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Firefighters participate in FLASHOVER TRAINING

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WARE – The Ware and Warren fire departments participated in a flashover training with the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy this past Saturday.

Flashover is an extreme condition that can occur during a structure fire, where every combustible material in the room reaches its ignition point and catches fire instantaneously.

"In a flashover, you can't survive," Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructor Mike Dupuis said. "This whole simulation is to show them the indications of flashover."

On Oct. 3, academy instructors gave a lecture at the Ware Fire Department before conducing a flashover simulation in their mobile training unit that was parked at the end of Robbins Road.

The unit was lined with Masonite boards, which ignite around 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit. The boards begin to smoke and release CO, leading to flashover conditions.

"Smoke is fuel," Skip

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Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Ware firefighter Kandace Wilcox helped a Warren firefighter remove their helmet.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Beth Russell helped Amelia, age 3, explore Ware Fire Department's tower at an open house on Sunday.

WFD open house brings awareness to safe charging

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WARE – The Ware Fire Department held an open house on Sunday to kick off Fire Prevention Week, which runs from Oct. 4-10.

The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Charge Into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," which focuses on the safe use and charging of lithium-ion batteries.

The open house gave people the opportunity to tour the fire station and get up close to the fleet of firetrucks, ambulances and other apparatus. During the tour, you could see what a typical day for the department's firefighters and EMTs was like.

"People enjoy coming in and seeing the station and meeting the firefighters," Lieutenant Laura Fandrey said.

Lowe's and Walmart were also on hand with free giveaways, from smoke detectors and combination smoke/CO detectors, to fun toys for children. Lowe's donated 50 detectors for people to take home.

Children also had the chance to test their hose handling skills on a wooden prop of a

burning building, which was crafted by firefight-

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Annual walk/gathering brings awareness to domestic violence

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WARE – The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force is preparing for its 11th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk & Gathering to be held on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

The walk will start and finish at Veterans Park on Main Street. In the event of rain, the event will be held inside Town Hall, 126 Main St.

Monica Moran, Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator, said this year's walk will have a lot of the same things it has had in the past, but also include some new things.

The walk was the idea of task force member Jennie Simmons, who led its organization efforts for the past 10 years, before turning the reins over to others.

As always, the task force is partnering with the Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force, and the walk and gathering will be led by the students. Student Reese McKeever will emcee the event.

There will be a free children's bike raffle, free donuts, free hot dogs prepared and served by the Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183, a photo booth, music by DJ Roy Erickson, children's art, and tables set up by local organizations and resources.

"Every year there's new partners," Moran said.

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Fundraiser for Jubilee Ministries held



Turley Photo by Zacharias Fragkiadakis

Sandy Ulen, Suzanne Chagnon, Christine Jeffery and Barbara Newton are shown with a quilt they made.

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WARE – A fundraiser dinner and raffle was put on by the Trinity Episcopal Church, to raise money for repairs at the Jubilee Ministries located at 80 Pleasant St., while also celebrating the church's 125th anniversary.

Jubilee Ministries is a combination of the Jubilee Cupboard food pantry, as well as the diaper and clothing ministries.

There are repairs being made to the stairs, a handicap ramp being installed and

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Election letters must be received by Oct. 20

The Ware River News welcomes readers to participate in this year's state election by writing letters to the editor for publication.

Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Ware River News, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to pouimette@turley.com by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 20 to be published in the Thursday, Oct. 22 edition. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

Letter writers need to provide their name and the town they reside in.

Please include a daytime telephone number (for verification purposes only) when submitting your letter. Your phone number will not be printed.

Ware Senior Center NEWS

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, 413-967-9645, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Activities

Monday, Oct. 12

- **Closed for Columbus Day holiday**

Tuesday, Oct. 13

- 9 a.m. Exercise Class at Valley View Housing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh
- 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. $3 per class.
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Oct. 14

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori

Thursday, Oct. 15

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m. Walking Club (weather permitting)
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
- 10 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Art Class

Friday, Oct. 16

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12 p.m. Joint Health Presentation by Ortho MA (lunch not included). Open to the public.
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

LUNCHES

DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

All meals $3.50 unless otherwise noted

Required: call 413-967-9645 by noon on the business day before, to put you name on the lunch list.

Monday, Oct. 12

Closed for Columbus Day holiday

Tuesday, Oct. 13

American Chop Suey, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Fried Chicken, Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Oct. 15

Spaghetti with Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, Oct. 16

Tuna Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato, French Fries, Dessert of the Day

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.



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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 2022 showed Country Bank employees Kristen Johnson, Joe Schlecht and Blair Robidoux. The trio helped served meals during a volunteer appreciation dinner held at the Ware Senior Center.

Ware Town Clerk lists election information and early voting hours

WARE – All early voting will take place in the Ware Town Hall auditorium located at 126 Main St.

Parking is available on Main Street or in the parking lot directly across from the Town Hall. Accessible parking is available in the parking lot.

Dates and hours for all early voting are: Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 30 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The last date to submit an application for vote by mail is Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 5 p.m.

The last date to register to vote for this election is Friday, Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. You may register online at www.mass.gov; in person at the Town Clerk's Office, 126 Main St. during normal business hours or by mail in voter registration postcards which are available at the U.S. Post Office in Ware or at the Town Clerk's Office.

Know before you go

Before voting, be sure to review the ballot questions as there are nine. All households received a red book from the Secretary of State in the last few weeks listing the nine questions as well as a summary and an explanation of what a "no" vote rather than a "yes" vote means.

Are you registered to vote? Have you sent in a vote by mail postcard? Which precinct are you in?

All of this information is available to you by checking on www.mass.gov under "Elections & Voting."

The Secretary of State has developed a website to help voters increase their information on elections, check it out as it is very useful and it may save you time when you arrive at the polling location.

Please direct any questions to Nancy Talbot, Town Clerk at 413-967-9648 extension 177.

Conservation Commission hosts planting day at gazebo

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Conservation Commission is working on a restoration project on the slope of the Ware River next to the gazebo at New Furnace Landing, Gilbertville, on Sunday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

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

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

Paige Memorial Library celebrates Quabbin Days

HARDWICK – Quabbin Days is a time to celebrate all that the Quabbin Region has to offer and will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, on Saturday Oct. 10, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Come visit the Paige Memorial Library and learn about the many things to explore in Hardwick.

Costume swap

A Halloween costume swap will be held on Saturdays, Oct. 10 and 17 from 11 a.m.-noon. Drop off costume pieces that you or your family members are not using and take home new-to-you pieces that others brought in.

If you can, please drop off donations before Oct. 8 so that library staff can organize them.

Jewelry making

Think Pink on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. for a jewelry making class in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

National Grouch Day

Thursday, Oct. 15 is National Grouch Day at the library from 2-7 p.m. Come moan, sulk and complain among friends.

Leave a vinegar message for all to read. Come have a horrible time and munch unpleasant snacks, compete in a complaining contest and generally dislike each other's company.

Ed the Wizard

Ed the Wizard presents magic and fun, Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2:30 p.m. brought to you by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council and the Libraries of Hardwick at the Hardwick Town House, 40 Common St.

Ed the Wizard brings awe and excitement with vanishes, sleights of hand, and humorous hi-jinx. Easy magic effects will be shared; learn to perform for family and friends.

Needle felting

Needle felt a mushroom on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. Come make a cute felted mushroom decoration perfect to sit on a shelf or hang.

All materials provided. A $3 donation will help cover material costs.

Halloween tattoos

Come in for a Halloween tattoo during library hours Oct. 27, 28 and 29. Get a spooky, temporary glitter tattoo.

First-come, first served, so this activity will be available as time permits.

Face painting

Face painting at the Paige Memorial Library will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Liz will be ready with her brushes, so come get your face painted for Halloween.

A donation will help cover material costs. Sign up for a spot ahead of time by emailing or calling.

Appointments are available every 10 minutes.

Trail of Treats

The Paige Memorial Library will be at the Trail of Treats on the Hardwick Common – Saturday, Oct.31, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Ongoing programs

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

The Friends' Book Sale is ongoing. The Book Club and the Cookbook Club meet monthly.

The Paige Writers meet every other week. Friends of the Paige Memorial Library, the Movie Committee, the new Hardwick Gardening Club, and the PML Volunteers are open to new members.

The library staff would like to start a teen group where creative teens can come together and make art, discuss music and culture, and relax. Anyone interested should let the library staff know.

Share ideas for books, the library of things, programs, speakers, or more. Please email, call or stop in.

For more information, visit www.paigelibrary.com, find the Paige Memorial Library on Facebook, email paigelibrary.hardwick@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

Recycling Center offers bulk waste day Oct. 24

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Recycling Center, 2011 Barre Road, will hold a Bulk Waste Collection Event on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8 a.m.-noon.

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

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

Prices are available on the town's website, www.hardwick-ma.gov. The staff and volunteers reserve the right to price or reject other items not listed accordingly on site.

Dirty or soiled mattresses or box springs have a fee of $125.

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

United Church to hold take-out turkey dinner

WARE – The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., will hold a take-out turkey dinner on Monday, Oct. 19 starting at 4:30 p.m. until food runs out.

Drive up to the Church Street side of the church and a runner will take your food order and bring it to your car. The cost is $15 per meal and includes turkey with all the fixings, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, roll and dessert.

No reservations necessary. For more information, people may call the church at 413-967-9981.

ACCURACY WATCH

The *Ware River News* will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 3. To request a correction, send information to pouimett@turley.com, or call 967-3505. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Ware River News, Attn: Editor, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069.

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Legislators, local leaders speak against MWRA request

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Representatives from the communities surrounding the Quabbin Reservoir attended a public hearing on Sept. 30.

BELCHERTOWN – A public hearing was held by the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission to discuss a request from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to transfer an additional 20 million gallons of water per day from the Quabbin Reservoir to the eastern Massachusetts communities the reservoir serves.

The reason cited is to accommodate the expansion of its service area.

Legislators and local officials, along with residents spoke strongly in opposition of this request at the Sept. 30 hearing, citing fairness, equity and history, among other themes. State leaders in attendance included Rep. Aaron Saunders, Sen. Jake Oliveira, Sen. Jo Comerford and Sen. Peter Durant.

Saunders spoke of the history of the Quabbin, saying "The Quabbin is not merely a distant water source."

He spoke about how it displaced residents and reshaped the region of the state for the benefit of millions of people in metro Boston, and how to this day, the residents and communities protect and steward the water. He said the lands of the Quabbin are taken from the tax bases of communities and residents live with water restrictions to preserve the water, but they cannot access it when their own wells run dry.

"This is the context in which I urge the commission to reject the MWRA's application as presented," Saunders said.

He also noted that the request of 20 million gallons is the largest request ever made in 40 years of the interbasin transfer being law.

Saunders also spoke about the interbasin transfer act, which is the legal process for the request being made. He said under the statute, the donor and receiving communities need to have access to the same information to weigh their decisions, but in this case, the donor communities are not being told what the need for the water is, which communities will be getting it, and how much water is going to each individual community.

He said the eastern Massachusetts communities will have all that information.

"The MWRA's attempt to leverage the very law designed to protect our communities to instead deprive us of basic information about a proposed transfer adds immeasurable insult to generations of injury," he said of the request.

"Quabbin region residents are being asked to comment on the extraction of 20 million gallons of water per day without knowing where the water will go, who will receive it, how much each community needs, or what public benefit supposedly justifies the burden," he said.

Oliveira spoke about the levels of the Quabbin being the lowest they have been in his lifetime.

"If you go to the Quabbin Reservoir right now, you can see how low the water is," he said.

He said the request of 20 million gallons is equivalent to one John Hancock building in Boston, and there is no clear guidance on who will receive the water. He urged the commission to hold a future hearing on the decision in western Massachusetts so people from the region can attend.

Oliveira also spoke about the interbasin transfer law, saying "the spirit of the law is intentionally being broken right now, and if this makes its way to a court of law, I guarantee that they would probably side with the legislators."

Comerford spoke about the commission's responsibility to safeguard the water future for the entire commonwealth, and spoke about how the Quabbin towns face restrictions on economic development while getting little payment in return.

"Your decisions today have generational impacts…I urge you to reject the MWRA's application," Comerford said.

She also recommended against future water transfers until fundamental questions are answered, saying, "I ask the commission today to recommend against any future water transfers from the Quabbin until the commonwealth has resolved fundamental questions of equity, stewardship and a common water future for all in Massachusetts."

She said the region has chronic population decline, limited infrastructure and a dearth of economic activity, and asked what would happen when the region runs out of resources to protect the water.

Comerford said the towns took formal votes during town meetings and select board letters asking for more representation on the MWRA board of directors, since the region has no seat, and for more payment in lieu of taxes funding.

"The MWRA and its advisory board responded negatively with disinterest, disinformation and even open disdain," Comerford said.

Durant said the water system is under stress and extracting with no compensation is not good, and he also spoke of the proposed battery energy storage system in Oakham.

Stephen Garabedian of the Belchertown Conservation Commission said he believes the application is a done deal, saying the governor wants this water to develop a former naval base and turn it into 6,000 housing units. He said since there are no resources for water near Boston, they are turning to the Quabbin.

"Water flows toward money," he said.

Some leaders, including Patty Gamborini of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Sue Cloutier of New Salem asked about desalination plants, and whether one could be built on the coast of Boston. Cloutier said when she was in eighth grade, she did a study on desalination happening in Florida, saying the technology is there.

Matthew Broderick of the Oakham Planning Board said a third of their town was taken for the watershed, and the town takes its stewardship seriously, and they are also in support of protecting their self interests and the reservoir from the BESS facility.

"Our confidence in the stewardship of the MWRA has been severely eroded," he said, and noted there could be severe impacts if the BESS system experiences an accident.

