with a multi-media experience presented by Jeff Belanger, a noted storyteller and researcher of lore and legends, at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St., West Warren on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Warren Public Library.

Belanger is the host, writer, and producer of the “New England Legends” series on PBS and is the author of over a dozen books. He also hosts the popular “New England Legends” weekly podcast.

This event is free. Please call the library at 413-436-7690 to register or email warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

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For a donation, participants could choose to play over 30 different board and card games, geared toward all ages. Games ranged from classics such as checkers, Othello and Battleship, to new games like What Do You Meme? and many more.

A door prize, raffles, refreshments and Quaboag Performing Arts merchandise were available. Raffle prizes included new board games for winners to take home and the door prize was a \$20 gift card to That’s Entertainment in Worcester.

Student and adult volunteers helped teach the rules of each game, and even joined in to form teams.

The Quaboag Performing Arts Booster Club is a volunteer orga-

nization comprised of parents, teachers and community members in support of Quaboag’s music and theater programs, giving students a chance to experience performing in different venues and to build a foundation of appreciation for the performing arts.

The Quaboag Performing Arts Booster Club typically meets the second Monday of each month (with the exception of October and May) at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Upcoming dates include Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 11, April 8 and May 6.

All are welcome to attend the Booster Club’s meeting when they can; no commitment is required.

For more information about the Quaboag Performing Arts Booster Club and upcoming events, find them on Facebook or stop by a monthly meeting.



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette  
Jackson Tilton gets advice about his hand from Nicole Tilton.

**WARE RIVER NEWS**

# Halloween CONTEST

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ard). Seven trees will need to be removed and overgrown hedges will need to be addressed.

Slemenda said the landscape architect said the site could be well-suited for a park or recreational trails.

Dunlap said there are areas of the hospital that were under renovation, but not completed. Wallpaper is falling down, and other parts of the buildings are deteriorating due to being vacant for so long.

"That's the status of a lot of the spaces," Dunlap said.

Dunlap said the hospital doesn't have a lot of windows, so it would offer limited views outdoors if it was repurposed for office space, and it is not energy efficient and would need "substantial work" to make it so.

She said the buildings operate as a campus, with a shared HVAC system, which "wouldn't make sense for any other repurpose."

Many residents in attendance expressed their anger about Baystate Mary Lane Hospital's closure, and how it's loss has impacted the health and wellbeing of people across the region.

Several residents said the only thing the site should be repurposed to would be another medical facility.

Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund said there is a "lingering bitterness" toward Baystate, as well as distrust around the involvement of Westmass Area Development Corporation in Mary Lane Hospital's decommissioning, which two former Baystate employees have ties to.

"The building as it is, could still be a medical place," Granlund said.

When asked if Baystate had placed any stipulations on the property preventing other medical facilities from taking it over, Beckley said, "we have not heard that yet."

Granlund said he has spent the past 28 months researching the hospital's closure, producing an 83-page investigative report, which is available at both the Library and Senior Center.

"I'm not going to talk about the past," he said, but rather the roles of former Baystate Eastern Region President Michael Moran and Baystate Trustee John Maybury on Westmass' board of directors.

He questioned Westmass CEO Jeff Daley, who attended the session, about Moran and Maybury's possible involvement with the hospital's decommissioning.

"We're all being played here to some degree," Granlund said. He said his concerns now aren't about what happened in the past, but what could happen in the future.

"They [Baystate] need to know they will not get away without



About 100 residents joined a visioning session at the Ware Senior Center last week to discuss the Baystate Mary Lane Hospital site.

being exposed," Granlund said.

Granlund asked Daley if Westmass was going to be developers of the site, to which Daley replied, "right now, no."

Dunlap reminded residents that the purpose of the visioning session was to gather ideas for the site, not to make recommendations for its repurposing.

"We don't have any preconceived ideas," she said for the property.

Hospital Review Committee member Terry Smith said the hospital was built in the early 1900s, prior to any modern environmental standards, and he said his number one concern is that the town could end up assuming liability for any hazards associated with the site.

Smith, an engineer, said medical waste was incinerated and buried on the grounds as potash.

He said the property is assessed at \$11 million, and as a nonprofit, Baystate was not required to pay taxes on it. Beckley added that whoever assumes ownership of the site next would be paying taxes unless the town takes it over.

"At some point, you have to let go of what happened in the past and move forward," Smith said. "We should never take title to this property...we don't have the resources in the town to put into this."

Smith said HKT Architects Inc. was hired based on qualifications, and paid through grant funding.

Residents were asked the following questions about the site:

What do you consider to be the most valuable feature or aspect of the Mary Lane Hospital site?



Janet Slemenda and Amy Dunlap of HKT Architects Inc. described the condition of the property and its possible uses.

If the site were to be developed into a single use, what would you envision that use being?

If the site were to be developed into a mixed use development, what would you envision? Do you envision any town controlled use of the site?

What concerns you the most about the future development of the site?

What would you like Baystate's legacy to the town to be?

Jodi Chartier said she would like Baystate to honor the legacy of the Gilbert family that "has done so much for this community."

Almost all attending the session agreed that they would like the site to remain a medical facility or hospital. Other suggestions included a

YMCA or town offices.

Some suggested building an urgent care or similar facility at another location in town.

Access to medical care has been a top priority of the Hospital Review Committee, Smith said, but it doesn't have to be on this site, and he asked residents to keep in open mind during this process.

## Trinity Church concert benefits Dismas House and Farm

WARE – Ask Me Now will perform a free concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.

A mission offering will be taken for Dismas House and Farm, a ministry for those who were formerly incarcerated.

The quartet specializes in delivering interesting arrangements and treatments to time-tested favorites and lesser-known gems. They play a wide variety of jazz standards, blues, swing,

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## Keep Homestead Museum to hold open house Oct. 1

MONSON – An open house at the Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 1-3:30 p.m.

There will be a short program "Buttons in the Barn" at 1:30 p.m. for visitors of all ages to learn about the wide variety of materials, including shell, metal and glass, used in the manufacture of buttons.

After the program, visitors are invited to explore a large assortment of buttons to create their own unique button display. All materials will be provided for free.

Admission to the program and museum is free, however donations will be accepted. For more information about the museum visit [www.keeptomesteadmuseum.org](http://www.keeptomesteadmuseum.org).

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Lapine. The Veterans Agent would be shared by three towns.

The Board said they will look at this applicant, but would also like to explore the possibility of having their own Veterans Agent.

Veterans Agent Gary Lapine until a Veterans Council is formed.

### Grit screw

Ferrera said the grit screw for wastewater treatment plant is still backordered.

### Interviews

Ferrera said there are five or six interviews for the position of Building and Planning secretary coming up. He said the interview committee will work to select the best qualified candidates for the job.

### Veterans concerns

McKeon asked who the Cemetery Commission should refer any veterans-related needs to in regard to the town's cemeteries, specifically American flags or markers. Dufresne said people should contact Ferrera or



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## McGovern graduates from ABA Wharton Leadership Lab

WARE – Country Bank announced that Mary C. McGovern, executive vice president, chief financial and operating officer, successfully completed the inaugural American Bankers Association Wharton Leadership Lab at the University of Pennsylvania.

McGovern earned an ABA Wharton Executive Leadership Certificate, a prestigious credential that demonstrates her excellence in leadership and strategic planning.

The ABA Wharton Leadership Lab is a rigorous, immersive program that challenges executive bankers on the reality of leadership in today's world at an Ivy League level. The program, which included 42 students, covers topics such as creating and sharing a vision, goal setting, managing talent, driving innovation, and sustaining meaningful relationships.

McGovern is an influential executive leader with more than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. McGovern's leadership has contributed to the bank's continued success for the past 12 years.

