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Quabbin Days kicked off at Visitor Center

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BELCHERTOWN – The inaugural Quabbin Days kicked off this past Friday at the Quabbin Visitor Center.

Quabbin Days is a celebration of the beauty and heritage of the Quabbin Region and the towns that surround it. This newly incorporated celebration consists of four days across various towns that are connected to the Quabbin Reservoir.

This kick-off helped promote the Quabbin region and what it has to offer.

“It’s just an amazing place right in our backyard,” said Clayton Sydla, president of the Quabbin Fisherman’s Association.

Sydla says this kickoff is about the opportunities the Quabbin offers, including being a wonderful place to fish. The weather was perfect for the occasion as various state legislators attended the kickoff to honor the Quabbin and its past.

Project Coordinator Ed Comeau spoke first and he said he hoped everyone in attendance appreciated the sheer beauty of where they live as Quabbin is their neighbor. The towns surrounding the Quabbin hope to promote tourism, hiking, and various opportunities for visitors all over the world to enjoy.

“I hope Quabbin Days becomes an annual tradition,” Comeau said.

The first to speak during the kickoff was state Sen. Jake Oliveira, who is a big advocate of the Quabbin Reservoir. Oliveira mentioned that many residents who

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Haunted Hardwick



Ken Levine portrayed Captain Daniel Egery.

Ghost Walk brought the past back to life

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HARDWICK – An eerie mist rolled across the gravestones of the cemetery that is tucked away next to the Town House on the common, as dark-cloaked figures began to emerge.

Since 2003, history has come alive on the common

thanks to the organizers of the Hardwick Ghost Walk, which is sponsored by the Hardwick Historical Society. This much anticipated event is held every few years, and this past Saturday evening, attendees lined up along the sidewalk, eager for their chance to be transported back in time.

The town of Hardwick was incorporated in 1739, and the earliest inhabitant of the cemetery was buried there in the 1760s.

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Hannah Fanelli shared insight into the life of Persis Lyscom.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Ginger Petraglia portrayed Hannah Warner during the Hardwick Ghost Walk held this past Saturday evening, sponsored by the Hardwick Historical Society.

Pathfinder unveiled expansion plan

By Abigail McCoy
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PALMER – Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School is preparing for what local leaders are calling the most significant expansion in the school’s history; one that could add up to 150 new seats, create multiple new programs, and help close the skills gap across Western Massachusetts.

During an announcement held at the school’s restaurant on Oct. 3, Superintendent Eric Duda and his administrative team outlined plans to acquire and repurpose the Cold Spring School in Belchertown, which is scheduled to close in 2026. The move would allow Pathfinder to increase capacity, launch new programs, and ensure that students from all nine member towns have access to career and technical education.

“This is personal,” said Duda, a Pathfinder graduate who has served as teacher, principal, and now superintendent in his 19 years at the school. “I believe in the power of career technical educa-

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BURNOUTS

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Adam Essex kicked off the burnout competition with flare as his tires created pink smoke.

Haunted Hallways returns to Ware High

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WARE – On Saturday, Oct. 25, the Ware Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2026 will put on its final Haunted Hallways event before passing the popular fundraiser on

to another class to run. Class President Madisyn Slattery said the Class of 2026 has put on the Haunted Hallways since its freshman year. It was previously run by students of the Class of 2021.

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Class of 2026 President Madisyn Slattery and Treasurer Brodie Koczur are getting ready for this year’s Haunted Hallways fundraiser to be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Ware Jr./Sr. High School.

Public auction of 14 properties announced

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WARREN – At a recent press conference, Town Administrator James Ferrera

announcement the sale of a property the town had taken through the tax title process over the summer.

The sale closed on 38 Elm St. earlier that day, Ferrera said at the Oct. 9 press conference.

“We are pleased to report back to the town that the property has been sold,”

Ferrera said.

The property sold for \$151,000, allowing the town to recover the approximately \$80,000 owed in back taxes, interest and fees that had accrued.

“We are happy we were able to get all of what was owed back,” Ferrera said.

The owner of the house

at 38 Elm St. had not paid taxes on the property for 10 years when the town performed an eviction and took ownership back in August.

Ferrera said the property was purchased by a young couple looking to fix it up and make it their home.

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Selectboard waived winter parking permit fees

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WARE – The Selectboard discussed the permitting fees for winter parking in municipal parking lots.

At the Oct. 7 meeting, the board members voted to waive the fees for winter parking this year in order to encourage more residents to get permits.

People without proper permits will be issued tickets by the Police Department when the winter parking ban is in place.

Town Manager's goals

The Selectboard members reviewed and accepted goals for Town Manager Stuart Beckley as part of his evaluation process.

The town's current contract with Beckley ends on June 30, 2026. If the Selectboard decides not to renew the contract, they must provide 90-day's notice to Beckley by March 31, 2026.

Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz suggested that progress on the agreed upon goals be reviewed by the end of February. He said if the Selectboard opts to renew Beckley's contract, its members must submit his performance evaluations by May 30, 2026.

Comments and concerns

Resident Cindy Allen Bourcier said there are several grant opportunities the town can apply for to help bring healthcare to the region. She said both local and state leaders are working on letters of support for the applications.

She also spoke about the results of the Baystate Health audit of the Lewis Gilbert Trust, and shared tax returns showing where different funds were appropriated throughout Baystate Health's network.

Bourcier said she continues to communicate with the Attorney General's Office regarding missing trust money. She said the Attorney General's Office responded through email that they "still believe this is an ongoing investigation."

Beckley said the audit is posted on the Hospital Review Committee's page of the town website, www.townofware.com. He said the town has requested a clearer, more detailed report of the audit findings from Baystate Health.

"We requested, and Mr. Banko [Baystate Health CEO and President Peter Banko] agreed, that they will ask the auditor to prepare a summary of the summary," Beckley said.

Town Hall curtain

Beckley said the state approved the encapsulation/cleanup plan for the Town Hall stage curtain and a contractor has been selected. He said the cost to encapsulate the curtain will be about \$9,500.

He said the encapsulation will preserve the curtain and allow it to be raised in order for its design to be displayed. A backup curtain may be required for fire prevention purposes.

"We will move forward with that cleanup," Beckley said.

Town Manager's report

Beckley said the swimming pool committee met last Monday night and is moving forward with an article for town meeting. The committee will also meet with the Capital Planning Committee on Oct. 14.

Beckley said the town was approached by a solar developer about the use of the landfill by the Banas farm for a solar array. He said the town can lease the land for this use, either through a request for proposals process, or by selecting a developer.

"State law for energy agreements does allow the town just to choose a developer," he said.

Beckley said the Board of Health had previously raised concerns about this use at the landfill, and any potential lease agreement would need to include language about the developer's responsibility to maintain and prevent damage to the landfill's cap.

Beckley said sandblasting has been completed at the water tank on Church Street

and painting is underway. Once this tank is completed, the contractors will then work on the Anderson Road tank.

"They continue to be on schedule," he said.

Beckley said the Church Street water tank is expected to be completed by Oct. 31.

Beckley said interviews have been conducted for Operations Managers and the DPW Director positions.

Trick or Treat hours

The Selectboard approved Trick or Treat hours on Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31 starting at 5 p.m. The board members also agreed to keep Trick or Treat hours on Halloween each year going forward.

Dangerous dog hearing

A dangerous dog hearing was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. for a dog residing on Westbrook Avenue.

Special Town Meeting quorum hearing

A Special Town Meeting will be held in the Ware Jr./Sr. High School auditorium on Monday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

A hearing to vote on possibly reducing the quorum for the Special Town Meeting will be held in the Selectboard Meeting Room on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. The current town meeting quorum is 100.

Unattended sign policy

The Selectboard approved a policy enforcing the removal of unattended signs on town-owned property. This policy will prohibit the placement of any unattended signs on town property, but does not apply to attended signs (being held by a person) or signs on the Ware Public Schools property.

Unattended signs will not be allowed on all other town properties unless authorized by the Selectboard.

Resignation

The Selectboard accepted the resignation of Board of Assessors member Devin Peterson. The vacancy will be posted for several weeks and an appointment to fill the position will be made by a joint meeting of both boards.

Are You Old News?

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



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



File Photo Last week's photo from 1989 showed John Desmond, 16-year member of the Ware Board of Health (center) being honored by

fellow board members Andy Lawrence (left) and Joseph J. Ciejka (right). Desmond was honored with a dinner at the Villa Rose in Ludlow for his long service to the board and the Quabbin Health District. Jolene St. Onge (daughter of Ciejka) and Al Saunders both identified all of the people in the photo.

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. 20

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

Tuesday, Oct. 21

- 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
- 1-2 p.m. Food Bank of Western MA Mobile Food Pantry at Grenville Park
- 1 p.m. Cornhole

- 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class
- 6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Oct. 22

- 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. 23

- 9 a.m. Walking Club. Participants should meet at the Senior Center.
- 9 a.m.-noon D & R Farmer's Market. Cash, debit, EBT cards accepted.
- 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. 24

- 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

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Monday, Oct. 20 Brunch

Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Soft Tacos with Toppings, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Tuna Melt Sandwich, Soup of the Day, French Fries, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Oct. 23

Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, Oct. 24

Grilled BLT Sandwich, Salad, Dessert of the Day

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Slattery said the class members have always received positive feedback about the event, and it's something that everyone enjoys.

"This is our last year and our favorite fundraiser," she said.

Senior Class Advisor Betty Brown agreed, and said this is also a fun event for the whole community.

"These guys have done such a good job with it,"

Brown said of the students. "It's fun for everybody and we're hoping for a good turnout."

Brown said the fundraiser helps to cover senior year expenses for the students, including the senior trip, senior banquets, yearbooks, caps and gowns and more.

"There's many expenses senior year," Brown said.

This year there will be 10 scaring stations featured in the Haunted Hallways, with many frightful favorites returning.

Class Treasurer Brodie Koczur looked back over his scaring station themes from the past four years, including last year's haunted graveyard. This year, Koczur will terrify thrill seekers with haunted dolls.

Slattery said her theme will focus on clowns and serial killers, and it is likely that a chainsaw-wielding masked figure will be waiting in the shadows.

The event will start with the "Not So Haunted" Haunted Hallways from 6:30-7:30 p.m., recom-

mended for children age 9 and under. During this time, the lights will remain on as participants make their way through the scaring stations and collect candy.

No jump scares will occur during the "Not So Haunted" Haunted Hallways.

From 7:30-9:30 p.m., the lights go out and the "real deal" Haunted Hallways begins for those ready to face their fears. But don't worry if you get scared, you can yell "Indians" (the school's mascot) and the characters in the hallways will stay back.

Admission to both events is \$5 per person. There will be concessions of baked goods, chips, candy, hot chocolate and other drinks available to purchase as well.

Parking is in the lower lot of the high school located at 237 West St., and the entrance to both events is through the gymnasium.

People of all ages and from all communities are encouraged to attend and help support the Class of 2026.

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Submitted Photo
Seven windows of the great hall of the Ware Town Hall need restoration. The Friends of the Ware Town Hall will begin its 8th annual Giving Campaign this month.

Giving Campaign kicks off to restore windows

WARE – Patricia Skutnik, president of Friends of Ware Town Hall has announced the group is beginning its 8th annual Giving Campaign this month.

“It’s hard to believe this is our eighth campaign, we’ve been working as a group to raise money to restore this beautiful building since 2017 and the Giving Campaign began the following year. Our previous campaign were very successful, and we are grateful for the generous support of our townspeople,” Skutnik said.

Skutnik said the focus of this campaign is raising money to being restoration of the beautiful large windows in the great hall.

“This will be a major expense, since there are seven windows that need restoration. Now is the time to begin restoration of these

windows to avoid further deterioration,” she said.

She also added that the windows are priceless and replacing them would be very costly.

Giving Campaign donation flyers will be included in the Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 complimentary issues of the Ware River News with information about the group and a donation sheet with a mailing address on the reverse side. Anyone who has not received a flyer and wishes to make a donation may send a check payable to Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082.

“We look forward to another successful Giving Campaign – Ware residents and also people who grew up in this town but have since left the area and still receive the Ware River News have been very supportive.”

Hearing to discuss reduced STM quorum on Oct. 21

WARE – The Selectboard will hold a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Meeting Room, 126 Main St., to discuss potentially

reducing the quorum for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The Selectboard is inviting the public to attend for the community input.

School Committee reviews MCAS scores

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WARE – Jan Yardley, Director of Curriculum, Accountability, Professional Development, Federal Programs and Grants, gave a presentation to the School Committee about the school district’s Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System scores.

At the Oct. 8 meeting, she said statewide results show that students, particularly at the high school level, are still struggling to recover from the pandemic’s learning loss.