Ed Comeau of Belchertown said the Quabbin is 12 feet below capacity, and the Quabbin/Wachusett system is still a good reserve, but with climate change and changes in precipitation, it could take years to build back to the levels the reservoir was once at.

The commission will make a decision about this request at a future public hearing, which is yet to be scheduled as of this publication.

DV WALK from page 1

Moran said this is the second year the Knights of Columbus have volunteered to provide food for the event, and she said their support is "really great."

During the event, the task force will display a table set with plates and dinnerware. Each plate has a place card with the name of a person who died due to domestic violence.

This year, there are two more names to add to the table, and both hit close to home.

Diane Opper of Belchertown was killed in March, and Emma Pasterczyk of Palmer was killed in April in a hotel room at UMass Amherst.

"My hope for the walk is that domestic violence victims/survivors see that their communities support and care about them," task force member Erin Ballard said. "There are many resources that participate in tabling at the event to get conversations going on what is available. Connecting victims to services is crucial and can make a huge difference. The Empty Table display's purpose is to make an impact on how these situations are so tragic and what people have to lose especially when the victims children suffer this type of loss."

Moran said the task force will also be collecting donations for its domestic violence survivor's fund, which provides emergency assistance for people needing to leave dangerous situations. The fund can help pay for things like hotel rooms, car repairs, cell phone replacement and utility bills.

"The kinds of things that when you're dealing with a lot, will spiral you down," Moran said.

Moran said this fund is getting low, and people will be able to make donations to it during the walk and gathering.

State Rep. Todd Smola and District Attorney David Sullivan and others will speak at the event.

The walk itself will follow the same route as last year, traveling Main Street, then turning left to go up Church Street, left onto Pleasant Street, then a left onto North Street, before returning to Veterans Park.

Moran said one of the goals of the walk is to show survivors that the community has zero tolerance for domestic violence, and help connect them to vital resources.

Task force member Jenny Raiche talked about the importance of showing support for survivors.

"The recent case of the 'Cornell 7' is national news, and for every social media post we see in support of the survivor, we also see posts questioning her judgment and defending her attackers," Raiche said. "The women in our community – our friends, our daughters, ourselves – are seeing these posts too. It's more important than ever to support survivors, and to push back on the harmful idea that survivors are to blame for the criminally abusive behaviors of other people."

Moran said the task force and the Ware High School Task Force are working to bring awareness to different types of domestic violence, including coercive control and blame-shifting.

"Even today, a lot of people think of domestic violence as just physical abuse," Moran said.

Moran said the high school task force members are working on a writing prompt related to blame-shifting, to help students identify this type of controlling behavior in their relationships.

"The statistics show that most people who experience domestic violence, experience it young," Moran said.

Now the that Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force is in its 26th year (and the high school task force in its 16th), its members continue to work with local police departments to provide resources and assistance to survivors.

Moran said the task force has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ware Police Department to provide two hours a month for Officer Somer Bren to do follow-up calls with survivors of domestic violence in the community.

The task force has recently released a video that helps survivors through the process of requesting a restraining order. This video has been shared with every police department in the state, Moran said.

The task force has also printed a pamphlet explaining how to fill out a 209A affidavit (an abuse protection order) and file it with the court.

About the task force

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force currently serves Ware, Warren and Hardwick. The mission of the task force is to prevent and respond to domestic violence in these towns with community-led, community driven initiatives.

The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force is funded by a grant awarded to the Town of Ware by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Community Development Block Grant Program, by the Massachusetts Office of Rural Health, and by donations from the community.

Task force members are a group of over 300 community members, survivors and representatives from local and county agencies that have been at work preventing and ending intimate partner violence since 2000.

For those seeking help, local advocacy services are available through Behavioral Health Network in Ware at 413-967-6241. For those who use abuse, but want to change and become safe, a Call for Change Helpline can be reached at 877-898-3411. The Task Force can be reached on Facebook, at www.waredvtaskforce.org, or at wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com.

Friends of Ware Seniors, Inc. list fall happenings

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

Lotto calendars

The friends November lotto calendars will be on sale now until Oct. 30 for $10 each.

Joint health presentation

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

RMV training

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

Holiday craft fair

Start your Christmas shopping early on Saturday, Nov. 14 the Friends are having a holiday craft fair at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins road from 9 a.m.-noon. The Friends will have a 50/50 raffle and a raffle table of gift baskets.

To reserve a table, you must call Sue LaBarge 413-544-1574. Deadline to register for a table is Nov. 10.

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By Ellenor Downer


Common Nighthawk

eBird reported recent sightings of common nighthawks at the Rutland Prison Camps in Rutland and in Worcester.

The common nighthawk is a medium sized (8.7 to 9.8 inches long) nocturnal bird of the nightjar family found in both the Americas. It is typically dark colored: gray, black or brown with intricate patterns providing camouflage and making them difficult to spot during daytime.

They are mostly observed in flight. The slender body, long wings (wing span 20 to 24 inches) and white wing patches on the wings make them easy to identify.

Although they have a small beak, there mouth is large. They have noticeable barring on their sides and abdomen and short legs.

Its life span is about four to five years. The males of this species may roost together, but the bird is primarily solitary.

The common nighthawk is the only nighthawk occurring over the majority of northern North America. During migration common nighthawks may travel 1,600 to 4,200 miles, one of North America's longer migrations.

They migrate by day or night in loose flocks, frequently numbering in the thousands. An aerial insectivore, the migrants will feed en route and congregate in marshes, rivers and lakeshores.

The best time to see them during migration is in late afternoon into the evening.

During flight, their vocalization is a nasal "peent" or "beernt." Peak vocalizations are reported 30 to 45 minutes after sunset. The male makes a croaking "auk auk auk" in the presence of a female during courtship.

Night time feeding is rare. The most common insects in their diets are butterflies and moths. They actively avoid eating flies.

Artificial light sources such as parking lots attracts them in an effort to forage for insects enticed by the light. They even fly extremely low over the surface of water to drink.

Nighthawks preferred breeding and nesting habitat is forested regions with rocky outcrops, clearings, burned areas or spots with small patches of sand gravel.

The female lays six to seven eggs on a bare rock, gravel or even in lichens. Both male and female feed the young are by regurgitation usually before sunrise and after sunset. The male also feeds the female during nesting.

Sandhill crane

After writing about sandhill cranes, in the most recent bird column, I saw a sandhill crane in a field in Hardwick near the New Braintree line by the Ware River.

On my return, I saw a crane in a different location of the same field. I was not sure it was the same one or a different one.

Flocking Canada geese

In my travels, I saw several flocks of Canada geese. There was a small flock in New Braintree and a larger flock in a harvested corn field in Spencer. The large flock were migrating south for the winter. I'm not sure if the smaller group summered here or not.

Wild turkeys

Wild turkeys are a familiar sight. This week I saw a hen turkey with her slightly smaller poults on a lawn in Barre. Last week I saw a small flock of Tom turkeys.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

Friends with more questions

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



The threat of night time temperatures in the 30s sure have us gardeners on the move.

I had a few questions from friends this week that pertained to the change in seasons. Read on; maybe you can relate!

One of my friends asked if she should harvest all of her unripe peppers, and if they would continue to ripen indoors.

Peppers will only continue to fully ripen (i.e. change from green to their ripe color) if they are showing a hint of their ripe color. They definitely won't be as sweet as if they ripened on the vine, and they will lose a little of their mass as they sit, but they would still be a great addition to a stir fry or sauce.

I generally harvest all of my unripe peppers and keep them one layer deep in my cool mudroom, using or discarding as I go.

Another question came in about the use of Neem as an insecticide. My friend put her houseplants outdoors for the summer months and is concerned about bringing hitch-hikers inside where plants will be in close quarters.

We always spray tender plants such as Rosemary or Bay with Safer's Soap or a Sun oil before returning them to the greenhouse for the winter.

Neem works a bit differently but like the others is also a less toxic approach. Neem oil comes from the Neem tree (Azadirachta indica), which grows naturally in India and Southeast Asia.

It is an effective pesticide, miticide and fungicide for both indoor and outdoor plants. You can buy it ready to use or in oil form which needs to be mixed with water and a small amount of dish detergent right before use. This will help it blend nicely and disperse evenly.

Neem is effective against spider mite, white flies, scale, mealybug and aphids – all of which are typical houseplant pests. It kills them by disrupting their reproductive cycles and feeding patterns.

My advice would be to spray in the shade or when skies are overcast since sometimes neem can cause a phytotoxic effect and it can kill bees if sprayed directly. Always spray a small area of the plant first as a test, and if no damage is visible a day later, coat the surface and undersides of the leaves as well as the stem.

Using this approach, clean plants will delight my friend's window sills this fall and winter.

My coworker kept joking with me that a plant that she was gifted would never, ever bloom. Well, I kept watch over the neighbor's, checking in on its progress.

About two weeks ago I informed her that flowers were on the way. She finally sent me a picture of her plant and it was following suit.

First buds and then flowers! Yay!

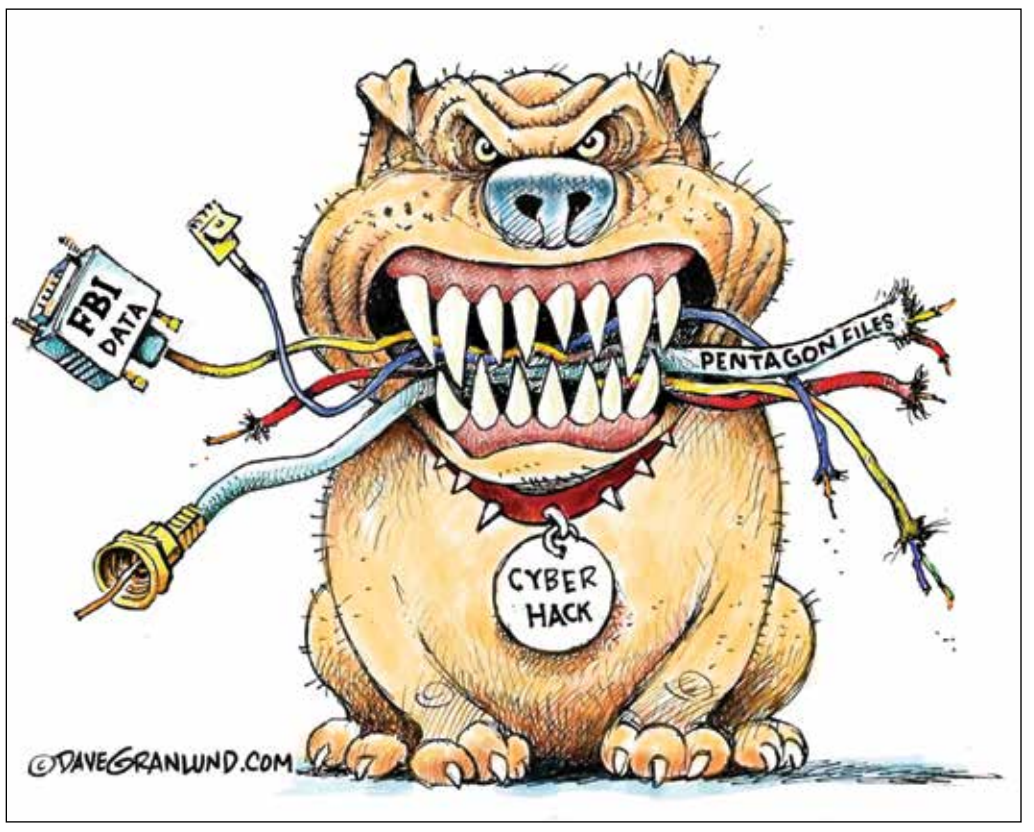
The plant in question is The Nippon Daisy, better known as the Montauk Daisy (Nipponanthemum nipponicum). When most flowers are calling it quits, this late season perennial is just getting started.

The plant is shrub-like, so it blends in well in the landscape with bushes or other specimen perennials, growing 1.5-3 feet tall and 3-5 feet wide. It looks like a regular white daisy, only more robust.

Enjoy them now through the first heavy frost. Plant in full sun; cut back a bit in the spring to keep them growing upright. It is both deer and rabbit resistant.

I hope that you enjoy these timely, friendly questions.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Baystate Health announces progress for new Ware Convenient Care

WARE – According to a recent press release, Baystate Health is moving forward with plans to bring Baystate Mary Lane Convenient Care - Ware to the Quaboag region.

Construction is expected to begin in November following completion of final design, local permitting, Department of Public Health regulatory review and final project approvals.

A general contractor has been identified for the project, which will transform the former Smithland Pet and Garden Center at 144 West St. into a new convenient care facility. Construction is anticipated to be completed in late spring 2027.

The new facility will provide residents with convenient access to care for a wide range of illnesses and injuries, with on-site diagnostic services designed to make it easier for patients to receive the care they need in one location. Services will include: Convenient care for common illnesses and injuries; digital X-ray services on site; laboratory services on site; scheduled appointments and walk-in visits; and evening and weekend hours

"Expanding access to care means being present in the communities we serve and making it easier for people to get the care they need," said Dr. Seth Gemme, Chief Physician Executive of Baystate Health and President of Baystate Medical Practices. "This is an important investment in the health of the community and in making healthcare more accessible for the people we serve. It gives individuals and families another place to turn for the right care at the right time, while strengthening our ability to support the health and well-being of the community for years to come."

Baystate Mary Lane Convenient Care - Ware will offer a convenient way for community members to access care and common diagnostic services in one location. In addition to addressing immediate health needs, the team can help patients connect with primary care and other services to support their ongoing health.

Baystate Health previously announced that the Ware location could eventually expand to include primary care services and potentially serve as a site for a family medicine residency program. The potential expansion is dependent on securing support from the Rural Transformation Health Fund.