McGovern's participation in the ABA Wharton Leadership Lab reflects her commitment to continuous learning and professional development at a critical time in the industry as regula-



Submitted Photo  
Country Bank's Executive Vice President, Mary C. McGovern graduates from American Bankers Association Wharton Leadership Lab.

tions, technologies and the work force continues to rapidly evolve.

"Mary's commitment to Country Bank is admirable, with oversight of operations, finance, facilities, retail banking delivery and technology, she has continued to drive strategic change throughout the Bank," said Paul Scully, President and CEO. "On behalf of the entire team and the Board of Directors, we would like to congratulate Mary for this achievement and look forward to her continued leadership as we navigate the next few years in a challenging economy."

## Monson Savings Bank branches to celebrate anniversaries

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is ready to celebrate and for a great reason.

The Ware, Hampden, and Wilbraham Monson Savings Bank branches will be celebrating the anniversary of opening their branch doors to serve the public.

The Ware Branch, at 136 West St., will celebrate 10 years since it opened its doors. The Wilbraham Branch, located at 100 Post Office Park, is celebrating 20 years of business. And the Hampden Branch, located at 15 Somers Road, is celebrating an impressive 25 years of service.

The public is welcome to join the celebration. All three branches will be celebrating their anniversary Thursday, Sept. 28, during their normal business hours, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

"We are proud to keep community banking alive and well in Hampden, Wilbraham, and Ware. Likewise, we are proud to be members of these wonderful com-

munities," said Monson Savings Bank President and CEO Dan Moriarty in a press release. "We enjoy supporting not only the area events and projects throughout years, but also the individual members of these neighborhoods. Thank you to the towns of Hampden, Wilbraham and Ware for making Monson Savings Bank a part of your communities."

The branch anniversary celebrations are free events. Free giveaways and refreshments are available while supplies last.

Additionally, attendees who visit a branch on the day of the celebration will have a chance to win a gift card from local businesses from their respective branch.

To learn more about the branch anniversary celebrations, please call Monson Savings Bank at 413-267-2646. To learn more about Monson Savings Bank, please visit <https://www.monson-savings.bank/>.



About 50 people attended the grand opening of Ware River Park this past Tuesday morning.



The gazebo at Ware River Park overlooks the Ware River at New Furnace Landing.



Exercise stations are featured along the new section of Mass Central Rail Trail, which was once the Gilbertville Fitness Trail.

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race help EQLT maintain the trails, which includes replacing boards on the lattice and pony truss bridges.

For more information or to register for the race, visit [eqlt.org](http://eqlt.org).

MassTrails Director Amanda Lewis attended the grand opening, and Bottomley thanked her for her support.

"We are so grateful for all of your help," Bottomley said. "We really appreciate this grant money."

Without it, the project would not have been completed, Bottomley said.

Bottomley also thanked Sarah and Josh Kemp for granting easement for the Mass Central Rail Trail, in order to make it fully accessible to Americans with Disabilities Act.

"This was totally a town project," Bottomley said, thanking Highway Department Superintendent Marty Gryszowka and his crew for their work to clear trees and improve drainage.

"Marty always helped me out every time I asked," she said, despite the Department being short staffed. "Marty does a fantastic job for the town of Hardwick."

Bottomley also thanked Town Administrator Nicole Parker and Treasurer/Collector Jessica Crawford for their help.

Bottomley thanked the 50 volunteers who dedicated over 800 hours, making Ware River Park a reality. Volunteers that went "above and beyond" include Merlon Bassett, Mark Mattson, Jim Bourcier and Cindy Bourcier, Marc Courchesne, Robert Bottomley and Zinni.

Zinni thanked Bottomley for taking the lead on this project, and said



it was a collaborative effort that started with "standing on the shoulders" of others who first started the process about 30 years ago.

Bottomley also thanked Jason Brown and Weston Cooley of Brown's Trucking & Excavating Inc. and R.N. Glidden Landscaping Service. She thanked Kim Mulligan of KM Graphics for creating the Park's signs.

Anne Gobi, former state Senator and the new director of Rural Affairs for the Healey-Driscoll Administration, credited Bottomley for working so hard to make Ware River Park a priority for the town.

Having outdoor spaces that can be enjoyed by all is essential to building a sense of community, she said.

"It brings people together like nothing else can," Gobi said.

Working together as a community and preserving the town's open space is something that the town is known for, Bottomley said.

"This is what makes Hardwick a special place," she said.

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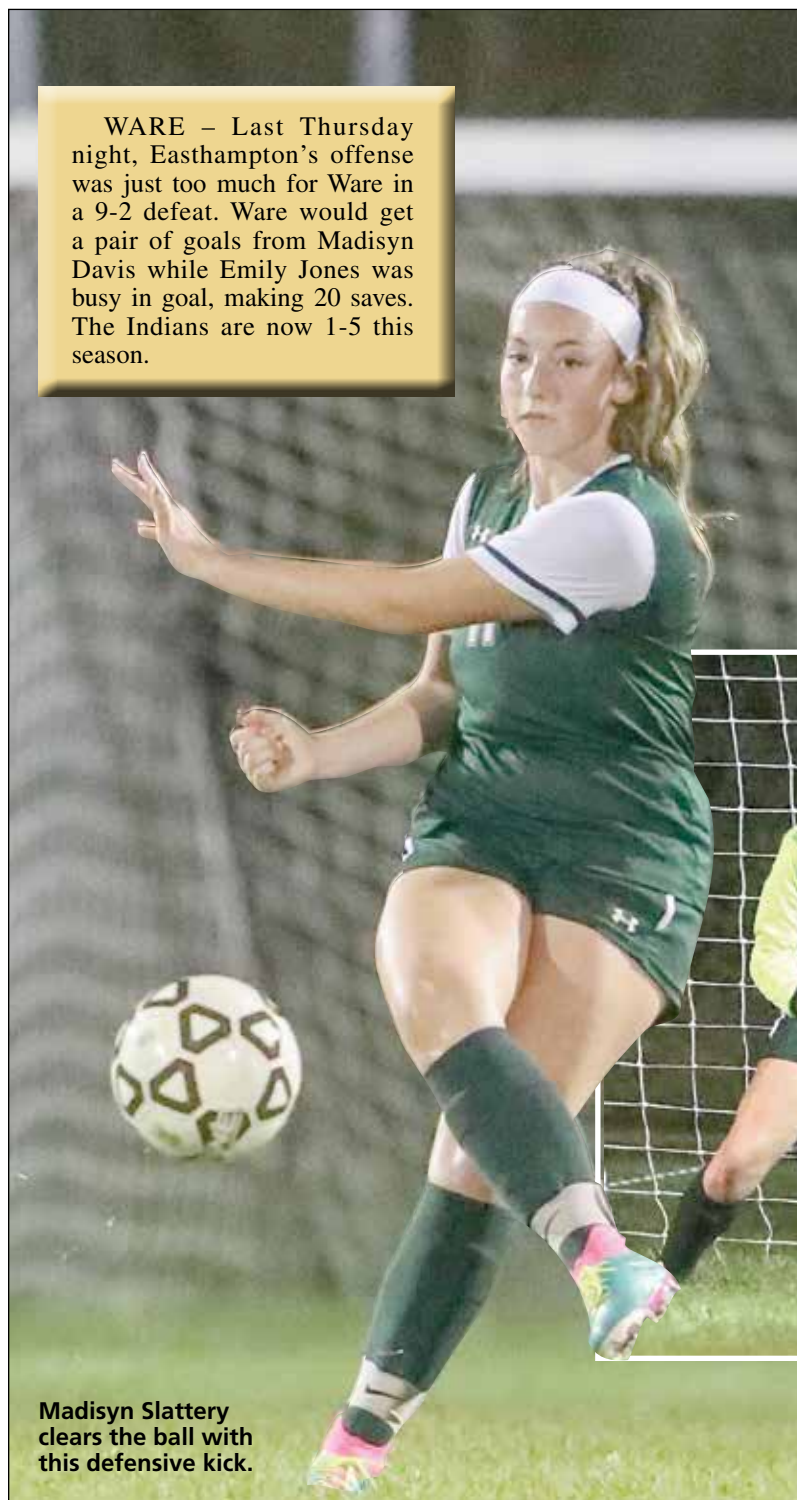
## Indians overwhelmed by Easthampton



Isabella Cotaj maintains control throughout this offensive effort.