“Most districts are still recovering,” Yardley said.

She said the school district’s three year goals include increasing daily attendance, increasing student discourse, implementing and purchasing high quality instructional materials for core subjects, implementing effective use of co-teaching and increasing parental involvement.

Yardley said it is important “to make parents our partners in education.”

Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School Principal Pamela Iwasinski presented the results from the spring testing, starting with third grade students.

“There are pockets of success throughout the district,” Iwasinski said.

Some of these successes include an upward trend in English Language Arts scores, which she credited to changes in the curriculum over the last two years. She said the average scale score was only two points away from the state’s average.

Iwasinski said math is a subject the school is focusing on and the new curriculum will continue to boost growth.

“We are increasing,” Iwasinski said of math scores. “I’d like to see it grow a little more.”

Iwasinski said attendance continues to be a focus, even at the elementary school level, as well as student discourse.

Ware Middle School Principal Kimberly Thompson said students in the fourth grade “held their own” with spring ELA scores. She said all ELA tests district-wide were AI-scored for open responses, and she believes the scores would

have been more positive if scored manually.

“The average score, we are within striking distance of the state,” Thompson said. “We still have some work to do, but again, I do feel like we are trending in a positive direction.”

Thompson said the math scores are also close to meeting the state average.

For fifth grade students in ELA, Thompson said there are many students that are on the cusp of “meeting expectations.” She said the school district exceeded the state average in this category.

Math scores in fifth grade have also showed growth and improvement. Science scores are also on track to meet the state average.

Thompson said there was a shift in the sixth grade ELA scores, with a large increase in the “partially meeting expectations” and “not meeting at all” categories.

“We’re going to look specifically at how many of these students had support... what do we need to do better,” she said.

Sixth grade math scores were “stagnant” and didn’t see much change despite the new math curriculum.

Ware Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal Megan Sears presented the high school scores and she said there are some highlights, including an increase in student growth percentages for seventh grade ELA.

Sears said there was also student growth in eighth grade as well.

Eighth grade math scores reflect the need for improvement and the administration and math teachers are working toward a change in order to reach more students.

Sears said they had a good participation rate for eighth grade science testing and it reflected “small gains.”

“Very small, but I don’t want to overlook those students that did make that gain,” she said.

Civics testing was new with this year’s MCAS test for Ware students, and 21% of students met expectations, but zero were exceeding.

“We’re really going to take a lot of this data and just do a deep-dive into the department chairs...what are we missing, why are we not moving forward with these kids,” Sears said.

For 10th grade, scores saw

a slight drop in ELA scores, and they will investigate this to find where teachers can offer support to students.

Yardley said 10th grade students across the state have seen a drop in participation and scores, particularly in ELA. This is likely directly related to MCAS scores no longer being a requirement for graduation.

Sears said 10th grade math scores have also dropped and both ELA and math have seen a decrease in student growth.

Sears said the high school staff are encouraging student attendance and engagement through a series of incentives, including student of the month nominations. Students in seventh and eighth grade have also approached her about creating a junior high student council.

“It’s all about community with these kids,” she said.

Superintendent’s report

Interim Superintendent Michael Wood said he attended the Collaborative for Educational Services meeting at which the Commissioner of Education spoke.

“He told us his priorities for the year,” Wood said.

This includes ensuring teachers are trained and licensed appropriately, strengthening standards and curriculum, supporting social emotional learning, improving performance in the lowest performing schools and enhancing resource allocation and data.

“There were a lot of additional questions about funding that we talked about... not a lot of answers, but certainly a lot of conversation around where he stands and where he can advocate for the cities and towns in the western part of the state,” Wood said.

Wood said he has decided to postpone the school district’s New England Association of Schools and Colleges visit, which was scheduled to be held in November. He said the visit will either be postponed until the spring or fall of 2026.

“We’re just not in a place where I think we can rightfully show the high quality of Ware Jr./Sr. High School,” he said.

Wood said in the meantime, the school district needs to take a good look

at its high school offerings, as well as the credits required for graduation. He spoke about My Career and Academic Plan, and how it allows students to plan out their high school career and future options.

Wood said the school district’s bus contract is up at the end of the year and Andy Paquette of TMS, Inc. is working with the Granby and Belchertown school districts to review the contract before it is put out to bid. The three school districts share a transportation contract.

He said transportation costs are expected to increase substantially.

Wood said a meeting was held regarding the ventilation project at Ware Middle School, which was supposed to be completed in August. He said the units are in place and operable, but seven units do not have thermostats.

“We resolved it on Monday,” Wood said.

Wood said the delay was due to the need to abate a small amount of asbestos in the ceiling tiles. He said the project will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

CTE policy

Wood presented the School Committee with a draft of the Career Technical Education Pathway policy. He explained the changes facing vocational schools, including the shift to a lottery system for the recruitment of students.

The committee will review the draft and vote on its acceptance at the next meeting.

Admission fees to home games

The School Committee discussed a suggested change to the athletic policy made by member Melissa Whitham about offering a season pass or free admission for parents of student athletes during home games.

The committee members will continue this discussion and look into the feasibility of this.

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Dear Rusty:

I was born in April 1958 and my plan has been to take my Social Security at age 70.

However, my sister-in-law says that it is smarter to take it now while I am still working. I will be 70 in 2.5 years. Her husband collects his SS and has kept working. She believes their strategy will net more money than mine due to the fact he has continued to pay into the system and she believes it has super boosted his monthly benefit. What say you? BTW, Lord willing and the creek don't rise I plan on living at least till 87.

Signed: Questioning My Plan

Dear Questioning:

You have already reached your SS Full Retirement Age, so you can earn as much as possible without your SS benefit being negatively affected by Social Security's Annual Earnings Test. In fact, if your current earnings are among the highest over your lifetime, your SS benefit amount will continue to increase because of your higher current earnings. You are now also earning Delayed Retirement Credits, which will improve your monthly amount by 67% for each month (8% for each full year) you delay. That means that if you wait and claim at 70 you will get about 127% of what you would have gotten had you claimed at your FRA of 66 years and 8 months plus you'll also get all COLA increases which occur between now and then. So your life expectancy is key.

It usually takes about 12 years to break even money wise by claiming at age 70 vs. at FRA. In other words, if you claim at 70 instead of FRA, you'll have received the same amount of SS money after you are 82. Thus, if your life expectancy is greater than age 82, you'll get more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until 70 to claim. Of course, no one really knows how long they will live, so it is a judgment you need to make. "Average" life expectancy for a man your current age is about age 84, but if you'd like to get a more personalized longevity estimate you can use this tool we use here at the AMAC Foundation: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>

Another thing to keep in mind is whether your wife will get a widow's benefit if you die first. A widow will get the higher of either her own SS retirement benefit or the husband's benefit amount when he died. So,

if you claim at age 70, your surviving spouse will benefit if her own SS is smaller because you waited until 70 for your higher SS amount. Just something else to keep in mind.

Yet another is whether your wife will be entitled to a higher benefit as your spouse while you are both living. FYI, a spouse will get a "spousal boost" if her own SS retirement benefit at FRA is less than 50% of her spouse's FRA entitlement. If so, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit until you take your own SS retirement benefit. If your wife will be entitled to more as your spouse while you are both living, then delaying until age 70 means your wife cannot collect her higher spousal amount until you claim. Depending on your financial needs as a couple, that may affect your decision as well.

When to claim is always a judgment call which should consider your life expectancy, your financial needs and your marital status. If you don't need the SS money now while you are working and believe you will, indeed, live "at least till 87," then waiting would likely be your best long-term decision. If you have doubts about your life expectancy, and/or if your wife will substantially benefit from a "spousal boost" if you claim earlier, then claiming now would also be a wise choice.

Finally, it's also important to understand that your SS benefits may be taxable by the IRS and, if you are still working, your IRS tax rate will likely be higher now than it would be after you retire from working. Note: The so-called "one big, beautiful bill" provides only temporary tax relief (thru 2028) on SS benefits - the IRS will still tax SS benefits but also allow a separate tax deduction to offset those SS taxes you pay.

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Jack Frost has come and gone; time to review

Usually we have a few nights that teeter around the freezing mark each fall, giving us an advanced warning of sorts, before a real deal killer frost strikes. Not so this year.

I tuned into the weather last Tuesday night and to my shock, we were expecting temperatures to dip into the mid to high 20s Thursday night into Friday morning! That meant going into extreme harvest mode to get everything indoors that needed to be and trying to cover what I couldn't get to.

I was trying to hold off on harvesting my Butternut winter squash, hoping for the green tinges of the skin to fade to a warm buff color, but by the time Wednesday rolled around I had to give in and pick them. I think they are mostly ripe.

I grew three total hills this year, two of a variety Mom had saved the seeds of and one of a highly touted, powdery mildew resistant F1 hybrid by the name of "Little Dipper." I was lured in by the catalog description that promised seven plus fruits per plant.

From my two plants in that one hill, I harvested 15. Pretty good, I'll say! They range in weight from just about a pound and a half to over five pounds, with most around the 3.5 pound mark.

I already cut into one, and roasted it. Not being used to such a dry texture, I added a little water when I whipped it up and it was flavorful enough. And true to its description in the Fedco catalog (fedcoseeds.com) it was indeed powdery mildew

resistant. The leaves were incredibly green and still pumping out flowers until they were

side down until fork tender. To me, acorns are on the blah side but all that changes with the addition of some maple syrup.

As far as the vine borers go, the plants were early to bear and quick to ripen. By the time the borers discovered them most fruits were curing right on the plants. I'll definitely be growing them again.

Mouse Melon, also known as Cucamelon was a newbie as well, and one that I was not sad to see go when the frost hit. I sowed the seeds indoors and planted the transplants along one side of an A-frame trellis. By August I had the cutest mini-watermelons, think the size that would be perfect Barbie Doll food!

My appreciation for this trial ended with its cuteness, however. To me it tasted like a bitter cucumber, with a little bit of a kick to it. Not a fan.

I did enter them in the Ware Grange fair, however, and won first place in the "any other" category!

Stay tuned next week for more reviews and also what strategies worked and what didn't!

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.

I cut one in half, removed the seeds and roasted it cut



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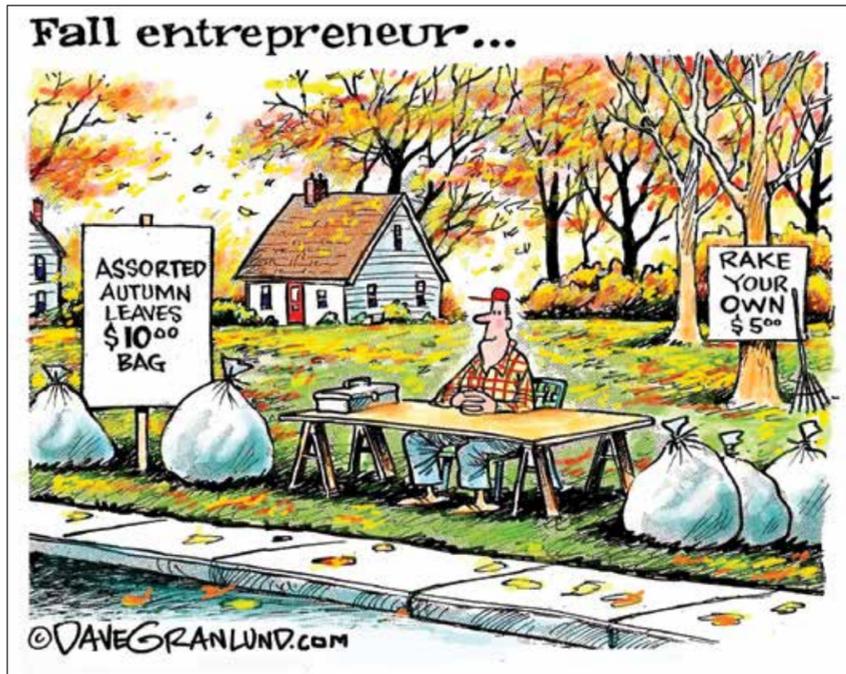
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Demolition and site work continues at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital

WARE – Baystate Health announced in a press release that it continues work at the Baystate Mary Lane Hospital campus to address safety and structural concerns stemming from the deterioration of several long-standing vacant buildings.

After years of evaluation and the absence of viable redevelopment opportunities, demolition began in August 2025 to eliminate hazards and ensure the property no longer poses safety or environmental risks to the community. This work has been carried out under close oversight and in compliance with all state and local regulations to ensure environmental safety and responsible site management. Remaining work includes the safe removal of underground storage tanks and utilities, demolition of the campus chimney stack, and

backfilling areas where structures were previously located. Once all work is completed the area will be cleaned, including removal of debris and reseeded as needed.

