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# ideN2B on the MCRT

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Alexi Conine, president of the **Conine Family Foundation was** one of the 12 cyclists participating in the RideN2B event.



Mass Central Rail Trail supporters and cyclists participated in the inaugural RideN2B from Northampton to Boston held over three days this past weekend.

### Three-day bike ride aims to finish 100+ mile trail

By Paula Ouimette pouimette@turley.com

WARE – A dozen cyclists set off from Northampton this past Friday, traveling across the commonwealth using segments of the Mass Central Rail Trail and roadways.

The cyclists, who are ambassadors for the rail trail, made stops at key communities along the length of the 104-mile trail which runs from Northampton into Boston, with the hope of spreading awareness for the work that still needs to be done to complete the trail along the former railroad corridor.

The first stop of this threeday event was at the New England Small Farm Institute in Belchertown, where the cyclists were joined by the Friends of the

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# **Commission reviews role in demo delay**

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By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

WARE – The Ware Historical Commission met on Sept. 23 for their monthly meeting.

This was the last commission meeting prior to the end date of the demolition delay for Mary Lane Hospital, which will end in mid-October. The commission wanted to share with the public their role in this situation with the

### demolition delay.

At its last meeting, the commission submitted several questions to the town counsel for clarification as what their main responsibilities are when handling a demolition delay.

According to the response read by Historical Commission Chair, Lynn Lak, the town attorney believes the applicant currently operating on the Mary Lane Hospital site has been obeying by all the rules.

"The applicant has substantially complied with the requirements of the bylaw," Lak read. "We're doing our best to follow the law."

Lak and the Historical Commission have mentioned in prior meetings that the main enforcement agent for the building is Anna S. Marques, Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The commission trusts Marques' review and analysis of the buildings and the work being

done on site. From what they've been informed of, there has been no demolition or deterioration of the buildings.

"Abatement is not demolition," Lak restated.

As far as looking for a potential business or developer to take up the Mary Lane property, the Historical Commission has done its best to seek out a potential buyer of the property.

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Project Manager Susan Mara discussed the current conditions of the Wrights Mill.

# Wright's Mill Recovery Master Plan meeting held

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

WARREN - The opening meeting of the Wright's Mill Recovery Master Plan was held at the Senior Center last week.

The town has contracted with Weston & Sampson, Gamble Associates and Jeanne Boyle to develop a project plan for the future of the Wright's Mill Complex in West Warren. Funded by the Economic Development Administration, the plan will offer suggested development possibilities for the site to transform the historic Wright's Mill into a vibrant economic hub.

Weston & Sampson provides interdisciplinary design, engineering, and environmental services for public and private entities. With this introduction meeting and public engagement opportunity, associates of Gamble Associates and Weston & Sampson would meet with residents of Warren and West Warren to help formulate the best master plan for the Wright's Mill complex.

Town Administrator James Ferrera attended the public meeting to address residents what the goal

is for this study. Ferrera believes the Wright's Mill Complex has potential for some form of economic development.

"There's a potential economic development piece to the town," Ferrera stated.

With this meeting, Ferrera believes bringing in residents can help engage and attract some opportunities and shared ideas as to what the Wright's Mill complex could become in the future.

Project Manager for Weston & Sampson Susan Mara attended the public meeting and described what this opening meeting will feature.

There were four stations set throughout the senior center covering some topics involving the Wright's Mill. The purpose is to identify opportunities for job creation, business attraction and infrastructure.

Each station had a facilitator talking about a topic area. The topics feature existing conditions, economic development, redevelopment approaches and community input.

Mara says the study will help identify three redevelopment opportunities that would be the best fit for the Wright's Mill.

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To be one, ask one

Masonic organizations continue to serve community

### **By Paula Ouimette** Editor pouimette@turley.com

BARRE - As the town of Barre celebrates its 250th anniversary this year, it is important to recognize several organizations located right off the common that are also reaching some momentous milestones.

Chartered almost 225 years ago in Hardwick, Mt. Zion Lodge of Freemasons moved to Barre on March 14, 1855. Half of its original members hailed from Hardwick, while the rest were from the "lost towns" of Greenwich and Enfield.

"This lodge was chartered just after Paul Revere went out as Grand Master," John Fritscher, Master of Mt. Zion Lodge said.

Having originally met upstairs in the Town Hall, the lodge is now located at 71 Pleasant St., sharing its space with other Masonic-affiliated organiza-

tions, including Cradle Rock Chapter No. 125, Order of the Eastern Star and Barre Assembly #114, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

These active organizations serve the community and also provide a lasting, close-knit bond between its members that for many, has spanned generations.

Fritscher has been involved with Mt. Zion Lodge since 1995 and is also a member of Cradle Rock Chapter, where he serves as its Worthy Patron. He is also a past District Deputy Grand

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

The Barre Masonic family consists of the Mt. Zion Lodge of Freemasons, Cradle Rock Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and Barre Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. All three organizations were joined at Barre's 250th celebration parade by Most Worshipful George F. Hamilton who was accompanied by members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

# Selectboard discusses **ARPA** uses and more

**By Paula Ouimette** Editor pouimette@turley.com

WARE - Selectboard members discussed ways they could use American Rescue Plan Act funds, a recent donation from ReSource Waste Services of Ware and the town's opioid settlement money at last week's meeting.

At the Sept. 17 meeting, Town Manager Stuart Beckley said there is now more flexibility in obligating the town's approximately \$58,000 remaining ARPA funds. He said the federal government recently issued an opinion that towns no longer need to obligate the funds by this December, but they do need to spend the funds by December 2026.

Beckley said the town has also received \$15,000 from ReSource Waste Services of Ware, which can be used for any purpose to benefit the community as determined by the Selectboard.

He said the town also has funds from the opioid settlement received over the past few years, now totaling about \$200,000. He suggested the

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**Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic** welcomes new veterinarian

> **By Abigail McCoy** Correspondent

WARE - Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic, 40 East Main St., recently welcomed Dr. Krystal Hall, a talented veterinarian whose dedication and warmth have quickly won over both animal patients and their owners.

A Massachusetts native, Hall completed her undergraduate studies at UMass Amherst before heading to Ross University in Florida to pursue her dream of veterinary medicine.

Specializing in surgery and emergency medicine, Hall is passionate about all aspects of animal care. Her extensive experience includes some memorable cases, such as a Boston Terrier that swallowed a Boston Terrier keychain, which she found ironically amusing, and a Doberman that ingested 15 feet of leash, treating it like spaghetti.

She has even tended to two male peacocks with minor grooming issues.

Hall's love for animals was inspired by her grandmother, a devoted self-acclaimed animal rights activist who rescued cats and helped them find loving homes. This legacy of compassion has influenced Hall deeply, though she is the only one in her family to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

After spending a decade in Oregon, Hall moved back to Massachusetts to raise her 7-year-old daughter close to family.

Hall wants to assure pet owners that despite changes in ownership during the COVID-19 pandemic, Canterbury Tails remains committed to high-quality care. The clinic continues to offer surgeries, dental work, and routine checkups.

Additionally, Hall sometimes sees emer-



Submitted Photo Dr. Krystal Hall has joined the team at Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic in Ware.

gency cases during the day, offering a swift alternative to traditional appointments. For more severe issues, she can refer clients to a 24-hour pet hospital.

The staff at Canterbury Tails take pride in providing personalized care, including separating cats and dogs to reduce stress. They look forward to continuing to offer exceptional veterinary services under Hall's expert care.



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 the cooks at the Little League picnic from left, Maurice Vadnais, George Slattery and Francis Anair. f you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.

### Veterans eat lunch free at Ware Senior Center

erans 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-

WARE - Now through May 31, 2025, vet- 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.

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Tuesday, Oct. 1

Wednesday, Oct .2 Steak Sub Sandwich with

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Thursday, Oct. 3 Chicken Tenders, Potato

Wedges, Tossed Salad, Dessert of

Salad, Dessert of the Day

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Chicken Cacciatore with Egg

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### 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,

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.

raffles, games and over 80 vendors.



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# 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. 30

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

Tuesday, Oct. 1 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View

Housing 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club 10 a.m. Scat 11:30 a.m. Lunch 1 p.m. Cornhole 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking (\$3

per class)

Wednesday, Oct. 2 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, Oct. 3

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing 9 a.m. Senior Spring Walk. Noodles, Salad, Dessert of the Meet at Senior Center. 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Day Beginners 10 a.m. Line Dancing Cobb Salad, Dessert of the Day 10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch 1 p.m. Cornhole 2:30 p.m. Art Class

Friday, Oct. 4 9 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Chair Yoga

the Day Friday, Oct. 4 Baked Fish, Scalloped 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5

lunch list.

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## Hardwick Community Church holds public meeting Sept. 29

HARDWICK - To cur- and institution, its values, misrent or past members of the Hardwick Community Church, the Universalist Church or the Calvinistic Congregational Church and interested public of the greater Hardwick (Quabbin/ Quaboag) area, a public meeting of the Hardwick Community Church will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29 at noon at the Hardwick Town House.