Madisyn Davis splits the defense for this scoring kick.



Madisyn Slattery clears the ball with this defensive kick.

WARE – Last Thursday night, Easthampton's offense was just too much for Ware in a 9-2 defeat. Ware would get a pair of goals from Madisyn Davis while Emily Jones was busy in goal, making 20 saves. The Indians are now 1-5 this season.



Mia DiRienzo brings the ball down the side line.



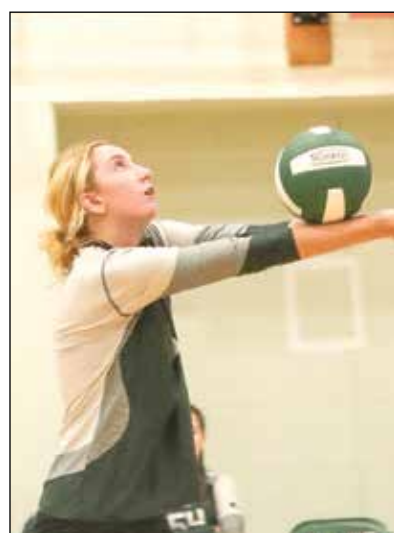
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Hart Waz goes after a loose ball.

## Cougars edged by South

WARREN – Last Friday afternoon, Quaboag boys soccer went nose-to-nose with South High Community School, and South managed a single goal to shut out the Cougars. Quaboag dropped to 2-3-1. Quaboag won their first two games, followed by a tie, and now have lost three straight. The Cougars hope to right the ship on Sept. 30 against Bay Path Regional.



Ryan Miner tires to get around a defender as he nears the sideline.

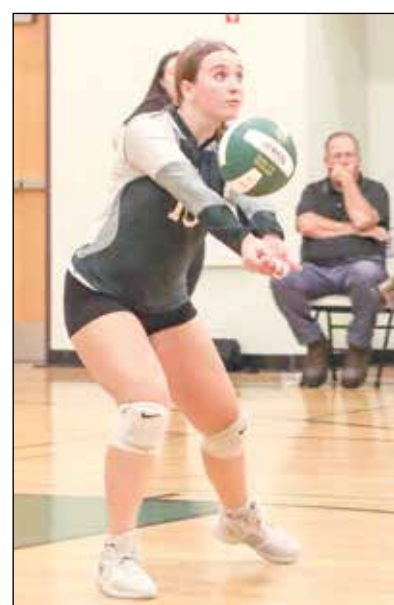


Kaley Campbell has perfect form to return this shot



Carly Brown gets set up for this shot.

Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com



## Ware falls 3-1 to Taconic

WARE – Last Thursday evening, Ware girls volleyball made it four sets, but fell to visiting Taconic 3-1. Ware took the first set 26-24 before dropping the next three. Ware was led by Carly Brown with seven kills and seven digs. The Indians are now 3-5 on the season. They next travel to Athol on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 12 noon.

LEFT: Andrea Albano returns this shot.

RIGHT: Kira Gennett glances to see where she's going to direct this shot.



## Pioneers shut out Dragons

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER— Pathfinder Tech junior forward Evan Costa entered last Wednesday's Tri-County League match against the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School Dragons with a team-high five goals.

Led by Costa, who recorded his second hat-trick of the regular season, and senior goalie Richie Gula, who posted the first shutout of his varsity soccer career, the Pioneers posted a 5-0 victory on a perfect late summer afternoon.

A year ago, Pathfinder Tech swept the season series against P.V.C.I.C.S., who are a co-ed team this season. Only nine players signed up for the Dragons girls' soccer team and those players had the opportunity to join the boy's squad.

Last Wednesday's victory pushed the Pioneers overall and league record to 2-1.

After losing to Athol, 6-3, at home in the season opener, the Pioneers, who had a couple of

matches postponed due to the weather, got into the win column for the first time with a 5-1 win over Franklin Tech in another home match. Costa recorded his first hat-trick of the regular season in that contest.

Costa is also one of the Pioneers tri-captains, along with senior Kenny Brouillette, and junior Seth Mitchell.

The Dragons made the bus trip to Palmer from Hadley with a 3-1 overall and league record. They had outscored their first four opponents, 14-4.

In the middle of the opening half, Costa, who's a forward, split a pair of defenders before firing a low shot into the left corner past junior keeper Damian Loinaz, who made five saves during the first 40 minutes of the match. Freshman Owen Pear was credited with the assist.

Pear, along with sophomore Jaieel Nevue-Roman, sophomore Adonis Dupre, and junior Elijah Jez, attend Palmer High School. They're able to play soccer for the Pathfinder Tech boys' varsity team as part of a co-op.

A couple of minutes later, Costa fired a shot from the top of the box into the back of the net giving his team a 2-0 advantage. The Pioneers second goal was assisted by Nevue-Roman.

The best goal of the entire match was scored by junior midfielder Justin Davis in the 34th minute. He lofted a shot from about 25 yards along the right sideline. The ball deflected off both the crossbar and the left post before landing into the left corner for an unassisted goal.

Three minutes later, a shot attempt by Pear rolled towards the goal before it was tapped over the line by junior forward Talon Clark, who netted his first goal of the season. Clark scored five goals as a freshman.

Holding a commanding 4-0 halftime lead, Costa achieved his second straight hat-trick with an unassisted goal past five minutes



Cayden Bousquet charges down the field.



Antonio Congelos tries to separate from a pair of defenders.



Goalie Owen Stevens sends the ball away.



Evan Long follows through on a kick as he clears the ball away.

## Quabbin field hockey best Quaboag

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Quaboag's John O'Neill and Quabbin's Shelly Zalneraitis are the longest tenure varsity field hockey coaches in Central Massachusetts.

When the longtime friends renewed acquaintances last Friday afternoon, the Quabbin Lady Panthers were able to celebrate a 3-1 non-league home victory.

"It's always a lot of fun when

ever we play John's team," said Zalneraitis, who has been the varsity field hockey coach at Quabbin Regional for the past 35 years. "We're very competitive during the game, but we're good friends after the game. This is a very big win for us."

"This has always been a big rivalry game for us," said O'Neill, who's in his 41st season as the Quaboag varsity coach. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for Shelly. Her team is always very

good and they're a first-class program. Playing them always makes us a better team."

The Lady Panthers had a 4-1-1 overall record following the home win.

"This victory will give us some momentum heading into our next game against Sutton," Zalneraitis said. "We always play very well at home and I'm very happy with the way that we're playing right now."

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# Local businesses add flavor to the Big E

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
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WEST SPRINGFIELD – When the Big E comes to town, it highlights the opportunity of getting to know the businesses in your communities.

Food and beverages are by far the most consumed products at the Eastern States Exposition (known as the Big E) as many local restaurants, breweries, farms and culinary artists offered up their work to thousands of people.

Inside the Massachusetts State Building on the Big E grounds was Common Ground Ciderworks of North Brookfield. The brewery set the stage providing delicious refreshments including cider and wine along with branded apparel showcasing the uniqueness of their brand.

Not only does Common Ground brew multiple flavors of cider, but it also brews seltzer, wine and beer. In addition, the Common Ground Brewery located at 31 East Brookfield Road also offers coffee.

