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Annual walk brings awareness to domestic violence

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WARE – “She was my best friend...she was murdered a little over a year ago,” Melissa Stebenne said while holding a poster showing the face of a young, smiling woman.

Stebenne, a Palmer resident, was at the 8th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk hosted by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force this past Sunday, walking in memory of her late friend, Amber Carpenter.

The walk started and ended at Veterans Park on Main Street, led by members of Ware High School’s Domestic Violence Task Force.

A resident of West Springfield, Carpenter was stabbed to death by her boyfriend last October and left three children behind.

Stebenne said she will always remember how Carpenter made her smile, and how she talked about God and Jesus.

“She helped me a lot...she gave a lot of support,” Stebenne said.

Carpenter was also Stebenne’s sponsor and the person that helped her find peace through religion.

“She got me close to Jesus,” Stebenne said.

For Stebenne and others at the

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Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force members Shelby Hogan, left, and Abby McQuaid lead the 8th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk down Pulaski Street this past Sunday.

Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Resident shares concerns about past meeting

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HARDWICK – Jeffery Smith of Upper Church Street read a statement voicing his concern about the July 18 Select Board meeting where Casella presented a proposal to expand the Patrill Hollow Road landfill onto land owned by David G. Roach & Sons.

Smith questioned whether or not the meeting was legal due to a lack of quorum.

At the Oct. 16 Select Board meeting, Smith said that Select Board Vice-Chair Kelly Kemp filed a disclosure for a conflict of interest with the town on July 19, the day after the meeting. He questioned why this disclosure was not filed sooner.

Smith also said Select Board Chair H. Robert Ruggles has not filed a disclosure for a conflict of interest.

Both Kemp and Ruggles have been, or are currently employed, by David G. Roach & Sons.

Smith said Kemp did not abstain or recuse herself during the July 18 meeting. He said Select Board Chair H. Robert Ruggles made “conflicting claims” about voting and discussion had during the July 18 meeting.

Smith said people were purposely blocked from attending the Zoom meeting and that it wasn’t a glitch or a technical failure.

“If the Board is trying to appear neutral on this landfill matter in particular, it isn’t working very well,” Smith said.

Board of Health requests

Board of Health Chair Judith Kohn asked the Select Board to assist her in having the various water commissioners complete forms needed to join a PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances)

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Coy Hill Road dog deemed a nuisance, not dangerous

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WARREN – Animal Control Officer Tamara Dufresne said she has been speaking to a Coy Hill Road dog owner since early March, when she received complaints about the dog leaving the property, following people and jumping on cars.

At the Oct. 12 dog hearing, ACO Dufresne told the Board of Selectmen that she has multiple emails to the dog owner, Elizabeth Keefe, and that a previous ACO had issued citations for dogs Keefe previously owned and rehomed.

“My current goal is to make sure that this dog is staying on the property and not being a nuisance to neighbors,” ACO Dufresne said. She said she is hoping the situation can be rectified.

Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said the Town Clerk did not have a current license or rabies certification on file for the dog in question.

Keefe said the dog is now licensed and is current on his rabies vaccination.

Keefe said there are many loose dogs and livestock on Coy Hill Road, and she said her dog (who is a puppy) has never harmed anyone. She said she feels “singled out”

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Dozens of senior residents gathered at the Ware Senior Center to learn more about senior housing and think of ideas of what they might want for housing in the future.

Seniors share views on housing needs in area

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WARE – Seniors had an opportunity to share their thoughts on housing ideas at the Ware Senior Center this past Saturday.

A webinar was offered to explain all the options for housing for an aging population. Senior housing is an affordable way for citizens 55 or older who may not need as much living space or may be retired and living on fixed incomes.

This type of housing can also be made accessible for people more likely to have more cognitive or physical impairments as they get older. The options for better housing are a great opportunity to provide more community care and shared services.

The webinar was provided by the Berkshire Hathaway Home

Services and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Executive Director of the Ware Senior Center, John Zienowicz wanted the purpose of this webinar to present the current state of housing for Ware and other surrounding areas.

“We want to get the opinions of residents to see what they’d like to see happen with senior housing,” said Zienowicz.

The residents and the center find senior housing very important, but it is a project that takes time and depends on current zoning bylaws. The webinar brought awareness to show a myriad of housing options that may best suit the living situation for seniors.

There is a wide range of housing based off the level of support needed. Independent and self-sufficient housing consists of independently owned housing and

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Workshop13 brings poetry to the stage

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WARE – Since 2022, Workshop13 Cultural Arts & Learning Center has offered open mics for poetry.

A mixture of local talent and familiar poets have arrived to share the stage and their creativity with words. The form of poetry is a form of literature that uses aesthetic and often rhythmic qualities of language.

Poetry is an expression of working through what you think and feel.

“The Word” Poetry Open Mic takes place on the first Friday of every month and is run by host and creative director Adam Grabowski, who also writes and performs poetry. Grabowski loves offering the opportunity for poets to perform at Workshop13 and bring the community closer together.

“We want to celebrate the act of creation,” said Grabowski.

Many talented poets had several poems to share, and all delivered meaningful messages.

One of the regulars during

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Firefighter Christian Lowell hams it up for bidders during the “date with a firefighter” auction at the 3rd annual Hardwick Fire Department’s First Alarm benefit event held at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery this past Saturday.

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Concerns raised over slipperiness of wet track

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WARE – A parent of a soccer player shared concerns with the School Committee about the slipperiness of the new track's surface when wet.

At the School Committee's Oct. 11 meeting the parent said the surface poses a hazard to athletes wearing cleats, and said some have fallen while trying to cross the track from the wet grass.

School Committee member Michael Foran said it is concerning, and said they should research ways to add traction to the track's surface.

School Committee Chair Christopher Desjardins said the Facilities Director reached out to the track's vendor.

Superintendent Michael Lovato said they have not heard back from the vendor yet, but he spoke to another vendor, who said it might not be an easy or affordable fix.

Out-of-state baseball game

A student-athlete from the Ware High School varsity baseball team requested permission from the School Committee to play a game in Hartford, Connecticut. Permission from the School Committee is necessary because the students would have to travel out of state.

Lovato said the Athletic Director is aware of the team's request to play in the game. He said the team has two vacant spots in its schedule and they are open to the idea of playing in Connecticut.

Fundraisers will be held to cover the

costs of travelling to play the game.

School Committee members agreed it was a great opportunity for the team and granted approval, pending successful scheduling and transportation through the Athletic Director.

Director of Student Services report

Director of Student Services Dr. Ginger Coleman said she has submitted the 240 and 262 grants.

"We did change up a little bit on what we were entering into those grants in order to capitalize on the amount of Circuit Breaker we would receive, and what we could receive that Circuit Breaker reimbursement for," she said.

Coleman has also identified out-of-district placement students that may not be the financial responsibility of the school district, due to living out of town.

Lovato said the changes that Coleman made are going to be significant.

"Ginger's done an amazing job," he said, saving the school district about \$350,000-400,000.

Superintendent's report

Lovato said they have really emphasized spirit days in all three schools. He said shoutouts and recognitions to students and teachers was "long overdue."

He said over 300 calls were put out to recognize perfect attendance as well.

Lovato said they've been looking for alternatives for student athletic fees, but nothing is finalized.

He said his only expectation is that they come up with ideas to move forward.

KofC hosts annual Halloween Spooktacular drive-thru Oct. 27

WARE – Ware Knights of Columbus Council #183 is hosting its annual Halloween Spooktacular at Grenville Park on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6-8 p.m.

The drive-thru event will enter through the Upper Church Street exit (top exit), around the first baseball diamond, and exit through the entrance. This year there will be over 160 blowup displays as well as live displays.

Traffic will only be allowed to enter if

traveling from the direction of Route 32, not from downtown.

This free community event is drive-thru only; no foot traffic will be permitted in the park during the event.

For those within walking distance of the park, the Quaboag Connector will be providing free shuttle services, staging at the Church Street apartment complex.

Costumes are encouraged and each child will receive a goody bag.

Country Bank announces open house

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that its West Street Banking Center in Ware has been renovated to offer its customers a modernized banking experience.

An Open House is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The public is invited to join the celebration.

It will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3:30 p.m. with local business partners and bank representatives, a food truck offering specialized donuts and apple cider, appearances by the Bank's mascot, Buck and Smiley Ball from the Worcester Red

Sox, giveaways, and a drawing for tickets to Old Sturbridge Village's Christmas by Candlelight event.

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Are You Old News?

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

File Photo
Last week's photo from 1991 showed Molly Hanson helping her great-grandmother Grace Hanson and grandmother Jean Hanson finish baking more than 500 cookies to feed volunteers constructing the Hardwick Community Playground.

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

Thamel named sportswriter of the year

WARE – Former resident Pete Thamel, the son of Pat and Peter Thamel of Ware, was recently elected Co-National Sportswriter of the Year for 2022 by the National Sports Media Association, based in Winston-Salem, South Carolina.



Pete Thamel

Thamel grew up in Ware, attended St. Mary's School then graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield in 1995 where he was Sports Editor for the Cathedral Chronicle.

He attended Syracuse University and graduated from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

He wrote for "UNListed" the year that it started and worked at the Newhouse School of Public Communications in 1999. He was Sports Editor for Syracuse University's Daily Orange newspaper for three years.

During his career he worked at the Syracuse Post Standard, New York Times, Sports Illustrated

and Yahoo. He is currently employed as National College Football Senior Writer for ESPN.

According to the National Sports Media Association magazine, Thamel is one of the industry's most widely respected reporters, covering college football year-round for ESPN, as well as college basketball.

Thamel joined ESPN in 2022 in a multi-platform role, writing for ESPN and ESPN+ and appearing on studio programs College GameDay, SportsCenter, College Football Live, Get Up and more.

A member of the Football Writers Association of America, Thamel has earned numerous FWAA writing

awards in the past decade and a half. He's won numerous APSE awards, including first place for beat reporting in 2017 and breaking news in 2011.

In 2006, the New York Times nominated him for a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting.

Ware Senior Center events

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. 23

9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
6 p.m. Whist Party

Tuesday, Oct. 24

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking (\$3 per class; registration starts at 5 p.m.)
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Oct. 25

9 a.m. Tai-Chi

10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch

Thursday, Oct. 26

9 a.m. New Senior Walking Club
Meet at Senior Center and wear comfortable footwear. Bringing water, sunscreen, bug spray and energy snack are suggested.

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. Knit-Crochet-Laugh
3 p.m. Arts & Crafts

Friday, Oct. 27

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

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted
Reservations required by calling 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put you name on the lunch list.

Monday, Oct. 23

Birthday Party
Liver and Onions or Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert and Entertainment Courtesy of the Friends of the Ware Seniors Inc.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Breakfast Burger with Fried Egg and Toppings, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Brunch: Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Tater Tots, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Oct. 26

BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Friday, Oct. 27

Baked Salmon, Roasted Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

WARE RIVER NEWS Halloween CONTEST

Send us your Halloween House Decoration photos from this year! We are looking for decor in 4 categories:

- Scariest**
People run screaming!
- Most Creative**
Best use of recycled materials!
- Kid Friendly**
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- Flashy**
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Club 12 Is Looking For Pictures!!!!

Club 12 is looking for photos from the clambakes held at Pilch's Pavilion during the sixties and seventies.

Anyone with photos from the clambakes, please call Jack at 413-967-3083.

All calls will be answered.
Thank you very much from Club 12.

SMK TRUNK OR TREAT has great turnout

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – Stanley M Koziol Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization hosted a fun Trunk or Treat this past Friday night.

Hundreds of kids in their Halloween costumes were ready to get some early Halloween candy while their parents joined in on the fun. The PTO was expecting at least 200 kids as the line was extending from the checkout counter to the outdoor parking lot lined up with decorated car trunks.

Members of the PTO handed out candy and glowsticks as families took photographs watching the kids enjoy the Trunk or Treat. A photo booth was set up next to the exit towards the trunk or treat line.

There was a total of 19 cars signed up to handout candy and were all decorated in various themes.

The school's PTO is hoping to make the trunk or treat an even bigger event for next year. The trunk or treat will benefit various activities for the school such as funds for field trips for the students, school project expenses, and class T-shirts for the students.

PTO president, Jasmine Robinson enjoyed running the Trunk or Treat with the rest of her PTO members. This year's Trunk or Treat at SMK was the first in nearly five years.

Prior to COVID-19, the Trunk or Treat was a regular activity before Halloween. After a hiatus, the Trunk or Treat was back featuring many newcomers and community members wanting to bring treats and joy.

One of the first timers of the Trunk or Treat was Cluett's Appliances of Ware. Chris Swett of Cluett's Appliance brought the business van for the Trunk or Treat and presented a fun display full of familiar Halloween characters and music.

The display featured a tall balloon and wall hanging of characters from "The Nightmare Before Christmas". The soundtrack of the musical was also playing as Cluett's gave away candy for all the children.

Joining in on the fun was the Ware Fire Department. The department brought a truck down to provide the lighting for the Trunk or Treat.

In addition, the department participated in the Trunk or Treat by providing Halloween candy.

Walmart donated six bags of candy for the event and the PTO greatly appreciates the support the community has given.

The themes of the trunks were predominately Halloween related,



Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization hosted a Trunk or Treat last Friday night.

but the creativity was astonishing. Many newcomers to the Trunk or Treat also were in costume going along with the themes they chose for their cars.

As part of the Trunk or Treat, kids got to participate in a contest. Each kid was given three stickers at the start of the Trunk or Treat to vote for their three favorite decorated trunks.

The three most voted trunks were rewarded prizes after the trunk or treat was finished. The three prizes were an Amazon gift card, a blanket donated by Berkshire Blankets, and fall candles with snacks.

The PTO looks forward to offering the Trunk or Treat next year. With these events, students at the school can look forward to enjoying other activities throughout the year.

The PTO is in the process of planning more family fun events, including offering bingo. The most recent fundraiser the school had success on was a catalog fundraiser helped put together by the students. The catalog consisted of over 800 items available for purchase and the success got the school to surpass their \$8,000 fundraising goal.

The Trunk or Treat was a spooky fun experience for the kids and their families.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
This trunk had a "Where the Wild Things Are" theme.



A photo booth was available for families to take pictures prior to getting in line for the trunk or treat.



This trunk was decorated like the popular game Minecraft.



Creeping, crawling spiders covered this trunk.



Cluett's Appliance enjoyed their first time at the trunk or treat putting up a fun "Nightmare Before Christmas" display with their business van.



The trunk or treat featured 19 cars with different designs and themes to their trunks.

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How will my wife's Social Security be affected by her teacher's pension?

Dear Rusty

My wife, born in 1960, was a Texas school teacher for about 10 years and receives a \$1,000 per month pension from that work.

She didn't pay into Social Security while teaching, but she paid into it for about 23 years while working elsewhere. I paid into Social Security my entire life, the maximum in most years, so my SS benefit will be much greater than hers.

I understand there are some sort of penalties or restrictions on my wife's Social Security benefits and also for spousal benefits due to her school pension. Please share the process I can use to estimate my wife's Social Security and tell me if she can file for spousal benefits.