The meeting will be called to order by Moderator James Lagomasino, followed by opening prayer/remarks, approval of the minutes of the Jan. 21 meeting, old business, reports of acting officers, new business and the nomination and election of officers.

The purpose of the meeting is to reestablish governance of this organization that long ago combined churches on the Hardwick Common; to elect officers to replace acting officials by nomination and vote of attendees; and to hear ideas or entertain motions whether and how to move forward.

Therefore, the church members invite all persons throughout the area who may have interest in the future of this community

sion, and vision, a long established church already independent of state or corporation, for collectively decided local purposes, ideally to build and support community or, good will toward persons who are our neighbors in this place that surrounds and supports life in all forms to live in health, safety, peace and justice for all.

Those interested are invited to become an inaugural voting participant in the remaking of the Hardwick Community Church, to imagine the possibilities before its members as they head into a future that threatens its survival. This church entity, a gift of the town's forebearers waits for your contribution in service or treasure in the very best of human spirit, a ready-made construct for good to those who wish better.

Institutions may also send representatives, such as other local churches, businesses, schools, Native American and other organizations, or parties near or far who may become voting members in the interest of community, local endeavors, and goals we will define, vote upon, and then direct from future meetings.

# **Project upgrades exterior of historic building**

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

WARE - Workshop13 Cultural Arts & Learning Center, a cornerstone of the Ware community, is excited to announce an upcoming project to repair and enhance the exterior of its historic building at 13 Church St.

The project, slated to begin this month, aims to preserve and beautify the structure, ensuring it continues to serve as a vibrant cultural hub for the Quaboag Hills region.

The scope of the work includes repairing and replacing rotting wood trim, pillars and ramps, as well as applying a seal coat to the shingles to maintain their integrity. The exterior siding will be freshly painted, and the wrought iron fencing will undergo necessary repairs and repainting.

To further enhance the building's aesthetic and ensure the safety of visitors, new signage and exterior lighting will also be installed, highlighting the architectural features of the building.

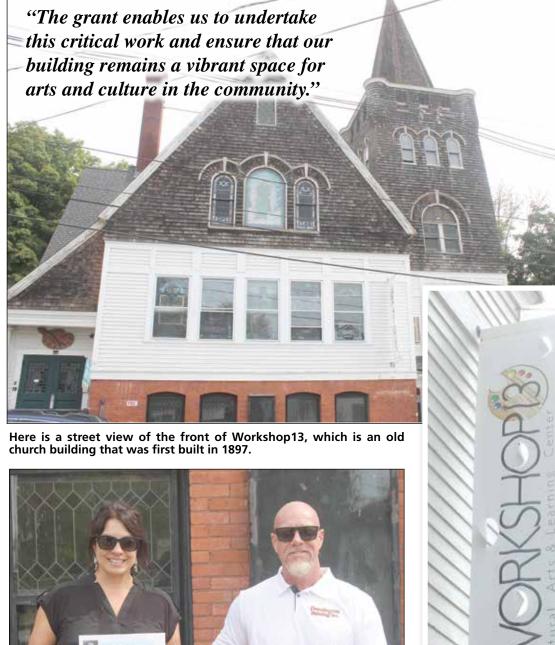
This project is supported in part by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council's Cultural Facilities Fund. Workshop13 is honored to be a recipient of this prestigious grant, which is dedicated to preserving and improving cultural facilities throughout Massachusetts.

'The grant enables us to undertake this critical work and ensure that our building remains a vibrant space for arts and culture in the community," Workshop13's Executive Director Marie Lauderdale said in a press release.

Pennington Painting and David Parks Construction, both locally recognized for their expertise, will be carrying out much of the work. Their involvement ensures that the project will be completed to the highest standards, preserving the historic character of the building while addressing its current needs.

As a non-profit community arts center, Workshop13's mission is to provide accessible and enriching arts and cultural experiences for all. This renovation project is a critical step in maintaining the facility, which hosts a wide range of programs, including art exhibitions, music performances, and educational workshops.

'We are thrilled to begin this project, which will not only preserve the beauty and integrity of our historic building but also





Turley Photos by Ryan Drago Marie Lauderdale is shown alongside Dustin Pennington of Pennington Painting in front of the Workshop13 building that will be under repairs for a new look in front.

cultural programming in a space that reflects the spirit and creativity of our community."

Dustin Pennington of Pennington Painting is up for the task and helping with the repair of the historic building that houses Workshop13. Through refer- ect and the fencing around the

"We're very happy to have them do this project," Lauderdale said. Pennington said, "this attraction

will bring more people to visit the town of Ware."

David Parks Construction will oversee the carpentry for the projThe front entrance of Workshop13 will display a new sign that will glow on Church Street.

new signage that will light up (as will the building) to stand out more on Church Street. The sign is designed by local artist and architect Juan Cruz.

Workshop13 will be hosting a special event for their 10th anniversary on Oct. 19. For more infor-

**Staff Report** with other community happen-WARE – The Committee tasked with preparing for the nation's 250th Celebration in

2026 met last week. The committee, chaired by Nicole Croteau, discussed possible events in 2025 that would promote interest as well as raise funds for events during the celebration year. The committee hopes to host events throughout Fundraising opportunities discussed included the cre-

**250th Celebration Committee** 

plans events for 2025-2026

ation of a calendar noting local and national history, concerts and barbeques for 2025. For the Semiquincentennial Celebration year, the committee considered a ball, historic readings and demonstrations, concerts and food, arts, fireworks and a parade. Croteau stated, "Our committee welcomes input on events from residents and businesses. We are striving for involvement of all age groups.'

the year.

2026.

Grants Coordinator Jay Mooney, applied for a Mass Office of Travel and Tourism grant to work with local artists on historical murals depicting important sites and events in Ware. While the grant was declined, the committee noted that there will be more opportunities through Massachusetts 250, a statewide initiative to celebrate 250 years of America's independence and Massachusetts' revolutionary leg-

The initiative will highlight the state's rich history through hundreds of cultural and community events over the next two years. Croteau said, "Ware is looking forward to being a full participant in the State's celebration." The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 9.

ings. They will ask local busi-

nesses and neighboring communities to participate in the parade with a tentative date of June 20, The committee, with town

Committee members want to coordinate celebration events

### Library hosts annual book sale Sept. 28

WARREN – The Warren Public Library, 934 Main St., will hold its Annual Book Sale on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Stop by and grab some bargains. Hundreds of books, DVDs, audiobooks and CDs will be for sale on the library's front lawn.



enhance the experience for everyone who visits Workshop13," said Lauderdale. "This work will allow us to continue offering high-quality

rals and great recommendations, Lauderdale and Workshop13 were proud to recruit Pennington for this façade project.

building will be repaired as well, thanks to the efforts of a local welder, Eli Goudreau. The building will also receive

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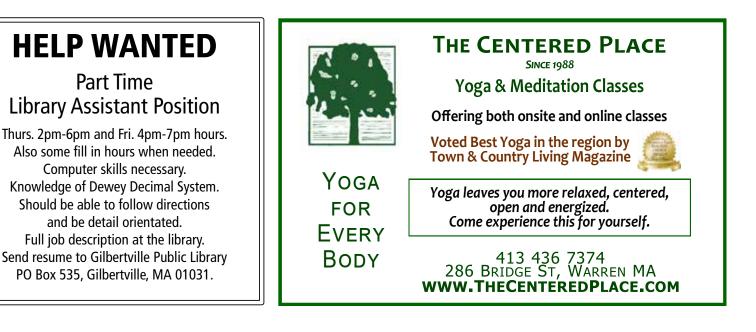
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# viewpoints

### SOCIAL SECURITY By Russell Gloor

### Should my husband file and then suspend his benefits?

### **Dear Rusty:**

My financial advisor used a computer program, which told my husband to take his Social Security at age 68, then suspend it after a few months. What I understood was if my husband started and then stopped taking distributions, he would earn delayed retirement credits and thus get more at age 70. I know waiting increases SS amounts, by 8% a year, but does purposely starting and then stopping SS increase distributions even more?

Signed: Confused

### Dear Confused:

Suspending receipt of one's SS benefits after their Full Retirement Age as in your husband's case does result in him earning Delayed Retirement Credits, but the DRCs earned accumulate at the same rate as if he simply waited longer to claim his SS benefit in the first place. DRCs are earned up to 70 years of age, at which point your husband's maximum SS benefit is attained.

FYI, DRCs earn .667% of additional benefit for each month benefits are delayed or suspended or 8% per year.

But I see no advantage to your husband starting his benefits now at 68 and then suspending them several months later to earn DRCs, the number of DRCs earned are the same in either case, so he could simply wait to apply for his Social Security benefits until he is 70 to get his maximum amount.

