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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

10th annual walk supports survivors

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – Sunday afternoon, Veterans Park was filled with community members and allies in support of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force’s annual walk to bring awareness to domestic violence and put an end to abuse.

This was the 10th year the walk took place, led by members of the Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force. High School Senior Maia Lamothe was the master of ceremonies for the event.

This year also marked the 15th anniversary of the high school task force and the 25th anniversary of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force.

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Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette
Students from the Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force led the 10th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk hosted by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force this past Sunday.



Kuku the Clown took a break from making balloon animals to pose for a photo with walk participants from the Recovery Center of HOPE.

Seniors learned about fire safety

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – The Warren Senior Center invited Fire Chief Adam Lavoie to talk about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors this past week.

Lavoie spoke to dozens of Warren’s senior citizens who may have some questions regarding the use of smoke detectors and CO detectors in residential homes. Lavoie went over additional topics related to both detectors and the difference of manufacturing and how often systems need to be changed.

Smoke alarms have an average lifespan of 10 years, while CO alarms typically last five-to-seven years.

Lavoie says he meets with fourth graders at the elementary school and educates them on the importance of having working smoke detectors in their homes. Lavoie has shared various stories over the years and says every story is a lesson learned.

Massachusetts General Law, chapter 148 section 26F mandates that upon the sale or transfer of certain homes, the seller must install approved smoke alarms. These requirements apply to residences that were built or modified prior to creation of the Massachusetts State Building Code back in 1975. The alarm is designed to warn home-

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Third Public Safety Complex informational meeting held

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WARREN – The third Public Safety Complex community meeting was held on Sept. 27 inside the Quabog Regional High School auditorium.

Town Administrator James Ferrera welcomed the public who were able to attend the meeting in person as this major communi-

ty conversation continues. Ferrera explained that this is “a very fluid discussion” and things can change as the town collects more information that could lead to the Warren residents leading to a more informed decision.

“This is meant to bring information to you, the public,” Ferrera said.

This study on identifying a potential location for a public safety complex cost the town no money thanks to

a grant. The study was done by Tecton Architects, an architecture, interior design and master planning firm.

After the first two informational meetings, town officials and Tecton have collected feedback and will present new options for the residents to look over in addition to what has been presented so far.

Ferrera mentioned that the town has been talking about getting a new police station

since 1991. The study conducted by Tecton is based off the current needs of both departments.

Additional options will be addressed during this third community conversation. A copy of the presentation can be found on the town website, www.warren-ma.gov and for those who attended the meeting in person have paper copies of the presentation available.

One of the Principals of

Tecton Architects, Jeffrey McElravy was next to speak and went over the options based off the previous conversations. The presentation began with Police Chief Gerald Millette and Fire Chief Adam Lavoie speaking on the challenges the departments are currently facing at their current stations.

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Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 5-11, 2025

Open House kicks off weeklong safety campaign

WARE – Fire Prevention Week kicked off last weekend, starting with an Open House at the Fire Department on Oct. 4.

People of all ages were able to explore the department’s apparatus, check out the firefighters’ gear, ask questions about fire prevention and safety, tour the station, and even test their skills handling a hose.

This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Charge into Fire Safety,” focused on educating people on how to safely use lithium-ion batteries. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the theme works to “educate everyone about how important



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette
Ware Fire Department’s Deputy Chief Jeremy Boulrice shared a hug with Everly, age 2, at the Fire Department’s annual Open House.

it is to buy, charge, and recycle safely” when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

Fire Prevention Week is also a great time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home, and change their batteries, Deputy Chief Jeremy Boulrice said.

At this year’s open house, the Fire Department was able to give away free, 2-in-1 smoke and CO alarms which contain a sealed, 10-year battery that does not require changing.

Boulrice said the alarms were generously donated to the Fire Department by Lowes and Walmart, and they will be available to residents at the station. This continues the department’s efforts to make sure all residents have access to working alarms.

Boulrice encouraged anyone with questions or concerns about fire safety and prevention in their homes to reach out to the department, and to schedule a home risk assessment.

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Porsche on the Mountain

Event drew rare and one-of-a-kind cars to Palmer

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PALMER – Over 300 Porsches of all years and models arrived at Palmer Motorsports Park on Sunday for the highly anticipated return of the Porsche on the Mountain event.

This is the first time the track has held the event since the pandemic, and it was clear that it was deeply missed by automobile enthusiasts.

“We had a good turnout,” said Al Sandy, Club Director at Palmer Motorsports Park. “We had people waiting at the gate.”

Sandy said this year’s event featured several rare and unique Porsches, even a “Horsche,” which was custom-built featuring a Porsche chassis with a



Joanne Rydings is shown with her rare, white gold metallic 1986 930 Turbo.

Ford Mustang body.

“There were some very, very special cars there. One-of-a-kinds, lots of special paint colors...in the past Porsche was able to build a car for you and they’d paint it in any color,” Sandy said. “It was very unique, very fun to see.”

One unique car was a 1986 930 Turbo with a rare white gold metallic paint color. The 1986 was the first year Porsche was able

to bring a turbo engine back to the U.S., due to stricter emissions laws enacted in the early 1980s.

“This is what Porsche started out with – racing,” owner Joanne Rydings said. “They detuned it and let people drive it.”

Owned by Rydings and Paul Whooten of Middleboro, the couple bought this car

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Hardwick Ghost Walk returns this Saturday

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Ghost Walk is happening again on Saturday, Oct. 11 with a rain date of Sunday, Oct. 12 in the cemetery next to the Town House on the common.

Visitors will come to the beautiful old cemetery in the center of town beginning at 5:30 p.m., and stay as darkness falls. You will hear the ghosts tell stories of people who lived in Hardwick during years of the American Revolution and of tremendous change. Those changes affected their personal lives, the community, and the world around them.

On the night of the Hardwick Ghost Walk, the ghosts share knowledge of how the real person who is buried in the graveyard experienced life. Their ghosts can tell you what happened in their families, their churches and the town when they were alive.



The Hardwick Ghost Walk returns this Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. to the cemetery next to the Town House on the common.

The ghosts will talk about their feelings as they and their families lived through those years when land was cleared for new settlers, religion was central and contentious, and illness swept through families. The Revolution evolved and brought sweeping change to the people and the lay of the land.

On the night of Oct. 11, the ghosts will stand by their beautiful gravestones and invite you into their lives. The Hardwick Historical Society will be serving refreshments.

Submitted Photos
Actors portrayed Polly Bellows Kinsley and Polly Kinsley during a past Hardwick Ghost Walk.



VETERANS DAY SALUTE

Ware River News ~ November 6, 2025

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

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to dflynn@turley.com or drop off a photo to Ware River News, 80 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082

All photos will be returned.

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

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

Are You Old News?

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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1989 showed Mr. and Mrs. Henry Witaszek of West Warren celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with dinner at the Coachlight Dinner Theater. The couple was married June 17, 1939 in St. Thomas Church.

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

Ware Senior Center news

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

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

ACTIVITIES

Monday, Oct. 13

Closed for Columbus Day holiday

Tuesday, Oct. 14

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

at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Oct. 15

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

Thursday, Oct. 16

- 9 a.m. Walking Club. Participants should meet at the Senior Center.
- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
- 10 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cornhole
- 2:30 p.m. Art Class

Friday, Oct. 17

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

LUNCHES DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted

Required: call 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put your name on the lunch list.

Monday, Oct. 13

Closed for Columbus Day holiday

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Chicken Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Steak & Cheese Sub Sandwich, Potato Chips, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Oct. 16

American Chop Suey, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, Oct. 17

Baked Fish, French Fries, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day



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Wishing Well Charities to host Fall Fundraiser Nov. 1

WARE – Wishing Well Charities Inc. will hold its 5th annual Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 3-8 p.m. at Teresa's Restaurant, 305 Palmer Road.

Nonrefundable tickets are \$45 and includes a delicious family style dinner and dancing fun with the live band JP & Friends. There will be a cash bar, cocktail hour, raffles and silent auction.

For tickets, call or text 413-204-0009 or 413-330-4013. For more information about Wishing Well Charities Inc. please visit its Facebook page.

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Applications can be found at:

townofware.com/boardsandcommittees

Registration open for EQLT's Station Loop Ramble

NEW BRAINTREE – The East Quabbin Land Trust will hold its 14th annual Station Loop Ramble on Sunday, Oct. 19 beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the start on Depot Road at the intersection of West and Hardwick Roads on part of the Mass. Central Rail Trail.

This is a new course due to construction. The five mile classic is a hilly road race with a flat fast finish on Hardwick Road. The Kids Run and 5K run/walk are entirely on a flat course on the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The race begins and ends at the site of the former New Braintree Train Station, travels past scenic farmland, through deep woods and skirts the Ware River. Adults must accompany children running

this course. Each mile is marked and mid-run water supply is provided.

Start times are 9:30 a.m. for five and under 200 foot dash and 9:40 a.m. for the ¼ mile 6-12 year old run. The 5K starts at 10 a.m. and the 5 mile classic at 10:05 a.m.

There will be post race refreshments, games, entertainment and more. Award ceremony is at 11 a.m. Entry fee is free for ages 5 and under, \$10 for ages 6-12, \$25 early bird online registration by Friday, Oct. 17 (10% discount for seniors, veterans and first responders) and \$30 day of race. A family registration for up to six members is \$35.