Signed: Planning for the Future

Dear Planning

Because your wife has a Texas school teacher pension earned without contributing to Social Security, any SS benefits she is entitled to will be affected by two rules: first, by the Windfall Elimination Provision, which will reduce her personally earned Social Security retirement benefit and, second, by the Government Pension, which will reduce any spousal benefit if she is entitled to one to her own benefit.

The amount of the WEP reduction to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit will be computed using a special formula, which considers the number of years she has contributed to Social Security through other (non-state) work. Since your wife became eligible for Social Security benefits in 2022 the maximum WEP reduction with 23 years contributing to SS will be \$358.

If your wife has already obtained an estimate of her Social Security retirement benefit, deduct \$358 from that estimate and that will be pretty close to her actual SS retirement benefit when she claims. Social Security will figure out the exact amount of her WEP reduction when your wife applies, but you can also use Social Security's "WEP Calculator" for an estimate, which you can find by visiting www.ssa.gov/benefits/calculators/.

Whether your wife will be entitled to a "spousal boost" to her own Social Security retirement benefit depends on how your respective FRA entitlements compare and the GPO. The base amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her pre-WEP FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement.

If your wife's normal FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, the difference is a "spousal boost" added to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit. However, that base spousal boost will be reduced if taken before your wife reaches her FRA and even further reduced by the GPO (the GPO reduction will be 2/3rds your wife's State of Texas pension, e.g., about \$667).

Any remainder left after these reductions to your wife's spousal boost will be added to her own WEP-reduced SS retirement amount, but if the remainder is \$0 then no spousal boost will be given and your wife will get only her WEP-reduced Social Security retirement amount.

Social Security's WEP and GPO provisions apply to anyone, who has a pension earned without contributing to Social Security, including many public service retirees in the 26 states, which do not participate in the federal Social Security program.

I've published numerous articles about how these rules affect benefits and also about the rationale behind both provisions, which you are welcome to review at this AMAC Foundation website by visiting www.SocialSecurityReport.org.

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The Garden Lady takes on squash pollination

Christl, a recent transplant to Belchertown from California, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "We are doing the post-mortem on our veggie garden and we had an issue with our butternut squash."

Last year we grew butternut from seed and had some lovely fruit that lasted most of the winter. This year we used the same seed, but the fruit was white without the distinctive crookneck shape.

I've cooked some and it is definitely not as sweet, but my dog is enjoying the special treats. I suspect that it cross pollinated with something else in the garden.

We also grew two types of cucumbers (which despite the rain went gangbuster), Mini cantaloupe melons and a yellow summer squash. None of these fruits seemed to be affected.

My question is how to avoid this? Are there particular cucurbits that are more likely to cross-pollinate or be cross-pollinated? Is there a certain distance one can plant away from each other?

I was hoping to plant some pumpkins and watermelon next year, but in light of the butternut, I am wary. I may be willing to forego planting some of the cucurbits, but cukes are a must and I'd hate to give up my melons.

I have enough room that pumpkins will stay out of the veggie garden."

Thank you for the wonderful and very timely question! First let's talk about how cross pollination occurs.

In the simplest of terms, bees carry pollen from plant to plant. When fruit forms, and the seeds from the fruit are saved and used the following year to start new plants, you can sometimes run into trouble and not end up

with the exact plants you grew the year before. We will take melon and cucumbers out of the equation here - they belong to the genus Cucumis and are species melo and sativus respectively. They cannot cross pollinate because they are different species.

Nor can watermelons, since they are a different genus and species altogether: Citrullus lanatus.

The genus Cucurbita, to which squash belongs, has five different species. Three of them are commonly grown in our climate; one more only occasionally:

Cucurbita pepo includes summer squash: zucchini, patty pan, and yellow crookneck as well as acorn, delicata/dumpling, and spaghetti winter squashes. Small gourds, and most pumpkins also belong to this species. Pepos have hard, five-sided ribbed stems.

Cucurbita maxima is comprised of banana, butternut, Hubbard winter squash as well as some pumpkins, most notably the white pumpkin Lumina and the pretty deep orange-red "Cinderella." Fruit in this species have round stems and tend to be on the large side. They often have bumps on their skin and button ends (think of a belly-button). Highest carotenoid content when mature and sometimes the largest fruit on earth!

Cucurbita moschata is comprised of the familiar butternut-type of winter squashes as well as the cheese pumpkin, ancient "Seminole," and many other less common fruits. One distinguishing feature of this group is its smooth surface and usually a tan color. It is often used interchangeably for pumpkin in pie recipes. Quality of flesh and carotenoid content can range from good to poor; seed is nutritious.

Cucurbita argyrosperma. To people that live in the Southwest, their "pumpkin" of choice is the "Green Striped Cushaw" or "White Cushaw." Most consider it to be a rather pretty winter squash. Just like the moschatas, it can be used interchangeably in recipes calling for pumpkin. Reportedly, it handles dry weather and is quite resistant to vine borer. It is rarely grown in our climate. One distinguishing factor of this species is silver seed which is large and nutritious. Culinary quality, however, is pale and poor.

Confusion sets in when you want to save seeds of your produce!

All squash are monoecious, that is male

and female flowers are produced on the same plant. Note male flowers (usually outnumber female flowers 4:1) are on stems, flowers are fused with stamens versus female flowers that have an ovary at base.

Both are high in nectar that is attractive to visiting bees, most notably the honeybee and native ground bees.

Cross-pollination will not occur between different species - say between a pepo and a maxima but it will take place among members of the same species.

Since I grew zucchini, yellow crookneck and pumpkins in my garden, all Cucurbita pepos, I can't save the seeds from any of those fruits and expect them to look, or taste, exactly like their parents did.

What makes seed saving even more confusing for the novice is whether or not the variety they are growing is open-pollinated or a hybrid. Hybrids, however, are the result of crossing two inbreds.

Seeds saved from hybrid plants will likely germinate and produce fruit. Unfortunately, it will not be true, and it may or may not have a resemblance to the fruit you saved it from - it will likely resort back to either of its parents or some unique, different combination of genes.

With all of this said, I have a few thoughts as to what happened to produce misshapen butternut squash. If it was seed you saved from the plants you grew the year before, maybe they were hybrids and what you ended up with is something back in the genetic line.

Or maybe they cross pollinated with your neighbors moschatas; for true seed, plants would need to be isolated one-half to one mile.

If what you grew was from the original seed packet - not anything you saved, then it remains a mystery.

Regardless, I do hope this helped in de-tangling a confusing topic and encourages you to plant all of your favorites next year!

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Smola supports legislation requiring salary transparency by employers

BOSTON - State Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Ways & Means Committee) has endorsed a proposed change in state law that would require most employers to disclose the salary range for open positions on job postings to better inform prospective applicants and help close the gender and racial wage gap.

Smola stated in a press release, "Supporting House Bill 4109 is about promoting fairness, equity, and transparency in the workplace. This legislation shows that in Massachusetts, we value equal opportunity and economic fairness for all. I'm proud to endorse this bill, which is not only a priority for the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators but also supported by key business organizations like AIM and BECMA."

House Bill 4109, An Act relative to salary range transparency, would require businesses with 25 or more employees to provide information on the specific range of pay for an advertised job opening, and to disclose this information to current employees being offered a promotion or transfer to a new position with different job responsibilities. The bill was endorsed by the House of Representatives on a vote of 148-8 on Oct. 4.

"I believe in transparency in employment practices," said Smola. "It's crucial that we empower people seeking jobs with information about salary ranges. I am proud to stand with my colleagues and the business community to advance this important cause."

Ten other states, including Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York, already have similar pay disclosure laws.

According to Smola, House Bill 4109 would impose penalties against any business that fails to comply with the salary range disclosure requirement, which would be enforced by the Attorney General. The bill calls for a written warning for a first offense, a fine of up to \$500 for a second offense, and a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for a third offense.

The bill requires the Attorney General to conduct a public awareness campaign to edu-



cate businesses about the new requirements. There will be a one-year grace period after the law goes into effect before enforcement will begin.

For the first two years the law is in effect, covered businesses will have two business days after being notified of a violation to correct it before a fine is imposed.

House Bill 4109 also requires companies with 100 or more employees to annually file demographic and wage data on their workforce with the Secretary of State's office, which is the same information they are already required to provide to the federal government. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development would then compile and post these reports with the data aggregated so as not to identify individual employers.

Smola said House Bill 4109 will help to correct a shortcoming in the state's 2016 pay equity law, which requires men and women to receive equal pay for comparable work. Although the law prohibits employers from inquiring about a job applicant's salary history, it does not prevent companies from asking

about a prospective hire's salary expectations without having to disclose how much the position pays.

He said that House Bill 4109 is a legislative priority of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, which is co-chaired by State Rep. Hannah Kane, R-Shrewsbury, and state Sen. Joan Lovely, D-Salem. The Caucus said the bill will help to elevate economic opportunity and eliminate barriers for women in the workforce.

House Bill 4109 is also being backed by several business organizations. This includes the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, which is the state's largest nonprofit, non-partisan business association representing more than 3,500 businesses in 150 different industries, and the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, which advocates for Black businesses across Massachusetts.

House Bill 4109 now heads to the Senate for its consideration.

For additional information please contact Smola by email at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or call 617-722-2100.

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in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



LeConte's sparrow

On Friday, Oct. 6 Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a sighting of a LeConte's sparrow in Longmeadow.

The LeConte's sparrow is about five inches long and has a dark crown with a white central stripe. It also has reddish-brown streaks on a gray nape.

The upper breast and flanks are buff colored. It has a orang to buff orange face surrounding a gray ear patch.

Other distinct features are a flat head and a short tail with fine streaking on the upper breast of juveniles.

This sparrow feeds on the ground and eats grass and weed seeds as well as insects. The female lays three to five light gray eggs with darker marks in a cup like nest of grasses placed on or just about the ground.

They breed in Canada and winter in the Florida Gulf states.

To avoid danger, it often runs through grasses rather than flying over the grass. It may sing during the day and night.

LeConte's sparrows inhabit marshes, wet meadows and weedy fields. Their song is a high-pitched buzz with accents at start and end like "tika-zzzzzz-tzt."

Other sightings

Other sightings for Oct. 6 reported to Massachusetts Audubon Society included a Townsend's warbler at Plum Island, a prothonotary warbler in Winchester and several reports of clay-colored sparrows.

Loon Preservation Committee

Loon Preservation Committee staff and volunteers in the month of September focused on a number of important post-season tasks including storing nest rafts on shore for the winter (over 140 rafts statewide), pulling and storing the signs that were used to protect vulnerable loon families, rescuing loons in distress and beginning the process of quality checking the data collected during the summer months.

LPC staff rescued five loons in distress throughout the state during the month of September. Rescuing a loon is just the first step in getting it the help that it needs.

They thank the veterinarians and rehabilitators who worked with us to evaluate and treat ailing loons: the wonderful veterinarians and staff at VCA Capital Area Veterinary Emergency and Specialty, Hopkinton Animal Hospital, and Meadow Pond

Animal Hospital, who helped with x-rays, blood work and assessment of rescued loons; Dr. Mark Pokras, who consulted on all cases and provided valuable insight and suggestions for care; and Maria Colby of Wings of the Dawn Wildlife Rehabilitation, who housed, fed and provided daily care and treatment to all five loons rescued in September.

Sadly, LPC also continued to collect and necropsy dead loons throughout the state, nine total in September. While it is always sad to lose a loon, being able to determine the cause of death for individual loons allows LPC to collect valuable data on the challenges that the loon population is facing.

Feeders

I put out my suet feeder during the day and take it in before dusk, so the bears don't take the suet and feeder. I have lost quite a few feeders that way.

I have downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers coming to the suet as well as white-breasted nuthatches and black-capped chickadees.

I also have a small tray feeder for meal worms and bird seed. I put a small amount of meal worms and seeds each day.

The birds empty the feeder, so the bears only find an empty tray.

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

Grange hosts annual pumpkin carving event

WARE – Ware Grange's Annual Pumpkin Carving will be held on Monday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

This family fun event features pumpkin carving, a spooky Halloween story for kids by storyteller John Porcino, and a snack will be provided. Bring your own pumpkin and join the fun.

Visit Ware Grange #164 on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.



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regarding the complaint about an alleged bite incident that occurred in February.

She said she has received no proof of an injury by the person making the complaint, such as a medical report.

ACO Dufresne said the person that reported the incident, said the dog's bite did not break the skin.

Keefe said she has never been fined for her dog being loose or a nuisance.

ACO Dufresne said she has seen Keefe's dog being walked by another person off the property, and that Keefe has a rope to contain the dog on her property, but doesn't use it regularly. ACO Dufresne said other witnesses have seen the dog being walked off the property, but asked to remain anonymous.

Keefe said she has a right to face her accusers. She said her dog has not been outside in months.

ACO Dufresne said she just wants the dog to stay on Keefe's property for his own safety, as well as the safety of those in the neighborhood.

"My dog is confined...I run with him on my property, I don't

let him off-leash, what more exactly are you seeking from me?" Keefe said.

Keefe's mother testified that the dog is well-behaved, and she's never seen him hurt anybody. She said the dog is trained to herd and protect Keefe's pigs.

ACO Dufresne said one person that complained about the dog, said they sprayed the dog and now avoids the area. The most recent complaint regarding the dog was from Sept. 13.

"This has been constant every couple months I get another communication regarding the situation," ACO Dufresne said.

Keefe said she would not own a dog that posed a danger to the community.

Board members Dufresne and Derick Veliz said they didn't believe the dog was dangerous, but leaving the property could pose a nuisance.

The Board moved that the dog is not a dangerous dog, but is a nuisance dog. The dog will need to be restricted to the property using a restraint system of the owner's choice (such as a tether or an invisible fence), and be on a leash whenever off the property.

Precision medicine is changing treatment for breast cancer

SPRINGFIELD – When it comes to treating most cancers today, specialists are quick to denounce the "one-size-fits-all" or "cookie cutter" approach that has changed over the past several decades.

It was back on April 16, 1999, that a short article appeared in The Wall Street Journal entitled "New Era of Personalized Medicine: Targeting Drugs for Each Unique Genetic Profile," which introduced to the public the new term personalized medicine.

"Decades ago, most patients with breast cancer received the same treatments. At that time, there really wasn't a way for us to differentiate treatments for more effective outcomes based on a woman's specific type of breast cancer," said medical oncologist and breast specialist Dr. Prarthna Bhardwaj of the Baystate Regional Cancer Program in a press release.

Personalized medicine, now more often referred to as precision medicine, is an innovative approach to the tailoring of medical treatment. It is based on the individual characteristics of each patient by identifying the molecular fingerprints of various cancers and using them to divide cancer's once-broad categories into far more precise types and subtypes.

It allows for medical care that "focuses on the right drug at the right dose at the right time for the right patient."

"Modern science has allowed us to focus on improving outcomes for our patients. Today, we are seeing women diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, who years ago would have an average life expectancy of months to now surviving for years with treatments that are improving the quality of life for many," Bhardwaj said.