The only rationale I can think of to claim and then suspend after doing so is to get a few months of his benefit payments before suspending. But the few months he received benefits before suspending will be considered when he later unsuspends his benefit, so that his total payment amount will be a bit less at 70 than it would otherwise be if he simply waits longer to claim SS.

And, just for information, he can't "file and suspend" his benefits so that you can receive a spousal benefit from him. That option to file and suspend, enabling a spouse to receive benefits was eliminated by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 while your husband's benefits are suspended, you cannot receive a spousal benefit from him.

So, frankly, I see no advantage to your husband claiming his benefit now and then suspending them a few months later. If his goal is to maximize his SS benefit, then the best way to do that is simply wait longer to claim.

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# **Extending the life** of summer annuals

t was a lot of fun decorating the porch in an autumnal theme this afternoon.

The switch over from summer to fall always poses a dilemma for me, though. Do I throw out the summer annuals or try and over-

winter them? Or maybe I should take a cutting instead and keep them going that way. Hmmm.

I usually end up at least trying to keep the annuals that I love, and if successful they become houseplants of sort. There are geraniums, coleus and fuchsias that are now part of my plant family.

Perhaps you too are trying to decide whether or not to haul these annuals or others off to the compost pile. If you are up for an experiment, why not consider taking a few cuttings.

Read, on, straight from the archives to learn the skill.

Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success.

First, make sure that the plant you are tak-

ing the cuttings from, called the "stock plant," is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting.

A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season; in the fall, sooner is better than later.

Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material.

Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason, stem cuttings are taken just after a node.

Terminal cuttings, (those from the growth tip) three to four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant.

These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woodier the further down you go. Play it safe with stout cuttings.

There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it is grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the stem.

Sand, perlite, and soilless potting mixes have all been used with success. Water is not recommended as "watery roots" will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on.

I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moisten the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.

Cut only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn't occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium. Strip off the bottom one-third of leaves from the cutting.

If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These come in powder or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container. I have found that "less is more" when using these products.

When you are ready to "stick" the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first- do not push in with the stem! After the cutting is inserted firm around it well so that it stays in place.

Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location. The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting. Water well, only about once weekly.

After a month or so roots will begin to form.

Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting. I like to start out with a small pot and transplant up a size or two at a time as the plant grows.

Most annuals prefer a cool but sunny location in the house to overwinter.

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.

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# **Durant demands** investigation into DOC after officers injured

BOSTON - State Sen. Peter Durant (R-Spencer) and state Rep. Michael Soter (R-Bellingham) called for an investigation following reports of an attack of five correction officers recently at Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Lancaster.

"This is not the first time we have seen serious injuries inflicted on corrections officers by inmates and the time has come to act," Durant said in a press release. "The administration has kicked this can down the road too many times and there is no reason why our corrections officers should have to come to work fearing that they will leave their shift in an ambulance."

According to reports, two officers were stabbed, and three others were injured in the



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violent attack

"I am outraged that we are here, again, after legislators have been begging for a thorough investigation into why these incidents continue and what steps have been taken to prevent them," Soter said. "We cannot wait until there is a loss of life before we address this problem."

Durant and Soter said they stand with the Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union in their call for accountability in the Department of Correction and for steps to be taken to ensure correction officers are safe, secure and protected in their workplace.

Last year, two letters from a group of legislators were sent to DOC Commissioner Carol Mici demanding the State Department of Correction and the Governor's office respond to incidents at the correction center by providing a clear and detailed plan to protect correction officers who put their lives on the line at work each day.

"Those requests went unanswered and now we have five more correction officers

whose lives have been forever changed because of the administration's inaction," Soter said.

Durant expressed frustration with the lack of action.

"We cannot let the inmates at SBCC assault correction officers without consequences. There must be a plan put in place now to ensure that corrections officers' safety is a priority," Durant said.

Send opinions to: Ware River News Letter to the Editor 80 Main Street Ware, MA 01082 or via email to: pouimette@turley.com

The deadline for submissions is Monday at noon.

### **Turley Election** Policy

This newspaper will print free self-submitted state-ments of candidacy only four weeks or more out from the election. All candidates running in both contested and uncontested races are asked to submit their statements to the editor to include only biographical and campaign platform details. Total word count for statements is limited to between 300-500 words maximum. Please include a photo. We will not publish any statements of candidacy inside the four weeks from election threshold. To publish any other campaign publicity during the race, please contact our advertising representatives. We also do not allow personal attacks against other candidates or political parties in statements of candidacy, nor do we publish for free any information about key endorsements or political fundraisers.

Letters to the editor of no more than 250 words from supporters endorsing specific candidates or discussing campaign issues are limited to three total per author during the election season. No election letters will appear in the final edition before the election. We reserve the right to edit all statements of candidacy and letters to the editor to meet our guidelines.

# **BBB** warns against scam texts and emails

You may be used to getting text messages gift card scam. "The scammer contacted me and emails from your boss, which is why a recent texting scam is so effective.

Scammers find out where you work and pose as the CEO or other executive. Be on guard and don't share money or information – be it your own or your company's.

### How the scam works

You receive a text from a number you don't recognize, claiming to be from your boss. The sender knows your name, where you work, and your boss's name. It seems so real.

The text message might read something like this: "Hi Chris,

let me know if you get this text. Thanks [your boss' name].

In a recent Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker report, a consumer shared this experience, "Text message posing as my boss, stuck in a meeting. Wanted me to get giftcards. Also texted people I know, posing as my boss as if they were texting me."

If you reply that you received the text, you'll be asked to do a quick task. This could be purchasing gift cards for a client or wiring funds to another business.

In some cases, the scammer may ask you to send personal information to someone, often giving you a plausible reason to carry out the request.

In another BBB Scam Tracker report, a victim reported losing over \$1,000 in a communicates with you via text message,



impersonating my boss telling me he needed an urgent task completed. He told me it

needed to be a secret because he wanted to surprise employees for a good job last month with gift cards. He asked me to go to the nearest store and get five gift cards he asked for Apple and eBay cards but they did not have that so he told me to get five Vanilla Visa gift cards and load \$200 on each card. He said I would get reimbursed before the end of the day. I bought the cards using my personal money and was asked to send pictures of the receipt. I did that and then he asked me to send

the front and back of the cards and I'm tied up in a conference call right now but I for some reason did that too. I only realized after contacting my boss that this was a scam. I was able to contact Vanilla and put a hold on the cards before any funds were used. However, now the funds are frozen and in a gift card and I don't have access to the money for a possibly unknown amount of time. The scammer played to my need to be a good employee and it worked."

No matter how believable the reason sounds, always double-check before taking any action. Once you send the money, gift cards, or information, it will be in the hands of a con artist.

### How to protect yourself

Don't trust unsolicited messages from unfamiliar numbers. If your boss regularly

save their number in your contact list. Don't respond to potential impersonators

reaching out from a different number. Be wary of unusual requests. If your boss has never asked you to buy gift cards, even if the request comes from a number you've saved, think twice.

Scammers can potentially clone phone numbers and might have hijacked your boss' number to target employees.

Double-check with your boss personally. If a request comes from a strange number or just doesn't sound right, call or email your boss first, using their real contact information, rather than replying to the message.

It's better to double-check than to rush into a scam. Plus, your boss will want to know if they are being impersonated, so they can warn their other employees.

If you suspect a scam, don't reply. If you're fairly certain you've been contacted by a scammer, don't reply to the text message.

Replying lets scammers know they have an active phone number and could leave you vulnerable to future attacks. Instead, block the number and delete the message.

### For more information

Stay safe by reading the BBB's tips on how to spot fake text messages and how to avoid impostor scams. Also, read BBB's report about the rise of business email compromise scams.

If you've spotted a scam, whether or not you fell victim, report it at BBB.org/ ScamTracker. Your report helps expose scammers' tactics and boost consumer awareness.



# The alcohol conundrum

xcessive alcohol consumption has  $\dashv$  long been recognized as an illness that contributes to societal problems like drunk driving and domestic violence, along with a host of physical ailments that are potentially fatal.

Right up until the 21st century, though, there was consensus that moderate alcohol intake did little harm, and might even have had some health benefits. Red wine, in particular, was found to contain antioxidants like resveratrol that may lower blood pressure and polyphenols, which may improve blood flow to the heart.

That was then, and this is now.

Increasingly, research is finding that the risks of even moderate alcohol intake outweigh its benefits. Alcohol consumption is a risk factor for several types of cancer, including breast, colorectal and oral cavity cancers. According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), moderate drinkers have a

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# community

# **Three activities to mark Good Neighbor Day in Hampshire County**

NORTHAMPTON - National county on printed canvas displays is nurtured and expressed in our Good Neighbor Day will be celebrated in Hampshire County with activities including Celebratea-Neighbor; Walk & Talk; and a Photo Rally Scavenger Hunt.