The Wetherby Building, which holds historic and community importance, has been carefully secured and boarded up. Flashing repairs at the Wetherby cupola and dormers were also completed, including the safe removal of asbestos-containing materials during abatement.

Baystate implemented a comprehensive and exhaustive effort to comply with Massachusetts building code and U.S. fire Administration standards. Baystate Health remains committed to preserving the Wetherby Building to the greatest extent possible, recognizing its significance to both the organization and the Town of

Ware.

Town officials will conduct a final walk-through of the Wetherby Building to determine if any additional work is necessary before project completion. Additionally, careful consideration is being given to the separation of the Storrs Building from the Wetherby Building before any further demolition commences.

Baystate Health representatives stated the organization is carrying out this work responsibly, with safety, environmental stewardship, and transparency guiding every step. The organization continues to support the health and well-being of the Ware community through ongoing investments at Baystate Wing Hospital and the planned development of a new primary care and convenient care site in Ware.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Haunted Hardwick



Mark Korzec portrayed Paul Mandell during the Hardwick Ghost Walk.



The Klee family portrayed Joseph Washburn, Ebenezer Washburn and Lavinia Washburn.



Brigadier General Jonathan Warner was portrayed by John Petraglia.

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Gravestone dates cover more than half a century, with the later dates being in the 1820s.

Thanks to the detailed "History of Hardwick" written by Lucius Paige, as well as the diligent cataloging of the cemetery by the Bancroft family, much is known about those buried in the cemetery.

Almost 40 actors dressed the part and portrayed these citizens of days past, including Ginger and John Petraglia who took on the roles of Hannah Warner and Brigadier General Jonathan Warner.

The Warners hailed from Hatfield before settling in Hardwick, as did Asahel and Elizabeth (Robinson) Billings, who were portrayed by Wink and Sherry Johnson.

The Billings lived on "The Road to Ware," which is now known as Turkey Street.

Hannah Warner was the daughter of Paul Mandell, who was portrayed by Mark Korzec.

Korzec said the Mandell's farm is now part of the East Quabbin Land Trust's Mandell Hill preserve on Barre Road. The stone foundation of a house and barn still remain.

Korzec explained that Paul and his wife Susanna were both from Dartmouth, and had been gifted the land in Hardwick by Susanna's father as a wedding gift.

The couple had six children and had 10 indentured servants. Some of these servants were orphaned and others lived on the town's poor farm.

Korzec said the Mandells had the most indentured servants of any family in the commonwealth at this time.

Susanna, portrayed by Judy Grupp, was the daughter of Rev. Timothy Ruggles and Mary (White) Ruggles, and lived until the age of 92. Susanna was tasked with teaching the girls "wifery," including cooking, sewing, etc., and Paul was responsible for teaching the boys "husbandry," or how to grow crops and raise livestock.

Grupp noted that the Mandells took good care of their indentured servants, with all 10 of them surviving to adulthood.

At the time of the Revolutionary War, Paul (who had served in the French and Indian War), was too old to fight and instead joined the Committee of Correspondence.

Korzec noted the town's strong presence in the American Revolution, and how on April 19, 1775, 64 of the town's men joined the Minutemen in Cambridge to head into battle. At the time, Hardwick's total population was just 1,000 people.

"It was the heart of the rebellion," Korzec said of Hardwick. "It's just a phenomenal history that Hardwick and all of the neighboring towns have."

Another cemetery inhabitant who moved to town from Dartmouth hundreds of years ago, was Captain Daniel Egery, portrayed by Ken Levine.

Levine said Egery moved to Hardwick with his wife and eight children, and served the town as a select-



Vladia Buelow told the life story of Rosamond Winslow.

Sue Bagdonas detailed the life of Elizabeth Ruggles Dean.



Asahel Billings was brought to life by Wink Johnson.

man. He was also a soldier during the French and Indian War.

Levine detailed the lives of soldiers after the war, and the tensions that led up to Shays' Rebellion, when Daniel Shays led 1,000 soldiers to the courts to stop the foreclosures of farms.

"It was veterans against veterans," he said.

Levine said Shays' uprising caused concern amongst national leaders, including George Washington, and it prompted many changes in the government.

Walking through the cemetery you will see that the age ranges of those buried there span from infancy to old age. Almost one-third the cemetery's inhabitants were under the age of 20.

The Klee family portrayed Ebenezer Washburn, and two of his children, Joseph and Lavinia. Joseph died from an infection caused by an injury from his axe, and Lavinia died at age 12 from pneumonia.

Mark Klee said Ebenezer was a teacher in the town, and he was also involved in the Revolutionary War. His wife Dorothy and himself had seven children together.

Rosamond Winslow, portrayed by Vladia Buelow, was born in Hardwick in 1785 and helped her mother raise her siblings after her father was killed.

"I was a really big help to her," Buelow said as Winslow.

Sadly, after living a hard life, Winslow died from the flu at age 18.

Persis Lyscom was one of two children born to Ebenezer and Mary Lyscom, with her brother Samuel passing away at the young age of 12.

Hannah Fanelli portrayed Persis, and noted that her family was poor, and how her father fought in the Revolutionary War and like many soldiers, was not paid.

Sherry Johnson portrayed Elizabeth Robinson Billings.

The Lyscoms lived in northern Hardwick, close to the Petersham line. She said that it was hard work to manage the farm, but that the family enjoyed friendship with their neighbors.

Persis unfortunately died of a fever one February, just before she was set to marry her beloved David that spring. Afterward, Persis' mother died, her father moved back east to be closer to his family.

"It was tough times for us," Fanelli said as Persis.

Some names of those buried in the cemetery remain prominent in town today, including the Ruggles family.

Elizabeth Ruggles Dean, was the granddaughter of Hardwick Fair founder, Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles, and the niece of his infamous daughter, Bathsheba Spooner.

Despite her family's loyalty to the British crown, Dean's husband Paul and his family members were fierce patriots.

The family worked hard to preserve game, fish, mutton and lamb, and also utilized their kitchen garden to grow food. The couple had 10 children together.

There were many more ghostly apparitions to visit in the cemetery, and if you missed this year's event, be sure to keep an eye out for the next Hardwick Ghost Walk in the coming years. For more information about the Hardwick Historical Society, follow on Facebook or visit hardwickhistoricalsociety.org.

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Ware Police Log

During the week of Oct. 5-14, the Ware Police Department responded to 25 miscellaneous calls, 23 administrative calls, 16 traffic violations, 20 emergency 911 calls, nine motor vehicle accidents, six harassments, two trespasses, one theft/larceny, one breaking and entering, two safety hazards, one outside fire, one damage/vandalism, 10 animal calls and 57 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Sunday, Oct. 5

3:43 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, 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
9:50 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Palmer Road, Assist Given
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
1:11 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, West Main Street, Services Rendered
2:38 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Hillside Village, Investigated
3:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Eagle Street, Dispatch Handled
7:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Investigated
11:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled

Tuesday, Oct. 7

6:52 a.m. Miscellaneous, Maple Street, Citation/Warning Issued
7:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued

6:59 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
9:39 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
11:57 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Could not Locate

Wednesday, Oct. 8

1:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pulaski Street, Citation/Warning Issued
12:45 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Greenwich Road, Report Made

Thursday, Oct. 9

5:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Criminal Complaint Request
7:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
11 a.m. Assault, West Street, Investigated
2:07 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Services Rendered
2:55 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Pulaski Street, Advised
4:01 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Friday, Oct. 10

9:21 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Indian Hill Road, Dispatch Handled
3:44 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Old Poor Farm Road, Advised
6:29 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Report Made
8:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Saturday, Oct. 11

5:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Arrest Made
8:39 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, King Street, Dispatch Handled
12:49 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pleasant Street, Dispatch Handled
9:30 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Clifford Avenue, Investigated
9:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued

Sunday, Oct. 12

10:18 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street,

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Advised

4:23 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Warren Road, Advised
5:22 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Bank Street, Services Rendered
5:23 p.m. Breaking and Entering, Fourth Avenue, Report Made

Monday, Oct. 13

2:01 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated
9:10 a.m. Safety Hazard, Babcock Tavern Road, Services Rendered
11:48 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Patient Refusal
3:32 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Advised
4:42 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, East Main Street, Advised
5:24 p.m. Outside Fire, Palmer Road, Investigated
10:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Arrest Made

Tuesday, Oct. 14

2:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
4:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
5:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
6:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
7:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
7:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Warren Police Log

During the week of Oct. 1-4, the Warren Police Department responded to 71 building/property checks, five community policings, seven emergency 911 calls, one complaint, one fire/illegal burn, one fraud/forgery, one motor vehicle pursuit, two harassments, one animal call and 16 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

11:10 a.m. Complaint, Comins Pond Road, Officer/Chief Advised
1:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning
1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning
2:52 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Coy Hill Road, Report Filed
4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
5:50 p.m. Smoke Investigation, Summer Street, Investigated
6:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
6:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
6:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, Oct. 2

3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed
6:19 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Old West Brookfield Road, Peace Restored
9:01 p.m. Harassment, Heritage Drive, Report Filed

Friday, Oct. 3

7:37 a.m. Welfare Check, Brimfield Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
11:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup
3:25 p.m. Harassment,

Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Town Farm Road, Criminal Complaint
5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Warren Road, Criminal Complaint
10:18 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Southbridge Road, Fire Extinguished

Saturday, Oct. 4

12:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
12:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
3:24 p.m. Erratic Operator, Route 67, Written Warning
5:56 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Milton O. Fountain Way, Transported by Life Flight
7:35 p.m. Gunshots, Cottage Street, Area Search Negative
10:15 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, High Street, Citation Issued

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 61 building/property checks, 53 directed/area patrols, 16 radar assignments, four traffic controls, nine emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, five assist other agencies, one complaint, two motor vehicle investigations, one vandalism, one complaint, one motor vehicle accident, one fire/illegal burn, six animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Sept. 29

8:45 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Barre Road, Services Rendered
9:13 a.m. Welfare Check, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
1:59 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Jackson Road, Spoken To

Tuesday, Sept. 30

6:51 a.m. 911 Disabled Motor Vehicle, Lower Road,

Services Rendered
7:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
7:03 p.m. Vandalism, Grove Street, Officer Handled
7:29 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Short Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 1

3:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Arrest(s) Made

Thursday, Oct. 2

3:08 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Prospect Street, Officer Handled
3:15 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Report Taken

Friday, Oct. 3

12:45 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Served in Hand
12:16 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Report Taken
2 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

7:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Joslyn Road, Investigated

Saturday, Oct. 4

3:46 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Road, Citation Issued
3:31 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Upper Church Street, Dispatch Handled
7:20 p.m. 911 Fire/Illegal Burn, High Street, Investigated
9:59 p.m. 911 Complaint, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, Oct. 5

4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

Monday, Oct. 6

1:25 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Services Rendered
2:50 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prouty Road, Transported to Hospital

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.

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.

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.

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

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He said it was a "very positive ending," to a difficult situation.

"It's a win for the neighborhood and the town," Ferrera said.

Ferrera thanked all of the town's departments involved with making this possible, and for getting the property back on the tax roll.

Ferrera also announced that the town will be holding a public auction on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High St., featuring at least 14 different properties from houses to buildable lots and abutter's lots. He said the Board of Selectmen will approve the final list of properties at their next meeting.

"These properties have been sitting dormant, some for over 11 years," Ferrera said. "It would be a travesty to let them sit any longer, especially in a seller's market...it's a nice eclectic mix of properties here."

Ferrera said the town is working with auctioneers Sullivan & Sullivan, LLC, a well-known auction house dealing with municipal-owned properties. The properties to be auctioned will be posted at locations throughout the town, in the newspapers, and there will be signs at the properties



Turley Photo by Paula Quimette
Town Administrator James Ferrera gave an update about the sale of a tax title property at 38 Elm St. He is shown with Treasurer Dawn Swistak, Tax Collector Kerry Schmidt and Board of Selectmen Clerk David Dufresne.

themselves.

Tax Collector Kerry Schmidt said the public auction could offer homebuyers an affordable way to purchase a home or a lot to build on.

"Some of these are lovely lots," she said.

Board of Selectmen Clerk David Dufresne thanked the town's financial team and Ferrera for compiling a list of properties for the public auction.

"Thank you very much for everybody doing an outstanding job," Dufresne said. Ferrera said the town's

departments are going to continue to work together as a team, and continue to put more properties back on the tax roll.

People interested in participating in the public auction on Nov. 18 should bring a \$5,000 deposit in the form of bank check made out to "Town of Warren." No personal checks will be accepted.