"Many of these new treatments began with patients who had advanced or stage 4 breast cancer. When oncologists started to see

success in treating these patients with targeted therapies, what followed was incorporating them into treatment for patients with earlier stage cancers to achieve better outcomes for them as well," Bhardwaj said.

One of the earliest examples of putting precision medicine to work for breast cancer patients, and that served as an initial step in identifying different types of breast cancers, was the discovery in 1986 of the HER2 gene that promotes the rapid growth of cancer cells. HER2-positive breast cancers, which tend to be more aggressive than other types of breast cancer, account for about 15-20 percent of all breast cancer diagnoses, where the breast tumor has high levels of the protein known as HER2 which stands for human epidermal growth factor receptor 2.

"Not all patients benefit from the same treatments, and this is what inspired researchers to learn why. Breast cancers are routinely tested for hormone receptors, specifically estrogen and progesterone, as well as HER2 currently. There is a subset of women who have triple-negative breast cancer who do not express HER2, estrogen or progesterone, resulting in their not being able to be treated with therapies targeting these protein markers and leaving them to rely on standard infusional chemotherapy," Bhardwaj said.

"Although several gene defects have been identified today that contribute to breast cancer, we don't yet have treatments against all of them, but the good news is that more are slowly beginning to be introduced in the fight against breast cancer. One of the newest and fastest-growing types of anticancer drugs is antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) like Enhertu (trastuzumab deruxtecan). ADCs involve the targeting properties of monoclonal antibodies, which bind to a specific protein attached

to those cells and then go on to release a chemotherapy drug, preferentially killing cancer cells but preserving the normal cells," Dr. Bhardwaj said.

Surgery remains an integral treatment for early-stage breast cancer. This can be in the form of a lumpectomy or mastectomy, depending on the tumor size and breast size.

Precision medicine has opened the window to allow targeted medical therapy to help shrink larger tumors or to treat positive lymph nodes and allow for smaller surgeries with less surgical risks, such as lymphedema which is a chronic swelling of the arm. There may even be a day when surgery does not need to be part of a treatment plan, and clinical trials are ongoing looking for the appropriate cancer and patient scenarios to which this could apply.

The most optimal treatment for breast cancer today involves a multidisciplinary team like that found at Baystate Health involving surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists, and radiologists.

"At Baystate Health, we are fortunate to have a robust breast cancer program with dedicated healthcare professionals who work in tandem to provide the most appropriate care for an individual," Bhardwaj said.

"Any type of cancer diagnosis is a life-changing event for patients, and we are striving hard to make treatments more effective and less toxic. It is a privilege to be an oncologist guiding patients through their cancer journey as the field evolves in exciting ways," she added.

For more information on the Baystate Regional Cancer Program, or to make an appointment, visit baystatehealth.org/cancer.

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independently rented housing.

Additional support consists of dwelling units, retirement communities, senior apartments, co-housing and congregate housing. Partial to full support options include continuum of care communities, assisted living facilities, memory care facilities and skilled care facilities.

According to the research in the webinar, senior housing is not just focusing on communities in commonwealth, but also in the entire United States. Very few homes in the U.S. are "aging ready."

Aging ready refers to a hous-

ing unit that has a step-free entryway, a bedroom and full bathroom on the first floor, and at least one bathroom accessibility feature.

As for the town of Ware, 28% of the town's population are residents ages 60 or older. According to Zienowicz, the percentage of citizens at that age will increase to about 38% by the year 2040.

These rates are important for seniors to take into consideration when thinking of the best idea for proper housing.


At the end of the webinar, Senior Planner of Land Use & Environment for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Becky Basch set up a board to list the ideas from the seniors. During

a group conversation, the seniors gathered to try and answer these four essential questions for senior housing.

The seniors got to discuss amongst each other and decide what kind of housing Ware residents need to encourage.

They also looked at some of the support needed for people to age in their homes; assets that the town could build on to fill housing needs; and identifying challenges for building new housing in Ware.

Whatever is most popularly decided amongst the senior citizens, the plan for senior housing will take time, but will be taken into consideration for any future projects in the town of Ware.



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TRUNK OR TREAT brings something sweet



The Addams Family made an appearance at Quaboag's Trunk or Treat event this past Saturday. From left are Jara as Morticia, Jeremiah as Pugsley, Ezariah as Uncle Fester, Yarelises as Wednesday and Julie as Gomez.



The Cheshire Cat may think we're all mad here, but this cast of friendly characters had plenty of treats to hand out at this "Alice in Wonderland" themed trunk.



This balloon dog costume was one-of-a-kind.



Children enjoyed Trunk or Treat at Quaboag Regional Middle High School.

WARREN – The Warren Community Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, the West Brookfield Elementary School Parent Teacher Group and the Quaboag Regional Middle High School Student Council hosted the annual Trunk or Treat (and other Halloween activities) at the Middle High School, this past Saturday.

There were rows of decorated trunks from public safety personnel, local organizations and business, and community members. Each one offered a sweet treat to children and their families.

The QRMHS Performing Arts had a display to promote their upcoming stage performance of "The Addams Family" in February.

Those brave enough to enter the QRMHS Student Council's Haunted Halls were given thrills and chills. A performance was given by the Dance Factory and a pumpkin carving contest was sponsored by Country Bank.



Mad scientists offered tricks and treats for those brave enough.



This trunk was transformed into a monster.



Hampshire Towing had fun "hanging" out at Trunk or Treat.



Talking scarecrows kept trunk or treaters on their toes.



Spontaneous dance parties broke out during Trunk or Treat.



Sugar skulls and candy made for a sweet treat.



Princess Peach and Bowser watched as Mario and Luigi handed out candy from the back of Fountain and Sons Construction Company's dump truck.

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Board appoints Durkee as new Veterans Agent

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen interviewed candidates for the position of Veterans Agent.

Two applicants appeared before the Board during the Oct. 12 meeting, hoping to fill the position of Veterans Agent, following the retirement of Gary Lapine at the end of November.

One applicant, a retired master sergeant from Westover Air Force Base, who has been appointed by West Brookfield and Brookfield to serve as those towns' Veterans Agent, applied to serve Warren as well.

The second candidate, a retired major who served in both the U.S. Navy and Army is the current Veterans Service Officer in Lunenburg and Templeton, and she is looking to serve small towns like Warren. She also is bilingual, speaking Spanish.

Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said both applicants were qualified and had impressive military careers.

The Board moved to hire Major Michelle Durkee as the town's Veterans Agent.

School district update

Superintendent Stephen Duff gave an update about Warren Community Elementary School's heating system upgrade. Glycol levels are at 18% and the recommended amount is 30% to prevent pipes from bursting.

"Glycol is very expensive," he said, estimating the costs around \$50,000-100,000.

"This project is going to cost additional money further down the line," he said.

Duff said he spoke with Guardian, the company providing

the upgrade, and they are working on a change order to allow the school district to go on a repayment schedule including these additional costs.

Duff said there are some vacancies in the school district that they are having difficulty filling. He said at some point, they will need to look at increasing pay for school staff, as the school district has a lower pay rate than neighboring districts.

Duff said budget season is coming up and on Nov. 13 they will discuss how special education affects the school district's budget, including out-of-district placements.

Draft programming

Town Administrator James Ferrera said they received a draft programming for the Fire Department from Tecton Architects.

"They've completed a draft of programming for our Fire Department...they sat down with the Chief and some employees of the Fire Department, went through the entire Station A and Station B," he said.

He said the team at Tecton Architects made their assessment and presented the draft.

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie said the design meets their space needs with room for future growth. He said many fire stations in the area are facing similar issues with space limitations in older buildings.

"Getting this done now, is a huge step in the right direction," Lavoie said.

Levee concerns

The Board reviewed a draft letter to 81 South St., LLC, regarding unauthorized work performed around the town's levee.

Dufresne said the town owns a levee on South Street near the Wrights Mill Complex. During the

last levee inspection by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it was noted that a tenant of the property had done unauthorized work on the levee.

"It does take away the integrity of the levee system," Dufresne said of this unauthorized work.

Dufresne said asphalt placed near the levee needs to be removed, and the grass needs to be restored.

He said the grass was removed by the tenant to make room for large trucks pulling in.

Water line replacement

Ferrera said there was a request to use \$21,148 of uncommitted grant funds from the One Stop for Growth program, to combine with \$24,000 from the Water District to replace a water line from the intersection of Prospect and Richardson streets to a fire hydrant in front of 69 Richardson St.

Ferrera said it will require approximately 300 feet of pipe.

He said the work will tie into the ongoing School and Prospect streets project.

Ferrera said concerns raised by residents of the area have been addressed by the contractor.

Free cash and retained earnings

Ferrera said free cash was certified by the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$1,580,795.

"That is one of the strongest positions of free cash the town has seen in its history," he said.

Ferrera said the DOR recommends that the town have 3-5% free cash available at any time, in the event of a critical need. Having free cash available also looks good for bonding agents.

The Sewer Department had retained earnings in the amount of \$353,243.

He said this is good news they received today, but they need to be

strategic with their spending to continue to be financially sound.

Building repairs

Dufresne said proper markings for the handicapped parking spots has been done and moss will be removed from the pavement at the Shepard Municipal Building.

He said there's also moss building up in the drains of the roof of the building, as well as some roof damage.

Dufresne said the mortar between the bricks also needs repairs.

Dufresne said the Senior Center roof is losing shingles. Ferrera said a company is coming to inspect the Senior Center's roof.

"For the years and years of neglect to our buildings, now we're paying the price for it," he said, referencing the Shepard building, Town Hall, Senior Center and Sewer Department. "It's got worse and worse."

Town Administrator's report

Ferrera said he joined a Zoom call with various other town administrators and Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi about challenges facing rural communities.

Cable contract

Ferrera said town counsel is working with Comcast's representative to negotiate the license contract with the town.

Quaboag Street

A Quaboag Street resident shared a complaint about a berm that blocks entry to the back of his property, because it is too high, and also causes flooding on his grass.

He said two years ago, the Highway Department was supposed to cut the berm down, but it has not been done yet.

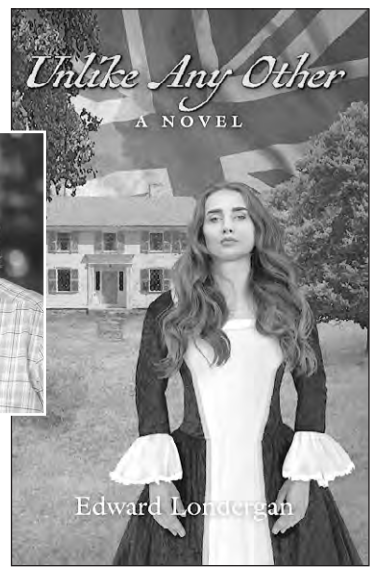
Author Ed Londergan holds talk and book signing

WARREN – On Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m., local author Ed Londergan will have a talk and book signing about his novel, "Unlike Any Other" at the Warren Senior Center, sponsored by the Warren Public Library.

"Unlike Any Other" is a novel based on the story of Bathsheba Spooner, a real-life resident of 18th century Brookfield.

Join the Warren Public Library and Londergan for a presentation as he discusses his latest book and the research that went into telling Spooner's story.

The lecture follows a reception with light refreshments, and the talk will be followed by a book signing. The event is free.



Submitted Photos
Warren author Ed Londergan will read from his novel "Unlike Any Other" at the Warren Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Warren Public Library.

Masonic open house at Mt. Zion Lodge Oct. 21

BARRE – Mt. Zion Lodge of Freemasons, 71 Pleasant St., will hold an open house on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

A pancake breakfast will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

A firetruck will be there from 9:30 a.m.-noon. There will also be mums for sale, along with free face painting.

Senior center hosts lunch with legislators Nov. 3

WARE – On Friday, Nov. 3 at 11:30 a.m., the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, will hold a free lunch provided by state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, state Rep. Todd Smola and candidate for state senator Peter Durant.

The meal will include garlic bread, salad, dessert and coffee. Limit 100 seats total.

Please RSVP to the Senior Center at 413-967-9645 by noon on Nov. 2.

Wishing Well Charities hosts fall fundraiser

WARE – Wishing Well Charities, Inc. will hold its annual fall fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 3-8 p.m. at Teresa's Restaurant, 305 Palmer Road.

There will be a cocktail hour with cash bar, sit down dinner

with family style meal, a spectacular silent auction and music and dancing with the Time Trippers.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at Nat Falk, or by calling either 413-204-0009 or 413-330-4013.

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settlement.

Kemp said the water commissions for Gilbertville or Wheelwright are both private entities, and the Select Board does not have jurisdiction over them. She suggested having another member of the Board of Health reach out to the water commissioners.

Kohn also requested that the Board of Health Clerk's hours be increased from eight to 12 hours a week. The increase in hours would need to be approved by voters at a town meeting.

Kohn said the Board of Health has six new volunteers in town, all with medical backgrounds. She said they make up the Physicians Advisory Panel.

"They can help determine the health effects, scientifically, of everything that's happening," she said.

Landfill concerns

Kohn also shared her concerns as a member of the Board of Health, about the draft Host Community Agreement received from the Casella regarding expansion of the landfill on Patrill Hollow Road, as well as the health effects of solid waste on the community.

"It's in our face," Kohn said. "And I'm nervous about what my role is."

Kohn said she has received mixed messages in her research about the Board of Health's role during the site assignment process.

Kohn requested that the Board of Health be granted permission to speak with town counsel KP Law about the Board's role in this process. She said the Board of Health would pay for the legal fees from its budget.

She said the Select Board, Board of Health and KP Law could meet together.

Select Board members Kemp and Clerk Eric Vollheim agreed that this was a good idea to consider.

Class I, II and III fees

Town Administrator Nicole Parker said the town's annual Class I, II and III fees are set at \$50, compared to neighboring towns at \$100-200. She proposed the fees be raised to \$100.

The Select Board approved the recommendation to increase the fees to \$100.

Christmas on the Common

Christmas on the Common Committee member Angelique Broussard said talked about the event, which is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 26 from 3-7 p.m.

This year, there will be vendors, a hot chocolate bar, s'mores and more. There will also be calendars and hats for sale.

Broussard said the benches on the town common need refinishing and the marble fountain needs cleaning. She asked the Select Board for permission to clean the fountain using the appropriate cleaning supplies.

"We hope everybody comes out to Christmas on the Common," Broussard said.

Operation Poinsettias

Kemp said she is accepting donations to pay for 270 poinsettias to be delivered to senior citizens in town for the annual "Operation Poinsettias."

She said there is \$516 left over from last year's drive, and she will need about \$1,400 total to purchase this year's deliveries.

She said any donation amount is

welcome and she also needs volunteers to help deliver the poinsettias on Sunday, Nov. 26 from 11 a.m.-noon.

Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 296, Hardwick, MA 01037 with checks payable to Kelly Kemp.

Special Town Meeting

The Select Board set the special town meeting date for Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m., to be held at the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville.

Special municipal employee

Vollheim said after attending ethics training, he learned that he can't be compensated for both the Emergency Management Director and Select Board unless he is designated a special municipal employee.

The Select Board will vote on giving Vollheim this designation at its next meeting.