The Trauma-Informed Hampshire County network is for the first time spearheading events in Hampshire County to mark the decades-old national Good Neighbor Day on Saturday, Sept. 28.

'Loneliness has increased tremendously since the pandemic; The best antidote to loneliness and isolation is connection," said Ruth Ever, Program Director for Trauma-Informed Hampshire County, in a press release. "It's important to remember all the ways we support each other. TIHC decided to participate in this national and statewide observance because we believe our lives are richer and better because of connections with neighbors.'

Everyone is invited to participate. Local events include:

Celebrate-a-Neighbor, an ongoing activity leading up to Sept. 28. Everyone is invited to email short descriptions of a way a neighbor helped them or someone else, along with a photo with their neighbor. Submissions will be shared on TIHC's website, and around the

in shop windows and public buildings, thanks to support from Pivot Media.

Walk-and-talk is planned for Sept. 28 at Grenville Park in Ware, hosted by the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance. The idea is to encourage healthy activity with others, with prompts offered to encourage conversations. People are asked to meet at the park at 10 a.m., no registration is necessary for the walk.

A scavenger hunt will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sept. 28, starting at the Forbes Library lawn, 20 West St, Northampton. Teams of neighbors, families, or friends are invited to take part. There will also be games on the lawn, socializing and snacks. Clues will be provided for teams to find and photograph during the scavenger hunt around town. Tech savvy volunteers will be on hand to help teams upload photos.

Good Neighbor Day was created in the early 1970s. In 1978, then-President Jimmy Carter issued a proclamation, saying: 'Understanding, love and respect build cohesive families and communities. The same bonds cement our Nation and the nations of the world....This sense of community

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### 1.23-fold higher risk of alcohol-related cancers.

The World Health Organization (WHO) says that there is no safe level of alcohol consumption, and that even relatively low levels can increase the risk of breast cancer.

And a large British study released just this month found "light" drinking (about an ounce of spirits a day for men and half an ounce for women) was associated with an increase in cancer deaths among older participants. The risk was greater for those who had existing health problems or who lived in low-income areas.

Just as cigarettes were once thought to be healthful and are now known to be dangerous, alcohol is on a trajectory to becoming another health pariah. Dr. Victoria Amesbury, an internist who has been practicing for 36 years, would be OK with that.

"One of the amazing things I run into all the time is well-edu-

Around the time America was founded, alcohol was actually thought to warm the body and aid digestion. It was used to treat colds and fevers and even given as a sedative during childbirth. During the mid-19th century, alcohol was the

main painkiller used in surgery. Look back at movies from the '30s and '40s (I'm thinking particularly of "The Thin Man" series) in which cocktails took center stage, consumed by glamorous people. How could we not fall in love with booze?

Should we all quit drinking cold turkey, particularly women? That's not likely to happen. Just as everyone hasn't been persuaded to give up cigarettes, not everyone will be persuaded to stop drinking alcohol, no matter what the research says.

I think the question becomes, "How do you mitigate your risk factors if you choose to continue drinking?"

For her patients who continue to drink, Dr. Amesbury recomneighborhoods...I call upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.'

In Massachusetts, Good Neighbor Day is being spearheaded by the Coalition to End Loneliness, of which TIHC is a participating member. Gov. Maura Healey this month issued a proclamation identifying Sept. 28 as Good Neighbor Day of Action.

"The last few years have shown us the value of connection, kindness and community. We are proud to recognize Good Neighbor Day of Action and encourage people across the state to use the day as an opportunity to take a minute to do an act of kindness," she said.

TIHC is a county-wide network committed to creating a kinder, more trauma-responsive community through training, education, advocacy, and policy change. Hampshire County's Good Neighbor Day events are supported by the Western Mass Training Consortium, the Northampton Recovery Center, Association for Mental Health, Hampshire Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance.

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lin resistance, blood pressure,

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# Library hosts 'Good **Neighbors Event' this Saturday**

WARE - Come say "hello" to your friendly neighborhood librarians, and help the Young Men's Library Association celebrate National Library Card Month, during this year's Good Neighbors Event on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Ware Library, 37 Main St.

Library staff are excited to open their doors and welcome their neighbors into the historic building for some fun, food, and friends.

There will be a raffle at the end of the event for a great prize. You can get raffle entries by showing up with your library card, renewing or registering for your first library card, checking out an item, and by participating in the Library Scavenger Hunt (for all ages).

The Scavenger Hunt will have you searching the library, getting familiar with the space and all that the library has to offer, plus you may discover something new about the town of Ware. The library staff will have some historical photographs on display so you can take a look into the past.

During the event, you will also have the opportunity to offer suggestions for adult enrichment programming. Would you like to join a library hosted book club? Movie night? Holiday sing-along? Knitting Club? SAT prep help?

Please let the library staff know how they can help you and offer more programs for the community.

For more information, please call the library at 413-967-5491 or visit warelibrary.org or follow them on Facebook.

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Helping out also is the Hospital Review Committee, who is waiting for a response from Kennedy Community Health Center.

The company has not given a response yet as to whether or not they are interested in taking up the property.

For memorialization, the Historical Commission members wanted to share their preference as to what they'd like to see as a memorial for Mary Lane Hospital. The main idea is to place a memorial close to the site of the hospital. The Historical Commission is looking to get a response as to how the Gilbert Trust can help with memorializing. Baystate Health Attorney Ryan Barry attended the meeting and said they're ready to deliver the plaques to the Historical

# **Stone Church concert** series opens Sept. 28

HARDWICK - Ron Williams, are loved throughout the world. bass-baritone, and Olga Rogach, piano, will present "Crossing Over Into Campground," a program of traditional spirituals and other compositions by African American artists, on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville, presented by Friends of the Stone Church.

Tickets \$25 and season subscriptions \$120 at www. FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or at the door. Under 18 and holders of the Mass Card to Culture will be admitted free.

Williams is recognized for his rich talent in solo opera and oratorio roles, nationally and in Europe. Russian-born Rogach is a distinguished pianist who is acclaimed for her Worcesterbased career as a performer, musical collaborator, and teacher.

Their program tells meaningful stories of enslaved African American people, transformed in dramatic musical arrangements by Mark Hayes to convey deep emotions and connect people across time and space. The themes that originated in African American culture are now prevalent in jazz and in popular music, as recognizably American as they

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

Bring EBT, WIC or Connector Care health plan card for the current year.

Partial support for this program comes from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. This concert is sponsored by Monson Savings Bank.

### About FOSC

Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a public charitable corporation and community group organized in 2015 and open to all. Its mission is to preserve and protect the Gilbertville Stone Church Cultural Center and to make it available as a place of community enrichment.

The FOSC welcomes donations toward its ongoing preservation project and our concerts online at www. FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or by mail to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

### St. Francis Day at Agape Community

HARDWICK – Agape Community, the faith-based eco-justice homestead located at 2062 Greenwich Road, is hosting its annual St. Francis Day event on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

All are welcome to this gathering of people of faith and activists from various traditions,

Commission.

the Wetherby building.

for a day of discussion, music, food and fellowship. The theme of this year's youth-led event is Gathering the Community of Communities, as Agape looks to pass the torch to the next generation of faith-based workers for peace.

Please RSVP at peace@ agapecommunity.org.

two customer windows to the Tax The commission will be specific Collector and Assessors' offices. This will provide better counter in detail as to what they're lookspace and improve accessibility to ing for as an appropriate memorial. Some ideas brought up at the Sept. persons with disabilities in accor-23 meeting included brass signs, dance with the town's Americans with Disabilities Act plan. cornerstones and something from

As part of the work, the commission's display case would be moved and more wall space provided for historical pictures.

Commission members felt

### Only drinking alcohol during meals, drinking slowly, alternating alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages (particularly water!) are other measures you can take to mitigate some of the risks associated with

There is also the growing trend of "mocktails," which can mimic favorite alcoholic drinks in flavor without the buzz. Think about mocktail mimosas, Moscow mules or sangria.

There was a time when a nonsmoker was considered weird, and now smokers are relegated to designated areas, or banned entirely. Maybe a time will come when not drinking is considered the cool thing to do. Until then, do what you can to lower your risk factors.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg,

cated women who drink," she says. "There are studies that indicate even two drinks a week is toxic, and that it is now thought there is a definite connection between alcohol and breast cancer.

"But when I tell a patient to stop drinking, they say all their friends drink and they don't want to be an outcast."

There's the rub. Alcohol is so ingrained in our society that it's hard to imagine life without it.

mends abstaining for three or four consecutive days each week, and then consume only light amounts the other days, no more than five ounces of wine. If you want more to drink, mix the wine with club soda or another mixer.

Another tactic is to take a month-long "vacation" from drinking a couple of times a year, say a "dry January" and a "dry July." In those 31 days, research has found, moderate-heavy drink-

RN, is a board-certified patient advocate and Monson resident. A critical care nurse for 30+ years, she is founder of NShore Patient Advocates, (www.NorthshoreRN. com). Her book, "How to Be a Healthcare Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones is available on Amazon. She is offering a free phone consultation to Turley Newspaper readers. Contact her at Teri@northshorern.com to set it up.

