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Runners and walkers from this year's Station Loop Ramble posed for a group photo after all of the events were completed.

## Station Loop Ramble

### 14th annual trail and road race benefitted EQLT

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NEW BRAintree – For the 14th year, the East Quabbin Land Trust held its annual trail and road race event, the Station Loop Ramble.

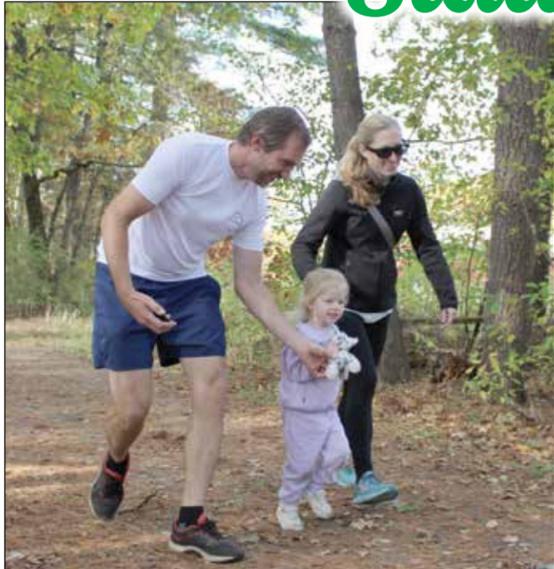
Over 70 runners and walkers gathered at the site of the former New Braintree Railroad Station, to compete in one of the event's many races to help raise money to support this section of the Mass Central Rail

Trail follows 104 miles of railroad line that was shattered by a hurricane in 1938, spanning from Boston to Northampton.

In 2007, the East Quabbin Land Trust purchased 3.2 miles of the corridor in New Braintree and Hardwick. This section of trail contains three unique bridges, which have been restored and maintained by the land trust and volunteers.

The East Quabbin Land Trust continued its efforts to preserve the railroad corri-

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Turley Staff Photos

This runner was aided by her stuffed animal and her parents for the 200-foot Kid's Run.



Nicole Keleher and Nathaniel Henshaw were the top female and male finishers of the 5-Mile Classic. Henshaw was the overall top finisher with a time of 28:19.

## Select Board discussed open meeting law complaint

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HARDWICK – The Select Board met on Oct. 14 and began with a discussion regarding an open meeting law complaint.

The complaint was from resident Jeff Smith, who had a chance to address some concerns during the visitor comment portion of the Select Board meeting. Smith had some concerns on how the Town of Hardwick is being managed.

According to the resident there was supposed to be a personnel committee meeting earlier on Oct. 14 and it was canceled. Smith said he believes that committee hasn't been running for a while considering a lot of important topics that have to be discussed.

Another concern addressed is the current status of the town accountant position and a possible contract signing without authorization. The complaint revolved around a contract being signed and the Town

Administrator not having the proper authorization to sign a contract on the Town's behalf.

Another concern was about a joint meeting between the Select Board and the Finance Committee. The purpose of this meeting is to go over discrepancies from the town budget that was brought up in the town meeting.

Select Board Chair Eric Vollheim addressed some

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## Halloween Spooktacular returns this Friday night

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WARE – The Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183 has been busy preparing for one of the biggest nights of the year, the Halloween Spooktacular drive-thru event at Grenville Park, 73 Church St., on Friday, Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m., rain or shine.

What started as a pandemic-safe alternative to

the Halloween parade, has quickly turned into one of the most popular events in the region – and always for free.

As the popularity of the event grows, Grand Knight Paul Harper reminds people to be patient while waiting to enter the park.

This year there will be over 160 blowup displays

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## A field trip through history

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WARE – Third graders of Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School got to explore the history of their town on an insightful field trip.

The school buses traveled through time and explored the town of Ware and the village of Gilbertville. Throughout their trip students

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## Firefighter's Association hosted spaghetti dinner

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WARREN – The Warren Firefighter's Association hosted their annual spaghetti supper this past weekend at the Warren fire station.

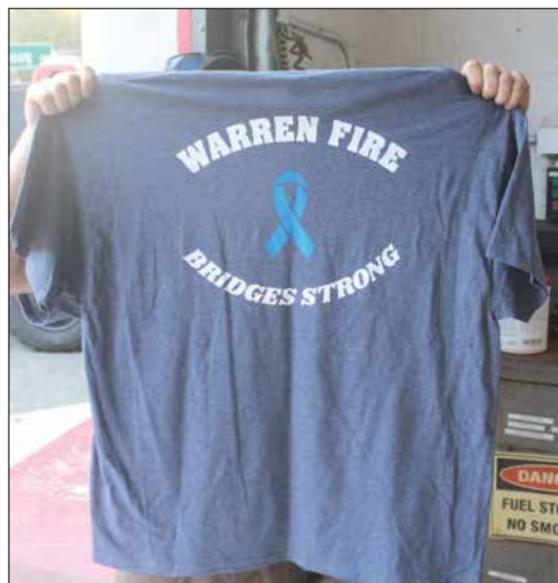
This is an annual fundraiser put on by the association to help raise funds for the purchase of equipment and training for the fire department. Many residents purchased tickets in advance to get their spaghetti supper and there were a lot of walk-

ins as well.

Members of the Fire Department and volunteers helped prepare over 200 meals for guests. Meals could be taken to go and many residents stayed and dined inside the fire station.

Joe Wedge serves as treasurer for the Warren Firefighter's Association and was collecting donations and tickets for meals at the fire station. Wedge has been a part of the association for 20 years and mentioned how supportive the annual spaghetti supper is when it comes to funds to support the local fire department.

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Bridges Strong T-shirts were being sold during the annual Warren Firefighter's Association Spaghetti Dinner to support retired Firefighter Scott Bridges.

## Selectmen discussed tax possession property list

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen met on Oct. 16 at the Warren Senior Center and talked about the tax possession property list.

The board is looking over a list of properties that were obtained through tax title foreclosure process. These properties are being proposed to be sold at the upcoming municipal auction on Nov. 18.

Town Administrator James Ferrera went over the properties, 14 in total while the Selectmen looked them over.

Ferrera said almost all

14 properties could potentially be auctioned off and are currently being reviewed by town counsel. The one concern that counsel had was the property off Pleasant Street. The deed that was recorded has a different square footage account.

This matter is being cleared up by the Board of Assessors.

The list will have dollar amounts and estimated amounts of what is owed to the town. Approximately there is \$326,000 that can recover.

"Hope to recover that

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# Meeting House & Museum opened for Quabbin Days

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WARE – The Ware Center Meeting House & Museum was open this past week as part of the Quabbin Days celebration.

Quabbin Days is a celebration of everything that makes the Quabbin Region extraordinary. Its rich history, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant communities are all celebrated. This new event was organized by the Friends of Quabbin, who invite the surrounding towns of the Quabbin to showcase their unique charm during Quabbin Days.

Ware is one of the surrounding towns of the Quabbin and the Ware Center Meeting House & Museum had some history to share during Quabbin Days.

The Ware Center Meeting House & Museum is located off Route 9 in Ware at 295 Belchertown Road and once served as the First Town Hall and first Congregational Church. Built in 1799, the Meeting House was the center of activity in the community.

“This is where Ware began,” said Julie Bullock.

Ware was named after the fishing weirs built by the Quaboag natives. The museum has a model of the weir displayed over by a copy of a painting of the town seal.

The weir was an invention to help make a tunnel in the river to help with fishing.

There is a small gift shop for visitors to explore, and guests could purchase an item related to the history of Ware, including some T-shirts and books.

Giving the tours were members of the Ware Historical Society. Bullock was present during these tours for Quabbin Days and mentioned how Ware was a suppliant and supportive town during the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir. Some kids from the now disincorporated town, Enfield, have attended school in Ware.

A section of Aspen Grove Cemetery in Ware has burials of residents who once lived in the four towns that were disincorporated during the construction of the Quabbin.

The museum also featured a new special display of china and porcelain for dining and



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
A painting of the Ware town seal, which can be found inside the Ware Center Meeting House & Museum.



Some fine china and porcelain that are part of a new display at the Ware Center Meeting House & Museum.



Drums were recently donated to the museum to be part of a new display and part of the history of Ware.

bedrooms. The china and porcelain were provided by members of the Ware Historical Society.

A drum from the Ware Brass Band was generously donated to be a new display in the museum. Guests could also ring the Holbrook bell that is still usable in the Ware Center Meeting House.

The Ware Center Meeting House & Museum can be enjoyed thanks to the non-profit, The Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House, Inc. and the Ware Historical Society. The nonprofit was formed to oversee the resto-

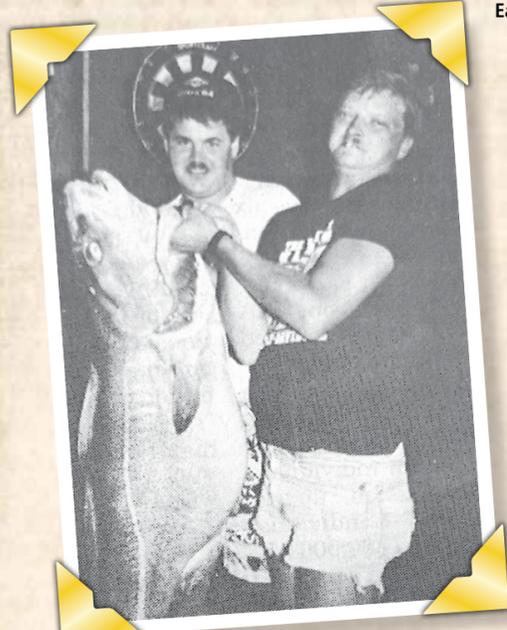
ration of the building after a damaging fire back in 1986.

This historic building will be part of a third-grade field trip on Oct. 17 as students will be exploring the community and will be picnicking at the Quabbin Reservoir during their tour.

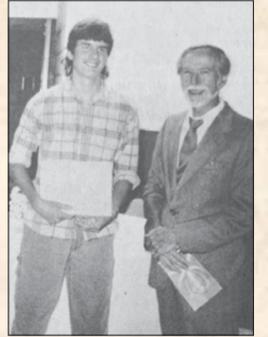
The Ware Center Meeting House will reopen in May for tours and other special events. To make an appointment and explore more about the building, visit warecentermeetinghouse.org or contact them through their Facebook page.

# Are You Old News?

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



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



File Photo  
Last week's photo from 1989 showed Pathfinder Regional High student Wayne Skowrya, the son of James and Kathleen Skowrya of Belchertown Road. He is pictured with faculty member Mr. Belliveau at an academic year ending banquet held at the school. Skowrya, a freshman, is holding his award for excellence in drafting. He was also presented a pin and letter for his participation in varsity soccer.

## Ware Senior Center news

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

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

### ACTIVITIES Monday, Oct. 27

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Halloween Party with music by Memory Lane. Limited to 100 people. Please call by noon on Oct. 24.

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

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

### Wednesday, Oct. 29

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

### Thursday, Oct. 30

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

### Friday, Oct. 31

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

### LUNCHES

DINE IN 11:30 a.m.  
All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted

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

### Monday, Oct. 27 Halloween Party

Baked Ham, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Dessert and Entertainment by The Friends of Ware Seniors Inc.

