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## Fire Chief shares need for new firetruck

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**HARDWICK** – Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said the Capital Planning Committee recently voted to support the purchase of a new firetruck for the town's Fire Department.

At the Sept. 9 Select Board meeting, Caggiano said the request still needs to go before both the Select Board and the Finance Committee.

Fire Chief Josh Pease said the department's Engine 1, a reserve firetruck, has an issue with its pump system. Repairs are estimated at about \$100,000.

He said the department's only working firetruck is Engine 2, which is a 1998 model. The department also has a 2006 tanker, which moves water to fire scenes and is the department's second fire apparatus to leave the station for calls.

Pease said he has been looking at other options with Caggiano and members of the Capital Planning Committee and this included potentially purchasing a used 2006 firetruck from the town of Wales for \$70,000. He said the hose bed on this firetruck wasn't the proper

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## WARE REMEMBERS 9/11

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Members of the Ware Fire Department march to the 9/11 memorial in front of the station for a ceremony to remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

## Selectboard discusses plan for vacant properties

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**WARE** – Selectboard member John Desmond shared a list of 71 vacant properties in town, as well as photos of two particular properties that concern him the most, due to their condition.

"I think we've really got to focus in and develop a definitive plan," he said at the Sept. 4 meeting.

Desmond said the plan should include the actions that have been taken on each property, including tax liens, legal action, Board of Health or Conservation Commission action and more.

Resident and former Selectboard member Keith Kruckas also brought up concerns about a fire-damaged building on Main Street, and how its condition is negatively impacting local business, and potentially deterring new business owners from renting storefronts downtown.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said he is seeking help from the Attorney General to remedy the situation on Main Street.

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## Boards discuss proposed Right to Farm bylaw

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**WARREN** – The Board of Selectmen met with members of the Board of Health and the Animal Control Officer/Inspector Tamara Dufresne to discuss a proposed Right to Farm bylaw for the town.

At the Sept. 5 meeting, Board of Health member Daniel Thibodeau said the intent of the proposed bylaw is to make sure everybody in the community is treated fairly when it comes to owning animals and having farms.

"It gives a definition to what is allowed, what isn't allowed," Thibodeau said. "All of the communities around us are Right to Farm."

Thibodeau said the Board of Health has been receiving a lot of nuisance complaints about animals, including the crowing of roosters, animal waste and more.

"This basically lists everything that needs to be done...spells it out so there's no guessing...there's rules to follow. It defines what the steps are; it defines what each person's own responsibility is if they're going to have an animal, if

they're going to have a farm," he said.

Thibodeau said with the Right to Farm bylaw in place, realtors will be required to notify potential homebuyers of any neighboring farms, prior to the purchase of a property. He said the proposed bylaw mirrors the state's program.

"We're just looking to adopt it, get it into place, for a bylaw for the town so we can protect not just the farmers, not just the agricultural people, not just the animal husbandry people...people who are living around it as well," Thibodeau said.

Dufresne said the town needs this bylaw in order to alert residents that the town is farm friendly, and that their neighbors could potentially own animals.

She said the proposed draft limits the number of animals allowed per acre, and requires permitting to own a rooster. She said the bylaw states that the permit to have a rooster can be revoked due to complaints from neighbors.

Dufresne said this part of the bylaw concerns her, due to the number of abandoned roosters that she currently has.

"As someone who deals with constant neighbor disputes...that makes me a little fearful because sometimes when people don't get along, they will use each other's

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Mackenzie McNally helping kids craft their own life cycle for trees.

## Kid's Corner workshops continue with leaves, trees

By Ryan Drago  
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**WARE** – The Ware Grange hosted a kid's corner workshop to educate kids about leaves, nuts, cones, trees and much more.

This past Saturday morning the Grange welcomed 22 kids and their families to a day of fun with preschool teacher Jen McNally. The workshop is filled with many activities from storytelling, arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, building blocks, Play-

Doh and treats.

Trees are an important part of our environment. Kids learned about trees and their leaves, nuts and cones through stories and songs. The many activities the Kids' Corner Workshop offered helped kids learn about the importance of trees.

Kids also got to learn about the life cycle of trees.

McNally's youngest daughter Mackenzie was helping kids create their own tree life cycles by

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## Treasurers abound at Townwide Tag Sale

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**WARREN** – The 2024 Warren Townwide Tag Sale featured over 50 households offering various items for local shoppers.

The Parks and Recreation Department were excited to provide maps and have a big turnout for this year's town wide tag sale. The proceeds help benefit Parks and Recreation and give shoppers a chance to find some unique items and pre-owned goods.

Each household donated \$10 to be put on the map and maps were available at the Town Common under the Parks and Recreation tent.

Sue Ramsey of Parks and Recreation said, "this year's tag sale had an excellent turnout, with 55 houses participating."

This year's tag sale had a lot of various items available and

essential items at reasonable prices. Clothes were very popular in this year's tag sale with preowned clothing from shirts, dress shirts, jeans, baby clothes, and shoes.

There was also a lot of household items. Kitchen items, lawn furniture and indoor furniture.

Shoes were popular this year as well as over a dozen households had shoes for sale. Kim Kozloski of West Warren had a lot of shoes with Crocs coming in multiple pairs.

Kozloski said she was selling a lot of Crocs. "People are Croc crazy this year," she said.

Kozloski also had a lot of Polish pots available as well. Not too far from the Polish pots were vintage items and antiques.

One household had vintage technological items including an adding machine and a typewriter.

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

The 2024 Warren Townwide Tag Sale took place this past Saturday. Kids toys were all over the town.



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Participants got ready to make a dried flower "broom" to benefit the Friends of Ware Town Hall.



Participants gathered at Bemis Farms in Spencer for a Friends of Ware Town Hall fundraiser.

## Friends of Ware Town Hall fundraiser a fun event

WARE – Friends of Ware Town Hall President Patricia Skutnik spoke about the group's recent fundraising event at Bemis Farms in Spencer on Sept. 8.

"This event exceeded our expectations, it was one of the most fun workshops we've had. The weather cooperated with sunshine and blue skies and, upon arrival, Tina Bemis announced that we were in for a special surprise," said Skutnik in a press release.

"Our project for this workshop was making a dried flower 'broom,' suitable for indoor hanging and just perfect for the fall season. Our surprise was that, along with the dried flowers provided, we were all invited to walk over to the Bemis 'pick your own flowers' field and choose whatever we wanted to add to our project," she said.

Skutnik said although it was a little late in the season, the flower beds were alive with color, absolutely beautiful.

"We all had such a good time," she said.

Skutnik said the Friends plan on holding another workshop Dec. 1, which will be held at Ware Senior Center.

"Last year's December workshop was held right in town, and it worked out very well," she said.

Skutnik reminded everyone that donations are always



Submitted Photos  
These dried flower brooms will make a nice fall decoration.

welcome, and can be sent to: Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082.

"It's so encouraging to receive donations from not only Ware residents, but also from prior residents who now reside in all parts of the country. They love their home town and have many good memories of the Town Hall," said Skutnik. "We can't thank you all enough!"



Dried flowers were arranged to create a decorative broom.



Each participant's broom featured a variety of dried flowers.



Dried flowers were tied to a length of wood to create a broom.

# Are You Old News?

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



File Photo  
Last week's photo from 1977 showed members of the Ware High School Student Council at that 41st annual National Conference of the National Association of Student Councils. From left are Cheri Hayden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayden; Paula Gaudette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gaudette; and Gisele Dorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dorman.

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

## Ware Senior Center news

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

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

### ACTIVITIES

- Monday, Sept. 16**  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Tuesday, Sept. 17**  
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9-10 a.m. COA meeting. All are welcome.  
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1-2 p.m. Food Bank of Western MA Mobile Food Pantry at Grenville Park  
1 p.m. Cornhole – come join the fun!  
5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking (\$3 per class)  
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Sept. 18**  
9 a.m. Tai-Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
2:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh
- Thursday, Sept. 19**  
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9 a.m. Senior Spring Walk. Meet at Senior Center.  
9-10 a.m. Donna Farmer, Chief of Staff for state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Jared Griggs, Constituent Services Coordinator for state Sen. Peter Durant.  
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners  
10 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Cornhole  
2:30 p.m. Art Class
- Friday, Sept. 20**  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

### LUNCHES DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted  
Required: call 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put your name on the lunch list.

### Monday, Sept. 16

Grilled Turkey Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato, Potato Chips, Dessert of the Day

### Tuesday, Sept. 17

Beef Stew, Mashed Potato, Garden Salad, Dessert of the Day

### Wednesday, Sept. 18

Meatball Sub Sandwich, Onion Rings, Dessert of the Day

### Thursday, Sept. 19

Kentucky Stuffed Peppers, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

### Friday, Sept. 20

Seafood Salad Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato, Clam Chowder, Corn Salad, Dessert of the Day

## Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – On Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m., learn the basics about Medicare with Ed Spater at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Learn when and how to apply for Medicare and the differences between Original Medicare & Medicare Advantage. Bring your questions about Part D and Medicare Supplements.

### Library card sign-up month

September is library card sign-up month, and your local library is a great resource. You can save money by checking books out instead of buying them.

Access to the library can help you learn new skills, pursue interests, meet new people, or socialize with friends. Try new recipes, join a cookbook club, share your love of reading with a Book Club, or get discount tickets to local museums and attractions.

You can also use computers, scan or print documents; as well as bring children to play with toys and Legos and to join the

Wednesday morning Story Hour and activity.

The resources that your library offers depend on the interest of patrons and funding which comes from taxpayer dollars and donor funds. These perks are part of the public mission to serve the needs of the local community.

If you don't see something you would like to do, propose it and it could become a program. To take advantage of these benefits, sign up for a library card.

For more information about the library and its upcoming events and programs, call 413-477-6704 or email [director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:director.paigelibrary@gmail.com).

## Springfield Tech holds every class reunion on Sept. 28

SPRINGFIELD – The spirit and comradery of Springfield's Technical High School is alive and well as they gear up for another exciting reunion on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Elks Lodge #61 at 440 Tiffany St. from noon-6 p.m.

The reunion is open to all Springfield Tech classes and friends.

An outside barbecue will be held rain or shine under the lodge's pavilion and a special tent. The BBQ will include hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, salads, dessert and more.

Cash bar. Free parking and handicap accessible.

A fun-filled afternoon will include a live band and dancing, cornhole and bocce games, raffles and time to reminisce with friends over the years and make new friends as well. Donations will be accepted for raffle prizes.

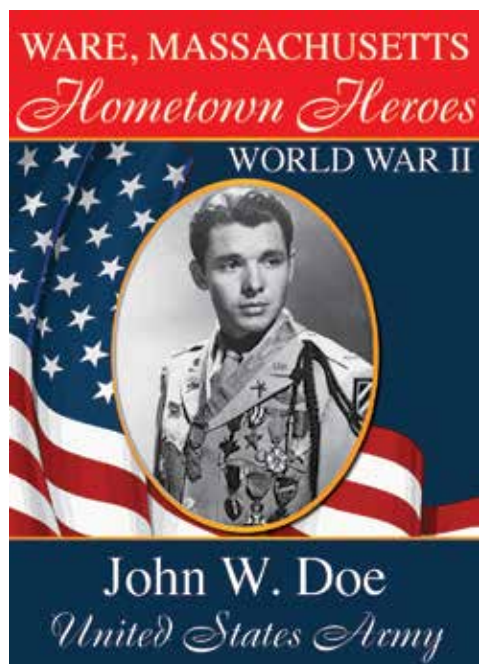
According to committee chair Mike Borecki, "Last year we had a terrific turnout of over 300 people and we anticipate a larger group this year. We're thrilled that the Tech Spirit is alive and well and look forward to many years to come".

Seating is limited and tickets are \$25 each. All are on a first come, first served basis. Open seating.

For tickets call Mike Borecki '72 at 413-351-6572, Dawn Duncan '71 at 413-896-3930, Paul Montefusco '69 at 413-596-6607, or Matt Villamaino '67 at 413-896-2206. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Mike Borecki.

Located on Elliot Street in Springfield, Technical High School was founded in 1906 and closed in 1986.

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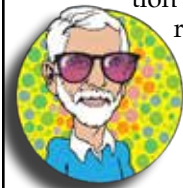
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## Fire, Police give quarterly departmental reports

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WARE – Fire Chief Jim Martinez introduced one of the Fire Department’s newest hires, Lucien DiMarzio, to the Selectboard recently.