For more information, people may visit www.EQLT.org/station-loop-ramble/ or call 413-477-8229.

Friends of Ware Senior Center announce fundraisers

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

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

The Friends are also selling their lotto calen-

dars now until Oct. 31. Tickets are \$10 per lotto calendar and people have a chance to win every day in November.

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

Election officials convene in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Hardwick Town Clerk, Ryan J. Witkos, was one of six town clerks, along with two city clerks and support staff and retired clerks from Massachusetts who went to Washington D.C. on Sept. 30 to join more than 80 local election officials from across the country to call on Congress to approve \$400 million in fiscal year 2026 federal funding to ensure safe, secure, and efficient elections.

Election officials from every region of the country shared firsthand stories about urgent challenges facing their jurisdictions—from replacing aging voting machines to combating cyber threats and recruiting poll workers.

Buxton, Maine Town Clerk, John Myers, echoed the feelings of many rural communities stating, “In smaller towns like mine, election officials wear many hats. We’re proud of the work we do, but the resources simply haven’t kept pace with the responsibilities. Predictable federal support is essential to every community – no matter its size – can deliver secure and efficient elections that voters trust.”

Witkos added, “With different options for voting from vote-by-mail to online portals for those who qualify, communities must have the funds available to combat cybersecurity threats and ensure that every voter and vote is properly vetted and counted. Small towns sim-



Submitted Photo

Local election officials from Massachusetts including Hardwick Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos went to Washington, D.C. to call on Congress to invest \$400 million into nation's election security infrastructure.

ply do not have the resources to meet this challenge and

am pleased to have advocated on behalf of Hardwick and

other Massachusetts municipalities.”

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owners if there is a fire, especially if the fire is happening when they're asleep.

This code requires smoke detectors and many of them are hardwired detectors installed in homes. Lavoie says battery operated detectors are good based on how people maintenance them. There are some tabs out there for detectors that work for 10 years and then have to be replaced.

There are also interconnected systems. In other words, “One goes off they all go off,” Lavoie explained. In his experience, Lavoie thinks the interconnected systems are a safer system and alerts

everyone at the same time.

Lavoie would then bring up CO detectors. When meeting with the fourth graders, Lavoie explains how dangerous carbon monoxide is.

“You can't see it, can't smell it, can't taste it,” Lavoie said.

One of the big pushes Lavoie hopes comes to fruition is having CO detectors added to school buildings.

There is a huge push to require CO detectors in homes. This push is known as “Nicole's Law”. This law requires carbon monoxide detectors in most residential buildings. The law is named after 7-year-old Nicole Garafalo, who died in January 2005 when a heating vent in her house

was blocked by snow drifts, allowing carbon monoxide to accumulate in the home.

Since March 31, 2006, CO alarms have been required in all residences that have either fossil fuel burning equipment or an attached enclosed garage. This law applies to all residents whether or not the residence is being sold or transferred.

Lavoie said he is happy to check homes as the state is required by law to check and make sure there are working detectors on properties.

The winter storm of 2011 was a big learning experience as the town lost power for over a week. At that time, there was not a system in place to take care of animals while residents went to the

emergency shelter, which in Warren's case was the high school.

Lavoie also talked about dual detectors, which is a single detector for both smoke and carbon monoxide. It is a more expensive detector and is good for newer homes.

More information about smoke and carbon monoxide requirements can be found on this link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/consumer-guide-to-smoke-detectors-when-selling-home/download> and can be downloaded. Lavoie shared this source after taking questions from the seniors who attended his talk about the importance of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Ware Library hosts craft supply swap on Oct. 18

WARE – Fall is here and what better way to enjoy the cozy fall weather than with crafts.

Do you have craft materials that you no longer use, or that are turning into a collection of “maybe someday” items? The Ware Library, 37 Main St., welcome you to swap those old/unused craft supplies out for new (to you) ones.

The library is hosting a Craft Supply Swap in the Reading Room on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Simply bring an

item (or several) and swap them for something else.

The Craft Supply Swap is free to the public and there is no registration required; just drop in.

The library is also accepting donations of any craft supplies in advance, both for the swap and for the library craft programs. Bring any supplies to the circulation desk.

Follow the library on Facebook for updates, call 413-967-5491, or email warelibrary1881@gmail.com with any questions.

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viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

When will my disability become my regular Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I hope you can answer this question.

I'm currently receiving Social Security Disability benefits, and I will be turning 65 in February 2026. I'm confused as to how Social Security Disability transitions to regular Social Security, and when. I assume it's age 65, but maybe it's my retirement date?

Also, does the amount remain the same or will it change? I'm not working. I've been on SSDI for about 15 years. Thank you.

Signed: Disabled Senior

Dear Disabled Senior:

If you are collecting Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, those SSDI benefits will automatically convert to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit when you reach your SS Full Retirement Age, which, in your case, is age 67. For information, FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on your year of birth, and the full retirement age for everyone born in 1960 or later is age 67.

The change from SSDI to your regular Social Security benefit will be transparent to you because your monthly benefit amount will remain the same. SSDI benefits were originally awarded to you based upon your full retirement age entitlement when you applied for SSDI, even though you hadn't

yet reached your FRA when you went on SSDI. Thus, the monthly benefit amount will not change because it is based on your lifetime earnings record, from before you became disabled.

FYI, although age 65 was once Social Security's "retirement age," full retirement age for Social Security today is based on the year you were born. So, your SSDI benefit will automatically switch to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit as soon as you reach age 67. Essentially, the only thing that will change is the Social Security Trust Fund from which your benefits will be paid.

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The Garden Lady answers a unique question on a unique plant

Sue, who gardens in Gilbertville called the Garden Lady with a question about Stinging Nettle. Apparently, she has it growing in numerous places on her four-acre property and wants to eradicate it.

"Roberta, are you familiar with this plant?" All I could say, was "Ah, yes," and then I began the story.

Not too long ago I was grabbing weeds by the handful, stuffing them into a bucket. Suddenly, out of the corner of my eye I saw the familiar saw-tooth shaped leaf and distinctive hairy stems within my clutches. As soon as my brain registered what I had just plucked, my hand started to sting...burn, really.

Yup, I was fooled again by stinging nettle. Ice helps a little, but usually the burn has to run its course.

Once you have identified stinging nettle, it won't be hard to miss. *Urtica dioica* and other members of the *Urticaceae* family have in common one particular trait: hairs on the undersides of their leaves as well as on their stems.

It is the hairs, that when brushed upon or grabbed, release formic acid into the skin causing a stinging, burning and a just plain painful reaction. Another giveaway to the plant's identity is its elongated, heart-shaped, saw-tooth-edged leaves that form opposite one another and then alternate back and forth up the stem.

From July through October, the plant sports greenish white flowers, upright at the top of the plant, but drooping from the leaf axils. If these three characteristics don't make it unique enough to spot, look for height and girth! Nettles can grow as tall as five feet, maybe more, and make large

colonies easily, thanks to a tangled web of underground form to make hair grow. Grow? Maybe, but stand on end a definite!

All kidding aside, there are other benefits of nettles that go beyond folklore. Studies are being conducted for its use in treating prostate problems, asthma, allergies and arthritis.

Whether or not nettles are part of your apothecary chest, be sure to handle them with kid gloves! Although the stinging and burning sensation may last for only a few minutes, it very well could last for hours!

That brings me back to Sue's question. There are multiple ways to try and eradicate the plant. You can suit up and hand pull or get the mower out and mow the area as you would the lawn. Repeated mowings during active growth will eventually kill it.

You can also take a soil test and make the necessary recommendations to improve the soil to a point that the grasses in your field will thrive and choke out the stinging nettle. Small areas can be covered in black plastic -again, you would do this when the plant is in active growth. Usually a month or more is necessary for this route to be successful.

Spot spraying with weed killers in another option but one that I only use as a very last resort. Good luck!

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



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This newspaper will print free self-submitted statements of candidacy only four weeks or more out from the election. All candidates running in both contested and uncontested races are asked to submit their statements to the editor to include only biographical and campaign platform details. Total word count for statements is limited to between 300-500 words maximum. Please include a photo. We will not publish any statements of candidacy inside the four weeks from election threshold. To publish any other campaign publicity during the race, please contact our advertising representatives. We also do not allow personal attacks against other candidates or political parties in statements of candidacy, nor do we publish for free any information about key endorsements or political fundraisers.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Second Chance thanks community for support

Dear Editor,

On behalf of all of us at Second Chance Animal Services, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the 13th Annual Cruise for Critters such a tremendous success.

It was a beautiful day, and thanks to the dedication of Al Widlan's Service Connection, who organizes this event each year, and the incredible support of our community, we celebrated a record-breaking turnout with 151 cars on display.

We are so thankful to Westview Farms Creamery for welcoming us back again this year, to the Barberic Band for keeping the crowd entertained all day, and to K-9 & Pets Dog Training for their amazing demo with the Amherst and Leicester K-9s.