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

Chicken Parmigiana with Pasta, Salad, Dessert of the Day

### Wednesday, Oct. 29

Lazy Pierogi with Kielbasa, Dessert of the Day

### Thursday, Oct. 30

Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

### Friday, Oct. 31

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

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# Hospital Review Committee met to OK minutes

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WARE – Members of the Hospital Review Committee met for the last time last week to approve the minutes from past meetings.

At the Oct. 16 meeting, Chair Howard Trietsch thanked everyone for attending, and he spoke about the work the committee has done over the past several years.

“In 4 ½ years I think we accomplished a lot,” Trietsch said.

The committee members voted on five sets of meeting minutes, from Oct. 6, 2021; Feb. 1, 2023; March 6, 2023; Jan. 22 and March 25 of this year. All of the committee’s meeting minutes are posted on its page of the town website, [www.townofware.com](http://www.townofware.com).

Trietsch thanked committee members Nancy Talbot and Elena Palladino as well as Town Manager Stuart Beckley for their efforts to draft the meeting minutes.

Committee member Cathy Cascio expressed her discomfort in approving the minutes from the 2021 and 2023 meetings, due to the length of time that had passed since the meetings were held. She said she would still approve the minutes even though she “feels uncomfortable.”

At a previous meeting of the committee held on March 25, its members had voted in favor of dissolving the committee after all meeting minutes had been completed and approved.

The committee’s charge was to “plan and recommend best uses for the site and buildings” at Mary Lane Hospital. Demolition has of the hospital buildings took place over the summer, and only the Wetherby and Storrs buildings remain.

Representatives from Baystate Health have committed to preserving the Wetherby Building “to the greatest extent possible, recognizing its significance to both the organization and the Town of Ware.”

# Ware Planning Board continued hearing for cannabis cultivation

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WARE – The Planning Board continued with the public hearing for Greenwich Plains Cannabis Cultivation.

The applicant is Telluric Energy LLC that is seeking a special permit and site plan review outdoor cannabis cultivation farm, with a canopy of approximately 5,000 square feet. There will also be about one acre of trees and brush to be cleared for crop land while trees will be kept along the border as a shelter belt from wind and pollution.

The applicant said they will use organic and sustainable fertilizers with the intermittent planting of cover crops to rejuvenate the soil and support the regional ecology. This public hearing started back on Sept. 4 and returning to represent Telluric Energy, LLC was Jamil Jean-Jacques.

Building Commissioner Anna S. Marques went over the Massachusetts building code and read what it said regarding cannabis cultivation. Marques said there is a section in the code devoted to indoor agriculture for cannabis.

The code does talk about buildings that are defined as agricultural use.

“Anything that’s in the building code would be subject to building code review,” Marques said.

Jean-Jacques said there is a temporary protected structure on site that is not completely enclosed. In other words, it’s a tent-like structure with open sides. This tarp covering is intended to protect the plants from winter weather and temperature.

Jean-Jacques also said the structure would not be a walk-in structure. The other structure is a storage shed.

Any cultivation structure has to have ventilation. Jean-Jacques said odors will be created in this process but there are ways to keep the odor monitored. Any outdoor odor will be managed by smell being concentrated and be kept

from escaping.

Jean-Jacques said he knows a smell engineer to measure how odor is concentrated in the area. The applicant will also plant companion crops.

The most common companion crops that will be planted will be aromatic herbs including such as chamomile, lavender, sage, basil, garlic, oregano, and peppermint. These crops will help mask the aroma of the cannabis crops, particularly during the flowering phase.

Vice-Chair of the Planning Board Chris Dimarzio wanted to applicant to move forward cautiously, considering there are abutting neighbors, who do have concerns. At the start of the public hearing, many abutters addressed odor as a big concern.

Elizabeth Hancock read some letters from members of other planning board municipalities who have worked with cannabis cultivation companies. One from Williamstown had a letter that listed the common issues with cannabis.

Another letter indicated that many crops that are planted on existing farms are used to help keep local town farms operating. Jean-Jacques said that Telluric Energy is trying to get cannabis viewed as an agricultural crop. Not all states view cannabis as an agricultural crop.

The applicant wanted to look further on the site to see if there is any farms in the area besides the one being considered for cannabis cultivation.

The Planning Board also talked about a grower out in Hatfield that ran into an issue when pesticides were being sprayed. Jean-Jacques said the company has no intention of using pesticides and supports natural growth.

Jean-Jacques feels the site is set up nicely and the

ground is situated for growing. The previous owner of the land did a good job cropping the land.

The board asked how long the drying process is. Jean-Jacques said if he were to include the curing stage, it would be two weeks. The overall period of odor is eight weeks long.

Jean-Jacques plans to clear the site and remove all the invasive species of plants and poison ivy. It was brought to the applicant’s attention that he could leave a buffer of trees and have the growing area unnoticeable. The trees can help give protection of the elements. A row of trees can go on the driveway and Jean-Jacques will address that plan with his landscape architect.

For lighting, Jean-Jacques said he plans on using natural sunlight. Continuous light could be hazardous to the plants.

The Planning Board asked if the applicant could put a drying shed on a fresh draft of the site plan. Rich Starodoj of the Planning Board mentioned that there is no final site plan yet as the applicant is still in the process of figuring out the driveway plan.

“This is a proposed conceptual site plan right now, this isn’t like a finished one,” Starodoj said.

Jean-Jacques is still waiting for state approval to obtain a license and hopes to get it before early spring. Telluric Energy is also waiting for updates from the architect and the board wanted to know when the applicant could come back if the public hearing were to be continued.

Jean-Jacques thinks it’s ideal to return before the holidays and could come back for one of the November meetings. The Planning Board voted to continue the Greenwich Plains Cannabis Cultivation public hearing to Nov. 6.



Submitted Photo  
Jacob Knight is shown with his chicken DiRado. An exhibition featuring Knight’s prints and more will open on Sunday, Nov. 9 from noon-4 p.m. at the Ruth Wells Center for the Arts in Southbridge.

# Jacob Knight exhibit to be presented in November

WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Historical Commission is proud to present “A Jaunt with Jacob, New England Through an Artist’s Eyes,” a retrospective exhibition honoring the artistry and legacy of renowned local artist Jacob Knight.

This multifaceted exhibit offers a personal and powerful glimpse into Knight’s creative world.

The exhibition will feature prints of Knight’s depictions of local New England towns, some never before exhibited photographs capturing Knight’s world by local photographers and members of his circle, a collection of curiosities and ephemera from his past, video interviews

with some of Knight’s family and friends, and audio recordings of his poetry slams and music jams.

This celebration of Jacob Knight will offer a vibrant window into the soul of a beloved artist and community member.

The opening and reception will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9, from noon-4 p.m. at the Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, 111 Main St., Southbridge.

Show dates are Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 9 through Nov. 29 from noon-4 p.m., and weekdays by appointment. Call 508-764-3341 to make an appointment.

All are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring a friend.

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# viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### How do I navigate the Social Security maze?

Dear Rusty:

I am a woman, turning 65 this October (2025). It seems that deciding when to claim Social Security is complicated. I would like more information to navigate through this maze. Thank you.

Signed: Ready to Claim

Dear Ready:

Deciding when to claim Social Security can be challenging, but we hope to make it a bit easier for you. You can, of course, call us at any time to speak to one of our certified Social Security Advisors, but I'll share some pertinent information here as well.

Be aware that at age 65, you have not yet reached your Social Security Full Retirement Age. Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67 and that is when you can get 100% of the SS benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working.

If you claim SS at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced by about 13.3% from your age 67 entitlement, a permanent reduction. If you wait a bit more and claim at age 66 the reduction would be about 6.7%. To get 100% of your "primary insurance amount" you should wait until age 67 to claim. Note you can also wait longer than your FRA and earn Delayed Retirement Credits up to age 70, when your monthly amount would be about 24% more than your FRA entitlement.

If you are still working, at age 65 you will also be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much you can earn when collecting SS benefits before your full retirement age. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 (changes annually) and if you earn more than that, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit.

There is also a special rule for the first calendar year you are collecting early benefits, which will result in you not getting benefits for any month

your work earnings are more than \$1,950 after your early benefits start. So, if you claim SS at age 65 and continue to work, you won't get any SS benefits in any 2025 month thereafter that you earn more than the monthly limit unless your total annual; 2025 earnings are less than the annual limit. FYI, the earnings limit no longer applies once you attain your full retirement age.

In the end, deciding when you should claim Social Security should consider your need for Social Security money, your life expectancy, your plans for working and your marital status. If you are or were married, you might be eligible for a spousal or ex-spouse benefit. You may also want to peruse the Social Security Question and Answer section at our website [www.SocialSecurityReport.org](http://www.SocialSecurityReport.org). So, as you have already discerned, deciding when to claim Social Security can be confusing, but we are always here to assist you as needed. You can either call us directly at 1-888-750-2622 or email your specific Social Security questions to us at [SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org](mailto:SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org). In either case, we will be most happy to help you decide when to claim, based on your unique personal circumstances.

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### More review; what worked what didn't

Last week I wrote about two new winter squash varieties I grew in this past summer's garden, as well as a Barbie doll sized melon.

According to Mom, it made for a good read. Let's keep the momentum going with more "new to me" varieties in this column.

As dedicated readers may remember, this past summer's garden was to accomplish the goal of growing more food, food that would cut down on the grocery bill and feed the family through the winter. I took my chances growing a hybrid paste tomato by the name of Plum Regal. Its accolades were many: late blight resistance, moderate resistance to early blight, a the promise of a good yield and a tasty outcome.

I typically only grow heirlooms, so this tomato really had to prove itself. My only dilemma was that I sometimes have issues with blossom end rot, and specifically on paste types.

I tried a new fertilizer formulated specifically for members of the Solanacea family, aptly named "Tomato Sauce." You know what? It worked.

No blossom end rot and a freezer full of sauce, tomato chucks and roasted tomato blends. I will be ordering both the seeds and the fertilizer from Fedco ([fedcoseeds.com](http://fedcoseeds.com)) in anticipation of next year's garden.

With every success comes not quite a success. I'll call Muskmelon "Melonade" one of those adventures. I was intrigued by the description in the Fedco catalog, "firm orange flesh is tart, punchy

and refreshing," and had hoped it would keep our family in melons for a month or so. Not exactly.



I couldn't get over the fact that what looked like a cantaloupe tasted like a lemon! No one in the house liked it. I'm not going to call it a failure, because if anything, I learned that I could grow a muskmelon successfully.

I worried I would harvest them too early, or too late, but I harvested them just right, and they grew exceedingly well on black plastic down the middle of my heat retaining rock wall raised beds. Next year I will search for a variety with a more typical flavor and it could just be a win-win.

I have always wanted to grow Indian corn as a fall decoration, but was leery of the space needed for such an endeavor. The experts talk about growing corn four rows deep for proper pollination and kernel formation.

I threw caution to the wind and decided I'd grow a popcorn. I enjoyed the commentary in the Fedco catalog in the description of a variety named "Calico:" "you can hang it on your door in fall and pop the very same batch come Thanksgiving." Sold.