If funded, the program could launch as early as 2028-2029 and would build on the community-focused approach used by Baystate Franklin Medical Center's family medicine residency program.

The press release stated the Ware project is part of Baystate Health's continued investment in expanding access to care across Western Massachusetts and reflects its mission to deliver compassionate, quality and accessible care while advancing our communities' health for all.

Learn more at BaystateHealth.org.

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

When will Congress repay Social Security money taken years ago?

Dear Rusty:

I seem to remember that Congress borrowed a total of 4 trillion dollars from SS back in the 1980s and 1990s. When will this be repaid with interest?

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior:

I'm afraid your recollection is not correct – no politicians (Congress or Presidents) have ever taken money from the Social Security Trust Funds – not in the 1980s, nor 1990s, not ever.

Congress and Presidents are prevented by law from using Social Security money for any purpose other than paying SS benefits to beneficiaries and for paying the operating costs of administering the program.

Some significant changes to the Social Security program were, indeed, made in the years you mention, but those changes essentially saved Social Security from defaulting on monthly SS payment obligations.

In 1983, Congress and President Reagan enacted some income tax on received SS benefits for those with higher incomes and which added to Social Security's revenue, thus avoiding a benefit cut.

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Back Roads Studio Tour



Lisa Janice (LJ) Cohen of Dragonbelly Ceramics in Gilbertville, opened her home studio during the Back Roads Studio Tour this past weekend.



Lou Meyerdierks of Pieceful Primitives in Spencer held up one of her wool table runners.



Elisabeth Hyder of Brookfield Paperworks is shown with her husband Darrell at her North Brookfield studio.

Weekend celebrates local artists and crafters

By Paula Ouimette
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This past weekend, the Back Roads Studio Tour highlighted eight artists and crafters by offering the public the opportunity to tour their home studios over two days.

The tour drew visitors from across New England, giving them a chance to talk with the artist, and learn about their work.

The northernmost part of the tour was at Petersham Leathers, a studio owned by Sylvia Brown in Petersham.

The studio is located in a barn that was part of the Twin Dairy Farm operated by F.W. Elliott and family, until a fire in the 1960s. Brown still has a glass milk bottle on display in her workspace.

Brown has been working with leather for more than five decades, and she still has the first project she ever completed – a bedspread for her doll, complete with a fringe.

Brown makes handbags, briefcases, belts and luggage, but she specializes as a tailor working to fit leather garments. Her work is especially popular with motorcyclists.

Brown also makes handbags out of sheets of cork, a renewable resource and an alternative to leather.

The next stop on the tour was to Sheldon Farms Baskets in Barre, where Sue Morello displayed baskets of all shapes and sizes, as well as handmade soap and Christmas ornaments.

Many of Morello's baskets feature hand-painted designs, and some are accented with braided sea grass.

Morello has been making baskets for 35 years, and she is a well-known teacher of the craft, offering classes at libraries and other locations across the region.

The tour then headed further south to Gilbertville, a village in Hardwick, where Lisa Janice (LJ) Cohen has Dragonbelly Ceramics.

Cohen said the studio got its name from one of her signature mugs, which a friend described as looking like a dragon that stood up on its back legs to walk away.

These mugs have a rounded "belly" shape and pinched "feet" at the bottom. Each mug has a unique texture, which Cohen creates using vintage laces she finds.

During the tour Cohen was making "salt pigs," which are pig-shaped holders for salt to keep handy in your kitchen.

The Back Roads Studio Tour headed further west this year, reaching the town of

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Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

John Collins worked on an owl sculpture at his Ware studio during the Back Roads Studio Tour.



Russell Buzzell of Buck Hill Studio in North Brookfield is shown with two of his paintings of his family's farm.



Sue Morello of Sheldon Farms Baskets in Barre is shown with some of her baskets.



Sylvia Brown of Petersham Leathers in Petersham sewed a leather purse during the Back Roads Studio Tour.

Free premiere of 'The American Constitution' film Oct. 25

NEW BRAINTREE – Explore the origin story of the American system of government at a free public screening of the new documentary film, "The American Constitution", on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2-4 p.m. at New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive.

The film, from award-winning filmmaker David Garrigus, dramatizes the creation of one of history's most influential documents. Using only the Framers' own words drawn directly from the historical record, an impressive cast portrays the impassioned debates between figures like George Washington, James Madison and Benjamin Franklin.

Following the screening, attendees will have the special opportunity to participate in a live Q&A session with the film's writer and director, and a legal expert.

The event is free and open to all. For more information, visit ConstitutionMovie.com.



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Candlepin League NEWS

By Ryan Drago
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Bondsville League

WARE – After four weeks of league candlepin bowling Spare Parts remains in first place in the Bondsville League.

The team leads in both the league and the west division with a record of 20-8. Their division rival Zeke's Freaks are in second place with a record of 18-10.

Zeke's Freaks bowled against Night Hawks during week four of the season. In game one, Zeke's Freaks won by one pin, 495-494. Kevin "Kras" Krasnecky of Zeke's Freaks started the match with 114.

Krasnecky's teammates, Ryan Breen and Steve Orszulak, had scores of 105 and 104. Game two was decided by two pins and was also in favor of Zeke's Freaks, 504-502.

Breen improved to 113 and Krasnecky scored 110. The leader of the team, Zeke Sicard, broke the century mark with 104.

In game three, Night Hawks won by a score of 493-492. Jim Niquette of Night Hawks finished with 104.

The match was close all evening and Zeke's Freaks won total pinfall with a final score of 1491-1489. Krasnecky finished with 129 and a three-game series of 353.

The Slow Burners bowled against Ironmen during week three of the season. In game one, Slow Burners defeated Ironmen by a score of 478-452.

Three of the four Slow Burners broke the century mark with scores of 107, 102 and 101. Jason Swistak of Ironmen started the match with 114.

In game two, Ironmen defeated Slow Burners with a score of 491-440. Swistak led his team to victory with 124 while Pete Swistak scored 119.

In game three, Scott Radisic scored 114 while Slow Burners won the last game 475-453. J. Swistak had a three-game series of 335 and P. Swistak scored 320.

Ironmen won total pinfall and three points with a final score of 1396-1393.

Cannonballs bowled against Flaming Bowling Balls during week four. Game one went to Flaming Bowling Balls with a score of 446-441.

In game two, Flaming Bowling Balls won again with a score of 494-440. Don Paulus of Flaming Bowling Balls scored 114.

In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls defeated Cannonballs with a score of 447-423. The team won all seven points with a final score of 1387-1304.

The Rollies bowled against P&J Meats during week four. In game one, Rollies combined for 484 to beat P&J Meats' 444.

Brandon Lane, Rich Picotte and Ron Gouin of Rollies bowled scores of 118, 111 and 109.

In game two, Rollies won again by a score of 487-454. Lane scored 113, Gouin scored 116 and Sue Horton scored 122.

In game three, P&J Meats won by a score of 457-448. Shaun Midura of P&J Meats finished with 117 to help his team secure two points.

Picotte ended with 111 and Horton scored 105. Rollies won total pinfall with a final score of 1419-1355.

Fire Mountain bowled against Spare Parts during week four. Game one went to Spare Parts with a score of 463-451.

Jared Demitri of Spare Parts began the match with 107. Gary Delisle of Fire

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The Dowd Agencies expands with acquisition of St. Germain Insurance in Ware

HOLYOKE – The Dowd Agencies, the oldest insurance agency in New England under continuous family ownership, announced it has acquired St. Germain Insurance in Ware, adding another established independent agency to its growing network throughout New England.

Established in 1966, St. Germain Insurance has earned the trust of generations of individuals, families and businesses through personalized service and a commitment to understanding each customer's insurance needs.

As part of The Dowd Agencies, St. Germain Insurance customers have access to broader carrier options and expanded resources while continuing to work with the same trusted team and receive the relationship-driven service they value.

"St. Germain Insurance has built a strong reputation over six decades by putting its customers first and providing thoughtful, personalized insurance advice," said John E. Dowd Jr., president and CEO of The Dowd Agencies, in a press release. "That approach aligns closely with our own philosophy at Dowd. We are pleased to welcome the St. Germain team and support the relationships they have built in the community."

The acquisition brings together two family-owned agencies with deep roots in Massachusetts. The Dowd Agencies has served customers since 1898 and has continued to expand its presence throughout New England while maintaining its commitment to personal service and local communities.

St. Germain Insurance is located at 246 West St. in Ware and provides personal and commercial insurance coverage to customers throughout the region.

About The Dowd Agencies

A full-service agency, The Dowd Agencies, including Dowd Financial Services and Dowd Wealth Management, has been helping people and businesses in western Massachusetts with their personal insurance, commercial insurance, employee benefits and financial needs for over 125 years.

Established in Holyoke in 1898 by James J. Dowd, The Dowd Agencies is the oldest insurance agency in New England with operations and management under continuous family ownership. Today the fifth generation of Dowd provides counsel and coverage from several locations across western Massachusetts and Vermont. For more information, please visit dowd.com.

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Ware, at the studio of painter and sculptor, John Collins.

Collins demonstrated his sculpting technique with a bust of a model (and her pet bearded dragon) as well as an owl. The walls of Collins' studio are decorated with his oil paintings of "people, pets and prized possessions."

Collins also used the tour to showcase the vast collection created by his late mother. Like her son, she also created sculptures and oil paintings, and many of her paintings were completed entirely with a palette knife.

The Back Roads Studio Tour featured three studios in North Brookfield, including Elisabeth Hyder's Brookfield Paperworks studio.

Hyder specializes in paper crafts, and during the tour she helped visitors make their own paste paper – a technique that combines acrylic paint with cornstarch (or flour) and water to crate a colorful paste.

Hyder creates a number of different works of art with her paste paper, from boxes to collages, to Christmas trees, and even tiny boats.

At Buck Hill Studio, Russell Buzzell displayed a lifetime of work that spanned from his youth to his professional career as an illustrator.



These wooden bowls, vases, boxes, spoons and cutting boards were displayed at Jeff Palmer Designs in North Brookfield during the Back Roads Studio Tour.

Buzzell's studio is located on the same road as the family farm where he grew up and enjoyed caring for animals. It's here that he developed a deep love for nature and wildlife.

While the farm's massive barn is no longer standing, it is forever memorialized in Buzzell's paintings, which show it through all the seasons.

Jeff Palmer Designs showcased the woodworking of Jeff Palmer, from furniture to spoons.

During the tour, Palmer was joined by his wife Brenda, who helped talk with visitors that came to the workshop.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Jeff Palmer of Jeff Palmer Designs and his wife Brenda are shown at their North Brookfield home.

Palmer began woodworking when he was 12 years old, and his passion is making furniture. He displayed his pieces in a small barn for people to browse, from tables to cabinets, to woodturned bowls and spoons.

The Palmers also displayed the Pokémon-themed artwork created by their daughter.

Furthest east on the Back Roads Studio Tour was Lou Meyerdierks' studio, Pieceful Primitives, in Spencer. Here, Meyerdierks displayed her wool applique home décor, rug hooking, needle punch and counted cross stitch.

She had plenty of festive items (including felt Santa Claus figurines) just in time for the start of the holiday gift-giving season.

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



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Ware Public Schools Superintendent Search Subcommittee invitation

WARE – The Ware Public Schools Superintendent Search Subcommittee will take on the incredibly important task of selecting the school district's new superintendent and it is looking for members.

This decision will have an impact on students, families, teachers, staff and larger community for the foreseeable future, so committee members do not take this on lightly.

The committee members hope people will submit their names for consideration to join this group by Friday, Oct. 9.

Outline for subcommittee

The Superintendent Search Subcommittee will have two School Committee members (Mel Whitham and Kevin Slattery); three teachers, two administrators (one central office and one school); three staff members (paraprofessionals, custodians and/or secretaries); three parents (one from each school); three citizens at large (these citizens will not have any relation to current staff, School Committee members or students); and two current students (grades nine-12)

This outline is not completely rigid, but the committee members will strive to stay as close to it as possible when selecting members

Subcommittee meetings

This subcommittee will start meeting in the middle of October and work through November. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Ware Junior Senior High School library.

Future meetings are anticipated to take place on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. the weeks the School Committee doesn't meet.

Subcommittee responsibilities

Subcommittee members must protect all manners of privacy throughout this process. No discussions or comments can be made outside of subcommittee meetings

Subcommittee members also determine the matrix for evaluation and voting on candidates.

Members will participate in productive conversations/debates about the candidates in a respectful manner and refrain from posting on social media in violation of state privacy laws.

The subcommittee will draft questions for candidates to answer during first round of interviews and final interviews to be voted on by the School Committee.

The subcommittee members will participate in first round of interviews, take notes, and discuss with fellow subcommittee members afterward at posted meetings. All meetings are to be held in executive sessions and are not open to the public.

The subcommittee will select the final candidates to submit to the School Committee for final consideration.

How to apply

Submit your interest in joining the subcommittee by Friday, Oct. 9 by completing the Superintendent Search Subcommittee Interest Form online at www.wareps.org/superintendent/search.

Ware Cultural Council announces 2027 grant cycle

WARE – The Massachusetts Cultural Council will begin accepting online applications for the 2027 grant cycle through Oct. 15.

Please visit https://massculturalcouncil.org/organizations/operating-grants-for-organizations/application-process/ for information on how to apply for funding cultural community activities in Ware.

These grants can support various artistic projects and activities such as exhibits, festivals, field trips, school performances, workshops and lectures. The Ware Cultural Council thanks the Massachusetts State Legislature for providing the annual funds to each local cultural council in the Commonwealth.

The mission of the Ware Cultural Council is to promote, encourage, facilitate, the arts, plays, music and interpretive sciences for the enjoyment of Ware citizens of all ages.

For more information, email wareculturalcouncil@yahoo.com.