At the Sept. 4 meeting, Martinez said DiMarzio has been with the department for four and a half months and has about five weeks remaining of the recruit training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

In addition to DiMarzio, the department has two other firefighters that will be completing training at the academy as well. Martinez said he would like to hold an official swearing in and pinning ceremony once all three have graduated.

Martinez also updated the Selectboard about the status of the department’s fleet. He said a recent inspection has shown that one of the department’s apparatus, Engine 661, has reached the end of its service life.

Engine 661 is a 1994 truck which the department has had for about 15 years after receiving it from the town of Orleans.

“It is probably going to come out of service very, very shortly,” Martinez said.

The cost of replacing or repairing the truck will not be financially feasible and parts are difficult to find. He said the truck has served the town well.

Martinez said taking this truck out of service will not affect the town’s Insurance Services Office rating because the department is in excess in terms of pumping capacity.

“That we don’t have to worry about,” he said. “It will probably save the town some money on the end of not having to register and insure another vehicle.”

Martinez said he is looking to reduce the fleet and have it more streamlined so they don’t have to maintain vehicles they can’t staff or that are no longer worth keeping on the road. He said the department has a Humvee that is “impossible” to get parts for.

Martinez said in the last grant cycle, the department was able to get a UTV which was outfitted as a brush truck and an emergency medical response unit. He said he is looking at possibly adding a second one and reducing the brush fleet altogether.

“This would still give us the capabilities of doing some in-depth brush firefighting, but would be leaner and a little easier to maintain than dealing with the surplus vehicles that are currently operating as brush trucks,” Martinez said.

### Police Department report

Police Chief Shawn Crevier updated the Selectboard about recent department hires. He said one candidate has completed his physical and psychological requirements to attend the academy.

“His spot is secure in the academy,” Crevier said.

Crevier said this candidate is waiting to pass his physical fitness test, which will be held in November.

He said the second candidate needs to take his civil service physical ability test next week to secure his spot in the academy.

Crevier said firearms training now has to be conducted three times a year, with two required to be live shoots. He said this will slightly increase his overtime and ammunition costs.

He said it won’t be a substantial amount, but will be reflected in the department’s budget next year.

Crevier said each year over the summer, the department participates in active shooter training at the high school. The training also incorporates members of the Fire Department.

The department’s new detective will be attending homicide training in Miami, Florida.

“It’s extremely sought after training,” Crevier said. “We’re lucky enough to get a spot down there. It will be very beneficial for the town if we ever have to use those types of services.”

Crevier said the morale is high in the department and things continue to move forward.

Selectboard member Jack Cascio asked about the status of the department’s School Resource Officer, after a recent school shooting happened in Georgia. He said it is a critical position for the department to have.

Crevier said the department has a School Resource Officer and if funding were available, he would like to increase it to two. He said one could be assigned to the high school and the second to the middle and elementary schools.

“I’m definitely open for getting a second one for the future,” Crevier said.

## Petition signing events seek to repeal new gun law

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WARE/PALMER – On the same day as the State Primary, over 200 residents hailing from 34 communities across central and western Massachusetts added their signatures to a petition to repeal the recently passed firearms law.

The well-attended event on Sept. 3 at the Nenamesek Sportsmen’s Club was one of many held at sites across the commonwealth. Petitioners are seeking to collect almost 50,000 signatures in order to suspend the law and about 38,000 to place the question on the state ballot.

“We have to do it, we have to protect our civil rights,” Club member Calvin Cieslak said. “This has nothing to do with guns.”

Cieslak said the club’s event had support from local law enforcement and first responders, as well as residents from towns as far away as East Longmeadow.

“It’s been great to see their support,” he said.

Cieslak credited the club’s board for making such events possible and spreading the word to the community and beyond.

Ward Police Chief Shawn Crevier said the law will go into effect on Oct. 23, 90-days after the act was signed into law. This will bring changes to the police department, including increased training hours paid for out of the local budget.

“No area department has budgeted for this,” Crevier said. Many of the changes will also impact firearms dealers, he said, of which there are two in the town of Ware.

Crevier said he believes the law is “ridiculous” because it doesn’t help to enforce the existing laws, or the criminal use of firearms.

“Which is the problem with gun violence in Massachusetts,” he said.

Crevier said the new law does create restrictions for ghost guns and Glock switches, which he said are both good things. He hopes to see these restrictions upheld, but he said the judicial system doesn’t historically enforce laws against illegal firearm use.

Police Officer John Cacela, who is in charge of local licensing for firearms, said a lot is up

in air in regard to this new law, including the availability of a new required training for officers such as himself.

“The bill requires local licensing authorities to participate in training as prescribed by EOPSS [Executive Office of Public Safety and Security],” Cacela said. This training will be held next month, and has already filled up, he said.

Since the bill was signed into law, Cacela said there has been a significant increase in the number of people applying for their license to carry firearms. Firearms safety classes offered by a limited number of instructors are also seeing a marked increase in participation.

Cacela said the law goes against Second Amendment rights as detailed in the U.S. Constitution and similar rights in the Massachusetts Constitution.

“That right exists for a reason and they’re talking about walking all over it,” he said. “The people have a right to keep and bare arms for the common defense.”

Cacela said, “The fact that this is happening in the state where freedom was first born, is tragically ironic.”

Petition signing events will be held locally on the following dates: Friday, Sept. 13 at Rutland Sportsman Club, 75 Pleasantdale Road, Rutland at 4 p.m. and Patriot Firearms & Ammo, 317 Palmer Road, Ware from noon-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 14 at Tombstone Trading Company, 126 West Main St., Ware at 11 a.m., Spencer Fish & Game, 155 Mechanic St., Spencer at 2 p.m., Patriot Firearms & Ammo, 317 Palmer Road, Ware from noon-5 p.m. and Holyoke Revolver Club, 431 West Cherry St., Holyoke from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 15, Granby Bow & Gun Club, 85 Chicopee St., Granby from noon-5 p.m., Springfield Sportsman’s Club, 215 Wood Hill Road, Monson and Holland Rod & Gun, Union Road, Holland from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 16, Nick’s Sport Shop, 1029 Park St., Palmer from 1-6 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 20, Ludlow Fish & Game Club, 200 Sportsmans Road, Ludlow from 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 Hole Scramble, Hardwick at 7 a.m.

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“If that doesn’t go anywhere soon, town counsel will probably come back to this board to ask to declare it torn down,” he said.

Desmond said having a plan will keep a written document of each vacant property’s status up to date and detailed.

“I can’t say we’re going to solve everything, but I think if we could get a document together that we could look at, then we can develop a definitive plan,” he said.

### MCRT three-day event

Mass Central Rail Trail advocate Steven Hawk said there will be a three-day event from Sept. 20-22 along the 104-miles of completed trail. He said each day, cyclists will travel about 30 miles of trail, stopping in several communities along the way to meet with area residents and local officials.

Hawk said he will be seeking approval from the Parks and Recreation Commission to host such an event in the parking lot of Grenville Park on Friday, Sept. 20 at 3:30 p.m. There will be featured speakers, including Hawk.

He said a promotional video will be compiled from the event, to help get financial support from the state to complete the MCRT. Local legislators will be invited to attend, in addition to Director of Rural Affairs, Anne Gobi. The event will be held rain or shine.

“What I’m trying to push is for access for everyone,” Hawk said. “Trying to get the stigma away from disabled...the rail trail is perfect for everyone just to go outside...whether they’re going for a walk or going shopping.”

Hawk said he has been advocating for the completion of the MCRT for 15 years, since he moved into town. He said it has taken 34 years to complete 60 miles of the rail trail.

“Hopefully, the next 10 years, we can have it finished,” he said.

### Comments and concerns

Resident Cindy Bourcier requested copies of the town’s communication with town counsel starting from 2021 regarding the review of the will related to Mary Lane Hospital.

“It would be certainly helpful if we could get copies of whatever they had determined when they reviewed the will,” she said.

Bourcier said she has asked before and was told this information fell under attorney/client confidentiality. She said she had heard that information about the will was relayed in conversation and might not be in writing.

Bourcier asked if the Selectboard could review the information and share what can be made public regarding the land and the trust.

Beckley said both town counsels could present their findings to the Selectboard during a meeting, or, taking Bourcier’s suggestion, the Selectboard could review the information first before sharing it with the public.

Beckley said he will check with Attorneys Patricia Davidson and Nicole Costanzo about their availability.

Kruckas brought up concerns about Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot meeting with the town’s former town accountant on a Saturday at the Town Hall. Kruckas said he made a public record’s request to review Town Hall video footage, that he said he is going to make it public.

Talbot said this was a personal visit during a Saturday she was working.

Kruckas also spoke about Selectboard member Terrance Smith’s eligibility hearing (held on Aug. 28 by the Board of Registrars), and how a meeting to set the hearing date was “kept on the down low.” This hearing was a result of Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz having filed a complaint about Smith’s voter eligibility with the board, due to Smith living out of town.

Kruckas questioned why Zoom access was denied for the actual hearing when it was available for the first meeting. He said news outlets had requested a Zoom link be made available.

“The last meeting was requested by numerous people for a Zoom link and was turned down,” he said.

Talbot said no media contacted her about including Zoom access for the hearing. She said the only request for Zoom access came to her from Beckley.

Talbot said town counsel determined that having Zoom access was not a requirement for the hearing.

“The attorney said it was not a requirement; several members, including myself, opted not to have it as a Zoom meeting,” Talbot said.

Desmond said he would have preferred if Kusnierz had brought his concerns about Smith’s voter eligibility to the Selectboard prior to filing his complaint with the Board of Registrars. He said it would have been a better process.

### ReSource Waste update

John Farese of ReSource Waste Services of Ware presented a check for \$15,000 to the town. He said the check is part of the company’s Host Community Agreement with the town.

“It’s for community engagement for the town to see fit and give out to whoever they deem is worthy to accept the money,” Farese said.

Farese said ReSource Waste will be hosting a household hazardous waste day on Saturday, Oct. 26 with the help of Clean Harbors. A bulky waste day will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Beckley said the town has been receiving monthly fees from ReSource Waste, as agreed upon in the HCA.

“We just finally got our permit from the state last week,” Farese said, regarding the site’s ability to increase its tonnage.

After a 30-day appeal period, the facility will be able to take more tons in, which will increase the monthly fees paid to the town.

### Town Manager’s report

Beckley said the barriers have been placed at the North Street bridge to limit the flow of traffic on one side, and the state is reviewing Tighe & Bond’s temporary and permanent repair plans.

He said the Department of Public Works will hold a brush and lawn clippings drop-off day at Robbins Road on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Beckley said the Friends of the Town Hall will be providing funding to paint the exterior of the Town Hall windows.

He said a broken drainage pipe was repaired at the Senior Center. He said it was clogged and it took a lot of work to get through the concrete to make the repairs.

Beckley said the 250th Celebration Committee is moving for with plans including applying for a grant to paint murals on railroad bridges. He said the committee is working with Workshop13 on this project.

## Medicare 101 Educational event offered at Paige Memorial Library

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library will be hosting an educational presentation on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. at the library located at 87 Petersham Road for current beneficiaries and for those who will soon be eligible for Medicare.

The information is specific to Massachusetts. The session will run for one hour, including time for questions.

The presentation will be conducted by Ed Spater, a licensed insurance agent, who will explain the basics of

Medicare including: Why it’s important to evaluate your current Medicare plan each year.

The pros and cons of each of your Medicare plan coverage options.

What to consider when deciding which Medicare plan coverage option is right for you.

Ways to save money and get a better Medicare plan in 2025

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

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Life Together

Laura went back to school eager to see her friends again, but she wondered if she will be bullied by another group of girls like last year.

They spread rumors about her, posted negative comments on the internet, and called her house at all hours and hung up when answered.

She complained to the school administration and her parents met with them. They said they could talk to the group of girls, but cannot control them.

Things got so bad for Laura she had to change schools, used her middle name instead of her first name.

Bullying in school often occurs in unstructured school settings, such as the playground area during recess. Most school-aged children are exposed to bullying in some form due to the unequal balance of power and influence that is so common in youth relationships and peer groups.

Bullies are weak and pretend to be strong, they are small but pretend to be big. There is no room for such behavior and many of our youth experience abuse and physical violence.

Bullies must be held accountable.

I remember what James Baldwin wrote: "I imagine the reason people hang on to their hate, is because, if they had to let it go, they would have to deal with their pain."