I grew only eight plants, set out in a four by two pattern. Shucking the corn felt a lot like Christmas morn-

ing with the surprise factor involved. Will the kernels be gold, blue, mottled or bronze?

I ended up with enough to decorate with and come Thanksgiving I will indeed try and pop some. I've had some experience popping eared corn before.

At our family vacation my sister in law tried it out. She put the dried ear she had purchased in a paper bag and folded it shut,

placed it in a microwave on high for about 3-4 minutes and yum!

What else worked out well in my garden this year? The succession planting of green beans seeded immediately after my garlic was harvested worked out superbly. No additional fertilizer required.

I was able to freeze a lot of beans from that second sowing. I guess I always wish there are more to freeze, so maybe next year the row will be longer.

I didn't utilize the wide row method this year. Two parallel rows with a walking row down the middle made the harvest easy.

I hope you had your share of successes this past summer, and if you are anything like me, you are already scheming next year's veggie garden.

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## in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer



Black vulture

On Monday, Oct. 6, an Oakham resident watched a kettle of 28 black vultures circling above the Harrington Hospital in Southbridge.

He said, "As you may know, the species is expanding its range northward into Massachusetts." A kettle is a large group of vultures circling in a thermal, using the rising air to conserve energy during migration.

The black vulture has sooty, black plumage, a featherless black head and neat white stars under the wing-tips.

Turkey vultures are lanky birds with a teetering flight. Their cousin the black vultures are compact birds with

broad wings, short tails and powerful wingbeats. Turkey and black vultures often associate together. The black vultures have a poor sense of smell, but by following turkey vultures by following them to carcasses. They often soar high in the sky in search of lower soaring turkey vultures. When the turkey vultures descend on a carcass, the black vultures follow them.

Black vultures are highly social and share food with

relatives, feeding young for months after they've fledged. In the United States black vultures are more plentiful than turkey vultures. Black vultures lack a voice box and their sounds are limited to hisses and grunts.

The oldest black vulture on record was at least 25 years, six months old when it was found in 1965 in Louisiana. It was banded there in 1940. They may live even longer in captivity.

### Brimfield resident

On Sunday, Oct. 5, I received an email from a Brimfield resident commenting about my seeing a moose in Oakham. He said, "Seeing a moose in Massachusetts is exciting. My wife and I saw

a moose in Canada, it ran across the road in front of the car and disappeared into the woods. My wife said "look a horse with no rider, similar to your reaction."

### Eagle sighting

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, I received an email from a reader. He said, "I was in my car last evening around 6:30 when I saw a huge, black-winged bird come over Main Street in Barre Plains. When we were kids it was called Canal Road. It was flying low over the street and was trying to gain altitude. The bird appeared just before Rich's Pond and it had what looked like a recent kill in its talons. It accidentally dropped the dead animal, which appeared to be a rabbit, onto the road and what I thought was a vulture turned out to be an adult Bald Eagle."

He said, "Its stark white head and white fanned tail, along with its bright yellow feet and beak were clearly seen and it was startling to be only 25 or 30 feet away from

it. The eagle's wing span was enormous. It made an attempt to recapture its prey by diving quickly back to the road and it had to widely fan out its tail feathers to slow its descent and gain flight control."

He said, "The Bald Eagle then flew high up into a tree along the road near the pond and was waiting for me and all cars to pass before descending on its prey. It was breath taking. We never saw such things as kids."

### Cedar waxwings

The Barre resident said on recent warm September days he also has been seeing a small flock of cedar waxwings in Gilbertville, along the Ware River, taking bugs in midair over the river and also working trees and bushes that still have some fruit on them.

### Helping birds

People may also help birds by keeping their cats indoors.

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would be told the stories of Native Americans, the early settlement of Ware, West Ware, Factory Village, mills on the Ware River, the building of the Quabbin, and the historic covered bridge that spans into Gilbertville.

A lot was going on at the historic center of Ware as students toured the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum to see images and artifacts of Ware. Outside the building there were activities for students to witness and learn about different chores and crafts.

About 90 students learned how to make butter, watched the crafting of a simple button spinner, and witnessed a knitting demonstration.

In front of the meeting house to demonstrate knitting was Janice Hills. Kids learned how residents got their wool from sheep to help make clothes, such as shirts and socks.

Ware Historical Society members recreated a one-room schoolhouse in what was Ware Center's schoolhouse, which is now the Ware Grange. There were antique desks, slates and chalk, and old-fashioned lessons.

Julie Bullock of the Ware Historical Society was the classroom teacher, who wrote the date, Oct. 17, 1925, on the chalkboard.

The students also got to explore the cemetery behind the meetinghouse and have gravestones dating back to the 1700s. The symbols on the gravestones were explained, and students explored the cemetery to find the oldest and youngest gravestone.

The Ware Historical Society has worked with Heather Malin and the third-grade teachers of SMK Elementary School for 15 years to instill respect and

pride in the community and to make history memorable and enjoyable.

Each year, the teachers deliver thank-you notes written by the students that describe their favorite experiences. The notes prove that the old-fashioned school room, the butter, the toy, the visit to the Meeting House and the cemetery have made a positive impression, and that is why we have done it every year.

The Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House and the Ware Historical Society hope future generations will share this history of their community.

The meeting house was once the hub of community life and organizations want this history to be preserved for years to come.

"Get to know your town and share it with the children," Bullock said.

The members of the Ware Historical Society are dedicated to this event and look forward to hosting again next year during the third-grade field trip. For more information about the Ware Center Meetinghouse & Museum, follow on Facebook or visit warecenter-meetinghouse.org.

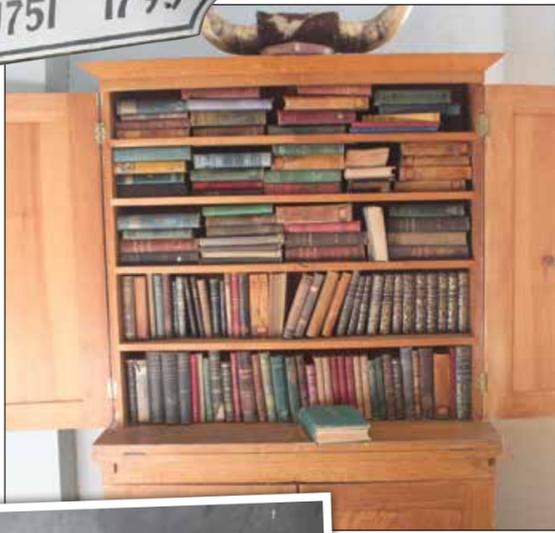


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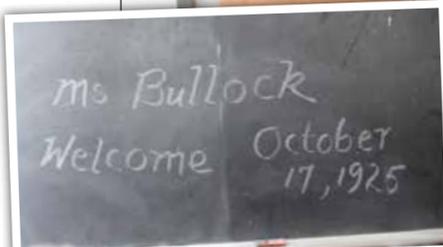
Janice Hills demonstrated knitting during the field trip in front of the Ware Center Meeting House & Museum.



The Ware Center Meeting House & Museum was part of a field trip for third grade students to learn about the history of their community.



The Town Library was only one cupboard at one point. This cupboard is displayed inside the Ware Center Meeting House & Museum.



Welcome to the 1925 era classroom of Julie Bullock, which was recreated in the Ware Grange, that was once a school in town.

# Committee met to discuss pool project

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – Members of the Selectboard joined the Parks Commission for a meeting to discuss the project that will replace the Reed Municipal Pool and create an adjacent splash pad.

At the Oct. 6 meeting, Parks Commissioners Ken Higney and Kim Swarts were nominated as the chair and vice-chair of the swimming pool committee; and Selectboard member Nancy Talbot as secretary. Other members of the pool committee include John Desmond and Bill Imbier.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the cost of the final design plans for the project shouldn't change much from what was estimated, and it is expected to be around \$200,000. He said he is waiting to hear an update about the other costs for the project.

The committee voted to request \$200,000 to finalize the design plans through Capital Planning in an article on the upcoming special town meeting warrant in order to move forward with the project.

The committee members discussed whether or not they should approach the project in phases, or as a whole. Talbot said they should plan to go for the entire project, but have a backup plan in case funding isn't available.

Parks Manager John Piechota said knowing the true cost of the project needs to be known, including replacement of the

sewer lines and the bathhouse. A previous study estimated the total cost of the project to be close to \$4 million.

Piechota questioned if the changing rooms were necessary in the bathhouse, or if bathrooms would be sufficient. He said a separate building would also be needed to store the pool's chemicals safely.

Higney said the bathhouse facility needs to be handicapped accessible and said building from scratch would ensure that ADA requirements were met.

Beckley asked if the committee wanted to look into a covered enclosure for the new swimming pool design, which would extend the length of the swimming season. The committee will also research if saltwater filtration would be feasible at a public swimming pool.

Piechota said the new pool would be L-shaped and have a zero degree entry, and a total depth of five feet. This shallower depth would bring the pool out of the groundwater level.

The current swimming pool is deeper than 10 feet, and the groundwater has created pressure and caused cracking of the pool's concrete.

**Eagle Scout project**

Scouting America Eagle Scout candidate Andrew Bonilla talked about his workout station trail project to be completed at Grenville Park.

Bonilla said he has

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as well as live displays.

"It's bigger again this year," Harper said of the event.

Harper said the Knights have been holding a Halloween celebration for the town's youth for over 50 years, including the long-standing costume parade. The start of the pandemic in 2020 changed that, and the Halloween Spooktacular was created as an alternative.

"We did it so the kids would have something for Halloween," he said.

Visitors to the Halloween Spooktacular will enter through the Upper Church Street exit, drive around the first baseball diamond, and exit through the main entrance.

Cars must enter Upper Church Street coming from the direction of Route 32. No cars will be allowed to enter the park coming from the direction of downtown.

Each child will receive a goody bag packed with treats at the end of the Halloween Spooktacular.

When the Knights started organizing their annual Halloween event, they

assembled 250 treat bags to give way to children, and now that number has grown by the hundreds. Those bags are assembled thanks to the efforts of Ware High School's golf team, members of the Knights and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and community members

This event is drive-thru only; no foot traffic will be permitted in the park during the event. For those without walking distance of the park, the Quaboag Connector will be providing free trips through the drive-thru, staging at the Church Street apartment complex.

Harper thanks Parks Manager John Piechota and the Parks Department as well as the Parks Commissioners, along with Town Manager Stuart Beckley. He also thanked Police Chief Shawn Crevier and Fire Chief Jim Martinez for sending their departments to ensure safety.

Costumes are encouraged and spooky Halloween music will be playing on radio station 91.1 FM.

The Halloween Spooktacular isn't just fun for children, and all ages are encouraged to drive through if they dare.

**Coats for Kids**

After the Halloween Spooktacular is done, the Knights of Columbus continue to serve the community, with the upcoming Coats for Kids drive that will kickoff on Nov. 1.

Drop-off locations are at all three Ware Public Schools, Nat Falk, the Sharpest Edge Barber Shop, and the Country Bank branch on West Street.

Donations of new (or gently worn and clean) coats, hats, gloves and mittens will be accepted.