17. The Historical Commission's next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 28

The historical commission will

have a further discussion on a

proper memorial for Mary Lane.

The demolition delay ends on Oct.

The commission made a motion to no longer have their meetings available via Zoom.

### **Town Hall improvements**

Town Manager Stuart Beckley met with the commission to discuss improvements within Town Hall. The Town is proposing adding

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that due to the work impacting the structure of the walls that the proposal should be sent to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for comment. Beckley will request MHC input.

The commission also indicated the importance of preserving details such as the original doors and woodwork of the Town Hall which was constructed in 1895.







Ariana from Second Chance Animal Clinic cradles a lovable feline up for adoption at the Cruise for Critters Car Show held at Westview Farms Creamery in Monson.

# Cruise for Critters benefited pets in need

MONSON - The Cruise for Critters car show was held at Westview Farms Creamery this past Saturday for the 12th year.

This event, organized by Al Widlan, owner of Service Connection, continues to bring together car enthusiasts and animal lovers for a meaningful cause - raising support for Second Chance Animal Services.

This year's event was made possible in part by the generosity of sponsors like Ted & Barbara Hebert of Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, Joe Campisi, and Porter Road Pet Care, whose support helps ensure pets in need receive the care they deserve.

Every dollar raised will go directly to helping animals through Second Chance's vital programs.

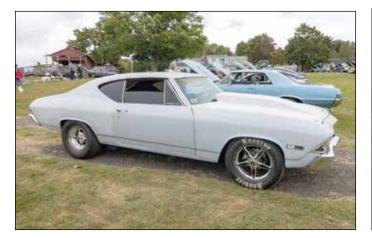


weather at the Cruise for Critters event.



Gigi was dressed in a pink tutu.

at the annual Cruise for Critters Car Show this past Saturday.



A sleek 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle showcased the car's timeless design and powerful presence.



Turley Photos by Single Shot Photo Classic muscle cars like this Pontiac Trans Am were featured at the car show.



Animal Service's Cruise for and admirers alike. Critters event



Gigi and her mom Pamela A classic 1965 Ford Mustang convertible shined at the annual attended Second Chance Cruise for Critters Car Show, drawing the attention of enthusiasts

## Lightkeeper Sally Snowman visits library Sept. 26

Lightkeeper Sally Snowman will be at the Warren Public Library Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 pm.

Snowman and her husband, Jay Thomson, for a presentation on Boston Light's 307 years of history and anecdotes of Sally's

WARREN – Boston Light with experiences as a 21st Century Keeper.

Boston Light, the first established Light Station in colonial America, began lighting the way for safe navigation into the fledging maritime port of Boston in at 413-436-7690 or warrenpubli-1716. Its notoriety as the last

manned Coast Guard Light Station in the country came to a close with the retirement of Sally Snowman, its 70th keeper, in 2023

Please call or email the library clibrary@hotmail.com to register.

### Knitting Circle held on Thursdays at Warren library

**By Ryan Drago** Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

WARREN – The Warren Public Library is hosting a weekly knitting

circle on Thursdays. This fun social activity gives guests a chance to knit and meet new people while they work on a project

of their own. This knitting circle is

ence and those who are new to knitting

If you're new to knitting, there are experts and helpers that will teach you how. Bring a project to work on and trade tips, tricks, and inspirations with fellow knitters.

Whether you are an experienced knitter or a beginner, everyone is welcome to drop in. The library will have your own, and you'll have the

open to those with knitting experi- opportunity to learn the basics of knitting.

The knitting circle will take place upstairs inside the Warren Public Library, located at 934 Main St. The knitting circle is available on Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m.

For more activities at Warren Public Library, visit warrenpubliclibrary.org. The library has a Facebook page and can be reached have supplies available if you don't by calling 413-436-7690 or emailing warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.





Ware Cultural Council seeks funding proposals for 2025

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WARE – The Massachusetts Cultural Council has set Oct. 16 as the deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants supporting cultural community activities.

These grants can support various artistic projects and activities in the Town of Ware, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artists residencies, performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Ware Cultural Council has received \$11,400 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to fund the current 2025 Granting Cycle starting now through Oct. 16. For more information visit massculturalcouncil.org The Ware Cultural Council thanks

the Massachusetts State Legislature for providing the annual funds to each local cultural council.

The Ware Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 local cultural councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. Its mission is to promote, encourage, facilitate, and support the arts, plays, music, and interpretive sciences for the enjoyment of Ware citizens of all ages.

For more information email: wareculturalcouncil@yahoo.com.

### In this month's online issue:

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- ✓ Health Literacy Awareness Month
- ✓ Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- ✓ Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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# MSB donates \$1,000 to Scantic Valley YMCA

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank firsthand how important this location is President and CEO Dan Moriarty and EVP & COO Michael Rouette, who also serves as the YMCA of Greater Springfield's Board Chair & Chief Volunteer Officer, recently met with the Scantic Valley YMCA Branch Executive Director Debbie Kelder and YMCA of Greater Springfield President and CEO Dexter Johnson to present them with a \$1,000 donation.

"Monson Savings Bank has had a proud partnership with the YMCA for a number of years. We are so glad to offer our support with this donation," said Moriarty in a press release. "The Scantic Valley Y is a staple in our communities. A lot of our staff at the Wilbraham Branch and Loan and Operations Center take advantage of the close proximity of the Scantic Valley to their office, I know Michael and I certainly do! We know

to local community members."

Scantic Valley YMCA Branch received this donation from the local bank after placing in the top 10 vote recipients for the Monson Savings Bank 2024 Community Giving Initiative. Community members voted for their favorite charitable organizations and chose the Scantic Valley YMCA to be a recipient of the donation.

The Scantic Valley YMCA is part of the YMCA of Greater Springfield and is located at 45 Post Office Park in Wilbraham.

The location offers various programs and services for youth, teens, families and seniors to support the mind, body and spirit. This includes aquatics, cycling, pickleball, yoga, and a wide variety of exercise programs.

Additionally, childcare assistance

and wellness programs are available. Membership to the YMCA allows members to make a positive impact in their life and the lives of others, through health improving activities, by engaging with friends, and giving back to those in need.

To learn more about the Scantic Valley YMCA or to become a member visit: http://www.springfieldy.org/family-centers/scantic-valley-y-family-center/

"The YMCA is thankful for our community partner, Monson Savings Bank," said Johnson. "Donations give us the ability to better serve the community by offering financial assistance to those in need of childcare, our wellness services, and keep our facilities up to date. Thank you to those that voted for the Scantic

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Submitted Photo

Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President and CEO (left), and Michael Rouette, Monson Savings Bank EVP and COO and YMCA of Greater Springfield Board Chair and Chief Volunteer Officer (right), presented a \$1,000 donation to Dexter Johnson, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Springfield (center left), and Debbie Kelder, Executive Director of the Scantic Valley YMCA Branch (center right).

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# **RideN2B on the MCRT**

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Belchertown Greenway and community members for lunch. The second stop was at Grenville Park in Ware, where the ambassadors met with town and state officials, as well as community members.

On the second and third days of the RideN2B, cyclists traveled through the towns of Hardwick, Barre, Rutland, Oakham, Clinton, Hudson, Sudbury, Wayland, Somerville and Cambridge.

Craig Della Penna, volunteer coordinator for the Mass Central Rail Trail and president of the Norwottuck Network, said that Ware is a "pretty special place."

Della Penna said that Ware serves as a gateway town between two of the commonwealth's major cities, and that having the rail trail, a "linear park," was important to both the residents of the town, and for increasing and promoting tourism.

"The smaller towns that were robust during the industrial times have fallen on hard times and are coming back," he said.

Helping create these linear parks is the East Quabbin Land Trust, a Hardwick-based land trust that has been instrumental in developing the Mass Central Rail Trail through the towns of Hardwick, New Braintree and Ware.

The East Quabbin Land Trust is working with the town to secure grant funding to purchase a parcel of land adjacent to Grenville Park in order to further expand the rail trail.

East Quabbin Land Trust's Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw also announced that additional mileage will be added to the rail trail in New Braintree with the recent acquisition of the Tanner-Hiller Airport property for the Department of Fish and Game.

"This is amazing," Della Penna said of the Mass Central Rail Trail's growth. "Nowhere else in the United States do you see this."

Della Penna credited the East Quabbin

Land Trust with helping to provide a "third place" for residents in the communities it serves. He explained that each person has three places that are important in their lives, with their first being their family, the second their workplace and the third being a social space where people connect with their community.

"There is a definite need to preserve that third place,' Della Penna said.

The Mass Central Rail Trail, once finished, will also become a third place, he said.

