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Turley Publications has been doing so for 60 years now, and enjoys being an integral part of the community.

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We hope to be arriving each week at your home holding up that mirror, the Ware River News.

Sincerely,

**Patrick Turley, CEO**  
**Keith Turley, President**  
Turley Publications, Palmer

## KofC's annual Halloween Spooktacular drive-thru Oct. 27

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – Ware Knights of Columbus member Paul Harper and his crew have spent the past six months preparing for one of the biggest nights of the year, the Halloween Spooktacular drive-thru event at Grenville Park.

What started as a pandemic-safe alternative to the Halloween parade, has quickly turned into one of the most popular events in the region; always held on the last Friday of October and always for free.

The Halloween Spooktacular will be held on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6-8 p.m. at Grenville Park, 73 Church St., entering through the Upper Church Street exit, around the first baseball diamond, and exiting through the entrance.

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## Durant, Zlotnik speak in candidates forum

WBCA brings politicians together

By Eileen Kennedy  
Correspondent

WARE – Two longtime state representatives vied for voters' attention last week at a candidates forum hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association at the Cedarbrook Village, an assisted living facility on South Street.

During the breakfast meeting held on Oct. 18, the candidates answered questions that addressed key issues the communities in the district are facing.

State Rep. Peter J. Durant, R-Spencer, and state Rep. Jon D. Zlotnik, D-Gardner, will face off on Nov. 7, in a special election for former state Sen. Anne Gobi's seat. She left her Worcester and Hampshire seat after being appointed as the newly created director of rural affairs in the Executive Office of Economic Development in May.

Both candidates have served

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Left, state Rep. Peter J. Durant, R-Spencer, and state Rep. Jon D. Zlotnik, D-Gardner, participated in a candidates forum held by the Ware Business & Civic Association at Cedarbrook Village in Ware on Oct. 18. They are competing for the state Senate Worcester and Hampshire seat formerly filled by Anne Gobi, D-Spencer.

Turley Photo by Eileen Kennedy

## Selectmen review STM articles

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WARREN – At last week's meeting, the Board of Selectmen reviewed articles that could appear on the special town meeting warrant.

The special town meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at Quaboag Regional Middle High School's auditorium, 284 Old West Brookfield Road.

### Stabilization articles

The first article on the warrant asks voters to approve the transfer of \$352,000 from free cash to the town's stabilization account, which will bring that account's balance to over \$2 million total.

At the Oct. 19 meeting, Town Administrator James Ferrera said this is the "highest the town's ever had in stabilization."

The second article seeks to transfer \$100,000 from free cash

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## House passes firearms reform bill, 120-38

Local law enforcement and legislators share concerns about H.4135

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WARE – An Act modernizing firearms laws in the commonwealth was recently passed by the House of Representatives in the State House by a vote of 120-38.

On Oct. 18, legislators met to discuss the bill formerly known as HD.4420 and HD.4607, now H.4135, passing overwhelmingly in favor of. Two representatives did not vote on the bill.

Local state Representatives Todd Smola (R-Warren) and Donnie Berthiaume (R-Spencer) both opposed the bill, as did state Senate candidates and current state Reps. Peter Durant (R-Spencer) and Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner).

H.4135 presents legislation that would prohibit firearms in some public spaces, expand the commonwealth's "red flag" law, crack down on the spread of ghost guns with new registration requirements, update the statewide ban on assault weapons and streamline the licensing process.

According to the State House News Service, the House unanimously approved an amendment to the bill that would not prevent off-duty police officers from carrying firearms in certain restricted

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## United Church brings home cooking curbside

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WARE – The United Church of Ware on Church Street had another successful turkey dinner this past Monday evening.

Over 100 meals were made to hand out to a lineup of cars stationed right off the side of Church Street. Over a dozen cars were lined up prior to the dinner's 5 p.m. start time.

About six to eight volunteers came by the day of the dinner, bringing smiles to many community members of Ware.

Like the line of cars outside, the volunteers at United Church got a head start to plate all of the meals. The meals turned out very well and all the volunteers enjoyed working together as a team.



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Volunteers worked well as a team and enjoyed helping each other out.

The turkeys, ingredients and cooking equipment were donated to the United Church of Ware, and the meal also featured stuffing, corn, mashed potatoes, cranberries and gravy.

Volunteers stepped in to prepare the food, collect payments, and deliver the meals to the cars lined up.

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## Steven Hawk's annual Cars & Coffee car show marks four years



Steven Hawk poses with McDonald's crew during his Cars & Coffee car show held on Oct. 14.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

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WARE – Frank Sapowsky and his wife moved to town about 20 years, around the same time resident Steven Hawk was involved in a life-altering car accident that left him a quadriplegic.

Prior to the Mass Central Rail Trail being completed from Gibbs Crossing to Robbins Road, Sapowsky would see Hawk in his wheelchair at the end of his road, watching cars drive along Route 32.

"My wife and I would go by him on our way to Walmart. He was out there on cold days and

hot days," Sapowsky said. "I kept saying to my wife, 'someday I'm going to stop and talk to that guy.'"

One day back in 2019, Sapowsky finally decided to stop, after seeing Hawk in his usual spot, with his head hanging low.

"I said, 'oh boy, it looks like he could use a friend,'" Sapowsky said, and he pulled his car up next to Hawk.

That day, Sapowsky was driving his hot rod, a 1922 Corvair Gasser. Once he pulled up next to Hawk, it was clear that he liked Sapowsky's car.

"He said, 'this thing's pretty cool,'" Sapowsky recalled.

Sapowsky popped the hood and talked at length about the car with

Hawk, who then asked for a photo of himself with the car to send to his sister.

"We visited for a little while," Sapowsky said. "I gave him a Chase Elliott racing hat that I had...just kind of made a connection with him."

After talking with Hawk's mother, Sapowsky decided to host a drive by car show in front of Hawk's house, gathering about 15 cars and drivers. Sapowsky brought

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**Peter Durant**  
State Senate

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Ware River News OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief Death Notice listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a Paid Obituary, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.



Submitted Photo

From left to right are Jodie Gerulaitis and Ben Leonard from Country Bank, giving a donation to Revitalize Community Development Corp. Director of #GreenFit Program Ethel Griffin and Revitalize Community Development Corp. President and CEO Colleen Shanley-Loveless.

# Country Bank grants \$25,000 to Revitalize CDC in Springfield

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is proud to support Revitalize CDC in Springfield.

The CDC performs critical repairs, modifications, and rehabilitation on the homes and non-profit facilities of low-income families with children, elderly military veterans, and people with special needs.

“Revitalize CDC has supported so many families in our community by helping them to maintain safe and healthy homes. Meanwhile, they have spent decades themselves in need of a permanent home to be able to continue this important work and expand their offerings. Country Bank is honored to contribute \$25,000 toward providing Revitalize CDC with this new home. We are confident that

they will be able to broaden their impact exponentially with this building, along with increased storage capacity and the continued drive to do more for our neighbors in need,” said Ben Leonard, senior vice president, commercial banking team leader at Country Bank and vice chair of the Revitalize CDC board.

“All of us at Revitalize CDC could not express enough gratitude for Country Bank’s generosity,” said Revitalize Community Development Corporation President & CEO Colleen Shanley-Loveless. “Your corporate partnership and support of our capital campaign to build a warehouse/distribution center will help us serve more families in need. Our appreciation is immeasurable for your trust in us and contribution to our mission.”

## Friends group offers lotto calendars to benefit seniors

WARE – The Friends of the Ware Seniors, Inc. are selling November lotto calendars for \$10 each to raise money for the Senior Center.

The grand prize is \$300 on Thanksgiving, with a total giveaway of \$1,425 and for every calendar purchased, your name will be entered for a Walmart gift card of \$50 drawn on Nov. 1 as an extra bonus.

Lotto calendars are available at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, and there is a locked drop off box to deposit your entry and money, or you can mail it to the Friends of the Ware Seniors, Inc., 1 Robbins Road, Ware, MA 01082.

Lotto calendars will be sold until Oct. 31.

## Ware Triad hosts potato bar Nov. 15

WARE – Ware Triad will host a potato bar dinner at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 5-7 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 per person and the meal included a make-your-own loaded potato with many toppings to choose from. There will be raffles and prizes.

## Historical Society hosts talk on Bathsbeba Spooner

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society invites all to join them for “Bathsbeba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy” with author Andrew Noone at the Hardwick Town House, 32 Common St. on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. Noone will speak of the life and trial of Bathsbeba Spooner, daughter of the legendary Brigadier General Timothy D. Ruggles.

Refreshments will be served, and the Town House is handicapped accessible.

# 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.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to pouimette@turley.com.



File Photo Last week's photo from 1991 showed Dolores Morin with Warren students (from left) Tasha Smith, Stephanie Masterjohn, Tammy Fasset and Charlotte Moir.

### DRIVE-THRU from page 1

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.

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

This year there will be over 160 blowup displays as well as live displays, courtesy of the Lions Club, Cloning for Kidz Foundation, Jodi Chartier of Changes Hair Salon and crew and more.

A special display previewing the Ware Holiday Flair drive-thru event will be featured at the end, with a “Nightmare Before Christmas” theme.

Each child will receive a goody bag packed with 20 treats, as well as glow wands donated by the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance.

“They’re gorgeous,” Harper said of the wands. “They deserve a shoutout for that.”

When the Knights started organizing their annual Halloween event, they assembled 250 treat bags to give away 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 Scouts BSA Troop 7281.

This event is drive-thru only; no foot traffic will be permitted in the park during the event. For those within walking distance of the park, the Quaboag Connector will be providing free trips through the Halloween Drive Thru, staging at the Church Street apartment complex.

“Don’t let not having a ride stop you. The bus will go through as many times as he has people there,” Harper said.

Harper thanks Parks Manager John Piechota and the Parks Department as well

as the Parks Commissioners, along with Town Manager Stuart Beckley.

“They [the Parks Department] help us all day setting up and rolling cords the next day...Stuart is a big help, he’s here all day Friday.”

Harper also thanked Police Chief Shawn Crevier and Fire Chief Jim Martinez for sending their departments to ensure safety.

Union members from Kanzaki Specialty Papers send two crews, one to help set up and the other to break down the event. The union members also provide financial support.

Costumes are encouraged and spooky Halloween music will be playing on an FM radio channel.

Volunteers to break down the display the day after the event are always welcome, and all ages are encouraged to help.

“Saturday morning, we have thousands and thousands of yards of extension cords that need to be rolled up and put away. Volunteers of all ages welcome for that,” Harper said.

For those unable to volunteer but still looking to support the Knights in hosting this free community event each year, monetary donations are also welcome. To donate, contact the Knights at 413-277-5000 or Harper at 413-537-3422.

“It is completely free,” Harper said of the event. “The whole point is to do something for the kids that is safe.”

The Halloween Spooktacular isn’t just for the younger set either, Harper said.

“It doesn’t have to just be kids. A car full of adults is fine. Come through and see it,” he said

### Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Just as Halloween festivities wrap up until next year, the Knights of Columbus are preparing for its annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, which delivers free turkey

dinners to families in need or those who are alone for the holiday.

Orders are being accepted until Friday, Nov. 17.

Please call 413-277-5000 and provide your name, address, telephone number and the number of meals requested.

### Coats for Kids

The Knight of Columbus continues to serve the community, with the upcoming Coats for Kids drive, that will kickoff on Nov. 1.

“There is a dire need,” Harper said.

Drop-off locations are at all three Ware Public Schools, St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville, All Saints and St. Mary’s churches, Nat Falk, Limelight Dance Studio, the Sharpest Edge Barber Shop, Live Sharp Hair Salon 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. 11, from 9 a.m.-noon, Bruce Marshall of 97.7 FM will be hosting a live broadcast for Coats for Kids from Nat Falk, and anyone that donates during that time will receive 10% off their purchase at the store.

Nat Falk owner Charlie Lask has also committed to donating 10% of that day’s total sales to the Coats for Kids drive.

“Charlie Lask at Nat Falk is the number one supporter of Coats for Kids,” Harper said.

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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## Ware Senior Center events

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

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

### ACTIVITIES

#### Monday, Oct. 30

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Halloween Costume Party with music by Memory Lane

#### Tuesday, Oct. 31

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

#### Wednesday, Nov. 1

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

#### Thursday, Nov. 2

9 a.m. New Senior Walking Club  
Meet at Senior Center and wear comfortable footwear.

Bringing water, sunscreen, bug spray and energy snack are suggested.

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners

10 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh  
3 p.m. Arts & Crafts

#### Friday, Nov. 3

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

### LUNCHES DINE IN

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted

Reservations required by calling 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put your name on the lunch list.

#### Monday, Oct. 30

Halloween Party  
Ham Dinner, Sweet Potato, Broccoli and Dessert of the Day. Entertainment Courtesy of the Friends of the Ware Seniors Inc.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 31

Chicken Jambalaya with Kielbasa, Dessert of the Day

# Selectboard stops water/wastewater sales talk

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WARE – The Selectboard addressed the sole request for proposal received from Aquarian Waver Company for the purchase of the town's water and wastewater assets.

"Based on some new changes, the Board has now made the decision to no longer further discussion for the purchase and sales of the water and sewer," Selectboard Chair Caitlin McCarthy said at the Oct. 17 meeting.

### Highway update

Highway Supervisor Chuck Niedzwiecki said there are seven employees at the Highway Department and there is one opening at the Cemetery. He said they will be doing interviews soon.

"Hopefully that will get filled before the winter season starts," Niedzwiecki said.

Niedzwiecki said the Highway Department has looked into new overhead doors and received some estimates for the cost. He said a secondary salt shed to hold a mixture of sand and salt was also discussed to provide quick treatment in the event of a sudden ice storm.

Niedzwiecki said having the secondary salt shed would be helpful.

He said the town should also look into replacing the almost 70-year-old Highway facility.

"We're limited...at some point the town should really look into a new facility, whether at the same spot, or another part of town. More centralized if we could," Niedzwiecki said.

Niedzwiecki said the Department has gone back out with brush mower to cut back vegetation on main roads again, after continued rain has caused it to grow back.

He said the Highway rented a small paver and accomplished a lot of paving despite the rain.

"The guys did a really good job," he said.

Chip sealing was completed on several roads including Murphy Road, Shady Path and Malboeuf Road. Niedzwiecki said Shady Path was also reclaimed and graded at the section near the tree farm.

Niedzwiecki said the chip sealing should last for about six to eight years and provides a less expensive alternative to pavement.

Niedzwiecki said he hopes to finish paving Crescent Street this year, and East Main Street in the spring now, that bridge repairs are complete.

He said the new 10-wheel dump truck should be arriving shortly.

The vacuum truck company hired to clear the catch basins is still backed up, and the rain has delayed them further.

### Waste water update

Chief Plant Operator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant David Comeau said the Assistant Chief is

leaving the Department and they are searching for his replacement.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said some candidates have been interviewed, but they will need to complete training to be property certified.

Comeau said the screener will go out to bid soon. The screener will catch rags, wipes, trash and other non-flushable items, which cause clogs in the wastewater system.

"The screener will remove all of this trash coming in," Comeau said.

Comeau said removing these items takes several hours each week. Once they have the screener, they can run nitrogen pilot tests.

### DPW update

Department of Public Works Director Geoffrey McAlmond said a new employee has started at the Water Department and is being trained.

McAlmond said there have been glitches with meter readers this month, but the water bills should be out by Nov. 3 as scheduled.

McAlmond said the screener at the Waste Water Treatment Plant was the first item listed on the DPW's projects report.

He said the water pollution control plant assessment (which is currently underway) will determine where they are with equipment and maintenance at the plant.

"Once we do that, that's the first prerequisite to be able to get state grants for 50% of the work

to improve the plant," McAlmond said. "We're about 15% into it...it's really quite an excellent tool and its required to get the grants."

McAlmond said the operation and management plan for the plant update should be completed by the start of the new year.

Other projects include upgrading the plant's alarm control system.

The existing alarm control system uses old telephone lines and will be updated to a wireless system. This project will go out to bid around the first week of November.

McAlmond said the lead service inventory is required to be completed by December 2024. He said the town received a grant to pay for the inventory to determine which water service lines have lead, and need to be replaced.

"Hopefully we'll be able to secure a grant to make the improvements that may be needed," he said.

McAlmond said the flood control system consists of one pump station at the end of Buckley Court. The pump is currently out of service and the roof of the building has fallen in.

Beckley said the project to repair the roof will be put out to bid.

McAlmond said the levees need maintenance, such as cutting back brush, small trees and mowing.

# Family Resource Center lists November events

WARE – Behavior Health Network's Family Resource Center, 82 Main St., lists upcoming events and programs for the month of November.