USDA update

Parker said the U.S. Department of Agriculture project to upgrade the town's wastewater system is "really moving forward rapidly" with predrilling of ledge taking place on Oct. 18, and the wet well delivery on Nov. 2.

She said the bid opening for the Wheelwright wastewater treatment plant will be Oct. 25 at 2 p.m.

Boiler update

Parker said the safety was installed on the Municipal Building's boiler on Oct. 11, which will shut the pump off if the water goes above a certain amount.

She said it is not a permanent fix. She said an alarm could also be installed that would send alerts to town employees' phones if there were a boiler issue.

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Obituaries

Tina Marie Bessette, 62

WARE – The beloved Tina Marie (Dubay-Bean) Bessette passed away on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, after short battle with Stage 4 cancer, at the age of 62.

Tina was born in Ware on Dec. 10, 1961. She was the daughter of the late Jeannette M. Bean and William E. Bean.

She was raised in West Warren, and has been a resident of Ware for 41 years. Tina was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend.

She leaves behind her two children, son Michael Bessette; daughter Nichole Bessette; her sister Virginia Hockers. Tina also leaves behind her two step-children, Angel M. Bessette and Arthur A. Bessette; two grand-

children, Zachary K. Bessette and Eric J. Bolieau Jr.; three great-grandchildren, Braxton Bessette, Hannah Bolieau and Aiden Lukes. Tina will also be missed by a long list of nieces, nephews, and cousins, her best friends, and the many people she has made connections with along the way.

Tina was loved by so many; and she loved so many. She was a very loving and caring soul who loved life and all the adventures she could possibly partake of!

Tina devoted most of her years working at FlexCon and then chose the path of caregiving to her

sister throughout the later years of her life. Tina loved being a part of a large family, the more love she seemed to encounter the happier she was.

She was a very blunt and honest woman with a side slick of a tongue and for all her multiple personalities she will be sorely missed.

A Memorial Visitation will take place on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, from noon-2 p.m. in the Cebula Funeral Home, 66 South St., Ware. For more information and an online guestbook, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.



Sandra Lee Bonnayer, 73

WARREN – Sandra Lee Breanna Morse, Kaylee Morse, (Judge) Bonnayer of Warren, died on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, at Baystate Wing Hospital, at the age of 73.



She leaves her loving husband of 23 years, William T. Bonnayer; her beloved children, Brenda J. Colbeth of Ware, Richard A. Colbeth II and his wife Leslie of North Haverhill, New Hampshire, and Heather L. Brewer and her husband Carter of Ware; her grandchildren, Dennis Perry II and his wife Ashley, Lauren Olney and her husband Ryan, Christopher Colbeth, Corey Colbeth and his fiancé Allie Dennis, Samantha Colbeth and her boyfriend Jimmy,

Nickolas Morse, Zachary Bonnayer, Emma Bonnayer; and her great-grandchildren, Natalie, Parker, Carter, Amelia, Illiana, Diana, Lainey, Mason, and Riley. Sandra also leaves behind her beloved dogs and faithful companions, Riley, Ruby, and Rosie.

She was predeceased by her brother, David Judge, and by her beloved grandson, Cody Perry. She was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire, to the late Irving and Esther (Cruisius) Judge, but was primarily raised by her loving and devoted stepfather, Guy Elder, along with Esther. Sandra worked as a housekeep-

er for many years. Sandra was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She enjoyed cooking and baking, especially cookies, and she loved visiting Old Orchard Beach with her friends and family. She also enjoyed the time she spent going to local fairs, especially the Big E.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a calling hour on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, from 10-11 a.m. in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware. A funeral service will be held immediately following the calling hour, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauafh.com.

Harold E. Perry Jr., 70

AUGUSTA, ME – Harold E. Perry, Jr., most recently of Augusta, Maine passed Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, at Oak Grove Rehabilitation in Waterville, Maine, at age 70.



Harold was born in Waterville, Maine, at the "Old Sisters Hospital" Aug. 31, 1953, to Harold "Tex" E. Perry, Sr. and Jeanette (Campbell) Perry, and grew up in the Ware/Gilbertville/Palmer/Belchertown area of Massachusetts.

Harold was a storyteller, and there was much truth in each and every one of his stories, whether you believed him or not. His stories ranged from seeing and being chased by a creature in a field in Massachusetts, walking the train tracks to town and entering a bank with his hunting rifle, to loading trucks with tissue with his best friend, Mark Mijak.

Harold's favorite memory was when he joined a barbecue being

held in the Quabbin.

He was bicycling around the Quabbin, when he came across a family gathering. Harold joined the line for a hamburger, then joined the gathering.

As he sat at a picnic table, he was asked who he was, in true Harold style, he replied that he was a kid, and he was 8 years old. The next questions asked were wondering if he knew the family he was sitting with.

Of course he did - Bobby, Teddy, and President John F. Kennedy! As you can imagine, Harold was soon escorted home, in a limo, by the security detail, and some of the family.

Harold considered himself to be a "Mill Rat" having worked in various mills around central Massachusetts and central Maine.

When "Night Shift" was auditioning local folks for parts in the movie, Harold and his brother Richard decided to try out. Harold

noticed that his paperwork had been set aside, in a separate pile.

He laughed and said, he must not be good enough, but the assistant told him that was not true - he "was the pile" of people chosen. Harold did not take them up on the offer, as he had commitments at home and work (in a local mill).

Harold was predeceased by his parents, several aunts and uncles, sisters Joan Perry Dodge, and Mary Perry, and their partners.

Harold is survived by his wife Ann Russell, sister Alice (Carl) LaForte, brother Richard (Lori) Perry, sister Kianna (Nobby) Page and brother Robert Perry. Harold had many nieces, nephews, as well as several great nephews.

Graveside service at 11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, at Forest Grove Cemetery in Augusta, Maine followed by a Celebration of Life to be held at the Viles Arboretum in Augusta, Maine.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.

Arrangements by Funeral Alternatives in Augusta, Maine.

Photo contest seeks entries for Hardwick calendar

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Christmas on the Common Committee will be holding a photo contest for the chance to be the featured photo in its Hardwick 2024 calendar cover or the picture of the month

Photos must be taken within

the town. Pictures can be nature, animals, people, scenic, etc.

All entries must be emailed to christmasoncommonhardwick@gmail.com by Oct. 20. Entries must include photographer's name, location the photo was taken, and what month (or cover)

you'd like to be entered in.

Voting will open Oct. 21-29 on the Hardwick Christmas on the Common Facebook page.

Calendars will be sold at the upcoming Hardwick Classic Christmas on the Common on Sunday Nov. 26.

Lucille M. Pluta, 91

GILBERTVILLE – Lucille (Teel) Pluta, of Gilbertville, passed away peacefully on Oct. 5, 2023, surrounded by her children, at the age of 91.



Teel, born to parents Wilfred and Opalma (Plouffe) Vachon in Gilbertville, graduated from Hardwick High School in 1947 and went on to marry Walter Pluta in 1952. Walter and Teel and their five children moved to Cape Cod in 1973 where Teel owned Mill and Fabrics in South Yarmouth.

When Teel and Walter moved back to Gilbertville in 1982, Teel worked for Otto Florist in Ware. She was a parishioner of St. Aloysius Church in Gilbertville.

As a practical joker, Teel had a great sense of humor and enjoyed spending time with family and lifelong friends. She was a ruthless, competitive card player and ensured everyone knew, "there are no friends at the card table."

Teel loved Foxwoods and enjoyed many nights playing the slots with her sister Lorraine.

Family came first for Teel as she was fiercely dedicated to all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She leaves behind her son Gerard Pluta and his fiancé Terry Leary of Gilbertville, son Todd Pluta and his wife Lynn of Whitman, daughter Shelley Harrington of Dudley, son-in-law Michael DeMarco of Ellington, Connecticut, sister Claire Giard of Barre, and brother Wilfred (Rick) Vachon and his wife Joanne of Chatham.

Meme Teel also leaves behind her grandchildren Casey DeMarco

Death notices

Bessette, Tina Marie (Dubay-Bean)
Died Oct. 4, 2023
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Perry Jr., Harold E.
Died Sept. 30, 2023
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and his partner Nicole McVeigh of Connecticut, Daryl DeMarco and his wife Heather of Connecticut, Kate Marino and her husband Steve of New York, Jeff Pluta and his partner Tsetsi Malinova of New York, Alison Francis and her husband Chris of Massachusetts, Ryan Costello of Florida, Jason Harrington and his wife Nikki of Massachusetts, Greg Harrington of Massachusetts, Amanda Miller and her husband Chris of Texas, and Paige Rorie and her husband John of Alabama. Teel also leaves behind her great-grandchildren Finnigan, Katie Mae, Lillian, Lily, Landry, Walter, Cordelia, Phoenix, Maeve, Audrina, and Austin, and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Teel was predeceased by her husband Walter, son Derek, daughter Debra, and sister Lorraine.

There was a funeral mass at St. Aloysius Church on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, followed by a graveside service where she was buried alongside her husband Walter and son Derek. There were no calling hours.

The family would like to extend their thanks to Beacon Hospice, and love to Aggy, Gina, Sarah, Carolyn, Julia, and Gloria.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St. Aloysius Church or Beacon Hospice.

Cebula Funeral Home of Ware is directing the funeral service. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

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Food drive hosted by North Brookfield Savings Bank

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank is gearing up for their annual food drive fundraiser, offering the chance to share some kindness, support the Community and help those in need during the season of giving.

North Brookfield Savings Bank's food drive fundraiser, held from Oct. 1-31, helps provide much-needed food items to local neighbors and families in need.

For every item collected through the Community, North Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute \$1, for a total of up to \$3,000, to help fund

the pantries' operations. The Bank's goal is to collect at least 3,500 items in total, but the Bank will be contributing monetarily and is issuing a challenge to the Community.

Community members are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items, paper goods, toiletries, or any monetary donations at any of NBSB's convenient branches anytime throughout the month of October, with the proceeds going directly to local food pantries.

Examples of non-perishable and non-food items that pantries can use are paper towels, toilet paper,

tissues, diapers, and baby wipes; deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste; dry and canned pasta and soups, canned meats, tuna, and salmon; peanut butter, jelly, tea bags, and ground coffee; canned vegetables and fruits, hot and cold cereals, rice, cake mixes, pancake mix, syrup, powdered milk, and granulated sugar; canned juices, baby food, baby formula, granola, and cereal bars.

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's Community visit www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com.

3rd annual TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K Oct. 29

STURBRIDGE – The Rotary Club of Sturbridge has announced that its popular TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K, and Fun Walk will return on Sunday, Oct. 29.

According to race director Klaus Hachfeld the family-friendly event offers two timed races, including a 5K trail run and fun walk, and a 1K road race.

The timed 1K road race for preteens (12 years and under) starts at 9:30 a.m. It will be a road race along Old Sturbridge Village Road, making it accessible to persons with mobility challenges.

The timed 5K trail run and fun walk will start at 10 a.m. using Old Sturbridge Village Road and the Arbutus Park Trail in the Leadmine

Mountain Wildlife Conservation Lands.

All activities begin at the OSV Education Center on Old Sturbridge Village Road. Parking will be available in the Education Center lot.

The event also includes a costume parade for younger children, free games, and relay races beginning at 9 a.m. at the Education Center, and organized by a volunteer team from Burgess Elementary School. No pre-registration is required for the children's activities.

"This year, we've added a special prize for the best costume in both races," said Hachfeld. "Judging will be by popular choice during the presentation ceremony at the end of the race."

Pre-registration is now available on the RaceWire website at <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=13548>

All participants who pre-register by Oct. 21 will get a TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K and fun walk tee-shirt. On-site registration will also be available starting at 8:30 a.m.

The Trek Sturbridge Halloween 5K and fun walk is a Sturbridge Rotary Club fundraiser, with all profits going to local student scholarships and other community needs projects. For additional information, visit the Sturbridge Rotary Club website at <https://sturbridgerotary.com/> or email the race director at laserklaus@gmail.com.

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Morgan, Beckett and Delaney

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Randi Lee Swistak-Stelmokas
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18th Anniversary

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and lived every moment to be happy.
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that made you charismatic to us and others.
We believe that you were
from the highest realms of heaven...
brought here to make people happy,
and you did just that.
But most of all sweet angel of ours,
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Morgan, Beckett and Delaney

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Members of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force prepare to read statements of support for domestic violence survivors.



Domestic Violence Awareness Walk Coordinator Jennie Simmons speaks to the crowd.



Musician Lori Brooks performed during the 8th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.



Empty seats at the table represent people who died as a result of domestic violence.



Peggy Baxter participated in the Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and offered a prayer during the program.



Melissa Hutchins and Nancy Talbot walk down Main Street together.



The Unforgiving Guardians joined others in the walk.

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walk, remembering those who have lost their lives to domestic violence empowers them to support and advocate for survivors.

An empty table, carefully set with plates, silverware and glasses at each seat, provided a sad but poignant reminder of the lives that have been lost at the hands of an abuser. Many of the victims were children and teenagers.

Sammy, age 9, joined her family at the walk as she has for many years.

This year, Sammy spent almost two hours creating a colorful sign to hold during the walk, stating "Stop the Violence," and decorated with stickers and a rainbow of colors.

"I've been going to the domestic violence walk a long time and I wanted to make my own poster," she said.

Emceeding the program before and after the walk was Ware High School Domestic Violence Task Force member Shelby Hogan. She has been on the task force for two years.

Also joining her at the podium was fellow task force member Abby McQuaid, who has been a member for three years.

McQuaid shared what a healthy relationship looks like compared to an unhealthy one, which is crucial as the highest rate of domestic violence affects people ages 16-24.

"We will continue to do our small part," McQuaid said of the task force's efforts to educate and support students in the high school.

The task force is advised by teachers Dan Orszulak and Jesse Trzpit.

Trzpit said in school, the task force advocates for those who are struggling, and they even made a video about domestic violence. Trzpit said the task force plans to make another video this year.

Trzpit said the task force also led a schoolwide writing prompt, with anonymous answers displayed in the school's library.

"We hope we can continue to reach more and more people," he said. "We hope that one day, we can live in a world free of domestic violence."

Representing the Selectboard, Nancy Talbot spoke about how domestic violence has touched the lives of those in her family, and said speaking at this event is hard for her.

"I know some of you are still hurting," she said to the crowd. "Many of you walk in silence... afraid to say anything."

Talbot said two of her own relatives fell into unhealthy relationships in high school, but now have successful lives after leaving the abuse, and are the "pride and joy" of her family.

"It's a book of life we all have," Talbot said. "Sometimes, the chapter needs to be closed."

Talbot encouraged those at the walk to reach out to people and offer support, and reminded survivors that help is available through a number of services.

"When someone is hurting, they are sometimes more willing to reach out to a stranger," she said.

Two survivors who attended the walk shared their stories, both of which reflected on generational abuse and how to break the cycle.

One survivor said it's not easy to survive generational domestic violence, and she has forgiven herself for choices she made in reaction to this lifelong abuse.

"Domestic violence is deadly... it kills the soul," she said. "Social media has made domestic violence worse. It is everywhere."

Surviving can be both scary and lonely, she said, but she reminded those present that they deserve to be loved.