We do not know if or who is bullying the bully at home? There may be abuse, addiction, domestic violence. Often the bully takes out her or his pain on others.

Open communication among students, administration, and parents is the key to prevention and intervention.

**Rev. Dr. Randy Wilburn**  
Minister, Therapist, Consultant

*Life Together is written by Rev. Dr. Randall K. Wilburn. 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.*

## GUEST COLUMN

### Rear-facing car seat bill aims to protect youngest passengers

To best protect the passengers on the roads in Massachusetts, it's time to update Massachusetts child passenger safety law to prevent one of the most common car seat mistakes a parent can make, turning their child forward-facing too soon.

While existing Massachusetts law, passed in 2008, states that children should remain in a child restraint from birth to age eight, there is no specific language to guide parents and caregivers on the appropriate type of child restraint to use at various stages of development. The rear-facing car seat bill would bring Massachusetts child passenger safety law in line with guidance from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the American Academy of Pediatrics, which clearly states that children are safest when they remain rear facing as long as possible.

H 2318 (Mindy Domb, Sponsor) and S 1524 (Barry Finegold, Sponsor) call for the following addition: "All infants and toddlers

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### How to best store your produce for winter enjoyment

The question I answered last week on how to best cure onions spawned a number of follow up questions.

Gardeners are looking for advice on storing potatoes, apples, winter squash and more. Read on for some timely tips that will keep your produce in tip top shape for off-season eating and enjoyment.

Why don't we start with potatoes, since they are perhaps the most tricky vegetable to store. Curing them properly will help to prevent rot, premature sprouting, and toxic greening of the skin and flesh.

By waiting a week or more after the plant has died before digging up the tubers, the skins will thicken and be less prone to injury during harvest. Once they are dug, a week spent in a cool and totally dark space will further firm their skin and change sugars to starch, completing the ripening process.

Never wash potatoes prior to storage! Gently brush off dirt and store in a single layer in the darkness at 55-60 degrees.

Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Use any pitch-forked or shovel-marked spuds first, as damage to the skin will invite rot.

Harvest winter squash after vines have died back or prior to an impending frost. A pretty New England autumn scene is fields of pumpkins or colorful squash curing under sunny skies.

If you follow the farmers lead, just be sure to lift squash off the ground, and cover if rain or frost threatens. Two weeks in the field or a sunny, well-ventilated space is sufficient for curing, at which point the skin should be hard enough to resist the dent of a fingernail.

Gently washing squash in a 10% bleach solution will help to prevent rot prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees. The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age.

My garlic was harvested well over a month ago, after the plant gave me a signal with one-third of its foliage withered and browned. It was dried stems and all in a shady, protected spot up off of the ground.

Soon I'll gently rub off dirt and cut back the stems to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location, in mesh bags or on slatted trays etc. Soft neck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding.

In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

I don't grow enough apples of my own to store just yet, because my orchard is still very young. To get the low-down on best storage practices I consulted a couple of great books on the subject and this is what I came up with: According to "The Apple Cookbook" by Olwen Woodier (Storey Publishing) the key to preserving the flavor and texture of apples is

to put them in a cool place immediately after picking or purchasing.

But first, sort them, setting aside any with blemishes for immediate use- the old saying "one bad apple spoils the whole barrel" is true! Next, put them in perforated bags (you were right on, Mom!) and store them in the hydrator drawer of the refrigerator at temperatures between thirty-two and forty degrees.

No room in the fridge? Try storing them in the cellar at temperatures close to thirty-two degrees and eighty to eighty-five percent humidity.

Janet Chadwick, in her book "The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home" (Storey Publishing) recommends storing apples in sawdust inside a cardboard box lined with a plastic.

Although they will ripen more quickly at even slightly higher temperatures, don't let the lack of a super-cold spot dissuade you from storing your apples. Sure, they won't keep till spring, but you may get a month or two out of them.

Any that turn a little soft will still make great baked apples. Late season apples will lend themselves to winter storage better than those that are ripe now.

Enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of your labor by proper curing and storage!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### 100 years since Mary Lane Hospital held first open house

On Sept. 10, 1924, Mary Lane Hospital held its first open house, about 400 people attended.

Then on Sept. 12-13 a larger open house was held, about 2,000 people attended.

The Friends of Mary Lane hospital is dedicated to supporting the Lewis Gilbert will, which gifted the land and hospital to our community. It is our goal to repurpose the existing buildings as much as possible with healthcare providers, keeping to the original intent as best we can.

Efforts have begun to place land restrictions on the front of the property. We hope town officials will support this community based labor of love.

A few healthcare entities have expressed interest in expanding to the site, however we still have not heard if they can utilize any of the buildings.

Our priority is saving the Wetherby building. It was named after the longtime president Flora Wetherby after the Storrs building was built.

I hope that next year our situation will be much happier. That we can have a big celebration to honor the next 100 years of healthcare on that site.

**Cindy Allen Bourcier**  
Friends of Mary Lane Hospital  
Ware



This Jacob Knight print commemorates the 75th anniversary of Mary Lane Hospital.



This 2024 photo shows the Wetherby building.



This is a circa 1924 photo of the Wetherby building.

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### Advice sought on when to claim Social Security

**Dear Rusty:**  
I could use some advice on whether or not I should start collecting my Social Security benefits now. I am 67 and three months old and plan to continue working for at least for the next year or two.

Signed: Seeking Answers

**Dear Seeking:**  
Deciding when to claim Social Security is, indeed, an important decision, as it will affect you for the rest of your life. Mainly, deciding when to claim your SS retirement benefit should consider your financial needs, but your life expectancy and marital status are equally important.

At your current age past your Full Retirement Age of 66 years and six months you are already earning Delayed Retirement Credits at the rate of .677% higher benefit for each month you continue

to delay.

That adds up to an additional 8% benefit for each full year you wait beyond your FRA to claim, and that growth will continue until you are 70 years old. At that point, your benefit will be 28% higher than it would have been at your FRA.

If you expect to achieve about "average" life expectancy about 84 for a man your current age, then waiting until 70 to claim, will get you both a higher monthly amount and the most you can get in cumulative lifetime benefits. Waiting, however, only makes sense if you expect at least average longevity.

If your health is poor and you have reason to believe you won't live to the "average," then claiming earlier makes more sense. FYI, you may find this tool helpful to determine your potential life expectancy: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>.

You can, of course, simply delay claiming for as long as you are still working and then file for benefits at that time. When your paychecks stop is frequently the best time to start your SS benefits to supplement the lost work income. And, if you are married and your wife will be entitled to a survivor benefit from you, then waiting

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# New barbershop opens in Ware

By Ryan Drago  
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WARE – The Black Rose Barbershop is officially open for business on the upper floor of D&D Fitness Factor, 40 East Main St.

Master barber Emily Ashman brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the craft of barbering. Ashman's experience as a barber and the haircut industry all started with her grandmother, Gloria. Her grandmother was a cosmetologist for years and inspired her to pursue a job in cosmetology.

Ashman went to cosmetology school at the age of 19, but she said it didn't feel right to work on long hair. After thinking it over, Ashman's mother encouraged her to go to barbering school.

Ashman went to barbering school in Quincy for four months and then jumped into an apprenticeship in Worcester.

As a barber, Ashman said she enjoys her work because of the social aspect that comes along with the job. Over the years, Ashman has met a lot of people and enjoys hearing stories from her clientele.

"You get to meet people from all walks of life," Ashman said.

One of Ashman's workplaces as a barber was Nelson's Barbershop

in Belchertown, where she worked for seven years. As of now, Ashman has been a barber for 10 years and was ready to pursue another goal in barbering.

Sometime in the past year Ashman was thinking about having a barbershop of her own. Ashman grew up in Ware and has always loved calling it home. What she never expected was having a business in her hometown.

Ashman loved having the idea of decorating a barbershop the way she wanted and defines who she is as a professional barber.

One of the places in Ware Ashman loves going to is the D&D Fitness Factory Inc. for exercise. Knowing the owner of the gym well, Ashman got an opportunity to get a space for a single chair barbershop that operates right inside the gym.

After a period of renovations, the space was ready to open on Sept. 4.

Ashman is currently operating Black Rose Barbershop on her own but is open to finding some help and staff once business begins to get busy.

Ashman decided to call her barbershop the Black Rose Barbershop. The idea for using "black rose" as a name comes from how extremely rare a black rose is.

What is also rare is seeing

a female barber in the barbering industry. The barbershop business for years has been a male dominated profession.

With Black Rose Barbershop under her ownership, Ashman is going against the status quo. Ashman got busy right away and is already taking a lot of walk ins and appointments. The spot she has for her barbershop is very convenient as the gym has a lot of clientele throughout the day.

Ashman provides haircuts and trims for facial hair. Ashman also loves the nostalgia of the barber pole that can be seen at any local barbershop. When asked about the symbolism of the pole colors, Ashman says red represents blood, while white represents the bandages used to stop the bleeding and blue represents the veins.

Ashman has had a lot of clients during her time as a barber. She has also had celebrities as clients. One time she cut the hair of the drummer of the band P.O.D.

One of her favorite parts about the job is not only meeting new people but making a difference in a person's day just by talking with them during their haircut or trim is always a big benefit for the barber and the customer.

"Faith is restored in humanity in your line of work," Ashman said.

Black Rose Barbershop is open



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
The Black Rose Barbershop in Ware is opened for business. Emily Ashman is a master barber and the owner of Black Rose Barbershop.

Master Barber Emily Ashman is already busy with walks ins and appointments at her new barbershop.

on Wednesdays from 9:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-noon.

Visit the Black Rose Barbershop for a haircut, beard trim and a shampoo added service if you need

one. Not only would you get great service, but you also get to meet the talented Emily Ashman, a master barber who provides exceptional service and a welcoming environment.

Ashman enjoys working out, outdoor activities, tattoos and spending time with friends and loved ones. Ashman said she has

already booked a lot of appointments and has a lot of committed clients who know her from her previous workplaces and now still get their haircuts from Ashman at Black Rose Barbershop.

Black Rose Barbershop can be followed on Facebook and Instagram. The barbershop can be called at 413-636-0654.

# Fall Fair at the Ware Center Meeting House is Sept. 14

WARE – Ware's Fall Fair takes place at the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 15.

Please visit the museum's updated website: <https://warecentermeetinghouse.org> and plan to join proprietors for a fun and entertaining day on the lawn of the Meeting House on Saturday, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to enjoy food, crafts, tours, live music and so much more.

The Knights of Columbus are cooking burgers and hot dogs, and the proprietors will host a bake sale that is out-of-this-world.

Lori Brooks and Rag Time 5 will both be performing. The live

music is funded in part by the Ware Cultural Council a local agency, which is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

There will be special activities for the kids as well. Come join in the fun and help preserve this incredible landmark in the Ware community.

It's not too late to donate to the silent auction or volunteer to help on the day of the fair. Send your donation to the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House, P.O. Box 1401, Ware, MA 01082, call Lynn Lak at 413-967-7223, or email at llak310@comcast.net and she will arrange to come by to pick up your donation in person.

# WestMass ElderCare celebrates successful online auction

HOLYOKE – WestMass ElderCare is proud to announce the resounding success of its Fabulous 50th Online Auction, which ran from Aug. 8-30 in celebration of its 50th anniversary.

Thanks to the generosity of community sponsors, donors and bidders, WestMass ElderCare raised over \$12,500, surpassing its fundraising goals for this first-time event.

The overwhelming support from the community allowed WestMass ElderCare to offer a wide range of exciting items and experiences for auction, drawing enthusiastic participation throughout the event.

"We couldn't be more grateful for the incredible response from our community," said Roseann Martocchia, Executive Director at WMCEC in a press release. "This fundraiser not only marked a milestone in our 50-year journey but also helped raise essential funds to support the critical programs and services that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities across our region."

As WestMass ElderCare celebrates its 50th anniversary, they are engaging the communities they work and live in to ensure that the mission continues for the next 50 years. With

funding struggling to keep pace with inflation and rising operational costs, fundraising events like this have become increasingly essential to sustaining vital programs.

The support of the community enables WestMass ElderCare to fill these gaps and continue empowering individuals to age with dignity and independence.

The success of the Fabulous 50th Online Auction reinforces WMCEC's dedication to innovative and inclusive approaches to fundraising, further strengthening its ability to serve the community.

For more information about

WestMass ElderCare and how you can support its programs, visit [wmceldercare.org](http://wmceldercare.org) or call 413-538-9020.