Monetary donations can be made to Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183, P.O. Box 88, Ware, MA 01082. Please put "Coats for Kids" in the check memo.

On Saturday, Nov. 15, Bruce Marshall of 97.7 FM will be hosting a live broadcast for Coats for Kids from Nat Falk.

Families in need of coats for their children can contact the School Superintendent's office at Ware Public Schools. Any extra coats received during Coats for Kids will be distributed to the town's food pantries.

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# Artist Terrence Kiernan exhibits work at Joy of Beans

WEST BROOKFIELD – Following a month-long exhibition at the Palmer Public Library, West Warren artist Terrence Kiernan now has his paintings on display at Joy of Beans.

Kiernan is known for his impressionist and en plein air style, with work that reflects nature-inspired themes. His paintings convey emotion through rich color palettes and expressive textures.

In addition to his own artwork, Kiernan curates exhibitions at Lost Towns Brewing in Hardwick, where his pieces are featured alongside those of several local artists.



West Warren artist Terrence Kiernan is exhibiting his paintings at the Joy of Beans in West Brookfield.



This is one of the many paintings displayed by artist Terrence Kiernan.



Artist Terrence Kiernan displayed this painting of sunflowers.

# QHS sponsors program on history of apples

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

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

Come by and learn

about the history of heirloom apples and sample some unique varieties.

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

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

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

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but there is no guarantee,” Ferrera said.

As for the Pleasant Street property, if it is not cleared it could just be from the list. The board voted and accepted the tax possession list and approved the sales.

### Sullivan & Sullivan contract

The board discussed the possibility of entering into a contract with Sullivan & Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC for auctioneering services. Ferrera feels the process is going smoothly and the auctioneering company has outstanding credibility.

Sullivan & Sullivan would be in charge of the sale, advertising, and promoting the auction, which will be held at the Shepard Building gym. The company has a background of working on auctions for municipalities across Massachusetts.

The board accepted the

contract with Sullivan & Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC.

### Special Town Meeting articles

The board went over a draft of a warrant for the upcoming Fall Special Town Meeting on Nov. 20. Ferrera said this draft is still fluid and could change over time.

Free cash has not been certified yet and Ferrera hopes to get an update for the board soon.

Articles have been reviewed by Capital Planning and the Finance Committee. The dollar amounts for each article are still fluid as well. The board went over the warrant draft to see if other articles could be placed.

There was one discussion about an article for Quaboag Regional Middle High School and is around \$100,000. The board wanted to know if West Brookfield would contribute a percentage of that money, due to the school being a shared

building for students of both towns.

A revised copy of the warrant will be presented at the next Selectmen’s meeting.

### Grant acceptance

The Selectmen discussed and reviewed communication from the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities on the town’s award of a \$22,000. State Community Planning Grant for the purpose of drafting a housing production plan. A \$3,000 match from the town is required.

Ferrera explained the grant and is for the town and is part of the master plan. Planners will assess the town and see the areas of where the town’s housing stock is. This grant will help the town on how to grow housing stock.

The board approved and accepted the grant.

The board also voted on an acceptance of a state grant in the amount of \$20,295.24

from the Office of Public Safety and Security to support the fiscal year 2026 municipal road safety program and to authorize the Police Chief to sign and manage said grant. The board accepted this state grant as well.

### 2027 budget calendar discussion

Ferrera talked about the 2027 budget calendar with the Board of Selectmen. Ferrera went over this with the Finance Committee and wanted to bring it to the board’s attention for consideration.

The Town Administrator wants departments to know what the expectations are moving forward.

Ferrera will send out a directive for the town departments during a December meeting. There will be a change to the calendar if both Annual and Special Town Meetings are moved to a different date.

### First Amended Notice of Action

The board discussed the First Amended Notice of Action from the Architectural Access Board granting a

variance at 48 High St., with instructions to all boards, committees, and commissions.

This ties to why the Board of Selectmen are having their meeting at the Senior Center. Ferrera made a variance request in September because the chair lifts in the building are currently down. The Town Administrator said getting these variances were extremely difficult to get.

An access plan is being drafted for the building. As of now, the town can’t have meetings in the municipal building and can only have them at the Senior Center or at the high school.

The board has to go over options as to what they can do to accommodate ADA compliant priorities. Once resolved, the town can have meetings in the building.

### Bill payments

The Board of Selectmen discussed vendor bills for payment to the accountant’s office prior to the board’s ratification to allow for timely payment processing. It was recommended to the board that they could establish certain limits on paying bills.

Selectmen Chair Richard Eichacker suggested the board could authorize it every year, but wanted to know if the town has any major bills coming up.

Recurring expenses are a good idea, but Selectmen David Dufresne mentioned that the “concern is any non-recurring bills.”

The board agreed that any non-recurring bills should be reviewed by the board first. The board voted and approved the Town Administrator to pay recurring expenses for a one-year period. Any non-recurring expenses will be reviewed by the board.

### Halloween

The board had to pick a time for this year’s trick or treating hours. In the past the town has done the hours of 5-6:30 p.m. and the parade starts at 6:30 p.m. The board decided to keep the trick or treating hours the same.

The next Board of Selectmen’s meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Warren Senior Center at 2252 Main St. in West Warren.

## Caitlyn R. Garceau, RMA

Practice Manager - Hakim Medical, PC

Caitlyn lives in Ware with her husband, Nick, and 2 children, Addyson and Zander, along with quite a few pets and farm animals.

Caitlyn started working as a file clerk/medical receptionist in May 2006 for Hakim & Safi, MD’s and quickly moved to medical assisting and assisting Dr. Hakim with surgical procedures. She took over as Practice Manager of Hakim Medical, PC in October 2020, totaling 19 years of service.

She has certification in RMA-American Registry of Medical Assistants and Basic Life Support (CPR and AED), American Heart Association



### What do you like best about your career?

“My career brings me so much joy and a sense of fulfillment in helping patients and making genuine connections with them. I also work with the most amazing people! Our practice is like one big family, full of encouragement and gratitude for one another,” said Caitlyn.

When not working, she enjoys spending time with family, friends, and pets as well as baking, dancing, and supporting her children by being their biggest fan at dance competitions and sporting events.



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Spaghetti was ready to be served and took place at the Warren Fire Station near the center of Warren.

RIGHT: Raffle prizes were available during the spaghetti supper. Each firefighter helmet had the name of the business/organization that donated a prize.



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The dinner featured spaghetti and sauce that came with a dinner roll, meatballs, and a side salad. There were also desserts donated, including cupcakes and pies.

Hannaford's donated sodas and some food for this year's spaghetti supper. The spaghetti and meatballs were donated by Salem Cross Inn.

Guests got to participate in a 50/50 raffle and win some raffle baskets. Proceeds from the raffle go towards supporting the Warren Firefighter's Association.

The prizes and baskets were donated by various organizations and businesses. Next to each prize is a firefighter helmet with the name of the business/organization that donated the prize.

Wedge came up during dinner time with a few announcements. Wedge wanted to thank all the those who supported this year's spaghetti supper through

donations and volunteerism.

The Warren Firefighter's Association also hosts a Christmas wreath fundraiser at their fire station in West Warren. Funds from that event also go to support the association.

Kenny Beauregard is the president of the Warren Firefighter's Association and James Gagner is the vice-president of the association.

Members of the Warren Firefighter's Association were wearing Bridges Strong T-shirts during the spaghetti supper. Guests could buy a T-shirt that were available inside the fire station. The funds from these T-shirts go to support retired firefighter, Scott Bridges, who is undergoing cancer treatments.

Bridges attended the spaghetti supper and is a retired firefighter who served for 30 years. Members of the Bridges family were at the spaghetti supper and were proud to surprise their loved

one with this news.

The family gathered around and showed Bridges these T-shirts, that say, "Bridges Strong" in the back along with "Warren Fire" and a blue cancer ribbon symbol in the center. Bridges was told about these shirts being sold and are a part of helping him out.

The news was a surprise to Bridges, who expressed nothing but thankfulness.

"I am thankful and humble," Bridges said. "These folks are family; the Fire Department is family."

Bridges retired from the fire department in 2023. A year earlier, his son Alex joined the Warren Fire Department.

Bridges has a retirement plaque that shows a picture of him and his son together as firefighters. Alex was selling the T-shirts to help benefit his father. Almost all the shirts were sold during the spaghetti supper.

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of these concerns. Vollheim said both meetings have been scheduled and should happen over the next couple of weeks.

Later in the meeting, the Select Board got to the agenda item to discuss and vote on Smith's Open Meeting Law complaint. The complaint in this discussion is about the auction company conflict the town is having and claims that the Town Administrator did not get authorization to sign a contract with company.

The Select Board wants to come to a resolution soon and originally wanted to table this discussion. However, Town Administrator Justine Caggiano shared that there is a deadline for this discussion. Caggiano asked the Select Board to vote on a response.

"It does not constitute an

open meeting law violation and is outlined in the draft response," Caggiano said.

The Board discussed briefly on when a meeting was held that gave the Town Administrator authorization to sign on a contract. Caggiano said this was done under the prior Select Board chair and said the board voted to have contract signed. Caggiano also said the assessor also said this publicly.

Vice Chair William Tinker claimed that was done in executive session.

The Board agreed to send their response to the state and hopefully get to some resolution. The vote was unanimous.

**Visitor comments**

Bill Cole of the Planning Board shared some topics with the Select Board to discuss during visitor comments. There are many

vacancies on town boards and commissions, and Cole hopes volunteers will step up and fill those vacancies.

Cole wanted to know if there is anything on the website or any way to update sources to see what opportunities are filled or available.

Caggiano commented and said there is an updated list on the website and wants to put in a page where volunteer opportunities are listed. The town is working on fixing the website, which Caggiano feels needs to be upgraded.

Cole also brought up grant writing and feels the town would benefit from having part-time grant writing assistance to help the town submit grant applications and hopefully secure some grant funds.

"I think that'd be very good," Cole said.

Cole said in the past the town has had a tough time submitting their applications on time in the past, includ-

ing block grants. Luckily, the town is working with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Caggiano commented on grants and mentioned that Community Development Block Grant is helping with projects related to Highland Terrace and the Memorial Park project.

"We do need some help with grants," Caggiano said.

There is a list being worked on by the Capital Planning Committee to help outline what the town could use and be supported with grant funding.

**Appointments**

The Select Board went over appointments and reappointments of members to the town's Historical Commission. John Petraglia was reappointed and Patricia Tinker and Ryan J. Witkos were both appointed.

**Kearsarge Solar lease**

The board got some further information from members of the Planning Board who visited the site that Kearsarge Solar is looking to lease. Those who visited got new ideas about distances to the river.

There was also an update from town counsel and is waiting to plug in numbers for the new lease. With both the town and the applicant still behind on information, the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Cole commented and hopes that the board will be satisfied with the decision they make with Kearsarge, but doesn't give up as much property, so there can be other developments on the lot. Vollheim feels the town is in no position to do a site plan review.

When a decision is made, Kearsarge would still have to go through the Planning

Board. With a lot still to be figured out, the Select Board will continue this discussion. Hopefully by next meeting they will know how much land is going to be taken if they were to move forward with Kearsarge Solar.