Another survivor from the Unforgiving Guardians said it has been eight years since she left her abuser, after reaching out to the Behavioral Health Network and getting help while she was living in another state.

Eventually she went to court to face her abuser and she was granted a divorce and was able to retrieve her belongings.

"I no longer have to worry about being late from the store, or taking too long in the bathroom," she said. "I still wake up from nightmares... it does take time to get to where you want to be."

The survivor said she was so blessed to have the support of BHN and the Unforgiving Guardians to leave the situation she was in.

"It just takes three words," she said. "I need help."



Melissa Stebenne of Palmer holds a sign remembering her best friend Amber Carpenter, who was murdered by her boyfriend last October.



Anthia Elliot, director of Domestic Violence Services at Behavioral Health Network, holds a sign during a walk.



Sammy, age 9, holds a sign she made for the Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.



Catherine Kay of Community Legal Aid offered support for domestic violence survivors.

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How women professionals can make more time for family

Women wear many hats every day. That's especially true for women juggling families and careers. Chauffeur, negotiator, advocate, moderator, mom, wife, and employee are just some of the titles that apply to modern women.

Data from the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Census Bureau indicate women represent nearly half of the United States workforce, but women still devote more time than men to housework and child care. While few are advocating for traditional gender roles of the past to be reinstated, a 2012 Pew Research survey found that very few adults (16 percent) indicated having a mother who works full-time is the "ideal situation" for the family. Nearly 42 percent said a mother who works part-time is ideal. Even among full-time working mothers, only about 20 percent said that having a full-time working mother is ideal for young children.

"Ideal" is not always practical, and since the Pew survey, the workforce has changed in many ways, particularly by the number of employers who have adopted family-friendly policies or pivoted to remote working during the COVID-19 pandemic. That means working moms have even greater leverage to find a balance that works for their unique situations. These tips can help women free up more time for what's most meaningful to them.

• **Employ time-saving strategies.** Embrace ways to save time during the day. Order groceries online during a lunch break and pick them up curbside after work. Pool resources with a neighbor to cover school transportation if busing is not provided. Schedule conference calls during commutes so they don't eat into the rest of the day.

• **Define your priorities.** Think about what cannot be compromised or negotiated. Maybe that is being home at a particular time each day so the family enjoys dinner together. Get clear ideas of what you value most so you can build plans around those priorities.

• **Take vacation time.** Make it a point to use all vacation time, coordinating days off to coincide with family members' days off. Family vacations offer the best shots at uninterrupted, enjoyable time together. They should be ranked highly and scheduled early to ensure travel is possible.

• **Use technology to stay connected.** There are times when the family may not be able to gather in person. This became evident at the start of the pandemic, when social distancing and isolation became a cautionary tactic to prevent disease proliferation. If the kids are missing you or you are missing the kids at any time during the day, a video chat can be just what everyone needs to feel better.

• **Outsource housework and chores with smart ideas.** If the budget is there, hire a housekeeper to come in weekly to tame messes around the house. A "mom's helper" can be hired to come in and tend to certain needs. Family calendar apps can serve as personal assistants to keep track of family appointments. Clothing subscription boxes save time and provide a way to have carefully curated outfits shipped right to your home. A robot vacuum can tame dog fur on the rug while you are working in a home office. These ideas can free up additional time to spend with the family.

Working mothers can employ strategies to ensure ample time can be devoted to the ones they love.



This black truck was a crowd favorite.



The burnouts were the main event at the 3rd annual First Alarm benefit.



This truck put up a cloud of smoke from its tires.



Drivers took turns burning out.

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Nick Gaumont takes his second turn during the burnouts.



Zoii and Emilia show off their face paint.



Smoke from the burnouts drifts in front of the car.



Many unique and interesting vehicles were featured in the car show, including this van.



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Hardwick Vineyard & Winery's Kaitlin Young and Hardwick Fire Chief Raymond Walker point to the highest bidder during the auction.

Hardwick Fire brings the heat at 3rd annual benefit

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Fire Department hosted its 3rd annual First Alarm benefit event at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery this past Saturday.

Crowds gathered for the main event, the burnout competition, which also featured a "date with a firefighter" auction.

There was also a car show, vendor fair, food trucks, live music, reptile show, pie-in-the-face, face painting and much more.



A firefighter sweeps gravel from the metal plates used for burnouts by the low riding cars.

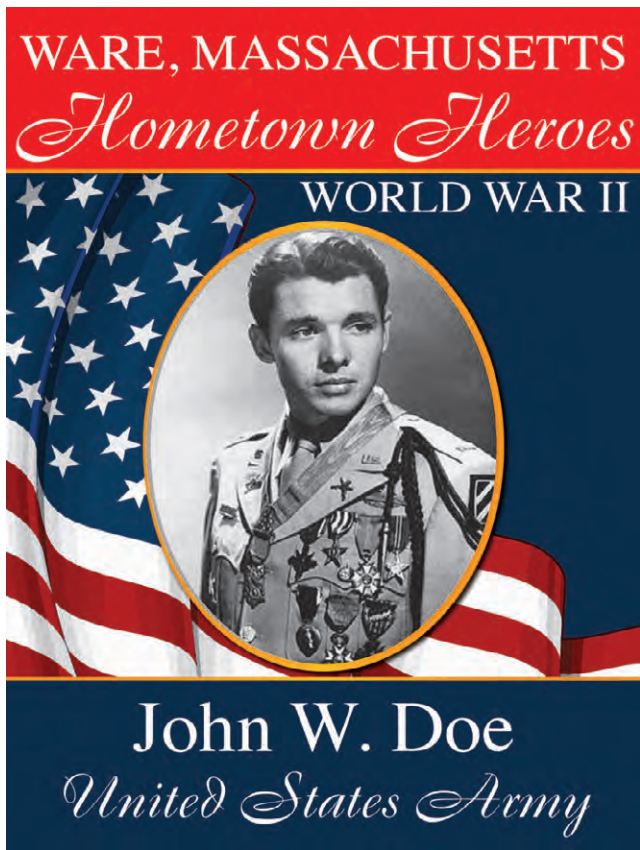


Firefighters wet the timbers for the burnouts.

People had the opportunity to explore the Fire Department's trucks.



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File photos
Dylan Doherty maneuvers through the crowd during Palmer's first game of the season against Pathfinder.



Andrew Menard sprints up the field with the ball.



File photos
Jadrien Berthiaume takes the ball over the goal line during Ware's first win this season.

Gavin Sawabi starts a run up the field for the Indians during action this season.

Panthers look for rebound game in rivalry

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—It doesn't matter if a football team has a perfect 7-0 record or are 0-7, you can throw the records out the window whenever Palmer and Ware battle each other on the gridiron.

The 97th meeting between the two neighboring high schools is scheduled to take place at Veteran's Field, which is located behind Ware High School, at 1 p.m. on Oct. 28. It'll be the final regular season game for both teams.

"The Ware game used to be played around Veteran's Day and it's nice having the game played at the end of the regular season again," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac. "Most of the people who live in both communities already know what this game is all about and how long it has been played. It's always a game that you circle on the calendar when the football schedules come out. We're looking forward to playing this year's game."

Marciniac, who graduated from Palmer High School in 2006,

has been a part of the rivalry game as a player, assistant coach, and a head coach.

"Between being an assistant coach and a head coach, I believe this will be my 16th year coaching in the rivalry game," said Marciniac, who took over the head coaching duties from Peter Farr in the fall of 2019. "We didn't have very much success against Ware during my high school career, but we did beat them in my senior year. It's something that my teammates and I still talk about whenever we

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Fazio hopes to maintain perfect mark against Panthers

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—Thomas Shamgochain replaced Gene Rich as the Athletic Director at Ware High School prior to the start of the 2018-19 school year. Since that time, the Palmer-Ware football trophy has been on display inside Shamgochain's office.

"The Palmer-Ware football game is very important to the players on both teams," Shamgochain said. "If we do win this year's game, the players will have the trophy for a few days. It's like the

Stanley Cup tradition. Then the trophy will be displayed in my office for the rest of the year. The game means a lot to both communities. It's like a Super Bowl and the kids are very excited about it."

Shamgochain, who graduated from Quabbin Regional in Barre, didn't know very much about the rivalry game before he arrived at Ware High School.

"When I was a student at Quabbin, we didn't have a rivalry game like this one. I'm still learning about the Palmer and Ware football game, which has been a lot of fun," Shamgochain said. "I

really enjoy talking with the older fans about the early football games. I've also been looking at some pictures."

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No.	Name	Position	Grade
3	Dylan Doherty	RB/LB	10
5	Matthew Santos	QB/DB	10
7	Andrew Menard	WR/DB	12
9	Griffin Nawrocki	RB/DB	9
10	Tanner Kirk	RB/LB	12
12	Hunter White	RB/LB	10
21	Dyland Holbrook	TE/DB	9
25	Oswaldo Nieves, Jr.	WR/DB	12
27	Kodah Laviolette	WR/DB	10
30	Chase Lacasse	RB/LB	10
40	Landon Couture	TE/DE	10
42	Caleb McLarey	RB/LB	10
45	Karter Benoit	TE/LB	12
52	Brecken Gilman	OL/DL	10
55	Gavin Smola	OL/DE	10
62	Guillermo Rivera	OL/LB	11
63	Julien Valentin	OL/DL	11
70	Jared Perry	OL/DL	10
71	Andrew Haley	OL/DL	12
81	Kody Soynahang	WR/DB	11
82	Gustavo Calcano Vega	WR/DB	10
86	Tim Peiwhiet	WR/DB	12



Palmer Football (1-5)

Week 1 – Saturday, Sept. 9 – Pathfinder 33, Palmer 6
 Week 2 – Friday, Sept. 15 – Quaboag 34, Palmer 0
 Week 3 – Friday, Sept. 22 – Easthampton 56, Palmer 8
 Week 4 – Saturday, Sept. 30 – Palmer 6, Mahar 0
 Week 5 – Friday, Oct. 6 – Franklin Tech 44, Palmer 0
 Week 6 – Friday, Oct. 13 – Athol 27, Palmer 0
 Week 7 – Thursday, Oct. 19 – vs. Greenfield 6 p.m.
 Week 8 – Saturday, Oct. 28 – at Ware 1 p.m.
 Week 9 – Nov. 3/4 – TBD
 Week 10 – Nov. 10/11 – TBD
 Thanksgiving – Thursday, Nov. 23 – vs. Ludlow 10 a.m.

Palmer vs. Ware - Past results

With their 2022 win, their eighth in the last nine years, Ware leads all-time series 48-43-5.

1925	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1959	Ware 24	Palmer 14	1991	Ware 14	Palmer 14
1926	Ware 13	Palmer 7			(win Guard Trophy)	1992	Ware 46	Palmer 0
1927	Palmer 13	Ware 7	1960	Palmer 14	Ware 0	1993	Ware 34	Palmer 27
1928	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1961	Palmer 22	Ware 14	1994	Ware 14	Palmer 7
1929	Ware 13	Palmer 2	1962	Palmer 14	Ware 0	1995	Ware 8	Palmer 6
1930	Ware 13	Palmer 6	1963	Palmer 28	Ware 14	1996	Palmer 21	Ware 12
1931	Palmer 6	Ware 0	1964	Palmer 28	Ware 6	1997	Ware 28	Palmer 6
1932	Palmer 34	Ware 0	1965	Palmer 28	Ware 0	1998	Ware 30	Palmer 0
1933	Palmer 32	Ware 0	1966	Palmer 34	Ware 6	1999	Ware 42	Palmer 0
1934	Palmer 14	Ware 13	1967	Palmer 13	Ware 6	2000	Ware 34	Palmer 0
1935	Palmer 14	Ware 13	1968	Ware 18	Palmer 6	2001	Ware 28	Palmer 0
1936	Ware 12	Palmer 6		(snowstorm moved game to Nov. 23)	2002	Ware 20	Palmer 6	
1937	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1969	Palmer 42	Ware 6	2003	Ware 20	Palmer 14
1938	Ware 26	Palmer 6	1970	Ware 12	Palmer 6	2004	Ware 43	Palmer 6
1939	Ware 13	Palmer 0	1971	Ware 6	Palmer 2	2005	Palmer 12	Ware 0
1940	Ware 6	Palmer 0	1972	Palmer 26	Ware 9	2006	Ware 8	Palmer 6
1941	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1973	Palmer 14	Ware 12	2007	Palmer 26	Ware 6
1942	Palmer 39	Ware 0	1974	Ware 14	Palmer 6	2008	Palmer 33	Ware 0
1943	Palmer 62	Ware 0	1975	Ware 18	Palmer 6	2009	Ware 16	Palmer 6
1944	No game		1976	Ware 8	Palmer 0	2010	Palmer 33	Ware 0
1945	Palmer 15	Ware 0	1977	Ware 20	Palmer 0	2011	Palmer 21	Ware 0
1946	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1978	Palmer 6	Ware 0	2012	Ware 29	Palmer 20
1947	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1979	Ware 38	Palmer 12	2013	Ware 20	Palmer 0
1948	Ware 14	Palmer 7	1980	Ware 21	Palmer 0	2014	Ware 14	Palmer 0
1949	Palmer 24	Ware 0	1981	Ware 27	Palmer 0	2015	Palmer 14	Ware 6
1950	Palmer 51	Ware 6	1982	Palmer 12	Ware 6	2016	Ware 26	Palmer 6
1951	Palmer 25	Ware 14	1983	Ware 10	Palmer 6	2017	Ware 41	Palmer 6
1952	Palmer 32	Ware 13	1984	Ware 7	Palmer 0	2018	Ware 19	Palmer 6
1953	Palmer 32	Ware 13	1985	Ware 26	Ware 6	2019	Ware 34	Palmer 28
1954	Palmer 34	Ware 13	1986	Palmer 34	Ware 14		No game played – COVID-19 pandemic	
1955	Palmer 6	Ware 0	1987	Palmer 16	Ware 0	2021	Ware 42	Palmer 21
1956	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1988	Palmer 14	Ware 12	2022	Ware 21	Palmer 0
1957	Ware 54	Palmer 13	1989	Ware 21	Palmer 7	2023		at Ware
1958	Ware 10	Palmer 0	1990	Ware 28	Palmer 6			

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get together.”
 Ware enters this year’s contest with a slim 48-43-5 edge in the overall series, which began in 1925. The Indians have won the last six meetings and nine of the past ten games. The Indians celebrated a 21-0 victory at Legion Field a year ago.
 One of the things that Marciniec enjoys doing each year is talking with his players about the history of the rivalry game.
 “It’s always nice to teach the players about the history of the Palmer-Ware rivalry football game,” he said. “I try to tell my players how special the game is. It’s something that they’ll be talking about for many years. I also like to have some of my former football players talk with the current players about the game. We always try our best to win every game that we play against Ware.”
 After the first six games of the 2023 regular season, the Panthers have a 1-5 overall record, while the Indians are a perfect 6-0.
 Palmer defeated Mahar Regional, 6-0 in overtime on September 30.
 “We’ve been struggling this year, but we did do all of the little things in the Mahar game,” Marciniec said. “We played very well on defense, and we capitalized on their mistakes. We also moved the ball offensively.”
 The Panthers got the ball first in overtime and sophomore quarterback Matt Santos scored a rushing touchdown on third down.
 “After Matt scored a touchdown, the defense was able to shut them down, which was nice to see,” Marciniec said. “(senior) Oswaldo Nieves Jr.,

and (junior) Guillermo Rodriguez combined to make a tackle on fourth down. Everyone was very excited following that game.”
 The Panthers will need to continue doing all of the little things in order to end their losing streak against the Indians.
 “We just need to focus on doing the little things which will hopefully help us win the game,” Marciniec said. “Whether it’s lining up correctly or knowing the snap count.”
 The other seniors listed on the Palmer football roster are Andrew Menard, Tanner Kirk, Karter Benoit, Andrew Haley Jr., and Tim Peiwhiet.
 Santos was also the starting QB in last year’s game against Ware.
 “Matt has improved a lot this year,” Marciniec said. “He’s the type of kid who watches a lot of film and he’s always trying to get better.”
 Sophomore Dylan Doherty is a running back. Menard normally lines up as a wide receiver or a tight-end.
 A couple of leading defensive players are sophomore Hunter White, sophomore Gavin Smola, and Doherty.
 There are several players from Monson High School listed on the Panthers football roster. They’re able to play football as part of a co-op.
 “We usually have five or six players from Monson every year,” Marciniec said. “We really need those players.”
 The Panthers assistant football coaches are Andrew Haley Sr., and Jacob Graveline.