Turley Photos by Zacharias Fragkiadakis

This patriotic quilt was sewn by Sandy Ulen.



Seth Newton performed during a fundraiser dinner to benefit the Jubilee Ministries and celebrate Trinity Episcopal Church's 125th anniversary.

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some exterior work as well. The estimated cost of everything is $25,000 according to Suzanne Chagnon, senior warden with the church.

The church has hired a contractor who gave them a quote, Chagnon said, but volunteers are welcome to help with this project.

Chagnon said in addition to the church celebrating its 125th year, the Jubilee Cupboard is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. What started in the kitchen of the church located at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, now has its own separate space to better serve the community.

The event was held at Teresa's Restaurant, 315 Palmer Road, in the function room, where diners were offered a menu of chicken parmesan, ziti and salad. There were several items up for raffle to go toward the project, including a quilt made from the ladies of the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Musical entertainment was provided by local musician Seth Newton.



The raffle featured many themed gift baskets.

Several baskets were donated for raffle, including an autumn basket from Robin Paris, a wine basket from Mary Hawes, tea and cocoa from Lauren Jeffery, a beauty and pasta basket from Darlene and a wine basket from It's Wine O'Clock. A cookie platter was donated by Jessica Skinner.

Local businesses donated items including a blender from Cluett's, sheet sets from Berkshire Blanket, a wreath from Otto Florists, spices from Salem Spices and Christmas wrapping from Expressive Design. Several other local businesses had items including Niko's Pizzeria, Nat Falk, Hardwick Crossing, Hanna's on Main, Teresa's, Mexicali, Dioguardi Jewelers, Lost Towns Brewing and the D&D Fitness Factory.

Town Hall History

By Susan Sandridge
Ware Historical Commission

Standing on the corner of Main and West Main streets, a great Romanesque Revival building of red sandstone has quietly anchored our town for 140 years.

But the history of the building has hardly been quiet: it has accommodated programs, plays and concerts; conducted town business and voting; hosted a future President and his wife, watched over parades, weathered a flood and withstood a fire.

Much like our town itself, our Town Hall is a survivor with a history worth sharing.

Until 1847, the colonial village of Ware conducted town business and governance at the Meeting House in Ware Center.

However, when a law was enacted in 1833 calling for separation of church and state, citizens needed to look for a new building.

The industrial revolution had brought factories and industries to the banks of the river one and a half miles to the east, and when land became available in the heart of the flourishing village, the townspeople decided it would be an ideal location for the Town Hall. The town purchased a corner lot.

This property, owned by Hampshire Manufacturing Co, was part of a tract stretching from South Street to West Street, bordered on the south by present day Pulaski Street, and Main Street to the north. In colonial times this large parcel was grazing land, and the intention was to keep it undeveloped.

When the manufacturing plant went insolvent, they divided the land into 34 building lots and offered them for sale.

Today, Nenameseck Square is the only remaining vestige of this parcel – the original Town Common.

With funding in place and land purchased, the distinguished Connecticut Valley architect, Henry A. Sykes, was commissioned to design Ware's first Town Hall.

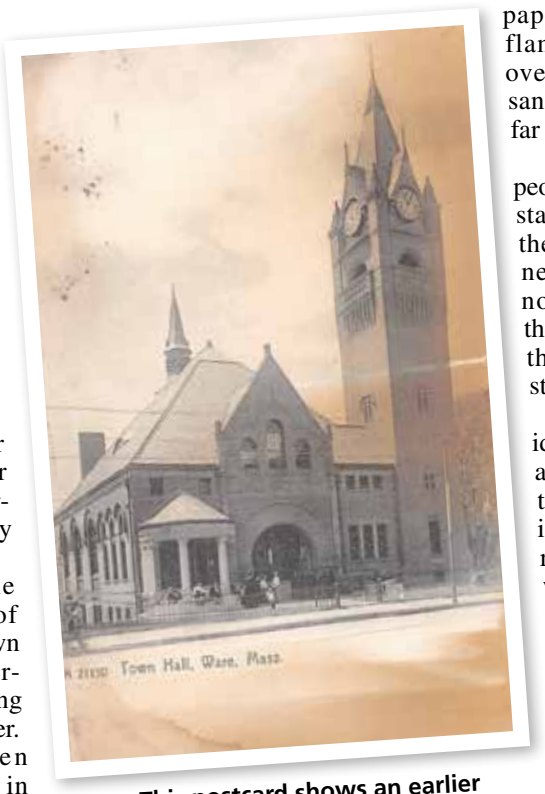
The resulting structure was described as 60 feet long and 48 feet wide, two stories high, with the first floor consisting of offices for Selectmen and Assessors. The second story was comprised solely of a large open room for town meetings.

It was likely an elegant Greek Revival building, the style which Sykes was known for. The final cost, including land, fixtures, and furnishings, was $4,500.

With great fanfare, Ware's new Town Hall was dedicated on March 31, 1847.

Its history was cut short. On the night of Nov. 6, 1867, the building burned to the ground, taking the Unitarian Church next door along with it. Residents awoke to smoldering ruins.

The church was quickly rebuilt. However, the Town Hall was not.



This postcard shows an earlier image of the Ware Town Hall.

For 20 years, town business was conducted at The Music Hall, a building at the corner of Bank and Main streets.

In 1885, Ware formed a committee of leading local businessmen and set sights on rebuilding. The prominent Boston Architectural firm of Hartwell and Richardson was hired, and plans were made for a much larger Town Hall to occupy the same site as the original.

The new building, costing $40,000, featured broad, arched double entrances topped with a hip roof of steep gables flanked by a tall square tower. Town offices occupied the basement level, while the main floor included a grand hall with an ornate balcony, a stage with backstage dressing rooms, and bathrooms with modern indoor plumbing.

A magnificent clock with Westminster chimes was donated by the Storrs family and installed in the tower in 1903.

The period encompassing the 1890s through the early 1920s was a vibrant era for the Town Hall. In these decades the stage hummed with activity, hosting countless vaudeville shows, revues, plays, and performances.

However, the late 1920's ushered in America's first home entertainment with the advent of radio programming, while talking motion pictures had audiences flocking to movie theaters.

Although vaudeville acts and travelling shows were quickly disappearing, the Ware Town Hall continued to resonate with the sounds of school concerts, charity events, talent shows and dances.

In 1935, tragedy again struck when a late-night fire destroyed a large portion of the main hall, while the basement suffered smoke and water damage. A newspaper account described flames shooting 30 feet over the roof and thousands of sparks flying as far as Pleasant Street.

Hundreds of townspeople gathered to watch, standing on the street in their nightclothes. The newspaper article also noted that throughout the fire and its aftermath, the Storrs clock never stopped working.

The damage was rapidly repaired. A needed addition was added to the back of the building, and the newly refurbished Town Hall was rededicated on March 19, 1936. The building continued to serve as a hub for local government business and entertainment, even achieving fame when the renowned Life Magazine ran a feature story on the play "We're Happy about the Whole Thing" written by and starring Ware residents.

This 1938 production told the story of how Ware saved itself from economic collapse by establishing Ware Industries, a town-wide investment in the Otis Company complex. This led to the slogan "The Town that Can't be Licked" and brought celebrity status to the town.

The play was recorded on microfilm and buried at the New York Worlds Fair for discovery by future generations.

In 1958, Ware resident and past Dean of Harvard University, Alfred Chester Hanford, stood in front of a gathered crowd and introduced his former student; someone who, he said, has the well-being of Ware citizens and its industries at heart. With his wife Jackie by his side, the former student, John F. Kennedy, stepped forward and delivered a speech from the steps of the Ware Town Hall.

The opening of the new Ware High School in 1960 drew the majority of performances away from the Town Hall to the new modern auditorium. In the decades that followed, the stage has grown silent.

However, the building itself is very much alive. It remains a proud cornerstone of Main Street, providing space for town offices, voting and even hosting pickleball.

The next time you pass by, perhaps you can give a nod or a thought to this building. Like us, a survivor, with a history worth remembering.

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FLASHOVER TRAINING



Firefighters from Ware and Warren participated in a training led by instructors from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.



The debris is cleaned from the mobile training unit.

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Mullin of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy said.

The instructors explained that wood doesn't burn, but it off-gases, similar to how wax off-gasses when a candle is burned.

Air flow in the sealed metal unit is controlled by opening and closing doors at the front and the rear, Dupuis said.

Dupuis, who has been with the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy for over 30 years, said the training helps firefighters to "read the smoke" to avoid flashover conditions.

"It tells you different things," he said.

Lighter, white smoke, is mostly steam and indicates there is moisture where the fire is. Darker, pressurized smoke that rolls out of the structure is a sign of extreme heat and flashover conditions.

Mullin said flashover training is required for new recruits, call firefighters and career firefighters. He said they recommended firefighters participate in as many trainings as they can, and frequently.

"We train all the time," he said.

Seven instructors conducted the flashover training with the two fire departments, and Mullin said the team works well together and conducts these trainings all over the state.

"The team from the academy is a solid group," he said.

About the MFA

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy trains municipal fire service personnel at no cost to cities and towns. Training happens at the academy's Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater campuses and at local fire departments.

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy also offers fire officer training and over 300 continuing education courses. Programs are open to members of Massachusetts fire departments and to members of public fire departments in other states.

For more information, visit https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-firefighting-academy-mfa.



Air fed the fire inside the mobile training unit, simulating the conditions of a flashover.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors prepared for the training.



The fire, fed by Masonite, begins in this stove



Massachusetts Firefighting Academy trainer Mike Dupuis talked to one of his colleagues.



As the material inside the mobile training unit burned, it released different colored smoke. The white smoke near the front of the unit has more moisture and is mostly steam, and the darker smoke to the rear is more pressurized and signifies an intense heat source.

WARE FIRE DEPARTMENT Open House



Margaret Holbrook and Heather Mannix of Lowe's provided free smoke detectors and combination smoke/CO detectors.



Kelli Prescott and Papcelie Rau of Walmart had temporary tattoos, fire extinguisher-shaped squirt guns, rubber ducks and more.

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er Dave Edgar. When the water hit the "flame" target, it dropped and the fire was put out.

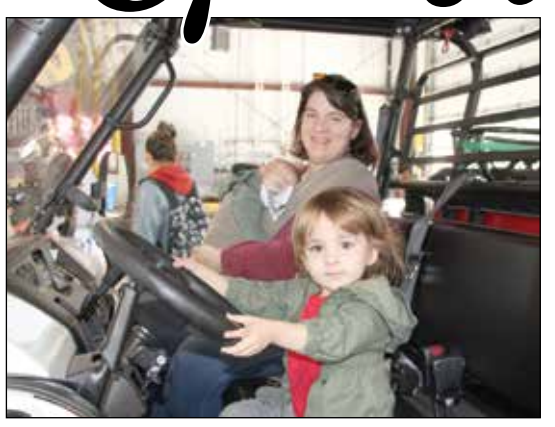
Firefighter Kandace Wilcox demonstrated her gear and equipment, and explained how each item worked. This demonstration can help young children be less afraid of first responders in the event of an emergency, such as a fire.

"So kids can see what it looks like and sounds like," Fandrey said.

There was an assortment of fire prevention and safety materials for people of all ages, as well as art activities and refreshments.

Fandrey organized a nonperishable food item collection to benefit the food pantry at All Saints Church. Last year she collected supplies to benefit Second Chance Animal Services.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at nfpa.org and to learn about battery safety, visit the Department of Fire Services' website, www.mass.gov/info-details/lithium-ion-battery-safety.



Anna, age 2, sat behind the wheel of a vehicle alongside her mother Stacy Sullivan and brother, Cody, age 4 months.



Deniz, age 4, and his mother, Aslihan, enjoyed the fire trucks at the Ware Fire Department's open house.



Kandace Wilcox gave a gear and equipment demonstration.



Mark Lagimoniere and his daughter Brynn gave tours of the fire station.



Everleigh, age 3, posed in a firefighter cutout.

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Indians give Eagles tough challenge, but fall in the end

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE— The last time that the Ware football team failed to win a league title was in 2015.

The Indians have shared the Intercounty North Division title with the Franklin County Tech Eagles in each of the past two seasons.

The Indians quest for another league title became a little bit more difficult following their 32-28 loss to the Eagles in this year's league opener at Veterans' Field last Friday night.

"We knew that the league title would probably be between us and them once again this year," said Ware head coach Kyle Whitney. "It was a hard-fought battle, but they got the edge on us tonight. We just need to take it one game at a time. Our next two games are on the road."

Following the home setback, the Indians had a 1-3 overall record. They held a 22-6 halftime lead in a non-league game at the Springfield International Charter School on Sept. 24. They managed to hang on during the second half for a 22-20 victory.

The Indians were leading 28-18 with six minutes remaining in last Friday night's game, but they watched it all slip away from them.

"I'm disappointed with the outcome and not with the players," Whitney added. "We just made some mental mistakes, which hurt us."

The Eagles (4-0), who defeated the Indians for the first time since 2015, entered the contest as the second ranked team in the MIAA Division 8 power rankings.

"Franklin Tech is an outstanding football team," Whitney said. "They have an excellent offense, and we battled hard against them."

The Indians were ranked 28th in Division 8.

Only the top 16 teams qualify for the Division 8 state playoffs.

After being forced to punt on the opening series of the game, Ware senior Jayden Diaz recovered a fumble at the Eagles 34-yard line.

The Indians supporters thought their team had scored

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Aaron Bateman tries to lift a pass over an opponent.



Austin Hatch tries to overcome an opponent.



Levi Ramirez tries to get toward the middle of the field.

Indians fall on road at Holyoke

HOLYOKE – Last Monday afternoon, Ware boys soccer suffered a 4-2 loss at Holyoke. The Indians fell to 0-9 on the regular season. They will face Southwick on Oct. 8 at home at 7 p.m.