**Select Board roundtable**

Tinker brought up the topic of the Town Accountant position. As of their Oct. 14 meeting, the position is still vacant and the applicant the board voted on withdrew from the application.

According to Vollheim, the applicant withdrew his letter of interest and backed out.

Tinker wanted to know if the dealbreaker for the applicant was that the position is an exempt position under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Tinker would like to discuss more about the Town Accountant position at their next Select Board Meeting.

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# Warren Senior Center celebrated Italian American heritage

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Warren Senior Center hosted an Italian American heritage celebration this past week.

The celebration consisted of an Italian meal, dessert, and classic music. This is the third year that the Senior Center has hosted this Italian American Heritage celebration and it is sponsored by Warren Town Administrator, James Ferrera.

Ferrera attended this celebration, which featured one of his favorite Italian meals, chicken parmesan. The Town Administrator wanted to do this celebration to share a part of his Italian American heritage. Having this dinner and celebration at the Senior Center is a way to give back to the community and bring awareness to Italian heritage.

For dessert, Ferrera surprised guests by bringing over 80 cannolis from La Fiorentina Pastry Shop in Springfield. These delicious pastries were enjoyed by dozens of guests at the Warren Senior Center.

Ferrera took a moment to thank all the staff and volunteers at the Senior Center for their continued support in keeping the senior center



It was a full house as seniors enjoyed a delicious Italian meal and celebrated Italian American heritage.

running. Ferrera also thanked Amanda Meli of Amanda Meli Music for providing music during the meal. Classic Italian music was being played while guests enjoyed the chicken parmesan meal along with spaghetti, garlic bread, and a garden salad.

Ferrera said, “it is important to celebrate all of our heritage” as he wanted to share some of his cultural traditions with everyone at the Senior Center. Ferrera said one of his favorite traditions in his Italian heritage is Sunday meals with his fam-

ily. “Food is a good way to bring people together,” Ferrera said.

The delicious chicken parmesan was cooked by Paula Fitts, who was keeping busy in the kitchen. Senior Center Director Sharon Meli dressed for the occasion and was sporting an Italian beret, a classic Italian hat.

The cannolis were a popular dessert and guests thanked Ferrera for bringing them for this year’s annual Italian American heritage celebration. Ferrera enjoyed a chicken parmesan meal

while visiting the Senior Center. Warren Selectman Derick Veliz attended the celebration and enjoyed a meal as well.

The Senior Center will be hosting a Polish dinner on Thursday, Oct. 30.

The center’s newsletter is now online through the town website, [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov). Go to the Senior Center Calendar link to find out more about future programs and events. The Senior Center can be contacted by calling 413-436-5662.



Sharon Meli (top), shown with a classic Italian beret, and Amanda Meli enjoyed a cannoli while providing the music for the celebration.



Warren Selectman Derick Veliz, left, and Town Administrator James Ferrera enjoyed a chicken parmesan meal at Warren Senior Center.



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## Indians suffer sweep against Orioles



Turley photos by David Henry  
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Jadyn-Amy Boulrice sets up a spike.



Isla Bennington gets low for the hit.



Andrea Albano passes the ball to the front line.



Maeve Stevens gets a return hit.



Maia Lamothe makes the bump.



Emma Zelesky extends to keep the ball in play.

**BELCHERTOWN** – Last Thursday evening, Belchertown girls volleyball easily defeated Ware for its fifth win of the season 3-0. They won straight sets of 25-14, 25-11, and 25-18. Belchertown got 10 kills from Layla Liminski and 24 assists from Olivia Skora. Belchertown is 5-11 while Ware is 3-15.

## Quabbin field hockey heading into playoffs strong

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

**BALDWINVILLE** – Since entering the 2019 Central Mass. Division 1 field hockey tournament with a 14-1-3 record, the Quabbin Lady Panthers hadn't won more than eleven games during the regular season.

The Lady Panthers won their 12th game of this season following a 3-1 road victory against the Narragansett Regional Lady Warriors, last Tuesday afternoon. It was also their fifth consecutive win.

"This is a very big win for us because it's going to help our power ranking in the state tournament," said longtime Quabbin head coach Shelly Zalneraitis, whose husband, Rich, is the Narragansett boys' varsity basketball coach. "It was also very nice to have three different goal scorers in today's game."

The Lady Panthers, who played their final road game of the regular season, made the short bus ride back home to Barre with a 12-2 over-

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## Quaboag girls soccer rallies to earn draw

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

**WARREN** — Many soccer coaches dread having a 2-0 lead. Just ask longtime Granby girls' varsity soccer coach Bob Weaver.

The Lady Rams took a 2-0 lead early in the second half during last Friday afternoon's road match against the Quaboag Lady Cougars.

The home team battled back by scoring a pair of goals within a five-minute span and the non-league contest ended in a 2-2 draw.

"This result is very disappointing, especially after we held a 2-0 second half lead," Weaver said. "It wasn't one of our better efforts of the season. You just have to give Quaboag a lot of credit."

The Lady Rams, who are the top ranked team in the MIAA Division 5 power rankings, had a 9-3-3 overall record following the road tie. They were scheduled to finish the regular season with

another non-league match at Pittsfield High School on Monday afternoon before the Western Mass. Class D. tournament starts later in the week.

"My players are quickly realizing that when the other team steps on the field, we'll be getting their best

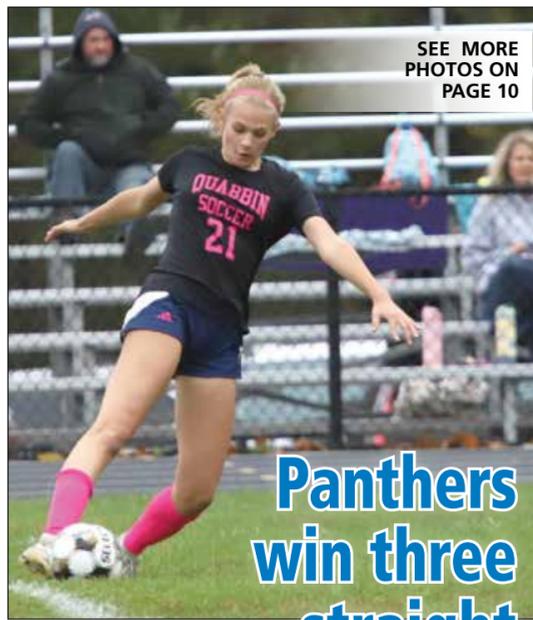
effort," Weaver said. "This was a very big game for both teams."

Quaboag head coach Joe Mooney was very pleased with the way his squad performed, especially in the second half.

"It was wonderful to see how well the girls responded

in the second half," Mooney said. "We had our chances in the first half, but we never gave up. We decided to move a couple of players into an attacking formation at the start of the second half."

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**Panthers win three straight**

Bianca Wilder makes a stop and turns play around.

**BARRE** – Last week, Quabbin Regional girls soccer racked up two more wins. One matchup was a 5-1 triumph at home against Narragansett. They also traveled to Gardner and

turned in a 3-0 shutout. The Panthers are now 8-4-1 and continue their season with an away game at Ayer Shirley on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m.



Persepho Piermarini collects a save.



Asher Sargeal takes a goal kick.

## Pathfinder finishes up busy week



**PALMER** – Due to several postponements, it was a busy week for Pathfinder girls soccer, as they had three games scheduled last week and one more game remaining earlier this week. Last Friday afternoon, the Pioneers hosted Putnam and suffered a 2-1 loss, falling to 4-7-2 on the season. Right now, Pathfinder is on the outside of the state tournament power rankings, but they still have time to reach .500 for the season to qualify.

LEFT: Megan Clark navigates through traffic.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Aubrey Oretiz takes the goal kick for Pathfinder.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Ailey Majoy gets ready to clear the ball to the other end.

# sports

## Candlepin League News

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### Bondsville League

WARE – The Bondsville League at Roll-A-Way Lanes has reached week seven of the bowling season.

After seven weeks of candlepin bowling, the top team is Fire Mountain in the East Division with a record of 32-17. In the West Division, there is a tie for first place between Sandri and Cannonballs with a record of 28-21. The Snappers are a close behind in the West Division with a record of 27-22.

During week seven, Fire Mountain bowled against the Snappers. In game one, Fire Mountain won by a score of 465-449. In game two, Snappers won a close game by a score of 450-447.

In game three, Snappers won the last game by a score of 462-444. Kevin Krasnecky of Snappers finished the match with a 114, the highest game bowled in the match. The final score was 1361-1356 in favor of Snappers.

Sandri bowled against Spare Parts in week seven. In game one, Sandri was the winner with a score of 494-477. Sue Horton of Sandri

started off strong with a 135. Her teammate Ron Gouin began with a 119.

In game two, Spare Parts won by a score of 488-443. Rich Picotte of Sandri had the highest score with a 119. John Jebb of Spare Parts bowled a 104 after starting with a 109.

In game three, Sandri won by a score of 468-458. Horton finished with a 111 and a series of 356. Gouin bowled a 120 and bowled a series of 325. The final score was 1423-1405 in favor of Spare Parts.

Zeke's Freaks bowled against Flaming Bowling Balls in week seven. In game one, Zeke's Freaks won the game by a score of 481-460. Zeke Sicard began the match with a 111 during his team's victory.

In game two, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 468-460. Don Paulus of Flaming Bowling Balls scored 111 and Pete Ducharme of Zeke's Freaks bowled a 107.

In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls won the last game by a score of 455-444. Paulus repeated last game with another 111. It was a close match as Zeke's Freaks won total pinfall by a final score of 1385-1383.

Cannonballs bowled against Ironmen in week seven. In game one, Ironmen were the winners by a score of 500-488. Billy Brunk of

Ironmen started with a 127.

In game two, Cannonballs won big by a score of 520-463. Micah Hinkley of Cannonballs bowled a 111. Ryan Drago of Ironmen bowled a 117 in game two.

In game three, Cannonballs won again by a score of 473-465. Hinkley through a clutch strike in the tenth frame to mathematically secure the last game. Brunk had a chance to match but was unfortunate by leaving the spread eagle for a spare shot.

The final score was 1481-1423 in favor of Cannonballs.

Slow Burners bowled against Night Hawks in week seven. In game one, Slow Burners won by a score of 523-477. Jody Orszulak of Slow Burners began the match with a 124.

In game two, Slow Burners managed to win a close game against Night Hawks by a score of 501-498. Scott Radisic of Slow Burners bowled a 121. Gavin Sinclair of Night Hawks bowled well in game two with a 132.

In game three, Night Hawks won by a score of 496-481. Nate Orszulak of Slow Burners finished the match with a 126 and a series of 342. Sinclair had the highest series on his team with a 346. Slow Burners won total pinfall by a final score of 1505-1471.

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**Isabella Cotaj**  
WARE

Earlier this month, Cotaj led Ware girls soccer to win over Hoosac by scoring a hat trick.

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## Panthers win three straight



Elizabeth Matheson plays the ball off her knee.



Larrah Gagne watches her shot head for the goal.



Grace Vanoudenhove winds up to shoot on goal.