Staff can be reached by calling 413-277-6601 or emailing bhfrnc@bhinc.org.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 1

10-11:30 a.m. Learn to use a Cricut machine  
6-7 p.m. Self Care Caregiver Support Group

#### Thursday, Nov. 2

10:30-11:30 a.m. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren  
3:45-5:30 p.m. Pride in You Group

#### Friday, Nov. 3

9:30-10:30 a.m. Parent/Child (2-5 years old activity time with Rachel)

#### Saturday, Nov. 4

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Open  
10 a.m.-noon Cookie making

#### Monday, Nov. 6

10-11:30 a.m. Drop in coffee hour  
10-11:30 a.m. Active Parenting

#### Tuesday, Nov. 7

9:30-10:30 a.m. Crafting with Eileen  
5:30-7:30 p.m. Nurturing Fathers  
6-7 p.m. Family Pride

#### Wednesday, Nov. 8

10-11:30am Learn to use a Cricut machine  
6-7 p.m. Self Care Caregiver Support Group

#### Thursday, Nov. 9

10:30-11:30 a.m. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren  
3:45-5:30 p.m. Pride in You Group

#### Friday, Nov. 10

9:30-10:30 a.m. Parent/Child (2-5 years old activity time with Rachel)

#### Saturday, Nov. 11

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Open  
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Family Fall Festival

#### Monday, Nov. 13

10-11:30 a.m. Drop in coffee hour  
10-11:30 a.m. Active Parenting

#### Tuesday, Nov. 14

9:30-10:30 a.m. Crafting with Eileen  
5:30-7:30 p.m. Nurturing Fathers  
6-7 p.m. Family Pride

#### Wednesday, Nov. 15

10-11:30 a.m. Learn to use a Cricut machine  
6-7 p.m. Self Care Caregiver Support Group

#### Thursday, Nov. 16

10:30-11:30 a.m. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren  
3:45-5:30 p.m. Pride in You Group

#### Friday, Nov. 17

9:30-10:30 a.m. Parent/Child (2-5 years old activity time with Rachel)

#### Saturday, Nov. 18

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Open  
10 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. Thanksgiving craft making

#### Monday, Nov. 20

10-11:30 a.m. Drop in coffee hour  
10-11:30 a.m. Active Parenting

#### Tuesday, Nov. 21

9:30-10:30 a.m. Crafting with Eileen  
5:30-7:30 p.m. Nurturing Fathers  
6-7 p.m. Family Pride

#### Wednesday, Nov. 22

10-11:30 a.m. Learn to use a Cricut machine  
6-7 p.m. Self Care Caregiver Support Group

#### Thursday, Nov. 23

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

#### Friday, Nov. 24

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

#### Monday, Nov. 27

10-11:30 a.m. Drop in coffee hour  
10-11:30 a.m. Active

Parenting

#### Tuesday, Nov. 28

9:30-10:30 a.m. Crafting with Eileen  
5:30-7:30 p.m. Nurturing Fathers  
6-7 p.m. Family Pride

#### Wednesday, Nov. 29

10-11:30 a.m. Learn to use a Cricut machine  
6-7 p.m. Self Care Caregiver Support Group

#### Thursday, Nov. 30

10:30-11:30 a.m. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren  
3:45-5:30 p.m. Pride in You Group

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

#### Active Parenting

Parenting program helping parents of kids ages 5-12 raise responsible, cooperative children who are able to resist negative peer pressure and thrive.

#### Nurturing Fathers

The Nurturing Fathers Program is a 13-week evidence-based program for developing attitudes and skills for male nurturance.

#### Family Pride

This group is for parents raising or questioning LGBTQ+ youth.

#### Caregiver Support Group

Self care group for caregivers.

#### Pride in You

A support group for LGBTQ+ youth ages 11-18 to feel safe and free to be themselves.

#### Drop-in Coffee Hour

See our new space, have a coffee and meet the staff to learn what is new.

# Live auction on Nov. 4 benefits Wings of Song

STURBRIDGE – The Wings of Song Community Chorus is offering its fifth, live fundraising auction to help support the financial needs of the chorus (formerly the Quinebaug Valley Singers) at the Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

This is their first auction since 2019 and they are excited to be "live". Expect to arrive at 6:30 p.m. to look over items of the live auction and place your bids on the many items offered in the silent auction.

There will be musical entertainment, as well as light refreshments.

Donations keep arriving daily. Among present and past items are gift certificates, gift cards, donated home, repair and lawn

care, specialized food services, mountain bike, cross country skis and boots, ice skates, fly fishing gear, chest waders, saltwater rod and reel, fiberglass canoe with paddles and much more.

The chorus ended last season with a tribute to the planet titled "Blue Boat Home". This season, under the continuing expertise of Director, Nym Cooke, it is performing a collection of traditional and contemporary vocal music for the holidays titled Celtic Noëls, from the rich, cultural heritage of the Celts in Brittany.

If you are interested in donating an auction item or receiving updates on the event, follow Wings of Song at www.facebook.com/wingsofsong.org, or email Linda (lamfam151@gmail.com) or Carol (carolcurtin77@gmail.com).

# Active Parenting class offers help to parents with young kids

WARE – Active Parenting 4th Edition will be held at Behavioral Health Network's Family Resource Center, 82 Main St.

This class is based on sound principles of child development, and provides parents of children ages 5-12 with indispensable parenting help including how to raise responsible, cooperative children, use effective communication skills, understand why children misbehave, hold family

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For more information or to register contact the Family Resource Center by calling 41-3277-6601 or emailing bhfrnc@bhinc.org.



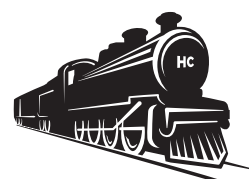
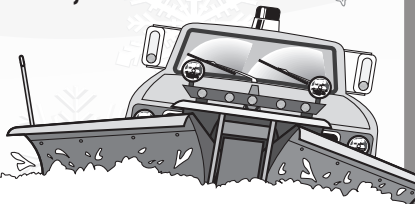
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## LIFE TOGETHER

### Hope against Hope

In the midst of the current chaos, violence, and death, we seek hope. No fairytale will do. We seek a hope that is grounded in real space and time, subject to gravity.

No, "pie in the sky" will do. Some are held hostage by radical terrorists, some are hostage to addiction, depression, domestic violence, and poverty.

Seem intractable. How do we get out of this? Where is the hope? Where is the crack where the light gets in?

For some hope resides in a belief in a higher power, some in our ability to figure things out and problem solve, and some expect hope to ride in on a white horse and cry, "this way!"

I offer hope as Hope: H-Helping O-Other P-People E-Endure. To know we are not alone is healing in and of itself. The presence, the word, the love, of another sitting with us, walking with us, and helping us endure is a real hope we can count on.

Latest mental health professionals tell us 60% of Americans experience loneliness. Even in the midst of others, we feel isolated, disconnected, wanting contact, part of the lonely crowd.

I think that is why you see so many people walking around on their phones. Some walk into the street, signs, posts, puddles, and cars because they are "connecting" on the internet.

Is that the kind of human connection which brings HOPE?

Hope is Helping Other People Endure, and hope comes to us when another helps us endure.

St. Paul writes: "suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope, a hope that does not disappoint."

We are not alone. Hope emerges when people get sober, when broken relationships are reconciled, when the shock of injury and insult are in the process of healing, and each day brings the possibility of something strangely new and unexpected.

When we help another person, we also help ourselves. When we are present with another, we are not only helpful to them, but we also comfort ourselves.

We are now in the midst of unbearable events. Great suffering overwhelms entire countries.

Individuals are alone and afraid. Our experience is not to simply endure, but to allow the possibility of developing character and getting to Hope.

Hope against Hope, that does not disappoint.

Some of us are disappointed in others. They are unable to relate, to be present, to endure with us, because they are in such pain themselves.

If only they could realize that by being present for another will also offer a sense of presence and overcome their loneliness.

It is beyond a gesture of, "just hang in there." Hope is Helping Other People Endure.

*Life Together is written by Rev. Dr. Randall K. Wilburn, Bridge Pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. With over 54 years as a parish minister, Wilburn is also an experienced marriage and family counselor. Life Together will deal with topics such as stress, grief, anxiety, healing and hope. To contact Wilburn, email rkeithw42@gmail.com.*



### Can my wife claim her benefit now and switch to a spouse benefit from me later?

#### Dear Rusty

Can my wife claim her benefits now (at 63, and we know about the reduction for claiming early) and then, when I retire at 66 years and 10 months of age almost 3 years from now, can she switch over to spousal benefits based on my benefit amount?

She worked at a higher paying job for much of her career, but is now at a much lower income and would be under the amount that would reduce her benefits further. I currently earn about nine times her annual salary so the spousal benefit for her would be an increase when I retire.

*Signed: Seeking Information*

#### Dear Seeking

Yes, your wife can claim her own (reduced) Social Security retirement benefit now and she will be automatically awarded a spousal boost when you later claim your SS retirement benefit. However, your wife's benefit when you claim will not be 50% of your Full Retirement Age amount because she claimed her own SS benefit early and

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### The questions keep coming

Continue to receive a number of questions each week.

It's encouraging that there is so much interest in gardening even as this season is coming to an end. Here are the quandaries we have for this week:

Myrtle still has an abundance of green tomatoes left on the plants in her small gardening plot. "Are my tomatoes still OK to be outside? When I've picked them green in the past I remember putting them in a paper bag to ripen. Is that better than just leaving them on the counter? Mine are mostly cherries and I have quite a few! I looked online and it says to put them in a bag with an apple, but I don't recall using an apple the last time I did this. I sometimes find that advice from the internet gets confusing - too many options! Also, I was wondering what you thought of trying to root the tomato branches that have flowers. Maybe I could grow them inside for the winter."

Lucky you to still have tomato branches

with flowers, let alone those with tomatoes on them! I am impressed.

With frost imminent, I typically allow green tomatoes to ripen single layer in trays or cardboard boxes - something that can "breathe," unlike plastic bags or containers. A paper bag sounds like a fine option too.

The reason for the apple is so that it will emit ethylene gas and hasten the ripening process. Bananas can be used in place of the apple.

There is some controversy about what temperature tomatoes should be kept at to ripen, but it would make sense that ripening would occur at warmer temperatures versus cooler - tomatoes are tropical plants. Typical household temps around 70 degrees are just right.

As far as rooting flowering branches, it would be a fun experiment and tomato stems do root readily. Usually when we take cuttings, we prefer them not to be in flower, though, as it hinders rooting to some degree.

Try it; I'd love to hear how it works out.

If they root, keep in mind that winter light is not as bright as summer light. It might be hard to keep the plants growing well inside.

Sylvia, who gardens in Ware, wrote in with this question:

"My beautiful lush morning glory vine doesn't have any buds, let alone blossoms! I fear we will have frost soon. Do you have any idea why this failed? I started four little plants in June, lots of rain, no fertilizer, soil so-so with some compost added during growth and that's it for care."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Second Chance grateful for 'pawsitively' wonderful Cruise for Critters

I am writing to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire community for their overwhelming support for the 11th Annual Cruise for Critters held at Westview Farms Creamery in Monson on the Sept. 30 rain date.

Despite the weather forecast, our community rallied together, and what transpired was nothing short of spectacular. The day turned out to be a success for our furry friends, filled with joy, laughter, and a strong sense of community.

While the car show had to be canceled due to field conditions, the spirit of the event remained unbroken.

The vendor fair, kids Barktacular games, and the delightful music from John and Christina Cantalini were highlights that kept the atmosphere buzzing with positive energy. It was heartwarming to witness so many individuals, families, and pet enthusiasts come together to make the day memorable.

A special note of gratitude goes out to the event organizer, Al Widlan of Service Connection, and his dedicated Critter Crew. Their tireless efforts and passion for the cause shone through.

Our sincere appreciation also extends to Don and Kathy Foster of Westview Farms Creamery for generously opening up their beautiful venue to host this fantastic gathering.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the support of our gen-



erous sponsors, including Herlihy Insurance Group and Joe Campisi, a longtime friend of Second Chance. Their commitment to our cause has made a significant impact, allowing us to raise over \$7,000 for our beloved pets.

Once again, thank you to each and every vendor, supporter, volunteer, and participant who contributed to the success of the 11th Annual Cruise for Critters. Your compassion

and dedication to our four-legged friends have not gone unnoticed, and together, we've made a positive difference in the lives of many.

With gratitude,

**Lindsay Doray**  
Second Chance Animal Services



### Black cats? A purr-fect addition to the family

Reports indicate that black cats are less likely to be adopted than other fur colors, and if you've ever purr-sonally known a black cat, you may be just as bewildered as I was when I learned this fact.

As I'm writing this, my two black cats are curled up on a nearby blanket, basking in a sunlit autumn glow. Yet, the stats of the matter remain - according to several studies, including one regarding a cat's fur color and how this impacts their adoptability, the results were certain.

"Black cats in [shelters] should receive extra consideration for rehoming," the study revealed.

Further, entirely black cats did not enjoy "improved outcomes" during the month prior to Halloween, the one time of year when their outcomes might be expected to improve, the study reported.

So, when considering a new pet for the family, why not consider a black cat or two?

Here's my adoption story for Mayra and Rosie, my "foster kittens turned fur-ever cats."

I met them at a book signing event during which I'd teamed up with a local animal rescue to raise donations. The event started out great, but very soon after I arrived, a dog that I lovingly refer to as "the stinky dog" arrived, too.

The event was in a pet store that offered a doggie bathing area, and the stinky dog chanced in after an ill-fated experience - get-

ting sprayed by a skunk.

The dog's owner was noticeably stressed out, and I tried my hardest to ignore the scent, but tears were quite literally forming in my eyes. Approaching the volunteer leading the event - Kathy - I intended to tell her that I, as a very sensitive soul who can't handle the atrocity of foul odors, would be packing up my books and heading out.

When Kathy turned around, I saw that she was wrangling and wrestling with an incredibly tiny black kitten - and this cat was upset. Meowing, crying, and wiggling, the kitten was passed around to several volunteers, and as a person who'd recently drifted into the center of this chaotic scene, the cat was eventually passed to me.

The kitten, Rosie, was around 8 weeks old. She was so small, but she was zesty.

I hadn't expected to be holding a distressed cat, but I understood the assignment; I also related to the kitten's concerns, and holding her close against my chest, I rocked her like an infant and walked down an aisle into a quiet corner.

In my arms, little Rosie calmed down instantly. The volunteers exchanged glances and sighs of relief; at the time, I didn't know why this kitten chose me as the one human who could calm her. But looking back, I know now what I hadn't known then - it was fate!

For the remainder of the event, no more books were signed. After the kitten had fallen asleep in my arms, I spent the next two hours cradling her, swaying her, and walking around the store. Over the years, in my career as a writer and as a volunteer with several animal groups, I've held countless adoptable pets.

But this little kitten? There was something inexplicable about the way she made me feel.

As the event neared its end, I knew it would soon be time to hand over the kitten, who would be transported back to her current foster home and, eventually, adopted. Thinking about that, I felt an overwhelming sense of sadness.

"What are the chances of me taking this cat



Mayra and Rosie, two black cats who found their fur-ever homes.

home?" I jested to Kathy, who responded by telling me that I could.

"You said what now?" I retorted, still swaying the cat. "I can take her home with me?"

"Well, you could foster her if you wanted to. It would actually be really helpful," she said. "We've got lots of kittens right now and are looking for foster homes."

I knew that fostering kittens didn't require a lot of space; any extra room, or even a small bathroom, could be used to house the kitten until she found her fur-ever home. My mind ignited into a blaze of calculations, and I came to the conclusion - this could actually work.

"Let me ask my husband," I said, not wanting to make a unilateral decision for the family without him. "He will be the deciding factor."

When my husband, Dom, answered the FaceTime call, I knew the possibility of him saying yes was slim (very slim), but it wasn't zero.

"That's a cute cat," he said when he answered; the camera was focused on the little kitten I was holding. "Now put it back and come home."

I truly did try to put her back; she woke,

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The butcher was slashing prices during Ware Junior Senior High School's Haunted Hallways this past Saturday.

Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

## Students and staff scare up a good time

WARE – Ware Junior Senior High School was filled with thrills and chills this past Saturday evening, as its gymnasium and hallways were overrun by some rather spooky characters.

Eerie music played as brave visitors to the Haunted Hallways were guided through a butcher shop of horrors, creepy figures that seemed to appear from thin air, and a seemingly harmless young child ped-

aling around on a tricycle. A bake sale with horror-themed treats was also available.

Haunted Hallways was a fundraiser to benefit the Class of 2026.

## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Friday, Oct. 27  
WARE

The Knights of Columbus' annual Halloween Spooktacular Drive Thru will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Grenville Park, 73 Church St., entering through the Upper Church Street exit, around the first baseball diamond, and exiting through the entrance. This year there will be over 160 blowup displays as well as live displays. This event is drive thru only; no foot traffic will be permitted in the park during the event. For those within walking distance of the park, the Quaboag Connector will be providing free trips, staging at the Church Street apartment complex. Costumes are encouraged and goody bags will be given out to children.

WARREN

The Warren Parks & Recreation are hosting the free Haunted House in the Shepard Municipal Building's gym, 48 High St., today, tomorrow and Oct. 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This event may not be suitable for younger children.

Saturday, Oct. 28  
WARE

Trick or Treat will be held townwide from 5-8 p.m.

HARDWICK

Trick or Treat will be held townwide from 5-8 p.m. The Trail of Treats will be held throughout the villages and will feature haunted walks, spooky candy stops,

obstacle course, trunk or treating, and fun. Rain date is Oct. 29.

Tuesday, Oct. 31  
WARREN

Trick or Treat will be held townwide from 5-6:30 p.m. A costume parade by the Fire and Police departments will begin at 6:30 p.m., lining up on North Street and proceeding to Fire Station B on Albany Street. During the parade (for about 15 minutes), Main Street from North to Central streets will be closed. Candy will be handed out at Fire Station B and costume judging will take place. Weather permitting, there will be music and Halloween sounds entertainment set up at McWhirter Memorial Park from 5-6:30 p.m. Parking is available at the Senior Center, Dean Park and at the West Warren lights.