Joining Della Penna at the Grenville Park stop

was local rail trail advocate Steven Hawk, Hawk, a quadriplegic wheelchair-user, spoke about how the rail trail helped him to gain independence in his life, and has been something he has pushed for since he moved to town over 15 years ago. He uses the trail

regularly to access his local shopping center and buy groceries for his family.

"It gives so many people an opportunity to get outside," Hawk said.

Hawk said the rail trail also helps bring people together, in addition to providing an economic boost to the region.

"It's safe and I love it," he said.

Hawk said he hoped the RideN2B event would demonstrate the support the Mass Central Rail Trail has from community members to state legislators; to help secure vital funding needed to complete the trail.

The cyclists shared their thoughts about the ride from Northampton, with many commenting on the beauty of the region, but also



Mass Central Rail Trail advocate Steven Hawk talks about the importance of the trail to himself and the community.

the need for more trail access and less use of the roadways. "There's gaps...problem

areas," Della Penna said. Pete Sutton of the

Massachusetts Department of Transportation, was one of the cyclists to join the inaugural RideN2B, noting that his agency will be conducting a comprehensive study to determine the actual cost to complete the rail trail. Also present at Grenville Park were state Sen. Peter Durant and Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi.

Durant credited those supporting the rail trail for their passion and for getting people "fired up," about the

project. Gobi said the ambassadors and advocates were making a big difference and helping to get people "singing the same song."

"It will happen," Gobi said about the completion of the Mass Central Rail Trail.

RideN2B was made possible with support from HUBLUV, the Lawrence & Lillian Solomon Foundation, the Helen & William Mazer Foundation and Adventure East.

The Mass Central Rail Trail is the longest rail trail in New England, providing economic, environmental and health benefits to the 26 communities it intersects. For more information about the work needed to complete the rail trail, visit finishtherailtrail.org or masscentralrailtrail.org.

### Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Anne Gobi, director of Rural Affairs for the Healey-Driscoll Administration, joined those in support of completing the Mass **Central Rail Trail.** 



Herb Nolan, executive director of the Lawrence & Lillian Solomon Foundation was one of the 12 cyclists to take part in the event.







Grenville Park in Ware.



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# **Indians suffer home loss to Narragansett**

**By Tim Peterson** Sports Correspondent

WARE-Coming into this season, only two football teams had defeated the Ware Indians at Veterans' Field during the past five years.

Randolph High School accomplished the feat twice in the 2021 and 2023 Division 8 state playoffs. Quaboag Regional also defeated the Indians on their home field on Thanksgiving morning two years ago.

All three of those Indians losses were by six or fewer points.

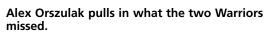
The Indians failed to win their home opener for the first time since losing to Mount Greylock in 2016.

The Narragansett Regional football players enjoyed their bus ride back to Northern Worcester County last Friday night following a 41-7 non-league victory over the Indians before a large crowd.

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Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com Brady Dyer hands the ball off to Gavin Sawabi.



Enrique Burton takes down this Narragansett runner.



Shelby Hogan sends a kick away.

# Busy Indians fall to Rams

WARE - The Ware High School girls soccer team has had one of the busier schedules in the first two weeks of the fall season. The Indians have already played eight games in those two weeks, and are 2-5-1 after losses to Granby and Easthampton. The Indians did score a win last Thursday over Mahar Regional 3-1. In the win, Thanishka Cordero had two goals while Tory Finocchio had the third goal. Abigale McQuaid had 13 saves for the win. The Indians face SICS on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m.



# by Panthers in Week 2

**Cougars edged** 

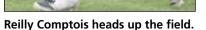
WARREN - After an impressive season-opening win against Ludlow, the Cougars suffered a tough loss 27-26 at Palmer High School. The Cougars are now 1-1 on the fall and are next scheduled to face Quabbin Regional on Friday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.



Brasen Sauriol looks for an opening.



Izaiah Flores goes for a tackle.





Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Tyler Snow looks to block for Jacob Cacace.



Adonis Dupre looks to turn the ball around and shoot.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Evan Costa attempts to overtake an opponent.

# Late first-half goal hurts Pioneers

PVCIC found themselves knot-

HADLEY - Last Wednesday PVCIC scored the go-ahead goal the first defeat of the season for afternoon, Pathfinder and host in transition and used that to Pathfinder, which was 4-0 prior power themselves to a 3-1 win to the defeat. The Pioneers host ted 1-1 late in the first half when over the Pioneers. It was just Duggan on Sept. 26 at 3:30 p.m.





Ethan DeBettencourt gets Justin Davis sends a free kick deep. around the ball to keep play moving forward.



**Owen Pear sends a quick pass** back.

# Hopkins keeps streak alive at Speedway 95

Shaw won the Granite State Pro Stock Series' Maine debut in 2016, every race in the Pine Tree State had been won by a Mainer leading into Sunday afternoon's showdown at Speedway 95.

And July winner Mike Hopkins kept that streak alive, picking up the win at his home

HERMON, ME – Since D.J. track for a clean sweep of both visits to the Hermon, Maine, third-mile.

> The penultimate round of the GSPSS title chase thrust full-season challengers Evan Beaulieu and Casey Call into a Vacationland turf war, with past Speedway 95 winners Hopkins and Josh St. Clair leading the

charge alongside reigning champion Travis Benjamin, still winless at the historic speedway.

St. Clair and Hopkins topped the charts in time trials, with Dave Farrington, Jr. clocking in third. Beaulieu qualified fifth and Call eighth, both thinking about

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Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Madisyn Slattery makes a pass for the Indians.



Isabella Cotaj goes for the header.



Olivia DiRienzo goes for the throw-in.







Sydney Gagne sends the free kick away.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Anna Labrousse turns play around after picking up the ball.

Panthers grab

BARRE – After falling 1-0 against Tyngsborough, the Quabbin Regional High

School girls soccer team picked up a 2-1 win over Bromfield. The Panthers improved to

1-4-1 on the regular season. They hope to keep the momentum going this week with

first win of

the season

wins over Littleton and Quaboag.



Ruby Gaulis looks to get away from her opponent.

Goalie Brooke Austin sends a punt away.

# **Railers set to host** preseason games



Sierra Shaw goes against a Tyngsborough forward for possession of the ball.

### MIAA looks to honor officials





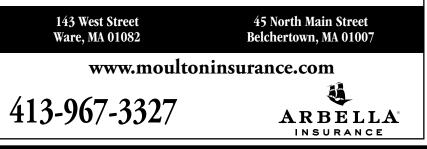


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for the Indians in their second win of the season, a 3-1 decision over Mahar on Sept. 19.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.





# <u>Candlepin League News</u>

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

# Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER - The Commercial Elks League at Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes reached week three of the season

As of Sep. 10, Daft Kings are in first place at 6-2. Last in Line and Gutter Mouths are tied for second place at 5-3. The Mailmen are 4-4, Compression is at 3-5 and Team BK is at 1-7.

In one match, Compression bowled

Team BK won total pinfall and a total of three points with a final score of 1048-1035.

Daft Kings bowled against the team of Mailmen. In game one, the match was decided by one point in favor of Daft Kings, 385-384. In game two, The Mailmen bounced back with a victory over Daft Kings 410-372. Bryan Surprise of Mailmen bowled a 110.

In game three, The Mailmen won again by a score of 394-364. The Mailmen won total pinfall by a final score of 1188-1121.

The Gutter Mouths bowled against Last in Line. In game one, Last in Line defeated Gutter Mouths 362-332. In game two, Last in Line won again by

Kaylee Shaw fights for the ball.

### WORCESTER

The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@ NYIslanders) and the Maine Mariners announced today a pair of preseason games to be played on Oct. 11 and 12, the weekend before the regular season begins.

The Mariners will host a game on Friday, Oct. 11 at Sidney J. Watson Arena at Bowdoin College at 7 p.m. while the Railers will host a game on Saturday, October 12th at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center at 7:00 p.m. The preseason series kicks off the fourth season of the "VIP Rivalry Cup," presented by VIP Tires & Service.

The Railers have won the VIP Rivalry Cup, the regular season series between Worcester and Maine, in two of its three sea-

### **RACE** from page 9

the big picture as the green flag flew.

Unencumbered by the bigger picture, Hopkins drove to the front, putting on a clinic in front of the hometown fans. Benjamin was Hopkins' biggest threat, but he could not catch Hopkins in the final laps, coming up about four seconds shy at the checkered flag.

St. Clair settled for third, with Ryan Deane and Farrington rounding out an all-Maine top five.

Nick Jenkins was sixth, with

- sons. The Railers won six of ten meetings last season between the teams, and will face off against Maine ten more times during the 2024-25 campaign.

VIP Tires & Service, a Quirk family-owned business for 97 years based in Auburn, Maine, operates 70 locations throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut providing retail and wholesale tires and installation, and professional automotive services. VIP is the place where New Englanders turn for everything they need to keep their vehicles running at peak performance. For more information, visit: www.vipauto. com.