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While Granby had already locked up a berth in the upcoming Division 5 state tournament, Quaboag (7-6-2) needed to win one of their remaining three regular season games to clinch a spot in the Division 4 state tournament.

The Lady Cougars, who were ranked 38th, were scheduled to play two road matches against Ware High School (Monday night) and Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School (Wednesday afternoon) before wrapping up the regular season with a home date against Uxbridge High School on October 27.

"With this draw, we now only need to win one of our last three games to automatically qualify for the Division 4 state tournament," Mooney said. "I do like playing the Western Mass. teams. Today's game was a very good test for my team."

Quaboag is hoping to qualify for the Division 4 state tournament for the first time.

A year ago, the Lady Cougars lost to the Lady Rams at home in a Division 5 round of 32 match.

Granby's season ended two days later with a loss at Georgetown in the round of 16.

The two teams also faced each other during the 2024 regular season, as the Lady Cougars posted a 1-0 road



Hayssa Freitas sends the ball deep.

Turley photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

victory. It was Quaboag's third consecutive win in the series since a 1-1 tie in 2021.

Despite falling behind 2-0 in this year's meeting on the soccer pitch with Granby, Mooney knew the game wasn't over yet.

"A 2-0 lead is probably the worst lead that you can have in a soccer match," he said. "The team with the 2-0 lead is thinking that they can relax a little bit, and the other team is thinking they just need one goal to make it a close match. If that happens, anything can happen. We were able to comeback by scoring two goals in a span of five minutes. Having a 3-0 is always a lot better."

The Lady Cougars had a couple of scoring chances

early in the opening half.

A shot taken from senior captain Maddy Bagg was saved by Granby junior keeper Meredith Bartosz (4 saves).

A couple of minutes later, freshman Julia Queiroga fired a shot on goal and Bartosz made a diving save attempt. She managed to knock the ball over the end line resulting in a corner kick.

At the other end of the field, junior Kalli White had a couple of chances before firing a low shot into the left corner of the net past Quaboag junior keeper Persepho Piermarini (5 saves) giving the Lady Rams a 1-0 advantage during the 34th minute.

White, who has been a member of the varsity soccer

team since the eighth grade, entered the road match three points away from reaching 100 career points.

Bagg and senior captain Maddy Potvin had shots on goal during the final two minutes of the first half.

The Lady Rams' second goal was scored by freshman Marcela Tapia in the 54th minute.

White was credited with the assist leaving her one point away from the elite milestone.

"It would've been nice if Kalli would've reached her 100th career point in today's game," Weaver said. "She wouldn't have been able to accomplish the milestone without the help of her teammates."

The Lady Cougars sliced the deficit in half when Potvin fired a shot into the left corner, which was assisted by Queiroga, in the 62nd minute.

Four minutes later, Bagg scored the tying goal by lofting a shot into the upper left corner, which was assisted by Potvin.

The Quaboag coach praised the performance of his defensive unit in the second half. Those players are junior Brielle Gerulaitis, junior captain Asher Sargent, and senior Olive Moulton.

Both teams had a couple of shot attempts during the final 15 minutes of regulation, but the score didn't change on the scoreboard.

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all record. Their only two setbacks this fall were at Westborough and a non-league home loss to Frontier Regional.

Quabbin, who was ranked seventh in the MIAA Division 4 power rankings at the beginning of last week, has qualified for the state tournament in each of the past four seasons.

The last time that Quabbin faced Narragansett (12-2-2) was in last year's round of 32 contest. The Lady Panthers posted a 3-1 home win.

All the players listed on the 2025 Lady Panthers varsity roster are very talented.

"We only have 13 players on the varsity team, but all of them are outstanding field hockey players and they're also great kids," Zalneraitis said. "We just want to keep winning games."

The three seniors are Maddy Stauder, Farrah Wojcik, and Alyssa Ebert.

"The seniors are our leaders this year," Zalneraitis added. "None of them have told me if they'll be playing field hockey in college, but they certainly can."

The Lady Panthers annual senior night game was scheduled to be against Leominster on Wednesday night. They're scheduled to wrap up the regular season by hosting Marlborough on Friday afternoon.

Stauder and Wojcik are two of the Lady Panthers captains, along with junior's Makenzie Casey and Abigail Rogowski.

Quabbin's other three juniors are Kailynn Schuster, Violet Kelley, and Aubrey Thorpe, who's the starting goalie. Thorpe only had to make three saves against the Lady Warriors, who were ranked 24th in the Division 4 power rankings.

The four Lady Panthers sophomores are Ellie Poulin, Veanna Salvadore, Audrey Niles, and Kayla Curran.

Rounding the varsity squad is eighth grader Maria Hamm, who leads the team with 17 goals.

Casey had a couple of shot attempts during the first half, but senior goalie Gianna Manca made eight saves during the first 30 minutes.

The turning point of the game took place with 1:30 left in the third quarter.

The Lady Panthers were given a penalty stroke after the Lady Warriors covered the ball.

Casey took the stroke and banged a shot into the back of the cage.

"This was the third time that I've made a penalty stroke this season," Casey said. "I was a little bit nervous because I needed to make it to give my team the lead. This is probably the best season we've had since I've been playing for the varsity team. All of us are like sisters."

The Lady Panthers held a 1-0 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Less than two minutes into the final quarter, Curran fired a shot that deflected into the cage off the goalie's pads for an unassisted goal.

Quabbin's final goal was scored by Hamm, which was also unassisted, with 6:30 remaining in regulation.

"Two of our younger players scored goals during the fourth quarter," Casey said. "Everyone has been contributing to our success so far this year."

About 15 seconds later, the Lady Warriors ended Thorpe's shutout bid following a goal from sophomore Lacey Beauregard.

The Lady Panthers managed to hold onto the two goal lead the rest of the way.

The deadline for submissions for this sports section is the Monday before publication by noon.

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Runners who participated in the quarter mile Kid's Run for children aged 6-12 got ready to race.



Tim Hawley took first in the 70+ age category for the 5-Mile Classic, with a time of 42:03.



Brian Farmer finished the 5-Mile Classic in 9th place overall, with a time of 36:30.



Nicole Keleher was the first female finisher at the East Quabbin Land Trust's Station Loop Ramble 5-Mile Classic with a time of 40:52. This year's Classic was on a new, slightly shorter, course due to bridge construction on Creamery Road.

# Station Loop Ramble



The first and second place 200-foot Kid's Run finishers made their way down the trail.

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dor, and in 2018 it purchased Frohloff Farm in Ware and expanded another section of the trail. In 2022 another 2.3 miles was added, connecting the trail through Gilbertville. Just last year, voters in the town of Ware approved the purchase of a plot of land that will connect the Mass Central Rail Trail from Frohloff Farm to Grenville Park.

The Station Loop Ramble showcases the New Braintree and Hardwick sections of the Mass Central Rail Trail and its bridges, with the 5K departing from the former station into the village of Wheelwright and then back again.

Runners and walkers pass over the Ware River, getting a breathtaking view of the area at the peak of foliage season.

The 5-Mile Classic normally includes the challenging hills of New Braintree's farmland, in addition to the fast and flat Mass Central Rail Trail, but due to bridge construction on Creamery Road, the route was changed (and slightly shortened) this year.

Runners instead took to Hardwick Road and passed by the Winnimuset Wildlife Management Area, before making their way down scenic back roads and up the daunting hill on Wine Road, then finishing past the familiar farms of West Road.

Young runners had two options for races, both of which were entirely on the Mass Central Rail Trail. Children 5 and under could participate in the 200-foot race and children ages 6-12 could race for a quarter mile.

As always, the Station Loop Ramble provided an experience for the whole family, made possible by a number of dedicated volunteers who handed out freshly baked cookies, painted faces, and more.

"It's a wonderful day to be out," Cynthia Henshaw, East Quabbin Land Trust's Executive Director, said. "Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make



Hazel Larson and Walker Larson were the top two youth finishers for the 5K Run/Walk. Hazel earned fourth place overall with a time of 27:03 and Walker was first overall with a time of 23:10.



Michelle Shepherd was the first female finisher in the 50-59 age category in the 5-Mile Classic.



Thaddeus, age 5, and Emilia, who is almost 2 years old, blew bubbles after participating in the Kid's Run.



Emilia ran alongside her mother during the 200-foot Kid's Run.



This young participant proudly wore his East Quabbin Land Trust shirt during the 200-foot Kid's Run for children aged 5 and under.

Siok, 55:43; Rick Dorsch, 56:34; Donna Dorsch, 56:35; Quinn Edwards, 56:35; Lindsay Rowe, 56:35; Gery Benedetti, 59:03; Michael Abramson, 59:03; Maureen Abramson, 59:03; Sharon Hanson, 59:03; Pat Fuldecky, 59:09; Linda Maznick, 59:09; Sarah Campbell, 59:09; Jane Campbell, 59:09; Leslie Homzie, 59:09; and Catriona Standfield, 59:09.

The results for the 5-Mile Classic are as follows: Nathaniel Henshaw, 28:19; Matt Twarog, 29:37; Brian Keleher, 30:37; Robbie Rostami, 32:07; Simon White, 32:36; Andrew Wiewel, 32:45; Logan Holloway, 33:01; Michael Siok, 34:48; Brian Farmer, 36:30; David Latino, 37:37; Mike Berrin, 39:40; Patrick Bressette, 39:41; Evan White, 39:49; Rick Wood, 40:33; Nicole Keleher, 40:52; David Maher, 40:56; Audrey Snay, 41:39; Tim Hawley, 42:03; Toni Brown, 43:42; Michael Groner, 47:33; Mike Cavanaugh, 49:15; Michelle Sheperd, 50:43; Jennie Dimauro, 57:39; Kevin Loggie, 53:14; Paula Ouimette, 57:04; Rebecca Edwards, 57:33; and Stuart Beckley, 1:03:09.

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Gene Rich finished the 5K Run/Walk with a time of 29:36. Rich took first male finisher in the 40-49 age category.



Mike Cavanaugh finished the 5-Mile Classic with a time of 49:15.



Leslie Homzie and George Campbell were the top finishers in the 50-59 age category of the 5K Run/Walk.



Carolyn Bressette and Rick Dorsch were the top finishers in the 60-69 age category of the 5K Run/Walk.



Katie Benedetti and Brian Savilonis were the top finishers in the 70+ age category of the 5K Run/Walk.



David Maher finished the 5-Mile Classic with a time of 40:56. Maher was the first male finisher in the 60-69 age category.

# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of Oct. 12-21, the Ware Police Department responded to 21 miscellaneous calls, 24 administrative calls, 10 traffic violations, 15 emergency 911 calls, eight motor vehicle accidents, seven harassments, two trespasses, one theft/larceny, one breaking and entering, five safety hazards, two frauds, two fires, five damage/vandalisms, six animal calls and 49 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

### Sunday, Oct. 12

10:18 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised  
4:23 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Warren Road, Advised  
5:22 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Bank Street, Services Rendered  
5:23 p.m. Breaking and Entering, Fourth Avenue, Report Made

### Monday, Oct. 13

2:01 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated  
9:10 a.m. Safety Hazard, Babcock Tavern Road, Services Rendered  
11:48 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Patient Refusal

3:32 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Advised  
4:42 p.m. Trespass, East Main Street, Advised  
5:24 p.m. Outside Fire, Palmer Road, Investigated  
10:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Arrest Made

### Tuesday, Oct. 14

2:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
4:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
5:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
7:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
7:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
11:37 a.m. Safety Hazard, Belchertown Road, Services Rendered  
12:21 p.m. Trespass, Church Street, Investigated  
12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
1:56 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Street, Report Made

### Wednesday, Oct. 15

9:18 a.m. Damage/Vandalism, Fisherdick Road, Advised  
4:25 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Palmer Road, Investigated  
8:05 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, East Street, Arrest Made

### Thursday, Oct. 16

6:13 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled  
12:01 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Warren Road, Services Rendered  
12:11 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Services Rendered  
4:45 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Hillside Village, Could Not Locate  
4:46 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Main Street, Arrest Made

### Friday, Oct. 17

8:05 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised  
8:32 a.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered  
2:21 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Advised  
3:29 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made  
4:56 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Meadow Heights Road, Services Rendered  
5:38 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, North Street, Services Rendered  
9:32 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, High Street, Dispatch Handled

### Saturday, Oct. 18

8:46 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Pleasant Street, Services Rendered  
1:25 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered  
4:23 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Services Rendered  
7:09 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Morse Avenue, Arrest

**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.

### Made

8:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pine Street, Arrest Made  
10:38 p.m. Structure Fire, Monson Turnpike Road, Extinguished

### Sunday, Oct. 19

5:30 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Coffey Hill Road, Services Rendered  
10:39 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Services Rendered

### Monday, Oct. 20

8:55 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered  
12:01 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Verbal Warning Issued  
2 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Church Street, Services Rendered  
7:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
10:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Otis Avenue, Arrest Made

### Tuesday, Oct. 21

1:26 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated  
3:06 a.m. Safety Hazard, Belchertown Road, Services Rendered  
4:44 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Pulaski Street, Advised  
5:12 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Pulaski Street, Advised

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Oct. 13-20, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 85 building/property checks, 58 directed/area patrols, 14 radar assignments, six traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, one assist other agency, one complaint, one harassment, one missing person, four investigations, one motor vehicle investigation, four safety hazards, one motor vehicle accident, one fire/illegal burn, one animal call and 12 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

### Monday, Oct. 13

8:40 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered  
12:19 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Referred to Other Agency  
1:12 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, High Street, Removed Hazard  
3:50 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled  
6:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Prouty Road, Citation Issued

### Tuesday, Oct. 14

6:58 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Mellon Road, Officer Handled  
1:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
2:22 p.m. Harassment, Church Lane, Officer Handled  
4:50 p.m. 911 Missing Person, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

### Wednesday, Oct. 15

11:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Street, Transported to Hospital  
2:29 p.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered

8:15 p.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact

### Thursday, Oct. 16

2:07 a.m. Medical Emergency, Off Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital  
10:11 a.m. Assist Citizen, School House Drive, Officer Handled  
12:40 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Services Rendered  
4:04 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Shunpike Road, Patient Refusal  
8:56 p.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

### Friday, Oct. 17

9:18 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Church Street, Report Taken  
12:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
2:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Transported to Hospital  
11:59 p.m. Disturbance, Barre Road, Officer Handled

### Saturday, Oct. 18

6:17 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Court, Transported to Hospital  
8:27 p.m. Investigation, Bridge Court, Officer Handled  
10:25 p.m. 911 Misdiagnosed, Lower Road, Services Rendered  
11:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled

### Sunday, Oct. 19

10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
12:12 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:41 p.m. 911 Hang-up, North Road, Spoken To

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## National Prescription Drug Take Back Day this Saturday

NORTHAMPTON – People in 15 area communities will have an opportunity to safely dispose of unneeded drugs during the 28th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day set for Saturday, Oct. 25.

The Northwestern District Attorney's Office, local police departments, the Hampshire Sheriff's Office and the county-based TRIAD initiative are again teaming up to organize and host the event. "As a community, we have a responsibility to protect our families from the dangers of unused medications. Participating in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a simple but powerful step to prevent misuse and accidental harm," said Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan. "By safely disposing of these drugs, we are safeguarding our environment and saving lives."

Ten Hampshire County communities and five in Franklin County are gearing up for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency, a twice-yearly event that aims to encourage residents to drop off prescription or over-the-

counter drugs for humans or pets in a collective effort to save lives by preventing misuse or accidental ingestion. Proper disposal of unneeded prescription and non-prescription drugs also keeps them out of water sources and landfills, preventing harm to wild animals and the environment.

Collections are scheduled from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at police departments or public safety complexes in Deerfield, Easthampton, Erving, Hadley, Leverett, Montague, Pelham, Southampton, South Hadley, Sunderland and Williamsburg. Other drop-off sites are at Wildwood Elementary School on Strong Avenue in Amherst; the Town Common in Belchertown; Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School on Locust Street in Northampton; the Fire Station at 51 Huntington Road in Worthington.

More than 78,700 pounds of drugs have been safely disposed of since 2011 during Take Back Days offered twice annually and through permanent drug collection boxes stationed at area police departments.

## Frank W. Kokoski, Jr.

WARE – Frank W. Kokoski, Jr. died on Thursday morning, Oct. 16, 2025, at the Elaine Center in Hadley.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Elaine (Homans) Kokoski; his sons, Frank W. Kokoski III, and his wife Jennifer of Palmer, William Kokoski and his wife Angela of Monson, and Tim Kokoski; his daughter, Lisa Kokoski of Palmer; his sister, Linda Shunaman and her husband Raymond of Brimfield; and his brother, Daniel Kokoski and his husband Peter of Springfield. He was predeceased by his brothers Mark Kokoski and Michael Kokoski. He also leaves his grandchildren Jeffrey, Katlyn, Bridgette, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Spencer, and Benjamin, his nieces Karen and Dee, as well as many other nieces and nephews.

He was born in Ware, son of the late Frank W. Kokoski and Evelyn (Ely) Kokoski and was a life-long resident of the town.

Frank was very proud of his military service enlisting in the United States Navy when he was 19 and later in the Army National Guard. He was a long-time member of the AMVETS in Three Rivers.



Frank worked in the local factories in Ware, including the former Dorman Mills.

He also worked as a farmer at Vale's Dairy Farm in Warren and was the custodian of the Ware Armory for over 20 years.

He shared his family's love of farming and later started his own small farm with his daughter Lisa.

Frank loved his large family, and will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. He could always be found driving around town with his golden retriever Toby.

He leaves behind cherished memories for family and friends.

Calling hours for Frank will be held on Monday evening, Oct. 27, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. at the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware. A Funeral Service will be held the following morning on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Quabbin Park Cemetery following the service.

An online tribute page is available at charbonneaufh.com.

## Kenneth W. Pratt

WARE – Born on Oct. 21, 1949, in Long Branch, New Jersey, Kenneth was

the loving husband of Laurette (Zebrowski) Pratt, cherished son of the late William and Eleanor Pratt, and beloved brother of Nancy (Pratt) Hellig.

Ken grew up in West Warren, and graduated from Warren High School in 1967. He enlisted in the United States Navy where he became a storekeeper. He served in Vietnam and was proud to display the fact he was a member of the "Vietnam Mekong DELTA" in the "Brown Water Navy" from 1968-1969 on the back of his truck.

He was stationed on a barge on the Bassac River a few miles south of the Cambodian Border where he supplied PT boats and helicopters with what they needed to survive the dangerous waters and fields. He later served at the submarine base in Groton, Connecticut.

He married his wife, Laurette (Laurie) on Dec. 20, 1969, when he returned from Vietnam, and soon after began his own family residing in Ware for the rest of his years.

Ken worked in sporting goods for years, traveling

to and from the orient every other month to inspect factory production for Brookfield

Athletic, Franklin Sports, Seneca Sports, and Sales Logistics Inc., his own business for ten years until retirement.

He had always promised his wife a waterfront property, so he built her a beautiful pond on their property that he enjoyed working on and sitting by as often as possible. He loved gardening around the pond and on his property, raising many of the beautiful flowers in his greenhouse.

He also loved interacting with the wildlife around the pond and his porches, ensuring they were well-fed year-round, especially during the harsher winter months. Caring for and loving numerous animals, especially his pets over the years, was an important part of his daily life, as well.

Although he lived most of his life in Ware, he had great pride for his original hometown of West Warren and worked hard to get his old Warren High School history recognized into the Quaboag Regional High School trophy memorabilia displays the past couple of years.

He leaves behind his wife of 55 years, son Michael



and his wife Jennifer (Sturbridge), and daughter Michelle and her husband Eric (Norton). He had four grandchildren he loved deeply, Alexander, MacKenzie, Emma, and Evan. He also leaves behind his wonderful sister Nancy and her husband Mark, along with nieces and nephews, William, Zoe, Rose, Riche, and Luigi.

He loved all sports, hunting, fishing, along with his Corvette and BMW, but most of all he loved his family and friends.

Calling Hours for Ken will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, from 9-10:30 a.m., in Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., Ware, MA 01082. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held the same day at 11 a.m., in All Saints Church, 17 North St., Ware, MA 01082. Burial with Military Honors will take place following the Mass, at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Ware.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that any donations be made in his memory to either All Saints Church, 60 South St., Ware, MA 01082, or Second Chance Animal Services, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

An online tribute page is available at www.charbonneaufh.com.

## Death notices

**Kokoski Jr., Frank W.**  
Died Oct. 16, 2025  
Services Oct. 28, 2025

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Died Oct. 18, 2025  
Services Oct. 30, 2025

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## Medicare 101 Educational Event offered at Senior Center

BARRE – The Barre Hardwick Senior Center will be hosting an educational presentation on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. at the senior center located at 557 South Barre Road for current beneficiaries and for those who will soon be eligible for Medicare.

The information is specific to Massachusetts. The session will run from 1 to 1.5 hours, including time for questions.

The presentation will be conducted by Ed Spater, a licensed Insurance agent,

who will explain the basics of Medicare including: why it's important to evaluate your current Medicare coverage each year; the pros and cons of each of your Medicare coverage options; what to consider when deciding which Medicare coverage option is right for you; and ways to save money and get better Medicare coverage in 2024.

For accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings call 774-271-5199 or 711 for TTY callers.

## United Church to hold take-out turkey dinner

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

Drive up to the Church Street side of the church and a runner will take your food order and bring it to your car. The cost is \$15 per meal paid by cash or check.

The meal includes turkey and all the fixings, potatoes, stuffing, veggies,



roll, coffee, tea and dessert. No reservations necessary.

## GARDEN from page 4

Many birds are killed by cats. It is safer for people's pet cats to kept indoors as they also succumb to predation. If a cat is an outdoor cat, people may put a bell collar on their cat with a quick release mechanism if their pet's collar should get hung up on something.

## Dark-eyed Juncos

An Oakham resident reported seeing a dark-eyed junco in his yard last week. I saw a small flock of juncos along the road where I live on Oct. 13. Their white tail feathers identified them as they flew up from the side

of the road. It was my first sighting this fall.