## Board of Health discusses conditions for ReSource Waste

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – The Board of Health discussed the site assignment for ReSource Waste Services of Ware, LLC following the completion of a public hearing to increase the facility's construction and demolition tonnage.

At the Oct. 17 meeting, Board members met with KP Law Attorney Jeffrey Blake to deliberate on the application from ReSource Waste to determine site suitability for a major modification to the existing site assignment.

ReSource Waste, located at 198 East St., is seeking to increase C&D tonnage at the site in a two-stage project, from 750 a day to 1,400, bringing the yearly capacity to 393,200 tons. The modification also includes accepting and transferring street sweepings and catch basins residuals and bulky waste.

Blake said many of the items in the application are "boiler plate," when it comes to suitability, but the major factors involve traffic, noise, dust, as well as odor. He said the Board could alleviate these concerns by imposing conditions on the site assignment.

### Traffic

Board of Health Chair Jennifer McMartin said the Board heard a lot of testimony about truck traffic at the public hearing, and that a study and peer review did not identify any safety concerns.

Trucks will only be allowed to exit left from the facility, and cameras will monitor the site to ensure trucks travel the approved route. Camera recordings will be saved for 60 days in order to review any complaints received about truck traffic.

GPA will be installed on all ReSource Waste trucks to track their travel as well.

The only time trucks will be allowed to deviate from the approved route, is if the state or municipality imposes a detour.

Blake said the Board could also add conditions in the site assignment about consequences if trucks don't use the approved route.

Truck drivers will continue to follow the commonwealth's idling laws and follow posted speed limits on the site, which is 15 mph except at the railroad crossing, where it drops down to 5 mph.

### Noise

Blake said during the public hearing, testimony was given by Church Street resident Kevin O'Regan regarding the banging noises the trucks make when emptying their loads at the facility.

Blake said these noises may increase as ReSource Waste increases the amount of C&D coming into the facility if the amendment to the site assignment is approved. Shutting the doors to the facility could help minimize the noise levels.

As the facility stands now, the building is not large enough to accommodate the trucks unloading with the doors shut. A 9,000 square foot building expansion is included in Stage 2.

"In Stage 2, the facility will be bigger, and they can shut the doors and reduce some of the increase of noise," Blake said.

Blake said catalytic converters will be installed on four pieces of equipment, and white noise alarms will be retrofitted to eliminate backup noises on equipment.

Crushing of asphalt, bricks and concrete be limited to three times a year, with seven days written notice to the town of when crushing will occur.

Board of Health member John Desmond asked if the Board could request that ReSource Waste retrofit their equipment with these sound reducing measures now, rather than wait for

approval of the amended site assignment.

Desmond also asked if the Board could require ReSource Waste to install sound barriers and complete a sound evaluation.

McMartin said ReSource Waste isn't the only business making noise and said she didn't think a sound barrier was necessary at this time, after hearing from sound experts at the public hearing.

Blake said a baseline sound evaluation could be conducted between Stage 1 and 2, before the Board looks into sound mitigation measures.

### Compliance

Desmond asked if the Board could request \$50,000 annually from ReSource Waste to allow the Board to hire a consultant to ensure that the site is in compliance.

"There's a lot that needs to be done to make sure the company is in compliance," Desmond said.

McMartin said this request seemed unreasonable at this time.

Blake said he's never had a town make a request like the one Desmond suggested and he added that if the Board received a complaint about ReSource Waste not being in compliance a 53G account could be used to pay for an investigation into the complaint.

He said peer reviews could be conducted quarterly.

Desmond said having peer reviews would keep the company honest.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. to vote on the proposed conditions discussed.

The Board has until Nov. 10 to vote on ReSource Waste's application.

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# Crowns and tiaras reign supreme at button show

By Paula Quimette  
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PALMER – The Massachusetts State Button Society held their annual meeting and final show for the year this past Saturday at the AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers.

Celebrating over 80 years, the Massachusetts State Button Society hosts three shows a year, with two in Three Rivers and one in Shirley.

The Crescent Button Club hosted a presentation about the show's theme of crowns, given by button expert and dealer Betty Korostynski of West Springfield, a member of the Massachusetts State Button Society and the Crescent Button Club in Holyoke.

Korostynski displayed several boards adorned with buttons bearing crowns from countries all over the world.

"We see different images when we hear the word 'crown,'" she said. "We [in the U.S.] don't have a high opinion of the crown," she added with a laugh.

Korostynski gave several examples of crown imagery in the U.S. on product logos, ranging from soda to liquor.

For many, the crown is a symbol of power, but it can also be a symbol of mockery, such as crown of thorns in the Bible.

Crowns are a familiar image on buttons, especially on military buttons. The crowns found on military uniform buttons usually represent the reigning monarch at the time.

Korostynski gave examples of specific crowns on buttons, including the St. Edward and Imperial State. The St. Edward is the crown Queen Elizabeth wore for her coronation and the Imperial State crown is worn by King Charles.

Button makers need to get permission from the king or queen to use their crowns in their designs, something they need to apply for each year.

Some designer buttons, such as those from Lauren Conrad, feature a crown and shield.

Korostynski questioned whether or not King Charles would have a crown remade now that he ruled the throne.

She left audience members with a quote from Beyonce, reminding them that "you can't wear a crown



Massachusetts State Button Society Vice-President Donna Major of West Brookfield, browses Betty Korostynski's collection.



Tim Kennedy of Pelham, New Hampshire sells his late wife's buttons at the Massachusetts State Button Society's show on Oct. 21 in Three Rivers.



Crown-shaped cookies with glittery sugar were given to Massachusetts State Button Society members, along with a crown button.



Turley Photos by Paula Quimette  
These colorful buttons were arranged in the shape of St. Edward's crown.



Crowns and tiaras were the theme for last Saturday's button show.

with your head down," and to "hold your heads high and look royal."

Throughout the day, button dealers had thousands of their buttons available to purchase, ranging in price, rarity, and interest.

Tim Kennedy of Pelham, New Hampshire has been selling buttons for about a year and a half, following his wife's death.

Kennedy said button collecting

was his wife's favorite hobby, and she also loved paper quilling. She taught quilling classes at their local library, and the group continues to meet today with its membership growing.

Kennedy's buttons are carefully cataloged by different types of animals, animation and much more, spanning the entire alphabet. Even the youngest shopper found a

button (or a dozen) to match their interests.

### About the Massachusetts State Button Society

Founded in 1942, the Massachusetts State Button Society consists of four local clubs that gather together several times a year as a state organization to promote the knowledge and enjoyment of button collecting.

These clubs include the Crescent Button Club, Monson Button Club, Shirley Button Club and Metropolitan Button Club.

Next year's shows will be held April 13 and Oct. 19 in Three Rivers and July 20 in Shirley.

Dues are \$10 per year and can be mailed to Massachusetts State Button Society Treasurer Darlene Gildert, 50 Prouty Road, New Braintree, MA 01531. Junior dues are \$3 per year.

For more information, visit [mastatebuttonssociety.org](http://mastatebuttonssociety.org) or find Massachusetts State Button Society on Facebook.



These buttons show the crowns of various rulers.



Train and railroad themed buttons were also popular among button collectors.

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There were many hot rods at the annual Steven Hawk Cars & Coffee car show.

CENTER PHOTO: Trucks were another popular entry in the show. This truck has a flashy orange paint job.

# CARS & Coffee CAR SHOW



This photo shows the trophy winners of the 4th annual Steven Hawk Cars & Coffee car show.



Donna Letendre stands with her 1978 Pontiac Firebird, which her late husband helped refurbish.



Bill Livernois is the original owner of this 1998 Dodge Ram 2500.

## CAR SHOW from page 1

two trophies with him, one for Hawk and the other for Hawk to give to his "Best in Show" pick.

"He had a great time," Sapowsky said. "A few days later I see his Facebook and he's posted a photo holding the trophy with the caption, 'best day of my life.' A kid that's been incapacitated almost 20 years and I do this little show for him, and he proclaims it the best day of his life...I thought to myself, maybe I can pull a show together for him."

The following year, Sapowsky started the Steven Hawk Cars & Coffee car show in McDonald's parking lot on West Street. The first year had about 15 cars, just like the original drive by.

Sapowsky said Hawk and his family were "very receptive" and had a good time looking at the cars and meeting people.

Now in its fourth year, Cars & Coffee has close to 40 cars and trucks, with many that return year after year to show their support for Hawk, (who many have dubbed, "Hawkman"), including Larry Munich, Mike Cartelli and Denis Lessard.

"These three have been there all four years," Sapowsky said of the car show entrants. "They all have very strong feelings about doing the show."

Lessard, a Belchertown resident, entered his 1955 Chevrolet 3100 pickup, second series, in this year's show on Oct. 14, which he's had for 29 years.

"It's 80% original," Lessard said. "Painted in 1983 by Earl Scheib for \$99.95."

Lessard said the first year driv-



Valerie Granger and her grandson Zander, age 5, sit in her 1978 Volkswagen Beetle convertible.

ing by Hawk's house he drove his 1932 Ford Highboy Roadster and that he returns every year just to see Hawk smile.

"I got to know Steven and he's just a nice young man, and it pleases him when he sees these cars," he said. "He's always been very nice to me."

Lessard understands Hawk's love for cars, as he himself regularly participates in cruise nights with the Moose, Elks and Shriners. He's also driven all over the country in his stock Model A and was a member of the Western Mass Model A Club for years.

Lessard said he looks forward to next year's Cars & Coffee car show, and that it's an enjoyable day for all.

The Cars & Coffee car show also continues to bring in new entrants, including some that are relatively new to the car show cir-

cuit.

Donna Letendre of Ware entered her 1978 Pontiac Firebird, luxury edition, which comes with an interesting backstory.

The Firebird was a recovered theft from Balicki's and had sustained some damage to the back end.

"Some kids took it for a joy ride," Letendre said.

The Firebird was originally silver, but Letendre and her late husband, Raymond, opted to paint it white. Raymond was the owner and operator of Lift-Off Motors in Ware since 1975.

"My husband did the best body work around," Letendre said.

Entering his 1998 Dodge Ram 2500 was Belchertown resident Bill Livernois.

Livernois is the truck's original owner and he said it looked

very different before he completely overhauled it and coated every inch of metal with Raptor bed liner.

"Five years ago, we had decided we needed a new truck," Livernois said, but the costs of a new truck were sky-high.

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Ware resident Valerie Grange drove her vibrant blue 1978 Volkswagen Beetle convertible to the Cars & Coffee car show, which she has owned for six years.

"I've just always loved the convertible Volkswagen," Grange said. This was her second year entering her car in the show.

Chet Lemon of Ware brought his 1987 Buick Grand National, which he has owned for 18 years and entered in many car shows.

While less frequently seen at car shows, the Buick has just as much style as other cars of its generation. Lemon's car still has the original paint and interior.

A number of local businesses sponsored trophies this year, including APR Towing, SubaGuru, Edgar Machine, Palmer Motorsports Park, O'Reilly Auto Parts and NAPA Auto Parts.

Hawk explained his nickname, "Hawkman," which to him represents loyalty, friendship and love.

"I love to bring people together," Hawk said.



Chet Lemon entered his 1987 Buick Grand National.

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The Baystate Wing Hospital auxiliary presenting Ron Bryant president of Baystate Health Regional Hospitals with a check for \$25,000.

## Baystate Wing Auxiliary gives \$25,000

PALMER – The Baystate Wing Hospital auxiliary met with Ron Bryant, president of Baystate Health Regional Hospitals to present him with a \$25,000 check, as payment toward their second pledge of \$125,000 to the Baystate Wing Emergency Department capital campaign. This brings their total pledge for this important campaign to \$200,000. “I’ve been a member of this wonderful group of volunteers for many years,” said Evelyn Glabicky, auxiliary president in a press release. “We have a long tradition of raising money for a variety of hospital projects, from purchasing medical equipment, and providing student scholar-

ships, to supporting the capital campaign that helped to bring the much-needed expanded emergency department to this region. Often patients and visitors stop in our gift shop to talk about the wonderful care they have received at our hospital, and we are proud to support the tremendous care provided by the Baystate Wing Hospital team.” For over 65 years, the auxiliary has been actively supporting Baystate Wing Hospital through its sponsorship of special events and management of the gift shop. This diverse group of women and men includes teachers, nurses, and business owners, both young and retirees, who live in many different communities and are united

by a shared commitment to support the mission of the hospital. “Our community and this hospital are indeed fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated group of people volunteering on our behalf, and we are thankful to the Auxiliary members for their continued commitment and support of our hospital,” said Bryant. “They are not only enthusiastic fundraisers, but also serve as goodwill ambassadors throughout the many communities we serve.” For more information or an application to become a member of the Baystate Wing Hospital auxiliary, stop in the gift shop located on the first floor or call Teresa Grove at 413-544-4046.

## Country Bank announces open house at West Street branch

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that its West Street Banking Center in Ware has been renovated to offer its customers a modernized banking experience. An Open House is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The public is invited to join the celebration. It will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3:30 p.m. with local business partners and bank rep-

resentatives, a food truck offering specialized donuts and apple cider, appearances by the Bank’s mascot, Buck and Smiley Ball from the Worcester Red Sox, giveaways, and a drawing for tickets to Old Sturbridge Village’s Christmas by Candlelight event. “We are very excited to introduce a new and modern design within our Full-Service Banking Centers, expanding our ability to consistently provide sales and service solutions for our customers while supporting Country Bank’s

promise to make a difference in delivering a world-class customer experience. Investing in this location is very important to us, not just because it is our flagship office, but because it will provide an enhanced banking experience for our customers while also reinforcing our commitment locally within the Town of Ware and surrounding communities,” said Russ Fontaine, senior vice president of Customer Experience and Retail Banking at Country Bank in a press release.



### TURKEY from page 1

Head trustee of the United Church of Ware John Curylo mentioned that providing meals is a traditional fundraiser. During the holiday season, the church provides meals once a month.

The next meal fundraiser will be in January.

The proceeds from the meals will go to support the United Church of Ware.

Free meals will also be offered by the church on Thanksgiving and Christmas, a longstanding tradition that celebrates the church members’ service and dedication to the community.

## Home Cookin’

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
The meal featured turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy and dessert.



Head trustee of United Church of Ware John Curylo helps prepare the turkey dinners and adds containers of gravy.



The kitchen at United Church of Ware was busy as volunteers got the turkey dinners ready.

## Postcard and ephemera show and sale Nov. 4

BARRE – The 39th annual Postcard & Ephemera Show and Sale will be held at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 29 South St., on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Admission to the show and sale is \$3. This event is sponsored by St. Joseph’s Church and the Central Massachusetts Postcard Club. Club members are admitted at 9

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## Author Ed Londergan holds talk and book signing

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

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

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

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

# Finding that forever home

## Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange helps children and families

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
rdrago@turley.com

NEWTON – If you’re looking to start a family, adoption is always an option, and the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange is there to help.

MARE is a nonprofit organization that helps children currently in foster care find their permanent home. The process behind MARE is to give a child that goal of adoption.

MARE serves hundreds of children currently in foster care or in group homes. The children work with MARE to help connect with

adults and families who are considering adoption.

MARE is all about keeping families engaged and providing resources to help complete the adoption process. Hundreds of children in need of their forever home include children that are in the age range of 6-12 and teenagers.

MARE supports children of color, sibling groups, teens, LGBTQ+ youth, and children with medical needs.

The Executive Director of MARE is Bridget Chiaruttini, and she is proud to be a part of the organization that serves the purpose of finding homes for children.

A social worker by training, Chiaruttini has over 20 years of experience working with children in foster care and through adop-

tion. To her, the work MARE does for children is essential.

“This work is so important. We invest in child welfare,” said Chiaruttini.

In 2022, MARE served over 850 kids across Massachusetts. Currently, MARE has about 650 kids who are seeking permanent homes. About 40% of those children are over the age of 12.

As of now, the children MARE supports are in foster homes and group homes while they attend school. The organization works a lot with social workers and the Department of Children and Families to follow up with the children and see how their day-to-day living is going.

Throughout the year, MARE hosts events statewide to connect and support social workers, wait-



## Warren STM is Nov. 16

WARREN – A special town meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Quaboag Regional Middle High School auditorium, 284 Old West Brookfield Road.

The last day to register to vote in the special town meeting is Monday, Nov. 6 from 9-5 p.m.

## Prescription drug take back day Oct. 28

WARREN – The Warren Police Department will participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 8-10:30 a.m.

Anyone looking to dispose of any unused or expired prescription medications properly can come to the police station, 1 Milton O. Fountain Way, where an officer will be posted to take these medications for disposal. No liquids please.

Please see **ADOPTION**, page 21

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to the capital stabilization account, which currently has \$508,398. This money can be used to pay for capital projects in town.

#### Building articles

Article 3 will ask voters to transfer \$24,000 from free cash to building maintenance and improvement as follows: \$7,500, Shepard Municipal Building improvements; \$3,000, Town Hall repair/maintenance; and \$7,500 Council on Aging maintenance.

Article 4 seeks to transfer \$2,475 from free cash for additional repairs to the Senior Center roof.