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Mason Gagne kicks the ball away for Ware.

Matthew Skutnik goes after the loose ball.

Cougars finish in 1-1 draw with Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN—The Ware girls' varsity soccer team had gone four consecutive seasons without scoring a goal against Quaboag Regional, while being outscored 16-0.

In their only meeting of the 2026 regular season, the two teams battled through a scoreless first half before the Lady Cougars grabbed a 1-0 lead in the 54th minute.

The Lady Cougars wouldn't post another shutout, as the Lady Indians scored the equalizer a little more than ten minutes later. The visitors from Ware had several late scoring chances, but last Tuesday night's non-league match at Cougars Stadium ended in a 1-1 draw.

"It was definitely a hard fought game tonight," said Ware head coach Morgan Toelken. "Even though Quaboag graduated some talented players last year, they still have a lot of talent. We haven't had very much success against them in the past and I'm very glad to come away with a tie in tonight's match."

The road tie left the Lady Indians with a 2-3-2 overall record and extended their winless stretch against the Lady Cougars to more than 15 years.

Before this season, Ware hadn't scored a goal against Quaboag since a 5-2 home loss on Sept. 18, 2021. Aislin McClure accounted for both Lady Indians goals.

Ware was ranked 16th in the first MIAA Division 5 power rankings of the fall season.

"We're 16th in the power rankings, which is the highest that we've been in a long time," Toelken said. "I'm not sure how much this tie will really help us in the power rankings."

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PANTHERS WIN TWO STRAIGHT

Nathan Cruz weaves through traffic with the ball.

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Quabbin girls still undefeated



Alison LaRoche lines herself up to head the ball.



Alison LaRoche tracks the ball as she readies to kick it upfield.



Sadie Kennan battles for position and control of the ball.

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RIGHT: Goalie Mia Gleason leaps to make the catch and the stop.



From left, Saylor Bissonnette, Alison LaRoche and Allie Lipiec celebrate a goal by Bissonnette.

BARRE – After battling to a 3-3 tie at the start of the season, Quabbin Regional High School girls soccer has now won seven straight games, including two win last week. The Panthers defeated Ayer Shirley 6-0, then took down Fitchburg at home last Thursday 5-2. Quabbin is now 7-0-1 and now needs just one more win to qualify for the Division 4 State Tournament. The Panthers are back in action on Monday, Oct. 12, hosting Quaboag at 2 p.m.

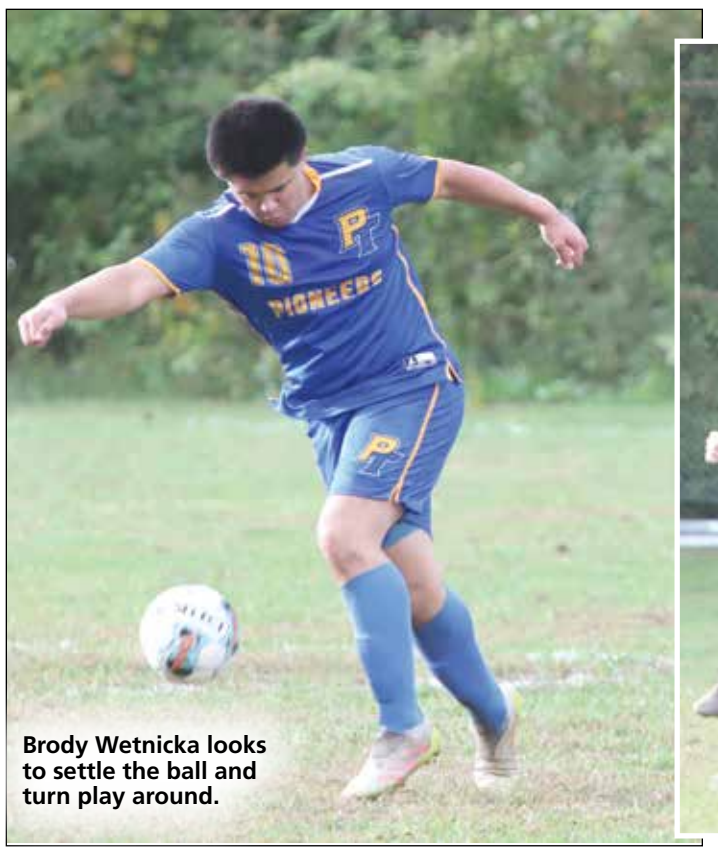
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Owen Marion goes for a header.



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William Wright defends against an opposing player.



Brody Wetnicka looks to settle the ball and turn play around.



Gianni Holland tries to play the loose ball.



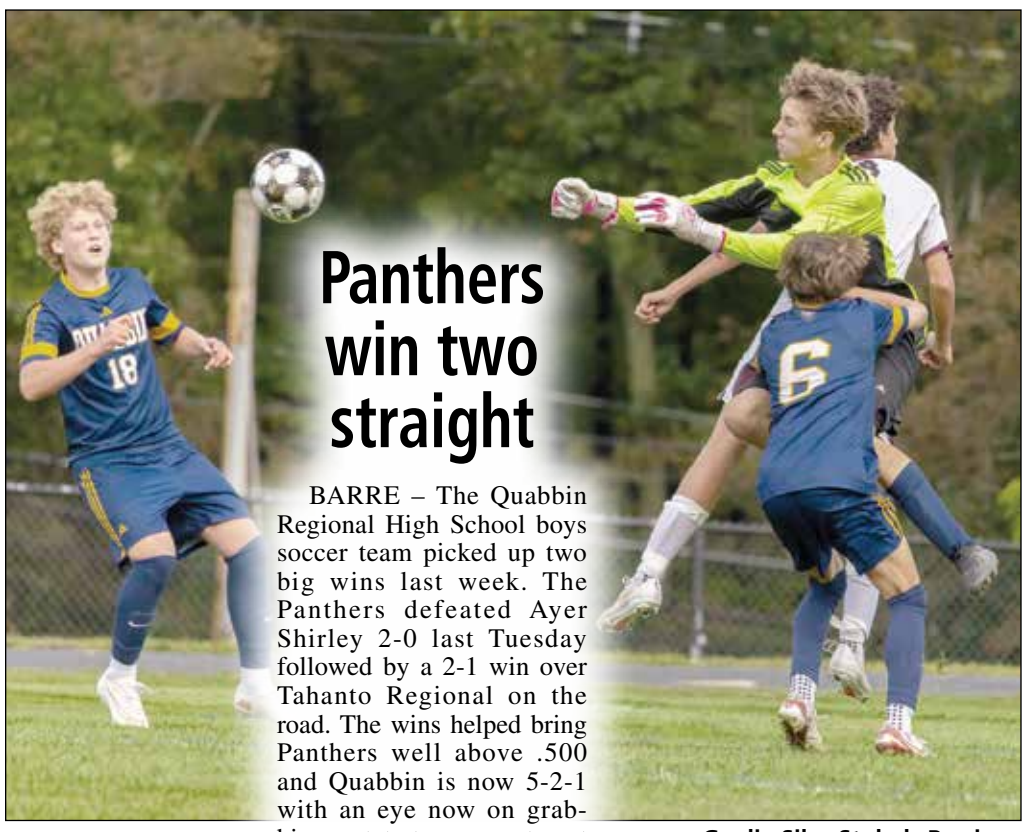
Pioneers fall at home, but rebound with pair of wins

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder boys soccer had a 5-1 loss at home against Southwick Regional, but rebounded to defeat Smith Vocational 2-1 and then Monson 2-0 last Friday night to improve to 7-2-1 overall on the season. The Pioneers were then off for six days before returning action on Thursday, Oct. 8 against the High School of Commerce at 4 p.m.

LEFT: Owen Pear sends a free kick up the field.



Elijah Hodge punts the ball away.



Panthers win two straight

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School boys soccer team picked up two big wins last week. The Panthers defeated Ayer Shirley 2-0 last Tuesday followed by a 2-1 win over Tahanto Regional on the road. The wins helped bring Panthers well above .500 and Quabbin is now 5-2-1 with an eye now on grabbing a state tournament spot coming in the next couple of weeks. Quabbin is back in action on Monday, Oct. 12, hosting Quaboag at 4 p.m.

Goalie Silas Stukuls Barrieau jumps up to punch the ball away.



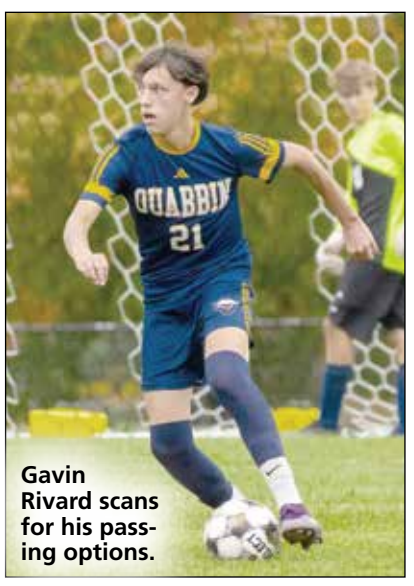
Logan Bruley works the ball upfield.



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Matthew Labrousse battles for the ball near the sideline.



Owen Twarog gets a leg up on the opponent to kick the ball away.



Gavin Rivard scans for his passing options.

T-Birds jump out to quick 2-0 start

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-0-0-0) rode yet another terrific goaltending performance to a 2-0 blanking of the Providence Bruins (0-2-0-0) on Sunday inside Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Neither team could generate much of anything at the offensive end of the rink in the opening 20 minutes, as the two clubs combined for just eight attempts on net, making life easy for Providence goalie Simon Zajicek and Springfield goalie Will Cranley.

Power plays continued to be a struggle for both clubs as well, with four combined efforts thwarted in the opening period. The T-Birds finally got their first taste of man-advantage success at 17:59 of the second when T.J. Tynan dropped a pass to Alek Kaskimaki in the right circle. Zajicek made the stop, but kicked the rebound right onto the waiting stick of Justin Carbonneau, and the 19-year-old fired home his second goal of the weekend to make it 1-0.

That would prove to be all the cushion that Cranley would need in his first start of the season. Providence had thrown just 12 shots on net in the first two periods, but added a dozen more in the third period, with Cranley coming up with answers to each, including a calm glove save on a dangerous rush chance from Dans Locmelis.

Zajicek kept things close himself, as he made the best save of the day to stonewall Dylan Peterson early in the third from point-blank range.

In the end, though, Springfield's suffocating penalty kill and steady hand in net proved too much for the Bruins to overcome, with Otto Stenberg adding an empty-netter for good measure at 18:33 of the third to round out the scoring. Cranley's masterful night finished with 24 saves, earning the second-year netminder his first career AHL shutout.

Now 2-0 to start a season for the first time since 2021, the T-Birds ride that momentum back to Springfield to open their home slate on Saturday, Oct. 10 against the Laval Rocket for a 6:05 p.m. puck drop on MGM Springfield Opening Night, featuring the Community Bank Pregame Block Party from 3 to 5 p.m. at The Landing.

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a touchdown on a reverse run by senior running back Dalton Marquis. However, the touchdown was nullified by a Ware holding penalty and they were forced to punt again.

With 3:56 left in the first quarter, Franklin Tech took a 6-0 lead when senior Hunter Donahue sprinted 30 yards into the endzone capping off the eight play scoring drive.

The extra point attempt sailed wide left.

The Indians responded with their own eight play scoring drive.

Senior quarterback Troy Jurczyk completed a 49-yard pass to junior Logan Millet, whose father, Peter, is Ware's first-year Athletic Director. Millet was tackled at the six-yard line. Jurczyk then carried the ball four times before plowing into the endzone on a one yard run less than a minute into the second quarter.

The score remained tied at 6-6, as the two-point conversion play failed.

Franklin Tech retook the lead with a rushing touchdown, but the Indians quickly answered as Marquis hauled in a 25-yard touchdown pass to put them ahead for the first time.

Then Jurczyk banged into the endzone on the conversion play giving the home team a 14-12 lead with 3:42 remaining in the first half.

Once again, the Eagles answered back with a three-yard keeper by junior QB Mason Bassett with 15 seconds showing on the scoreboard clock.

The visiting team held an 18-14 halftime lead.

After junior Ian Hogan recovered another fumble for the home team, Marquis scored his second touchdown on a four-yard run with 2:39 left in the third quarter. He scored another rushing TD on the conversion play giving the Indians a 22-18 lead entering the final twelve minutes of the contest.

The Indians took a 28-18 lead with 6:09 left in regulation following Jurczyk's one yard TD run.

The tide began to turn when Bassett completed a 52-yard TD pass to Donahue on the first play of the ensuing series.

After the Indians were forced to punt, Bassett threw a 60-yard touchdown to junior Cole Bassett, who ran the final 20 yards into the endzone, which sealed the victory for the visiting team.

The Indians offense did have one final scoring chance, but they wound up turning the ball over on downs.

Ware will be looking to get back into the win column when they travel to Mahar Regional (2-2) in Orange on Friday night.

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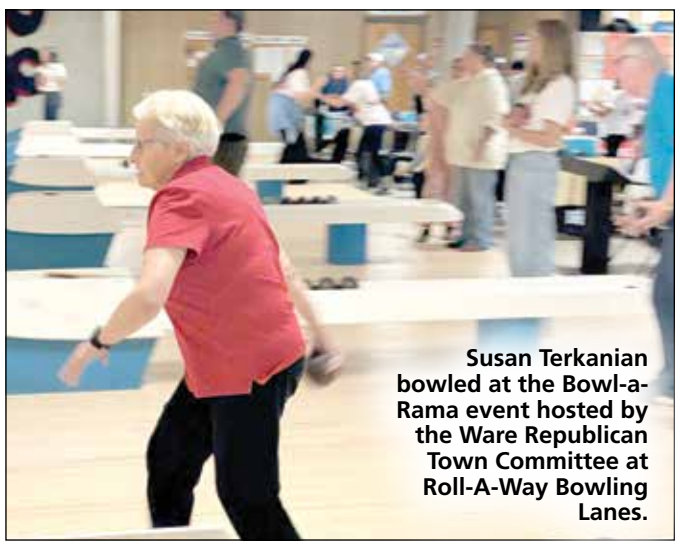
Nadia Milleron, Independent candidate for U.S. Congress MA-1, participated in the event.