**About WestMass ElderCare**  
WestMass ElderCare is a non-profit organization committed to preserving the dignity, independence, and quality of life of older adults and individuals with disabilities through a wide range of home and community-based services.

For 50 years, WestMass ElderCare has been a trusted resource in western Massachusetts, dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

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under the age of two years or weighing less than 30 pounds shall be restrained in a rear-facing car seat. All children two years and older, who have outgrown their rear-facing car seat by height and weight, should use a forward-facing car seat with a harness up to the maximum height and weight allowed by the car seat manufacturer."

"It is time for Massachusetts to close the gap in child passenger safety regulation," said state Sen. Barry Finegold in a press release. "Rear-facing car seats provide better protection for small children compared to a front-facing seats, and I was proud to sponsor this public safety measure to protect our children."

"This is an important public safety issue that directly impacts our youngest children," said state Rep. Carlos González, House Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. "As a parent, I know how vital proper child passenger safety is. I am grateful to the work AAA Northeast and my legislative colleagues have been doing to keep our most vulnerable citizens safe during their travels."

"I am proud to file this bill to protect and promote the safety of child passengers and bring Massachusetts in line with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the American

Academy of Pediatrics," said state Rep. Mindy Domb (D-Amherst). "I thank Chairman González and the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security for their consideration and support. I also appreciate the advocacy of AAA on this and so many other issues involved with road and passenger safety."

The Rear Facing = Real Safety Coalition includes AAA Northeast; Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety; Bay State Medical Center; Boston Children's Hospital; Bourne Fire CPS Program; Brain Injury Association; Cape and Islands CPS Program; Falmouth Pediatric Associates; In Control Crash Prevention; Mass General Brigham; Quincy Police Department; Safe Kids Worldwide; Safe Roads Alliance; Shining Stars Learning Center; and U Mass Memorial Health, Injury Prevention Dept.

For questions or to confirm attendance, people may email Christina Hayman, Senior Manager of Government Affairs, AAA Northeast at [chayman@aanortheast.com](mailto:chayman@aanortheast.com).

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longer to claim enhances the benefit your surviving spouse receives at your death; your surviving spouse would get your benefit amount, instead of her own smaller amount. If that is a consideration, then waiting, at least until you stop working or age 70 if feasible, is often a prudent choice.

So, the choice is yours to make, considering your financial needs, life expectancy and marital status. You no longer need to worry about Social Security's annual earnings test for those collecting benefits before their FRA but, if it is financially feasible, waiting still longer will mean a higher monthly ben-

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## Sewer Commission discusses vacancy, job descriptions

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Sewer Commission had a visit from Town Administrator James Ferrera during their meeting on Aug. 28.

Ferrera wanted to address the Sewer Commission that there is a vacancy at the wastewater treatment plant for an operator/mechanic. The job was posted on the Town's website, Indeed and local publications.

Interviews are underway and as of Aug. 28 one applicant has been interviewed already. Ferrera said the position has been vacant for almost four weeks and he aims to fill the position soon.

The applicant they interviewed has a lot of experience in wastewater treatment for a private com-

pany, but no municipal experience.

Ferrera said Sewer Chief Operator Ralph Zebrowski is reviewing the budget to make sure the new operator's salary is covered. The Sewer Commission might have an anticipated vote to agree on hiring the head candidate.

The commission is looking to have a meeting with their chief operator as many projects need to be done due to requirements by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency.

"These projects are priority," Ferrera said.

The commission is waiting to hear a report from the chief operator about projects such as primary pump repair and or replacement, scum pump replacement, and continued efforts on copper reduction. Ferrera suggested the commission

members figured out a time that best fits their schedule and the chief operator's schedule.

The Sewer Commission discussed sewer complaints and connection issues on East Road and Mechanic Street. The commission is looking into these connection issues.

### Job descriptions

The commission also discussed updated job descriptions. The commissioners checked in with their secretary Lisa Digris if the document with all the job descriptions listed for her position were accurate.

Ferrera addressed the commission that all the departments were asked to provide their information on wages and position descriptions.

The town is going to conduct a

compensation plan analysis for the next fiscal year. This will include the wage scale for the jobs.

The town is working with the Collin's Center of UMass and developing a new wage scale and compensation plan. The departments are looking at the positions and finding updates to certain positions that may have fewer or more tasks.

For the Sewer Commission they want to see if there are any upgrades needed in the secretary's job description.

"Anything new would only be added if the person is taking on those responsibilities," Ferrera said.

The one the Sewer Commission had is a couple years old and provided a copy to Ferrera, who said the town is only collecting job descriptions that are current.

## Free 'Intro to Meditation' class offered on Sept. 21

WARREN – The Centered Place in Warren is offering a free Introduction to Meditation class Saturday, Sept. 21 from 3:30-5 p.m.

The class will be taught by Swami Prajñānanda. She resides at the Svaroopā Vidya Ashram in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, where she serves as a Teacher Trainer. She also teaches yoga, meditation, and yoga therapy there and worldwide.

Swami Prajñānanda came to The Centered Place several years ago and was very well received. Her teaching is both precise and gentle. Her programs are always deep, supportive and life changing.

Swami Prajñānanda will teach an easy and deep method of meditation, the same method taught at The Centered Place by yoga and meditation teacher Phil Milgrom.

She will show you how to sit comfortably, whether on blankets or on a chair. She will then guide you inward, past the busyness of your mind, to experience a profound sense of inner peace.

Also included will be a discourse on yoga's ancient teachings, which are very applicable now in what is often referred to as "the age of anxiety."

Meditation is the fastest growing health trend in the U.S. today. Contemporary scientific research on meditation has finally confirmed the benefits that practi-

tioners have long been claiming for centuries.

Some of these benefits include curbing negative thinking and boosting self-confidence; easing anxiety, inflammation and pain; reducing stress; decreasing blood pressure; and improving sleep. Meditation also improves brain health, helping prevent Alzheimer's disease and improve memory and attention span.

To register for this event, or for more information, email phil@thecenteredplace.com or call 413 436-7374. Masks are welcomed.

If you have been exposed to COVID-19, follow CDC recommendations. If you have COVID symptoms or test positive for the virus, please stay home and take care of yourself.

Swami Prajñānanda is also presenting a ½ Day Program the same day, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The program includes easily accessible yoga poses plus chanting and meditation. There is a fee for this program.

For more information, email phil@thecenteredplace.com or call 413-436-7374.

The Centered Place yoga studio, 286 Bridge St., has served the local area since 1988. It was founded by Nancy A Nowak, who co-directs and teaches along with her husband, Phil. For more information visit [www.thecenteredplace.com](http://www.thecenteredplace.com).

## Warren offers forum on Employment and Training Opportunities

WARREN – The Town of Warren, in collaboration with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, is inviting area residents to a public forum that will present information about training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

This event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St., from 5-6 p.m.

According to John O'Leary, Principal Planner with the Planning Commission, Warren has been a regular recipient of Community Development Block Grants, which have provided local funds for hous-

ing, infrastructure, and public facility improvements over the years. The grant program has also assisted local public service organizations.

O'Leary said, "the public meeting will help the town fulfill some of their responsibilities as a grant recipient and connect area residents with resources, job opportunities, and training programs. This effort adheres to the grant's requirement of Section 3 employment goals and outreach efforts". Section 3 is part of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 that ensures that employment, training, and contracting opportunities are directed to low- and very low-income persons, especially recipients of government assistance for hous-

ing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

During the outreach event local service provider agencies including the MASSHIRE Career Center, Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, and The Literacy Project/Ware Adult Education Center, will share information about a range of programs and services they offer.

CMRPC planners will also provide information about the types of companies and projects that occur that often seek to employ Section 3 workers. The goal is to connect area residents who can benefit from the support and resources.

The event will include a presen-

tation by the participating organizations and provide informational flyers and brochures. There will also be an opportunity to consult with providers.

In addition, CMRPC will provide a brief overview of the CDBG program including past, recent, and potential future projects. This includes improvements occurring on School Street, and upcoming improvements planned for River and Central Streets.

Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Massachusetts CDBG Program. Refreshments will be offered.

## Fundraiser benefits Christmas on the Common

HARDWICK – Hardwick Crossing Country Club, 262 Lower Road, Gilbertville, will host a fundraiser to benefit this year's Christmas on the Common event.

Hardwick Crossing will

donate 10% of proceeds from dine-in or take-out food orders on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 4-9 p.m. to benefit the annual community event which will be held on the Common on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 3-5:30 p.m.

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## VETERANS DAY SALUTE

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All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 21, 2024.

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animals and make complaints, and then what am I going to do with these roosters?" she questioned.

Dufresne said there has been trouble in the village district with chicken feed attracting mice, rats and other vermin. She's hopeful that the bylaw could place limitations on owning chickens, but not ban it.

She said any Right to Farm disputes would be reviewed by an Agricultural Commission, which the town would need to form. She said there is interest from residents in serving on the commission.

"I think this is definitely needed," she said of the proposed bylaw. "I just hope that the bylaws that are put in place and the restrictions are still with us supporting people raising livestock in a humane manner if they choose to."

The Board of Selectmen members said they wanted to make sure the bylaw had a clear definition of "farm," which excluded marijuana growing as well as various types of energy production including wind, solar and more.

Town Administrator James Ferrera said after both boards make changes to the proposed bylaw, he can have town counsel review it in order to have it ready for a future town meeting vote.

### Green Communities grant

The board accepted a grant in the amount of \$201,054 from the Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Division. This state grant does not require any matching funds from the town.

Ferrera said the grant will address green energy initiatives at the Senior Center, including adding heat pumps and a new HVAC unit as well as weatherizing. The grant will also include weatherization of the Shepard Municipal Building.

"This is all going to be paid for through a grant through the state," Ferrera said.

Ferrera said these projects will save the town money on energy costs for both buildings.

Ferrera said there are additional needs for the Senior Center building, including a new roof and kitchen upgrades. He said he is working with state Rep. Todd Smola and state Sen. Jake Oliveira to secure an earmark from the state for the roof project.

He said the kitchen project has been ongoing, but should be completed by November. He said there was a change in the original scope of work for the dishwasher, including the addition of a new stove and side tables.

Ferrera said there are also some cabinets and countertops that need

to be taken out, along with work on the floor and painting.

"It's a lot more involved than just putting in a dishwasher," he said.

Ferrera said the town had \$20,000 reserved from American Rescue Plan Act funds to replace the dishwasher, and he is working with Senior Center Director Sharon Meli to identify funding sources for the rest of the kitchen project.

### Comfort/search K-9

Ferrera presented the board with a draft agreement between the town and Police Officer Brian Pfister for the use of a comfort/search K-9 named Luna. Ferrera said Pfister was unable to attend the meeting, and he asked the board to table discussion and a possible vote on the matter until the next meeting.

Ferrera said Luna would be owned by Pfister, and he would be responsible for paying for a general liability insurance policy, rather than the town.

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair David Dufresne said the board will need to discuss how Pfister would transport Luna. The town's former K-9 vehicle has been repurposed as the Animal Control Officer's vehicle.

He said these types of vehicles are difficult to get, and there could be a waiting list. Dufresne questioned if Pfister would need to respond to calls with the K-9 in his private vehicle.

Dufresne said a crate wouldn't fit in the back of a regular police cruiser, nor can the dog travel in the passenger area where prisoners are also transported.

Chair Derick Veliz said the town should look into the costs of insuring and budgeting for a K-9, as well as providing appropriate transportation.

"If we know the numbers, now we can put everything on a balance and see where we are going," he said. "We are not opposed, we want to help, let's just do it right."

Board members agreed that more research would be needed to determine the right path to take to benefit the town, as well as Pfister and Luna.

"It's a big commitment for either Officer Pfister or the town," Ferrera said.

The board will be continuing this discussion with Pfister at an upcoming meeting.

### Town Administrator's report

Ferrera presented the board with a monthly departmental report, which will be published every first Thursday of the month. Each report will recap the events from the previous month.

"This will highlight some of

the highlights within the various departments," he said.

Ferrera said the report will also include financial updates.

He said tax bills were due on Aug. 1 and total collections as of Aug. 29 totaled \$751,563.93.

Of this amount, \$510,569.28 was collected from real estate; \$168,576.19 from personal property; and \$57,892.05 from motor vehicle excise. Interest and fees totaled \$10,951.41; sewer liens, \$2,475; and registry clears \$1,100.