A 5% buyer's premium and balance will be due within 30 days of the auction.

All properties are being sold as is and Ferrera

encouraged bidders to do their due diligence in researching these properties.

Properties are located on Main Street, Maple Street, Pine Street, Town Farm Road, Crouch Road, Chapel Street, Cutler Road, High Street, Pleasant Street, Richardson Street, Southbridge Road and Bemis Road.

To view the list of properties available at the public auction, visit sullivan-auctioneers.com or call 617-350-7700.

Local Newspapers are **IMPORTANT** Any Way You Look At It

John Irving Fuller, 95

WARE – John Irving Fuller, age 95 passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025. John was born on March 6, 1930 son of the late Irving M. Fuller and M. Katherine (Malboeuf) Fuller.



Raised and educated in Ware, he was a 1947 graduate of Ware High School. John was president of his graduating class.

While at Ware High School, he was a member of its Oratory and Debate Club. John was also a member of its Baseball Team.

A proud moment he often recalled was meeting Babe Ruth and Ted Williams during a lunch hosted to recognize students for both their academic and sports achievements.

John carried on his father's livestock business, I.M & J. I. Fuller, and was known throughout the region as a respected cattle dealer, a tireless worker, and an extraordinary storyteller. He rose early, worked hard, and often said that farming wasn't just a job - it was a way of life.

He continued working well into his later years, finally retiring at the young old age of 90. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 64 years, Barbara Joan (Wiley) Fuller,

daughter Martha Whitehill and husband Dale; daughter Amy Heffernan and fiancé Gerald Greeley; grandsons: Kyle, Alex, and Adam. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his brother Albert Fuller.

He will be deeply missed but forever remembered – a true legend, a loving husband and father, and grandfather.

A Celebration of John's long well lived life will take place on Oct. 16 at the United Church of Ware at 10:30 a.m. with refreshments following in Fellowship Hall.

Cebula Funeral Home of Ware is assisting John's family with the final arrangements. For more information and an online guestbook, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Enola Jean Reynolds, 69

RAPID CITY, SD – Enola Jean Reynolds passed away on Oct. 4, 2025, from a tragic accident.



Enola was born on Feb. 10, 1956, to Elwood and Beverly Jean Reynolds of Warren.

Enola grew up in Warren where she attended Quaboag Regional High School excelling in every sport she mastered. Her senior year she was selected athlete of the year.

Enola earned an athletic scholarship to attend Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota where she obtained her teaching degree in physical education. This October she was to be inducted into the Mount Marty Athletic Hall of Fame.

Enola began her teaching and coaching career in Wyoming, Utah, and California; within a few years she had the basketball officiating bug and became a NCAA Division 1 basketball official and traveled all over the Western United States.

Enola became an entrepreneur in 1989 and created Enola's Pizza and Pub in Keystone, South Dakota where she and her brother Bob and sister-in-law Deborah ran it for 34 years. It was known by many to have the best pizza around and had many returning visitors year after year for her pizza and friendship.

As time was passing, and her parents were aging, she put her lifestyle aside and became her parents caregiver. After the passing of her parents and retiring from the pizza business she would travel back and forth to spend time with her brother Michael in Massachusetts and her brother Bobby in South Dakota.

Enola enjoyed swim-

ming, yoga, biking, snowmobiling, riding her motorcycle, and walking with the people she met doing the same. Enola would donate her time helping at the Restore for Habit for Humanity in Rapid City and spend time at the Senior Citizens Center in Massachusetts where she would help complete taxes for the elderly.

While in Massachusetts she substitute taught at Quaboag Regional High School, Warren and West Brookfield Elementary.

Those she left behind include her brothers Bob and Deborah, Michael and Barbara, and half-sibling Charles Reynolds. Nieces: Stacy Reynolds, Chelsea and Eric Landry, Alisha and Joe Dolciotto; nephew, Justin and Mandy Reynolds, great-niece, Ellie Reynolds and great-nephew, Noah Reynolds. In addition, she left behind several close friends Terri, Sunny, Jo, Theresa, Wendy, Callie and many more.

Enola was strong, tough, and courageous. Enola left us way to soon; she will be missed tremendously. Enola God Bless.

Memorial visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025 at Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Calling Hours will be from 10 a.m.-noon on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 at Varnum Funeral Home in West Brookfield.

In lieu of flowers, contribute to the Senior Citizens Center in West Warren, Massachusetts. Thank You and God Bless.

Her online guestbook is available at www.osheimschmidt.com.

Death notices

Fuller, John Irving
Died Oct. 7, 2025
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Juszczyk, Robert J.
Died Sept. 28, 2025
Services Nov. 29, 2025

Lizak, Dr. Richard E.
Died Oct. 10, 2025
Services Oct. 18, 2025

Reynolds, Enola Jean
Died Oct. 4, 2025
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St. George, Richard Owen
Died Oct. 10, 2025
Services Oct. 23, 2025

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Robert J. "Bob" Juszczyk, 81



ALEXANDRIA, VA – Robert "Bob" J. Juszczyk, beloved husband, devoted veteran, and lifelong music enthusiast, passed away peacefully on Sept. 28, 2025, at the age of 81.



Born in Ware, Bob was the son of John and Stephanie Juszczyk.

Known for his steadfast consistency and generous spirit, he proudly served in the U.S. Air Force before earning his accounting degree on the GI Bill. His career as an auditor took him from a CPA firm in Springfield, to the U.S. Treasury Department and later the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he traveled nationwide conducting

audits with diligence and integrity.

A renaissance man, Bob loved baseball, playing in his youth and later on his church's softball team. A devoted horseracing fan, he especially cherished his annual visits to the Preakness at Pimlico.

Music was his greatest passion – he played the accordion, guitar, harmonica, and, later in life, the piano, sharing his talent generously at community gatherings and bringing joy to many. He also loved fishing, from the waters off Block Island to the shores of Ocean City, Maryland.

Bob is survived by his wife of 48 years, Barbara; his

brother Joe (Joan) Juszczyk; their children Alyssa (Tommy) Mills and Matthew (Moi) Juszczyk/DeOliveira; sisters-in-law Sherry Grabon and JoAnn (Ellis) Griffin; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, and devoted friends.

A Mass will be held Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria, Virginia, with a reception following at the church Lyceum. Interment will be Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, 800 Montgomery St., Chicopee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Order of Malta – Federal Association or to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of the Basilica of Saint Mary.

Dr. Richard Lizak, 69



LAUDERDALE, MS – Dr. Richard Edwin Lizak, 69, passed away surrounded by his family after battling a long illness on Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, at his home in Lauderdale, Mississippi.

He was born on Nov. 20, 1955, in Southbridge, son of the late Edwin and Laura (Lupa) Lizak of Warren.

After graduating high school from The New Hampton School in New Hampshire in 1973, he went on to concurrently attend both Limestone College and Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976 and his Doctorate of Chiropractic in 1977, respectively.

He subsequently moved to Meridian, Mississippi, where he began a career as a distinguished practitioner of Chiropractic Medicine. It was there that he met the first love of his life, Charie Stewart. The two were married in 1988 and were blessed with the second love of his life, their daughter, Dr. Jeannie Megan Lizak, in 1991.

The family are members

of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Meridian, where they continue to attend Mass to this day.

Dr. Richard became the owner of a chiropractic clinic at 1900 23rd Avenue in Meridian, which operated under several names including Arrowhead Chiropractic, HealthSource Chiropractic of Meridian, and Meridian Chiropractic, where he brought relief to thousands of patients until he began phasing into retirement in 2022 and was succeeded in this endeavor by his daughter, Dr. J. Megan Lizak.

The name Meridian Chiropractic was significant as it was chosen by him and his daughter upon their start of working together as chiropractors. This was very meaningful to both of them.

Dr. Richard is survived by his wife, Charie of Lauderdale, Mississippi; his daughter, Dr. J. Megan Lizak of Lauderdale, Mississippi (Dr. Hunter Burrell); his brother, John J. Lizak of Warren; and beloved pets Louie, Maggie, Mayer, Teddy

and Munch.

He was the best chiropractor in the world, a shrewd investor and businessman, an avid traveler and scuba diver, and a lover of animals, but adored his family above all else in this world.

A Memorial Mass will be offered at 11a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2601 Davis St., Meridian, MS 39301. Visitation will be one hour prior to service time at St. Patrick Catholic Church from 10-10:45 a.m. Dr. Richard expressed fervent wishes that those in attendance wear his favorite color, red, or a similarly bright or pastel color in lieu of the traditional black.

The service will be followed by a meal for family and close friends at Gateway Community Church, 3750 Lauderdale Rd, Lauderdale, MS 39335.

In lieu of floral offerings, please make memorial donations in his name to East Mississippi Animal Rescue at P.O. Box 3162, Meridian, MS 39303 - 601-553-3060.

Richard Owen St. George, 94



WARE – Richard O. St. George, 94, died on Oct. 10, 2025, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center surrounded by his family.



He leaves behind to cherish many loving memories – his six children, Lynne of Ware, Cheryl Howe of Gilbertville, Mary Beth Gunther of Ware, Richard and his wife, Maureen of West Warren, Roy and his wife, Cindy of Hardwick, and Kevin and his wife, Lynn of Kline Township, Pennsylvania. He was also blessed with 12 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Michael Howe, his son-in-law, Paul Gunther, his grandson, Benjamin St. George, his wife, Bebe St. George, his

brother, Raymond, and his sister, Alice Sloat.

Richard was born in Ware, son of the late Nap and Madeline (McMahon) St. George. He graduated from Ware High School in 1950.

Richard enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after graduation. He served during the Korean War and was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal.

Richard was a proud Marine and always wore his Marine Veteran hat wherever he went. He was a former member of the American Legion in Gilbertville.

He lived in Gilbertville for many years before moving back to Ware. He was an active parishioner of St. Aloysius Church in Gilbertville.

He was employed by Brunswick Shoe Company, American Athletic Shoe, and

the Ware School System. He also served as a part-time police officer in Hardwick during the 1960s.

Richard always enjoyed time with his family. His eyes lit up, and his face always had a huge smile when his great-grandchildren came for a visit.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, at 11:15 a.m. in St. Aloysius Church, 64 Church St. in Gilbertville. Calling hours will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware. Burial with military honors will be in New St. William Cemetery in Ware following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Aloysius Church, P.O. Box 542, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

An online tribute page is available at charbonneaufh.com.

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August 17th, 1981 - October 21st, 2005

Twenty years have passed since our beloved Randi left this world, but the love she gave us remains as strong as ever. She was a light to everyone she met - kind, warm and full of life.

Randi never met a stranger, and those who knew her still speak of her with admiration, love, and gratitude. Her smile lit up every room, a reflection of her joy for life and her boundless heart.

Randi's greatest love was her family, and most especially her daughter, Morgan, who was just a baby when Randi was called home. Though her time here was far too short, the depth of her love will forever shape the lives of those she cherished.

She adored her animals, loved her job at the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, and embraced life with a spirit we all wish we could carry, and gave of herself in ways that still inspire us today. We are lost without her, yet forever thankful she was ours - even for those precious 24 years.

Randi's legacy lives on in every smile, every kind word, and every memory we hold close. She will never be forgotten, for she lives in our hearts always. Forever loved.

Forever missed. Forever Randi.
We love and miss you so very much,
Mom & Mark, Blair & Andy, Morgan, Beckett, Delaney,
and all her loving friends.

In Loving Memory of
David J. Zaganiacz
September 24th, 1957 - October 23rd, 2018
7th Anniversary

Seven years have passed, yet it feels like just yesterday we shared your laughter, your stories and your love for the great outdoors. You found peace in the quiet of the woods, and the beauty of the Quabbin reservoir, where you not only fished, but worked, for so many years, simple moments that reflected the goodness in your heart.

You are missed Dave, beyond words, but remembered with every sunrise, every family gathering and every fish caught by your great nephew and niece, whom you never got to meet.

Your spirit still shines.
Your love remains a part of us - steady, strong and everlasting.

Forever loved, forever missed.
Mary Ann & Mark
Blair & Andy
Morgan, Beckett and Delaney



The passenger of this Chevrolet S10 pickup truck driven by Derek Armillotto watched the flames that engulfed the back tires during Hardwick Fireman's Association's 5th annual 1st Alarm fundraiser event held this past Saturday at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery. Armillotto won first place in the burnout competition.



Livio Gravini performed live music during the 1st Alarm event. *Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette*



The smoke silhouetted the driver of this Crown Victoria.



Smoke filled the air as this driver took their turn during the burnout competition.



Rubber flew through the air when a tire blew on this car during the competition.



The crew made sure flames were extinguished after the burnouts.