Ferrera said parts of the roof (over the addition) are newer and others are older, and these repairs will help extend the life of the roof for about five more years.

Article 8 asks voters to transfer \$3,717.56 from free cash to the Shepard Municipal Building line item to cover the cost of security hinges on interior doors in the building, along with power washing outside the building.

#### Prior year’s bills

Three articles asked voters to pay the previous year’s invoices including Article 13, which would approve the transfer of \$1,627.70 from free cash to Architectural Insights, Inc. for past year’s bills for window replacement at the Town Hall.

The bills are from Oct. 31, 2020, Jan. 31, 2021, and March 31, 2021.

Ferrera said these bills were resubmitted to the town at the end of May. He said the charges are for design work for the project.

Dufresne said all of this project was paid for, and the town does not owe the company money. He requested more information about what the charges were for.

Article 14 would appropriate \$2,524.10 from the cable advisory fund to pay Valley Communications for a prior fiscal year bills for audio and video equipment.

Article 15 asks voters to transfer \$11,777 from free cash for costs related to landfill monitoring, wells and pfas analysis, and engineering services and facility inspections. These bills were not paid on time due to an accounting error by the vendor.

#### Training articles

Articles 5 would transfer \$3,000 from free cash to pay for customer service training for town staff. Ferrera said this amount could potentially pay for two training courses.

Article 27 seeks to transfer \$1,550 from free cash to the Assessors expense line for continuing education, training and mileage.

Article 30 would transfer \$1,400 to the Accountant’s expense line for an educational training course.

#### School district articles

Article 11 seeks to transfer \$25,000 from free cash to commission a management assessment study for the Quaboag Regional School District, as approved by voters at the annual town meeting.

Ferrera said he spoke with a representative from the Collins Center, who said the cost would be closer to \$30,000 and that the Board may need to adjust this article to match

that. He said the representative he spoke to had said the school district and the town would need to work together with anyone conducting the study for the best results.

The Board moved to increase the article amount to \$30,000 in order to pursue the study.

Article 6 asks voters to transfer \$4,960 from free cash for vocational educational transportation for an out of district student. Ferrera said the numbers for van pool costs have increased by almost \$5,000.

#### Police and fire articles

Article 19 asks voters to transfer \$49,786 from free cash to purchase a new Ford Police Interceptor and trade in a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor with approximately 104,000 miles on it.

Article 20 seeks to raise and appropriate \$3,895 to cover the cost of new Police Department hire, to be added to police salary line.

Two articles, articles 21 and 22, would allow the Fire Department the ability to purchase a replacement for Fire Engine 1, by transferring \$400,000 from free cash to Fire Engine 1 capital stabilization account, and \$50,000 from regional dispatch to that stabilization account.

These transfers, if approved, would raise enough money to complete the purchase of the new engine when combined with the \$200,000 the town had previously appropriated for Fire Engine 1.

In article 23, the Fire Department is asking voters to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to cover costs for additional advanced

life support calls.

Article 24 would authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for the enactment of special legislation to continue the employment of a call firefighter that has passed the mandatory retirement age, and is one of the longest serving on the Fire Department.

The firefighter would like to serve the Department for another few years, Fire Chief Adam Lavoie said, and this article could allow him to continue to serve.

#### Highway articles

Article 17 asks voters to transfer \$12,602.95 from receipts reserved for appropriations to purchase a hopper/sweeper and a 48 inch V-blade plow for the Highway Department.

Article 18 would transfer \$4,000 from free cash to cover the costs for additional beaver removal.

Article 26 seeks to transfer \$72,900 from free cash to pay off debt from the purchase of a highway backhoe. If approved, this amount would pay off the entire debt early, saving the town money on interest.

#### Salary articles

Article 9 seeks to transfer \$14,000 from Facilities Custodian salary to Shepard Municipal Building to cover the cost of cleaning services.

Article 16 asks to raise and appropriate \$300 to the Animal Inspector salary for additional costs of inspections during the months of October, November and December. Dufresne recused himself from discussing this article.

#### Office equipment and IT articles

Article 12 asks voters to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to Selectmen information technology account to fund the costs of creating additional email accounts.

Ferrera said this amount would allow for additional IT subscriptions.

Article 25 would transfer \$2,100 from free cash to the Treasurer’s expense line for new filing cabinets and accessories.

#### Other articles

Article 7 seeks to transfer \$25,000 from free cash to maintain the town’s levee.

Article 10 would transfer \$4,000 from free cash to purchase one electrical speed monitoring sign. The Finance Committee has requested more information about this article.

The Board discussed purchasing three signs (rather than one) to target the town’s problem speeding areas.

Article 31 would propose a bylaw change to add the position of town administrator to the Capital Planning Committee

#### Town meeting policy

During the meeting, the Board also discussed a policy that would limit town employees from being paid to present articles at town meetings.

Dufresne said this policy was presented because boards and committees have paid their secretaries to present articles at past town meetings. He said the board should present their own articles and defend them, not pay a town

employee to do so.

No town employees should be paid for attending town meetings unless prior approval has been received from the Personnel Board with written justification from the respective board or committee.

The Board voted to accept the policy.

#### ARPA request

Highway Surveyor Jeremy Olson requested \$4,080 from American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase a skid-mount truck loader.

Olson said he needs this equipment now for leaf removal, and can’t wait until mid-November for a town meeting article.

The Board approved the request.

#### Flag raising policy

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Richard Eichacker said he attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association conference with Ferrera earlier this year, and said they learned that the city of Boston was sued for prohibiting a flag from being raised without having a policy.

“If we have a policy that’s clear, then we should be okay,” Eichacker said. He said the town should refrain from allowing flags on town property that are political and religious in nature.

Board members agreed that flagpoles on town owned property would be allowed to raise the American flag, the commonwealth’s flag, military flags and flags representing town departments (such as the school, police or fire departments).

Amendments to the draft policy will be presented at a future meeting before the policy is approved.

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# Alex Jaworski earns rank of Eagle Scout

HARDWICK – Seventeen-year-old Alex Jamieson Jaworski of Scouts BSA Troop 164 and Venture Crew 164 in Palmer, was formally honored on Oct. 1 at the Hardwick Crossing Country Club for having attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

He was recognized by his Scoutmaster, troop, crew, Western Mass Council representatives, honored members of town and state government, and family and friends.

Jaworski, a National Honor Society student at Palmer High School, successfully completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on Aug. 8 and received his letter of congratulations from the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America dated Aug. 11.

Jaworski's Eagle Scout Service Project consisted of restoring and improving a town rest area located in front of the Town Offices and Palmer Police Station.

The project included the planting of a tree and perennials, refinishing the benches, constructing a new paved area for the benches, and designing and erecting a plaque commemorating the original "Town House at Four Corners" erected in 1846 that served as a Town Hall and Meeting House for the Town of Palmer.

In addition to the rank of Eagle Scout, he was awarded six Eagle Palms for merit badges earned above and beyond the requirements.

Jaworski has been a dedicated member of Troop 164 since March 2017 and a member of Venture Crew 164 since 2021.

During his time as a Scout, he has served in many leadership positions including Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. He currently holds the position of Troop Scribe with Troop 164 and is Vice President of Administration for Venture Crew



Alex Jaworski gets ready to receive his Eagle Scout medal from Scoutmaster Bill Mullen and his mother Sharon.



The project also included adding a plaque commemorating the original "Town House at Four Corners" erected in 1846 that served as a Town Hall and Meeting House for the Town of Palmer.

the Dr. Bernard Harris Supernova Awards focusing on STEM sciences. He also earned the World Conservation Award.

He was decorated with a BSA Best Pin by his Scoutmaster for helping an injured Scout back to camp while on a campout. Jaworski was also chosen as Honor Camper in 2022 by his adult leaders while attending summer camp at Camp Wanocksett in New Hampshire.

Jaworski enjoys acting in local theater productions and is a proud member of the Palmer High School marching, concert and jazz bands.

He plans on remaining active in both his Troop and Crew while enjoying the completion of his senior year at Palmer High School before attending college in 2024.



Eagle Scout Alex Jaworski receives his Eagle Scout certificate from his father Dan.



Alex Jaworski's Eagle Scout Service Project involved restoring and improving the rest area in front of Palmer's Town Offices and Police Station.

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The Center at Eagle Hill is located at 242 Old Petersham Road.

Upcoming shows include performances of "The Laramie Project" by Eagle Hill School students on Dec. 8, 9 and 10 and Dancing Dream: The Tribute to ABBA on Jan. 20.

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as state representatives for more than a decade, and each said they had worked together on a variety of issues.

Zlotnik, of Gardner, represents Gardner, Ashburnham, and precincts two and three in Winchendon. Durant, of Spencer, represents a corner of Worcester, Spencer, Charlton, Southbridge and Dudley.

Durant has been a state representative, holding the 6th Worcester seat, since 2011, while Zlotnik was elected in November 2012 to the 2nd Worcester seat, only months after graduating from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Durant said the main difference between himself, and his opponent is that Durant was a small businessman for years and also served as a selectman and a member of his town's Finance Committee.

"I have a unique set of experiences," said Durant, pointing to his ability to understand how business works and the challenges facing communities through direct experience.

Zlotnik said he worked on a number of issues both for the city of Gardner, and the rural towns surrounding it, and understood issues that working families face.

"I have conducted myself and intend to do this work in a bi-partisan way," he said.

## Issues

Among the questions asked by Ware River News Editor Paula Ouimette were how the legislature could help with daycare costs, their views on East-West Rail, how improve community health options

and how the state could help small business people.

Zlotnik and Durant held very similar views on all of these issues.

On daycare, both said they were in favor of tax credits for businesses or parents or both as a way to help change the lack of daycare slots and the rising cost of childcare.

"I'm cautious about regulatory mandates," said Durant. Zlotnik said he agreed and realized parents need help.

"A piece of this is the lack of childcare options, and with limited spots the prices climb," Zlotnik said. Businesses may need additional incentives to provide on-site daycare or some system of providing slots at existing daycare facilities, but it should be through tax incentives, he said.

## East-West Rail

They also agreed to look very closely on any investments in East-West Rail, for which the state and federal government are beginning to create plans. East-West Rail is a plan to provide accelerated rail service between Springfield and Boston, with a probable stop in Palmer should it be built.

"I'd like to see more information on the East-West Rail," said Durant, pointing to the issues on the MBTA's Green Line. "We need to get our house in order first."

Zlotnik was of the same mind, saying, "I agree, we need to be looking under the hood of this proposal." He said Gardner used to be the end of the Fitchburg commuter rail line, and once it was closed, it was estimated it would cost of millions of dollars to re-instate it.

"I'm not in favor of trying to ship more people to Boston,"

Zlotnik said, and he would also rather see incentives for companies to relocate to communities in the central and western part of the state.

## Small businesses

When asked how he would help small businesses, Zlotnik said he would also like to see the state eliminate the business inventory tax, which is part of corporation's personal property taxes. He claimed Massachusetts is one of the few states that still has it, and it has a direct effect on day-to-day business decisions.

The inventory tax includes raw materials, products in the process of being made as well as finished products, he said.

"It presents supply chain issues," he said. "Will I lose all my profits on buying ahead?"

He said anything that has a negative effect on day-to-day business decisions should be eliminated.

Durant said he believes businesses are over-regulated, although the state's institution of a one-stop application for businesses and communities has been a big step in the right direction. "With one place to go, it makes it a little bit easier for businesses," he said.

## Proposed gun safety law

Neither candidate was in favor of a proposed gun safety law, which the House passed by a vote of 120-38 later that day, after the candidates forum.

The gun law made a number of changes including making it more difficult to have unregistered ghost guns, prohibiting new purchases of AR-15 type guns and making it more difficult to carry weapons in certain public places.

Durant said from a law enforcement perspective, police chiefs were against it because it would limit police officers' ability to carry their service weapons in public when they were off duty, and he agreed with them.

Zlotnik said the bill would ask police to oversee the new regulations "in an impractical and impossible way."

Both men also said they did not approve of the unusual way the bill made its way to the floor, through the Ways and Means Committee, and that there was no joint hearing on the bill or a Senate referral.

## Rural aid

When asked what the candidates could do to be sure rural communities received a fair distribution of state resources, Zlotnik said the recent creation of the new Rural Affairs division was a good start. With Gobi's appointment as the division's director, it had led to the special election for her seat.

He said in the past, there have been almost no high-ranking state officials past I-495.

He described an instance early in his political career when a state grant to help with industrial park site work became available but one of the stipulations was the park had to be within a couple of miles of a large highway. When he asked why, he was told no one wants to sit in traffic for 30 minutes because of industrial traffic that is too far from a highway, he said.

He told the state official that wasn't a problem in his area, which did not have either traffic congestion, or any sites close to a highway. Zlotnik said it was just one of many instances of state policies or grants being created without any

thought to rural areas or what they need.

Durant said the district was very rural with a number of unique challenges, and is also limited by a lack of infrastructure.

"I have a unique knowledge of the area and I would be the voice of Central Massachusetts as your representative in Boston," he said.

## Infrastructure

When asked how he would help the district's towns access more money for infrastructure, Durant said one of the major challenges was making sure each town's and the state's American Rescue Plan Act monies from the federal government were spent. He said all of the money had not been spent yet, and if it wasn't by a certain time, the federal government would take it back.

He said organizations like the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission have helped many communities develop a plan for infrastructure needs, such as water and sewer lines, which leads to economic development.

"We need to have solid plans for real progress in our district," Durant said.

Zlotnik agreed, and said the state's Chapter 90 program, which funds infrastructure such as roads, needs an overhaul to make it cover more of road maintenance and creation for rural communities.

"It's morphed into this thing," he said, adding that how the money is distributed should be delved into thoroughly, and it should be decided how the money is generated in the first place.

He also said Chapter 70 monies, which support local school systems, do not cover the whole cost

of education.

## Healthcare

The question of how to provide rural communities in a healthcare desert had no answer, but both candidates said they understand the issues.

For Zlotnik, Henry Heywood Hospital in Gardner, which has joined together with Athol Hospital, has had a lack of buying power as a small institution and has what is known as a high "bad payor" mix of mostly Medicare and Medicaid patients. These factors has created financial problems, he said.

For Durant the situation has a happier ending. Harrington Hospital, in Southbridge, was having the same issues, but has become part of UMass Memorial Healthcare in Worcester, and it has made all the difference. The larger institution provides lower costs and efficiencies, and Harrington Hospital has also made agreements with other institutions to provide certain services, he said.

## Thanks to WBCA

At the end of the questions, the candidates thanked the WBCA and its members for the invitation and for turning out to hear their answers.

Zlotnik said he had enjoyed campaigning across the district, which is the biggest district with 22 communities. "I felt right at home," he said of Ware, particularly with so many people of Polish descent in the area.

He said if elected, he would make sure states funds "flowed in the right direction."

Durant said he would serve the district well if elected.

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# LEGO Anytime

Ware Library offers Lego time for children

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WARE – The children’s room at the Young Men’s Library Association offers a Lego day for children.

Every Wednesday afternoon, families bring their children to enjoy building with Legos. From time to time, the library sees a new family appear every week for Lego Anytime and it helps generate new people getting involved with the library.

For one hour, children get to enjoy Lego building and come up with their own creative designs. If someone didn’t finish a Lego project in time, the library provides some helpful tools to keep projects safe and pieces still in place.

Children’s Librarian, Cathy Goulet has Lego bags to give to kids who might want to come back and finish their Lego sculptors. The bags are kept at the library and are sealed safely to keep the projects intact.

There are usually two-six children every Wednesday for Lego Anytime. The library includes bowls and buckets of assorted Lego pieces and figures to offer unlimited and creative ideas for those who enjoy building.

There are no specific Lego projects the library assigns for children to build. It is all free play and free building.

Children can either work independently, in pairs, or in groups.

Recently, two boys paired together to come up with a Lego castle design. Both enjoyed working together and most importantly, had fun building Legos at the library.

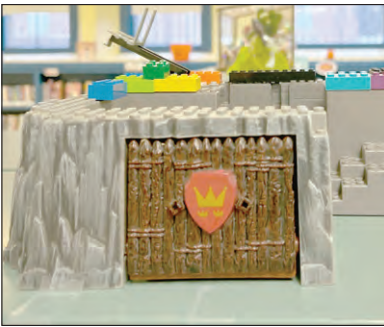
After they’re done building, the kids can grab a nametag slip and name their Lego project. Afterwards, the library places the Lego projects on top of the bookshelves inside the children’s library room.

Dozens of projects flood the top shelf of every bookcase and the kids come up with creative names for them.

Continuing to offer fun activi-



The Young Men’s Library Association provides Legos for kids to build fun figures and name them afterwards.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
Completed Lego projects are on display.

ties for the kids, The Young Men’s Library Association appreciates the families and kids that attend Lego Anytime.

Lego Anytime is offered every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

To learn more about additional activities for children at the library, reach out to Goulet by calling 413-967-9691 or emailing gouletc@cwmar.org.