A big thank you also goes out to the vendors and vol-

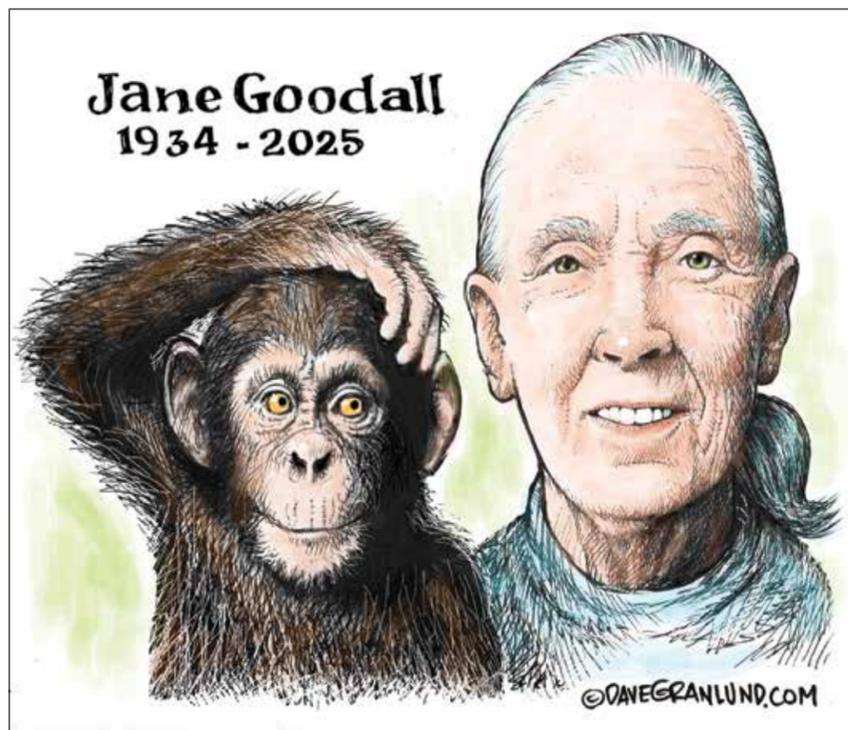
unteers who gave their time to help make the day run so smoothly.

Most of all, we're grateful to the car owners, families, and pet lovers who came out to be part of this special day. Because of you, every car entry, every purchase, and every donation will go right to helping pets in need get the care and second chances they deserve.

We would also like to recognize our generous sponsors, including Embie Industries, Ted and Barbara Hebert of Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, and TRM Knives. Your partnership helped make this year's Cruise for Critters our best yet.

With deepest gratitude,

Lindsay Doray
Chief Development Officer
Second Chance
Animal Services



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Red-bellied woodpecker

in my
BACKYARD
By Ellenor Downer

On Sept. 30, I saw two red-bellied woodpeckers fly from one tree to

another. Since I do not feed the birds suet or seeds until win-

ter due to bears, I had not noticed them before. The red-bellied woodpecker has a black and white barred back and a pale belly. Males have a red crown and nape and the females have just a red nape,

but no crown.

These woodpeckers cling to tree bark and use their stiff tail feathers for support while they probe into the bark for insects. White is visible on their wings in flight. They are about nine inches long, the same size as the hairy woodpecker.

Like other woodpeckers, they have an undulating flight. They pick at the bark rather than drill into it like many other woodpeckers. They inhabit woodlands and forests from old stands of oak and hickory to young hard-

woods and pines. They also appear at backyard feeders especially for suet.

They nest in a cavity excavated in dead wood. Males may begin cavity excavation with the female selecting one of the holes and completing it. The female lays two to six eggs. There most common call is a shrill rolling "kwirr" or "churr" given by both sexes. They also make a "cha cha cha" sound.

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Recycling Center offers bulk waste day Oct. 18

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Inaugural Quabbin Days launches Oct. 10

BELCHERTOWN – The inaugural Quabbin Days celebration (www.quabbindays.org) will have its official launch ceremony on Friday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Quabbin Reservoir Les and Terry Campbell Visitor Center, 100 Winsor Road.

The opening ceremony will feature remarks by Quabbin Region state senators, representatives and other invited guests.

Running Oct. 10-13, at the height of New England's breathtaking foliage season, Quabbin Days is a four-day celebration designed to highlight the natural beauty, cultural heritage, and community spirit of the Quabbin Region. It is a project of the Friends of the Quabbin (www.friendsofquabbin.org) and is being support-

ed through a grant from the Mass Cultural Council's Creative Experiences program.

A celebration of the Quabbin Region

Quabbin Days brings together towns, organizations, and businesses across the region to host activities that showcase what makes this area so unique. From historical tours and outdoor adventures to local arts, food, and culture, the Quabbin Region (www.quabbindays.org/region) offers something for everyone.

Visitors can use the event website, www.QuabbinDays.org, to browse a growing calendar of activities and explore an interactive map to plan their own adventures. Participation is open and

flexible, and any town, business, or community group can add an event to the lineup.

History and inspiration

The Quabbin Reservoir, created in the 1930s, is one of the largest man-made public water supplies in the United States. Today, it provides pristine drinking water to 2.7 million people, primarily in the Metro Boston area, while serving as a haven for wildlife and outdoor recreation.

Managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the Quabbin Reservoir and its surrounding lands stand as a model of conservation.

For hikers, anglers, nature

photographers, and history enthusiasts, Quabbin Days is an invitation to experience this extraordinary landscape at its most vibrant.

For the full schedule of events, visit www.QuabbinDays.org.

About the Friends of the Quabbin

The Friends of the Quabbin (www.friendsofquabbin.org) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the natural, cultural, and historical significance of the Quabbin Region. Through advocacy, education, and community partnerships, the organization works to protect the watershed and share its stories with future generations.

Husband and wife Americana duo to perform in Hardwick



HARDWICK – Watching Maggie McClure and Shane Henry (The Imaginaries) perform together, you instantly see the chemistry and the deep commitment they share with each other and to their music.

The Imaginaries will bring their Americana/Roots-Rock sound to The Center at Eagle Hill, 242 Old Petersham Road, on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Formed on the open plains of their home state of Oklahoma, The Imaginaries is composed of husband-and-wife duo McClure (piano, vocals) and Henry (guitar, vocals). The

Submitted Photo
Maggie McClure and Shane Henry of The Imaginaries will perform at The Center at Eagle Hill on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

Imaginaries blend Henry's guitar-sliding, blues-rock roots with McClure's boldly vulnerable singer-songwriter sensibility. The results are a pop-Americana aesthetic that evokes Tom Petty, Fleetwood Mac, The Civil Wars, and Bonnie Raitt.

Their 2021 self-titled debut album, *The Imaginaries*, marked the beginning of their journey as a band after individual successes as solo artists; their sophomore album, *Fever*, was just released in August of 2025. Together, McClure and Henry wrote and produced the soundtrack for the feature film "A Cowgirl's Song", and they have shared the stage with Judy Collins, The Gatlin Brothers, John Waite, Sixpence None the Richer, and more.

Their live performances promise mesmerizing vocal harmonies, driving pop-rock

tunes, heartfelt singer-songwriter ballads, delicious guitar tones, and dazzling solos.

The Imaginaries will perform at The Center at Eagle Hill on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for students and seniors.

The Center also offers discounted \$10 tickets to EBT cardholders through Massachusetts' Card to Culture Program. For tickets and information, visit www.thecenterateaglehill.org or call the Box Office at 413-477-6746.

About The Center

The Center at Eagle Hill is a performance venue in central Massachusetts presenting world class music, dance, theatre, and comedy. For more information about this, and other events please visit www.thecenterateaglehill.org.

School district to conduct preschool screenings

WARE – In accordance with Massachusetts Special Education Regulations, 603 CMR 28.03, the Ware Public School district shall conduct screening for 3 and 4 year-olds and for all children who are of age to enter kindergarten.

Such screening shall be designed to review a child's development and to assist in identification of those children who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services.

If you are a parent or guardian of a 3 or 4-year old or of a child and suspect a disability based upon a significant delay in development, please contact: Kelly Walsh, Preschool Coordinator, SMK Elementary School, 4 Gould Road, Ware, MA 010182 or call 413-967-4087.

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Millette mentioned that the police station, currently located in the Town Hall building, does have structural issues, asbestos, and no secure parking. Also, the storage for evidence isn't proper and the police station doesn't have a cell for prisoners.

Another issue is the building has no handicap accessibility, and the building also has issues with heating and cooling.

Lavoie spoke next to address the current condition of the Fire Station. There are two stations in total, one off Main Street and a sub-station off Albany Street in West Warren. Both buildings are about 75 years old and Lavoie says the biggest issue the fire department has is running out of space. There is not enough space for equipment, and the vehicles have gotten larger over the years and are becoming too big for the doors currently at the Fire Station.

The West Warren Fire Station currently houses specialty equipment that the department would have to drive down to in case they need the equipment during a call. There is also no sleep locations at the Fire Station due to the lack of space.

McElravy began with the programming slide which explains the square footage of each station and what it would look like if the town had a combined public safety complex. According to the slide, a public safety complex that houses police and fire would be 25,400 square feet.

In the previous meetings, there was talk about a combined public safety complex to also house town offices.

McElravy went over the

first three proposed locations that were identified in the study. The first site is at 87 & 0 Brimfield Road and is next to the Department of Public Works. In this conceptual design there would be more apparatus space for the fire department and plenty of public and staff parking.

The second site is at 48 High St./100 Maple St., which is near the Municipal Building. On the Maple Street property is a house that had a fire and a small driveway that leads to the house. The design and floor plan for this site is the same as the Brimfield Road site.