Burnout competition turned up the heat for 5th year

HARDWICK – The 5th annual 1st Alarm fundraising event put on by the Hardwick Fireman's Association was held this past Saturday at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery.

Over 25 cars competed in the burnout competition, one of main draws for this all day event to raise money to support the needs of the Fire Department. Rows of vintage and unique cars covered the lawn for the car show, which feature hot rods, classic muscle cars, and much more.

Food trucks and vendors had something for everyone, and live music was performed. Raffles were also offered by the Hardwick Fireman's Association.



Michael Gifford competed with his Chevrolet truck.



Tom Provost drove off with a shredded tire.



One of the crewmembers swept rubber off the concrete pad.



The Hardwick Fire Department displayed its newest engine at the 1st Alarm event. The department received the engine the day before the event.



Pieces of rubber covered the ground after a tire exploded on this van driven by Eric Gatzke.



Matt Runyon of Runyon's Auto Repair waved to the crowd after completing his turn.



Marky Despin kept it going until a tire blew on his Ford Mustang.



The crew used a forklift to raise this car and adjust the ramp.



This Chevrolet Camaro had an impressive display of smoke.

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

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

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

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.



United Church to hold take-out turkey dinner

WARE – The United Church of Ware will hold a take-out turkey dinner on Monday, Oct. 27 from 5-6 p.m. or until food runs out.

Drive up to the Church Street side of the church and a runner will take your food

order and bring it to your car. The cost is \$15 per meal paid by cash or check.

The meal includes turkey and all the fixings, potatoes, stuffing, veggies, roll, coffee, tea and dessert. No reservations necessary.

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live in the eastern part of Massachusetts don't realize that their drinking water comes from the Quabbin.

Many western Massachusetts towns are also served water by the Quabbin Reservoir.

Providing the Quabbin Reservoir involved a lot of sacrifice, including the disincorporation of four Massachusetts towns, Enfield, Dana, Prescott and Greenwich. The project also provided a lot of jobs in the 1930s and 1940s and Oliveira shared that his grandfather was employed during this project that created the reservoir.

Oliveira had a lot of memories from going to the Quabbin and sees it as a very special place. Oliveira ended by presenting a citation from the Senate and was given to Comeau and the Friend of the Quabbin in recognition of this four-day celebration to honor the Quabbin.

State Rep. Aaron Saunders came up to speak and said "we have a complicated relationship with the Quabbin." Having the Quabbin provides recreational opportunities, tourism and natural beauty of the region.

Saunders wanted to acknowledge the surrounding towns and local boards who do a lot to keep this resource



Pictured left to right are Sen. Jo Comerford, Office of State Sen. Peter Durant Communications Director Kim Mongeau, Quabbin Fisherman's Association President Clayton Sydla, state Rep. Todd Smola, Ed Comeau of Friends of Quabbin, state Sen. Jake Oliveira, state Rep. Aaron Saunders, and state Rep. Susannah Whipps. This was during the kickoff of Quabbin Days at the Quabbin Visitor Center.

going.

Senator Jo Comerford spoke next and feels it is "our job to recognize and honor that service" of what it took to bring Quabbin Reservoir to this region. Comerford hopes Quabbin Days will continue for years to come and offers opportunity for many residents of eastern and western Massachusetts.

Next to speak was state Rep. Todd Smola, who is quite the fisherman, who says it is a spectacular experience to explore this body

of water on the actual water. Four towns were moved off the map to provide this water resource that serves over 2.5 million people.

"We're proud of this resource," Smola said. "Make sure the voice of the Quabbin is heard."

Representative Susannah M. Whipps came up to speak next and mentioned how many residents of the Commonwealth depend on this water source. Whipps finds it important to pay attention and be stewards of

this region.

Sydla spoke and expressed appreciation for all the representatives and senators who watch over the Quabbin and make sure it is still supported. With Quabbin Days officially kicked off, Sydla hopes to see more people explore Quabbin in the near future. Sydla enjoys going out on the water and is a well-accomplished fisherman with 11 gold pins.

Former State Trooper and Selectman for the Town of Ware, John Carroll came out



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago Clayton Sydla is the President of the Quabbin Fisherman's Association, who spoke highly on the opportunities Quabbin offers.



State Rep. Todd Smola is shown during his talk about celebrating the natural beauty that is the Quabbin Reservoir.

during the kickoff. Carroll said it was nice to recognize the sacrifices people of the

four lost towns made to benefit the Commonwealth.

Carroll always appreciated the beauty of the Quabbin and describes it as an amazing place. Carroll enjoys walking the dam daily and views spectacular sunsets.

Many guests stuck around to explore the visitor center, which featured displays and history of the Quabbin, as well as a documentary presentation on how the Quabbin was built back in the 1930s.

Comeau is on the executive board of the Friends of the Quabbin and hopes after this first celebration of Quabbin Days, the Quabbin will build on this momentum. The inspiration of Quabbin Days came from the passion of enjoying the Quabbin and the economic drive for tourism.

Quabbin Days has encouraged towns, local businesses, and community groups in the Quabbin region to host events that highlight the region's heritage and natural beauty.

Comeau views this first year as a big success and the Friends of Quabbin will continue to improve on it. Comeau is also a nature photographer and has been involved in photography for many years and says he enjoys it so much.

For more information on Quabbin Days, visit quabbindays.org.



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Friends of Ware Senior Center announce fundraisers

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

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

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

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

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tion. The demand is through the roof, and we need more capacity. This expansion will allow us to deliver that without raising local taxes.”

Pathfinder has already secured over \$2 million in competitive Skills Capital Grant funding in recent years, used to rebuild the electrical program, upgrade horticulture equipment, renovate HVAC labs, and establish a plumbing program. Caitlin Phelps, part of the expansion planning team, credited the state legislature for its strong commitment to funding career and technical education.

“These initiatives have already had a huge impact on our regional workforce,” Phelps said. “But this expansion could be the most significant opportunity in our school’s history.”

The Belchertown School Committee recently voted to close Cold Spring School by June 2026 due to shifting enrollment needs. Rather than see the building sit vacant, Pathfinder has proposed taking ownership on July 1, 2026, and opening its doors to students just two months later.

At roughly 30,000 square feet, the facility would initially house five existing technical programs moved from the Palmer campus, freeing space there

for additional classrooms and expanded offerings. Pathfinder currently operates 15 programs; with the new facility, that number could grow to 20.

New programs under consideration include medical assisting, veterinary and animal science, engineering, public safety, and expanded early childhood education; fields that reflect urgent workforce needs in the region.

“This expansion will allow us to eliminate waiting lists and ensure that every student in our nine member towns has a seat,” Duda said. “It also opens the door to non-resident students who want to train for high-demand jobs.”

The plan has garnered strong support from state legislators, municipal leaders, and workforce development agencies. Pathfinder is seeking \$5 million, the maximum available, through the state’s Career Technical Education Capacity Expansion grant, part of a \$100 million funding package through the Healy-Driscoll administration. Applications are due Oct. 30, with awards expected in early 2026.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira, who represents both Palmer and Belchertown, called the project “a win-win.”

“Anytime you take a school offline, there are tough questions about what



Superintendent Eric Duda held a laminated copy of the pamphlet asking for help with Pathfinder’s original expansion decades ago.



Turley Photos by Abigail McCoy
Caitlin Phelps, Co-Op Coordinator and Grant Writer for Pathfinder Tech, delivered the opening speech before introducing Superintendent Eric Duda.

happens next,” Oliveira said. “Repurposing Cold Spring for career and technical education is a tremendous opportunity. It not only preserves a taxpayer investment but also creates pathways in fields like early childhood education, where our communities face real shortages.”

State Rep. Todd Smola echoed the importance of the expansion by saying, “Pathfinder has been a staple in the region for so many years. Expanding capacity,

especially in rural areas, is huge. We need to get behind this grant application and make sure it gets across the finish line.”

If funding is secured, Pathfinder expects to open the Cold Spring campus on Aug. 26, 2026 with an initial 150 new seats. Over time, that number could rise



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SPORTS



Brodie Koczur dekes to his right.

PALMER – In a rematch between now two league rivals, Pathfinder boys soccer shut out Ware 4-0. The Pioneers improved to 6-6-1 while Ware fell to a disappointing 1-12-1. Brody Wetnicka had two goals while Owen Marion and Cayden Bousquet had the other goals. Jaleel Roman had two assists.

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Pioneers beat Ware, even record



Samuel Torres reaches his leg out to secure the ball



Adonis Dupre goes after the loose ball.



Levi Ramirez dribbles up the field.



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Jaleel Roman attempts a backwards pass.



Abees Castillo-Clotter sends a pass away.



Brody Wetnicka dekes to get around an opponent.



Cayden Bousquet receives a pass.



Matthew Skutnik shuffles a pass away.

Indians improve to 3-2 with win over Mahar



Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com
Dalton Marquis combines with a teammate to bring a halt to a Mahar runner.

WARE – After a pair of one-point losses and some lower scoring games, Ware High School football's offense finally broke out last Friday night in a 48-6 win over Mahar at home. The Indians are now 3-2 on the fall season. The Indians are in great position to qualify for the State Division 8 playoffs. Ware is currently the No. 8 seed, but that power ranking was reflected at 2-2. It is possible their ranking will change following the Mahar win. Ware faces Athol at home this Friday night at 7 p.m.



Alex Orszulak was all serious as he trucked through the Mahar defense for a sweet touchdown.



Jacoby Dilling goes after the loose ball pursued by the opposing defense.

Panthers fall at home to South

BARRE – Last Tuesday on a sun-splashed afternoon, Quabbin boys soccer engaged in a close battle with visiting South High Community School, but fell by one goal for the third straight game 4-3. The Panthers fell to 2-7-1 on the season. Quabbin next faces rival Gardner on the road on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. Their next home game is against Clinton on Oct. 21 at 3:45 p.m.



ABOVE: Alijah Flint takes the goal kick.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Troy Dufresne reels in this pass with some head's up play.



Troy Jurczyk sprints full charge along the sideline chalking up the yards.



Mekhail Johnson bulldozes his way through the Mahar offense.



LEFT: Collin Lindley collides with an opponent.

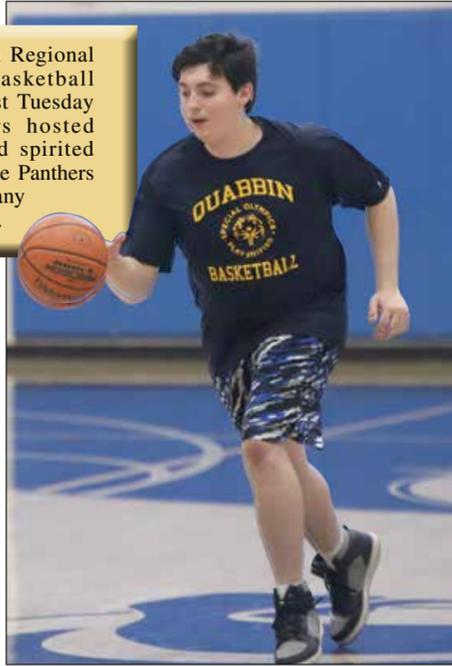
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Unified basketball gets going



Janelle Hutchinson looks ready to collect a pass.

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Unified basketball team had a home game last Tuesday afternoon. The Panthers hosted Narragansett in a fun and spirited matchup for both teams. The Panthers have a large roster with many helpers on the team this year.



Stevie Gagnon crosses midcourt with the ball.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Janelle Hutchinson passes on the run.



Tyler Norling gets his shot off.



Maddie Rigney makes her way down the court.

Candlepin League News

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Bondsville League

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

After six weeks of league candlepin bowling, Fire Mountain currently stands in first place with a record of 30-12. Fire Mountain also leads in their six-team division (East Division). Sandri leads in the West Division with a record of 24-18 and is in third place overall.

During week six, Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against Team UMass. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls defeated Team UMass by a score of 470-450. Don Paulus of Flaming Bowling Balls broke the century mark with a 100 game.

In game two, Team UMass won by a score of 465-416. In game three, Team UMass won the last game by a score of 477-449. Team UMass won total pinfall with a final score of 1392-1335.

Night Hawks bowled against Cannonballs during week six. In game one, Cannonballs won a close game by beating Night Hawks, 482-479. Micah Hinkley of Cannonballs began the match with a 111 and Lee Robinson of Night Hawks began with a 112.

In game two, Cannonballs won again by a score of 480-429. Sally Czarnecki of Cannonballs had a good game with a 111 during her team's

win. In game three, Night Hawks won by a score of 477-436. Dave Smigiel of Night Hawks finished the match with a 113.

The Cannonballs won total pinfall by a final score of 1398-1385.