RIGHT: Anne Brensley is shown with cast members of the television series, "Survivor".





Phil Hamel is presented with a birthday cake for his 90th birthday. Pictured from left are Ed Wyzik, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, Hamel, Don Nickerson, John Pajak and Amy Morin.



Susan Terkanian bowled at the Bowl-a-Rama event hosted by the Ware Republican Town Committee at Roll-A-Way Bowling Lanes.

Ware RTC hosts BOWL-A-RAMA event



Michael Fountain is shown next to Anne Brensley, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Staff Report

WARE – On Sept. 26, the Ware Town Republican Committee held the 5th annual

Bowl-a-Rama at Roll-a-Way Bowling Lanes.

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather predicted for the day of the event, the golf tournament and chicken barbecue dinner, normally held prior to the bowling event, had to be canceled this year.

Proceeds from the day's events fund the Ware Republican Town Committee scholarship fund.

"We always have excellent participation in these events," said Gerry Fountain, event co-chairman. "Fortunately, the bowling event was very well attended this year and helped us achieve our goal of funding our annual scholarship program."

During the Bowl-a-Rama, a birthday cake was presented to Phil Hamel.

"It's his 90th birthday and we hope for many more to come," said Fountain.

A highlight of the bowling event was the participation of cast members of the television show, "Survivor".

"Attendees get the chance to meet these amazing women," said Fountain. "We work towards having a memorable event for everyone who supports our efforts to raise money to fund the scholarships."



Pictured from left are Gerry Fountain, John Pajak, Ed Wyzik and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.



Paul Harper and Bob Lamb enjoyed the event.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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Then in 1993, Congress and President Clinton expanded that legislation to increase the taxation of received Social Security benefits to provide additional SS revenue.

What you may be remembering is the political rhetoric from those days, which opined that Congress had stolen, squandered or borrowed (and should repay) Social Security money used for other purposes.

And that rhetoric originated because of the way received SS revenue from payroll FICA tax is invested.

Social Security revenue, when received, is immediately invested in special-issue government bonds, which pay interest (just like normal government "T-bills").

The difference is that these SS bonds are redeemable, with interest, upon demand and as needed by SSA to pay monthly benefits. This means that SS gets additional interest income from these investments accounting for about $69 billion in extra SS income in 2025.

Some folks, however, feel that because the U.S. Treasury gets the actual cash received for those SS investments, that the money is used by the Treasury for other purposes. Which is, of course, true – just as the government uses all income received from all revenue sources to pay for government programs.

So, rather than viewing those SS bonds as investments, some view them as "money borrowed" and sometimes call the bonds "worthless IOUs." This, of course, is not at all the case, because every dollar invested in those special issue government bonds has been (and still is) used only for valid Social Security purposes and results in extra SS revenue from interest.

Nevertheless, those accusations were prevalent in the 1980s and 1990s when the changes to tax SS benefits were enacted. Indeed, we still regularly hear and refute similar rhetoric these days in our capacity as Social Security Advisors.

We've written many articles on this topic, all of which are available at the AMAC Foundation's two main websites at www.amacfoundation.org, and www.SocialSecurityReport.org.

To answer your specific question "when will this (money) be repaid with interest?" The answer is - there is nothing to repay. All monies ever received for Social Security purposes have been invested in special interest-bearing government bonds, which are redeemed (with interest paid) weekly as needed to pay Social Security benefits to those who have earned and are entitled to them.

These bonds are secured by the "full faith and credit of the U.S. government," a financial designation which is globally considered to be "exceptionally low risk."

FYI, the SS Trust Fund reserves held about $2.5 trillion in investments as of the end of 2025, down from about $2.9 trillion in 2020. The Trust Fund total is now being regularly depleted because incoming SS revenue has not been sufficient to pay 100% of SS benefit obligations since 2021, so Trust Fund reserves are now being used to pay full benefits.

And therein lies the crux of the Social Security solvency issue, which is why the program so urgently needs Congressional reform before the SS reserves in the Trust Funds run dry in 2032, after which everyone would see a cut in their monthly SS benefits. Congress must enact SS reform now.

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COUGARS

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The Lady Cougars (0-5-2) entered this week's action still searching for their first victory of the season.

"It was a pretty even game tonight," said Quaboag head coach Joe Mooney. "We graduated nine seniors, including seven starters from last year's team. We're in the rebuilding process this year."

Two of the players that Quaboag lost to graduation were Maddie Potvin and Madelyn Bagg, who's currently a member of the women's soccer team at Bates College. The duo combined to score 30 goals a year ago.

Quaboag qualified for the Division 5 state tournament four times between 2021-2024. They were moved up to Division 4 last year. After defeating Blackstone-Millville, 4-0 in a preliminary round home match, they lost to second-seeded Douglas on the road in the round of 32.

Quaboag assistant soccer coach Michelle Zawalski graduated from Ware High School in 2017.

Quaboag had the opportunity to take a 1-0 halftime lead against Ware on back-to-back corner kicks at the end of the first half.

Both kicks were taken from the left corner by junior Isabelle Manzaro. Her first attempt sailed into the box and a shot deflected off Ware senior goalie Emily Jones (12 saves) over the end line. Her next kick landed on top of the net.

The contest remained scoreless until Quaboag eighth grader Evelyn Potvin lofted a shot from the right side of the box into the back of the net for her first varsity goal, which was unassisted.

"That was a huge goal by Evelyn," Mooney said. "We're hoping that she becomes one of our top goal scorers just like her older sister. We're still trying to figure things out."

The Lady Indians scored a corner kick goal during the 65th minute.

Sophomore Josephine Galeckas booted the ball into the box from the right corner. After it bounced around, junior Callie Cygan scored the tying goal on a header.

"It was Callie's first goal of the season," Toelken said. "She scored a couple of goals for us last year."

Sophomore Gloria Cotaj was credited with the assist.

Cygan and Galeckas had a couple of shots on goal during the final ten minutes of regulation, but the contest remained tied.

Quaboag senior goalie Seph Piermarini made a total of eight saves.

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Ware Police Log

During the week of Sept. 22-29, the Ware Police Department responded to 12 miscellaneous calls, 24 administrative calls, nine traffic violations, 17 emergency 911 calls, six disturbances/nuisances, four suspicious/wanted, three thefts/larcenies, three assist other agencies, two trespasses, one fraud, three harassment/stalk/threats, one structure fire, 12 safety hazards, two motor vehicle accidents, three animal calls and 29 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

6:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Investigated

6:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Investigated

7 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Fisherdick Road, Dispatch Handled

9:01 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Prospect Street, Services Rendered

1:19 p.m. Assault, West Street, Services Rendered

4:28 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Report Made

4:41 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Unfounded

5:11 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Coffey Hill Road, Dispatch Handled

6:13 p.m. Traffic Collision, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

10:58 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered

Wednesday, Sept. 23

9:28 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

11:03 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Beach Road, Services Rendered

11:41 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, East Main Street, Advised

1:23 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

2:31 p.m. Assault, West Street, Services Rendered

3 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Park Street, Advised

7:21 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled

9:47 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Hillside Village, Could Not Locate

10:10 p.m. Warrant Service, East Main Street, Arrest Made

Arrest: Antonio L. Rosa, 44, Ware

WMS Warrant

Thursday, Sept. 24

5:38 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Laurel Drive, No Action Required

7:24 a.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Services Rendered

7:58 a.m. Deceased Person, Ragged Hill Road, Report Made

9:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Arrest Made

Arrest: Andrew Contonio, 35, Homeless

Default Warrant; Default Warrant; WMS Warrant; WMS Warrant; WMS Warrant; Drug, Possess Class B, Subsequent Offense

4:4 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised

5:27 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled

7:13 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Walnut Street, No Action Required

10:09 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Moriarty Road, Complaint Taken Care Of

Friday, Sept. 25

12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Greenwich Plains Road, Services Rendered

12:05 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Palmer, Referred to Other Agency

7:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Webb Court, Citation/Warning Issued

2:19 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Spring Street, No Action Required

4:40 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Street, Services Rendered

6:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Arrest Made

Arrest: Eliseo R. Ramos Tomas, 32, Bayonne, New Jersey

OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Number Plate Violation

8:07 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Could Not Locate

Saturday, Sept. 26

9:39 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gilbert Court, Appears Secure After Check

10:03 a.m. Safety Hazard, Route 9, Assist Given

10:21 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Unknown Location, Services Rendered

10:50 a.m. Safety Hazard, Aspen Street, Services Rendered

11:04 a.m. Safety Hazard, Babcock Tavern Road, Advised

11:08 a.m. Safety Hazard, Monson Turnpike Road, Advised

11:30 a.m. Safety Hazard, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered

12:32 p.m. Safety Hazard, Belchertown Road, Advised

1:26 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Dispatch Handled

1:43 p.m. Safety Hazard, Belchertown Road, Investigated

2:52 p.m. Safety Hazard, Belchertown Road, Services Rendered

4:03 p.m. Structure Fire, South Street, Extinguished

4:35 p.m. Warrant Service, Pleasant Street, Arrest Made

Arrest: Christopher A. Creamer, 54, Ware

WMS Warrant

7:24 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised

Sunday, Sept. 27

12:39 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Ragged Hill Road, Transport Complete

9:04 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated

11 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Plains Road, Dispatch Handled

4:47 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Gilbertville Road, Advised

8:19 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Otis Avenue, Advised

9:10 p.m. Suspicious Package, West Street, Advised

9:44 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Advised

Monday, Sept. 28

10:13 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, West Main Street, Services Rendered

11:38 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Walter Drive, Dispatch Handled

11:38 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Services Rendered

3:31 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered

5:51 p.m. Safety Hazard, Sherman Hill Road, Assist Given

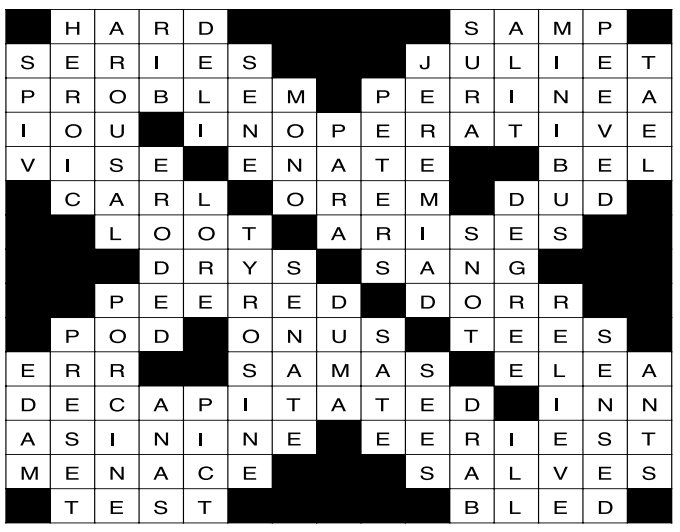
8:10 p.m. Safety Hazard, Sherman Hill Road, Investigated

10:55 p.m. Assault, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Sept. 29

1:40 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered

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Warren Police Log

During the week of Sept. 6-12, the Warren Police Department responded to 151 building/property checks, five community policings, 16 emergency 911 calls, three suspicious activities, one assist other agency, four safety concerns, two parking issues, one disturbance, one structure fire, two animal calls and 12 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Sept. 6

9:47 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Brimfield Road, Referred to Other Agency

12:44 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Keyes Street, Transported to Hospital

5:01 p.m. Parking Issues, Southbridge Road, Officer Spoke to Party

9:10 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Comins Pond Road, Negative Contact

Monday, Sept. 7

10:50 a.m. Welfare Check, Crescent Street, No Transport Required

11:11 a.m. Parking Issues, Southbridge Road, Removed from Scene

12:31 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Yankee Drummer Drive, Report Filed

11:42 p.m. Safety Concern, Southbridge Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Sept. 8

12:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Written Warning

1:46 a.m. Fall, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital

5:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

9:58 a.m. Safety Concern, Chapel Street, Call Transferred

10:02 a.m. Fall, Heritage Drive, Transported to Hospital

11:20 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

11:41 a.m. Sick/Unknown, School Street, Mutual Aid Transport

Wednesday, Sept. 9

1:11 a.m. Fall, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

8:16 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Southbridge Road, Report Filed

6:17 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Milton O. Fountain Way, Transported to Hospital

8:08 p.m. Safety Concern, Winthrop Terrace, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Sept. 10

4:46 a.m. Structure Fire, Shamrock Drive, Fire Extinguished

7:57 a.m. Welfare Check, Little Rest Road, Report Filed

2:01 p.m. Welfare Check, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

5:04 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Chapel Street, Mutual Aid Transport

7:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

7:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

8:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

9:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

10:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Friday, Sept. 11

1:05 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Presidential Circle, Transported to Hospital

12:11 p.m. Safety Concern, South Street, Transported by Life Flight

2:52 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Keys Road, Report Filed

5:57 p.m. Suspicious Activity, South Street, Investigated

10:06 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Mill Street, Investigated

Saturday, Sept. 12

5:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

2 p.m. Trauma, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

3:43 p.m. Fumes/Odor, Bemis Road, Investigated

4:01 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Main Street, Investigated

6:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Chapel Street, Call Transferred