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past ten games. The Indians celebrated a 21-0 victory at Legion Field a year ago.

Just like Shamgochain, Ware football coach Mike Fazio, who graduated from David Prouty, hasn't been a part of the rivalry game for very long.

"I haven't lost to Palmer in the five years that I've been the Ware football coach. I'm hoping that the trend continues this year," Fazio said. "All of the kids know each other and it's a very important game for the members of both teams. In order for us to have a successful season, we need to beat Palmer. One of our goals is to keep the trophy in Ware. I just love coaching this team."

The Indians (6-0) will be the favorites heading into this year's contest against the Panthers (1-5).

"Because we've been successful against them in the past, it doesn't mean we'll be successful in this year's game," Fazio said. "We just need to continue playing well in that game."

The seniors listed on the Ware football roster are Talan Molina, Kyle Safford, Noah Fales, Dominic Guardino, Ayden Young, Kyle Gordon, and Jacob Witt.

"All of the seniors are great kids and they're also the mentors of our program, which is very important," Fazio said. "This is their final high school football game against Palmer, and they want to keep the winning tradition going."

The Indians will probably also need to beat Palmer in order to clinch the Intercounty North league title for the third consecutive year. They'll also be trying to clinch a spot in the MIAA Division 8 playoffs.

"You basically need to win every game to qualify for the state playoffs," Fazio said. "It's a true state playoff system and our ultimate goal is to play in the Division 8 Super Bowl game at Gillette Stadium."

Molina and Safford are the Indians two leading running backs this season.

"Both of them are seniors and they've put a lot of time in the weight room during the offseason," Fazio said. "They wouldn't be successful without the line blocking for them."

The members of the Indians offensive line are junior Nate Harmon, junior Ben Paro, junior Alex Orszulak, Fales, and Gordon.

The Indians first-year starting QB is Brady Dyer, who replaced Jack Autcher.

"Brady has done a really good job so far this season," Fazio said. "He has grown a lot since the first game of the season. He also has a lot more confidence."

Several other skill position players are junior wide receiver Gavin Sawabi, sophomore running back Jadrien Berthiaume, and junior tight-end Ben Torres.

The Ware defense has posted four shutouts. They did allow 27 points in a one point win at Narragansett on September 15. Athol also scored 13 points against Ware, but six of them came on an interception return for a touchdown.

The leaders of the Indians defensive unit are Safford, Harmon, Gordon, and Fales.

"The defense has done a great job this year," said Fazio, who calls the defensive plays. "We've been able to post a couple of shutouts."

The Indians assistant coaches are Nick Vantangoli, and Scott Slattery, who has been involved in the Palmer-Ware rivalry football game for almost his entire life.



Ware High School Football – 2023-2024 Roster

No.	Name	Position	Grade
1	Dalton Marquis	RB/DB	9
2	Gavin Sawabi	RB/DB	11
3	Jayden Kern	WR/DB	11
4	Thomas Richter	WR/LB	11
5	Talan Molina	RB/LB	12
6	Brady Dyer	QB/DB	11
7	Troy Dufresne	WR/DB	10
8	Kyle Safford	RB/LB	12
9	Jadrien Berthiaume	RB/DB	10
10	Troy Jurczyk	QB/DB	9
11	Brayden Compton	WR/DB	10
13	Sean Bernier	WR/DB	10
14	Zachary Safford	WR/DB	8
15	Jacob McNamee	WR/DB	9
17	Julius Marquis	WR/DB	8
21	Nathan Luxon	OL/LB	11
22	Mekhai Johnson	WR/DB	9
25	Samuel Torres	RB/LB	9
44	Zachary Scott	WR/DB	11
50	Benjamin Paro	OL/DL	11
54	Matthew Gambino	OL/DL	11
55	Noah Fales	OL/LB	12
56	Dominic Guardino	OL/DL	12
60	Ethan Corder	OL/LD	10
63	Dominic Montalban	OL/LB	11
64	Enrique Burton	OL/DL	9
66	Kyle Gordon	OL/DL	12
68	Jayden Diaz	OL/DL	9
71	Jacoby Heredia	OL/DL	10
72	Cam Grushey	OL/DL	9
73	Jacob Witt	OL/DL	12
74	Nathan Harmon	OL/DL	11
75	Hunter Briand	OL/DL	9
76	Marek Luongo	OL/DL	10
83	Benjamin Torres	OL/DL	11
84	Alex Orszulak	TE/LB	10

Ware Football (6-0)

Week 1 – Friday, Sept. 8 – Ware 20, Easthampton 0
 Week 2 – Friday, Sept. 15 – Ware 28, Narragansett 27
 Week 3 – Friday, Sept. 22 – Ware 21, Drury 0
 Week 4 – Friday, Sept. 29 – Ware 18, Greenfield 0
 Week 5 – Friday, Oct. 6 – Ware 34, Athol 13
 Week 6 – Friday, Oct. 13 – Ware 35, Mahar 0
 Week 7 – Friday, Oct. 20 – at Franklin Tech 7 p.m.
 Week 8 – Saturday, Oct. 28 – vs. Palmer 1 p.m.
 Week 9 – Nov. 3/4 – TBD
 Week 10 – Nov. 10/11 – TBD
 Thanksgiving – Wednesday, Nov. 22 – at Quaboag 6 p.m.

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Ware boys soccer continues to roll

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—Ludlow, Hampshire Regional, and Ware High School were the final three remaining unbeaten boys' varsity soccer teams in Western Massachusetts.

The Indians celebrated senior night by posting an 11-1 victory over the Commerce Red Raiders at Veteran's Field, last Tuesday.

"It's always a lot of fun to win a game on senior night," said second-year Ware head coach Charlene Vallee, who also coaches the Indians JV soccer team "We're carrying over our success from last season."

It was the Indians first win over the Red Raiders on the soccer pitch since they posted a 3-0 victory in 2015.

The six Ware seniors, who were honored prior to the start of the Commerce match, are Remy Cahalan, Mathew Desrosiers, Gavin Kanozek, Jack McKeever, Joruan Mukiibi, and John Mumper.

"The six seniors will be very hard to replace next year," Vallee said. "The players are like one big family on and off the field. I couldn't ask for a better group."

The Indians captains are Cahalan, McKeever, Mukiibi, and Kanozek.

Mukiibi, who transferred to Ware High School from Westborough High School, is a first-year member of the Indians varsity soccer team.

"I really wish Joruan could play for our soccer team for more than one season," Vallee said. "He's like a point guard on a basketball team. He normally sets everything up for



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John Mumper sends a pass away.

us. He's also capable of scoring goals. He's fit into our team very well this year."

Mumper, who's a starting pitcher for the Indians baseball team, leads the senior class with 10 goals.

The Indians wrapped up the 2022 campaign with an 11-3-3 overall record. They finished in second place in the Tri-County League standings behind first place Pathfinder with an 8-0-3 record.

Before the start of this season, Ware was moved to the Bi-County League. They're currently sitting in first place in the league standings.

"We decided to change leagues this year because the boys want-

ed to play more challenging opponents," Vallee said. "We've met every challenge so far this season."

A year ago, Ware lost to Granby, 3-1, in the Western Mass. Class E Quarterfinals and to Pioneer Charter School of Science, 5-1, in a preliminary round game of the Division 5 state tournament.

"Our main goal this season is to be the top-seeded team in the Western Mass. tournament," Vallee said. "We also want to make a run in the state tournament."

Following last Tuesday's home match, the Indians had a perfect

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Joruan Mukiibi tries to get around an opponent.



Owen McKeever makes his way up the field.

Ware volleyball falls to Belchertown

BELCHERTOWN – Last Friday night, Ware girls volleyball participated in the "Spike It For Life" game with Belchertown, falling 3-0 in the matchup. The annual matchup between the two teams is a cancer fundraiser and the schools have been having the matchup for several years. With the defeat, Ware is 6-11 for the season.



Kaley Campbell makes a set.

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LEFT: Nyenye Crump gets the bump.



Andrea Albano dives for the bump.



Kira Gennett squares up a hit to start play.



Gabrielle Riendeau catches up to a pass.



Riley Sloan goes for the throw-in.

Cougars take care of Oxford

WARREN – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quaboag girls soccer defeated Oxford 2-1. Unfortunately, they did not keep the momentum going as they lost to Tantasqua Regional 1-0 later in the week. The Cougars are 4-7-2 and are looking for a few more wins to both qualify for tournament and increase their power ranking before the end of the season.



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Paige Leach sends the goal kick away.



Emma Zalesky keeps the ball in play with a low hit.



Parker Tunley tries to move forward with the ball.



Madeline Potvin balances the ball.



Elizabeth Tetlow looks to clear the ball.

T-Birds rebound to beat Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-1-0-0) overcame a subpar second period and battled their way to a 4-3 win over the Providence Bruins (0-1-0-1) on Sunday afternoon inside the MassMutual Center.

Vadim Zherenko got the nod in net for Springfield and picked up the win, stopping 38 shots on the afternoon. On the other end, Brandon Bussi got the start for Providence in the net, making 20 saves on 24 T-Birds attempts.

After a flurry of chances in the Providence zone about halfway through the first period, captain Matthew Peca got the T-Birds on the board first as he knocked a rebound home at the 7:48 mark. On a seemingly harmless play, Wyatt Kalynuk wristed a point shot toward Bussi, who appeared like he would squeeze it in the glove to get a whistle. Instead, the puck popped out of his trapper, and Springfield kept the puck in the zone the next half minute, culminating in the goal by Peca, which came as a sixth attacker was jumping on the ice following a delayed Providence penalty.

Peca's first goal of the season

would be the only tally of the period, as the T-Birds marched back to their dressing room with a 1-0 lead. Nathan Walker picked up a point for a second straight day, getting credit for the primary helper, while Dylan Coghlan accrued his first point as a T-Bird with the secondary assist.

Providence had a golden opportunity to score five minutes into the second frame when Vincent Arseneau took advantage of a turnover and found teammate Joey Abate in the slot, but Abate's shot nailed the post and the score remained 1-0.

The T-Birds had a golden opportunity of their own to capitalize on with 7:28 to go in the second after Zachary Bolduc intercepted an errant pass, but Bolduc just missed on the glove side of Bussi as the shot sailed over the crossbar.

John Farinacci finally got the P-Bruins on the board, hammering home a rebound past Zherenko on the power play, tying the game up at one apiece.

With just over a minute to play

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Burke leads way for Pathfinder football

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—During the first five weeks of the high school football season, Pathfinder Tech senior William Burke was a cornerback.

Burke saw his first action at the running back position against Tri-County League rival Drury last Friday night.

Burke scored the first rushing touchdown of his varsity career late in the fourth quarter. It turned out to be the difference maker, as the Pioneers pulled out an exciting 26-18 victory over the Blue Devils at St Joseph's Park.

"When I scored my first touchdown of the season, it was just an amazing feeling," said Burke, who rushed for a total of 73 yards on 10 carries in the home game. "I was a tight-end last year, but this was the first time that I've been a running back."

Pathfinder head coach Bill Darling is very glad that he and his coaching staff decided to move Burke to running back.

"Most of our running backs are either freshmen or sophomores. We just needed to make a change at that position," Darling said. "Billy is a solid football player and he's a very hard worker. I just thought it was awesome when he scored that touchdown late in the fourth quarter."

Burke also scored a touchdown in a varsity football game a year ago.

"I did catch a touchdown pass against Ware last year," said Burke, who's going to be a member of the Pioneers wrestling team this winter. "Scoring a touchdown in tonight's game was a much better feeling because I just love being a running back."

The home victory evened the Pioneers overall record at 3-3 and they have a 2-1 league record. They're also 2-0 at home and are in a four-way tie for first place in the league standings.

Drury (1-5,1-2), who captured the Tri-County League title a year ago, tied the score at 18-18 with 7:44 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Pioneers defense made a stop on the two-point conversion play, which would've given the visitors from North Adams a two-point lead.

Following a 23-yard kick-off return by sophomore Dustyn Cook, the Pioneers offense, which is led by senior quarterback Hunter Griswold, set-up shop at their own 40-yard line.

After gaining just six yards on the first three plays of the series, Griswold kept the drive alive by completing a nine-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Jarrett Skowyra on fourth down.

"Hunter is an outstanding athlete, and he's also a great kid," Darling said. "We have a lot of confidence in him to complete that pass to Jarrett on fourth down. It was a pivotal play of that drive."

Griswold also completed a 17-yard pass to senior wide receiver Ethan Nompoggi-Hawk and a four-yard pass to senior tight-end Jacob Longo, which moved the ball down to the Blue Devils 33.

Then Griswold called his own number and rushed for ten yards, which set the stage for Burke, who scored on a 19-yard power run up the middle with 3:23 left on the scoreboard clock.

Griswold completed a touchdown pass to Longo on the conversion play giving the home team an eight-point lead.

The Blue Devils offense did move the ball down to the Pioneers 20-yard line with the help of a 25-yard reception by junior Cole Wetherell, but freshman Nicholas Pfister made the Pioneers fourth fumble recovery of the game on the next play.

The Pioneers picked up a first down on their final offensive series



The Pathfinder defensive line attacks.

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Jarrett Skowyra starts a return for the Pioneers.



William Burke powers through the middle.



Dylan Cominoli gets a first down with a short run.



Hunter Griswold scrambles around looking for a receiver.

before Griswold took a knee on the last two plays of the game.

Things didn't start out very well for Pathfinder Tech, as the Drury offense marched down the field during the opening series. The Blue Devils took a 6-0 lead five minutes into the first quarter following a short TD run by senior Hunter Marceau.