Slow Burners bowled against Fabulous Four in week six. In game one, Fabulous Four won by a score of 529-447. Paige Stabach of Fabulous Four bowled a 136 and her teammate Kristy Temple bowled a 119.

In game two, Slow Burners won by a score of 515-466. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners bowled a 128 and his teammate Jody Orszulak bowled 118.

In game three, Fabulous Four won by just one point, 466-465. Shaun Midura of Fabulous Four finished the match with a 109. Stabach had a three-game series of 329. The final score was 1461-1427 in favor of Fabulous Four.

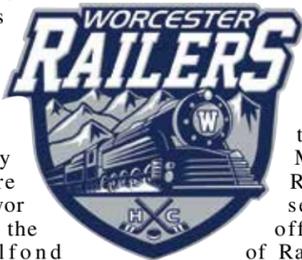
Spare Parts bowled against Zeke's Freaks in week six. In game one, Zeke's Freaks defeated Spare Parts by a score of 494-461. Steve Orszulak of Zeke's Freaks began the match with a 111. Zeke Sicard began the match with a 106.

In game two, Spare Parts won by a score of 509-482. Steven Fennyery of Spare Parts bowled a 107. Orszulak followed up with a 103 and his teammate Pete Ducharme bowled a 124.

In game three, Zeke's Freaks won the last game by a score of 483-465. The final score was 1459-1435 in favor of Zeke's Freaks.

Worcester Railers wrap up preseason with loss

BIDDEFORD, ME — The Worcester Railers HC (0-2-0-0) lost to the Maine Mariners (2-0-0-0) on Saturday, Oct. 11, in front of a crowd of 1,000 by a final score of 3-2 in favor of Maine at the Harold Alford Forum in Biddeford, ME.



The Railers open the regular season against the Maine Mariners next Saturday at the DCU Center on October 18th at 6:05 p.m. EDT.

Worcester opened up the scoring for the game early on, with JC Campagna (1-0-1) nailing a shot into the Mariners net at just 0:30. Mariners responded 69 seconds later with a goal from Ty Cheveldayoff (2-1-3) at 1:39 to make it 1-1. Mariners center Wyllum Deveaux (1-0-1) landed a rebound goal towards the end of the period at 17:42, which gave Maine a 2-1 lead to finish the first. Worcester evened the score early in the second with a goal from Tyler Kobryn (1-0-1) off a rebound shot 3:59 into the frame. Mariners' Robert Cronin (1-0-1) secured the win for the night at the 17:26 of the third period after a battle at the net with Railers' goaltender Gale.

The Railers opened the first period with a winning faceoff that allowed them to get a point on the board early with a goal at just 0:30 from JC Campagna (1st), assisted by Lincoln Hatten and Tanner Schachle to make it 1-0. The Mariners didn't wait long to even the score with a goal from Ty Cheveldayoff (2nd) at 1:39, just 69 seconds after the

Worcester goal was made, assisted by Xander Lamma and Linus Hemstrom.

Neither team found the net for the next stretch of the first, until Mariners' Robert Cronin sent a shot off the pads of Railers' goaltender Luke Pavicich, setting up a rebound shot for Wyllum Deveaux (1st), which broke past the goal line for Maine's second of the night at 17:42. Worcester looked to even the score, but found themselves trailing by a goal at the end of the period. Maine outshot Worcester 12-8 with no penalties or power-plays on either side.

Worcester had another early scoring start in the second period with a goal at 3:59 from Tyler Kobryn (1st), who was able to get a rebound off Maine's Arvanitis from a shot by defenseman Benjamin Lindberg and tie the game at 2-2. Maine's Jacob Perrault followed the goal with serving a two minute penalty at 4:42 due to too many men, which allowed the Railers to head onto their first power-play of the game. Worcester split time between their goaltenders on the night, as Thomas Gale skated into the net around the eighth minute of the second period and took the place of starting goaltender Luke Pavicich. Worcester went onto a second power-play at 16:45 from a slashing call on Mariner's left defenseman James Marooney. The Railers' left the ice with a tie game at the end of the second. Worcester had two total power-plays in the second,

the only two of the game so far, with two penalties for Mariners' Jacob Perrault and James Marooney. Maine outshot Worcester 17-9.

The Railers entered the third looking to take the lead for the second time. An early attempt to take the lead from Mariners' Zachary Massicotte passed the goal line after the referee whistle—on-ice officials determined no goal for the defenseman to keep the game nodded 2-2. Worcester's Nathan Burke received a two minute minor for tripping at 5:32, allowing the Mariners to go onto their first power-play of the game. Maine's Jacob Perrault followed Burke into the box shortly after with a slashing minor for four-on-four play and a brief 40 second power-play for Worcester. The Railers' didn't wait long to head back into the box as Nick Pennucci served two minutes for a holding minor on Mariners' Tyler Cheveldayoff. Both teams looked to score and take the game, but it would be Maine's Robert Cronin (1st), assisted by Shawn Element and Xander Lamma, who would secure the win for the Mariners at 17:26 by making it 3-2. Worcester followed the goal with a delay of game at the faceoff dot at 17:41, leading Maine to their third power-play of the night. Worcester had a late game opportunity, pulling Gale for an extra man on the ice to try and grab another goal but failed to find the net. Worcester had three penalties for the period, Nathan Burke, Nick Pennucci, and a delay of game served by Matt DeMelis. Maine had one with Mariners' right wing Jacob Perrault.

Comeback falls short for T-Birds on Opening Night

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (0-1-0-0) battled valiantly, but could not overcome an early three-goal hole in a 4-3 loss to the Charlotte Checkers (1-0-0-0) before a sold-out Opening Night crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center on Saturday night.

The season began with a dose of adversity just 19 seconds into the opening period, as Hunter Skinner and starting goaltender Vadim Zherenko miscommunicated on control of a loose puck, and Charlotte newcomer Jack Studnicka pounced to poke the loose puck into the yawning net to give the Checkers a 1-0 advantage.

The defending Eastern Conference champions then flexed their power play muscles at the 9:04 mark, as Ben Steeves rifled a one-timer over Zherenko's glove off a slick feed from Ryan McAllister, and the visitors' lead grew to 2-0.

Before the T-Birds could stop the barrage, Charlotte added still another when rookie defenseman Ludvig Jansson squeaked one through Zherenko on the short side at 11:28, and the deficit became 3-0.

Despite the tumultuous beginning, Springfield fought back, beginning with Otto Stenberg pursuing a loose puck after being denied on a first attempt on Charlotte goalie Cooper Black. The second-year Swede chopped the second chance past Black, cutting the lead to 3-1 at 14:37.

Just 1:33 later, former Checker Matt Luff contin-

ued the momentum shift, arriving at a loose puck at the blue paint after a Skinner shot ricocheted off a teammate in the crease. Luff played through to the whistle and jammed it under the fallen goaltender, and after so much had gone wrong to begin the night, the T-Birds had clawed to a 3-2 score heading into the second.

Charlotte, however, got right back to their power play excellence to begin the second, with rookie Jack Devine wiring a one-timer over Zherenko's shoulder at 2:11 of the second, restoring the insurance marker, 4-2.

After six goals in the game's first 22 minutes, both goaltenders settled down through the duration of the middle stanza, and the 4-2 score carried into the final period.

The third period proved to be tough sledding for both teams to locate offense, but with Zherenko on the bench with 1:23 to play, Juraj Pekarcik unleashed a one-time slapper past Black, cutting the lead back down to one, 4-3. Theo Lindstein also picked up his first AHL point with the primary assist.

Despite the tough beginning of his night, Zherenko showed great resilience in making 32 saves for the night. Black earned the victory with 26 stops in the Charlotte goal crease.

The T-Birds take to the road for the first time in the 2025-26 season next Saturday and Sunday for a pair of contests against the Hershey Bears.

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.

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Haunted House in Warren returns in October

WARREN – The Haunted House at the Shepard Municipal Building returns for three nights of fright.

The Haunted House is located at 48 High St. Dates for the Haunted House will be Saturday, Oct. 25, Monday, Oct. 27, and Tuesday Oct. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This haunting event is put together by Warren Parks & Recreation. This is a free event where the public can explore the haunts and spooks that linger in the Shepard Municipal Building gym.

This event may not be suitable for young children.

For more about Warren Parks & Recreation, visit www.warren-ma.gov/parks-recreation-commission.



Vendor space available for Christmas in New Braintree

Submitted Photo
Christmas in New Braintree will see Jean Bears as one of the craft vendors on Saturday, Dec. 6.

NEW BRAINTREE – Christmas in New Braintree will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 in the New Braintree

Grade School and Town Hall, sponsored by the Tri-Parish Community Church. Space is still available

for \$30 for a eight foot by eight foot area. To reserve a space, call 443-835-7530 by Oct. 31.

QVARC to host October meeting featuring Digital Mobile Radio

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club welcomes all amateur radio operators and those interested in the hobby to its monthly meeting, where members explore a wide range of topics related to ham radio, public service, and emergency communications.

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. (a change from the usual last-Tuesday schedule to accommodate other events). The meeting takes place at the West Brookfield

Senior Center, 162 West Main St.

The featured topic for October is Digital Repeaters and DMR (Digital Mobile Radio). DMR is a digital voice and data protocol that allows for clear, efficient communication and supports multiple conversations on a single frequency. It's increasingly popular among amateur radio operators for its versatility and performance.

In addition to the presentation, attendees will be treated to a live demonstration of DMR in action, offering

a hands-on look at how this technology works and how it can be integrated into personal or emergency communication setups.

QVARC meetings are open to all-whether you're a licensed ham, studying for your license, or simply curious about the world of amateur radio. The club also offers regular license testing for those looking to obtain their amateur radio license.

For more information about the club, upcoming events, or licensing opportunities, visit QVARC.com.

Worcester Winds to perform in Gilbertville

HARDWICK – Worcester Winds, a decet of professional music teachers and musicians from Worcester County, will perform at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville, on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.

Presenters Friends of the Stone Church will serve snacks at a reception following the concert. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the door or through Friends of the Stone Church website under the concert season listings at friendsofthestonechurch.org.

Conducted by Luis Torres, the group consists of two flutes, two clarinets, two oboes, two bassoons, and two French horns. They will perform the "Barber of Seville Overture" by Gioachino Rossini, "Masques et Bergamasques" by Gabriel Fauré, "Serenade, Op. 104" by Solomon Jadassohn, "Excursion" by Patrick Glenn Harper (b. 1977), "On Music" by Arthur

Sullivan by Robert Spittal (b. 1963), and "The Teddy Bear's Picnic" by John Brattan.

Performers include Toni Brown, Deborah Cole, Lucy Colwell, Ray Cox, Glenn Godfrey, Meredith Lord, Brian Repeta, Judy Schmitz, Sarah Smongeski, and Jessica Stolecki. The groups' website is worcesterwinds.org.

FOSC is pleased to be participating in the Card to Culture program of the Mass Cultural Council, by extending discounts to EBT, WIC and ConnectorCare health plan insurance cardholders. Eligible participants may request up to two free tickets at the box office on the day of the event. Bring EBT, WIC or Connector Care health plan card for 2025.

This concert is funded in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which receives funding from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Women entrepreneurs who have helped to shape the world

The business landscape is continually evolving, shaped by the relentless determination and innovative spirit of visionary leaders of industry. Entrepreneurs come in many types, and a significant percentage of trailblazers are women. Women entrepreneurs have built global empires and inspired many young girls and women to follow in their footsteps.

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor says one in three high-growth entrepreneurs and nearly two in five export-oriented startups were led by women, according to its latest report of women's progress in entrepreneurship over the past 25 years. Forty-two percent of all American firms are women-owned businesses, according to Ecommerce-tips.org. In many regions, women are driving forces behind new business creation. Here's a deeper look at some of the women entrepreneurs that have made their mark.

• **Oprah Winfrey:** It wouldn't be a complete list of women entrepreneurs without Oprah Winfrey. Despite a challenging childhood, Winfrey built a multimedia empire from the ground up, becoming a self-made entrepreneur. From her talk show to the founding of Harpo Productions and the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN), Winfrey became the first Black woman to achieve billionaire status.

• **Melanie Perkins:** Perkins is the co-founder of the popular graphic design platform Canva. At around age 19, Perkins had the idea to make graphic design accessible to everyone, even those without many design skills. She persevered despite facing numerous rejections from investors. Now Canva is a multi-billion dollar global success story.

• **Whitney Wolfe Herd:** Online dating has helped pair many successful couples. Many have Herd to thank, as she is the CEO of the dating app Bumble. The concept of the app is unique from other platforms, as it requires women to make the first move, a concept that has helped empower women. At 31, Herd became the youngest woman to take a

U.S. company public.