Ferrera said the monthly reports will go over "all the stuff that various departments have been working on."

Ferrera said the Board of Health processed and reviewed a number of permits including 15 food establishments, six tobacco, seven trash hauler, six plumbing and gas, three septic installer and four new septic installer permits. He said seasonal water testing at Comins Pond was conducted and no bacteria exceedances were discovered.

Ferrera said the Board of Health also worked on drafting the Right to Farm bylaw to bring before the Board of Selectmen.

During the month of August, the Council on Aging conducted interviews for the position of part-time custodian and van driver. Ferrera said Kevin O'Regan emerged as the recommended candidate.

"All these departments are working very hard on these initiatives that were listed here," Ferrera said. "Those were just some of the highlights that have been happening."

### Appointment

Lisa Boucher asked to be reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Boucher had previously stepped down from the commission, after serving for many years.

Ferrera said the vacancy has been posted for over 30 days, and Boucher is the only candidate who expressed interest in filling it.

The board appointed Boucher to serve on the commission until the 2025 annual town election.

### Comcast contract

Ferrera said the town had an appointment scheduled with Comcast earlier that day to increase internet speed. He said Comcast representatives did not show up for the appointment, nor did they return his call.

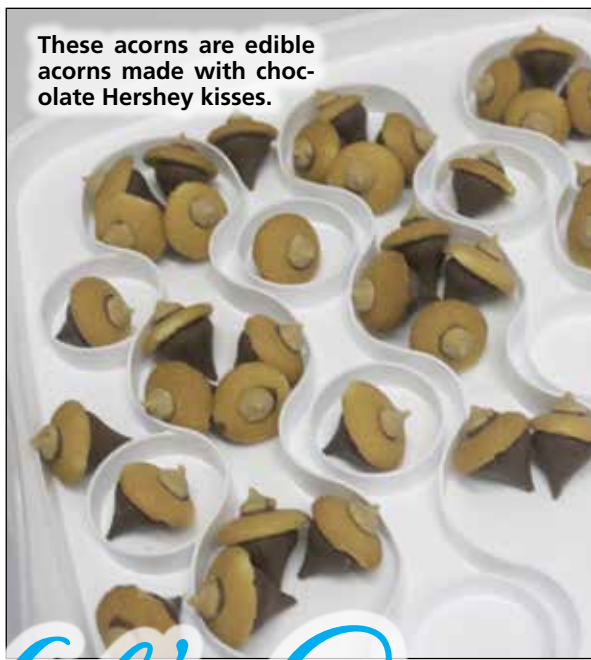
Ferrera said the town has a signed contract with Comcast to provide the work.

"We'll hopefully get them here soon and get the service up and running at a higher speed," he said.





Tasty treats that look like trees were baked by Terry Vaill.



These acorns are edible acorns made with chocolate Hershey kisses.



Play-Doh and tree stumps were built with leaves and building blocks.



Pine cones from different types of trees were some of the things kids got to learn at the workshop.

# Kid's Corner WORKSHOP

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using paper plates. Using tissue paper and cutouts of trees the kids got creative and learned a lot about the tree life cycle.

McNally's oldest daughter Morgan had a crafting station of her own where kids got to craft their own wind chimes. With the help of their parents and Morgan kids got to take home their own wind chimes.

Ware Grange secretary Randy Vaill was helping in the gardening station. Kids got to bring home a pot of soil and plant their own oak tree at home. There was also a tree decorating station where the kids got to design their own tree while learning about different types of pine cones that come from different trees.

McNally was excited about getting a big turnout during the Grange's first year hosting Kids' Corner Workshops. Many kids who were in attendance have made repeated visits to the Ware Grange for a fun workshop.

"It's always nice to see familiar faces," McNally said.

McNally also did story time with the kids by reading some books that are related to what the kids were learning in the workshop. McNally would read Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax" and then "Trees Make Perfect Pets" by Paul Czajak. The story follows a friendly story about a girl's unlikely best friend, a tree.



Kids got to learn about different leaves, trees and cones and got to design their own trees.

"The Lorax" teaches children about the importance of doing their part to protect the environment. McNally would then conclude the workshop with a singalong. McNally would sing first then sing again with the kids. The two songs were about an acorn and an apple tree.

The next workshop will be on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. and the kids will

get to do pumpkin carving. While pumpkin carving the kids will learn about the life cycles of pumpkins. Kids will also learn about composting and giving back to the soil. The activity will also have a family friendly Halloween story.

Ware Grange #164 is located at 297 Belchertown Road. For more events, visit [www.waregrange.org](http://www.waregrange.org).



Jen McNally led a sing along with the kids about acorns and apple trees.



Building blocks were a fun station kids got to enjoy at the kids corner workshop at Ware Grange.

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Chaplain Joseph Vecchione leads a prayer.

# WARE REMEMBERS 9/11



Fire Chief Jim Martinez rings 5-5 on the bell to remember firefighters who died in the line of duty.



Members of the Ware Police Department stand for a moment of silence.



Submitted Photo

## BLUEGRASS GOSPEL SERVICE IS SEPT. 29

WEST BROOKFIELD – The George Whitefield United Methodist Church will host its next 5th Sunday Bluegrass Gospel Service on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at 33 West Main St.

Always a fun and uplifting time featuring local musicians on guitars, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, stand-up bass, spoons, harmonica and vocals, the band gets better and better. All are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the music and message, and leave with a song in their heart.

A free will offering will be received that supports the church and its missions.

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bed and it didn't have enough water in the tank.

"We kind of all collectively decided that that's not what's in the best interest of the town, especially with the age and price tag," he said.

Pease said he has been looking at used firetrucks online, which are in the \$600,000-700,000 price range for anything newer than 2015. He said buying a new demo model firetruck would likely be the best option and value for the town.

Pease said they looked at a 2024 demo firetruck, which would be almost an identical replacement to the department's Engine 2, just the current model. The demo firetruck has a six-person cab and holds 1,000 gallons of water.

"It's not a fancy truck by any means, but it's definitely what I feel the town needs," he said.

Caggiano said the demo firetruck is expected to cost about \$820,000. Pease said the town should budget for \$860,000 in case the price of the firetruck increases before a town meeting vote can take place.

Caggiano said it looks like voters will need to approve a debt exclusion at town meeting to allow for the purchase of the replacement firetruck and she has been meeting with the town's financial team to look into it.

"It does look like it's going to be our only option," she said.

Select Board Chair Kelly Kemp and Vice-Chair Eric Vollheim agreed that the purchase of a new firetruck was necessary. Clerk William Tinker said the request needs to go before the Finance Committee to determine the true cost of such a purchase.

Tinker asked about fundraising efforts to help purchase necessary equipment (such as the firetruck) for the department.

Pease said the firefighter's association rents out tables and chairs on weekends to help raise money to purchase items such as uniforms, both class A and B. He said he was willing to ask the association if they were able to help out financially.

Tinker suggested that Pease also reach out to Vickers Consulting Services, a firm that writes grants specifically to benefit firefighters. Tinker said a nearby town has received almost \$1 million worth of grants for its fire department by working with this firm.

"It couldn't hurt to reach out to them and talk with them and even come before the board," he said. "This group specializes in exactly what you need."

The Select Board voted to include an article on the special town meeting warrant to purchase the firetruck after the request is reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Pease said he will ask the firetruck manufacturer to bring the demo model to the town to allow residents to learn more about it prior to the special town meeting.

Caggiano said the town also needs to start planning to replace the department's 2006 tanker.

"That is something that the Chief and I have talked about... also planning ahead next time," she said. "So it doesn't come down to a public safety emergency like it is right now."

### Special town meeting date

The Select Board voted to set a special town meeting date for Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Hardwick Elementary School, 76 School House Drive in Gilbertville, pending the school's availability.

### Hazard mitigation plan

The Select Board voted to

adopt the updated hazard mitigation plan for the town.

Vollheim, who is also the town's Emergency Management director, said the hazard mitigation plan is a "great thing."

"A lot of people worked on it, maybe a dozen people," he said.

The town prepared the plan with a consulting firm paid for by a grant from MEMA.

Vollheim said the plan is updated every five years to determine what the town is at risk for and how it is working to minimize those risks. The plan is then sent to FEMA.

"It's a big plan, has a lot of details," he said. "It allows us to apply for BRIC grants and MVP...it opens up all sorts of possibilities."

### Recycling Center price list

Members of the Recycling Commission presented a list of fees to the Select Board for approval.

The commission also requested approval to provide an exemption for sticker fees to a select few people, including active volunteers and Recycling Center staff. Commission Chair Abbie White said some of the volunteers are high school students.

White said the Recycling Center also offers services that do not require a sticker, including bottle/can drop-off, Planet Aid donation boxes and a book bin.

The Select Board approved the commission's fees and exemption request.

### Selectmen's roundtable

Vollheim said the town paid \$1,800 to make repairs to the elevator at the Town House a month prior to the Hardwick Community Fair. He said on the first day of the fair, the elevator stopped working.

Vollheim said the elevator had the same issue on that day that was supposed to have been repaired previously. He said the town should not have to pay for additional repairs from the second visit.

Caggiano said she has not received an invoice from the elevator company, and if she does, she will contact them.

Vollheim said the stone steps to the Town House were also repaired prior to the fair.

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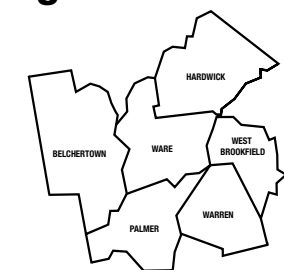
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## Indians fall short against Holyoke



Andrea Albano reacts to a shot over the net with a hit.



Carly Brown sends a set toward the net.



Kenyce Crump squares a bump and hits it toward the front line.



Emma Zalesky sends bump back to the net.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—A very good learning experience is a good way to describe the first meeting of the regular season between the Ware and Holyoke girls' varsity volleyball teams.

The Purple Knights improved their early season record to a perfect 2-0 following a 3-1 victory over the Lady Indians in a Central Division match-up played at Holyoke's High John 'Jinx' O' Connor Gymnasium, last Thursday night.

Holyoke won the first two sets 25-23 and 25-18. Ware kept the match alive by squeaking out a 25-22 win in the third set before the home team secured the victory by taking the fourth set 25-18.

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## Cougars take down neighbor Indians

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARREN—The Ware and Quaboag girls' soccer teams entered last Friday night's non-league match-up with 1-0 records.

The Lady Cougars remained undefeated following a 4-0 shut-out victory over the Lady Indians in their home opener.

"We do play in a very tough league, and we've been struggling to win games during the past couple of years," said Quaboag head coach Norm St. Denis. "It does feel very good to win our first two games of the regular season. I think it's the first time that we've won our first two games of the season in the five years that I've been coaching the girls' varsity team. We played very well in tonight's game."

Quaboag also posted shutout victories against Ware on the soccer pitch during the last two years.

The Lady Cougars began the 2024 regular season by posting a 2-1 road win against David Prouty two days earlier.

The Lady Indians also opened the regular season on the road, as they defeated Mahar Regional, 2-0, the previous afternoon.

"Playing back-to-back road games are very difficult," said Ware head coach Morgan Toelken. "Quaboag is a talented

soccer team, and they have a couple of fast players, especially the midfielder's. We struggled with the pace of the game."

Toelken gave a lot of credit to senior goalkeeper Abigale McQuaid, who made a total of 16 saves.

"Abi kept us in tonight's game, and she deserves a ton of credit," he said. "We have to work on a few things offensively. We didn't have very many shots on goal."

Junior Isabella Cotaj scored both of the Lady Indians goals in the season opener against Mahar.

Down at the other end of the field, Quaboag sophomore goalie Persephone Piermarini, who's a first-year starter at the varsity level, didn't see very much action.

Quaboag scored three of their goals during the first half.

The Lady Cougars first goal was scored by junior captain Madelyn Bagg, who fired a shot into the right corner during the 11th minute. Junior Maddie Potvin was credited with the assist.

"Being able to score the first goal of the game always takes the pressure off," St. Denis said. "Then we went about 20 minutes before scoring our next goal."

With about seven minutes remaining in the opening half, a

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## Pathfinder offense overwhelms Athol

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder boys soccer, which co-ops with Palmer High School, scored its first win of the regular season against Athol High School.

Pathfinder got two goals each from Evan Costa and Cayden Bousquet. Jaleel Roman scored a

single goal and Justin Davis had two assists in the win.