*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](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.*

## PROJECT from page 5

received approval from the town's Conservation Agent and they are working to get additional permits for two of the stations, due to their proximity to the water. He said at this time, he has excluded those stations so the rest of the project can move forward.

"If and when I get those permits in; I will add the stations back in and do the original project," he said.

Bonilla has also been communicating with the Building Department regarding the project.

Once Bonilla receives approval from the Scouting America council, he will be able to start the construction of this project.

## Memorial Field conditions

Piechota said everything is going to plan in terms of Memorial Field's condition after being reseeded.

"It's coming in great," he said.

Piechota will have a more detailed update about the field conditions at the Park Commission's November meeting.

## Guidelines for field use

Swarts said with the ongoing improvements to Memorial Field, the commissioners should consider creating guidelines for field use.

"To help preserve it and keep it in good shape," she said.

Swarts read a list of suggested guidelines, which included reducing or eliminating the number of prac-

tices on the field by the high school team; no night games until the nighttime temperature is above 45 degrees; and reducing the number of doubleheader games.

She also suggested the high school pay the utility cost for lights used during nighttime games, in addition to helping maintain and prepare the field for use before games.

Piechota said there needs to be cooperation between the high school athletics department and the town, as well as communication about game schedules.

The commissioners will draft the guidelines for field use at Memorial Field and then meet with representatives from the school to discuss it.

"It's going to be awhile before anybody gets back on that field," Imbier said.

Grenville Park bathrooms Piechota said the engineer is laying out the design of the septic system for the new bathrooms in Grenville Park, which will be located close to its original location. The design should be completed in about a week.

## Beauregard playground

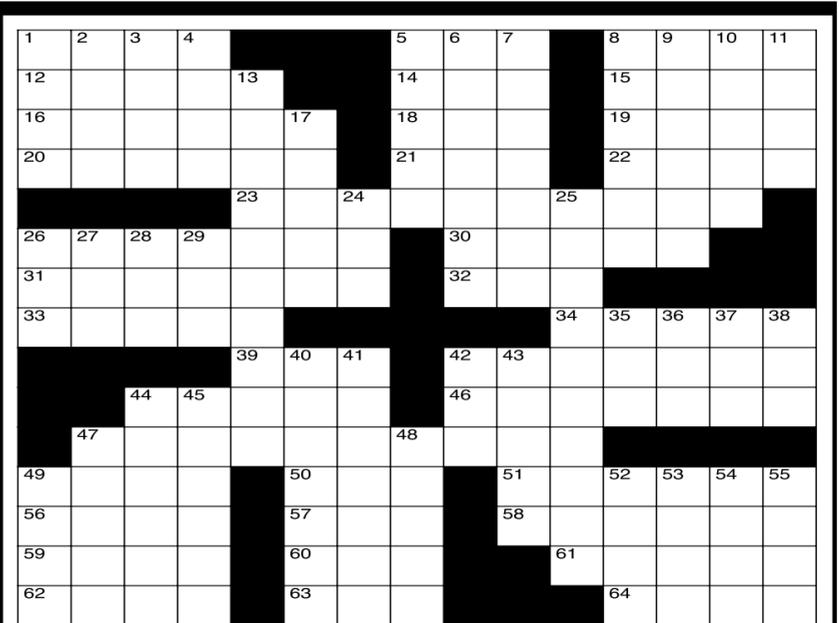
Piechota said he spoke with the Highway Department and they are on track to being able to demolish and remove the broken playground equipment at the playground.

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## CLUES ACROSS

- Remark
- Upper body part
- Expression of dismissiveness
- Alternate name
- Popular beverage
- Swiss river
- Step-shaped recess
- Rocker Stewart
- Bright shade of color
- Popular "street"
- Wrath
- Heat units
- Nocturnal omnivorous mammals
- Fall back into record
- Sound a splash made
- Popular Dodge pickup model
- Jamaican river
- Notable event in Texas history
- Cool!
- Subset of Judaism
- Newly entered cadet
- Duct in urinary system
- Exterminator
- Snatch quickly
- Have already done
- Less healthy
- Therefore
- What couples say on the altar
- Mysteriously
- Look angry or sullen
- Bird's beak
- Taco ingredient
- Square measures

## CLUES DOWN

- Pubs
- Wings
- Popular BBQ dish
- Small sponge cake
- Open-roofed entrance halls
- Organize anew
- Type of wine
- Forums
- North Atlantic islands (alt. sp.)
- Pond dwellers
- Large integers
- Signaled
- Brief
- Type of student
- Tibetan monasteries
- Revolutions per minute
- NY Giants great Manning
- Local area network
- Residue from burning
- Illuminated
- Vasopressin
- Notable space station
- Wood sorrel
- Adhering to laws
- Chose
- Hovel
- Stood up
- European city
- Works ceaselessly
- Mistake
- Sun-dried brick
- Sicilian city
- A steep rugged rock or cliff
- Murder
- Other
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# public notices

## Grange hosts annual pumpkin carving event Oct. 27

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

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

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

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at [waregrange.org](http://waregrange.org) for more information.

## Wishing Well Charities to host Fall Fundraiser Nov. 1

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

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

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

## Death literacy specialist donates books to libraries

BARRE – Local Death Literacy Specialist, Integrative Health and Wellness Coach, and End-of-Life Doula, Laura Dusha Nelson, has donated copies of “The Death Doula’s Guide to Living Fully and Dying Prepared: An Essential Workbook to Help You Reflect Back, Plan Ahead, and Find Peace on Your Journey” by Francesca Lynn Arnoldy to several public libraries across Central Massachusetts.

To date this includes Paige Memorial Library in Hardwick, Gilbertville Public Library in Gilbertville and Woods Memorial Library in Barre.

These donations provide community members with compassionate, practical resources for exploring end-of-life planning, legacy work, grief, and the importance of living with intention.

“Libraries are such vital spaces for discovery and conversation,” Nelson said. “Talking about death opens the way for meaningful conversations that help us prepare, reflect, and embrace life with greater purpose—an invitation to live more fully.”

Nelson believes that everyone should have a copy of this workbook to use as their own personal guide, journal, and companion. But by placing copies in local libraries, she hopes people will feel comfortable exploring the resource, sparking curiosity and easing the way into meaningful exploration and future conversations.

The six-week Living Fully and Dying Prepared workshop, created by Francesca Lynn Arnoldy, is designed to gently guide people into these con-

versations, step by step. Nelson expressed gratitude for Arnoldy’s thoughtful program, noting: “It has become one of the many things I am passionate about sharing with folks, and a favorite part of my work.”

This fall, Nelson will offer the Living Fully and Dying Prepared community workshop locally as part of the Community Death Literacy Project, a national initiative supported by Francesca Lynn Arnoldy “The Contemplative Doula) and Compassion & Choices.”

Thanks to grant funding, the workshop (including the workbook) will be available at a reduced cost. For information about Upcoming Information Sessions and Upcoming Workshops, please visit [www.thejourneybeforeus.com/events](http://www.thejourneybeforeus.com/events)

The Community Death Literacy Project provides resources and grant support to trained educators across the country, helping to normalize conversations about end-of-life, grief, and legacy. The project is a partnership of Francesca Lynn Arnoldy (The Contemplative Doula) and Compassion & Choices.

Laura Dusha Nelson is the founder of The Journey Before Us, LLC. She serves the community as a Death Literacy Specialist, Integrative Health and Wellness Coach, and End-of-Life Doula. She helps individuals embrace whole-person wellness, navigate transitions and create meaningful legacies.

People may email Laura Dusha Nelson at [thejourneybeforeus@gmail.com](mailto:thejourneybeforeus@gmail.com), call 802-734-0879 or visit [www.thejourneybeforeus.com](http://www.thejourneybeforeus.com).

## Friends of Ware Senior Center announce fundraisers

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

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

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

Lotto calendars can be

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

## Haunted House in Warren returns in October

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

The Haunted House is located at 48 High St. Dates for the Haunted House will be Saturday, Oct.

25, Monday, Oct. 27, and Tuesday Oct. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

in the Shepard Municipal Building gym.

This event may not be suitable for young children.

For more about Warren Parks & Recreation, visit [www.warren-ma.gov/parks-recreation-commission](http://www.warren-ma.gov/parks-recreation-commission).

### TOWN OF WARREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166 Section 22, a public hearing will take place for consent to install 1 JO Poles on Bemis Rd beginning at a point approximately 900 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Bemis Rd and Heritage Dr. Install new utility Pole 27-50 Bemis Rd. Install EMR at P27-50 Bemis Rd. **This hearing will be on Thursday, November 6th, 2025, Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main Street, West Warren, MA, at 6:00PM.**

Richard Eichacker, Chairman  
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### TOWN OF WARREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166 Section 22, a public hearing will take place for consent to install 1 JO Poles on Brookfield Rd beginning at a point approximately 575 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Southbridge Rd Ext. Install PL # 13-84 approximately 575’ south of the centerline of Southbridge Rd Ext. **This hearing will be on Thursday, November 6th, 2025, Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main Street, West Warren, MA, at 6:00PM.**

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### Town of Ware Bid Notice

The Town of Ware seeks bids for Restroom and Field House Improvements at Memorial Field. The project involves renovation of restrooms, space re-configuration and accessibility improvements. Construction shall be completed by May 15, 2026.

Bid plans and specifications may be received from the Ware Town Manager at [sbeckley@townofware.com](mailto:sbeckley@townofware.com) or by calling 413-967-9648 x100. Sealed bids shall be marked “Memorial Field House Improvements” and submitted to: Town Manager, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 no later than **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** where they will be publically opened and read. A non-mandatory site visit will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 6 at the Memorial Field House, 31 Monroe Street.  
10/23/2025

### (SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

**Docket Number: 25 SM 003122**  
**ORDER OF NOTICE**  
To: **Paul Muise, Sr.**  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):  
**PennyMac Loan Services, LLC**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 79 Pleasant Street given by Paul Muise, Sr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated April 15, 2016, and registered at the Hampshire County Registry District of the Land Court as document number 19333, and noted on certificate of title number 2395, as modified by a certain modification agree-

ment registered on November 8, 2021, and registered with the Hampshire County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 21243 as noted on Certificate of Title No. 2395, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **December 1, 2025**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on October 14, 2025.

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
28437  
10/23/2025

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

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

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Thence southerly on the westerly side of said way about seventy-eight and one-half (78.5) feet to a point at the Northeasterly corner of land of John T. Connell and Johanne Connell;

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

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

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

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

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

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Dated: September 17, 2025  
CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC

By its Attorney  
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10/16, 10/23, 10/30/2025

### Town of Ware Bid Notice

The Town of Ware seeks bids for Restroom Improvements at Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street. The project involves re-configuration of restroom space in order to create a second restroom and allow for accessibility improvements.

Bid plans and specifications may be received from the Ware Town Manager at [sbeckley@townofware.com](mailto:sbeckley@townofware.com) or by calling 413-967-9648 x100. Sealed bids shall be marked “Town Hall Restroom Improvements” and submitted to: Town Manager, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 no later than **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** where they will be publically opened and read. A non-mandatory site visit will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4 at the Ware Town Hall.  
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### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ON THE APPLICATION OF TOMBSTONE TRADING COMPANY, INC.

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