The Worcester Railers HC 2024-25 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. the Reading Royals.

title contenders Beaulieu and Call seventh and eighth. Veteran Gary Smith and Granite Stater Bobby Frappier rounded out the top ten.

Beaulieu now carries a 21-point advantage over Call into the season finale, with fans assured of a first-time GSPSS champion when the dust settles.

The GSPSS' 13th season concludes on Oct. 6 at Lee USA Speedway, where the championship will be decided as part of Russ Conway's Oktoberfest. Details of the championship finale will be released soon.

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

To send in information, contact Sports Editor at 413-283-8393, send an e-mail to sports@ turley.com or send it through the mail to: Turley Publications, c/o Sports Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069

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 consider 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.

### **WARE** from page 9

"They've been playing high school football here in Ware for more than 120 years and it's a very important thing in this community. We never want to disappoint our fans," said Ware head coach Mike Fazio. "It's always a very good atmosphere whenever we do play a game on this field. We just need to keep improving every week.'

Several Ware players didn't play in the home opener because of injuries. A couple more were injured during the game.

ers is junior running back Jadrien Berthiaume, who rushed for 126 yards and scored two touchdowns during the first half of Ware's 14-12 season opening victory at Easthampton on September 13. Berthiaume, who didn't play in the second half against Easthampton, also didn't see any action in the Narragansett game.

"Jadrien is an outstanding footbe thrown into the mix."

A year ago, the Indians made the hour-long bus trip north to Baldwinville and celebrated a thrilling 28-27 come-from-behind victory over the Warriors. The Indians were trailing 14-0 after the opening quarter in that contest.

second quarter of last Friday night's

against Team BK. In game one, BK was victorious over Compression, 344-335. In game two, Compression bounced back thanks to team's anchor bowler, Jason Dominick, who bowled a 106. Compression won 355-324.

In game three, Team BK won the last game 380-345. Jeff Whyte of BK was the high man for his team with a 104.

a score of 351-324. In game three, The Gutter Mouths won by a score of 377-368.

Last in Line won total pinfall by a final score of 1081-1033.

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

One of the Indians injured play-

ball player, and we missed him tonight," Fazio said. "Injuries do happen in football and it's a very tough game. Our mentality for the past seven years has been the next man up and we're going to continue that this year. I don't care if you're a freshman, you're going to

Brady Dyer searches for an open receiver.

The Warriors (2-0) entered the



Turley photo by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com

game holding a 13-0 lead.

Narragansett senior running back Michael Casavant capped off a seven-play scoring drive on the game's opening series with a threeyard touchdown run. Senior Jakob Starsiak added the extra point.

Ware sophomore running back

Dalton Marquis rushed for ten yards up the middle on the Indians first offensive play. The home team was forced to punt three plays later.

With 53 seconds showing on the brand-new scoreboard, senior running back Kaiden McCullough scored on a five yard run giving the

visiting team a 13-0 lead. The extra point attempt sailed wide left.

The Indians would respond with an 11-play scoring drive.

On the first play of the second quarter, senior quarterback Brady Dyer completed an eight-yard pass to Marquis along the Indians sideline, which kept the drive alive. Following two runs by Marquis, a pass interference penalty on Narragansett gave Ware another first down at the Warriors 31. Dyer then connected with junior tight-end Alex Orszulak for a 21-yard pass reception. Four plays later, Dyer, who's the Indians second-year starting quarterback, plowed into the endzone on a three-yard run with 8:42 left in the first half. Dyer also made the extra point attempt slicing the Indians deficit to 13-7.

Ware sophomore Troy Jurczyk made a fumble recovery at the Warriors 42 on the ensuing kickoff.

Jurczyk also recovered another fumble following a punt in the third quarter.

The Indians didn't capitalize on their first turnover of the game, as Narragansett junior Jack Simpson intercepted a pass at his own 30-yard line with six minutes remaining in the second quarter.

The Warriors offense marched down the field and took a 21-7 lead with 22 seconds left following a 15-yard TD run by junior QB Max Kauffman. He also completed a pass in the endzone to senior Justin Desmarais on the two-point conversion play.

The Indians couldn't make a second half comeback, as the Warriors scored three more rushing touchdowns.



David Gamble of Gamble Associates describes some of the potential uses of the buildings at Wright's Mill.

### WRIGHT'S from page 1

There are a mix of uses for the Wright's Mill Complex according to David Gamble, of Gamble Associates. Gamble went over redevelopment principles and suggested that any redevelopment at old complexes such as mills and factories takes time.

"Mill development happens over time," Gamble said. "Towns are more attractive towards redevelopment. There are things happening that could be marketed."

According to Gamble, the buildings on site are well maintained while the infrastructure is outdated and needs to be improved. Gamble went over seven principles of redevelopment. There's potential for several uses, including housing.

However, several residents shared that the town doesn't need more housing or new housing should be limited. Other uses brought up by Gamble included a village destination with small shops, an urgent care, and small businesses.

Elizabeth Haney was running the station for market conditions. Haney talked about how Warren is close destination near tourist attracted towns such as Sturbridge and Brimfield.

Residents shared some of the attractions Warren has that are adored. One of them is a Blue Trail near Lucy Stone Park and the Quaboag River featuring spots to go kayaking.

Haney also shared ideas she received from other groups from children's activities, recreation, brewery and a retirement village. There was also discussion about Warren getting an exit off the



There are many principals discussed during the Wright's Mill Recovery Master Plan meeting to share with the public prior to formatting an official plan.

discuss existing conditions of the Wrights Mill Complex. Mara went over water, wastewater and stormwater condition as well as gas and electric conditions of the complex.

In her presentation, photographs of the complex, courtesy of Gamble Associates, were available to view. There are choices of installing solar, renewable energy, or geothermal and hydroelectric to the complex.

Mara also talked about how Xfinity Cable Service could install high speed internet.

Another booth focused on a voting exercise where residents got to vote on what they feel would be the best redevelopment strategies for the Wrights Mill. The three most popular choices votes were for increasing the local tax base, bringing jobs into town, and retail and restaurant businesses.

meeting and will come up with the best redevelopment concepts.

From this initial meeting, the project team will develop three hypothetical development scenarios to test different uses and required infrastructural upgrades. These scenarios will be informed by market studies and will consider the feasibility of various uses like retail, residential, and office spaces.

These project materials will be used to create both a media and marketing plan, as well as a final project plan that will identify crucial next steps to make the redevelopment a reality. A final plan will be completed and presented in May of 2025.

The next meeting will take place sometime in February of 2025. There is an online survey at tinyurl. com/wrightsmillsurvey for resi-This gathering was the first dents to take and provide feedback

# **NBSB Food Drive to continue** the fight against hunger

NORTH BROOKFIELD North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to announce the start of their Annual Food Drive, held from Oct. 1-25, offering the perfect chance to share kindness, support the community and help those in need during the season of giving.

North Brookfield Savings Bank's Annual Food Drive helps provide much-needed food items to local neighbors and families in need within the communities they serve. As part of the bank's commitment to giving back, North Brookfield Savings Bank will contribute \$1 for every item and dollar collected, up to a total of \$3,000 to further support the operational cost of local food pantries.

Community members are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items, paper goods, toiletries, or monetary donations at any of NBSB's convenient branch locations throughout the month of October.

"Our annual Food Drive is one of many ways we give back to the communities we serve," said Audrey Moulton, Marketing Manager at North Brookfield Savings Bank in a press release. "We believe that by working together, we can make a meaningful impact for individuals struggling with food insecurity. Every donation, no matter the amount or size, plays a role in helping our neighbors and community members in need."

Drop off locations include:



Submitted Photo North Brookfield Savings Bank is hosting its annual Food Drive at its various branches, Oct. 1-25.

North Brookfield Branch, 9 canned pasta and soups, canned meats, tuna, and salmon; peanut Gilbert St., East Brookfield Branch, 100 West Main St. (Route butter, jelly, tea bags, and ground 9), West Brookfield Branch, 128 coffee; canned vegetables and West Main St. (Route 9), Ware fruits, hot and cold cereals, rice, Branch & Business Center, 40 cake mixes, pancake mix, syrup, Main St. (Route 9), Belchertown powdered milk, and granulated Branch, 4 Daniel Shays Highway sugar; canned juices, baby food, (Route 9 and Route 202) and baby formula, granola, and cereal Three Rivers Branch, 2060 Main bars.

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's Community giving efforts and the convenient banking products and services offered, visit www. NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank. com.

Historical Society presents 'A Night with Bob Briere'

Examples of non-perishable

and non-food items that pantries

can use are paper towels, toilet

paper, tissues, diapers, and baby

wipes; deodorant, soap, tooth-

brushes and toothpaste; dry and

St.

STURBRIDGE - The Sturbridge Historical Society will begin their 2024-2025 season of monthly evening programs on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Publick House by honoring one of the founders and longtime president of the Society, Bob Briere.