Athol had two goals in the second half, but Pathfinder had the 5-2 win already secured.

With their first win under their belt, the Pioneers will face Smith Vocational at home at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12.

## MIAA looks to honor game officials in October

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is looking to collectively recognize the efforts of our Game Officials. The fall National Officials Appreciation Week will

be held Oct. 6 to 12. Once again, MIAA staff members will travel around the state to personally thank officials and support their efforts on the local level. We hope that you will consid-

er recognizing them in some manner. The Winter Officials Appreciation Week will be Jan. 13-18, 2025 and the Spring Officials Appreciation Week will be April 6-12, 2025.

## Quabbin Panthers shut out by Littleton



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Matt Labrousse makes his way up the field.

BARRE – Last week, Quabbin boys soccer was defeated at home by Littleton High School 4-0. The Panthers also suffered a 5-2 loss against Oakmont in its season opener. The Panthers are 0-2 and were scheduled to be on the road earlier this week before returning home to face Tahanto High School on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. The Panthers will host Tyngsborough on Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.



Owen Twarog tries to clear the ball out of the defensive end of the field.



Logan Bruley makes his way up the field.



Goalie Alijah Flint socks a punt away



Nathan Cruz navigates through the middle of the field.



Madeleine Boisselle tries to overtake the runner ahead of her.



Aidan Mahoney makes his way down the track.



Jillian Rigney finishes out the race.

## Cross Country teams hold scrimmage race

BARRE – Ahead of its regular season opening race against Lunenburg High School, Quabbin's

cross country teams hosted Monty Tech in an exhibition race. Both teams were able to get the atmo-

sphere of a race through the contest as each gets ready for their first contests.



The Quabbin Cross Country teams participate in an exhibition meet last Thursday afternoon.



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Luis Pagan puts his all into the final part of the race.



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## Candlepin League News

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### Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The 2024-2025 candlepin league season has begun as the month of September has started.

The Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League returned to Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes in Palmer for their weekly bowling retreat on Tuesday nights. The league will be featuring six teams this year with some going with new team names.

The defending champions, Life is Good, did not return for this season. However, two members of Life is Good rejoined the league and now bowl for Geriatrics Inc., formerly known as The Champs R Here. John Havens Sr. and Jim Plushner are the two bowlers looking to defend their championship.

In week one, Geriatrics Inc.

bowed against Compression. In game one, Compression defeated Geriatrics by a score of 340-333. Neither bowler on each team broke the century mark in their first game of the season.

In game two, Compression defeated Geriatrics 356-345. Jason Dominick of Compression had a good game with 109. Stephen Manolakis, Commercial Elks League President, of Geriatrics has a good game as well with a 108.

In game three, The Geriatrics won the last game 370-336. Manolakis finished with a 103. With a 34-point victory in game three, Geriatrics won total pinfall by a final score of 1048-1032. Each team receives two points to start the season.

One new team to the league is a team of Mail men. Several members are new to candlepin bowling and are joining their experienced candlepin bowler Bryan Surprise. The Mail team won all three games and total pinfall against the vacant BK team who missed week one.

Bryan Surprise had scores of

109, 112 and 118 on his way to a 339 series. The Mail team won with team scores of 337, 353 and 345 with a total pinfall score of 1035.

The Daft Kings, formerly known as Acres, bowled against Last in Line. In game one, Last in Line defeated Daft Kings 414-379. Jeremy of Last in Line started off with a 122.

In game two, Daft Kings bounced back and won 378-359. Dave Cobleigh of Daft Kings was high bowler with a 119 in game two.

In game three, The Daft Kings won the last game by a score of 372-345. The final score was Daft Kings at 1129 and Last in Line at 1118. Daft Kings started off the season with three points.

Visit Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes at 1446 North Main St. in Palmer. The alleys can be reached by calling 413-289-0013.

The trophy that was won by Life is Good last season is displayed in a trophy case inside Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes.

## Railers trainer moves into AHL position

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders) announced today that Alex Maring has been hired by the Tampa Bay Lightning to be the next Head Athletic Trainer of the American Hockey League's Syracuse Crunch.

Maring, 24, goes to Syracuse after serving as the head athletic trainer for the Railers for the 2022-23 & 2023-24 seasons. He first joined the Railers after serving as an athletic training intern with the Springfield Thunderbirds of the American Hockey League during the 2021-22 season, joining them on their way to an AHL Eastern Conference championship and Calder Cup Finals appearance. He

shadowed with the Utica Comets of the AHL during the 2015-16 season, working under current St. Louis Blues assistant trainer Dustin Flynn.

"We're excited to see Alex take the next step in his career," Chief Operating Officer Michael G. Myers said. "This is something that's well deserved, and we look forward to following his success in the coming years. The Railers are extremely proud of our track record and commitment to developing employees to get to the next level both on and off the ice."

The New Hartford, NY native graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training from Springfield College in May of 2021. Maring graduated from Springfield College's Master of Education in Sport and Exercise Psychology program in May of 2023.

"I'd like to thank the Railers organization and the city of Worcester for the past two years," Maring said. "The Railers gave me the opportunity to provide the best possible care to every athlete that came through the door. I was able to foster great relationships with all of our amazing partners and staff in Worcester. I look forward to maintaining the connections I made in Worcester for a lifetime."

The Worcester Railers HC 2024-25 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Sat., Oct. 19th and Sun., Oct. 20th vs. the Reading Royals. The new 508 Club is now on sale for the 2024-25 season! Get access to games this season, exclusive events and additional benefits by calling the Railers front office at 508-365-1750 or by visiting RailersHC.com.

## T-Birds announce another season of promotions

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are cranking up the volume on their impending ninth season of play in the American Hockey League with a loaded promotional schedule that features brand-new giveaways, returning staple events, and some never-before-seen elements at the Thunderdome.

It all starts on Saturday, Oct. 12 with Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. Before puck drop, fans can flock to the Plaza at MGM Springfield for

the Community Bank N.A. season-opening Block Party, with support from the Springfield BID, from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring live music, food & drink to drop the puck on another magnificent season. The team anticipates a ninth consecutive Opening Night sellout and a 15th consecutive sellout dating back to last season.

Fans can expect to see five specialty jerseys corresponding to the team's traditional theme nights: Teddy Bear Toss, Throwback Night, Ice-O-Topes Night,

Military Appreciation Night, and Pink in the Rink. Should we do six specialty jerseys? Stay tuned for more info. The fan-favorite blue third jerseys will return this season on the following game nights: Friday, Oct. 25; Friday, Nov. 22; Tuesday, Dec. 31; Monday, Jan. 20; Friday, March 28; and Friday, April 18.

The full promotional schedule can be found at [www.springfieldthunderbirds.com](http://www.springfieldthunderbirds.com)

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goal by senior captain Parker Tunley gave the Lady Cougars a 2-0 advantage. Tunley's classmate, Nora Schwenker was given the assist.

A couple of minutes later, Quaboag senior captain Corah Neilsen delivered a pass to eighth grader Julia Queiroga, who netted her first career varsity goal.

"It was awesome to see Julia score her first varsity goal late in the first half," St. Denis said. "She has really been a very nice addition to our team this year. She's a very hard worker."

Seventh graders are allowed to play soccer at Quaboag, but Queiroga wasn't a member of the team a year ago.

The Lady Cougars only goal came on a free kick during the 65th minute. Senior Liz Tetlow booted the ball from the right side into the box where Tunley redirected it into the net for her second goal of the match.

"Having a four goal lead in the second half, gave us the opportunity to work on a couple of different things," St. Denis said. "This is a very good win for us."

It was the only meeting of the regular season between the two teams, but both head coaches are hoping the series can continue next year.



Turley photos by David Henry [www.sweetdogphotos.com](http://www.sweetdogphotos.com)  
Kazmiryr Lagimoniere sends her set back over the net.

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"I think it was very important for us to win our home opener," said Holyoke assistant varsity coach Willie Lopez. "We do have a lot of new players on the varsity team, and it was a good learning experience."

Lopez, who graduated from Holyoke High School in 2023, is currently a member of the AIC men's volleyball team.

While the Purple Knights began the 2024 campaign by posting a 3-0 win at Mount Everett two days earlier, last Thursday's match was the Lady Indians season opener.

"This was our first match of the season and we're a very young team. We're still trying to figure things out," said Ware head coach Becca Hurlburt. "This was a good learning experience. We lost to Holyoke twice last year and we're hoping to play a lot better against them at home in the second meeting."

The only seniors listed on the Ware varsity roster are Karysa Smith, who was a member of the JV squad last year, and Kenyce Crump, who's the captain.

The duo finished the match with four kills. Sophomore Emma Zalesky also had four kills for the Lady Indians.

With sophomore Andrea Albano handling the serving duties, the Lady Indians won the first six points of the opening set.

An ace by Holyoke senior Serymar Santos closed the gap to 6-4.

The score was tied 15-15 when the Purple Knights took the lead for the first time following a kill by junior Ashantyls Calderon.

The Lady Indians held a 23-20 lead before Holyoke ended the first set with a 5-0 run.

The score of the second set was tied at 3-3 before the Purple Knights took control with the help of a 6-1 run.

An ace by senior Yohadlie Pabon gave the home team a 13-7 advantage.

Pabon, along with junior Viessel Colon are the Purple Knights leading players.

Holyoke's largest lead of the second set was 22-13 and they coasted home.

"We were able to win the first set, which was very close," Lopez said. "We didn't have very much trouble in the second set, which gave us the momentum. We did get a little bit too comfortable in the third set."

Trailing 2-0 in the overall match, the Lady Indians came storming back in the third set.

Ware took an early 6-2 lead in that set with eighth grader Lana Bennington doing the serving.

The visiting team also led 12-8 following an ace by sophomore Carly Brown.

The Lady Indians kept the lead the rest of the way forcing a fourth set.

Holyoke wouldn't allow Ware to even the match, as they led the fourth set from start to finish.

The Lady Indians will be looking to split the season series when they host the Purple Knights on Sept. 30. The start time of that match is 6:15 p.m.

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# Baystate Wing Auxiliary gives its final pledge payment to capital campaign

PALMER – The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary Board of Directors held their annual meeting last week to not only plan for the coming year but to also formally make their final installment of \$25,000, toward their pledge to the Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department Capital Campaign.

The total gift made by the Auxiliary was \$200,000.

"I have been a proud leader and a member of this wonderful group of volunteers for many years," said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary, in a press release. "They generously give of their time and are committed to the hospital and choose to also show their support through their many generous donations. Our members are also wonderful ambassadors to the many patients and visitors who stop by our gift shop. We are proud to support 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.

In addition to supporting the Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department, each year the Auxiliary has funded scholarships to local high school students entering a



Shown from left in the front row are Shirley Bagg, Evelyn Glabicky, Carol Doyle. Shown in the middle row are Carol Holden, Beverly Sangermano, Janice Lachut, Ursula St Amand. Shown in the back row are Cathy Izyk, Jackie, Johnson, Natalie Noble, and Teresa Grove. Missing from photo are Janice Fountain, Elise Anton, Jeanne Bonsall and Estelle Carbonneau.

career in healthcare. They have also supported the reopening of the hospital's Interfaith Chapel as well as purchasing medical equipment and supporting other important hospital initiatives.

"Our community and this hospital are indeed privileged to have such a talented and dedicated group of volunteers, and

we are thankful to the Auxiliary members for their continued commitment and support of our hospital," said Ron Bryant, president of Baystate Health's regional hospitals. "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, philanthropy officer for Baystate Health at 413-544-4046.



The Weir River Concert Band began its 20th season on Sept. 11.



The Weir River Concert Band is shown performing a holiday concert at the Stone Church Cultural Center. Submitted Photos by Rose Grant

## Weir River Concert Band begin its 20th season

The Weir River Concert Band will begin its 20th season on Sept. 11 and the band is always looking for new members on any instrument, any ability level and any age.

The band rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, Route 32 in Gilbertville. The band has a Christmas

performance scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center and a performance on June 8, also at the Stone Church at 2 p.m.

If you'd like to share your musical talent with the band, please contact Joanne Meegan by email at jomeegan@comcast.net.

# Baystate Health to host community info and listening sessions

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health recently announced plans to host a series of community engagement and listening sessions to share information and gain community input on its planned state-of-the-art community health and wellness center to be located on property donated by MassMutual on its Springfield campus.

Baystate and MassMutual made a joint announcement in May about the building of a 90,000-square-foot community health center.