Throughout their time at the Big E, Common Ground has gotten a lot of positive reception as Cindy Larson, owner of both Common Ground and Hitchcock Tavern in West Brookfield expressed the uniqueness of their local flair.

"It's a neighborhood thing," said Larson referring to the community based brewery that appreciates and supports everything local.

Having a popular selection of handcrafted hard cider, the one that stands out the most to the customers is the Apple Danish Hard Cider.

Enjoying their second year at the Big E, Common Ground Ciderworks has a lot lined up in the fall. On Saturday, Sept. 30, Common Ground will be hosting the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House's Octoberfest fundraiser.

For Halloween themed fun, the brewery will be having a Spook Walk at the end of October.

Common Ground Ciderworks also supports local organizations

including the Michael Pecha Cancer Fund.

Common Ground Ciderworks can be followed on Facebook and on Instagram or by calling 508-637-1059. A new website is in the making for the local brewery.

For a good meal while wandering the grounds of the Big E, a family-owned food truck, Macken's Specialty Sliders was the place to go. Based in Southwick, Macken's Sliders offer specialty sliders from beef, pork, chicken and vegetarian options.

Their food truck travels to various locations, including cities such as Springfield, Hartford, Connecticut and other locations in western Massachusetts. James Macken was running the food truck as they appeared at the Big E for their third year.

Macken and his family established the food truck business in 2016 and was motivated by a family celebration. The view of everyone's enjoyment while cooking on the grill sparked an idea in Macken's mind.

"I thought, how amazing would it be if I could make this into my career," said Macken.

Keeping it local, Macken's Sliders work with local suppliers to get their delicious burgers and their meats are 100% natural. The most common sites to spot Macken's Sliders are local breweries, festivals, parties, and corporate and private catering events.

The headliner of their menu was the legendary Bacon Waffle Cheeseburger. Ingredients include 100% all beef, applewood smoked bacon, topped with cheddar cheese between two Belgian waffles with sugar baked into the waffles. The burger was so popular it received an award for the number one new food to try at the Big E in 2021.

A portion of the proceeds from sales of Macken's Sliders merchandise is donated to Cystinosis Research. Macken's Sliders also offer discounts to active members of the military, police and fire departments.

To learn more about Macken's Sliders, visit them at [www.mackenssliders.com](http://www.mackenssliders.com) or call 413-273-7271.



Common Ground Ciderworks of North Brookfield is featured in the Massachusetts State Building at the Big E, offering craft cider and more.



Customers lined up to try Macken's Specialty Sliders out of Southwick.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

# Cocktails for Tails to raise funds for vet hospital

LONGMEADOW – Tickets are on sale for Second Chance Animal Services' Second Annual Cocktails for Tails, a very special fundraiser to help pets in the Springfield area to live better lives.

The event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow. The intimate gathering of animal lovers will include live music, a silent auction and raffle and there will be hors d'oeuvres and a variety of food stations for all to enjoy.

Funds raised will directly benefit programs that provide access to care at the nonprofit's Mulberry Street Community Veterinary Hospital.

Lindsay Doray, Second Chance's Chief Development Officer, is extending an invitation to area animal lovers to come celebrate Second Chance's commitment to Springfield area pets and their families.

"Since 2015, Springfield area pet owners have turned to Second Chance for help caring for their pets," said Doray in a press release. "This is a critical time for pets in the Springfield community. Our services are in great demand as inflation and rising interest rates increase the pres-

sure on the budgets of those on a fixed income. Our Community Veterinary Hospital on Mulberry Street is helping to keep pets with the people they love."

The Mulberry Street location provides access to full-service veterinary care through reduced rates for those that qualify, helping to keep area pets and their families together. Second Chance has three other hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, and Worcester.

Doray encourages area businesses to join in the evening's festivities. "Consider donating an item, becoming a sponsor, or purchasing a block of tickets - perfect for thanking your team or enjoying a company night out while supporting a local charity. Your support will directly improve the lives of pets in our community."

Live music for the event will be performed by John and Christina Cantalini and attendees will be taking home a swag bag sponsored in part by Tito's Handmade Vodka. Tickets are \$65 per person and include passed hors d'oeuvres, a cheeseboard, and food stations.

To purchase tickets or for more information on sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org/cocktails](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org/cocktails).

# Country Bank welcomes Brunilda Demiri to team

WARE – Country Bank is pleased to announce that Brunilda Demiri of Natick has joined its Auditing Division.

Before joining Country Bank, Demiri worked as a Lead Auditor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Demiri has over 14 years of experience in the industry and is currently a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Certified Fraud Examiners Community.

"We are thrilled to welcome Brunilda to the Audit team; it was not only her background and experience with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, but her specific interest in community banking and her personal commitment to community service make her a perfect fit for Country Bank. Her approach towards her role and building relationships internally has proven to be a winning strategy and aligns with our iSTEP Corporate Values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence, and Prosperity. We are excited she's on our team, and

we're pleased that she has chosen Country Bank as her Employer of Choice," said Miriam Siegel, first senior vice president and chief Culture & Development officer, Human Resources, in a press release.

"At the Federal Reserve Bank, I managed multiple audit teams responsible for some of the Fed's most complex and high-risk audit engagements," said Demiri. "Throughout my career, I have learned how impactful audit can be and look forward to providing valuable audit services and helping Country Bank stay ahead of risks that could impact the success of objectives and strategic initiatives. I have enjoyed getting to know the people here and look forward to continued partnerships and working together."

Demiri holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Bentley University and is currently enrolled in Babson's MBA program. Brunilda is also a certified fraud examiner.

# Monson Savings Bank donates \$10,000 to Revitalize CDC

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank recently made a \$10,000 donation to Revitalize Community Development Corporation in support of their 2023 Capital Campaign.

Revitalize CDC is a Springfield based organization that was founded in 1992. The Springfield organization works to improve the wellbeing of community members by addressing poor housing conditions.

For more than 30 years, Revitalize CDC has been committed to performing critical home repairs for local low-income families with children, the elderly, military veterans, and people with special needs, at no cost.

In addition to improving the living conditions of our neighbors, Revitalize CDC also strives to help improve their physical

health. The organization performs free assessments and interventions for adults and children with asthma.

They also offer a Nutrition Rx program in conjunction with local health care partners to address food insecurity and chronic health conditions.

Revitalize CDC has grown and expanded over the years to better serve the community's needs. They outgrew their current workspace and launched a capital campaign to help raise funds to move into a larger facility to help more people in need.

"The new office space is perfect; the size of the building is exactly what we needed to house our growing administrative and program staff," said Revitalize CDC President and CEO Colleen Loveless. "We will work with

Eversource to add solar and other equipment to maximize energy efficiency. We will also construct a two-bay distribution center to house critical healthy home and nutrition supplies, volunteer equipment, and a fleet of vehicles. None of this would be possible without the generous support of our Capital Campaign donors, like Monson Savings Bank."

Monson Savings Bank President and CEO Dan Moriarty praised the local organization for the work that they do.

"Monson Savings Bank is honored to support Revitalize CDC and the important work that they are doing for our communities," said Moriarty. "It is organizations like this that help make the world a better place. We applaud them for all their efforts and look forward to seeing them blossom in

their new space."

To learn more about Revitalize CDC, please visit <https://www.revitalizecdc.com/>.

To learn more about how Monson Savings Bank supports our communities, please visit <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html>.



Submitted Photo

Left to Right: Dodie Carpentier, Monson Savings VP HR Officer; Michael Rouette, Monson Savings EVP & COO; Ethel Griffin, Revitalize Community Development Corporation VP of Community Engagement; Colleen Loveless, Revitalize CDC President & CEO; Chelsea McGrath, Revitalize CDC Director of Operations & Finance; Kylie LaPlante, Monson Savings AVP Business Development Officer; Dina Merwin, Monson Savings SVP Chief Risk & Sr. Compliance Office; and Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings President & CEO.