The third site is off Old West Warren Road, which is currently a hay field and is on a hill. The site does climb up and does have a wetland close by.

The probable costs were explained by McElravy and will include construction cost, project development, and contingency. The estimated cost for the complex on Brimfield Road is \$25,637,000, High Street/Maple Street is \$26,132,000, and Old West Warren Road is \$30,900,000.

The tax impact figures were explained by financial advisor, Ben Oglesby. The tax impacts were based off assumed single family home values with assuming no future growth in Warren, an assumed interest rate and timelines of 20, 25, and 30 years.

The assumed single family value number used in this example was \$290,000. For the example of a 20-year timeline, \$30 million, and a 3.5% assumed interest rate, it would be \$365 per \$100,000 annual and \$1,059 based off the assumed single-family value of home (\$290,000). The payments vary based on the annual plan

and can be viewed on the copy of the presentation that is posted on the town website.

The public understands the needs of both departments but wants to know if there is an option that is affordable for the town. Several residents expressed that a new police station is a higher need due to the current location they are in.

Lavoie spoke on the needs of the fire department and mentioned the increase of call volumes even though the population of the Town hasn't increased. The Fire Department wants to be able to provide those services.

McElravy began discussing additional options, including a scenario where the town builds on department now and the next one 18 months later. The projected cost of building a police station first and a fire station later would be \$28,145,000 versus the Public Safety Complex on Brimfield Road site costing \$25,637,000.

Tecton reviewed other options including a reduced program police station. This would eliminate the firearms training simulator and a fitness room. Another option is for the town to purchase the bank building in the center of Warren and make that location the new police station. The other is an addition and renovation on the existing fire station.

McElravy had cost estimates done if only a police station was built off the Brimfield Road site. The estimated cost would be \$10,782,000 and \$9,826,000 without the simulator. At the Maple Street location, the cost would be around \$10.3 million, \$9.3 million without the simulator, and \$8.8 million without the simulator and the fitness center.

For fire station only, the cost for a fire station off Brimfield Road would be around \$16.8 million and \$15,183,000 if they had one less apparatus bay.

To provide an example of what the options would look like and are appropriate for a rural town such as Warren, McElravy showed examples of buildings Tecton had worked on. The current police station in North Brookfield was done by Tecton 17 years ago and is about 10,000 square feet.

It was then time to discuss the bank building, which used to house Cornerstone Bank. McElravy shared his expertise on the building and said, "it's worth taking a look at and doing some further studies on."

However, the building would have to be brought up to code.

One of McElravy's concerns was the flooring in the building and the idea of a jail cell being on a wooden floor. ADA issues still apply, and a hazardous materials investigation would have to happen if the town wanted to pursue the bank building idea.

The approximate cost for a study on the bank building would be around \$55,000.

Ferrera mentioned that a vote at a Town Meeting would have to happen if the town wanted to do a study on the bank building.

Oglesby returned to go over tax impact if the town were to do \$9 million on a 25 and 30 year timeline.

"The state of Massachusetts allows towns to borrow up to 30 years for these types of projects," Oglesby said. "30 years is a perfectly valid assumption to make."

When talking about expanding on the current fire station, McElravy talked

about a similar project that happened to the Wilbraham Fire Station. The town decided to make additions to the existing fire station.

Talking about what happens next, the town could seek potential funding for expanded studies, the Select Board chooses a single site/design option and then there will be a future Town Meeting and ballot question.

As of now, the town is still in a discovery phase and has plenty of options to consider. Ray Kopacko came up to speak and knows the town has a lot more to talk about before making any sort of decision.

"It's crucial to know what the town is willing to do," Kopacko said.

Kopacko wanted to see a show of hands as to what people in the audience are willing to go with as an option. Many showed hands in support of a \$30 million, \$20 million, and a \$10 million option and Kopacko thought it was important to show during this community conversation.

There is a special town meeting coming up in the fall and the town could discuss the topics of getting a study done for the bank building and a study on the fire station expansion. There was clearly interest expressed for both options and the town would like an idea of what the cost would be to renovate the bank building and to expand on the current fire station.

The public asked if grants could help with the cost of getting studies done. Ferrera said the town will certainly look around, but there is no guarantee of a grant.

When discussing the bank building, McElravy brought up the building code and the bank building would have to be in full compliance with

the code. A study on the building will determine if the building can be used or not.

McElravy did mention that the town would also have to address the Department of Sanitation when trying to make the bank building compliant with the building code.

Selectmen Chair Richard Eichacker explained to the public that the bank building would change drastically to be compliant with the code and be a risk level four police station/building. Tecton needs to know more about the bank building to see what is needed to make it compliant.

Lavoie came up to quickly comment on the importance of a study being done for both department buildings and the studies will help answer future questions the public may have. Lavoie wanted the public to understand the various scenarios of what the town could do and invest money into a potential project.

"A study was done for a modern-day police and fire station...of what is acceptable," Lavoie said. "Understand where we're going to put our money in."

Lavoie also stated that this was done for the health and safety of the employees who have to work in these buildings.

With no further comments, Ferrera thanked the public for attending this third community conversation. The Town Administrator will take any emailed questions in case any come up after this public safety complex informational meeting.

Further announcement will be made in the near future during future Board of Selectmen meetings.

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25 years ago after Rydings found it online in the early days of dial-up internet. "It was a rare color," Rydings said.

Rydings said the car was located in Kentucky, and that Whooten went down to look at it by himself to see if it was worth buying, when he called her.

"He said, 'I bought it, you're going to love it,'" she recalled.

Rydings then flew to Kentucky and drove the Porsche back home to Massachusetts. The couple has had many adventures in the 1986, even traveling through Canada and facing some language barriers with a French speaking traffic patrolmen who pulled them over for speeding.

Porsches are known for being "ridiculously fast" Rydings said with a laugh.

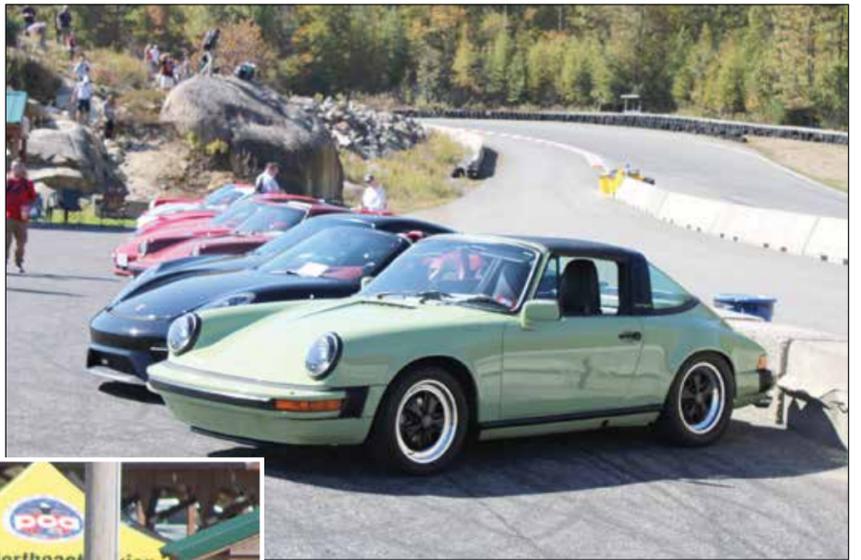
Rydings recalled the pastel blue Porsche Whooten owned when she first met him, and how she had mistaken it for a Volkswagen, like the 1973 bug she drove.

Learning to drive a Porsche was a "really big difference," she said. Rydings and Whooten have been Porsche Club of America members for many years, and they also own a 2011 Turbo S.

The day before attending Porsche on the Mountain, Rydings brought the 1986 to the Concours d'Elegance at The Elms in Newport, Rhode Island, where it took first place in its category.



Ron Savenor provided laps in his 911 Cup racer at the Porsche on the Mountain event held on Oct. 5.

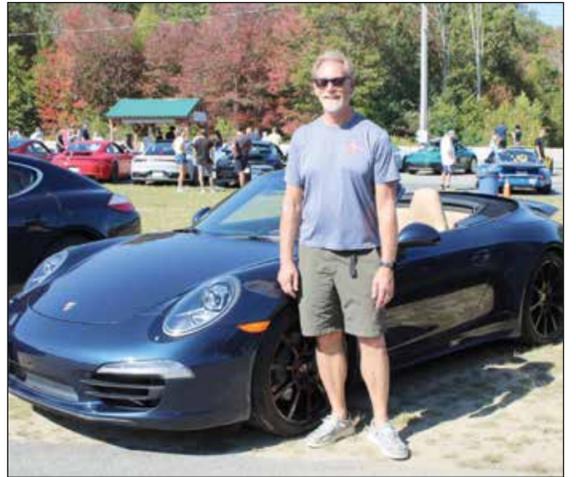


Turley Photos by Paula Ouimet

Rare and one-of-kind colors were found on Porsches throughout the event



Participants enjoyed hot laps on the track with proceeds to benefit Home for Our Troops.



Chip Jarry is shown with his 2014 911 Carrera 4S.

she has been so loyal to the Porsche brand, which she has loved since she was 16 years old.

"It's just like home to me, this car," she said.