6:48 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Chapel Street, Report Filed

9:52 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Dunham Road, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Sept. 28-Oct. 5, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 45 building/property checks, seven directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, four traffic controls, 11 emergency 911 calls, eight citizen assists, four assist other agencies, three disturbances, five safety hazards, one motor vehicle accident, one burglary, one motor vehicle investigation, one animal call and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Sept. 28

9:48 a.m. Medical Emergency, Church Street, Transported to Hospital

10:37 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

11:40 a.m. Safety Hazard, Jackson Road, Services Rendered

3 p.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Pond Road, Services Rendered

3:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, Jackson Road, Officer Handled

4:17 p.m. Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Patient Refusal

11:41 p.m. Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

Tuesday, Sept. 29

8:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Spoken To

9:42 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled

1:43 pm. Safety Hazard, Brook Road, Removed Hazard

1:49 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Barre Road, Peace Restored

3:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Jackson Road, Services Rendered

3:24 p.m. Disturbance, Main Street, Officer Handled

5:40 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

7:51 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

Wednesday, Sept. 30

3:21 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed

3:38 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital

9:52 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

1:15 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Jackson Road, Report Taken

1:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital

10:03 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Removed Hazard

Thursday, Oct. 1

11:47 p.m. Welfare Check, Broad Street, Officer Handled

Friday, Oct. 2

8:18 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Patient Refusal

10:21 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, River Run, Officer Handled

10:59 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

3:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, River Run, Negative Contact

10:24 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, Oct. 3

9:16 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

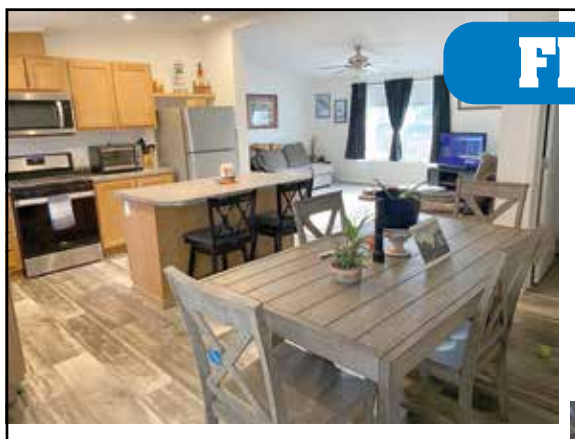
11:41 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Lower Road, Investigated

2:44 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, Oct. 4

2:21 p.m. Disturbance, Broad Street, Services Rendered

8:30 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Clapp Road, Officer Handled



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obituaries

Leo Francis Dominie Jr., 69



WARE – Leo Francis Dominie Jr., 69, of Ware, passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 25, 2026 at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He leaves behind those he cherished most: his beloved daughter Adrienne Colby and her husband Stephen, and their two sweet Grand-Cats, Zoey and Maisie, of Bernardston; his father, Leo Dominie Sr. of Ware; and his four siblings, Donna Delaney and her husband Michael of Springfield; Sandra Springer and her husband Dan of Niles, Illinois; Craig Dominie and his wife Lori of Lynchburg, Virginia; and Anita Deslauriers and her husband Christopher of Greensboro, North Carolina. He also leaves many nieces and nephews. Leo was predeceased by his mother, Claudette L Dominie, in 2020.

Leo was a man who found joy in the things he loved most; music, good food, the Boston Red Sox and family.

His passion for music – especially his incredible talent playing the trumpet – was a special part of who he was. Leo was a member of the Ware High School Band from fifth through 12 grade. Whether playing, listening, or simply sharing his love of music with others, he carried that passion throughout his life.

A true foodie, Leo appreciated a great meal (especially a vanilla Hoodsie Cup!) and spent a majority of his professional career as a successful chef in and around Western Massachusetts, having received his Associate's Degree in Hospitality Management Services from Quinsigamond Community College.

His love for all New England sports was strong, but most specifically his love for the Boston Red Sox. His enthusiasm for his team was something those who knew him will always remember.

Leo also served in the United States Army for a short time until his honorable discharge.

Above everything else, Leo loved his family dearly and cherished his daughter, Adrienne. The love and pride he had for her was at the heart of his life, and the memories they shared will remain a lasting part of her life.

He leaves behind a lifetime of memories and a family who will carry on his love and sense of humor with them always. Though he will be deeply missed, Leo's life is one to be celebrated – filled with music, good food, baseball, family, and most importantly, love.

A calling hour will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10-11 a.m., at Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., Ware. A funeral service will be held immediately following. Burial will follow at Aspen Grove Cemetery, 95 Pleasant St., in Ware.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Community Music School of Springfield located at 127 State St., Springfield, MA 01103.

Charbonneau Funeral Home is honored to serve the Dominie family; an online tribute page can be found at charbonneaufh.com.

Patricia J. (McCarthy) Madigan, 84





WARE – Patricia J. (McCarthy) Madigan, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her own home on Oct. 2, 2026 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in West Warren, on Oct. 29, 1941 to John J. McCarthy and Helen (Donlina) McCarthy, where she fondly remembers growing up on her family farm and spending the days with her grandfather learning how to plant the fields, growing beautiful flora, tending to the chickens and farm animals and riding her favorite horse Nelly.

Patricia attended West Warren elementary schools and then moved to Warren where she attended Warren High School. She was involved in basketball, was voted prom queen and was also voted Miss Warren in a fabulous parade with her friends and sisters, where they spent fun hours decorating the floats and making an abundance of paper flowers.

She was voted class president and took that role very seriously. She loved her classmates and still continued to be involved with them throughout the years leading the class reunions and later in life attending monthly class lunches for the class of 1959.

Her parents owned a home in the Cayman Island where she loved to travel and spend time with her family.

Patricia was a force to be reckoned with, she started her first job at Rogers Plastics where she trained in IBM computers and then moved on to Thoma Fabrics.

She completed her career owning and operating multiple businesses in Ware and Warren. Ware Launderama, Plaza Car Wash, Warren Laundry and Warren Car Wash. She was always a woman before her time. Her entrepreneurial spirit led her to open one of the very first work out facilities in Massachusetts, Nautilus Works in 1981. Having all of her children in the sports field, she freely opened the doors to every Ware High School athlete and personally trained them to be the best they could be. She enjoyed training the football teams the most and worked with the coaches to help them strength train to the best of their abilities.

She obtained her real estate license and then her broker's license in 1984 and beyond it all she managed to raise four children, cooked, crafted, painted, maintained an impeccable yard full of flowers and gardens, remodeled an entire home, and dabbled in wound care, because her children were always warriors, as she taught them to be.

Patricia always dreamed of a home on the ocean, but because of her busy schedule she knew it wouldn't be a possibility, so she designed a home, and built it with the help of her son Brian. She cherished her new home and decorated it with her love of art and pictures from magazines and it was absolutely perfect.

She was able to live out her life in her dream home and that was all that we could have ever given her in her last moments.

She was predeceased by her mother and father, and unfortunately her son Sean Michael Madigan who was the eldest of her four children. He was a devoted son and took over the family Launderama when she was unable to devote her time and energy. He is very much Loved and so deeply missed.

Patricia is survived by her son Kevin Madigan and his partner Brenda, her son Brian Madigan and his partner Victoria Kolenda, her daughter Shannon Madigan and her partner Michelle White. Her sisters Joan (McCarthy) Girouard and her husband Dennis and Susan (McCarthy) Voorhis, and her grandchildren whom she adored. Brian Boru Madigan, Emily White and her husband Lee, Leigha Madigan and Alicia Madigan and her fiancé Josh Krasnecky.

Patricia was devoted to the town of Ware for many years supporting the Ware youth sports teams and continued for many years donating to the school sports.

Patricia will be dearly missed by many and remembered for her contagious smile, her comedic style, her love of laughter and her gift of gab. Her story telling is unlike any other, her life was full of family and love and her dedication to making this world a kind place for all who knew her was without a doubt invincible.

Church services will be held at All Saints Church on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026, at 11 a.m. with a celebration of life directly after at Teresa's Restaurant for all to attend and to share love, laughter and stories.

Funeral Arrangements and Services are under the direction of Cebula Funeral Home, Ware. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Death notices

Grushey, William "Buddy"
Died June 4, 2026
Graveside service Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Ware

Dominie Jr., Leo Francis
Died Sept. 25, 2026
Services Nov. 14, 2026

Madigan, Patricia J. (McCarthy)
Died Oct. 2, 2026
Services Oct. 11, 2026

Quink, Stanley Francis
Died Oct. 4, 2026
Services Oct. 10, 2026

Ware River News
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Stanley F. Quink, 89



WARE – Stanley Francis Quink, age 89, passed away on Sunday morning, Oct. 4, 2026 at Harmony House Hospice in Chicopee, after a summer of declining health. Stanley was born on March 26, 1937 in Ware, son of the late Stanislaw Quink and Stephanie H. (Mazur) Quink.

Raised and educated in Ware, he was a graduate of the former St. Mary's School and Ware High School, Class of 1955.

As a kid, Stanley was given the nickname "Spike." He earned this "Ware" nickname for always carrying spikes in his pockets. It stayed with Stanley for the rest of his life.

On Sept. 27, 1958 in All Saints Church, Stanley entered into Holy Matrimony with Patricia A. Kelly, together through good times and bad, sickness and health, they were wed for 68 years.

Stanley was a hard worker his entire life. He was employed for Union Local 98 as an Operating Engineer. Stanley was a proud member of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Stanley was a loving husband and father to his children. When his children were young, Stanley was a Ware Pee-Wee Football organizer and was the equipment manager for many years. He also coached Ware Youth Basketball.

He was the "go to" of his family, providing honest straightforward opinions and advice on life, work, projects and colorful stories and history of people and places of Ware's past.

Stanley was a devout Catholic. He was a longtime communicant of All Saints Church in Ware.

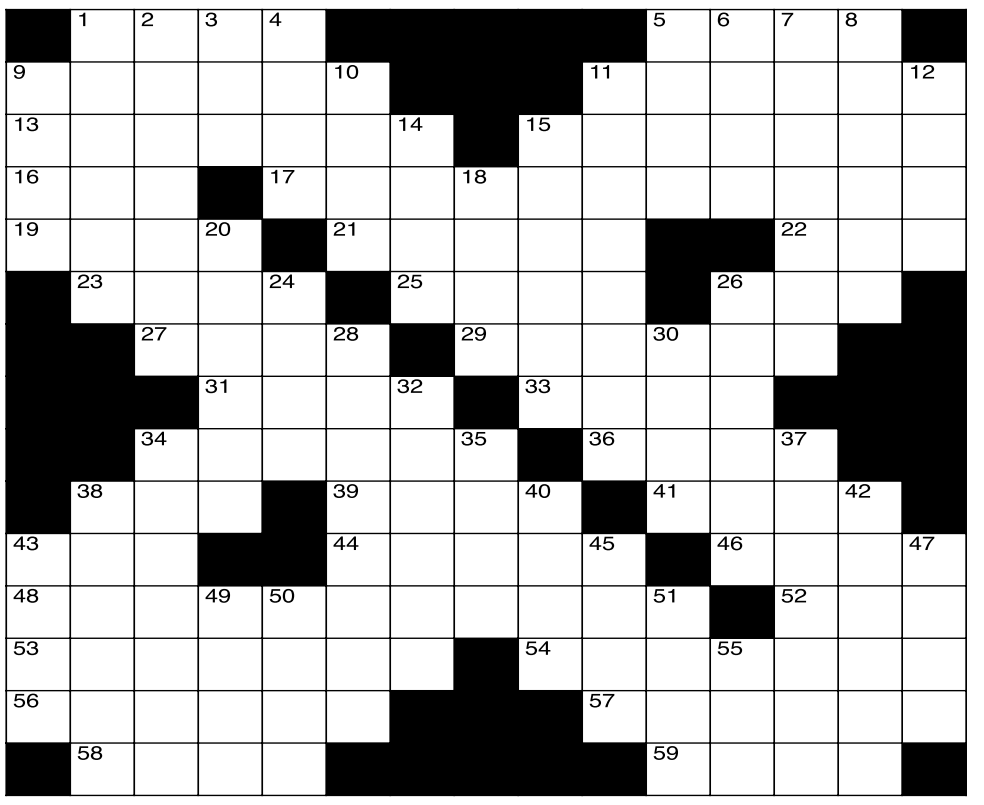
Stanley leaves behind his beloved wife of 68 years, Patricia A. (Kelly) Quink, his daughter, Maryann Matrow and her husband Christopher, James Quink and his wife, Marybeth, Michael Quink and his wife Kimberly, and Edward Quink. Stanley was the loving "Dziadziu" to Stephanie (Matrow) Ward and her husband, John "Jack" Ward, Jon Robert Quink and his wife, Alicia (Parks) Quink, Amanda (Quink) Reardon and her husband Tyler Reardon, Laura M. Quink, and Isabella Quink. Stanley was the "Great-Dziadziu" of Lily Quinn Reardon and Jackson Paul Quink. He also leaves behind his sister, Ann (Quink) Young and her husband Arthur Young, and their children: Adam Young, Victoria Whipple and Matthew Young. Besides his beloved parents Stanislaw and Stephanie, Stanley was also predeceased by his son, Paul J. Quink and nephew, Mark Young.

Calling Hours for Stanley will be held on Friday, Oct. 9, 2026 from 5-7 p.m. in Cebula Funeral Home, 66 South St., Ware. A Funeral Mass will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026 at 11 a.m. Everyone will meet directly in the church on Saturday morning. Interment will follow in New St. William Cemetery, Ware.