# Cruise for Critters rescheduled to Sept. 30

MONSON – Fall fundraiser featuring a car show, Halloween Barktacular kid's games, vendor fair, raffles to benefit animals in need at Second Chance Animal Services has been rescheduled to Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Westview Farms

Creamery, 109 East Hill Road. Westview Farms Creamery also offers fall festivities including a corn maze and pumpkin picking. Food and beverages including handmade ice cream are available at the creamery's restaurant.

Admission is free for spectators; dogs are welcome on leash, please no retractable leads. The car show is \$20 per entry.

This annual fundraiser is presented by Al Widlan's Service Connection of Monson.

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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of Sept. 19-26, the Ware Police Department responded to 21 miscellaneous calls, 48 administrative calls, 13 traffic violations, 12 emergency 911 calls, seven animal calls, 10 harassments, three thefts/larcenies, five assist other agencies, five motor vehicle accidents, one fraud, three trespasses, one damage/vandalism/mischief and 31 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
 2:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Vehicle Towed  
 2:42 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
 2:56 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Services Rendered  
 3:18 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
 12:44 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Main Street, Assist Given  
 3:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Walnut Street, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Antoine L. Eberhart, 34, Springfield  
 License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With  
 4:20 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Cherry Street, Dispatch Handled  
 5:08 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Highland Village, Services Rendered  
 6:32 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Highland Village Services Rendered  
 6:41 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Parker Street, Assist Given  
 7:31 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Parker Street, Assist Given  
 7:36 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, No Action Required  
 8:24 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, South Street, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Jeremy A. Spaulding, 35, Ware  
 Disturbing the Peace; Disorderly Conduct, Subsequent Offense c272 §53; Vandalize Property c266 §126A

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
 12:58 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Anderson Road, Services Rendered  
 4:01 p.m. Fraud/Deception,

Belchertown Road, Advised  
 4:01 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Services Rendered  
 5 p.m. Assault, Vigeant Street, Advised

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
 2:55 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Plains Road, Services Rendered  
 5:24 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Highland Village, Services Rendered  
 6:21 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Belchertown Road, Advised  
 6:40 p.m. Weapons/Firearms, Pleasant Street, Investigated  
 10:33 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Greenwich Plains Road, Could Not Locate

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
 1:13 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Dispatch Handled  
 12:14 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Castle Street, Investigated  
 2:01 p.m. Assault in Progress, Highland Village, Advised  
 3:55 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Otis Avenue, Advised  
 4:59 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Main Street, Dispatch Handled  
 5:01 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Main Street, Advised  
 5:07 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gareau Avenue, Dispatch Handled  
 5:25 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Church Street, Advised  
 5:40 p.m. Warrant Service, Bank Street, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Henry Baldwin, 37, Ware  
 WMS Warrant

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
 12:26 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Palmer Road, Assist Given  
 10:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Sunday, Sept. 24**  
 12:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
 6:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
 7:27 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Daniel A. Prive, 38,

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West Brookfield  
 Disorderly Conduct; Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate  
 Arrest: Heidi R. Douglas, 46, Ware  
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle  
 7:42 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, South Street, Dispatch Handled

**Monday, Sept. 25**  
 3:14 a.m. Safety Hazard, Monson Turnpike Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 8:28 a.m. Safety Hazard, Malboeuf Road, Investigated  
 10:07 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Otis Avenue, Advised  
 11:37 a.m. Warrant Service, Gilbertville Road, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Steven M. Anair, 53, Ware  
 Warrant of Apprehension  
 3:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Maple Street, Dispatch Handled  
 4:26 p.m. Safety Hazard, Beach Road, Services Rendered  
 6:20 p.m. Drugs, Gilbertville Road, Report Made  
 8:26 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Dispatch Handled

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**  
 5:47 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, East Main Street, Report Made  
 10:24 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Patient Refusal

10:43 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, North Street, Spoken To  
 7:29 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosis, Prospect Street, Officer Handled  
 8:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Services Rendered

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
 9:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 6:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital  
 9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled  
 10:40 p.m. Welfare Check, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, Sept. 24**  
 5:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, Out of Town, Spoken To

## MassDOT Amtrak to develop East-West Passenger Train Service

BOSTON – Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-02) and Rep. Richard Neal (MA-01) joined the Healey administration in celebrating \$108 million from the Department of Transportation, under its Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grant program, for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to build capacity for eventual East-West passenger train service running through Boston, Worcester and western Massachusetts.

Specifically, the project will improve railway infrastructure, including tracks, signals, grade crossings, and bridges along the Inland Route Corridor. In addition, the project will increase Amtrak Lake Shore Limited's capacity to make daily round trips at higher speeds to enhance not only travel times but also connections between Eastern Massachusetts and Upstate New York.

"From Boston to Springfield to Pittsfield, railways serve as an essential and green mode of transportation-connecting our commonwealth and our communities," said Markey in a press

release. "I applaud the Department of Transportation for heeding our calls to provide \$108 million in federal funding so that communities in central and western Massachusetts can have efficient, safe, and reliable rail service. As a member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, I will continue to advocate for safer, more expansive railway infrastructure to make sure our Commonwealth's trains stay on track." "I am thrilled we were able to secure this critical funding for central and western Massachusetts, which will lay the foundation for West-East Rail. From day one, we said our administration was going to compete for an unprecedented level of federal funding opportunities, and I'm proud to say we are delivering on that promise. We thank the Biden-Harris Administration for their continued historic investments in infrastructure and are grateful for the strong partnership of our federal delegation in promoting public transit and advancing priorities for economic competitiveness," said Healey.

"We are grateful to our congressional delegation for helping us secure this CRISI funding.

Working with our elected leaders, municipal officials, Amtrak, CSX, and other partners we will be launching capital projects on this corridor which will have long-term positive economic impacts on the region, which will allow for additional corridor capacity, and which will decrease travel times between station destinations," said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt.

Markey is a long-time advocate for comprehensive funding for the construction of the East-West passenger train service.

In February, the Massachusetts congressional delegation celebrated more than \$550 million in federal funding through the Federal Transit Administration programs in the 2023 fiscal year to strengthen public transit across the commonwealth. In April 2022, Markey and Warren celebrated a \$537 million investment, through then Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, to provide Massachusetts with critical resources to upgrade the MBTA and regional transit systems, modernize fleets, cars and buses, and improve the resiliency of existing transit infrastructure.

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after seeing the success of a similar walk.

"I just saw the dedication of people who showed up year after year," she said.

She recalled one of these walks where she and her husband were behind a police officer, who was holding the hand of his young son. This inspired her to bring something just as powerful and significant to her hometown.

"Ware needs it," Simmons said of the walk, proposing the idea to the Task Force.

Now in its 8th year, the Domestic Violence Awareness Walk draws survivors and supporters from across the region, including some who make the journey back "home" from across state lines just to join the walk.

During last year's walk, Simmons was talking to a survivor who lives over 10 hours away.

"It meant so much for her to be here," Simmons said.

New to the Task Force is Police Advocate Ashley, who has been a staunch supporter of domestic violence victims since she was 12 years old, and her friend was assaulted by her boyfriend.

"I vowed to be there for them," Ashley said of domestic violence survivors.

With a background in social work, Ashley took on her role as Police Advocate for domestic violence survivors, to help their voices be heard. When police respond to a domestic violence call, they enlist Ashley's help in supporting survivors and connecting them to resources.

"Domestic violence work, especially the Task Force, is so important," she said. "You need all of the seats filled at the table by all stakeholders."

Several Task Force members are domestic violence survivors themselves, and recognize the importance of bringing awareness to abuse.