Leicester resident and

owner of Bay State Brewing Co., Chip Jarry purchased his 2014 911 Carrera 4S this past July and brought it to its first Porsche on the Mountain event. Previous to this model, he owned a 964 for many

years. The 4S is an all-wheel drive vehicle, with more horsepower.

Jarry talked about the Porsche being a "driver's car," and how versatile it is going from the track to the road.

"Nothing drives like it," he said. "It holds the road." Jarry said Porsches are also reliable and hold their value.

This year's Porsche on the Mountain event was judged by Adam Wright of Unobtanium, a New York-based business that deals in vintage Porsche cars and parts and provides vital resources to those restoring their project car.

"He knew his stuff," Sandy said of Wright. Sandy said there were 23

awards handed out at Porsche on the Mountain, including one for the dirtiest Porsche.

"A lot of car shows are what are called 'concours' - the cleanest car wins... Here in Palmer, we're about driving, not keeping your car spotless," he said.

Sandy said there was also an award for the highest mileage, which has gone each year to Tom Thalman, who has an astonishing 700,000 plus miles on his 2003 Porsche 911 Turbo.

Proceeds from Porsche on the Mountain helped to benefit Homes for Our Troops, an organization dedicated to rebuilding the lives of severely injured post-9/11 veterans nationwide.

Sandy thanked the events sponsors, including anchor sponsor Porsche Norwell and co-sponsors Musante Motorsports, Intercity Lines, Kachel Motor Company and HMS Motorsport.

itors from New England and beyond for racing, research, recreational, and business-related activities.

Upcoming events include EMP's 7th annual Charity Car Show to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project on Saturday, Oct. 18 with gates open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

All models and makes are welcomed.

A \$20 donation per vehicle covers entry and car show. Optional Charity Laps (\$20 for three laps) are available to purchase at the park.

For more information or to purchase an Accelerated Lap, visit <https://emperformance.online/>.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, Mustangs on the Mountain returns to benefit the West Brookfield-based Central New England Equine Rescue, which has been providing care and homes to horses, ponies and donkeys for over 20 years.

For more information about the event visit www.mustangsonthemountain.com.

For more information about Palmer Motorsports Park, visit palmermsp.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.



The red of these Porsches was enhanced by the foliage at the Whiskey Hill track.

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Jeff Belanger explores the unexplained on Oct. 16

WARREN – The Warren Public Library will sponsor a multi-media experience presented by Jeff Belanger – a noted storyteller and researcher of lore and legends on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St., West Warren.

ducer of the New England Legends series on PBS and is the author of over a dozen books. He also hosts the popular New England Legends weekly podcast.

This event is free. Sponsored by the Warren Public Library with a grant from the Warren Cultural Council and the MA Cultural Council

Prepare to explore the unexplained with Belanger, the host, writer, and pro-

Town seeks names of veterans for honor roll memorial

WARREN – The Warren Rural Improvement Committee has asked the town to restore and update the Veterans Honor Roll memorial in front of the Warren Library.

To review the current veterans who are listed on the honor roll please visit the town's website www.warren-ma.gov. If there are any missing veterans who served during the wars listed please let Jim Ferrera, Town Administrator know by sending an email to townadministrator@warren-ma.gov.

The committee has compiled a current list of veterans who served during the wars that are currently listed on the honor roll plus a few additional names that need to be added.

Any additional names must be submitted by no later than Friday, Oct. 17.

Dan Flynn
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dflynn@turley.com



Brynn Lagimoniere helped her father give tours at the fire station.

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-11, 2025

People were able to explore the apparatus at the fire station during the open house.



Kaitlyn Foucher and Lieutenant David Gambino passed out educational materials for children to promote fire safety.



One of the Fire Department's ambulances was on display.

Ware school offer free meals for students

WARE – The Ware Public Schools participate in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of these programs, all schools offer healthy meals every school day at no cost to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2025-2026. Students receive breakfast and lunch at school without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

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Baystate Wing hosts Mobile Blood Donation Team on Oct. 15

PALMER – The community is invited to give the gift of life by donating blood at the Baystate Health blood drive held on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Baystate Wing Hospital, Snow Conference Room.

"There continues to be an urgent need for blood. When you donate blood to Baystate Health, your precious gift remains in our local communities," said Nicole VanZandt, supervisor of BRL Blood Donor Services. "Please help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available by donating blood with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program."

"There is no substitute for human blood," VanZandt added. "Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood,



you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have a photo ID, be in good health (no colds or sore throat), and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks."

In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a \$10 gift card. For more information or to book an appointment to donate blood, call the Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600.

QHS sponsors program on history of apples

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Historical Society is pleased to sponsor a free talk by Christie Higginbottom, a horticultural historian and former noted plant expert at Old Sturbridge Village, entitled "An Infinite Variety of Fruit: Historic New England Apples."

This presentation will take place at the West Brookfield Senior Center, located at 73 Central St., on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Higginbottom's talk will focus on the 19th-century history of apples in New England. Hundreds of varieties originated in historic orchards throughout the area and had evocative names such as Westfield Seek-No-Further, Sheepnose, and Maiden's Blush.

Come by and learn about the history of heirloom apples and sample some

unique varieties.

The QHS is dedicated to promoting and sharing local history through talks, events, and activities. The QHS museum is also a wonderful place to learn about the six towns in the Plantation, which include East Brookfield, Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Warren, and New Braintree.

The organization always welcomes local historians and specialists to share their knowledge and ideas so that they can build stronger community connections through a shared history.

Please register for the event by contacting Ed Londergan at ed.londergan@gmail.com or 508-864-8685.

Hardwick Fire holds annual 1st Alarm fundraiser

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Fireman's Association will hold its 5th annual 1st Alarm fundraiser from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, 3305 Greenwich Road.

The event begins at 9 a.m. with a car show and registration for the burnout competition (held at 1 p.m.) Car show registration will close at noon in order

for the judging to take place.

Burnouts will start at 1 p.m. and continue until all entered have competed. Open burnouts may be permitted after the competition, depending on the number of entries.

Due to elevated fire risk, there will be no bonfire this year. A charcoal s'mores pit will be available.

Raffles will be sold and drawn at 3 p.m.

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Attorney Erin Aiello, Chief of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit for the Northwestern District Attorney's Office spoke about the coercive control law.



Walk founder Jennie Simmons and Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot spoke during the event.



The Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department was represented by Officer Andrew Ronnau and Clerk Lori Hoffman.



Quabbin Regional High School student, Sadie, joined the Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

DV WALK from page 1

Lamothe introduced state Rep. Todd Smola, who spoke about the importance of each task forces' work and the walk.

"Every single year we have this event, it grows," Smola said.

Smola said people between the ages of 16-24 are at a higher risk to experience domestic violence, and he recognized the work the high school task force has done to improve these statistics.

In his role as a state representative, Smola said he and his counterparts are aware the impact domestic violence has on the person experiencing abuse, and the barriers that prevent them from leaving. Some barriers are financial, and others involve fear of harm to their children or their pets.

"These are very difficult, very challenging decisions a victim of domestic violence has to make," he said. "It's never that simple."

Smola presented a citation from himself, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and state Sen. Peter Durant to Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator Monica Moran to commemorate to work this volunteer organization has accomplished.

Moran said hundreds of people in the communities of Ware, Warren and Hardwick have been a part of this effort. She said she was honored to have been a part of it.

Next to speak was Attorney Erin Aiello, Chief of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit for the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, who shared information about the new law that recognizes coercive control as abuse.

"Abuse is not always visible," Aiello said. "It is about power, not just violence."

Aiello said awareness of domestic violence is the first step for abuse prevention, and the coercive control law is a step forward. Coercive control is "just as real, just as harmful" as physical violence.

"Everyone deserves a life free from fear, free from violence and free to be themselves," she said.

Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force Co-Advisor Jesse Trzpit said the task force is starting to see an increase in student participation.

"It's nice to see the school come together as a whole," he said.



Community members made signs to carry during the walk.



Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator Monica Moran held a sign while walking with Joe Vecchione.

Trzpit said the students have been working on writing prompts, and that their answers are displayed on the windows of the high school's library for all to see.

"We hope that one day we can live in a world free of domestic violence," Trzpit said.

Student and task force member Olivia DiRienzo said this year the students are learning about healthy relationships and how to recognize controlling behavior.

"We will continue to do our small part to educate our peers and help someone in an abusive relationship," she said.

Task force member Melissa Hutchins then read the words of domestic violence survivors who wanted to share their stories.

"Domestic violence has no boundaries or biases," she said. "You are not alone. We're here for you."

Walk founder Jennie Simmons and Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot shared a list of milestones the task force has worked to reach over the past 25 years, helping to



Lori Brooks performed before the start of the 10th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.

bring resources for domestic violence survivors closer to home.

Moran then presented Dan Orzulak, Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force co-advisor with the Community Champion Award for his nearly two decades of commitment to the cause. She said his efforts have transformed lives.

After a prayer was given by Deacon Peggy Baxter of the United Church of Ware, those gathered at Veterans



High School task force member Olivia DiRienzo spoke about the task force's work this school year.



Community members and allies joined the walk to support survivors.



Community members showed support for domestic violence survivors.

Park picked up their signs and walked down Main Street, up Church Street and across Pleasant Street, before returning to the park via North Street.

The Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 provided free hot dogs to all who were there, and Kuku the Clown provided endless entertainment. Roy Erickson supplied the use of his sound system and several resource agencies gave out information and free items.