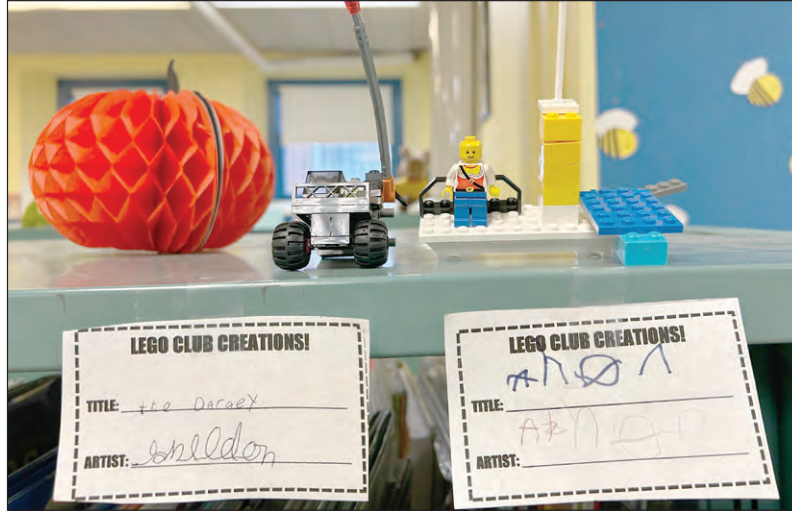
Upcoming events include Story Time with Miss Cathy on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. followed by a craft activity. Mondays at 4 p.m. will feature Story Stars with Mrs. Desjardins.

For music, children and families can enjoy Music with Caylin on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

Many kids participate in Lego Anytime every Wednesday and some put their designs on the top shelves in the children’s room.



Children get creative working with their Legos. This pair works well together designing a Lego castle.



## Baystate Wing gift shop sponsors special vendor sale

PALMER – Whether you’re looking for something special for a patient or a friend, or a unique item for the home, the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop offers many one-of-a-kind, hand-selected items.

“In addition to the many wonderful items in the gift shop, several special event vendor sales are planned for the coming months, and we welcome and invite the public to come in and find that perfect treat or gift at one of our vendor sales,” said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Baystate Wing Auxiliary in a press release.

On Monday, Nov. 20, the Auxiliary will sponsor Wicked Good Treats by Elaine, a special vendor sale at Baystate Wing, that will include hand-crafted chocolates, pretzel rods, peanut butter buckeyes and so much more. The

deadline to place an order in the gift shop is Monday, Nov. 13 and items will be ready for pick up on Monday, Nov. 20.

Through their fundraising efforts at the gift shop and special event sales, the hospital’s auxiliary members and volunteers have actively supported local healthcare in the region for over 65 years. The Baystate Wing Auxiliary is made up of many dedicated volunteers, each committed to serving as a valuable resource to the hospital and as our ambassadors in the community.

For more information visit [www.wickedgoodtreatsbyelaine.com](http://www.wickedgoodtreatsbyelaine.com). To place an order, visit the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and on Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., or call 413-370-8169.

## Senior center hosts lunch with legislators Nov. 3

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

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

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

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squirring and letting out a shrill meow as she was placed into a small cat carrier. From inside the carrier, I heard another muffled meow – apparently, Rosie had a twin sister named Mayra who’d been inside the carrier the entire event because she was shy.

As I packed up my books, watching as all the adoptable pets were brought out of the store, I turned to Kathy.

“Am I going to regret not bringing that kitten home with me?” I asked, hoping Kathy could somehow supply an answer that would make it feel better. “Is it a mistake to let her go?”

“I don’t know,” she replied, having witnessed the bond Rosie and I had shared. “How do you feel right now?”

My lip started quivering. Quivering. Tears welled in my eyes, and I stood there in the middle of this pet store like a lost child.

In that moment, I realized, having Rosie in my arms had been a peace and connection I’d only known twice before, with my other two cats, so, my husband was surely not surprised at all when I rolled up to our house that afternoon with two new foster kittens who we adopted the following day.

These two black cats have now wrapped their paws around my heart – and purr-haps a black cat awaits the love of your family, too!

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# COUNT DUCKULA

Soapmaking workshop bubbles up sooky fun

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WARE – The Young Men’s Library Association provided a unique workshop last week about soap making led by artist and potter, Garine Arakelian.

For seven years, Arkelian of Warren has been teaching soap making of all forms. Her background in soap making started with learning a lot at her local library about the ways of making soap.

Enlightened by designing homemade soap, Arkelian found it fun to teach others who are interested in making their own soap.

Arkelian and her husband, Rick Hamelin own a pottery shop in Warren called Kulina Folk Art & Pied Potter Hamelin Redware Pottery. The soap making workshop at the Ware library was for teens 13 and up and adults.

Before the hands-on workshop began, Arkelian wanted to go over safety precautions first. Certain ingredients must be handled with care when designing soap.

“Really study the tools first,” said Arkelian.

Tools include glycerin soaps, essential oils, soap specific coloring, premade soap and glitter.

Family, friends, and parents along with their teenage children enjoyed the happy experience of making their own soaps. Arakelian enjoys offering a project that gives people something to use in their own home.

“This is an exciting project to use right away,” said Arkelian.

Arkelian also offers candle making, paper quilling and acrylic painting. The venues most commonly used by Arkelian are libraries, senior centers, museums and historical societies.

Most of her workshops on the road are for soap making.

At the Young Men’s Library Association, the theme of the soap making workshop was a



The Halloween theme of the handmade soap featured a rubber duck known as Count Duckula.



A mother and daughter team enjoyed making their own soap together during the Count Duckula Soap Making Workshop at the Young Men’s Library Association.

Halloween theme with Count Duckula. Arkelian brought dozens of Halloween themed rubber ducks to put on top of the newly designed handmade soaps made by her guests.

With a lot of soap and ducks to go around, patrons made more than one Count Duckula. Some of the ducks even glow in the dark.

Arkelian also took questions prior to the early stages of the workshop. Some of the questions were about the products and tools for soap making, which can be purchased at craft stores, such as Michaels.

A lot of the ideas for soap making workshops are inspired by Arkelian’s areas of travel. Based off what she explores, she can implement those experiences into crafting new workshops.

Arkelian was excited to see her guests enjoy the experience of soap making and wants them to experience a positive end result.

“This workshop is a step-by-step process that leads to making it successful,” said Arkelian. “I like organizing the steps to help get an end result.”

Kulina Folk Art is also available for corporate events and can be reached by calling 413-436-7444 or emailing mykulina@yahoo.com.



Garine Arakelian of Kulina Folk Art provided a soap making workshop at the Young Men’s Library Association.

If you’re interested in finding out more about soapmaking or want to try designing your own Count Duckula soap, visit [www.duckiesoaps.com](http://www.duckiesoaps.com).

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Garine Arakelian gives instructions before the soapmaking workshop.

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Gavin Kanozek gets off a downfield pass.



John Mumper takes the ball low with this nice header.



Kenneth Brouillette looks to shoot.



Isaac Somers plays the ball off his knee.



Justin Davis swings toward the goal.

## Pioneers ready for playoffs



Owen McKeever is all focus with this kick.

## Defeat of Hurricanes wins league title for Ware

WARE – Last Friday night in the rain, Ware boys soccer defeated visiting Hoosac Valley to capture the Bi-County League title 5-1. There were five different scorers in the match for the Indians. Jack McKeever, Owen McKeever, John Mumper, Joraun Mukiibi, and Connor Moody all scored. The Indians entered the Western Mass. playoff week with a 13-0-2 record.



Jack McKeever has perfect timing as he heads the ball.



Ethan DeBettencourt stutter-steps for the Pioneers.

CHICOPEE – Last Friday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer got a hat trick from Basem Yaseen and defeated Hampden Charter 7-0. It was the 11th win of the season for Pathfinder, which has a lot of tournament play coming up this week and next. The Pioneers will qualify for the Western Mass. and state tournaments. They also could be a part of the vocational school tournament as well.



Christian Ribeiro gets around a shot.



Kyla Campbell rides the sideline as she controls this ball.



Chelsea Foley displays finesse with this pass.



Madysyn Davis delivers this sweet looping pass over the defender's head.

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Olive Moulton makes solid contact as she heads this ball.



Aubrey Ortiz tries to break up her opponent's momentum

## Pioneers head for nonplayoff action

PALMER – Pathfinder girls soccer had a tough end to their regular season with consecutive losses to Greenfield, and twice to Pioneer. The Pioneers did beat Sizer in their regular season finale for a 1-12 record. Pathfinder will likely find itself in nonplayoff games this week and next to conclude its season.



Victoria Stephens makes a pass.



Asher Sargent is in perfect balance with this pass.

## Cougars shut out Indians

WARE – Last Thursday night, Quaboag girls soccer defeated Ware 2-0 at Ware High School. Parker Tunley and Norah Schwenker both had

goals in the game. Paige Leach made two saves to pick up the shutout. Emily Jones and Abigale McQuaid combined for 17 saves in the match.



Shelby Hogan takes control of this shot.



Madelyn Bagg displays concentration with some fancy footwork.



Parker Tunley's defensive prowess was on full display as she blocks the ball in full stride.



Madysyn Slattery is in full stride as she brings the ball downfield.



Taylor Allen sends a pass up the field.



Brianna Valley breaks up a play.

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Seth Twarog works the ball away from the goal.



Colin Harmon settles the ball.

Turley photos by Ray Duffy



Alijah Flint makes a diving save.



Jenkins A Miller charges the ball.

## PANTHERS PREVAIL OVER FITCHBURG

BARRE – Last Thursday night, Quabbin boys soccer defeated Fitchburg 2-1. Michael Tobin and Owen Twarog both scored goals and Jacoby Dilling added a pair of assists. The Panthers improved to 3-10-1 this season.



Anthony Quartarone fights for the ball.

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McKeever had one of the goals for Ware in their league-title clinching win over Hoosac last Friday night.

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## Cambridge half-marathon registration open

CAMBRIDGE – Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard

University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are USATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

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Kaylee Shaw collides with the defender going for the ball.



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Kayla Sheerbloom dribbles down the sideline.

## Bromfield defeats Quabbin

BARRE – Last Tuesday night, Quabbin girls soccer was defeated 3-1 by visiting Bromfield. The Panthers are 0-9-4 this season.



Hanna Baxter chasing down the ball with Bella Smith in the back-ground.



Brooke Austin makes the save.



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## Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
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### Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The top three teams of Tuesday night are only within a few points from each other to secure the first round of the season.

As of Oct. 10, Compression is in first place with a 17-7 record. Acres are in second place with a 16-8 record, and The Champs R Here stand in third place at 14-10.

The first round of the league ends in early November and the team to secure first place will win the round.

The close match of the night was between the #2 seed Acres and the #3 seed Champs R Here. In game one, The Champs were victorious in game one by a score of 403-384.

John Colkos of the Champs lead the team with an opening game of 112.

In game two, Acres won by a score of 422-377. Matt Bertelli lead Acres by scoring 113 in game two.

In game three, The Champs defeated Acres by a score of 390-372. Steve Manolakis and Dino Tessicini of the Champs both broke the century mark in game three by score 104 and 103.

Dave Cobligh of Acres finished strong in the third game by scoring a 114.

For total pinfall, Acres edged out the Champs by a final score of 1178-1170. Therefore, each team received two points.

In another match, Team BK played against Last in Line. In game one, BK was victorious over Last in Line by a score of 356-324.

In game two, BK won by a score of 353-340. In game three, Last in Line won by a score of 351-316.

BK won total pinfall by a final score of 1025-1015.

The #1 seed Compression played against Life is Good. In game one, Life is Good was victorious by a score of 351-313.

In game two, Compression won by a score of 366-333. In game three, Compression finished up the night by winning the final game by a score of 337-323.

For total pinfall, Compression was victorious by a final score of 1016-1007.

### Thursday Night Mixed League

PALMER – The Thursday Night Mixed League rolls on through the month of October.

In one match, Team Five went up against team six. In game one, Team Six one in a close game by a score of 390-383. In game two, Team Five won by a score of 416-382.

In game three, Team Five won by a score of 400-374.

Team Five won total pinfall by a score of 1199-1146.

The #1 seeded Team One went up against Team Two for the night. In game one, Team Two won by a score of 414-390.

In game two, Team One bounced back by winning 421-406. In game three, Team Two won the final game by a score of 396-386.

Danny Fennery of Team Two broke the century mark by scoring a 105 game.

Team Two won total pinfall by a final score of 1216-1197.

Team Three faced off against Team Four for the night. In game one, Team Four won over Team Three by a score of 427-415.

In game two, Team Three won over Team Four by a score of 384-380. In game three, Team Three won the final game by a score of 421-397.

Tyler Moore of Team Three finished strong with a 108 game; 21 pins over his league average. Total pinfall went to Team Three by a final score of 1220-1204.

As of Oct. 12, Team One is the #1 seed with a record 16.5 wins and 7.5 losses. In second place, Team Three has a record of 14.5 wins and 9.5 losses.

Tied for third place is Team Two and Team Six with a record of 12-12. Team Five is in fifth place at 11-13, and Team Four is in sixth place at 6-18.

The first round of the Thursday Night Mixed League will conclude sometime in December.

## Monadnock Speedway releases 2024 schedule

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Monadnock Speedway and JDV Productions announced this evening the full 2024 event schedule for the Winchester, New Hampshire oval.

The schedule begins with the JDV Open on Saturday, April 20, 2024 and ends with the return of the Winchester Fair event on Saturday, Sept. 21. The schedule includes 20 events spanning from April through September, including house divisions, touring series dates, special events and more.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to Monadnock Speedway for three dates in 2024: the third annual Granite State Derby on May 4, the third annual Duel at the Dog on July 20 and the second annual Winchester Fair on Sept. 21.

The first competition laps on the brand new track pavement will be on April 20 with Monadnock's house divisions in action. The Mad Dog Modifieds, Super Streets, Mini Stocks, Pure Stocks, Six Shooters and Mad Pups will be racing. The Mad Dog Modifieds were previously named NHSTRA Modifieds, while the Super Streets were previously NHSTRA Late Models and the Young Guns have been renamed to the Mad Pups.

The house divisions will each have special events throughout the year - headlined by a Triple Crown Series, a Monadnock Salutes Pure Stock special (May 18), 15th annual Firecracker 100 (June 29), the inaugural Six Shooters Showdown (July 13), Mini Stock Meet (August 3), Mad Dog Masters Challenge (August 10) and Super Street Summer Shootout (August 17).

A full 2024 Monadnock event schedule can be found by visiting [MonadnockSpeedway.com](http://MonadnockSpeedway.com) and [JDVProductions.com](http://JDVProductions.com).

"We're excited to work with the great teams that make up the Monadnock Speedway house divisions, multiple touring series divisions and others to be sure the 2024 season at Monadnock is one to remember," Josh Vanada, owner of JDV Productions, said. "Our team will look forward to releasing more and more information as the season draws closer. The new pavement at Monadnock Speedway is going to make the racing better than it has ever been and we look forward to showcasing it to dedicated, loyal race fans in 2024."

Additional special events during the season will include the 53rd annual weekly racing opener on May 11, the second annual Winchester Open Modified 100 for the JDV Open Modifieds on June 8, the inau-

gural 350 Super Thunder in the Mountains on June 15 and the 53rd annual championship Saturday on September 14, where all house division champions will be crowned.

The only two-day show of the season will be the finale weekend on September 20 and 21. On Friday night, Sept. 20, a new winners night for house divisions will require drivers who enter the races to have never won a Monadnock event before in that division. The season officially concludes on Sept. 21, with the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour's Winchester Fair and more.

For touring series classes, on top of the Whelen Modified Tour in town three times, the NEMA Midgets will visit once, the NEMA Lites three times, the Evolve Pro Truck Challenge twice and the Pro 4 Modifieds five times. Additional touring series divisions include the R&R Street Stock Open, Little Webb's Super Series and the Senior Tour Auto Racers.

Open Late Models, Open Mini Stock, Big Wheel events and more are also on the calendar. JDV Productions and Monadnock Speedway will release additional information throughout the winter months about the 2024 racing season.



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Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping ([CambridgeCamping.org](http://CambridgeCamping.org)), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund ([Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship](http://Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship)) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.


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# sports

## Thunderbirds drop decision to Penguins

WILKES-BARRE, PA — The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-3-0-0) put forth a strong effort, but could not come away victorious, falling to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (2-2-0-0) by a score of 3-1 at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza.

Vadim Zherenko got the start between the pipes for Springfield and had a terrific game, stopping 33 shots on 35 Penguin attempts. On the other end, Joel Blomqvist got the start for the Penguins and picked up his first AHL win with 31 stops.

It was a special night even before the onset of the game for the Bitten family, as Sam Bitten took the ice for his AHL debut alongside his older brother Will, marking the first time in T-Birds history that a pair of brothers skated as Springfield teammates.

Unlike the other games the Thunderbirds have had this season, the first period did not bring any goals and the two teams remained scoreless heading to their dressing rooms. Zherenko was the much busier goaltender during the first period, as he denied all 14 Penguins shots sent his way.

At the 1:35 mark of the second frame, Wilkes-Barre got on the board first. Forward Vinnie Hinostroza broke behind the T-Birds defense, took a stretch feed from Rem Pitlick, and scored on a backhand deke that snuck past Zherenko.

The score did not remain 1-0 for long, as Adam Gaudette continued his red-hot start to the season with a stroke of luck. An innocent clearing attempt around the boards instead saw the puck skitter to the edge of the crease. After linemate Nathan Walker spotted the loose puck, he was stopped by Blomqvist on the initial chance, but the hulking Gaudette slammed the rebound home to tie the game up at 1-1 at the 3:18 mark of the period.