One Task Force member struggled to find help as a male survivor in a domestic violence situa-

tion, even being told "you're a big man," when he reached out to law enforcement for help.

"It just makes it that much harder," he said, to leave.

Anyone can become a victim of domestic violence, and isolation can keep people in unhealthy and dangerous situations even after the survivor has made the decision to leave.

"It can be as simple as having your family far away," Ashley said.

The pandemic further isolated domestic violence survivors, and Task Force members helped launch a helpline, A Call for Change, which is aimed at protecting survivors by offering support to those using abuse in their relationships.

The helpline is available from 10 a.m.-10 p.m., every day of the year, and is completely anonymous.

"It's the only one in the country," Monica Moran, coordinator of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force said. "It started here in Ware."

Now, A Call for Change handles calls from across the commonwealth, out of state and even out of the country. Since its inception in 2021, calls have increased by 20-30%.

"More people who use abuse are calling, or survivors calling to help their partner," said Paul Regan, Program Coordinator for the Proteus Intimate Partner Abuse Prevention Program.

Public Health Nurse for the Quabbin Health District Kirsten Krieger said she hopes the work of the Task Force, including the Awareness Walk on Oct. 15, will help people in the community experiencing domestic violence feel like they're not alone.

Task Force member Jennifer Raiche said many times, abuse is "swept under the rugs," but in small towns, everyone knows everyone else's business.

"Everyone here is connected to one another. It is helpful for people to see people supporting," she said.

Moran said ending abuse is a task that falls on all residents.

"Even when individuals change,

if the community doesn't change, it doesn't last," she said. "This is an incredible community."

**About the Task Force**

The Task Force is made up of community members as well as representatives from several organizations, including Alianza DV Services, Baystate Wing Hospital, Community Legal Aid, Northwestern District Attorney's Office, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Trinity Episcopal Church, Tri-Parish Community Church, United Church of Ware, Behavioral Health Network DV Services at Valley Human Services, Ware Adult Learning Center, Ware Planning & Community Development Department, Ware Police Department, Ware Public Health and Ware Public Schools

Its funded by a grant awarded to the town of Ware by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program, in addition to a grant from the Quabog Hills Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, follow the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force on Facebook, visit [www.waredivtaskforce.org](http://www.waredivtaskforce.org), call 413-758-0605 or email [wrvdivtaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:wrvdivtaskforce@gmail.com).

**How to get help**

If you are experiencing domestic violence, you can contact BHN's DV Program by calling 413-967-6241 or 413-262-7103 (cell); Alianza DV Services (Spanish speakers) 24 hours a day by calling 877-536-1628; or Safelink (a statewide service) 24 hours a day by calling 877-785-2020.

If you are using abuse and need help to stop, call A Call for Change helpline from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at 877-898-3411 or email [help@acallforchangehelpline.org](mailto:help@acallforchangehelpline.org); or contact Proteus Intimate Partner Abuse Education Program at 413-896-7231.

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Sept. 18-25, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 61 building/property checks, 43 directed/area patrols, 10 traffic controls, six emergency 911 calls, seven radar assignments, three complaints, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, three assist other agencies, one citizen assist, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one motor vehicle accident, three animal calls and 15 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, Sept. 18**  
 5:33 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Church Street, Officer Handled  
 6:41 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Church Street, Officer Handled  
 8:18 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Upper Church Street, Negative Contact

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
 6:34 p.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Church Street, Services Rendered  
 6:57 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
 7:35 a.m. 911 Lockout, Ridge Road, Services Rendered  
 3:34 p.m. Investigation, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled  
 6:25 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Negative Contact  
 9:51 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Negative Contact

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
 6:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued  
 7:17 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Officer Handled

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
 9:40 a.m. Welfare Check, Pine Street, Report Taken

10:43 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, North Street, Spoken To  
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covers public health needs including emergency preparedness.

Krieger provided extensive information on why it is important for residents to prepare for various types of emergencies. Being prepared can reduce fear, anxiety, and losses that

Krieger highlighted some of the most common disasters and emergencies that occur annually, especially in Massachusetts.

The weather can be unpredictable in Massachusetts, and we can encounter severe thunderstorms, lightning, humidity, droughts, snow, ice, blizzards, tornadoes and fires.

One rare emergency that Krieger included was mass casualty incidents, or attacks in public

places. These emergency and disaster examples are part of keeping residents alert in their communities and Krieger finds staying alert essential in emergency preparedness.

"Be alert, be aware of your environment, your surroundings," said Krieger.

One useful system of staying alert and preparing for emergencies that Krieger shared was the three steps of emergency preparedness.

First, be aware and stay informed. Next step, build a kit for yourself.

A kit for staying or leaving a location should have food, water, tools, documentation, personal items and money. If you have a pet, include pet supplies in your kit such as leash, collar, harness, crate, food bowls, current photos and any

medical information.

The third step is to create a plan for any emergency or evacuation. A plan can include establishing a meeting location, contact plan, evacuation plan and a shelter in place.

Part of your emergency plan, if you're not alone, is considering the needs of everyone in your party. Make some time to practice the plan that is in place.

After her presentation, Krieger took some questions and provided a display of useful information and pamphlets on emergency preparedness. The information covers different ways to handle certain emergencies and disasters including signs of suspicious activity and a disaster checklist.

Krieger and the Quabbin Health District continue to offer informa-

tion, presentations, and services to the local communities, including services and classes at local companies, town halls, senior centers and recovery centers. Krieger also teaches CPR and first aid throughout the area.

In addition to emergency preparedness, the Quabbin Health District is working on providing heating and cooling stations during extreme weather. Krieger intends to continue informing the public on the importance of emergency preparedness and how it can be helpful.

"We want to help provide tools so people will consider being prepared," says Krieger.

Krieger and the Quabbin Health District support organizations such as the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and

Vaccines for Children.

The presentation at the Young Men's Library Association was part of her second round of presentations throughout the communities and giving some essential insight into the importance of being prepared for numerous emergencies.

The history of September becoming Emergency Preparedness Month started to be highlighted on a national level after the tragic events in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. In addition, September is also the time of year when hurricane season peaks.

Making its inception in 2004, National Preparedness Month acknowledges the importance of being prepared for emergencies in homes, schools, businesses, and communities.

# obituaries

## Eva Jasiekiewicz, 93

GILBERTVILLE – For years, Eva Jasiekiewicz has proclaimed that she is “ready for the bone-yard!”

In recent months, she has prayed that she would be able to join her beloved husband Joseph Jasiekiewicz, her son John Jasiekiewicz, and her granddaughter Lacey Jasiekiewicz in heaven. She also hoped she would be able to join her “buddy” Lorraine for another asti spumante and orange juice.

On Sept. 16, 2023, her prayers were answered.

Eva Auger came into the world on April 4, 1930, and was the eldest of Oscar and Helen Auger’s two daughters, Patricia would come several years later. Despite growing up in the midst of the Great Depression, Eva enjoyed her childhood and years later recalled how she would spend hours playing with a miniature dish set that she kept in her mother’s hutch, swimming and listening to records.

Eva’s love of records and dancing ultimately led her to the man she would spend over 70 years of her life with.

When Eva came of dating age, a friend tried to set her up on a blind date with Joseph

Jasiekiewicz, a World War II veteran and autobody man who was nicknamed “Sinatra” because of his fantastic hair and amazing dance moves.

Being a young, fickle girl, Eva stood Joe up on their first date. However, the fates would bring them together at a dance at the Polish Hall in Gilbertville, and the rest was history (although Joe spent the rest of his life joking that she should “have never gone back to that Polish Hall”).

The two married, settled in the Gilbertville section of Hardick and raised three sons, Michael, Mark and John.

In many ways, Eva was a woman ahead of her time. While many women of her generation were bound by society to focus solely on hearth and home, Eva went into the workforce to help support her family.