• **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw:** Shaw is an Indian billionaire entrepreneur, and the executive chairperson and founder of Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited. These are biotechnology companies based in Bangalore, India. Shaw is known for being India's first woman entrepreneur and the country's richest self-made woman.

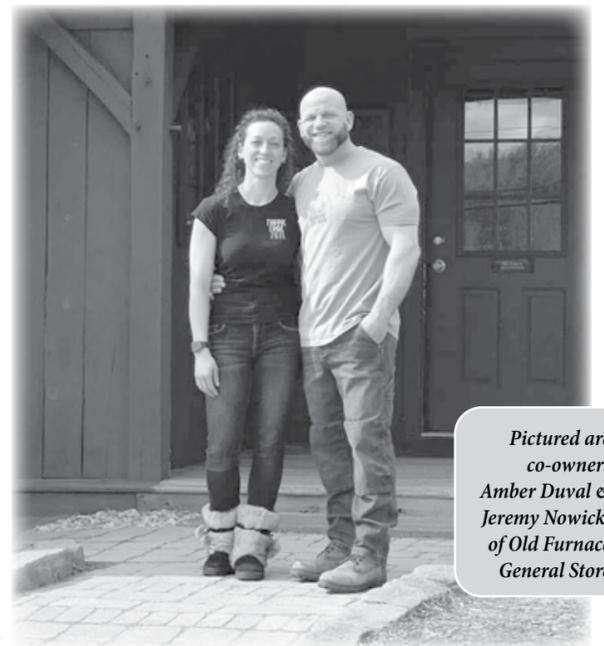
• **Arianna Huffington:** Huffington is a digital journalism pioneer. She is the co-founder of The Huffington Post and founder and CEO of Thrive Global, a wellness and health platform.

This is just a short list of the many women entrepreneurs that have helped shape the world.



Old Furnace General Store

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Pictured are co-owners Amber Duval & Jeremy Nowicki of Old Furnace General Store

My name is Amber Duval and I grew up in Barre.

Growing up, I was an avid gymnast and dancer. After graduating high school, I obtained an Associate's degree in fashion design from Bay State College & an Associate's degree in the certified occupational therapy program.

My sisters and I owned and operated, Dance Revolution, in Barre for a number of years, teaching dance to all ages. I went on to work in the plumbing and heating trade for R.J. Duval & Sons. I became a certified personal trainer, group fitness instructor and manager of the group fitness program at a gym. As the years moved forward, I became a licensed loan officer assis-

tant & mortgage processor. After losing my brother in 2017, my family and I started a non-profit organization called Joe's Journey for Recovery. Joe's Journey was setup to bring awareness to substance abuse through community outreach.

After years in the mortgage industry, my fiancé, Jeremy Nowicki & I, decided we wanted to do something different. We saw an

opportunity at 1839 Lower Rd Hardwick, decided to purchase the property & open Old Furnace General Store. OFGS has been open for 2 1/2 years and is your one stop shop for local products, beer, wine & liquor, and all of your grab & go needs.

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Justine Caggiano TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Town of Hardwick, MA



Justine served as the former Human Resources Administrator for the Town of Millbury/Millbury Public Schools and the Human Resources Director Town of Ware.

Justine started her career working for the Massachusetts House of Representatives and has done Human Resources consulting across the Commonwealth.

She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Education and Government Association (MEGA), Massachusetts Municipal Association Policy Committee on Personnel and Labor Relations, and the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association Program Committee.

Justine holds a MCP-PO—Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official designation and also holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in State/Local Government from Suffolk University and a certificate in local government leadership and management.

She was the first Massachusetts Municipal Association Municipal Fellow and has taken a photojournalism course in Italy.



Justine Caggiano, Town Administrator

On her personal time, Justine enjoys quality time with her dog Rugby, traveling with her boyfriend, wine tasting, and live music.

"My goal is to use my expertise and experience to professionalize and improve the day-to-day operations of the Town of Hardwick for a long-lasting future," said Justine. "My advice for any woman in government or business is to find a great mentor and pay it forward."

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ROSE 32 BREAD

Hannah
CO-OWNER
Rose 32 in
Gilbertville, MA

Hannah is married to Henry and are co owners of Rose 32. They have a dog named Yeti, who is a one year old mini bernedoodle.

"We decided to purchase Rose 32 from Henry's parents in November 2023 to carry on the tradition of baking. Henry's parents, Cindy and Glenn, owned the business for 13 years and he had worked there almost the whole time and it became something he enjoyed doing. It already held so much meaning to Henry and his family, and we loved the sense of community that it has created," said Hannah. "When the opportunity came to continue what they've started, it felt like a natural fit for us. Taking on the business has allowed us to honor its roots while also bringing in our own ideas and vision for the future. Our goals are to keep the quality and tradition, to grow thoughtfully, and keep the bakery a place where people feel connected and cared for."

"I love that we've become part of people's holiday traditions. Seeing customers come back for their favorite treats and desserts and hear-



ing that our products are now a must-have on their table is quite special. It's a rewarding feeling to know that something we pour our hearts into creates special memories around the holidays," said Hannah.

Rose 32 makes small batch European style bread and pastries including sourdough bread, danish, croissants, cookies, cakes, and more. Rose 32 also has a cafe which serves fresh sandwiches, salads, and soups from the kitchen as well as coffee and espresso drinks that customers can

enjoy dining in or to go. In the summer months, Rose 32 has a patio to sit in.

Hannah has her MBA in Marketing from UMASS Lowell, graduating in 2022.

In her free time, she enjoys taking their dog, Yeti, for walks and also going for bike rides. She and Henry also enjoy travelling to different places to try new food and gather inspiration from other restaurants. "One of our favorite places we've travelled to is definitely Florence, Italy, where we had some of the best food we've ever had," said Hannah.

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Stacy Collette



Stacy Collette, Owner of Bonded by Stacy

Stacy Collette has opened a new mobile shop, Bonded by Stacy. Her business offers products that are custom fitted, clasp free chain jewelry, welded together. Customers can personalize each product by picking the chain, adding connectors with personal meaning which are then custom fitted.

"I started the business as my children are grown and I have time to focus on what I love.

I have always been a crafty and creative person. As I've gotten older, I've learned that the bonds that we have with family and friends is more important in our lives and need to be treasured," said Stacy. "This business gives the opportunity to show the bonds people have and bring people together. It is often said that when raising children, it takes a village. But it takes a community to get through life."

Stacy's goals include, partnering with local businesses to bring more clientele to both businesses and connect people in a more personal method. Stacy is certified in welding and is very skilled in the trade.

Stacy has worked for the Commonwealth of MA, Department of Developmental Services for the last 25 years as a House Manager.

Stacy Collette, Owner of Bonded by Stacy has future plans to participate in bridal shows, pop-up at local businesses, private parties and more.

Stacy is married to Dan and they have four daughters, Trisha, Niqueal, Britney and Dannielle, and are expecting their fourth and fifth grandchildren.

"I have four daughters, and a mother daughter connection is the strongest and most precious bond.

As we grow older, making new connections-friends can be a challenge. So, my hope is to be a conduit to helping people make, have and develop deeper connections while holding onto the ones they already have. Some connections are too meaningful to take off, they are bonded," said Stacy.

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Dorrinda O'Keefe-Shea

Dorrinda O'Keefe-Shea has been an award-winning, top-producing REALTOR® with Century 21 for over 20 years. Dorinda became a REALTOR® after a severe accident to her left wrist necessitated a career change.

Dorrinda shares, "What I enjoy most about being a REALTOR® is the people I meet every day—the nicest people who work well with me toward our goal of selling or buying a home. I have the honor of working with generations of people; I have sold homes to parents and am now selling to their children. The relationships built stay with families, and we become stronger than just friends."

Dorrinda has been awarded the Centurion Award five times and is now a member of the Centurion Hall of Fame for Century 21. She recently received the Customer Service Award, her latest recognition, and has consistently been a top producer throughout

her career.

One of Dorinda's passions is supporting Veterans programs. She states, "From every sale, I make a donation to Wounded Warriors and Tunnels to

Towers programs. My Dad was a Korean War veteran and is my inspiration. He just passed, but his legacy lives on strong.

"This job is all about customer service, and I love helping my clients. I just had a current client who had lost his spouse, so I am taking care of every aspect of the sale.

It's not just a sale; it's a friendship," Dorinda explains.

Dorrinda is married to Ed Shea. In her free time, she enjoys Blues music and classic cars.



"I have the honor of working with generations of people, I have sold the parents a home and now I am selling their children a home. The relationships-built stays with families and we become stronger than just friends."

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Chantel Bleau started Chantel Bleau Accounting Services located at 228 West Main Street in Ware. She has been in business for more than 31 years.

Chantel is married to Trevor, and her family consists of son, Bryan St. Germain; daughter-in-law, Lindsay St. Germain; grandchildren Theodore St. Germain and Penelope St. Germain; son, Deryk St. Germain; daughter, Whitney St. Germain and granddaughter Virginia St. Germain.

Chantel earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting & Business Management.

Chantel Bleau Accounting Services offers Accounting, Bookkeeping, Payroll and Tax Preparation for individuals, businesses, and non-profits.

Chantel said "I have always liked puzzles and bookkeeping and tax preparation are puzzles to me. Making sure everything is in its place and accounted for," when asked about her career choice.

"We pride ourselves in customer service. We make sure all clients feel secure in using our services and we go above and beyond through travel to client homes and even just spending the time to get to know about our clients lives, not just their finances," said Chantel.

On her personal time, Chantel loves spending time with her family. "With three new grandchildren life has become an extreme adventure! We love to spend time camping at our place in Lake George," said Chantel.

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Mary C. McGovern, MBA
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Mary McGovern brings more than 36 years of experience in the financial services industry to her role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Country Bank, where she is proud to serve as the institution's first female leader. A results-driven executive, Mary is recognized for her authentic leadership style that blends innovation, collaboration, and compassion.

Since stepping into the role, she has embraced opportunities to inspire others and elevate women in leadership, from speaking engagements to mentorship. She currently serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Bankers Association, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Housing Authority, extending her impact beyond banking into community well-being.

Mary's leadership and achievements have been recognized by both the Worcester Business Journal and Hannaford Supermarkets, honoring her as one of Massachusetts' outstanding women in business. She remains dedicated to advancing Country Bank's mission while empowering its people, customers, and communities to thrive.



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Deborah works from both her home office in Ware and the Berkshire Hathaway Home Services brokerage in Wilbraham, serving clients across the

region with expertise and integrity.

Her greatest source of pride is the loyalty of her clients. Many return to her time and again, and she now has the honor of guiding the next generation—the children and even grandchildren of those she first helped decades ago. For Deborah, this repeat

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Dhillon Family & Cosmetic Dentistry

Celebrating 16 years of practicing dentistry in Ware, Dr. Navkiran Dhillon and her 10-member staff at Dhillon Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, located at 173 West St., offer their patients the very latest in state-of-the-art technologies and techniques in a small-town, family-friendly environment.

A native of India, Dr. Dhillon earned her DMD degree from Boston University in 2009, and worked briefly as a dental assistant at an Ohio practice before relocating to Ware. She cares deeply about her patients' oral health, and she will work closely with them to discover the care options that best suit their personal needs.

Some of the new techniques include digital radiography, intraoral cameras, soft tissue lasers, CEREC restorations, gum grafting, bone grafting, implants, implant supported dentures, same-day teeth, same-day crowns, same-day root canals, C.T. scans, and more. Making use of these advanced technologies, Dr. Dhillon explained, assures that the exact problem being experienced by the patient is identified and treated.

She and her staff welcome children as young as 2 in order to establish a friendly, trusting atmosphere. She encourages toddlers to explore the office, look at the implements, have their teeth brushed and take a ride in the big dental chair. Finally, the young patients are invited to select a prize from the Treasure Box. Dr. Dhillon emphasizes the importance of having young children receive regular dental care. "It's important to expose them to the environment in order to alleviate any



**Dr. Navkiran Dhillon, BDS DMD MAGD
Only 2% of all dentists have earned degree
fear," she said. "And after their first visit,
children are usually eager to return."**

Dr. Dhillon and most of her staff have received COVID-19 vaccines, and all necessary precautions have been implemented to ensure a safe environment. A fogger is used before and after each visit, and all areas are regularly and thoroughly sanitized. Additionally, patients are screened prior to appointments with medical questions and temperatures taken.

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Pictured are Kim Craig, Executive Chef and Gail Craig, Owner of Hanna's on Main



Gail Craig, Owner

Gail Craig has spent over 4 decades in the food service business including many years at the renowned Hilltop Steak House in Saugus. Moving to Charlton in 2016, Gail and her husband Dennis, saw the opportunity to purchase the empty restaurant on Main St. in downtown Ware.