As the game hit its midpoint, Wilkes-Barre forward Jansen Harkins

broke away from the pack and went in on a breakaway with a chance to restore the Penguin lead, but Zherenko was up to the challenge and made the stop with the left leg. Later on in the period, T-Birds had a great chance to go up a goal with Zachary Bolduc stripping a Penguins defenseman before making it a 2-on-1 with Will Bitten. Unfortunately for the rookie winger, Blomqvist made the stop, knocking away the shot with his blocker, and keeping the score at 1-1. The second period would not bring any scoring for both teams, as the score remained the same at 1-1 going into the third and final period.

The two teams traded chances to start the third period, but neither team could convert. It was not until the 9:03 mark that one of the teams would take the lead. The Penguins power play finally cracked its dry spell, as Pitlick jabbed a power play goal home after a scramble in front of Zherenko's crease, giving his team the 2-1 lead.

With 3:01 to go in the game, the T-Birds were given a power play thanks to a Wilkes-Barre bench minor for too many men on the ice. Walker nearly deadlocked the score, but his deflection on a point shot deflect off the crossbar and stayed out. Shortly after the power play ended, Harkins put the game out of reach with an empty-netter, his first goal as a Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguin.

Springfield's three-game weekend continues as the team travels to play Lehigh Valley on Sunday afternoon for a 3:05 p.m. matchup against the Phantoms. The T-Birds will look to avenge their home loss on Friday night against the Phantoms and pick up their second win of the season.

The T-Birds return home to the MassMutual Center next Saturday, Oct. 28 for our Ok-T-Bird-Fest game to face off against the Providence Bruins for the second time this season. The puck will drop at 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.



Runners take off along the 5-Mile Classic route through the rolling hills of New Braintree.

## East Quabbin Land Trust held 12th annual run/walk fundraiser

By Paula Ouimette  
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NEW BRAINTREE — Runners and walkers enjoyed the best fall views in town during East Quabbin Land Trust's 12th annual Station Loop Ramble, a three-race event utilizing the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Taking first male finisher in the 5-Mile Classic on Oct. 15 was Matthew Twarog with a time of 32:10 and taking first female finisher was Adell Mayee with a time of 38:54.

Other results include Andrew Wiewell, 35:48; Brian Keleher, 36:54; Carl Lindley, 37:20; Brian Farmer, 39:46; Brian St. Jean, 40:22; Jessica Howland, 42:19; Audrey Snay, 42:22; Nicole Keleher, 42:25; V. Garofoli, 43:01; Toni Brown, 44:12; Patrick Bresette, 45:21; Ed Hood, 46:08; Michael Groner, 47:15; Kevin Loggie, 47:28; Mark Johnson, 50:12; Matthew Gromosky, 52:18; Michelle Sheperd, 53:24; Pamela Jean Clark, 54:44; Michael Cavanaugh, 54:44; Christine Palmer, 58:25; Sarah Howe, 58:25; Mary Vaughn, 58:28; Brian Vaughn, 1:06:45; and Eric Howe, 1:06:46.

Taking first male finisher in the 5K Run/Walk was Eric Snay, with a time of 21:38 and first female finisher was Lynne Feldman with a time of 31:48.

Other results include Rowan McCleod, 21:40; Patrick McDermott, 22:43; William Kimoro Norman, 24:20; Matthew Sloan, 24:49; Connor Snay, 24:55; BJ Williams, 25:21; Matt Langa, 26:03; David Maher, 26:56; Mark Kablack, 28:01; Will Baker, 31:52; Catriona Standfield, 32:08; Tony Guitunim, 35:19; Claire Norberg, 36:22; Doris Farmer, 40:30; Geoff Bloom, 42:32; JoAnn Crain, 45:46; Colson Ladue, 46:38; Amy Bloom, 48:59; Arlene Kusak, 52:04;



Brian Keleher of New Braintree gets ready to start the 5-Mile Classic. His daughter Eileen, 2 1/2 accompanied him over the hilly course in her stroller.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette  
Cordelia Grandinetti races in to take first in the one-mile run.

Kathryn Caci, 52:04; Elaine Siok, 52:04; Michael Siok, 52:06; Kristin Siok, 52:06; Rick Dorsch, 57:28; Joseph Siok, 57:28; Lindsay Gaouette, 58:23; and Baker, 58:23.

For more information about the East Quabbin Land Trust, visit eqlt.org or follow them on Facebook or Instagram, email office@eqlt.org or call 413-477-8229.



Siblings (from left) Cordelia, Noah and Luca Grandinetti take off to compete in the children's one-mile run at East Quabbin Land Trust's 12th annual Station Loop Ramble on Oct. 15.



Buddy the dog was an eager "sweep" on the 5K Run/Walk course.

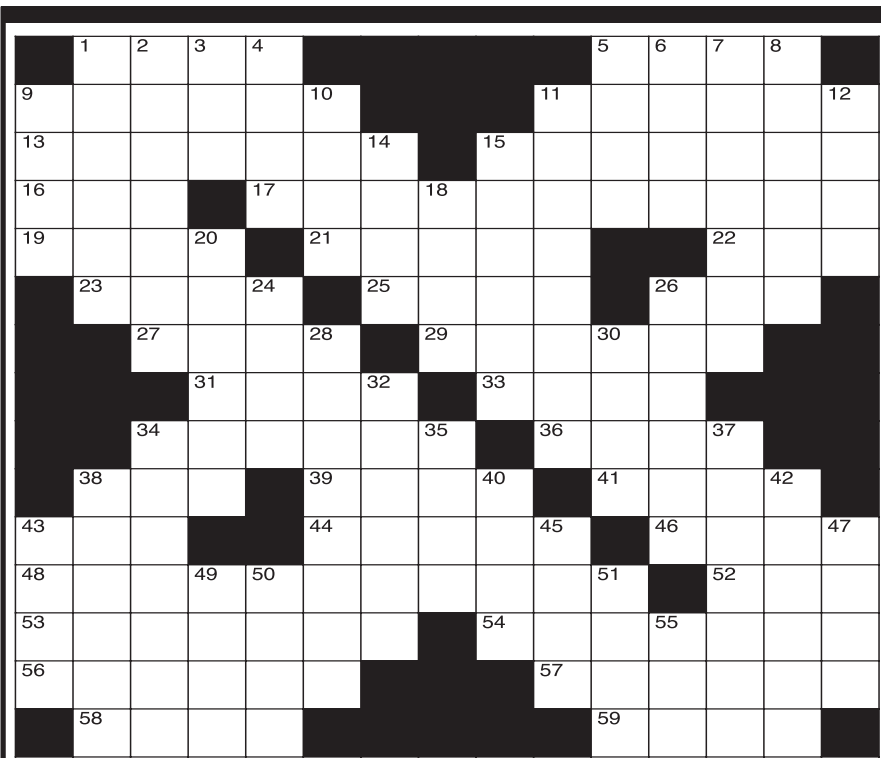


Students from Assumption College's Running Club visited with Abbie Jo, one of East Quabbin Land Trust's canine volunteers. The Running Club assisted the land trust with timing the races.

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Male children
5. Robert Wagner series "Hart to "
9. Unfolded
11. Digestive disease
13. Wednesday
15. Malignant tumor
16. Conscientious investment strategy (abbr.)
17. Slowed
19. Letter of the Semitic abjads
21. Weights of cars without fuel
22. Former CIA
23. Asian country
25. Instead
26. Ancient Egyptian King
27. Privies
29. Shopping trips
31. Paradoxical anecdote

33. It's on the table
34. Ancient Persia ruler
36. Small American rail
38. File extension
39. Days (Spanish)
41. Everyone has one
43. South American plant
44. About ilium
46. Vanished American hoopster
48. A type of breakfast
52. Uncooked
53. Examined
54. Christian recluse
56. Strong posts
57. Some are for pasta
58. Skinny
59. School-based organizations

### CLUES DOWN

1. Ringlet
2. Type of complex
3. Midway between north and northwest
4. It becomes something bigger
5. German courtesy title
6. Genus of birds
7. Marked by public disorder
8. Least aggressive
9. Russian city
10. Insect repellent
11. Interruptions
12. Scoundrels
14. 1,000 calories
15. What one does overnight
18. Dwarf planet
20. Pipe
24. Black powder
26. Set of four
28. Canned fishes
30. North Carolina college
32. Secured
34. A disgraceful event
35. Physical suffering
37. The home of the free
38. Some are boys
40. Satisfy
42. Makes very happy
43. South American plants
45. Modes of transportation
47. Female sheep
49. Type of torch
50. Piece of merchandise
51. Jump over
55. Wife of Amun

## REFORM from page 1

spaces if the firearm is provided by their department.

At a candidates forum hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association earlier that same day, both Durant and Zlotnik said they could not support the bill as it stands.

"I've been against this bill since it was first presented," Durant said. "I asked the question multiple times, 'Tell me how this provision stops crime'... We don't need more

bills, we need to enforce the bills we have."

Zlotnik, who is one of the few Democrats endorsed by the Gun Owners' Action League, agreed with Durant.

"The way this bill has come through is completely unusual," Zlotnik said, without a joint hearing.

Ware Police Chief Shawn Crevier and Police Officer John Cacula criticized the bill, saying it just creates more laws that criminals won't follow.

"It still continues to

refuse to address the criminal aspect of the gun violence issue Massachusetts is having," Crevier said. "There's no enhanced penalties or enhanced dangerousness hearings for illegal possession of firearms."

Crevier said for the first time ever, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, representing the commonwealth's 351 cities and towns, voted unanimously against the bill.

Cacula said that the bill is lacking in stiffer penalties for possessing a firearm illegally, which in his professional opinion should include a 2.5 year minimum incarceration sentence for first-time offenders; 10 years for second-time offenders; and permanent incarceration for habitual offenders.

While incarcerated, gun law violators could have access to work/life training and experience, education and mental health counseling services, he said, resources that are lacking in the commonwealth.

Many law enforcement officials, including Crevier and Cacula, have seen the impact mental health disorders have on violent crime, including gun violence.

"Those in congress do have the power to do something about it [gun violence]. They just need to do the right thing, the smart thing, not force an empty plan that infringes on law abiding citizens' Second Amendment rights," Cacula said.

Crevier said the bill as it stands, requires that gun owners attend active shooter training, which is usually reserved for law enforcement officials and first responders.

"You're now showing people tactics law enforcement uses if and when dealing with active shooters," Crevier said. The bill could also allow homeowners association's the ability to limit owning or possessing firearms in an HOA community.

Crevier and Cacula noted the added costs of additional training along with "live fire" training would have on gun owners, in addition to the shortage of qualified trainers and access to adequate facilities.

Cacula said the commonwealth is ranked the second lowest for gun violence in the country, second to Hawaii.

"We've got great gun laws, they don't need to add more," he said.

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Caregivers will have the opportunity to create ideas for group outings and activities that they find fun and engaging.

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### Program for fathers/male caregivers on Tuesdays

Nurturing Fathers at Behavioral Health Network's Family Resource Center, 82 Main St., is held on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This is an empowering program for fathers and male caregivers.

For more information or to register contact the Family Resource Center by calling 413-277-6601 or emailing bhnfr@bhninc.org.

## Wishing Well Charities hosts fall fundraiser

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

There will be a cocktail hour with cash bar, sit down dinner with family style meal, a spectacular silent auction and music and dancing with the Time Trippers.

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

## Baystate Wing Hospital Corp. seeks mini-grant proposals

PALMER – The Baystate Wing Hospital Corporation has released a request for proposal for community benefits mini grants from area not-for-profit organizations supporting initiatives that are designed to further health, education, and preventative health programs in the Baystate Wing Hospital Service area of Hampshire, Hampden, and Worcester counties.

"This grant opportunity represents Baystate Wing Hospital's commitment to work with local community partners who focus on public health-related programs and initiatives to achieve the greatest possible impact on disparities people face in the communities we serve," said Ron Bryant, president of Baystate Health Regional Hospitals, which includes Baystate Wing Hospital.

According to a press release, the Baystate Wing Corporation will award \$30,000 to be given as mini-grants for the purpose of addressing priority health needs identified in the hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment.

The deadline for grant proposals is Nov. 15 by 11:59 p.m. Selected grantees will be notified no later than Wednesday, Nov. 29.

To learn more and to apply online visit the Baystate Health online portal at [www.baystatehealth.org/applyforfunding](http://www.baystatehealth.org/applyforfunding) and complete the Baystate Wing Hospital Corporation Grant Application.

Details on how to access the application can be provided by Brittney Rosario via email at [Brittney.Rosario@baystatehealth.org](mailto:Brittney.Rosario@baystatehealth.org).

## The Wealth Transition Collective hosts annual food drive

HOLYOKE – The Wealth Transition Collective, a financial planning firm out of Holyoke, recently announced it will host their 4th annual weeklong food drive, beginning Monday, Nov. 13 through Friday, Nov. 17, to benefit Margaret's Pantry in Holyoke in honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Since the start of this event, they have collected over 3,000 pounds of food and raised monetary donations of over \$5,000.

Individuals can drop off non-perishable and canned foods during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) at their office at 1632 Northampton St. Weather permitting, there will be a drop-off table outside the front door for easy accessibility.

Some of the most-needed items at the pantry during this

time of year are: stuffing mixes, canned good like gravy, soups, stews, baking mixes, frosting, syrup, salad dressing, condiments, Jell-O, and kid's snack items.

Margaret's Pantry, a division of Providence Ministries for the Needy, is a full-service food pantry that has provided food to residents of Greater Holyoke for more than 30 years. Presently, the pantry provides food to more than 180 families each month, and approximately 72,000 meals a year are distributed to the needy in the community.

"We feel very fortunate to be in a position to make a difference in the community by supporting the efforts of organizations like The Providence Ministries for the Needy," said Greg Sheehan, CEO of the Wealth Transition Collective in a press release.

## Support group offered for LGBTQ+ youth

WARE – Pride in You, a space for LGBTQ+ youth to feel safe and free to be themselves, offers a support group for LGBTQ+ youth ages 11-18 on Thursdays from 3:45-5 p.m. at the Behavioral Health Networks' Family Resource Center, 82 Main St.

Activities will vary between guest speakers, games, LGBTQ+ culture, community resources/ services and more.

For more information or to register contact the Family Resource Center by calling 413-277-6601 or emailing bhnfr@bhninc.org.

## Gary K. Lyons, 82

WARREN – Gary K. Lyons, of Warren, died Oct. 16, 2023, at the age of 82.



Gary was born in Englewood, New Jersey, May 3, 1941, to the late Robert and Dorothy (Klewin) Lyons. He was a graduate of Monson High School and the University of

Massachusetts, Amherst.

Gary spent his career as an underwriter at the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company in Springfield. He retired in 1999 after 30 years of service.

Gary enjoyed being outdoors. He was often photographing the beauty of nature while he was visiting a National Park or the coast of Maine.

He wintered in Florida and followed the Boston Red Sox during Spring Training and throughout the baseball season.

Gary leaves his sons, Andrew Lyons and his wife Rosemary of East

### Death notices

**Foster, David W.**  
Died Sept. 27, 2023  
Services Oct. 5, 2023

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**Haznar, Henry Joseph**  
Died Oct. 15, 2023

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**Lyons, Gary K.**  
Died Oct. 16, 2023

Longmeadow and Scott Lyons of Enfield, Connecticut; a longtime friend, Sue Latvis of Monson. Gary was predeceased by his brother Roger Lyons in August of 2023.

The family would like to thank the Warren Police Department for their compassion during this difficult time.

Lombard Funeral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. All services are private.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation in Gary's name to the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or online at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).

## SMSgt. David W. Foster, 65

PANAMA CITY, FL – Retired U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant David W. Foster was born Nov. 13, 1957, in Arlington, Virginia and passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 27, 2023, in Panama City, Florida at the age of 65.

SMSgt. Foster proudly served his country for 26 years, including Operation Desert Storm.



Following his military career, he worked for Tyndall Federal Credit Union for 17 years. He then retired to enjoy riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, fishing and time with his family.

SMSgt. Foster was preceded in death by his parents, Arlene Mae and Harold Thomas Foster.

Those left to treasure his

memory include his wife Debra (Supczak) Foster; daughters, Amy Foster and Danielle Swem (Jody); son, David Foster, Jr.; grandchildren, Kaidon Jackson-Foster, Rylan Bradshaw and Gracelynn Swem and three sisters and two brothers.

A funeral service was held Oct. 5, 2023, at Heritage Funeral Home in Panama City, Florida. Burial with full military honors was held Oct. 6, 2023, at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida.

## Henry J. Haznar, 96

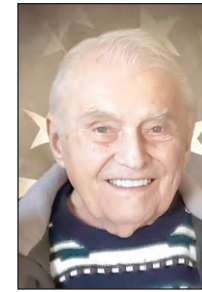
WARE – Henry Joseph Haznar, a longtime resident of Ware, passed away peacefully at his home while surrounded by loving family on Oct. 15, 2023, at the age of 96.

Survived by his beloved wife of 73 years, Jane (Koziol) Haznar. Devoted father of Alan Haznar and his wife Jean of Appleton, Wisconsin, Cheryl (Haznar) Quigley and her husband, Brad of West Brookfield and Lisa Haznar Tyrrell and her husband, Paul of Marshfield. Adored grandfather of Ryan Quigley, Megan Quigley, Neil Haznar, Nicole (Haznar)

Terrien, Chase Tyrrell and Caitin Tyrrell and great-grandfather to six cherished great-grandchildren.