Those interested in participating can RSVP at BaystateHealth.org/community. The times and locations of the in-person sessions are as follows:

Monday, Sept. 16; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; St. John's Congregational Church, 45 Hancock St.  
Thursday, Sept. 19, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Springfield

City Library, Mason Square Branch, 765 State St.  
Monday, Sept. 23, 9-11 a.m.; South End Community Center, 99 Marble St.

Monday, Sept. 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Educare Springfield, 100 Hickory St.

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center, 1476 Roosevelt Avenue.

A virtual community sessions will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 5:30-7 p.m. (Spanish interpretation will be available, and Zoom link will be provided after RSVP).

Officials at Baystate Health said the community sessions will allow the organization to share more information about the project and, at the same time, gather valuable input from the community as the health care system begins to plan for the new center that is expect-

ed to be under construction by the end of 2025.

The planned community health and wellness center will allow Baystate Health to consolidate services from four of its existing Springfield health centers to the new center on the donated MassMutual property, located across from the intersection of Alden Street and Wilbraham Road.

The centers and their services that will be transitioned to the future Wilbraham Road location include: The Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center, Baystate High Street Health Center, Baystate High Street Pediatrics and Wesson Women's Clinic.

In the new community health and wellness center, Baystate Health will continue to provide services, plus more, for adult and pediatric patients. The current health centers will remain open and fully functional

until their services can be transitioned to the new health center, which is anticipated to be sometime in 2027.

The proposed 90,000-square-foot community health center will centralize services, creating a medical neighborhood caring for children, families and adults and providing comprehensive primary care, integrated behavioral health and ancillary services for the Greater Springfield area.

MassMutual is donating approximately 10 acres of land valued at an estimated \$5 million in the southeast corner of its Springfield campus, as well as providing financing and other support for the project. In addition, the MassMutual Foundation is donating \$5 million over five years to support the new state-of-the-art health center that will be owned and operated by Baystate Health.

## Veterans eat lunch free at Ware Senior Center

WARE – Now through May 31, 2025, veterans of the U.S. armed services can enjoy a homemade lunch for free at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road.

This meals are provided by the generosity of former Ware Selectboard member John Morrin, the Ware Veteran Fund and the Ware Veterans Carnival.

For veterans to take advantage of this offer they must call the Ware Senior Center 413-967-9645 by noon the business day before they wish to come for lunch and place their name on the list. Meals are served daily, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.-noon.

Menus and more information are available on the Council on Aging page of townofware.com or by stopping by the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Three-day cycling event covers 104 miles of rail trail

NORTHAMPTON – A three-day cycling adventure will cover 104-miles of Mass Central Rail Trail Sept. 20-22, starting in Northampton and ending in Boston.

This historic rail corridor is becoming the longest rail trail in New England. Currently, the corridor is 60% finished and its completion is a state priority, expected to bring in over \$200 million in new revenue to cities and towns it passes through.

Once completed, the MCRT will span 120 miles across the commonwealth.

"Ride N2B on the MCRT" will make roughly 12 stops along the route with overnight stays in Ware and Hudson. Presentations by local advocates, community leaders and historians will be made at these stops to spread awareness about efforts to continue the MCRT.

The ride will have 12-15 riders for the whole route with other riders encouraged to join for parts of each day.

For information about the ride and joining a section, contact Della Penna at craigdp413@gmail.com.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Engine additive

4. A type of test

8. Curtail

10. Irish surname

11. The opposite of good

12. Got rid of

13. Central parts of a church building

15. Stylistically

16. Intestinal

17. Negative potential outcomes

18. Lived up to a standard

21. Snag

22. Time units (abbr.)

23. Ad

24. "Partridge"

actress Susan

25. For each

26. Paulo, city

27. League titles

34. More intensely black

35. Slang for lovely

36. Petrarch is known for them

37. Old Eurasian wheat

38. Body part

39. Swedish rock group

40. They're worth avoiding

41. Rising and falling of the voice

42. Wings

43. Enzyme import for respiration

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Idyllic

2. South Pacific island nations

3. Shrub of the olive family

4. Boundaries

5. Encircle

6. Weights

7. Samberg is one

9. Sheep sound

10. European country

12. Respected group of people

14. Trigraph

15. Prosecutors

17. Assign a nickname

19. Huge size

20. Partner to cheese

23. Fastballs

24. Principle underlying the universe

25. Distinct units of sound

26. Title of respect

27. Against

28. Foot (Latin)

29. One point east of due south

30. Concerning the blood

31. Type of pentameter

32. North American peoples

33. Layers of rock

34. Georges \_\_\_\_\_, French philosopher

36. Lengthy tale

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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of Sept. 1-10, the Ware Police Department responded to 13 miscellaneous calls, 35 administrative calls, five traffic violations, 14 emergency 911 calls, six harassments, four motor vehicle accidents, one damage/vandalism, one safety hazard, two fraud/deceptions, four motor vehicle accidents, nine animal calls and 48 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

- Sunday, Sept. 1
10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation/Warning Issued
3:48 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Osborne Road, Could not Locate
4:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
5:47 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Main Street, Services Rendered
6:24 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
Monday, Sept. 2
11:21 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Dispatch Handled
12:39 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered
2:17 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, South Street, Investigated
5:12 p.m. Assault, West Street, Could not Locate
8:55 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Main Street, Advised
Tuesday, Sept. 3
5:01 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Services Rendered
8:17 a.m. Traffic Incident/

- Crash, West Street, Services Rendered
9:49 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Services Rendered
1:22 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
4:51 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Warebrook Drive, No Action Required
8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued
9:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued
9:50 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, No Action Required
10:50 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Palmer Line, Assist Given
Wednesday, Sept. 4
9:55 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Dale Street, Advised
12:55 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Highland Village, Investigated
5:35 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Hillside Village, Arrest Made
9:31 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Street, Assist Given
Thursday, Sept. 5
1:17 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, West Street, Report Made
5:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Osborne Road, Dispatch Handled
Friday, Sept. 6
1:31 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Main Street, Report Made
9:45 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Main Street, Advised
11:05 a.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered
1:01 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Palmer Road, Investigated

- 2:05 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Dale Street, Services Rendered
4:08 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Services Rendered
5:39 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Osborne Road, Investigated
5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Report Made
Saturday, Sept. 7
9:07 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, West Street, Report Made
2:49 p.m. Assist Other Agency, East Street, Services Rendered
4:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Belchertown Road, Dispatch Handled
Sunday, Sept. 8
4:03 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Vigeant Street, Services Rendered
2:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sorel Road, Services Rendered
4:36 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Assist Given
5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
10:35 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Warren Road, Assist Given
Monday, Sept. 9
12:12 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
2:15 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Cherry Street, Assist Given
3:44 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Dugan Road, Advised
Tuesday, Sept. 10
12:27 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 26-Sept. 2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 68 building/property checks, 62 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, eight traffic controls, eight emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one complaint, two safety hazards, one motor vehicle accident, one missing person, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one burglary, one fraud, one harassment, one property damage, two animal calls and 12 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

- Monday, Aug. 26
9:37 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
Tuesday, Aug. 27
11:38 a.m. 911 Missing Person/Found Child, High Street, Officer Handled
12:25 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Barre Road, Call Canceled
4 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
9:11 p.m. Larceny/Theft/

- Shoplifting, North Road, Services Rendered
9:41 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
Wednesday, Aug. 28
8:34 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
9:13 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled
9:43 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To
9:55 a.m. 911 Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Brook Road, Investigated
12:33 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
12:48 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, North Road, Investigated
Thursday, Aug. 29
1:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:25 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Services Rendered
7:57 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Sullivan Avenue, Spoken To

- Friday, Aug. 30
11:54 a.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Dispatch Handled
6:46 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Prospect Street, Arrest(s) Made
Saturday, Aug. 31
2:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
10:57 a.m. Fraud, Main Street, Spoken To
Sunday, Sept. 1
3:52 a.m. Harassment, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
5:28 a.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Unfounded
10:01 a.m. Property Damage, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled
11:38 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Bridge Street, Investigated
2:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Report Taken
Monday, Sept. 2
7:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

## Treasurer releases latest unclaimed property listings

BOSTON - State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners. Over 50,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout Massachusetts. "One in 10 people have unclaimed property, and one of them could be you," said Goldberg in a press release. "Claiming property is fast, easy, and free, so check the list, go online, or call our office to search for your name and begin the process today."

The Unclaimed Property Division currently holds over \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property, including forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year, Treasury processed over 148,000 claims and returned \$185 million in property to its rightful owners. This newly released list includes only individuals and busi-

nesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at www.findmassmoney.gov or call our live call center at 1-888-344-MASS (6277). The Treasurer's Office releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.

## Warren Police Log

During the week of Aug. 26-Sept. 1, the Warren Police Department responded to 166 building/property checks, two community policings, 16 emergency 911 calls, two harassments, four complaints, one fraud/forgery, one appliance fire, one safety concern, two missing persons, two odor/gas leaks, one motor vehicle accident, one motor vehicle pursuit, one animal call and 37 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

- Monday, Aug. 26
12:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Albany Street, Written Warning
2:39 p.m. Power Lines Down, Crescent Street, Investigated
4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
Tuesday, Aug. 27
6:43 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
2:58 p.m. Safety Concern, Cross Street, Negative Contact
5:22 p.m. Harassment, Constitution Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
5:46 p.m. Missing Person, Main Street, Report Filed
6:55 p.m. Noise Complaint, Brimfield Road, Investigated
8:04 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
8:31 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, A Street, Negative Contact
Wednesday, Aug. 28
6:48 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Bridge Street, Mutual Aid Transport
8:10 a.m. Welfare Check, Burbank Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
10:53 a.m. Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Chapel Street, Unfounded
12:15 p.m. Missing Person, Comins Pond Road, Returned to Family/Guardian
1:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Mechanic Street, Report Filed
5:01 p.m. Fraud/Forgery,

- Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:39 p.m. Noise Complaint, Brimfield Road, Message Delivered
6:42 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Brimfield Road, Investigated
7:49 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Brimfield Road, Report Filed
7:54 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Main Street, Paperwork Served
Thursday, Aug. 29
12:47 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed
7:41 p.m. Harassment, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed
8:03 p.m. Seizures, North Street, Transported to Hospital
8:27 p.m. Noise Complaint, Main Street, Investigated
Friday, Aug. 30
3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Matthew D. Ramos Lanza, 29, Southbridge
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Number Plate Violation; Drug, Possess to Distribute Class D
9:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit, Main Street, Canceled
Saturday, Aug. 31
7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
7:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
7:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
8:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
9:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
1:29 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Ware, Officer/Chief

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.

- Advised
4:46 p.m. Noise Complaint, Brimfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
5:49 p.m. Appliance Fire, Hitchcock Avenue, Investigated
Sunday, Sept. 1
8:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Criminal Complaint
9:11 a.m. Knee Pain, O'Neill Road, Transported to Hospital
11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
11:19 a.m. Seizures, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
11:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Criminal Complaint
1:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Criminal Complaint
2:16 p.m. Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Winthrop Terrace, False/Accidental
4:14 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
4:49 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Coy Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
10:10 p.m. Suspicious Person, Southbridge Road, Report Filed

## State Police Academy hosts Community Day

NEW BRAINTREE - The State Police Academy, 340 West Brookfield Road, will host a Community Day on Wednesday, Sept. 25 from noon-2 p.m. The public is invited to meet Troopers assigned to various roles in the department and check out the special equipment they use to do their job. There will be stat-

ic displays from the K-9 section, Mounted Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Drone Unit, Air Wing, Marine Unit, Bomb Squad, Special Tactical Operations Team and the Recruitment and Diversity Unit. Food will be supplied at no cost from Farmer Matt, a local farm, and the academy's kitchen staff. This event will be held rain or shine.

## Fire Department open house is Oct. 5

WARE - The Ware Fire Department will hold an open house on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Join the firefighters for some fun and education. There will be station tours, apparatus tours, gear demo, handouts and information and arts and crafts.

## CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF ART Exhibition of Ellen and George Ludway's work at Eagle Hill School

HARDWICK - The Center at Eagle Hill is proud to host an extraordinary exhibition showcasing the artwork of Ellen and George Ludway, two remarkable artists whose talent and creativity flourished during a time of great historical significance.



The Center at Eagle Hill will showcase the artwork of Ellen and George Ludway, September through December. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 4:30-6 p.m.