A free bike raffle was held thanks to a donation from Walmart secured by Police Chief Shawn Crevier. The Warren and Hardwick police departments also provided bike helmets.

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.



Hampshire County Register of Probate Mark Ames walked with Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force member Sue Lewandowski.

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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.

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Olivia DiRienzo heads the ball during early play.



Madisyn Slattery plays the ball at midfield.



Carlea Foley clears the ball at goal.



Three-goal first half paces Indians

WARE – Last Thursday night, the Ware High School girls soccer team got a hat trick from Isabella Cotaj and road that to a 4-1 win over Hoosac Valley. Cotaj had three of the goals while Madisyn Slattery scored the

fourth. The Indians entered halftime with a 3-1 lead and added an additional goal. The Indians improved to 4-5-2 on the season. Coming up, the Indians will host Smith Vocational on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

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Reaghan Jacobs delivers a nice side shot.

Alexandra Marceau reads this ball for play.



Quaboag girls soccer defeats Oxford

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WEBSTER—The first meeting of the regular season between the Oxford and Quaboag Regional girls' varsity soccer teams was tied 1-1 at halftime.

The Lady Cougars managed to score two second half goals leading to a 3-1 victory over the Lady Pirates, which was held at Bartlett High School, last Wednesday afternoon.

The reason why the Central Mass. Athletic Conference (D) match-up was held in Webster is because Oxford co-ops with Bartlett High School.

"This team has a way of responding and I thought we played a lot better in the second half," said first-year Quaboag head coach Joe Mooney. "It always feels very nice to come away with the win."

Mooney, who also coached the Lady Cougars varsity soccer team twelve years ago, replaced Norm St. Denis, who stepped down as the Lady Cougars varsity soccer coach prior to the start of the regular

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Early touchdown doesn't hurt, Pioneers get first win



Cassian Kowalik makes a good block for Pathfinder.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Caleb Crum looks to keep his run going for the Pioneers.



Grayson Griswold passes up the middle of the field.

PALMER – After a disappointing 0-4 start, Pathfinder football returned home to face Smith Vocational in a Tri-County match-up. The Vikings grabbed an early touchdown, but Pathfinder scored 28 unanswered points for a 28-8 victory. The Pioneers improved 1-4 and actually have a bye this coming week. They will be back in action on Friday, Oct. 17 at McCann Tech at 7 p.m.

Jarrett Skowyra starts a return for Pathfinder.



The offensive line attempts to hold off Smith Vocational.



Goalie Kelsey Allen throws the ball to a teammate.



Maya Putnam heads up the field.

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Offense shines in shutout win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Following back-to-back home shutout losses to North Middlesex and Clinton, the Quabbin girls' varsity soccer team entered their first ever meeting with Ayer Shirley looking to get back into the win column again.

In a battle of two teams nicknamed the Lady Panthers, Quabbin netted four goals in each half en route to an 8-0 shutout victory in a Mid-Wach D contest held at Alumni Field, last Tuesday afternoon.

"We hadn't scored a goal in our past two games. We had several different players score goals in today's game, which was very nice to see," said Quabbin head coach John Gillis. "We played really well, and we were able to finish our chances against a very good soccer



Katy Twarog tries to settle the ball.

team."

Quabbin's second home win of the regular season improved their overall record to 5-3-1.

The Quabbin Lady Panthers are trying to qual-

ify for the Division 3 state tournament for the first time since the MIAA changed the postseason format in the fall of 2021. The last time that

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Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
William Wright chases down a loose ball on defense.



ABOVE: Brody Wetnicka focuses on keeping possession.



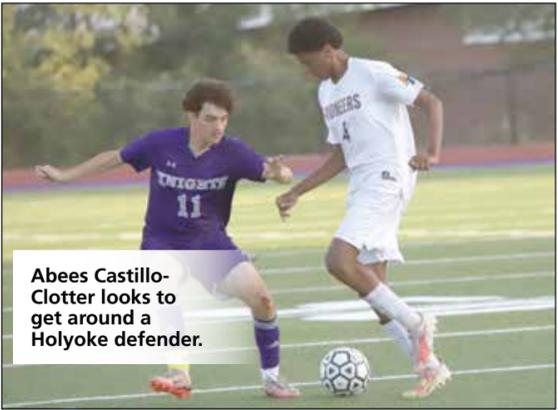
CENTER: Owen Pear advances the ball up the field.



Cayden Bousquet shuffles a pass to his left.

Pioneers have no answer for Holyoke offense

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer, which co-ops with Palmer High School, suffered a 5-0 loss at Holyoke High School. Holyoke, which improved to 8-5-1 and is headed for the tournament, got two goals each from Xevier Davila and Ryan Kennedy. All of Holyoke's scoring came in the second half. Pathfinder fell to 3-6-1 on the season.



Abees Castillo-Clotter looks to get around a Holyoke defender.

T-Birds score preseason win

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds picked up a 2-1 overtime victory on Sunday over the Providence Bruins inside the MassMutual Center to close their preseason slate.



The Bruins picked up the first goal of the afternoon on a power play with 1:08 remaining in the first, as Lynden McCallum lifted a one-timer over the right shoulder of Vadim Zherenko to give Providence the 1-0 lead at intermission. That came less than a minute after Hugh McGing was awarded a penalty shot, but could not get the puck past Simon Zajicek in the Bruins goal crease.

Springfield had an answer from one of their veterans at 3:53 of the second when Corey Schueneman lifted a point wristler through traffic and past Zajicek to tie the score. McGing had what appeared to be the go-ahead goal on a power play at 14:07 of the period, but after replay, the officials waved it off, saying that the T-Birds forward had directed the puck in with a kicking motion. Zherenko's night was complete after 40 minutes and 20 saves on 21 shots. Gage Alexander came on for the third period and overtime and stopped all nine shots he faced. After neither team could break the ice in the third period, the T-Birds picked up the triumph in the extra frame as Nikita Alexandrov fed a saucer pass to McGing's blade at 3:32, and McGing got enough of it to beat Zajicek upstairs to finish the game.

The T-Birds now prepare themselves for the regular season slate, beginning with MGM Springfield Opening Night on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 6:05 p.m. against the Charlotte Checkers inside Thunderdome. The action starts with the Community Bank N.A. Block Party from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Plaza at MGM Springfield, featuring live music from Moonlight Saints. Fans are encouraged to arrive at the MassMutual Center early for pregame ceremonies, including full team introductions, which will begin promptly at 6 p.m. - all fans in attendance will receive a T-Birds 10th Anniversary Banner and a magnet schedule.

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season. "I missed coaching soccer, and I really enjoy working with these kids," Mooney said. "Norm certainly prepared the girls well. He's an outstanding soccer coach."

St. Denis informed his players at the end of last season that he wouldn't be returning as the varsity coach.

"Coach St. Denis did tell us that he was leaving," said Quaboag senior captain Maddie Bagg. "It has been a big change for us, but coach Mooney is a very good coach. We're learning about each other together. It has been an enjoyable experience so far."

The road victory improved Quaboag's overall season record to 5-3-1. The Lady Cougars defeated Worcester Doherty in their previous game. They've won back-to-back games for the first time this season.

"This was our second win in a row," Mooney said. "I think we're heading in the right direction."

The Lady Pirates (3-5-1) grabbed a 1-0 lead during the fifth minute of the opening half following a goal from freshman Amira Seddiki.

It was the only goal allowed by Quaboag junior keeper Persepho Piermarini, who didn't have to make very many saves.

The Lady Cougars scored the tying goal less than ten minutes later.

Senior Maddie Potvin drove down the middle of the field before firing a low shot into the left corner of the net past Oxford senior goalie Paige Reynolds for

an unassisted goal.

"Maddie Potvin always finds the back of the net," Bagg said. "We knew that we could make a comeback after falling behind early in the game."

In the middle of the first half, Potvin had another shot attempt, but Reynolds made a diving save which kept the contest tied.

The visitors from Warren took the lead for the first time during the 51st minute when Bagg put a set-shot into the right corner for an unassisted goal.

"I just had an open shot and decided to take it," said Bagg, who only plays soccer. "It felt very good to score the go-ahead goal."

Bagg has committed to playing soccer at Bates College, which is in Lewiston, Maine.

The other seniors listed on the Lady Cougars varsity roster are Hayssa Freitas, Serenitee Gagnon, Briana Hawk, Olive Moulton, Ava Ostrout, Gabrielle Riendeau, and Makayla Savoie. The seniors have never lost to the Lady Pirates on the soccer pitch.

"We do have a large senior class this year," Bagg said. "Most of us have been playing soccer together for many years. We're looking forward to our senior night game in a couple of weeks."

The Lady Cougars senior night is scheduled to be held on October 15 against rival Tantasqua.

During the 76th minute, Potvin delivered a crossing pass to Riendeau, who put a shot into the back of the net sealing Quaboag's fifth win of the season.

The Lady Cougars are scheduled to host Oxford on October 11.

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Quabbin played in a postseason tournament match was in 2019. They defeated Hudson, 2-0, in a Central Mass. Division 3 first round game that season before losing to Bromfield in the quarterfinals.

"It has been a long time since we've qualified for the postseason tournament. This win moves us two games over the .500 mark, which is very important," Gillis said. "We have a very big game at Fitchburg on Thursday night. We just need to keep playing the same way as we did in today's game."