Son of the late Aniela (Miesowicz) Haznar and Anthony Haznar of Holyoke; and brother to the late Joseph Haznar and Antoinette (Haznar) Pliska.

Henry served in the U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge as a disabled veteran of World War II. He worked for more than 30 years as draftsman



and engineer designing and patterning tools for Moore Drop Forge until he retired in 1978.

A small private memorial service will be held for Henry's immediate family.

Cebula Funeral Home directed the final services for Henry. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: [www.cebulafuneralhome.com](http://www.cebulafuneralhome.com).

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also because her spousal boost will be awarded prior to her FRA.

Any benefit taken before FRA is reduced, including the spousal benefit.

Here's what will happen if your wife claims her own Social Security at age 63. Your wife's personal SS retirement benefit, when she claims, will be reduced by about 25%.

When you claim at your full retirement age, your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her own reduced benefit.

The amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement, reduced because the spousal boost will be awarded automatically before she has reached her own full retirement age. FRA amounts are used to compute the spousal boost, regardless of the age at which benefits are claimed.

When you claim, your wife will not yet be her FRA, so the amount of her spousal boost, the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement, will be reduced. The reduced spousal boost will be added to your wife's reduced SS retirement benefit, resulting in her total benefit payment being less than half of yours.

The only way your wife can get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement is to wait until her own FRA at 67 to claim Social Security, but by doing so she also forfeits the money she would otherwise receive if she claimed her own benefit now. As long as she won't significantly exceed the earnings limit while working before her FRA, claiming now is an acceptable strategy because it will take many years to recover the money forfeited by waiting until her FRA to claim.

It's also reasonable because women statistically outlive men and your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse will be 100% of the amount you are receiving at your death, instead of the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were both living.

When to claim is always a personal choice and life expectancy should always be thoughtfully considered, but the answer to your specific question is - yes, if your wife claims her own benefit at 63, she will automatically receive her spousal boost when you claim, but her payment as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

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When asked her what motivates her, since she has a practice in a rural area and has little kids what drives her to be so committed to her profession?

She replied, "Since I took over the practice from Dr. Cohen in 2010, I realized my patients had to travel at least 40-50 minutes to get specialized care and that because of multiple appointments and an unknown environment, patients were hesitant to get the treatment needed. I started working on honing my skills and traveling to different parts of the U.S. to take several workshops so I can master the techniques. I did not want to offer only one option to patients, I wanted to be able to give all options available so I could educate them and they can decide what treatment they wanted such as extraction, root canal, implant and dentures.

I have started offering oral sedation and 'teeth in day' which means taking broken down teeth and putting in implants and giving them fixed teeth in the same day.

Patients have been thrilled with the results, my staff and I feel satisfaction when patients don't need to wear dentures any more and can enjoy their food better, they don't have to rely on help if they cannot take care of themselves to chew their meals.

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# public safety

## Ware man arrested after stabbing woman near Northampton Police station

NORTHAMPTON – A 41-year-old Ware man was arrested Thursday afternoon, Oct. 19 after a Northampton Police captain ran out of the Center Street station upon hearing a woman screaming near the corner of Masonic and Center streets after being stabbed in the neck with needle nose pliers.

by a bystander when the captain reached her. She told the captain she'd just been stabbed by a man known to her. Other passersby immediately jumped upon and held down the suspect until another officer arrived to place him under arrest. That suspect, Russell Scott Mayo, was expected to be arraigned in Northampton District Court Oct. 20 on charges of attempted murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery with a dan-

gerous weapon in violation of a protective order and two counts of violation of an abuse prevention order. The victim was treated for injuries at the scene and then transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield for further treatment. As of Oct. 19, she is in stable condition. Criminal charges are based on probable cause to believe a person has committed a crime. All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court

## Burn awareness video contest open to students

STOW – The Department of Fire Services' annual Burn Awareness Video Contest is underway, and schools with communications courses that focus on media design and production are encouraged to take part. State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine said the annual contest is a way to raise awareness of the painful, lifelong consequences of misusing fire and to counteract

dangerous stunts and challenges that young people may see on social media. The contest is sponsored by DFS, the Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriters Association, and Shriners Children's. The winners will be announced during Burn Prevention Week, which runs from Feb. 4-10, 2024. This year's grand prize is a digital video camera for the winning

students' school, courtesy of the Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriters Association. The second-place team will share \$100 in gift cards from Best Buy, courtesy of Shriners Children's. The third-place team will share \$50 in gift cards from Best Buy courtesy of Shriners Children's.

Please see **VIDEO**, page 19

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Oct. 16-23, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 74 building/property checks, 58 directed/area patrols, 14 traffic controls, 16 emergency 911 calls, 12 radar assignments, four complaints, one motor vehicle investigation, one investigation, two assist other agencies, five citizen assists, one motor vehicle accident, one scam, one fraud, six animal calls and 24 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:06 p.m. 911 Complaint, Broad Street, Investigated  
**Wednesday, Oct. 18**  
7:18 a.m. Scam, Pine Street, Voice Message Left  
10:19 a.m. 911 Misdial, High Street, Investigated  
7:01 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Peace Restored  
**Thursday, Oct. 19**  
12:45 p.m. Fraud, Church Lane, Spoken To  
4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
5:20 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
9:11 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact  
**Friday, Oct. 20**  
7:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
11:50 a.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled  
12:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
1:53 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
6:03 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Thresher Road, No Action Required  
7:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

**Saturday, Oct. 21**  
1:25 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled  
9:41 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To  
11:04 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Bridge Street, Peace Restored  
1:22 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown, Officer Handled  
2:01 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered  
4:26 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Removed Hazard  
6:15 p.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
8:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Services Rendered  
9:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
**Sunday, Oct. 22**  
12:28 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Patrill Hollow Road, Officer Handled  
7:41 a.m. Safety Hazard, Bridge Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
10:24 a.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Removed Hazard  
10:29 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Prouty Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
10:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
2:53 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To  
8:19 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Pine Street, Services Rendered  
**Monday, Oct. 23**  
6:42 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated

**Monday, Oct. 16**  
10:10 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:46 a.m. Animal Call, Jackson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
1:31 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:47 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact  
6:47 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered  
**Tuesday, Oct. 17**  
10:30 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:03 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Ruggles Street, Unfounded  
1:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
1:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Vehicle Towed

## Warren Police Log

During the weeks of Sept. 24-Oct. 7, the Warren Police Department responded to 446 building/property checks, 241 community policing, 30 traffic enforcements, 25 emergency 911 calls, one harassment, one vandalism, two property damages, two complaints, two safety hazards, one lost person, one threat, one motor vehicle accident, 10 animal calls and 58 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.


Main Street, Prisoner Bailed  
Arrest: Brian T. Shea, 66, Ware License Revoked as HTO, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Speeding in Violation Special Regulation; OUI-Liquor or .08%, 4th or Greater Offense

**Sunday, Sept. 24**  
6:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:59 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Cottage Street, Transported to Hospital  
5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washington Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Andrew A. Simmoneau, 25, Warren  
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding in Violation Special Regulation  
8:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Felix L. Santana Jr., 44, West Warren  
OUI-Liquor or .08%; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Speeding in Violation Special Regulation; Resist Arrest; Threat to Commit Crime (Murder); Disorderly Conduct; Disturbing the Peace; Threat to Commit Crime (Rape)  
**Monday, Sept. 25**  
1:08 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, Keys Road, Investigated  
7:34 a.m. Harassment, School Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
1:51 p.m. Vandalism, Main Street, Report Filed  
7:46 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Old Douglas Road, Report Filed  
9:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Keys Road, Report Filed  
**Tuesday, Sept. 26**  
4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brook Road, Written Warning  
4:37 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Keys Road, Investigation  
7:16 p.m. Property Damage, Keys Road, Report Filed  
**Wednesday, Sept. 27**  
6:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Quaboag Street, Citation Issued  
9:17 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, School House Drive, Report Filed  
8:09 p.m. Noise Violation/Party, Washburn Avenue, Peace Restored  
Summons: Kaiulani T. Poe, 26, Warren  
Noisy & Disorderly House, Keep; Disturbing the Peace  
10:19 p.m. Falls, Old West Warren Road, Transported to Hospital  
Thursday, Sept. 28  
4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:34 p.m. Animal Bite, Maple Street, Report Filed  
9:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

**Friday, Sept. 29**  
12:52 a.m. Knee Pain, Burbank Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
6:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued  
**Saturday, Sept. 30**  
8:56 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Bacon Street, Transported to Hospital  
5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Shuo Wang, 26, Malden  
Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
**Sunday, Oct. 1**  
6:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:24 a.m. Diabetic, Yankee Drummer Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
1:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Dunham Road, Investigated  
**Monday, Oct. 2**  
6:44 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Information Taken  
6:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued  
10:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
Tuesday, Oct. 3  
12:15 a.m. Property Damage, Reed Street, No Action Required  
5:58 p.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital  
6:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
Summons: Bismark Abban, 26, Warren  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
8:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brook Road, Written Warning  
8:35 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital  
8:45 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Liberty Street, Referred to Other Agency  
4:27 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation, Main Street, Investigated  
8:44 p.m. Bleeding, Maple Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
9:18 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, Sarty Road, Report Filed  
**Wednesday, Oct. 4**  
2:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup  
Arrest: Josue Roman, 35, Rowe  
OUI-Drugs; Threat to Commit Crime (To Wit Assault and Battery); Equipment Violation, Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle; Headlights, Fail Dim; Threat to Commit Crime (To Wit Rape)  
2:51 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Sensitive Information  
2:59 a.m. Welfare Check, Sarty Road, Report Filed  
9:06 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, Old West

*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.*

Brookfield Road, Investigation  
10:17 a.m. Overdose/Poisoning, Town Farm Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
3:48 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Area Search Negative  
4:06 p.m. Safety Concern, Old West Brookfield Road, Message Delivered  
4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:14 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital  
**Thursday, Oct. 5**  
2:59 a.m. Allergic Reaction, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital  
5:45 a.m. Diabetic, Yankee Drummer Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
11:22 a.m. Medical Alarm, Bacon Street, Transported to Hospital  
12:13 p.m. Threats, North Street, Officer Took Call  
1:08 p.m. Lost Person, Southbridge Road, Located/Found  
2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Mass Pike, Referred to Other Agency  
6:18 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls, North Street, Report Filed  
**Friday, Oct. 6**  
5:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Crininal Complaint  
Summons: Jonathan Holmes, 20, Bondsville  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Drug Label, Remove/Alter  
8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Jazmyn S. Brewington, 26, Ware  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
10:15 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Coy Hill Road, Report Filed  
4:41 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking, Old West Brookfield Road, Citation Issued  
6:27 p.m. Serve Warrant, Old West Warren Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
Summon: Bismark J. Abban, 26, Warren  
Interfering with a Police Officer; Resist Arrest  
9:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed  
**Saturday, Oct. 7**  
4:31 a.m. Smoke Investigation, Brimfield Road, Investigated  
11:33 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking, Prospect Street, Citation Issued  
4:23 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Southbridge Road, Report Filed  
8:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Coty J. Decelle, 35, West Brookfield  
Registration Revoked, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle



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# Rays of Hope takes strides to cure breast cancer



Rays of Hope walk and run founders Gayle Kirkwood, left, and Lucy Giuggio Carvalho thank participants for supporting the cause for 30 years.



Presenting sponsor Gary Rome of Gary Rome Hyundai said he was "humbled and honored" to be part of the event.



Walkers wave to their supporters as they start their 2- and 5-mile routes.

## Walk celebrates 30 years

By Paula Ouimette  
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SPRINGFIELD – For the past 30 years, Rays of Hope has held its annual walk and run to raise money for breast cancer patients and their families.

This past Sunday, walkers chose from either a 2- or 5-mile walk and runners a 5-mile route, going through Forest Park. The run was coordinated and timed by 4Run3.

Local businesses, services, and breast cancer-related programs offered a variety of information and giveaways under the event's large exhibitor tent, and many lined the route to support walkers and runners.

All monies raised remain local and administered by the Baystate Health Foundation to assist patients and their families affected by breast cancer. Nearly \$17 million has been raised to date.

Funds support the Rays of Hope Center for Breast Cancer Research, as well as treatment, breast health programs, outreach and education, and the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment through the Baystate Health Breast Network and provides grants to various community programs throughout western Massachusetts.

Rays of Hope Chair Lindsey Bubar said since being diagnosed with cancer, and being a little over six years outside of her journey toward healing, she has a new perspective on life.

"It has brought me an incredible sense of gratitude," Bubar said at the 30th annual Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer, starting and finishing at Temple Beth El on Oct. 22.

"We all take so much for granted," she said, thanking her "tribe" formed by her parents Sue and John Boudreau, along with numerous family and friends.

Her parents started "Lindsey's

Tribe" for the Rays of Hope walk, and Bubar said she couldn't have asked for better role models as parents as she and her husband, Brett, raise their two children.

Her children were the first thought to come to her mind when she received her cancer diagnosis, and they continue to be almost a decade later.

"My husband literally carried me certain days during this journey," Bubar said emotionally.

Joining Bubar on stage to kick off the walk was Rays of Hope walk and run founders Lucy Giuggio Carvalho and Gayle Kirkwood.

Kirkwood announced that an endowment has been created for Rays of Hope, thanks to the generosity of 10 inaugural donors.

Giuggio Carvalho said she can't believe it's been 30 years since the walk started, and that she's been a breast cancer survivor for three decades.

She thanked the hundreds of people in attendance for their continued support for Rays of Hope, and those affected by breast cancer.

"It's amazing," she said. "Thank you for 30 years standing up for the fight against breast cancer."

This year's presenting sponsor was Gary Rome Hyundai, who was joined on stage by his son and their two dogs.

Giuggio Carvalho said her grandson TJ saw her appear in one of Gary Rome's television commercials, promoting Rays of Hope, and said "good for Nonni, she finally has a big time commercial!"

Baystate Health President and CEO Mark Keroack recognized several current and former Baystate employees who participated in the walk, including John Maybury, whose wife is a cancer survivor.

Maybury brought a team of 50 people to participate in the walk.

Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno said this would be Keroack's last walk in his role as president and CEO, as he plans to retire at the end of the year.



Melha Shrine Clowns joined Rays of Hope walk participants for a photo.

Sarno credited Rome with "putting his money where his mouth is," and being a great philanthropist. Through pink license plate frame sales at his dealership, Rome has raised over \$30,000 for Rays of Hope.

Rome said he's "humbled and honored" to be part of such an important event.

"We all know someone who is affected by cancer," Rome said.

The Springfield Thunderbirds also provided a sizable donation to Rays of Hope in the amount of \$30,000, thanks to their Pink the Rink fundraiser and the sale of pink jerseys.

Also retiring from Baystate is Dr. Grace Makari-Judson of Baystate Hematology Oncology at the D'Amour Center for Cancer Care.

Makari-Judson will continue to support Rays of Hope and play an active role, which she has done since 1994 when she set up an information booth at the first ever fundraiser. She has kept a T-shirt from each year's walk.

Makari-Judson said she could



Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno thanked supporters of Rays of Hope.

have never imagined the impact Rays of Hope would have when it first began 30 years ago. "We have exceeded most of our expectations," she said.

Rays of Hope has also helped to provide cancer patients with "first class care," she said.



Lindsey's Tribe, formed by Lindsey Bubar's parents Sue and John Boudreau.



Walkers and runners of all ages and abilities participated in the 30th annual Rays of Hope event.

Makari-Judson said it's been a privilege and honor to work with survivors and that she will never leave Rays of Hope, which has become a family tradition for her, her children, and now her grand-children. Walk participants Maria Bergeron and Paul Strong, both

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Rays of Hope Chair Lindsey Bubar talks about her journey with breast cancer.

### VIDEO from page 18

The contest is open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in Massachusetts schools. Submissions must be from school-sponsored communications courses or extra-curricular groups.

Communications teachers or faculty sponsors are required to review and approve all storyboards before filming starts.

Videos should explore burn prevention topics in one to three minutes. They should be well researched, educational, and informative, and they must not demonstrate risky or unsafe behavior.

Fire may only be depicted through royalty-free stock footage, and not through images recorded by students.

For the complete contest rules, scoring rubric, and submission form, visit the Department of Fire Services' website [www.mass.gov/info-details/high-school-burn-awareness-video-contest](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/high-school-burn-awareness-video-contest).