Pathfinder Tech answered with an eight-play scoring drive, which was capped off with a four-yard dash into the endzone by Griswold. A pass attempt on the two-point

conversion try was incomplete in the endzone.

On the ensuing kickoff, senior Orion Flowers recovered a fumble, which gave the Pioneers the ball back at the Blue Devils 18.

The home team took the lead for the first time two plays later when Griswold hooked up with Skowyra for a 13-yard TD reception. The extra point attempt was blocked.

The Pioneers defensive unit

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Abigail Rogowski passes past a Leominster player as Kylie Casey follows up.



Annabelle Magille collides with the goalie while taking a shot.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy

Panthers suffer shutout loss

BARRE – Last Monday afternoon, Quabbin field hockey suffered a setback with a 1-0 loss against Leominster. The lone goal in the game came with 12 minutes remaining in the game. Quabbin was not able to break through and tie the game. The Panthers are now 7-4-3 and have qualified for the state tournament.



Julianna Stanger makes a save for the Panthers.



Gracie Talbot launches a shot.

Bowling tournament sets new fundraising record

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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AGAWAM – The doubles tournament at Agawam Bowl set a single day record to raise money for Candlepins for Cancer.

The tournament itself, based off entries already raised \$1,000 for the charity. Other fundraisers consisted of 50/50 raffles, direct donations, and the purchase of about 20 WOW Shirts.

Manager Jim Feeley and the staff at Agawam Bowl did a fantastic job running the tournament. Alongside them was Candlepins for Cancer promoter and candlepin bowling broadcaster, Paul Grant.

Grant alongside members of Candlepin Bowling Network returned to Agawam for another fundraising event and to record a great competition featuring bowlers from Massachusetts, New

Hampshire, and Maine.

The grand total of funds raised on Oct. 8 set a single day record for Candlepins for Cancer.

The previous record was also held at Agawam Bowl's monthly King of the Hill tournament back on Jan. 15. The amount raised back in January was \$1,869.

The doubles tournament surpassed that amount setting a new single day record. The tournament raised a total of \$2,784 for the charity.

The tournament resulted in paying a total of six teams, including a \$1,200 first place prize. The finals were between the team of Austin Valle and Brandon Martins against the team of Craig Wester and Chris LaFreniere.

In a one-game final, the team of Valle and Martins won by a score of 281-234 over Wester and LaFreniere. Martins finished strong by scoring a 127 in the finals.

Valle and Martins split the first-place prize of \$1,200 and Wester and LaFreniere split the second place prize of \$600.

The matches during the tournament can be viewed on YouTube on the channel Candlepin Bowling Network.

For more information about the lanes, visit Agawam Bowl at 359-363 Walnut St. Extension, go to agawambowl.com or call 413-786-4108.

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CLUES ACROSS

- A device to disengage without a key
- Subdivision
- Cognizant of
- Network of nerves
- Lounge chair
- Ocean
- C. European river
- Bowl-shaped cavity
- Caesar, comedian
- Lyric poems
- Tia's sister
- A way to develop
- Cows collectively
- Areas close by
- Slightly disreputable
- Made a mistake
- One who cites
- Food stall: __ pai dong
- Narrow valley between hills
- Members of people living mainly in the Congo

CLUES DOWN

- A dissenting clique
- Japanese city
- Spiritual leader
- Second letter of Greek alphabet
- Musical term
- Ruled over
- Fortified wine
- First year player
- Moved in a circular way
- Adolescents
- Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- Someone who serves in the armed forces
- Bring up
- Factual written account (abbr.)
- Having three sides
- Annoy
- Hustle
- American WW2 leader

CLUES DOWN

- Stale atmosphere
- US Treasury
- Sound unit
- They __
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Places to play video games
- Medical event
- When you hope to arrive
- Fixed prices
- Popular Boston song
- Valley in Indiana and Illinois
- Omit when speaking
- German explorer of the Congo Basin
- Stick around
- From a distance
- Heroic tale
- Amounts of time
- Eat

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in the second, after an unforced giveaway in the defensive end by Springfield, the Bruins took advantage as Farinacci found Luke Toporowski for a one-timer in the slot, giving the P-Bruins a 2-1 lead going into the dressing room.

It didn't take long for the T-Birds to get even in the third, as Walker recorded his second goal of the season just nine sec-

onds into the period to open up the scoring, with Adam Gaudette and Calle Rosen getting credit with the assists.

Just 4:19 later, Bolduc joined the scoring party on a 2-on-1 rush as he rifled home a shot past Bussi on the blocker side. The first-round pick's first career goal made it a 3-2 game.

Providence did not go away quietly though, as Marc McLaughlin tipped in a Reilly Walsh point shot on a Bruins

power play at the 13:21 mark, bringing the game to a 3-3 tie. In need of another response, and with another delayed penalty situation, the top line delivered in the clutch. Finding a quiet area in the slot area, Gaudette snapped a perfect shot under the crossbar and recorded his first of the year and second point on the day, making it 4-3 with just 4:52 to go in the third.

Despite pulling their goalie and several dangerous scoring

chances, Providence could not tie the score and the T-Birds escaped with their first victory of the year in thrilling fashion.

The T-Birds return to the MassMutual Center on Friday to complete their season-opening three-game homestand as they take on the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

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The owner(s), occupant(s) and the public are hereby notified that the following described parcels herein, located within the municipality of WARE and HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have taxes for the **fiscal year 2021-2023** as committed to the Collector of Taxes, by the Board of Assessors of this municipality which remain delinquent and unpaid, and that the property herein described will be **TAKEN** by the **TOWN OF WARE** on **Thursday, November 30, 2023** at 10:00 AM for non-payment of taxes, including interest and all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the property shall be previously discharged..

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LOCATION: 0 CRESCENT ST
PARCEL: 28-60-4
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12334-256
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$1,255.42**
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,081.41**

CURRENT OWNER: ALLARD RANDALL A

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.6474 (more or less)
LOCATION: 22 GROVE ST
PARCEL: 61-0-157
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 6886-73
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$2,213.53**

CURRENT OWNER: ALLARD JOHN C

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.0689 (more or less)
LOCATION: 74 PULASKI ST
PARCEL: 56-0-61
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 11380-111
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$582.57**

CURRENT OWNER: ALYCAR INVESTMENTS, LLC

PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1: JAHJAN LLC
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.1584 (more or less)
LOCATION: 14-16 VIGEANT ST
PARCEL: 61-0-26
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14578-201
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$3,565.34**

CURRENT OWNER: ARSENAULT SHELLY A ARSENAULT KENNETH

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.2383 (more or less)
LOCATION: 22 CHESTNUT ST
PARCEL: 57-0-157
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14260-63
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$4,520.43**

CURRENT OWNER: BLACKHORSE BUILDERS INC

PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1: HOME4YOU LLC
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.0775 (more or less)
LOCATION: 17 SHERWIN ST
PARCEL: 63-0-199
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14519-210
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$503.05**

CURRENT OWNER: BLACKROCK SH GROUP LLC C/O JRES LLC

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.0961 (more or less)
LOCATION: 135 MAIN ST
PARCEL: 60-0-219
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14778-20
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$3,529.47**

CURRENT OWNER: BLACKWELL PROPERTIES LLC

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.2755 (more or less)
LOCATION: 116 118 NORTH ST
PARCEL: 63-0-191
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14172-69
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$989.39**

CURRENT OWNER: BRUCE DOUGLAS

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.0932 (more or less)
LOCATION: 6 8 ASPEN CT
PARCEL: 60-0-103
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 11369-77
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,057.55**

CURRENT OWNER: BRUSO DANIEL A.BRUSO HOLLY E

PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1: LOADER ALFRED JR
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.0676 (more or less)

LOCATION: 9 REAR WEST ST

PARCEL: 60-0-148
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 10708-217
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,062.61**

CURRENT OWNER: BULL RUTH TR KEANE HEATHER TR

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.4052 (more or less)
LOCATION: 33 HOMECREST AV
PARCEL: 53-0-90
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12895-230
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,390.41**

CURRENT OWNER: CARBERRY JAMES H CARBERRY BERNADETTE M

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.26 (more or less)
LOCATION: 9 WALNUT ST
PARCEL: 63-0-141
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 2175-305
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$16.77**

CURRENT OWNER: COUTURE TERRY C

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.168 (more or less)
LOCATION: 83 NORTH ST
PARCEL: 61-0-249
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 7363-325
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$869.78**

CURRENT OWNER: DRIGO CHAD T

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.1338 (more or less)
LOCATION: 89 PLEASANT ST
PARCEL: 60-0-119
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12674-131
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$2,741.03**

CURRENT OWNER: HAMEL DAWN D

PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1: PETERSON, DIANA A & McMARTIN, IAN
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.1136 (more or less)
LOCATION: 9 WEBB CT
PARCEL: 56-0-67
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14715-342
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$362.29**

CURRENT OWNER: HAMPDEN BANK

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 3.5996 (more or less)
LOCATION: WILDFLOWER DR
PARCEL: 55-1-28
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 9811-51
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$124.73**

CURRENT OWNER: HRISTOVA NINA

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.1624 (more or less)
LOCATION: 22 PINE ST A & B
PARCEL: 61-154-1
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14724-77
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,305.35**

CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0 (more or less)
LOCATION: 48 NORTH ST 48-2
PARCEL: 61-0-13
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14037-233
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,234.44**

CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0 (more or less)
LOCATION: 48 NORTH ST 48-3
PARCEL: 61-13-1
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14037-233
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,214.71**

CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0 (more or less)
LOCATION: 48 NORTH ST 48-1
PARCEL: 61-13-2
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14037-233
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,238.37**

CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0 (more or less)
LOCATION: 48 NORTH ST 48-6
PARCEL: 61-13-4
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14037-233
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,234.44**

CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0 (more or less)
LOCATION: 48 NORTH ST 48-4
PARCEL: 61-13-5
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14037-233
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,208.89**

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Fridays noon for Monday holidays.

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Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – On Saturday, Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. Gail Ann Anderson will present a program about her Native American ancestry.

Like Pocahontas, Anderson's ancestors are Mattaponi from Jamestown, Virginia.

She will read "Brother Eagle, Sister Sky" by Susan Jeffers, a message by Chief Seattle from over 150 years ago, tell the Story of Little Deer, a Penobscot friend, who traveled to school in a canoe, and show items of the Native American culture, such as furs, antlers, drums.

November is National Native American Heritage Month.

Please register because the number of attendees will determine if the program is at the Paige Activity Room or the Town House. Call 413-477-6704, email director.paigeli@paigeli.com, or visit the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Hands on Nature

On Saturday, Nov. 4, at 1 p.m. The Friends of the Paige Library will present Hands on Nature - Winter Hibernation at the Town House, 32 Common St.

Join library staff as they learn how animals survive the coldest months of New England. Learn about hibernation, migration, and the amazing adaptations animals have for surviving our harshest temperatures.

Bring a stuffed animal and create a cozy little hibernation den to take home.

For more information call 413-477-6704, email director.paigeli@paigeli.com, or visit the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

POETRY from page 1

the poetry open mics is Jenith Charpentier. Performing readings since the early 2000s, Charpentier has enjoyed the art of words and has always crafted them into poems.

Familiar in the Worcester area, Charpentier has been going to poetry open mics at Workshop13 for about a year.

Charpentier enjoys what poetry has to offer. It is a way to talk about emotions through a story.

The art of poetry has different feelings to express. What is also enjoyable for Charpentier is that poetry in the community is a great opportunity to hear other people speak and learn from their readings and experiences.

"It is a great way to access being human," said Charpentier.

According to Charpentier, poetry can be an art performed as a solo and as a duet. One of her favorite poems was a poem about Alice in Wonderland.

For the most recent open mic, Charpentier had some new material to share. After performing her readings, Charpentier hopes her listeners felt like they could connect with people.

Headlining the open mic was poet and author, Nathan McClain.

McClain has been writing poetry for 25 years. He found his passion for writing and performing poetry from his creative writing teacher, Greg Gilbert.

His teacher was a local poet and was always encouraging to McClain. There was a class assignment where McClain had to try out storytelling that was not very familiar to him.

Choosing poetry, McClain found a form of writing that really spoke to him. Since that experience, McClain stayed connected to the craft.

"Poetry offers a lot of opportunity to touch upon different genres," said McClain.

Outside of performing poetry, McClain is a professor at Hampshire College. He offers courses in poetry, creative writing and African American Literary Arts.



Nathan McClain arrived at Workshop13 reading many poems from his books "Scale" and "Previously Owned" last Friday night.

During his presentation at Workshop13, McClain read a total of 13 poems. McClain's readings focus on various topics including family, fatherhood, the natural world, criminal justice and safe places.

In addition to his teacher, McClain also favors poetry because it is a place where people can understand how they feel about certain scenarios in their life.

"Thinking and understanding the world, helping me understand," said McClain.

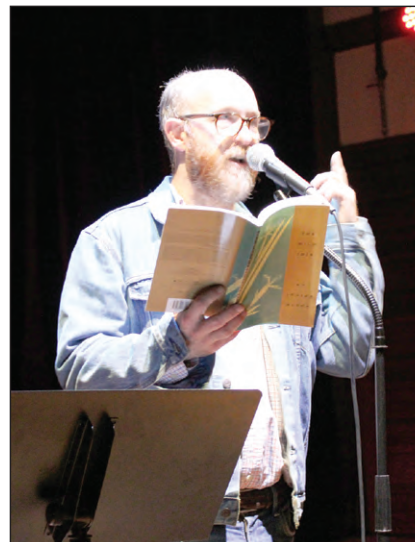
The poems shared by McClain come from his two books, "Scale" and his most recent book "Previously Owned". One of the poems he read was "Love Elegy in the Chinese Garden, with Koi", a poem featured in his first poetry book "Scale".

McClain was one of the many passionate readers during the open mic. A lot of first timers were a part of the whole experience and Workshop13 always appreciates the continued appearances of poets.

McClain intends to return to Ware but has other poetry readings planned in Boston and in New York City where he got his original start in poetry events



Jenith Charpentier reads her poetry during the open mic.



Adam Grabowski is the host and creative director at "The Word" Poetry Open Mic at Workshop13.

10 years ago. His two books are available on bookshop.org and fourway-books.com.

The next poetry open mic at Workshop13 will be held on Friday, Nov. 3.