The Quabbin Lady Panthers suffered a 2-0 loss against the Red Raiders and were ranked 58th in the MIAA power rankings. The top 32 teams in each of the five Divisions automatically qualifies for the state tournament.

The Ayer Shirley Lady Panthers had a 2-7 record following the road loss.

In last Tuesday's match, Quabbin was led offensively by junior Ailey Majoy, who recorded her first hat-trick of the regular season.

"Ailey has been putting the ball into the net a lot more than she did last season," Gillis said. "She scored a hat-trick, which was our third one so far this season."

Senior co-captain Abigail Falconi, who's Quabbin's leading goal scorer, and freshman Allie Lipiec have also recorded hat-tricks this fall.

Elizabeth Matheson, who's Quabbin's other senior co-captain, is sidelined with an injury.

Down at the other end of the field, senior goalkeeper Kelsey Allen, who's a first-year starter, made a total of 14 saves in posting her third shutout of the season.

Allen was replaced with eight minutes remaining in regulation against Ayer Shirley by freshman Zoey Salvador, who didn't have to make any saves.

The anchors of Quabbin's defensive unit are junior's Grace VanOudenhove and

Sienna Shaw.

Their other two starting defenders are senior Anna Labrousse and eighth grader Katy Twarog.

Majoy scored her first goal of the match by putting a shot into the right corner of the net past Ayer Shirley freshman goalie Sophia DeBlasio for an unassisted goal during the 12th minute of the opening half.

Three minutes later, junior Maya Putnam sent a pass to Majoy, who fired a break-away shot into the right corner of the net giving her team a 2-0 advantage.

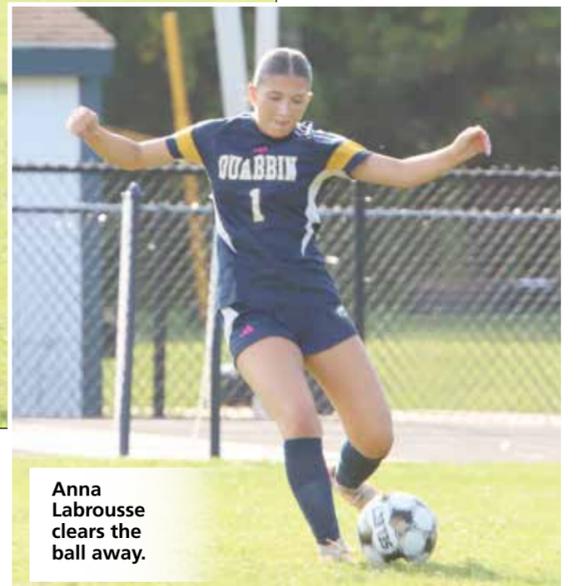
Falconi scored the first of her two goals during the 33rd



Grace Vanoudenhove steals the ball and turns play around.



Ailey Majoy gets a foot on the ball.



Anna Labrousse clears the ball away.

Majoy completed her hat-trick in the middle of the second half with a high shot attempt that deflected into the net off the goalie's hands.

Falconi increased the lead to 6-0 by scoring her second goal in the 67th minute.

Rounding out the scoring for the home team was Lipiec, who netted a pair of goals with less than five minutes remaining in the contest.

minute by putting a low shot into the left corner.

Quabbin's final goal of the opening half came on a corner kick two minutes later.

Junior Sadie Kennan booted the ball into the box from the left corner. The ball bounced back out to Kennan. She then fired a perfectly placed shot into the upper right corner.

"That was a very nice shot

by Sadie on the corner kick goal late in the first half," Gillis said. "She works so hard and I'm very happy for her."

Quabbin will be looking to sweep the season series when they travel to Ayer Shirley on Oct. 23.

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Ware Police Log

During the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 7, the Ware Police Department responded to 26 miscellaneous calls, 43 administrative calls, nine traffic violations, 13 emergency 911 calls, four motor vehicle accidents, three harassments, five thefts/larcenies, three trespasses, one robbery, one safety hazard, two frauds/deceptions, one damage/vandalism, 15 animal calls and 43 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Monday, Sept. 29
3:31 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Services Rendered
6:47 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Report Made

Tuesday, Sept. 30
1:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pulaski Street, Arrest Made
3:04 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Cummings Road, Services Rendered
10:30 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Advised

Wednesday, Oct. 1
2:05 a.m. Robbery, West Main Street, Investigated
8:26 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Could Not Locate
4:16 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled
4:31 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pleasant Street, Could Not Locate
4:52 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Advised

Thursday, Oct. 2
12:59 a.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard, Palmer Road, Arrest Made
6:03 a.m. Warrant Service, Otis Avenue, Arrest Made
7:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
3 p.m. Traffic Incident/

Crash, North Street, Report Made
7:37 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Could Not Locate
11:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Friday, Oct. 3
5:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
5:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
6:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
7:37 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Appears Secure After Check
9:49 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Pine Crest Circle, Assist Given
6:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Saturday, Oct. 4
12:20 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Pulaski Street, Could Not Locate
12:49 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Pulaski Street, Advised
1:31 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Pulaski Street, Assist Given
2 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made
5 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
5:46 p.m. Fraud/Deception, West Main Street, Services Rendered
7:42 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered
10:38 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard, Palmer Road, Arrest Made

Sunday, Oct. 5
3:43 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street,

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Investigated
8:21 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made
12:18 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Richfield Avenue, Advised
1:42 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Report Made
3:08 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Report Made
9:56 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered

Monday, Oct. 6
2:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued
9:34 a.m. Safety Hazard, Malboeuf Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
10:48 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Dispatch Handled
12:34 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Malboeuf Road, Advised
3:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Eagle Street, Dispatch Handled
5:59 p.m. Assault, West Street, Advised
11:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled

Tuesday, Oct. 7
7:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Warren Police Log

During the week of Sept. 20-30, the Warren Police Department responded to 333 building/property checks, 82 community policings, 12 emergency 911 calls, four complaints, one safety hazard, one burglary/breaking and entering, one fire/illegal burn, one animal bite, one motor vehicle accident, one threat, five animal calls and 55 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Saturday, Sept. 20
9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation issued
4:01 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Town Farm Road, Report Filed
8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Sunday, Sept. 21
9:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
11:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning
2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
3:54 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Haynes Hill Road, Mutual Aid Assist
7:48 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Heritage Drive, Report Filed
10:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:14 p.m. Safety Concern, Milton O. Fountain Way, Investigated

Monday, Sept. 22
1:48 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, North Street, Transported to Hospital

4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:25 a.m. Complaint, Southbridge Road, Officer/Chief Advised
8:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
6:10 p.m. Complaint, Chapel Street, Party Departed Without Incident
9:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Ware Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, Sept. 23
12:48 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Crescent Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Sept. 24
1:46 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Hillside Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised
3:23 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
8:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, Sept. 25
12:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
8:21 a.m. Warrant Check, School Street, Arrest Made
8:23 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Brimfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

12:45 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Crouch Road, Report Filed
2:52 p.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Sept. 26
12:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
1:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
4:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9 a.m. Complaint, Old West Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency
9:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
2:04 p.m. Complaint, Old West Brookfield Road, Information Given
7:04 p.m. Animal Bites, Hitchcock Avenue, Transported to Hospital
9:30 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Old West Brookfield Road, Investigated
11:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, Sept. 27
2:57 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Constitution Avenue, Transported to Hospital
8:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
4:02 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Comins Pond Road, Report Filed
5:09 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Comins Pond Road, Fire Extinguished
8:32 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Bacon Street, Arrest Made

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obituaries

Judy (Sherman) Kenyon, 84

CROSSVILLE, TN – Judy (Sherman) Kenyon, 84, of Crossville, Tennessee passed away on Sept. 12, 2025 after a long illness.



She leaves her husband, Roger, her daughter Melanie Kent and husband Dana of Ware, a daughter Roxanne Galica of Peterborough, New Hampshire, entire youth. Judy graduated from Kenyon, 84, of Crossville, Springfield Technical High School and was a hairdresser. She worked for The Palmer Journal Register/Ware River News for many years and had a later career selling appliances at Sears & Roebuck at the Holyoke Mall.

Judy enjoyed a grandson Matthew Kent of Ware, a granddaughter Alexi Galica-Cohen of Dover, New Hampshire, and a sister, Doris King of Three Rivers, a nephew, Sam King of Wales, and cousins and friends.

Mary A. Sablack, 85

WEST WARREN – Mary A. Sablack, 85, passed away Oct. 3, 2025 at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Born June 28, 1940, in Ware, she was the daughter of Frank and Blanche (Pawlina) Sablack. Mary has been a lifelong resident of West Warren and graduated from Warren High School. For 29 years, she worked as a winder at Wrights and retired in 2002. In her leisure, Mary enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her

brothers, Stephen, Felix, Stanley, Frank and John. She leaves behind her sisters, Wanda Opalinski of Hampden, Rose Jacques, and Linda Dusza all of West Warren along with many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 10-11 a.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with a Funeral Mass at St. Stanislaus Church in West Warren at noon. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Cemetery.

For those wishing, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

There will be no calling hours. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

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Hardwick Community Church to meet Sunday

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Community Church will meet at the Hardwick Universalist Church on the knoll Sunday, Oct. 12 at noon.