For over 30 years, Eva dedicated herself to working with individuals with special needs; first at Belchertown State School, and later at a group home run by the state where she was a supervisor until she retired at the age of 70.

Eva loved the students, residents, and other employees that she had the opportunity to work with and

lovingly told stories about them up until she died.

Of all the things that she did in her life, Eva claimed to be the most proud of the fact that she raised three sons and five granddaughters that were not afraid of hard work. This quality was most certainly something that all of them acquired as a result of her example.

Eva’s quick wit and sharp tongue will be greatly missed.

Eva leaves behind her sons, Mike Jasik of Ware and Mark Jasik and his wife Joyce of Monson, and daughter-in-law, Lisa Jasiekiewicz-Zearfoss. “Babcia Eva” will be fondly remembered by her granddaughters, Alicia Jasiekiewicz, Amanda (Jasiekiewicz) Dusza, Kimberly Jasik and Jennifer (Jasik) Valentino. Eva’s spirit will live on in her great grandchildren, Lukasz Dusza, Zofia Dusza and Lorenzo Valentino.

Eva will be interred alongside her husband Joe at St. Aloysius Cemetery. A graveside service will be held for family and friends at a later date.

Cebula Funeral Home of Ware is assisting Eva’s family with the final arrangements. For an online guest book and more information, please visit: [www.cebulafuneralhome.com](http://www.cebulafuneralhome.com).



## Nellie V. Crevier, 99

WARE – Nellie Victoria (Lak) Crevier passed away in the comfort of her own home on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, at the age of 99.

She was one month shy of her 100th birthday.

Nellie was born in Ware on Oct. 20, 1923, daughter of the late Leopold and Victoria (Gaj) Lak. She was raised in Ware, and was a life-long resident.

Nellie was a loving wife and mother of nine children.

Some of her jobs that she had outside of the home were cleaning houses, working at the Ware River News, and she was a clerk for the former Seven Sisters Mill Store. She enjoyed playing the lottery too.

Nellie enjoyed sitting outside in her yard, and taking in the warm sunny days. Also, back in the day, she loved to go to Three Rivers for the polka bands, so she could dance with friends and socialize.

Nellie had a deep Catholic faith that sustained her throughout her long-life. She was a communicant of All Saints Church in Ware.

Her beloved husband, Francis H. Crevier, passed away in October 1969, she was also predeceased by her sons; Clifford, David, Donald and Alan, as



## Death notices

**Crevier (Lak), Nellie Victoria**  
Died Sept. 20, 2023  
Services Sept. 26, 2023

**Jasiekiewicz, Eva**  
Died Sept. 16, 2023

well as her siblings; Stanley, Alexander, Julia and Witla.

Nellie leaves behind her loving son Roy, who was her long-time caretaker in her home, and will sadly miss her. She also leaves behind Lawrence and his wife Francine, Carl, James and his wife Lisa, and a daughter, Jean Plouffe and her husband Robert, and daughter-in-law Patricia Crevier. Nellie leaves behind her eleven grandchildren: Robin, Todd, Shawn, Scott, Kristal, Brenda, Angela, Jamie, Jessica, Marie and Bonnie, and 14 great-grandchildren: Jake, Rachel, Gianni, Ryan, Jeffrey, Tori, Jacob, Maddison, Andrew, Jayden, Kinley, Owen, Tyler and Megan.

A Calling Period took place on Tuesday morning, Sept. 26, 2023, in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel, 66 South St. Ware.

A Funeral Prayer Service was held in the funeral home chapel. Interment with Prayers of Committal followed in New St. William Cemetery, Ware.

Memorial donations may be made to Beacon Hospice, 36 Williams St., Leominster, MA 01453. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: [www.cebulafuneralhome.com](http://www.cebulafuneralhome.com).

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## ANNUAL HOMECOMING BONFIRE A ‘SWEET’ SUCCESS

BARRE – The annual homecoming bonfire, co-sponsored by Q-Drug and the Quabbin Regional School District, with support from the Barre Fire Department and Robinson’s Lumber, was held following the football game this past Friday night.

Students, family and faculty all enjoyed the warmth of the bonfire, and some delicious s’mores.



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Quabbin students enjoy s’mores.



Anna and Makaylah roasted marshmallows over a grill to make s’mores.



Students were encouraged to write down something that’s been bothering them that they wanted to let go of. They then put the paper into a box that was tossed into the fire, symbolizing letting go of whatever it is that’s been bothering them.



Assistant Principal for School Culture Jason Gilmartin (second from left) toasts marshmallows with Quinn Geary, Kayla Sherblom, Riley Bassett and Natalia Marchand.



Quabbin students enjoyed the warmth of the bonfire, a homecoming weekend tradition co-sponsored by Q-Drug and the Quabbin Regional School District with support from the Barre Fire Department and Robinson’s Lumber.



Quabbin football player Connor Breeds and Assistant Principal for School Culture Jason Gilmartin enjoyed their s’mores.

## CHARGES from page 1

and inflated reimbursement requests to the Town of Ware and for allegedly stealing funds from three regional nonprofit fire associations.

The Office of the Inspector General conducted an investigation as the result of a tip. The findings of the investigation were shared with the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office for prosecution.

The Northwestern District Attorney’s Office referred the matter to the Worcester District Attorney’s Office to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

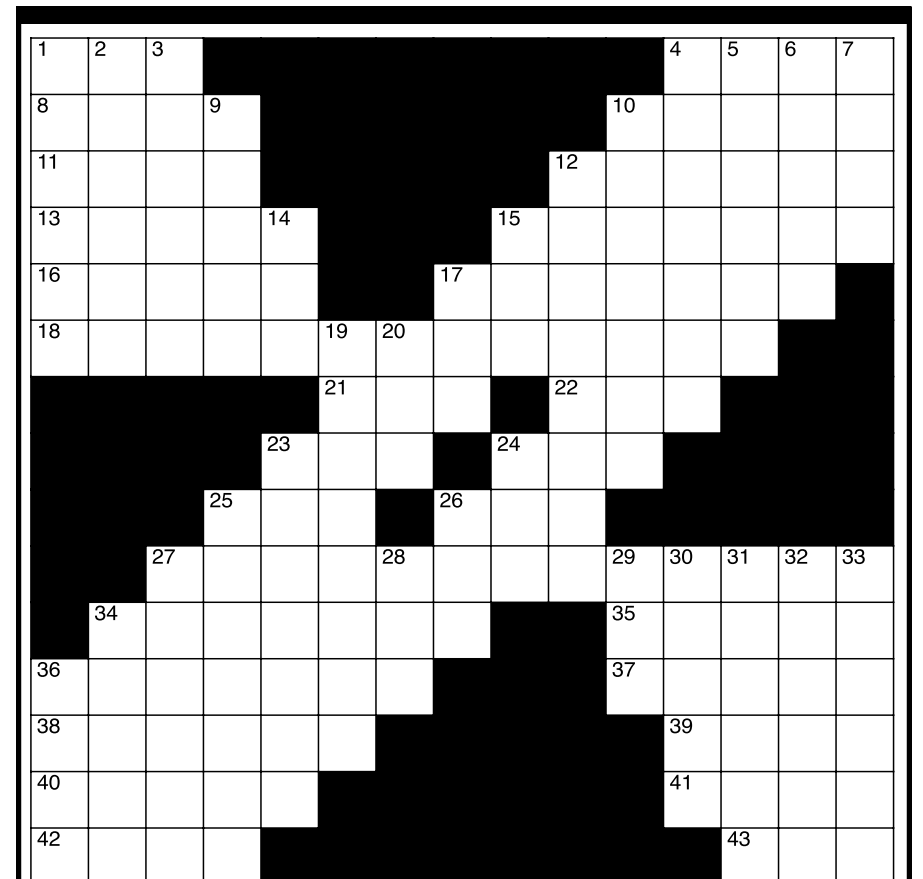
Coulombe served as the fire chief for the Town of Ware from 2002 to 2019. The indictments allege that between 2014 and 2019, Coulombe submitted reimbursement requests to the town for expenses that he did not incur and that overstated his expenses with false or altered receipts.