This collection offers a rare glimpse into the artistic legacy of a family deeply rooted in the arts. Ellen Ludway, a young artist with incredible promise, created stunning pen and ink drawings and pastels of Hollywood movie stars during the Great Depression. Remarkably, all her featured work was completed before the age of 17. Though her artistic career was shortened by societal expectations, Ellen's pieces remain timeless, capturing the glamour of her era with grace and precision.

Her brother, George Ludway, a prominent cartoonist, contributed to leading publications such as The New Yorker before serving as an Air Force pilot in World War II. After the war, George continued his work as a cartoonist and later, at the age of 75, took up watercolors, producing a new body of work that reflects his lifelong artistic passion. This exhibition not only honors their artistic achievements but also highlights the strength of familial creativity, with generations of Ludways making their mark as artists in various forms. Visitors are invited to experience this unique collection, which celebrates both the challenges and triumphs of pursuing art through adversity. The exhibit Celebrating a Legacy of Art will run from September to December, at The Center at Eagle Hill. There will be an opening reception, free and open to the public, on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 4:30-6 p.m. For additional viewing hours, please call 413-477-6746.

About The Center The Center at Eagle Hill is a performance venue in central Massachusetts presenting world class music, dance, theatre, and comedy. For more information about upcoming events, please visit the website at www.thecenterateaglehill.org. The Center at Eagle Hill is located at 242 Old Petersham Road.

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## Rotary Club presents 4th Annual TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K

STURBRIDGE – The Rotary Club of Sturbridge is delighted to announce that its popular TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K, and Fun Walk will return on Sunday, Oct. 27, according to race director Klaus Hachfeld.

The family-friendly event offers two timed races, including a 5K Trail Run & Fun Walk, and a 1K Road Race.

The timed 1K Road Race (\$20 registration) for pre-teens (12 years & under) starts at 9:15 a.m. It will be a road race along Old Sturbridge Village Road, making it accessible to persons with mobility challenges.

The timed 5K Trail Run (\$35 registration) & Fun Walk (\$30 registration) will start at 10 a.m. using Old Sturbridge Village Road and the Arbutus Park Trail in the Leadmine Mountain Wildlife Conservation Lands.

An awards ceremony will follow at 11:15 a.m. starting with a competition for best Halloween costume for all registered runners and walkers. Judging will be by popular choice.

The event also includes free children's game starting at 9 a.m. at the Education Center, and organized by a volunteer team from Burgess Elementary School. No pre-registration is required for the children's activities.

All activities begin at the OSV Education Center on Old Sturbridge Village Road (not to be confused with Old Sturbridge Village Academy at the main entrance to the village). Parking will be available in the Education Center lot.

Pre-registration is now available on the RaceWire website at <https://www.racewire.com/register.php?id=14151>

All participants who pre-register by Oct. 21 will get a 2024 TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K & Fun Walk T-shirt. On-site registration will also be available starting at 8:30 a.m.

The Trek Sturbridge Halloween 5K and Fun Walk is a Sturbridge Rotary Club fundraiser, with all profits going to the organization's community needs projects. For additional information, or to sign on as an event sponsor, email the race director at [laserklaus@gmail.com](mailto:laserklaus@gmail.com) or visit the Sturbridge Rotary Club website at <https://sturbridgerotary.com>.

*Submitted Photo*  
**Brooks Billings, age 4, won the pre-teen division at the 2023 TrekSturbridge Halloween 1K Road Race.**



## Holiday Harvest Festival will be held Sept. 28

PALMER – The Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the fourth annual Holiday Harvest Festival at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, 240 Sykes St. on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

There will be food, entertainment, raffles, games and over

80 vendors.

Other sponsors for the festival include J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Gold Sponsor; Country Bank, Silver Sponsor; and Beers & Story Funeral Homes, Noonan Energy and North Brookfield Savings Bank, Bronze Sponsors.

## 'Beekeeping as a Hobby' offered at library Sept. 17

WEST BROOKFIELD – Local beekeepers Paul and Donna Lapenas will present a workshop all about bees and beekeeping on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, 3 West Main St.

The presentation will include

a look at live bees, beekeeping gear, equipment, explanation of how bees and beehives operate and stories from their adventures in beekeeping as a hobby during their retirement years. All ages are welcome.

Please stop by the library to reserve your seat.



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# Baystate Wing Hospital employees donate school supplies



Submitted Photos  
Shown from left are Phil Christensen and Jeff Bieg, electricians at Baystate Wing Hospital; Heather Malin, Assistant Principal at Stanley M Koziol Elementary School; Susan Wiktor, executive assistant at Baystate Wing Hospital; and Megan Sears, Assistant Principal of Ware Middle School.

PALMER – Just before the start of the new school year, teachers from Ware Public Schools, Palmer Public Schools, and Quaboag Regional High School were gifted with hundreds of back-to-school items donated by employees across departments at Baystate Wing Hospital.

The supplies were the results of the employees' annual adopt-a-classroom initiative. They included folders, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, glue sticks, Post-it Notes, calculators, disinfectant wipes, crayons and more.

Studies consistently show that preparedness plays a pivotal role in a student's ability to excel in school. When equipped with the right tools, students are more engaged, focused and confident in the classroom.

"Thanks to the generosity of our hospital team members, we were able to help local schools by putting these

tools into the hands of our teachers and students who need them to succeed," said Karli Barrett, vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer for Baystate Wing Hospital. "It was wonderful to experience the enthusiasm of our team as they supported our annual back-to-school supply drive. I am proud to work with so many compassionate and generous caregivers who care about our communities and want to ensure that local children get a fair chance at education and academic success."

"We couldn't do it without the help of our community partners, and we are grateful for the Baystate Wing team's back-to-school donations," said Megan Sears, Assistant Principal at Ware Middle School in Ware.

For more information about Baystate Wing Hospital visit Baystatehealth.org/wing.



Shown from left are John Mancini, facilities supervisor; Megan Binette, environmental services, supervisor, Baystate Wing Hospital; Karli Barrett, chief nursing officer and chief administrative officer, Baystate Wing Hospital; and Stephen Duff, Superintendent Quaboag Regional School District.

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Questions will be answered by the Highway Superintendent at 64 Huntington Road, Monday - Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM; the telephone number is 413-238-5830.

Send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to: **worthingtonhighway@gmail.com** or to Worthington Highway Department, P. O. Box 643, Worthington, MA. This posting will remain pertinent until the position is filled.

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A household was selling a camper, one of the biggest items available during the town wide tag sale.



The sign for Sun Valley Farm still hung up in the barn that was used during the townwide tag sale.

**TAG SALE** from page 1

Before the pocket calculator, many office workers and at home offices had these vintage adding machines.

Before the computer many typewriters were the go-to machine when writing stories and letters. The owner of the typewriter recalled having to use typewriters during typing classes.

For the holidays many residents were selling many holiday themed goods from snow globes, decorations, dolls and toys.

For glassware there was a lot of branded glassware and kitchen plates and utensils. There was one unique item that came off realistic but was all ceramic, a ceramic fruit basket with ceramic fruit.

One household in West Warren had a camper for sale. The camper included a walk-in kitchen restroom and bunkbeds. The household also had farming and yarding equipment as well outdoor furniture that goes well with the camper and bicycles.

The same owner also had a John Deere tractor available as well. The owner said he had about a dozen people express interest in the camper.

There was also a tag sale that was also a barn sale. Many items were available inside the barn of the Sun Valley Farm in Warren. There were antiques, miscellaneous items and horse and equestrian themed items as well.

The barn had stacks of issues from The Ranchman magazine. Sun Valley Farm was originally the home of many horses who have won multiple awards. The family still has the display case of all the ribbons won by their champion horses that date back to the 1940s.

Chris of Sun Valley Farm who had the barn sale loves it when the town of Warren and West Warren Village has the townwide tag sale going on.

"You meet a lot of people, and a lot of them have stories to share," Chris said.

In a way, the townwide tag sale brings a lot of people together and fellow residents help each other out with offering goods that some may not have.



Polish pots were up for sale during the town wide tag sale.



For a new look in your dining room, plates and cups come with multiple images and artistry.



Get into the holiday spirit early by picking up some snow globes.



A ceramic fruit basket with ceramic fruit that may appear real from further away.



Many pairs of Crocs could be picked up during this year's townwide tag sale.



Copies of the Ranchman magazine dating back to the 1950s were available at the Barn Sale during the townwide tag sale.



A vintage Smith-Corona typewriter was a rare item to spot during the townwide tag sale.

A Monroe high-speed adding calculator is showing an antique vibe.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

public notices

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Ware  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
LEGAL NOTICE  
SP-2024-14**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Zoning Board of Appeals, per the powers given under M.G.L. Chapter 40A, will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, September 25th 2024 at 7:05 PM** on the application of Jay Moussa, for a Special Permit (SP-2024-14). Applicant seeking to build an addition to a preexisting non-conforming structure under Section 1.10.2.B.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 Zoning Board of Appeals as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of 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: 48 West Street, Ware, MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 10606, Page 273, and Book 13754, Page 58. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel #56-0-75. Zoned: Highway Commercial (HC).

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

**WARE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Jodi Chartier, Vice Chair  
09/05/2024, 09/12/2024

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Premises: 89 Church Street, Ware, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale

contained in a certain mortgage given by Isis Anadon, unmarried to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc. its successors and assigns and now held by AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, said mortgage dated May 18, 2021, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14105, Page 323, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 31, 2022, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14568, Page 294, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **October 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

thence South 52° 11' East 220 feet along line of land of Cora M. Gilmore;

thence North 43° 4' East 79 feet along line of Greenville Park at an iron pin at corner of land of William O. Barrett;

thence North 52° 22' West 220 feet along line of said Barrett to the place of beginning, more or less.

Subject to and together with the rights and easements in the common driveway which runs between locus and the premises now or formerly of John F. Slattery and Mary E. Slattery

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 17, 2021, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14105, Page 319.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and

conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

**TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00)** Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale.

**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.  
275 West Natick Road,  
Suite 500  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Attorney for AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
Telephone: 401-234-9200  
MLG File No.: 23-03451  
09/12, 09/19, 09/26/2024

**Town of Warren INVITATION FOR BIDS Road Construction Materials / Hired Equipment**

The Town of Warren, MA is seeking sealed bids for furnishing the following items (Road Construction

Materials / Hired Equipment) will be received at the Office of the Town Administrator, Attn: Jim Ferrera, 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA, 01083 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and bid forms for this project may be obtained at the Office of the Town Administrator, 48 High Street, Second Floor, Warren, MA 01083, Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00p.m. or by emailing Jim Ferrera, Town Administrator at townadmin@warren-ma.gov.

Bids will be opened in the Office of the Town Administrator on **Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.** Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a **BID BOND, CASH, or CERTIFIED CHECK** issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject,

in whole or in part, any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. Late bids will be rejected.

The Town of Warren  
Jim Ferrera,  
Town Administrator  
09/12, 09/19/2024



**Town Treasurer's Abandoned Funds Notice**

Town of Ware  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

As per MGL Chapter 200A Sec 9A(c) the following is being posted on behalf of the Town of Ware.  
"Notice of names of persons appearing to be owners of funds held by the Town of Ware, and deemed abandoned"  
You should contact the Treasurers office at 413-967-9648 or awalker@townofware.com by November 14, 2025 to redeem funds.

Vendor	Street Address	City/State/Zip	Check Date	Check #	Org. Amt
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BRINKS HOME SECURITY	PO BOX 18100	RICHMOND, VA 23226-8100	3/4/21	67613	\$359.40
CAMDEN BALICKI	86 SOUTH ST	WARE, MA 01082	4/7/22	1968	\$480.00
HOLLY M WELSHIMER/MAUDSLEY	PO BOX 1157	CONWAY, NH 03818	6/24/21	69055	\$4,983
KAREN LEWIS	40 HIGH ST NORTH	BARRE, MA 01005	4/7/22	2021	\$757.43
LAW OFFICE OF ISRAEL FERMIN	617 MILL ST	WORCESTER, MA 01602	7/8/21	69247	\$211.15
NICHOLAS FELICIANO	21 HOPKINS PL	LONGMEADOW, MA 01106	12/22/22	26852	\$509.57
REBECCA M WHITNEY	36 CHERRY ST	WARE, MA 01082	12/29/22	5707	\$140.41
RYAN LYNDS	1 PROSPECT ST. APT 4	WARE, MA 01082	1/28/21	93874	\$100.00

09/12/2024

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

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