"We had always wanted to open a family restaurant and found this spot to achieve more than what we could have hoped for," said Gail. "I love the customers and from a service aspect, we treat every customer like they are in our living room or at our table. We want everyone to feel like they are at home."

Gail is married to husband, Dennis, and has three daughters, Kerri, Stephanie and Kim.

Kim Craig, Executive Chef

Kim graduated from Johnson & Wales University in 2013 with a degree in Culinary Arts and Business & Entrepreneurship. Kim started working at Legal Seafood and spent five years with them, opening three locations.

When the opportunity to work with her mom in a family restaurant became a reality, Kim embraced the role of Executive Chef. "I have the opportunity to design the food choices offered on the menu," said Kim. "I use a lot of homemade recipes, some even family based with tradition."

"I developed my love for cooking by always being in the kitchen as a little girl with my mom. She would always let me cook. When she was cooking for 40-50 people over, I was a part of it and I loved it" said Kim.

"My favorite part of the job is the community. We are ready to react to any specific need of a customer. We just had a gluten intolerant guest, and I was able to whip up a creative dish that she enjoyed and was grateful for the effort," said Kim. "Feedback is important and we have a lot of people that support us, giving us ideas for new items, commenting on past choices. It's a warm feeling when customers just take the time to talk and really want us to succeed."

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Courtney, Matt and Grace Letendre at a Hardwick Crossing function.

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Courtney and Assistant Manager Alex pose on the Greens.

Courtney Letendre stands proudly with her daughter Mariah on her graduation.

The former Dunroamin Country Club, a 9-hole golf course, reopened at 262 Lower Road, known as "Hardwick Crossing" and has a five-star quality restaurant without the price tag. The newly renovated restaurant, known by regulars as "The Clubhouse," opened in September 2022 and provides a full-service bar and gourmet food.

A 3,600 square foot banquet venue, which seats 170 people is open for special events and weddings. It has a panoramic view of the golf course. They also have outdoor seating for 125 overlooking the golf course.

The motto they follow at Hardwick Crossing is ingredients are "from the sea, from the table" and "from the family," so fresh and local products are a top priority. The restaurant has food delivered six days a week. They offer products and produce from Gibson Farms, Midtown Meats, West Boylston Seafood, local farm stands, Front Yard Farms.

The restaurant is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. People may follow them on facebook and instagram at hardwickcrossing.com.

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Pictured are Chris Jeffery, Jessica Morra and Lauren Jeffery

Christine Pekala Jeffery was raised in Monson, graduated from The Cooley Dickinson Hospital School of Nursing and worked at Mary Lane Hospital. In 1976 she married Reid C. Jeffery. They have 2 children, Reid Jr. and Jessica. After Virginia Jeffery retired in 1983 began working at Jeffery and Son Deputy Collectors and later became President of Jeffery and Jeffery Inc. Christine is active in mission and ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. Member of MA Collector/Treasurer's Association, National Altar Guild Association, Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and Clowns of America Inc. She enjoys walking on the beach at Cape Cod and expeditions and adventures with Reid.

Jessica Jeffery Morra born in Ware, graduate of Wilbraham Monson Academy 00' and Union College 04'. Married to Robert Morra 2010 with two kids Annabelle and Jameson. Currently a resident of Belchertown. I have been working at Jeffery & Jeffery Inc. full time since 2004, but in reality, it has been in my blood since the day I was born. In her free time, she is busy shuttling her kids to dance, soccer softball, baseball, basketball, drum and guitar lessons. She also enjoys playing pickleball and relaxing on her front porch with her husband.

Lauren E. Adamczyk Jeffery, born in N.C., raised in Ware. Lauren worked in the insurance industry prior to joining the family business in 2008. Lauren married Reid C. Jeffery Jr. in 2001 and they share 4 children. In her spare time Lauren enjoys gardening, cooking, is a expert seamstress and doing construction at her father's business.

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Kim Mulligan, owner of KM Graphics in Ware, has built a thriving custom apparel business rooted in creativity and community connection. Before purchasing the company in 2011, Kim spent 14 years at a commercial real estate company, where she developed marketing materials—a role that sparked her love of design.

Though she knew nothing about screen printing at the time, she took a leap of faith, buying what was then KMG Productions. With help from longtime printer Al Haas and now her talented printer Mallory Milgate, Kim has grown KM Graphics into a trusted local name. Kim's mother Eileen is her trusted bookkeeper, making KM Graphics a true family-run business!

Today, the shop provides screen printing, embroidery, signs and banners for schools, businesses, sports teams, fundraisers and families. Kim especially enjoys collaborating with customers to fine-tune designs, something online vendors can't match.

Outside of work, she enjoys golfing and hanging out with family and friends. Her husband Ryan is a Physical Therapist Assistant with Baystate Home Health. They have two boys. Doug is a Sports Management major at West Virginia University and Josh is the Parts Manager at Orchard Hill Farm Equipment in Belchertown.

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Rose Doldoorian is an ACE Certified Personal Trainer and Behavior Change Specialist who will be opening a new Personal and Small Group Training Gym in late November! For the last 5 years she has been running her gym in Brimfield, and she is so excited to make this move to Ware! Lift for Longevity aims to transform the way we think about health, strength and aging well!

With an education from Syracuse University in Health and Exercise Science and Nutrition and nearly 10 years in the fitness industry, Rose brings a wealth of knowledge,

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Lift for Longevity will be located at 2 Vernon Street in Ware, with grand opening events and trial sessions planned in the weeks following the launch.

Outside of the gym, Rose enjoys being active outside and spending time with her husband Joe, their son JJ and their 3 dogs! Joe is a heavy equipment mechanic and a local firefighter.

For more information or to register interest, visit liftforlongevity.com or check out our instagram @liftforlongevity.



Katie Gagner and the team at Moulton Insurance, a Trucordia business, have a passion for helping clients with all their insurance needs. The agency has 12 licensed insurance agents in two convenient locations: Ware and Belchertown. The Moulton team provides a comprehensive review of your policies with the most competitive pricing.

Katie is the third generation in her family at the agency. Her grandfather, Charlie Moulton founded the agency in 1952. In 1990 her mother, Cynthia Moulton St. George, became the president and ran the agency until her retirement in 2020. Katie and her father, Roy St. George, ran the agency as co-principals until his retirement in June 2024. She now resides as the principal of the agency. In her 15 years at the agency, she has obtained her Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) and Certified Insurance Service Representative (CISR) designations. She is a member and a director for the Ware Business and Civic Association. Katie is an active member of the Quincy Mutual Insurance Company Agent's Council among other insurance companies' agency council boards in the region. Outside of work, Katie resides in Belchertown and enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband Jeff and her sons Coleman and Clay.

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public notices

Grange hosts annual pumpkin carving event Oct. 27

WARE – Ware Grange's Annual Pumpkin Carving will be held on Monday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

At the final Kids' Corner for this year, families will enjoy the art of carving and decorating pumpkins. Kids will learn about the life cycle of pumpkins, composting, and giving back to the soil.

The event will also have a family-friendly Halloween story. Bring your own pumpkin and join the fun.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at ware-grange.org for more information.

Wishing Well Charities to host fundraiser

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.

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS25P0430EA

Estate of: **Richard A. Gauthier**
Date of Death: **February 16, 2025**
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Derek Gauthier of Ware, MA.**

Derek Gauthier of Ware, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets

and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 10/16/2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Vikki E. Patrakis** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as Mortgagee, as Nominee for CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns dated June 26, 2020, recorded at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13678, Page 33; said mortgage was then assigned to CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC by virtue of an assignment dated April 23, 2025, and recorded in Book 15403, Page 99; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **PUBLIC AUCTION** at 11:00 AM on **November 13, 2025**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 11-13 Webb Court, Ware, MA 01082. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The following described land, situate, lying and being in County of Hampshire, State of Massachusetts:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in said Ware on the Westerly side of a way leading Southerly from Water Street and known as Webb Court, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing on the Westerly side way at the Southeasterly corner of land formerly of Mary Barrett, deceased;

Thence southerly on the westerly side of said way about seventy-eight and one-half (78.5)

feet to a point at the Northeastly corner of land of John T. Connell and Johanne Connell;

Thence westerly on land of said Connell about seventy-five (75) feet to a corner;

Thence northerly of land said Connell and land of Packard & Lawton about seventy-five (75) feet to land formerly of said Barrett;

Thence easterly on land formerly of said Barrett about sixty-nine (69) feet to the place of beginning.

Containing more or less with the buildings thereon, together with a right of way over said Webb Court to water Street, same to be used in common with others having rights therein.

More commonly known as: 11-13 Webb Court, Ware, MA 01082

Tax ID: 56-0-66

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

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Warren Housing Authority INVITES SEALED BIDS

The Warren Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the **Elderly 667-1**, Development for the Warren Housing Authority in Warren Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **GCE Architecture.**

The Project consists of: **Replace exterior siding and trims.**

The work is estimated to cost **\$51,000.00 and Alternate #1 is estimated to cost \$15,000.00**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until **1:00 p.m., Friday October 31, 2025** and publicly opened, forthwith.

All Bids should be delivered to: www.Projectdog.com on-

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General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the Warren Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at: www.Projectdog.com or for pick-up at: Projectdog, Inc, 18 Graf Road, Suite 8 Newburyport, MA 978 499-9014 (M-F 8:30AM-5PM). Enter Project Code **871273** beginning October 15, 2025 in the project locator box. Select "Acquire Documents" to download documents, review a hard copy at Projectdog's physical location, or request a free project CD.

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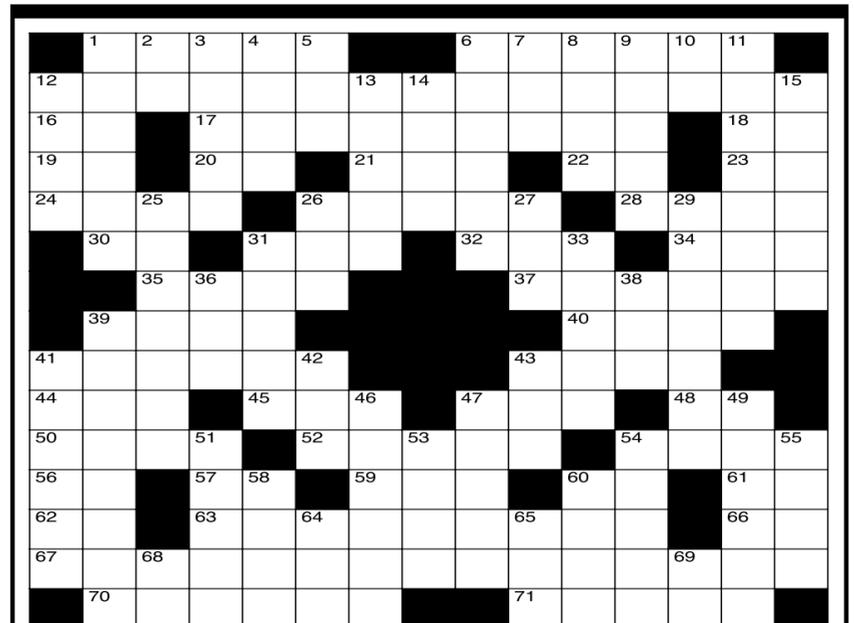
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20. Of I
21. Hamburger accessory
22. Thus
23. Partner to Pa
24. Scottish tax
26. Cuts away
28. Require
30. Government lawyer
31. Own (Scottish)
32. Body cavity
34. Brew
35. Young woman (French)
37. Platforms
39. Pair of points in mathematics
40. Attack suddenly

41. Aviators
43. Make perfect
44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
45. Neither
47. The center of a city
48. Sacrifice hit in baseball
50. Singer Redding
52. Dragged forcibly
54. Puncture with a knife
56. Belonging to me
57. Expresses surprise
59. Haul
60. The Golden State
61. Biblical Sumerian city
62. Integrated circuit
63. Opposed to certain principles
66. Sodium
67. Qualities
70. Walk
71. It awaits us all

2. Peyton Manning's alma mater
3. Moves through water
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13. Russell ____, author
14. Speak indistinctly
15. Students get them
25. Japanese warrior
26. Dessert
27. Doleful
29. Most cushy
31. Moon crater
33. Small evergreen Arabian tree

36. Something fugitives are "on"
38. 007's creator
39. Paintings on hinged panels
41. Type of bomb
42. Japanese classical theater
43. U.S. gov't department
46. Flightless bird
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49. Buttock and thigh together
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