As a result of this scheme, Coulombe allegedly stole more than \$3,700 from the Town of Ware.

Overlapping with his service as Ware Fire Chief, Coulombe also served as the treasurer of three regional non-profit fire associations. These associations were funded by area communities and provided training and services to the region.

The indictments allege that between 2013 and 2020, Coulombe embezzled more than \$24,000 from these associations while serving as their treasurer.

Indictments are allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.



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| 12. Passionately                          | 35. Bluish greens               | 6. Horror comic novelist               | 26. Type of bread               |
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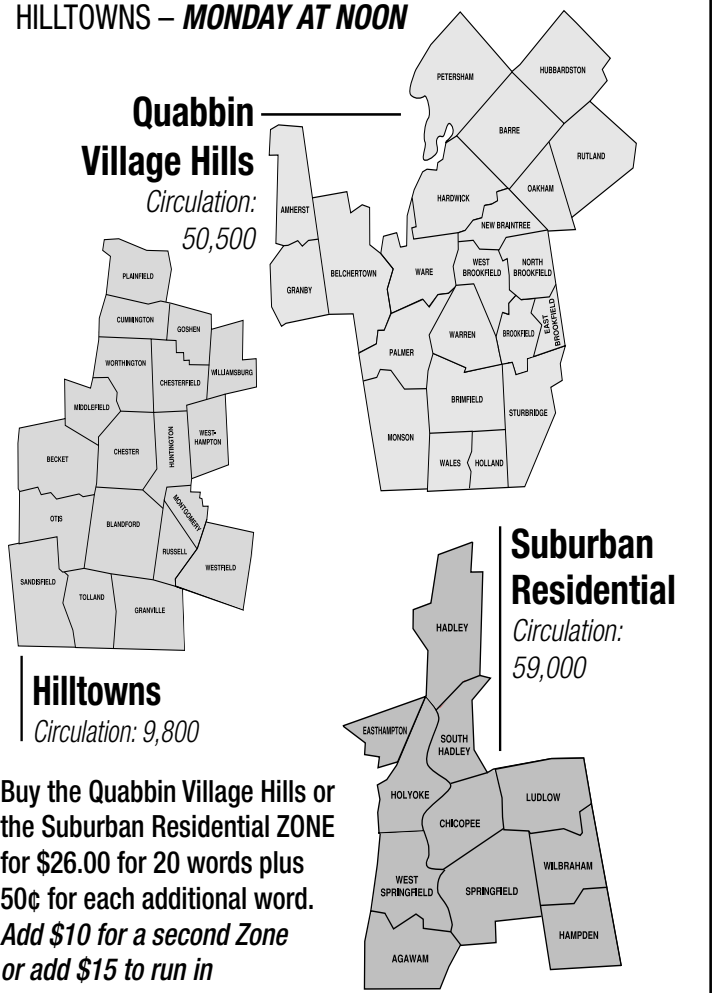
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# public notices

## Baystate Wing nationally recognized for stroke care

PALMER – Baystate Wing Hospital has earned national recognition from the American Heart Association with the Gold Plus/Target Stroke Honor Roll/Target Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll Get With The Guidelines award.

The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence, ultimately saving more lives and reducing disability.

Get With The Guidelines-Stroke is an in-hospital program for improving stroke care by promoting consistent adherence to these guidelines, which can minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death. The program puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest research- and evidence-based guidelines.

"Baystate Wing Hospital is committed to improving patient care by adhering to the latest stroke treatment guidelines," said Karli Barrett, MS, RN, NE-BC, vice president and chief nursing officer/ chief administrative officer of Baystate Wing Hospital in a press release. "Get With The Guidelines makes it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which studies show can help patients recover better. The end goal is to ensure more people in our area can experience longer, healthier lives."

Each year, program participants qualify for the award by demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, Get With The Guidelines participants also educate patients to help them manage their health and recovery at home.

"We are incredibly pleased to recognize our team at Baystate Wing for its commitment to caring for patients with stroke," said Dr. Joe Sills, chief of emergency medicine at Baystate Wing Hospital. "Our stroke coordinator, Julie Fraley RN, has been instrumental in our efforts, reviewing every stroke case so that we may continually improve. Participation in Get With The Guidelines is associated with improved patient outcomes, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates—a win for healthcare systems, families, and our communities."

Baystate Wing also received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll Award. Target: Type 2 Diabetes aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

"Congratulations to Dr. Sills, our Quality Council, Stroke Program team, and all our colleagues throughout Baystate Wing Hospital who drive our success in delivering the very best care to our patients," said Barrett. "This award is a validation of our team's commitment to providing the highest quality of care in the many communities served by Baystate Wing Hospital. These accomplishments occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing extra meaning to this award."

For more information about Baystate Wing Hospital visit Baystatehealth.org/wing.

### TOWN OF WARE LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Raymond & Shirley Mackenzie, for tree removal within the 100ft buffer zone at 11 Beaver Road, Assessor's Parcel ID 45-0-39. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view the application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648.

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### Town of Ware LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Howard Trietsch, for tree removal at 22 Lower Cove Road, Assessor's

Parcel ID 49-0-28. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view the application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648.

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### TOWN OF WARE Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE

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

Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the

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

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

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampshire Probate and Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton MA, 01060  
Docket No. HS23P0576GD  
In the interests of Jayden J Gonzalez of Ware, MA Minor  
NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

### NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

**1. Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **09/11/2023** by **Marie Y Gunn** of Ware, MA will be held **10/30/2023 08:30 AM Review Hearing**. Located: **15 Atwood Drive, Northampton, MA 01060**.

**2. Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the

right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.  
Date: September 15, 2023  
**Michael J. Carey**  
Register of Probate  
09/28/2023

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

**Hardwick Planning Board**  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Notice is hereby

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

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

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>  
Hardwick Planning Board  
Jenna Garvey, Chair  
09/21, 09/28/2023

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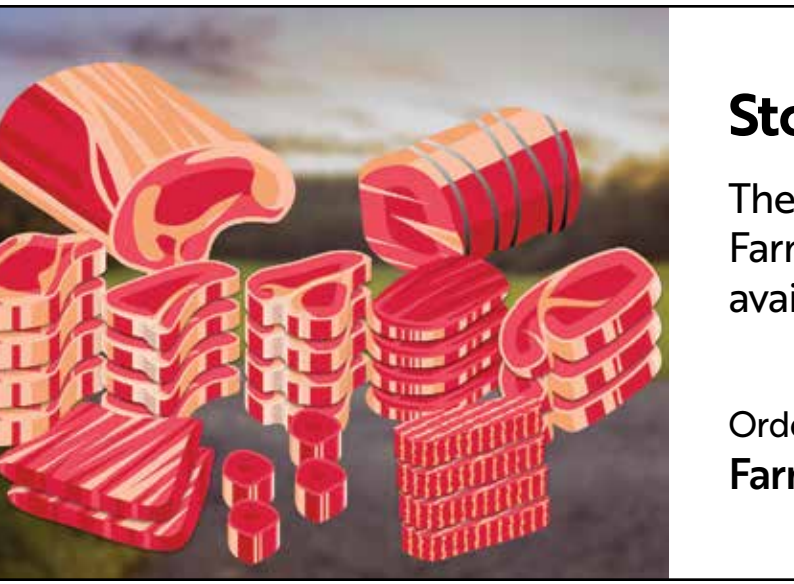
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