TAX TAKING from page 16

CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0 (more or less)
LOCATION: 48 NORTH ST 48-9
PARCEL: 61-13-7
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14037-233
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,122.33**

CURRENT OWNER: LACROIX MICHAEL J LACROIX KIMBERLY M
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 1.3774 (more or less)
LOCATION: 286 OSBORNE RD
PARCEL: 40-14-5
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 11583-210
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$3,027.48**

CURRENT OWNER: MESSIER THERESA A MESSIER STEPHEN M
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 1.35 (more or less)
LOCATION: 206 OSBORNE RD
PARCEL: 34-0-25
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 5872-218
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$4,388.95**

CURRENT OWNER: METTIG MELANIE C
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.1132 (more or less)
LOCATION: 22 CHURCH ST
PARCEL: 61-0-296
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 9630-89
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$756.39**

CURRENT OWNER: NELSON GAIL M NELSON STANLEY E
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.9323 (more or less)
LOCATION: 224 WEST ST
PARCEL: 52-0-111
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 10130-11
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$720.48**

CURRENT OWNER: PADDEN HENRY L PADDEN DEBORAH A
PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1: BRADWAY PAUL, BRADWAY ROSE
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.1148 (more or less)
LOCATION: 43 RD AV
PARCEL: 52-0-40
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14770-262
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,254.64**

CURRENT OWNER: PARISEAU JESSICA L PARISEAU JR ROGER H
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.368 (more or less)
LOCATION: 361 PALMER RD
PARCEL: 9-0-86
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13215-311
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of

\$116.72
CURRENT OWNER: PETERSON DIANA PETERSON DEVIN MARK
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.9225 (more or less)
LOCATION: 210 GREENWICH PLAINS RD
PARCEL: 38-0-3
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 10188-246
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2021 taxes of **\$639.94**
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,108.72**

CURRENT OWNER: PETERSON DIANA A PETERSON DEVIN M
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.0664 (more or less)
LOCATION: 7 WEBB CT
PARCEL: 56-0-68
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12369-61
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,790.33**

CURRENT OWNER: PETERSON ROGER PETERSON DIANA A
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 1.11 (more or less)
LOCATION: 218 GREENWICH PLAINS RD
PARCEL: 38-0-6
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 10052-258
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$572.04**

CURRENT OWNER: PETERSON DEVIN M CRITTENDEN CHELSEA C
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.5665 (more or less)
LOCATION: 81 CHURCH ST
PARCEL: 61-0-131
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12863-318
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,031.81**

CURRENT OWNER: PONNAGANTI LAVISH
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 1.46 (more or less)
LOCATION: LEE RD
PARCEL: 35-0-10-S
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13197-277
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$957.93**

CURRENT OWNER: RIOS DAILLA
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 7.0874 (more or less)
LOCATION: 211 MONSON TURNPIKE RD
PARCEL: 48-15-8
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13002-308
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$3,864.63**

CURRENT OWNER: RIVERA NELSON
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.5551 (more or less)
LOCATION: 285 BELCHERTOWN RD
PARCEL: 22-0-50
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12749-315
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$3,712.49**

CURRENT OWNER: SAMBOR MICHAEL A
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.1686 (more or less)
LOCATION: 47 PARK AV
PARCEL: 61-0-270
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 4440-55
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,923.70**

CURRENT OWNER: SERUS DANUTA LIFE ESTATE SERUS BOLESZLAW LIFE ESTATE
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.6008 (more or less)
LOCATION: 100 SOUTH ST
PARCEL: 53-0-75
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 10166-331
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$2,229.34**

CURRENT OWNER: SODERGREN CYNTHIA F
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 11.3954 (more or less)
LOCATION: 113 SCZYGIEL RD
PARCEL: 13-0-3
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 9298-185
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$4,212.53**

CURRENT OWNER: THOMAS TROY
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.2548 (more or less)
LOCATION: 20 PARK ST
PARCEL: 61-0-192
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14067-183
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$3,760.34**

CURRENT OWNER: THREE A REALTY CO INC OF WEST C/O PEAK DEVELOPMENT LLC
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 2.89 (more or less)
LOCATION: MECHANIC ST
PARCEL: 57-0-166
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 10038-318
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$282.37**

CURRENT OWNER: THREE A REALTY CO INC OF WEST C/O PEAK DEVELOPMENT LLC
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 1.94 (more or less)
LOCATION: 9 MECHANIC ST
PARCEL: 57-0-167
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 10038-318
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,104.72**

CURRENT OWNER: WARE MASONIC BLDG ASSOC
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 1.8 (more or less)
LOCATION: 80 PLEASANT ST
PARCEL: 60-0-227
REGISTRY: Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 1392-109
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2021 taxes of **\$210.02**
 Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$386.51**
 10/19/2023

public notices

Town of Ware PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an **Application for a New §12 On-Premises License, a Common Victualler and Entertainment Licenses requested by LLG LLC d/b/a Bellies, 91 Main Street, Ware, MA.** Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<https://masspublicnotices.org>).

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Caitlin McCarthy
 Chair of Selectboard
 10/19/2023

The Town of Warren Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan
 The Town of Warren, MA is soliciting proposals by licensed professionals for its Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan. The Town is a recent recipient of a U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration grant from the Federal Government for the Town of Warren's Wrights Mill Master Recovery Plan. This will center around the execution of a needs assessment for establishing the best opportunities for job creation, business attraction, and historic preservation through the redevelopment of the 600,000 square foot mill site. The Master Plan will allow for government agencies and private partners to methodically calculate and manage risk of infrastructure modernization including roads, bridges, water, broadband, and power. In addition, the scope of work consists of the completed development of the Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan. Project must be completed no later than Monday, December 23, 2024.

The Proposal form, specifications, and contract documents may be obtained electronically by emailing Tammy Martin at: accountant@warren-ma.gov or on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Office of the Town Administrator, Jim Ferrera, 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083 on or before **1:00PM, Tuesday, October 31, 2023.** Proposals will be accepted until that date and time.
 10/12, 10/19/2023

Town of Warren Tree Warden NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Warren Tree Warden will hold a public hearing regarding an application for National Grid to remove public shade trees on **November 6, 2023, at 4:00 pm** at the Warren Highway Garage 87 Brimfield Road, Warren MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

The program included a tree-by-tree hazard assessment of public and private trees, along three-phase lines which serve the community. The work is recommended to remove hazard trees for additional clearance in order to reduce tree outage problems affecting large numbers of customers served by these main lines. National Grid's arborists have identified Twenty-six (26) town trees for removal along

town roads. Town trees located within the public way that are designated for removal have been marked with a small red ribbon and posted with a notice of public hearing in the field.

The road with town trees affected by the program is Little Rest Rd. A complete list of town trees designated for removal or pruning including information about the location, size and species of the affected trees and the reason for work proposed, is available weekdays from the Town Hall, 48 High St. Warren MA and the Town Library, 934 Main St Warren MA during normal business hours.

Jeremy Olson,
 Tree Warden
 10/19, 10/26/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060

(413)586-8500
 Docket No. HS23P0652EA
 Estate of: Antonio Joseph Palano, III
 Date of Death: 08/09/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 To all interested persons:

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

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
 You have the right to obtain a copy of the **Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/22/2023.**

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 13, 2023
 Michael J. Carey
 Register of Probate
 10/19/2023

public safety

Warren Police Log

During the week of Sept. 17-24, the Warren Police Department responded to 314 building/property checks, 182 community policing, 10 traffic enforcements, 23 emergency 911 calls, one complaint, one threat, one missing person, two motor vehicle accidents, six animal calls and 29 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Sept. 17
2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning
2:16 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Keys Road, Officer Spoke to Party
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, River Street, Written Warning
5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

Monday, Sept. 18
6:38 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, Mechanic Street, Investigated
Summons: Natalie J. Jarest, 25, Westfield
Speeding; OUI-Liquor or .08%; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Seat Belt, Fail Wear
11:43 a.m. Threats, Bay Path Road, Officer Took Call
5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
7:06 p.m. Neurological/Head

Injury, Highland Street, Transported to Hospital
7:44 p.m. Choking, Brimfield Road, Mutual Aid Transport
8:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
Summons: Robert M. Cerone, 39, Johnston, Rhode Island
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
9:26 p.m. Fire/Motor Vehicle Collision, Bemis Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Sept. 19
8:13 a.m. Fire/Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed
3:31 p.m. Complaint, Coy Hill Road, Officer Advised
5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Danielle L. Netzinger, 51, West Springfield
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle

Wednesday, Sept. 20
10:13 a.m. Missing Person, Main Street, Report Filed

Thursday, Sept. 21
6:28 p.m. Allergic Reaction, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Sept. 22
12:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Editor's Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the information you read on this page as public record information. If you or any suspect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court's final disposition.

3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: David P. Beer, 63, Spencer
OUI-Liquor of .08%; Speeding in Violation Special Regulation
6:06 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Chapel Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:09 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Cottage Street, Mutual Aid Transport
11:38 p.m. Bylaw Violation, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, Sept. 23
8:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:34 a.m. Fire/Motor Vehicle Collision, Southbridge Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Conner O'Kane, 19, Ware
Drug, Possess Class D; Inspection Sticker, No; Window Obstructed/Nontransparent
9:22 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

11:47 p.m. Back Pain, Old West Warren Road, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Sept. 24
6:59 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Cottage Street, Transported to Hospital
5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washington Street, Criminal Complaint
Summons: Andrew A. Simmoneau, 25, Warren
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding in Violation Special Regulation
8:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Felix L. Santana Jr., 44, West Warren
OUI-Liquor or .08%; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Speeding in Violation Special Regulation; Resist Arrest: Threat to Commit Crime (Murder); Disorderly Conduct; Disturbing the Peace; Threat to Commit Crime (Rape)

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of Oct. 2-16, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 123 building/property checks, 107 directed/area patrols, 19 traffic controls, 26 emergency 911 calls, 11 radar assignments, seven complaints, three motor vehicle investigations, six assist other agencies, three citizen assist, two motor vehicle accidents, one harassment, one trespass, one threat, five animal calls and 30 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Tuesday, Oct. 3
11:16 a.m. 911 Fire/Structure, Petersham Road, Investigated
11:45 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Highland Terrace, Peace Restored
4:16 p.m. 911 Threat, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
4:35 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Oct. 4
12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning
5:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
6 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
6:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street,

Transported to Hospital
3:40 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
4:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Spoken To

Thursday, Oct. 5
9:52 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
12:40 p.m. 911 Misdeal, Patril Hollow Road, Services Rendered
1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated
5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
7:26 p.m. 911 Residential Lockout, Church Lane, Services Rendered
8:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled

Friday, Oct. 6
9:07 a.m. Medical Emergency, High Street, Services Rendered
12:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
11:04 p.m. 911 Abandoned, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Oct. 7
12:12 a.m. 911 Medical

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Emergency, New Braintree Road, Transported to Hospital
 4 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 9:36 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 2:06 p.m. Harassment, Barre Road, Officer Handled
 4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 5:34 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, No Action Required

Sunday, Oct. 8

12:31 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:03 a.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 9:48 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Report Taken
 12:10 p.m. Safety Hazard, Red Bridge Road, Removed Hazard

Monday, Oct. 9

4:45 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ruggles Street, Transported to Hospital
 2:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
 5 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Mian Street, Spoken To
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Investigated

Tuesday, Oct. 10

8:15 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 6:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Street, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 11

2:46 a.m. Property Damage, Bridge Street, Officer Handled
 6:24 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:02 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Report Taken
 10:23 a.m. Complaint, Joslyn Road, Report Taken
 1:23 p.m. Threat, River Run, Officer Handled
 2:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Oct. 12

3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued
 3:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
 3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
 5:55 p.m. Trespass, Patrill Hollow Road, Dispatch Handled
 7:54 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Church Street, Investigated
 8:19 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Services Rendered

Friday, Oct. 13

8:38 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Services Rendered
 11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 3:38 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Spoken To
 3:46 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Negative Contact
 11:29 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Oct. 14

11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning
 2:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Maple Street, Negative Contact
 4:27 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Greenwich Road, Spoken To
 5:45 p.m. 911 Complaint, Broad Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, Oct. 15

8:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:46 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Czesky Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:31 a.m. Property Damage, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 5:42 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
 7:28 p.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, Checked/Secured
 7:53 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Call Canceled
 8:52 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 9:59 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

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took over the spotlight during the second quarter. Junior Landyn Russo, and sophomore Francis Meade both recovered fumbles, which prevented Drury from scoring the go-ahead touchdown.

Holding a slim six-point half-time advantage, the Pioneers took an 18-6 lead when Griswold sprinted 38 yards down the sideline for a touchdown with 8:41 left in the third quarter. Griswold broke away from a couple of tacklers along the way.

"They were trying to tackle me, but I just kept running on that touchdown run," Griswold said. "I was very happy when I finally reached the end zone. This was a fun back and forth game."

Drury answered right back with a 47-yard TD reception by senior wide receiver Dante Dillard in the middle of the third quarter. Dillard also caught another touchdown pass in the fourth quarter before Burke became the hero of the game.

The Pioneers will be making a trip to North Adams to face McCann Tech on Friday night before wrapping up the regular season with a home game against Smith Vocational on October 27.

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WARE from page 14

10-0-0 overall record, which is also their league record. They're currently the top-ranked team in the Western Mass. Class C power rankings and the fourth ranked team in the MIAA Division 5 power rankings.

"I really didn't know what to expect when we joined the Bi-County League because we had never played any of these teams before," Vallee said. "We've played very well as a team."

Ware's leading goal scorer is junior Connor Moody with 11 goals.

The other juniors listed on the varsity soccer are Patrick Towne, Godlive Simo Foko, Brody Paul, Jasom Mumper, Owen McKeever, and Justin Grout.

Rounding out the varsity square are sophomores Brodie Koczur, and Jack Gaudreau, who's the starting goalie.



Justin Grout slides to make a play on the ball.

Entering the senior night match, Gaudreau had posted four consecutive shutouts.

Koczur is following in the footsteps of his older brother, Drew, who was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Ware High School ten years ago.

The Indians, who outscored their first 10 opponents, 60-7, squeaked out a 2-1 home win versus Westfield Tech two days later. The two goals scorers in that match were Moody, and Koczur.

The Indians also defeated Westfield Tech, 2-1, in a road match on Sept. 20.

"The first game against Westfield Tech was our most challenging game of the season," Valle said. "It was a very physical game. We did hold the lead the entire game. We're looking forward to playing them here on Thursday night."

Ware closed out last week's action with a 1-1 road tie against Hoosac Valley, who's in second place in the Bi-County league standings.

Three of the Indians final four regular season games will be on the road.



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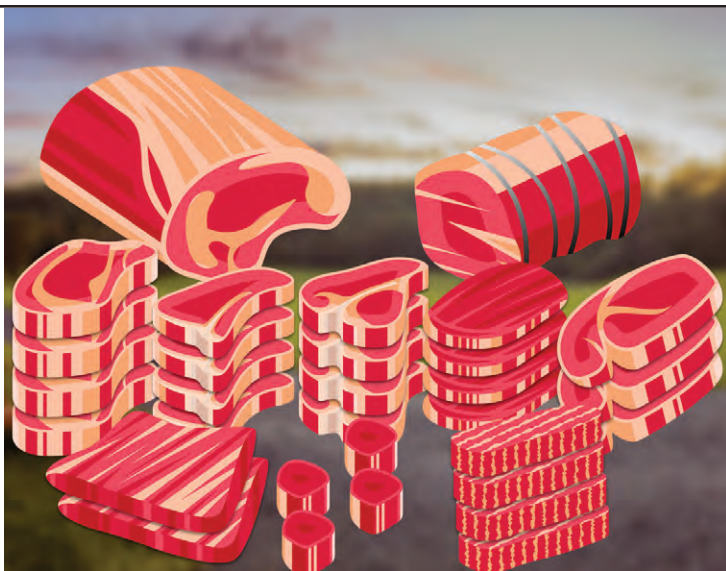
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