Stanley's family would like to thank all those who cared for him over this past summer, but especially the caring staff of Harmony House in Chicopee for providing Stanley loving care in his final days. In lieu of floral offerings, Memorial Donations may be made to: Harmony House, 66 View St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Difficult
5. Coarsely ground corn
9. A group of similar things ordered one after another
11. Loved Romeo
13. Something to solve
15. Pelvic areas
16. Informal debt instrument
17. Ineffective
19. A device attached to a workbench
21. Related on the mother's side
22. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
23. Astronomer Sagan
25. C. Utah city
26. Turkey
27. Informal terms for money
29. Awakens
31. Those who favored Prohibition
33. Blabbed
34. Looked through
36. Rhode Island rebellion
38. A type of "cast"
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Removed someone's head
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most unnatural
56. "Dennis" is a notable one
57. Ointments
58. Examination
59. Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN
1. Brave
2. A state of excitement
3. Jest at
4. Sandwich store
5. Chapter of the Koran
6. Dismounted from a horse
7. Small vehicle
8. Irked
9. A disreputable man
10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. A list of woes
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Broadway legend Bernadette
18. Monetary unit of Serbia
20. Worn by exposure to the weather
24. A body of traditions
26. Students seek one
28. Hydrophilic amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. Branch of U.S. Congress
34. Swinish
35. Russian assembly
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Set up in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Strong insects
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unhealthy

BOWLING from page 6

Mountain began with 110.

In game two, Fire Mountain defeated Spare Parts by a score of 459-428. Shawn Ross of Fire Mountain scored 113 and his teammate Rick Trott scored 106.

The third and final game was won by Spare Parts with a score of 461-445. Demitri finished with 117 and a series of 324. Trott finished with 121 and a series of 328.

The final score was 1355-1352 in favor of Fire Mountain, who won three points. Spare Parts won four points and moved to a record of 20-8.

The Pincesses bowled against Spare Tires during week four. In game one, Pincesses won by a score of 459-401.

In game two, Pincesses won again by a score of 523-474. Kevin Trott of Pincesses scored 124, his best game of the season. Pat Burke of Spare Tires scored 111 in a losing effort.

In game three, Spare Tires prevent the three-game sweep by winning 433-432 over Pincesses. The final score was 1414-1308 in favor of Pincesses.

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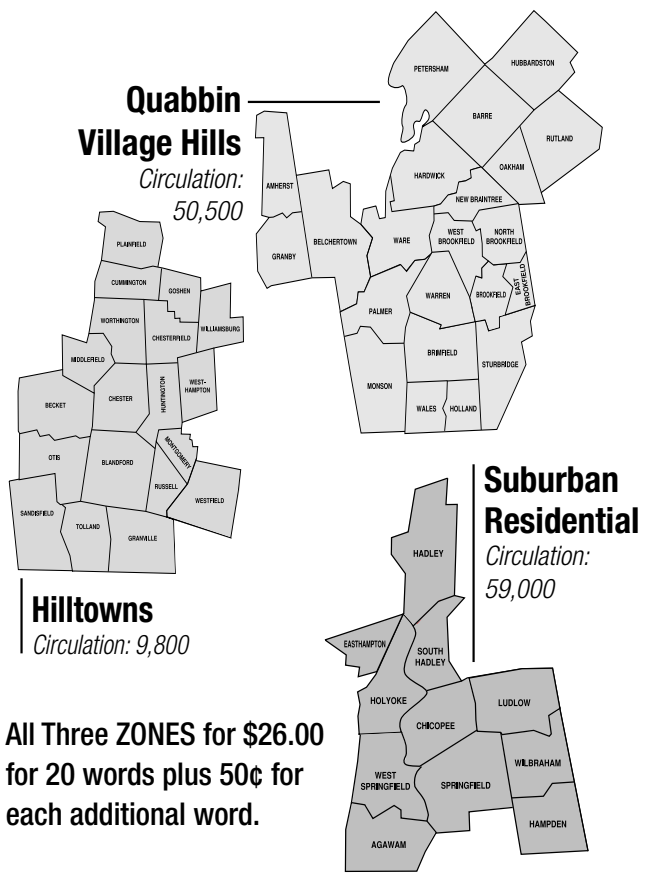
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public notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 9 Laurel Drive, Ware, MA 01082

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Todd M. Allard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for loanDepot.com, LLC dba Mortgage Master, and now held by **PennyMac Loan Services, LLC**, said mortgage dated October 27, 2016 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12449, Page 252, as affected by a Loan Modification dated July 21, 2022 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14671, Page 139; as affected by a Loan Modification dated August 18, 2024 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 15243, Page 347; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for loanDepot.com LLC dba Mortgage Master to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC by assignment dated September 23, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 13400, Page 170; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on** November 5, 2026 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon situated, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the northeasterly line of Laurel Drive, at the southeasterly corner of Lot 7 as shown on plan hereinafter described;

THENCE North 24° 33' 20" East, along said Lot 7, 120 feet to land formerly of Greenacres Supply, Inc.;

THENCE South 61° 23' East, along last-named land, 110 feet to an iron pin at the northwesterly corner of Lot 5 as shown on said plan;

THENCE South 24° 33' 20" West, along said Lot 5, 120 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE North 61° 23' West, along said Laurel Drive, 110 feet to the point of beginning.

BEING Lot 6 as shown on a plan of land recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 82, Page 92.

SUBJECT to an Easement to Massachusetts Electric Company recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds on November 14, 1972 in Book 1671, Page 227.

SUBJECT to an Easement to NET&T dated June 23, 1971 and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1598, Page 232.

BEING the same premises conveyed to Todd M. Allard by deed of Anita M. Jamilowski, said deed being recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds on October 27, 2016 herewith.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated October 20, 2016 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12449, Page 248.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND ($5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
10/08, 10/15, 10/22/2026

Ware
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Notice of Intent (NOI)** by Beaver Associates, Inc. for construction of a single family home at Beach Road, Map 48- 0-62. Said hearing will be held in the Selectman's meeting room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.
10/08/2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TRIAL COURT
DEPARTMENT
WORCESTER, SS
WINCHENDON
DISTRICT COURT
DOCKET NO. 2663CV000204

TO:
EDDIE CABRERA

WHEREAS a civil action has been filed against you in our District Court by DNCS, Inc., Plaintiff, wherein said Plaintiffs demand judgment enter against you for breach of contract and numerous other counts arising from the lease of a vehicle and subsequent motor vehicle accident of said vehicle, in an amount to be determined at trial. All that is set forth in the Plaintiffs Complaint filed in said Court on May 20, 2026.

Accordingly, we COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any claim or defense, that on or before **November 4, 2026** or within twenty (20) days from said day, to file your written appearance and written answer and other lawful pleadings to be served upon John M. Dombrowski, Esq., Dombrowski, Aveni & Bunnell, P.C., 6 Grove Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453, and also file your written appearance and written answer and other lawful pleadings in the Office of the Clerk of Court at Gardner District Court, 105 Matthews Street, Gardner, MA 01440 and further that you defend against the suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the Defendant, Eddie Cabrera, after diligent search to lawfully make service, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to you by publication of an attested copy hereof in the WARE RIVER NEWS, a newspaper published in Worcester County, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least twenty days before said return date of **November 4, 2026**

Hon. Mark A. Goldstein
Justice
Gardner District Court
Entered: 9/10/26
10/01, 10/08, 10/15/2026

Ware
Conservation Commission
Notice of Intent

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L.131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Notice of Intent (NOI)** by Irving & Cheryl Rocheford, Trustees for construction of a single family home at Coffey Hill Road, Map 19-24-3. Said hearing will be held in the Selectman's meeting room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **For My Littles LLC** to **Manomednet LLC,** dated **11/30/2022**, and recorded with the **Hampshire County Registry of Deeds** in **Book 14747, Page 9** of which mortgage the undersigned is the present for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction** at **11 A.M.** on the **12th day of November 2026**, on the mortgaged premises located at **23-27 West St., Ware, MA** the premises described in said mortgage:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The land in said Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, on the Northerly side of West Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin set in the Northerly line of said West St., said pin being at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Mary M. Madigan and at the southwesterly corner of the premises herein conveyed;

Thence North 15 degrees, 30 minutes, 27 seconds West along the Easterly line of land of said Madigan one hundred and seventy and 94/100 (170.94) feet, partly along a stone wall, to an iron rod at the intersection of stone walls;

Thence North 86 degrees, 32 minutes, 39 seconds East along land now or formerly of Martha and Isabelle Bothwell and Thomas D. Moriarty, et ux, seventy and 27/100 (70.27) feet, partly along a stone wall and partly along a concrete retaining wall to a drill hole at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of George W. Christman, et ux;

Thence South 8 degrees, 31 minutes, 28 seconds East thirty-seven and 93/100 (37.93) feet along a stone wall and land now or formerly of Wilfred Briere, et ux, to an iron pin at a corner of stone wall;

Thence, South 80 degrees, 47 minutes, 11 seconds East along a stone wall and land of said Briere eight and 3/100 (8.03) feet to land now or formerly of Henry D. Jock, et ux;

Thence South 18 degrees, 51 minutes, 25 seconds East along said land now or formerly of said Jock one hundred and six and 71/100 (106.71) feet, following a fence, to a point in the Northerly line of West St;

Thence South 58 degrees, 4 minutes, 28 seconds along the Northerly line of West St. seventy-eight and 13/100 (78.13) feet to the point of beginning.

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Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by deed dated **11/30/2022** and recorded in Book **14747**, Page **5**.

TERMS OF SALE

1. **Deposit Required:** A deposit of **$10,000.00** by certified check, bank treasurer's check, or cashier's check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

2. **Balance of Purchase Price:** The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by certified or bank check within **thirty (30) days** from the date of sale at the offices of the Mortgagee's attorney, **Kevin Walkowski, 3333 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095**, upon delivery of the Mortgagee's Deed.

3. **Encumbrances:** The premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens, water and sewer charges, betterment assessments, and any prior liens, easements, or encumbrances having priority over the mortgage being foreclosed.

4. **Reservations:** Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

MANOMEDNET LLC
Present Holder of Said Mortgage
By its Attorney:
KEVIN WALKOWSKI, ESQ.
3333 Boston Rd., Wilbraham,
MA 01095
508-901-1208
10/01, 10/08, 10/15/2026

Town of Hardwick
Legal Notice

Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions or amendments thereto; please be advised that at their meeting on **Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031, the Hardwick Select Board will consider a request to give permission to Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Greenwich Road- National Grid to install 1 SO pole on Ware Greenwich Road beginning at a point approximately 673 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Gaudet Road.
10/08, 10/15/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS26P0640EA
Estate of:
Michael David Skowyra
Date of Death: 09/26/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **David Smigiel of Ware, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **David Smigiel of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/27/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 29, 2026

Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate
10/08/2026



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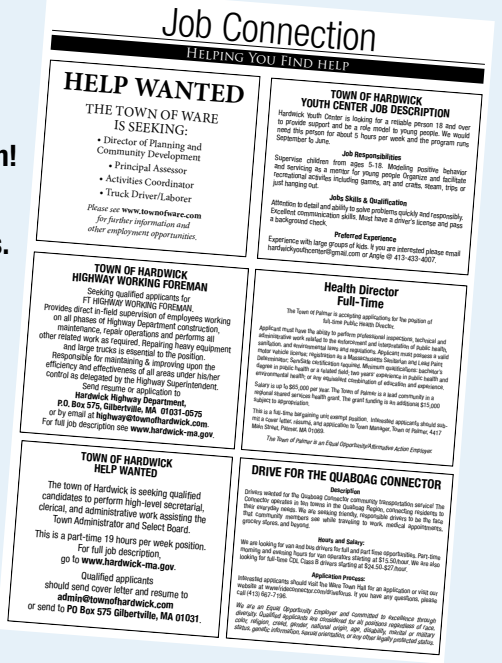
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Department of Public Works
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Early voting/state election information for Hardwick

HARDWICK – There will be early voting in person for the Nov. 3 state election at the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville, on the following dates and times: Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Thursday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. is also the last day and hour to register to vote for the Nov. 3 state election.

The deadline for vote by mail applications is 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27.

In addition, absentee ballot applications are also available for those who will not be present on the day of the state election. That deadline is noon, Monday, Nov. 2.

Please contact Ryan J. Witkos, Hardwick Town Clerk at 413-477-6700 or clerk@hardwick-ma.gov for more information.

WHS Class of 1976 plans 50th reunion

Contact info for classmates needed

WARE – Ware High School Class of 1976 is planning its 50th reunion celebration to be held on Oct. 17 at Teresa's Restaurant.

Class alumni have reached out to many, but are still in need of contact information for many other classmates.

If you have not yet been contacted, or you know someone who needs information or for other questions, text or call Michelle (Nowak) Higney at 413-237-5854.

Ghosts & Legends with Jeff Belanger on Oct. 22

WARREN – It's an annual tradition for the Warren Public Library to host Jeff Belanger, and this year is no different.

Join the library on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St., West Warren, for "Ghosts & Legends."

This ghostly multi-media program will take you on a journey through the haunts in your backyard, and around the world.

Pulling from Belanger's 25 years of research for his books, podcasts, adventures, and the various television shows he's worked on, join one of the nation's premiere storytellers for a trip through the unusual and the unexplained.

This program is free and open to the public, and was sponsored by a grant from the Warren Cultural Council.

Belanger is a storyteller, adventurer, journalist and one of the most visible explorers of the unexplained today. The author of over a dozen books published in six languages, he is also the Emmy-nominated host, writer, and producer of the PBS and Amazon Prime series New England Legends and the weekly New England Legends podcast.

He's the writer and researcher for the "Ghost Adventures" series, and he's been a guest on hundreds of television and radio networks and programs, including History, Travel Channel, Biography Channel, PBS, CBS Sunday Morning, NPR, BBC, and Coast to Coast AM.

Town Clerk lists state election information

WARREN – The state election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, with polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

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