This long dormant federation of the two churches on Hardwick Common seeks any and all interested in

building and strengthening community life. Everyone is welcome, church and unchurched, to work toward a future of mutual cooperation that unearths our history, serves local needs, and anticipates a peaceful future together.

Join the church members

Sunday at noon to input your ideas for a healthy and peaceful life here. All local churches and organizations invited to these planning meetings that are the ground floor for Community Spirit.

For more information, call Judy Kohn, member at 413-967-7391.

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- Skeletal muscle
- Popular fish type
- Salts of acetic acid
- Arriving early
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- Amphibians
- Warm greeting

CLUES DOWN

- Engine additive
- Amounts of time
- Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- Color properties
- One who hands over
- Thieves of the sea
- Put in
- Nocturnal rodents
- Pouches
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Greek alphabet letter
- Greek goddess of youth
- Satisfy
- Partly digested food
- Dictator
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

- A major division of geological time
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- Romanian monetary unit
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- Go quickly
- Commercials
- Canadian city
- One who slices
- Perform perfectly
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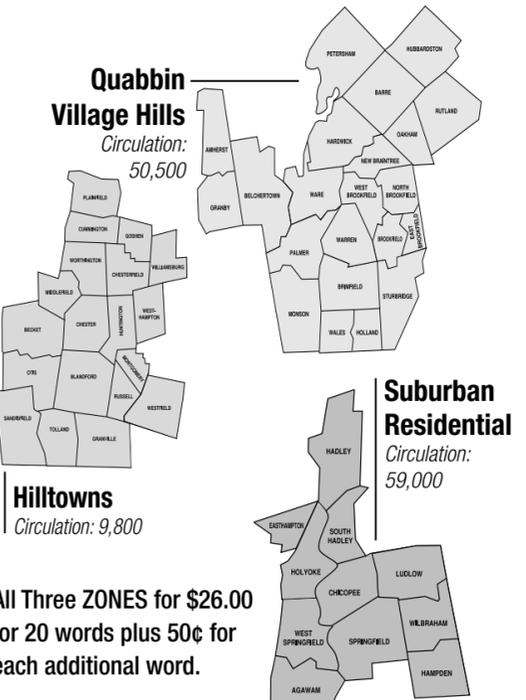
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BACKYARD from page 4

Helping birds

Another way to plant native birds is to plant native trees, shrubs and plants in ones yard. Many provide a food source and others become a nesting site or shelter. Leaving a section of yard not mowed and letting it "run wild" also attracts birds, but provides food, nesting sites and shelter. Putting out bird feeders and water sources also bring birds to one's yard, but they also attract black bears and other unwanted visitors.

Blue jays

I heard blue jays squawking away on Sept. 30. I looked toward the noise and saw four blue jays flitting about among the trees. They were near a winter feeding spot. In winter, I put out shelled peanuts, which is a favorite of blue jays and tufted titmice to name a few. The first year I fed peanuts, I put out unshelled peanuts. They make a mess with the peanut husks, but I enjoyed watching them fly off with a whole peanut and opening it to get the peanuts inside.

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield birder, who emails regularly said, "In the yard most summer visitors have headed south but

catbirds are still around and a couple of male towhees were seen last week. Also a male and female common yellowthroat visited the bird bath."

He said, "I filled the hummingbird feeders last week but haven't seen a hummingbird in several days and the feeders haven't been used much because they are still almost full."

He reported he had to take down my feeders because bear were visiting during the day. He had planted a couple dozen sunflowers in the yard and last week he cut the seed heads off and hung them in the garage to dry. He attached a few of the seed heads to the poles where he hangs his bird feeders. A pair of cardinals, at least three titmice and a black capped chickadee came for the seeds.

Trip to Norwottuck

Rail Trail

The Brimfield resident in his email of Sept. 30 said, "Last Saturday a friend and I spent a couple of hours walking on the Norwottuck Rail Trail, Station Road in Amherst. It was a beautiful day to be out and about. We didn't see song birds but a few ducks, a couple of great blue herons, three green herons (good looks at one quite

close) and one horned grebe. A pair of beaver were out enjoying the nice day and we got good looks at them. A few people walking the trail had never seen beavers before and were quite excited and asked lots of questions. Do they eat fish?"

Warren ponds

The Brimfield resident frequently visits ponds in Warren. He saw a bald eagle one day and yesterday (Sept. 29) in addition to three great blue herons I saw a northern harrier and two male turkeys.

Trail camera

The Brimfield resident said in his email, "The trail camera near the bird bath captured a visit by a bear one night. Three days later a bear visited again and chewed open a pumpkin and ate the seeds and then went to one of the poles with sunflower seed heads and knocked the pole down. It didn't bother another pole with seed heads."

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

POLICE LOGS

from page 11

Sunday, Sept. 28

- 8:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Criminal Complaint
- 10:29 a.m. Seizures, High Street, Mutual Aid Transport
- 4:43 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Palmer, Mutual Aid Assist
- 8:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
- 8:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
- 8:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written

Warning

9:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Monday, Sept. 29

- 11:45 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Constitution Avenue, Transported to Hospital
- 3:43 p.m. Threats, Bemis Road, Officer Spoke to Party
- 3:57 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, South Street, Transported to Hospital
- 7:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
- 8:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, Sept. 30

- 3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
- 7:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
- 7:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
- 10:07 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed
- 10:52 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

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Notice of Public Hearing Ware Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

V-2025-03

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Zoning Board of Appeals, per the powers given under M.G.L Chapter 40A, will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Christopher Gagnon, for a Variance (V-2025-03). The applicant is requesting variance relief from the setback and placement requirements for an accessory structure (garage) under Section 5.2.2.A, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

SITE LOCATION: 19 Woodland Hts, Ware MA. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 7078, Page 137. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 10-0-74. Zoned: Suburban Residential (SR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk's office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

Ware Zoning Board Of Appeals S.K Robinson, Chairman 10/02, 10/09/2025

Hardwick Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaws (2025), sections 1.4, 3.2.2.1. and 4.1.3 will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 7:00PM** at the **Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA.**

The Hearing is regarding the application for a **Special Permit** by **Sergio Nieves** to construct a **Personal Kennel at 1376 Patrill Hollow Road.** All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>

Hardwick Planning Board William Cole, Chair 10/09, 10/16/2025

TOWN OF WARREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166 Section 22, a public hearing will take place for consent for National Grid to install 1 JO Poles on Bemis Rd beginning at a point approximately 900 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Bemis Rd and Heritage Dr. Install new utility Pole 27-50 Bemis Rd. Install EMR at P27-50 Bemis Rd. This hearing will be on **Thursday, October 23rd, 2025, Shepard Building 48 High St. Warren, at 6:00PM.**

You may attend our meetings via Zoom: Meeting ID: 811 8078 5980 Passcode: 273231 By Phone: +1 646 558 8656 Richard Eichacker, Chairman Board of Selectmen 10/09, 10/16/2025

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

TOWN OF WARREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166 Section 22, a public hearing will take place for consent for National Grid to install 1 JO Poles on Brookfield Rd beginning at a point approximately 575 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Southbridge Rd Ext. Install PL # 13-84 approximately 575' south of the centerline of Southbridge Rd Ext. This hearing will be on **Thursday, October 23rd, 2025, Shepard Building 48 High St. Warren, at 6:00PM.**

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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. HS25P0441EA Estate of: Marie Gemma Erickson Also known as: Marie G. Erickson Date of Death: 08/20/2024 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 **Ronald A. Erickson of Jay, ME** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Ronald A. Erickson of Jay, ME** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 11/05/2025.** 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 30, 2025 **Mark S Ames,** Register of Probate 10/09/2025

NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION PLH VINEYARD SKY LLC NEAR MONSON TURNPIKE ROAD, WARE RTN 1-0050160

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as Tier II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On October 1, 2025, PLH Vineyard Sky LLC filed a Tier II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Matthew Wagner, Tighe & Bond, Inc., 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085 at (413) 572-3258. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at the MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 1-0050160 at <https://eea-online.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/search/wastesite> or at MassDEP Western Regional Office, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA 01103, (413) 784-1100. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404 10/09/2025

TOWN OF WARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.,** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear a dangerous dog complaint regarding a dog owned by a resident of 20 Westbrook Avenue, Ware, MA.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Nancy Talbot, Chair Selectboard

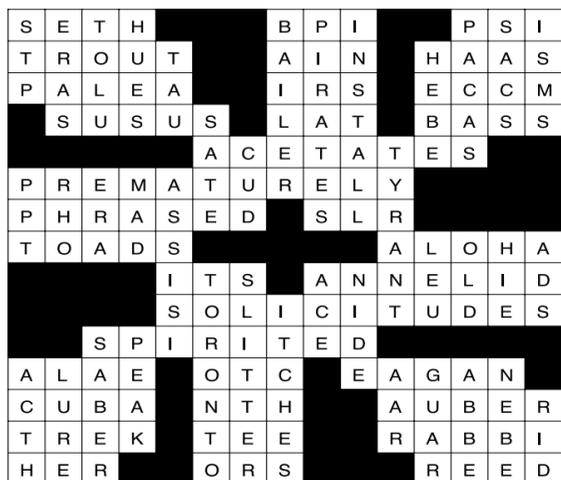
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