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## LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF TAX TAKING Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Ware

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

### LIST OF PARCELS TO BE TAKEN

#### CURRENT OWNER: ASPEN STREET ROD + GUN CLUB INC

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.1871 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 0 ASPEN ST  
**PARCEL:** 60-0-89  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 1094-237  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$592.06**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$510.96**

#### CURRENT OWNER: ASPEN STREET ROD + GUN CLUB INC

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.4279 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 58 ASPEN ST  
**PARCEL:** 62-0-93  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 6170-33  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$4,381.33**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$4,930.61**

#### CURRENT OWNER: BARBEAU JOCELYN ABIENVENU CHERYL J

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.4439 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 115 EAST ST  
**PARCEL:** 24-0-31  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13014-3  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$4,124.24**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$5,495.87**

#### CURRENT OWNER: BROWN JILL F

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 44 NORTH ST 44-2  
**PARCEL:** 61-12-1  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13271-210  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$1,762.12**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,537.66**

#### CURRENT OWNER: BROWN TERRAH L

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.2273 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 44 SOUTH ST  
**PARCEL:** 57-0-21  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12425-101  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$438.04**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$2,545.73**

#### CURRENT OWNER: CARROLL THOMAS F

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.98 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 268 OSBORNE RD  
**PARCEL:** 39-8-1  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 7959-259  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$336.36**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,208.53**

#### CURRENT OWNER: FERDINAND NICOLE DUPRE CLEM

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.1332 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 57 WEST MAIN ST  
**PARCEL:** 60-0-208  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13140-97  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$ 2,034.27**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$2,913.53**

#### CURRENT OWNER: GILES QUEENIE O

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.179 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 29 EDDY ST  
**PARCEL:** 60-0-176  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 07073-313  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$2,921.02**

#### CURRENT OWNER: JACQUES CHARLES A

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.6359 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 28 GOULD ST  
**PARCEL:** 55-0-40  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 1012-113  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$610.21**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$2,580.09**

#### CURRENT OWNER: KRAWCZYK NATALIA KRAWCZYK TOMASZ

PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1: GO

#### CALIFORNIA, LLC A

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.1722 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 15 WEBB CT  
**PARCEL:** 56-0-65  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13560-274  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$3,225.60**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$3,052.22**

#### CURRENT OWNER: LESNIEWSKI ANDRZEJ

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 2.0345 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 0 BELCHERTOWN RD  
**PARCEL:** 32-3-1  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 8246-166  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$104.43**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$748.17**

#### CURRENT OWNER: MAO SOKHAN YIM-MAO MOM

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.7046 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 5 GREENWICH RD  
**PARCEL:** 62-0-37  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13282-266  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$ 5,116.03**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$4,432.21**

#### CURRENT OWNER: MCCARTHY KEVIN

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.1148 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 15 3 RD AV  
**PARCEL:** 52-0-33  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12956-210  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$ 466.94**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$594.13**

#### CURRENT OWNER: MULVANEY RICHARD D MULVANEY PAULETTE

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.3248 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 0 REAR JUNIPER HILL RD  
**PARCEL:** 9-0-52  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 2245-127  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$45.17**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$140.51**

#### CURRENT OWNER: PETERSON ROGER N FINNEY THOMAS W

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.7258 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 419 BELCHERTOWN RD  
**PARCEL:** 21-0-20  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12568-96  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$3,168.60**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$3,836.53**

#### CURRENT OWNER: PRESZ THOMAS PRESZ TANYA

PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1: PRESZ, WALTER M JR  
**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.3471 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 0 LOWER COVE RD  
**PARCEL:** 49-0-26  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13673-195  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$36.76**

#### CURRENT OWNER: PRESZ THOMAS PRESZ TANYA

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.3901 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 24 LOWER COVE RD  
**PARCEL:** 49-0-27  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13673-195  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$140.28**

#### CURRENT OWNER: REGIENUS INC

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.6263 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 3 CRESCENT ST  
**PARCEL:** 22-0-66  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12119-276  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$ 5,458.09**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$4,979.10**

#### CURRENT OWNER: WALULAK GENEVIEVE C HEIR OF C/O WALULAK JOHN

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.5556 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 0 OLD BELCHERTOWN RD  
**PARCEL:** 9-0-1  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 2018-254  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$132.48**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$113.06**

#### CURRENT OWNER: WETTELAND DONNA M

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 2.8 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 0 CRESCENT ST  
**PARCEL:** 28-60-3  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12334-256  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of

#### \$ 1,178.95

Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,016.69**

#### CURRENT OWNER: WETTELAND DONNA M

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 4.34 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 0 CRESCENT ST  
**PARCEL:** 28-60-4  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 12334-256  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2022 taxes of **\$ 1,255.42**  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,081.41**

#### CURRENT OWNER: ALLARD RANDALL A

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: ALLARD JOHN C

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: ALYCAR INVESTMENTS, LLC

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: ARSENAULT SHELLY A ARSENAULT KENNETH

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: BLACKHORSE BUILDERS INC

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

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

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: BLACKWELL PROPERTIES LLC

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: BRUCE DOUGLAS

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: BRUSO DANIEL A.BRUSO HOLLY E

PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1: LOADER ALFRED JR  
**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon  
**CONTAINING:** 0.0676 (more or less)  
**LOCATION:** 9 REAR WEST ST  
**PARCEL:** 60-0-148  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 10708-217  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$1,062.61**

#### CURRENT OWNER: BULL RUTH TR KEANE HEATHER TR

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: CARBERRY JAMES H CARBERRY BERNADETTE M

**PROPERTY:** Land and any building(s) thereon

#### CONTAINING: 0.26 (more or less)

**LOCATION:** 9 WALNUT ST  
**PARCEL:** 63-0-141  
**REGISTRY:** Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 2175-305  
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of **\$16.77**

#### CURRENT OWNER: COUTURE TERRY C

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: DRIGO CHAD T

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: HAMEL DAWN D PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1:

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: Hampshire BANK PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1:

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: HRISTOVA NINA

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: JVC REALTY LLC

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

#### CURRENT OWNER: LACROIX MICHAEL J LACROIX KIMBERLY M

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

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

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

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

CURRENT OWNER: PADDEN HENRY L PADDEN DEBORAH A
PREVIOUS OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1: BRADWAY PAUL, BRADWAY ROSE
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.1148 (more or less)
LOCATION: 4 3 RD AV
PARCEL: 52-0-40
REGISTRY: Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 14770-262
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of \$1,254.64

CURRENT OWNER: PARISEAU JESSICA L PARISEAU JR ROGER H
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 0.368 (more or less)
LOCATION: 361 PALMER RD
PARCEL: 9-0-86
REGISTRY: Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 13215-311
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of \$116.72

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

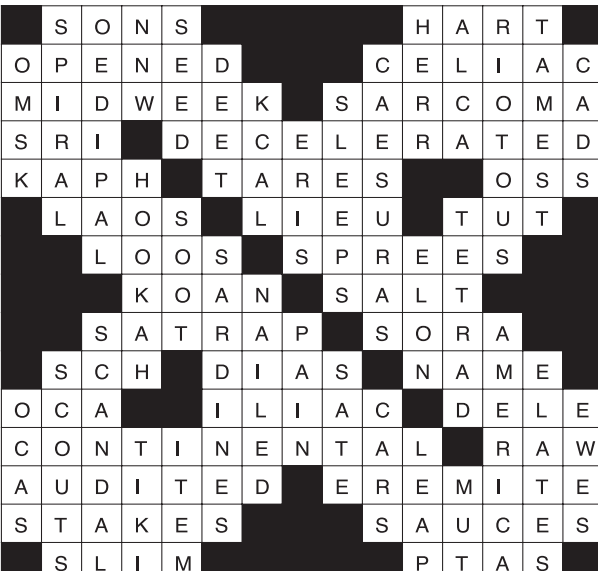
CURRENT OWNER: THREE A REALTY CO INC OF WEST C/O PEAK DEVELOPMENT LLC
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 2.89 (more or less)
LOCATION: MECHANIC ST
PARCEL: 57-0-166
REGISTRY: Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 10038-318
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes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

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

CURRENT OWNER: WARE MASONIC BLDG ASSOC
PROPERTY: Land and any building(s) thereon
CONTAINING: 1.8 (more or less)
LOCATION: 80 PLEASANT ST
PARCEL: 60-0-227
REGISTRY: Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 1392-109
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2021 taxes of \$210.02
Said land is taken for non-payment of FY 2023 taxes of \$386.51
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# Dept. of Fire Services launches tool to track lithium-ion battery fires

STOW – State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announced in a press release that the Department of Fire Services will begin tracking fires involving lithium-ion batteries, which are increasing in frequency nationwide and have killed more than a dozen people in New York City this year. Massachusetts fire departments report their fire data to DFS using the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System, which mirrors the National Fire Incident Reporting System. The NFIRS tool gathers data on battery fires but does not distinguish between various types. Fires may also be coded by the type of device rather than the type of battery, missing the factor that makes lithium-ion battery fires particularly dangerous. To address this, the Massachusetts State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office will now gather certain additional information whenever they respond to fires that may involve lithium-ion batteries. This will include the make and model of the device, where it was purchased, whether it was charging at the time of the fire, and information on the battery itself. Because the great majority of fire investigations in Massachusetts are undertaken by municipal fire departments with-

out state assistance, Davine has requested that local fire investigators gather the same information. DFS has created a checklist known as the Form FP-031 to assist them in gathering this detailed information. This checklist, which has been sent to the chiefs of all of Massachusetts' fire departments and posted to the DFS website, was first announced Friday at a lithium-ion battery fire symposium hosted at DFS headquarters in Stow. "We believe these batteries are under reported as a factor in significant fires," said Davine. "More comprehensive data will help the fire service gauge the true scope of the issue and help guide future regulations and legislation." Lithium-ion batteries power everything from small devices like e-cigarettes and smartphones to scooters, e-bikes, and electric vehicles. If they are overcharged or abused, they can fail rapidly and without warning. A lithium-ion battery that goes into thermal runaway will erupt in an explosion of toxic gases and flames that will ignite nearby furnishings. Water and traditional fire extinguishers are significantly less effective against burning batteries. Davine offered the following safety tips for preventing lithium-ion battery fires: Be sure to have working smoke alarms installed on every level of

the home. Use only the original equipment manufacturer's batteries and charging equipment. Aftermarket or generic batteries and chargers may be cheaper but are more likely to pose a burn, fire, or explosion hazard. Store scooters and e-bikes outdoors if possible. If you must store them indoors, keep them and their batteries clear of doors, windows, and stairways. Charge the battery directly from a wall outlet, not an extension cord or power strip. Place it on a hard and stable surface, not a bed, couch, or pillow. Charge only one battery or device at a time and unplug it when it's fully charged. Don't allow a charged battery to continue charging. If changes are noticed to the battery or the device, including damage, an unusual odor, a change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge, stop using it right away. If and when it's time to dispose of the battery, don't put it in the trash. Lithium-ion batteries should be recycled, and find a location to take them at https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/. Residents can learn more about lithium-ion battery safety at the Department of Fire Services' website, www.mass.gov/dfs.

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The community partnerships MARE develops are predominantly made in the Boston area. Events include activities at Jordan's Furniture, trampoline parks, outdoor courses, bowling, and other built-in activities. As of 2023, MARE has been an organization for 66 years. It is the first adoption exchange not only in Massachusetts, but the first exchange in the U.S. In the western region of Massachusetts, MARE has a partner hosted event in Springfield with DCF that provides helpful information. Those meetings take place at the DCF Western Regional Office in Springfield. Chiaruttini said there are a lot of children in foster care in the western region of the state. MARE plans to provide more awareness for children seeking permanent homes in the region. However, they also find it essential to allow kids to stay in their familiar local communities as they tend to build close friendships while they are enrolled in local schools and live in local towns. MARE consists of over 20 staff members. Their main office is in Newton, but staff are assigned to cover each region of the state, including Boston, Central, Western, Eastern and Northern. Part of the MARE staff is

Mary Liz Noguera, the Outreach & Support Coordinator for Adoptive Families of Color. Noguera has been in her current role for over a year and helps supporting families in the process of adoption. Her role includes providing matching events for families of color and also supports, connections, and trainings for families wanting to adopt. One of the trainings is through the Trust Based Relational Intervention. The training is for pre-adoptive and recently placed families to a series of Trauma Informed Parenting virtual trainings facilitated by Fostering Hope's TBRI practitioners. This is a small-group, practical training, and participants are asked to be available on camera throughout the session, if possible. This opportunity is intended for Massachusetts pre-adoptive families who have completed MAPP training or families recently placed. Noguera is familiar with the line of work MARE dedicates itself to doing as she is also a parent who adopted children. A mother of six children, Noguera is proud to be a part of MARE and granting the goal of adoption to hundreds of children and families seeking to adopt. In its last fiscal year, MARE served 119 children of color. It is fulfilling for MARE to serve children seeking the right families.

"We seek to identify safe and loving permanent homes," said Noguera. One beneficial program MARE provides is a weekend family connection. The program pairs youth ages 10 and older who are living in residential care with host families who are committed to actively incorporate the youth into their community and family life. The goal of the program is to build connections for the youth that will ultimately result in the identification of an adoptive family, while allowing the youth to have a positive experience of family life. Whether you're married, single or partnered individuals, you're welcome to adopt children from foster care. There are many great kids that will thrive in a family setting. "We're very passionate about serving the kids and see every kid have some sort of permanency," said Noguera. It is most beneficial for families to hear shared experiences in person and participate in support groups to discuss early stages and final stages in the adoption process. MARE is an all-inclusive support organization that is dedicated to their mission of finding that forever home for children. To get involved and learn more about MARE, visit their website at www.mareinc.org.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS23P0658EA Estate of: Dorothy H. Albrecht Also known as: Helen D. Albrecht Date of Death: 03/08/2019 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Dorothy A. Dangutis of Ware, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Dorothy A. Dangutis of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised adminis-**

**tration. IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/15/2023.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court. Date: **October 16, 2023**  
**Michael J. Carey**  
Register of Probate  
10/26/2023

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:05 p.m.**, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an **Application for a New Common Victualler License requested by GMDJ Inc d/b/a Ware House of Pizza, 197 West Street, Ware, MA.** Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware,

MA. This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<https://masspublicnotices.org>). All interested parties are invited to attend.

Caitlin McCarthy  
Chair of Selectboard  
10/26/2023

### Town of Ware LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** by MassDOT, for the resurfacing of Route 32. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view the application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a

copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>. 10/26/2023

### Town of Warren Tree Warden NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

The program included a tree-by-tree hazard assessment of public and private trees, along three-phase lines which

serve the community. The work is recommended to remove hazard trees for additional clearance in order to reduce tree outage problems affecting large numbers of customers served by these main lines. National Grid's arborists have identified Twenty-six (26) town trees for removal along town roads. Town trees located within the public way that are designated for removal have been marked with a small red ribbon and posted with a notice of public hearing in the field.

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

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

### Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE SPR-2023-01

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, November 16, 2023 at 7:05 PM** on the application of Walmart for a Major Site Plan Permit for the construction of a 8,041 square foot addition under section.4.1.1, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or

all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION: 352 Palmer Road, Ware, MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 4600, Page 13. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 9-0-164. Zoned: Commercial Industrial (CI).

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

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Ed Murphy, Chairman  
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## News from the Quabbin Regional School District

From the desk of  
Colleen Mucha, Interim  
Superintendent of QRSD

On Thursday, Oct. 12, the Quabbin Regional School District School Committee voted unanimously to appoint two student representatives to serve on the committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

Oakham School Committee member, Walter Nutter, brought the proposal forward during last school year.

Nutter said, "The School Committee has the pleasure of seeing students from the elementary, middle and high schools report on their experiences at almost every monthly school committee meeting, and we are always very impressed with those students. We knew there were capable, well spoken high school students, who could offer their perspectives as student representatives on our committee."

Barre School Committee member, Lee Wolanin said, "The sub-committee and administration thought it important to review some different approaches taken by other school systems regarding their student reps. We decided that except for voting ability and executive sessions, the students will be fully accepted with all the rights/duties as school committee members. They'll even get their own nameplates for our meetings."

The two representatives are Nicholas Whitelaw, Class of 2024 and Isabel Coviello, Class of 2025. Both students are members of the Student Advisory Council and they each serve as officers of the Central Mass Regional Advisory Council. Whitelaw is chair of the committee and Coviello is the communication coordinator.

Holding these positions then allows them to serve on the State Student Advisory Council as well.

Being active members of these councils is a big commitment. Both students attend monthly meetings that are held in Hudson and Malden and it is time that they are really enjoying.

They serve on the Career Education and Preparation Committee.



Submitted photo  
Nicholas Whitelaw, Class of 2024, left and Isabel Coviello, Class of 2025 are the student representatives to the Quabbin Regional School District.

Coviello shares that being a council member allows for a "good demonstration of student leadership" and adds "it gives us credibility and allows us to implement positive change in our district."

While it seems just serving on the advisory councils would be plenty for these students to manage, both were thrilled to become members of the Quabbin Regional School District School Committee.

Whitelaw shared that he is looking forward to "bringing the work that they do on the advisory councils to the School Committee and ultimately into our school system to improve education across the state." He is also thinking beyond his short term on the School Committee. "I want this to continue after I'm gone and graduated. I want to see other students step into the role and for traditions and processes to continue."

Coviello will have the opportunity to remain on the School

Committee for two years. She is excited to "see an up close look at how the district is run."

She shares that "students don't always know what is going on" and "they do not always understand what challenges can get in the way." She states that students are told "to dream as big as you want" and by being on the School Committee this will "allow for a better look."

With Whitelaw and Coviello as active members of the QRSD School Committee, there is no doubt that they will raise up the voices of our students and work with the Committee to continue to push the QRSD to greater heights.

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of Springfield, walked in honor of Strong's friend April, who is celebrating 10 years in remission.

This was Bergeron's first year participating in the walk, but Strong has been a supporter for several years along with his PeoplesBank coworkers.

Strong said he has two aunts with breast cancer, along with other family and friends.

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