He will share his 90 years of living and working in Sturbridge with a story, or two. Or, three.

Briere will also answer questions from the audience.

Briere enjoys sharing his love of his community with others. He has occupied various roles within the Town, and has repeatedly shown his commitment to improving the community in multiple ways.

Wally Hersee, a member of the Society and originator of the Sturbridge History Facebook

page, will host the discussion with Briere, eliciting his stories and fielding questions from the audience.

The program is free and open to the public. The Historical Society thanks the Publick House for their continued hospitality over the years, and in particular for their efforts to make this evening a special event.



Massachusetts turnpike. I-90.

Several residents shared that would be nice to have an exit in town, but it's only been a discussion topic.

Mara had a station of her own to

of two public meetings that will take place during this study process to identify the best future for the Wrights Mill complex. Gamble will collect all the input that was given during this initial public

about the Wright Recovery Plan.

To get more involved or learn more about the master recovery plan, visit www.wrightsmillmasterplan.com/get-involved.

### **MASONIC** from page 1

Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons.

"I had no intention of being initiated in Masonry," Fritscher said. "And it just took off."

Fritscher said he enjoys the company and fellowship of the organizations, which he said are part of one big "Masonic family," with each member being like a sister or brother, terms that are found throughout the pages of the rituals.

Simon Maznick, who is the Senior Warden of Mt. Zion Lodge, said its approximately 75 members come from Barre, Oakham, Ware, Palmer and other surrounding towns, and many members affiliate with other lodges as well.

"Everybody joins a certain lodge for a certain reason," Fritscher said.

Mt. Zion Lodge is part of the 25th Masonic District (formerly the 13th District), along with lodges located in West Brookfield, Rutland, Holden and more.

Mt. Zion Lodge is responsible for a number of community events, including its summer chicken barbeque, Halloween haunted house and Christmas tree sale.

The 25th Masonic District also hosts a weekly cruise night throughout the summer at Klem's in Spencer. This Wednesday night tradition was started by the late John Bettencourt, a member of Mt. Zion Lodge who passed away in 2020

The Masons host an open house each October, inviting community members into the lodge to learn what the organization is about, and how they can join.

Maznick said he wasn't sure what Freemasonry was until he had attended one of Mt. Zion Lodge's

open houses. "I more or less had no idea what it was," he said.

When he came to the open house, he saw many familiar faces he had seen around town, and many people he knew from growing up here.

"I felt comfortable and know everybody," he said. "I do it for the community."

Fritscher said all three of the organizations work well together, forming a multigenerational team that is welcoming to all.

Rainbow, which serves girls ages 10-21, has been an active part of the Masonic family at Mt. Zion Lodge since the 1960s. Some of the assembly's original charter members still visit even 60 plus years after their initiation.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is set to celebrate its centennial year in 2025.

Led by Mother Advisor Beckie Ward, the Rainbow girls are familiar faces helping to serve at Mt. Zion and Cradle Rock dinners, and they are always present at community events.

Ward's family has long been involved with Masonic organizations, including her mother (a former past Mother Advisor), sister and grandparents. Ward's daughter, Nitasha, is also involved with the assembly after reaching her majority several years ago.

Girls come from Barre, Hardwick, Oakham, Ware, Athol, Chicopee and even New Hampshire to attend meetings held twice a month at the lodge.

Ward said her favorite part of being Mother Advisor is seeing the girls grow.

"They start off shy, then you see them speak publicly without a problem," she said. "The leadership

in them develops.'

Ward said Rainbow continues to be a place where girls can find themselves and enjoy the sisterhood with their peers. This unique organization helps form friendships that remain strong despite time and distance.

"You can come back years later and still feel at home," she said.

Nitasha agreed with her mother, adding, "you can make friendships that last a lifetime."

Building membership is important to all of the organizations, Ward said. Maznick said to be a Mason, just ask one.

"Everybody is welcome," Fritscher said.

### About the Masonic family

Masons of Mt. Zion Lodge meet on the first Wednesday of each month and for more information visit mtzionlodge.org or follow Mt. Zion Lodge, A.F. & A.M. on Facebook. Mt. Zion Lodge will be hosting a vendor event on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Klem's, 117 West Main St., Spencer.

Cradle Rock Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Be sure to watch for Cradle Rock Chapter's Designer Pancake Breakfasts and holiday cookie walk.

Eastern Star is for men and women ages 18 and over. Men must be Master Masons in good standing with a lodge and women must have a relative (past or present) who is a Master Mason or be a majority member of Rainbow.

Barre Assembly meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. For more information, people may email Ward at labadore 7@msn.com.

# Veterans Day Salute Ware River News ~ November 7, 2024

Ware River News will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members. the state of the s

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

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There is no cost to submit a photo. No photos will be accepted after deadline. If you would like to use a prior submitted photo, please contact Dan Flynn no later than October 10th (413) 297-5886.

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# public safety

# Ware Police Log

During the week of Sept. 15-24, the Ware Police Department responded to 23 miscellaneous calls, 33 administrative calls, five traffic violations, 19 emergency 911 calls, seven harassments, seven motor vehicle accidents, one safety hazard, two damage/vandalisms, one theft/larceny, one fraud/ deception, three breaking/enterings, 10 animal calls and 17 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

### Sunday, Sept. 15

7:44 a.m. Harassment/Stalk, Valley View, Advised 2:31 p.m. Traffic Incident/

Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made 2:49 p.m. Harassment/Stalk, Church Street, Investigated

### Monday, Sept. 16

1:48 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Assist Given 3:42 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call. West Street, Services Rendered 10:09 a.m. Harassment/Stalk, North Street, Services Rendered 4:27 p.m. Fraud/Deception,

North Street, Services Rendered 5:48 p.m. Breaking and Entering, Canal Street, Arrest Made

### Tuesday, Sept. 17

1:20 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled 5:52 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Main Street, Investigated

### Wednesday, Sept. 18

7:54 a.m. Damage/Vandalism, Prospect Street, Investigated 2:15 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, West Street, Report Made 4:01 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Services Rendered

11:26 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Walnut Street, Assist Given

Thursday, Sept. 19

During the week of Sept.

16-24, the Hardwick/New

Braintree Police Department

responded to 83 building/property

checks, 32 directed/area patrols,

six radar assignments, four traf-

fic controls, 11 emergency 911

calls, six citizen assists, five assist

other agencies, five complaints,

one safety hazard, two threats,

**Hardwick Police Log** 

Taken

Handled

North Street, Advised 2:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gould Road, Arrest Made Arrest: William Buell, 22, Ware

Stop for Police, Fail: Number Plate Missing; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Marked Lanes Violation; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Failure to Wear a State Approved Safety Helmet

### Friday, Sept. 20

2:55 p.m. Breaking and Entering, Gould Street, Report Made

3 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gould Street, No Action Required 5:42 p.m. Assist Other Agency,

North Street, Assist Given 5:44 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

**River Road, Services Rendered** 7:21 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Ross

Avenue, Assist Given 7:47 p.m. Traffic Incident/

Crash, Main Street, Report Made

8:40 p.m. Breaking and Entering, West Street, Report Made

11:45 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Investigated

### Saturday, Sept. 21

10:32 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, North Street, Assist Given 11:45 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Convent Hill Road, Could Not Locate

3:47 p.m. Safety Hazard, Monson Turnpike Road, Services Rendered

8:53 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled 9:04 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted,

River Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, Sept. 22 12:21 a.m. Assist Other 9:22 a.m. Harassment/Stalk, Agency, Juniper Hill Road, Could

10:17 a.m. Threat, Prospect

11:50 a.m. Vandalism, Barre

2:58 p.m. Assist Other Agency,

5:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Canadian Border, Dispatch

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Bridge Street, Dispatch Handled

Street, Officer Handled

Transported to Hospital

Road, Officer Handled

10:32 a.m. Assist Citizen.

3:21 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main

4:57 p.m. 911 Medical

7:54 p.m. 911 Misdial, Lower

Emergency, Old Petersham Road,

Thursday, Sept. 19

Hollow Road, Officer Handled

3:17 p.m. Complaint, Patrill

7:45 p.m. Assist Citizen,

Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Friday, Sept. 20

Emergency, Hardwick Road,

Agency, Hardwick-New Braintree

Saturday, Sept. 21

7:21 a.m. 911 Misdial, Upper

Transported to Hospital

Police, Officer Handled

Street, Officer Handled

10:25 a.m. Medical

12:50 p.m. Assist Other

5:43 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main

Lower Road, Written Warning

Street, Officer Handled

Road, Report Taken

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### Not Locate

3:57 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made 4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Palmer Road, Citation/Warning 7:02 p.m. Harassment/Stalk, Dale Street, Arrest Made

Arrest: Luis Arroyo, 24, Ware Assault; Disturbing the Peace; Assault with Dangerous Weapon 11:06 p.m. Harassment/Stalk,

Church Street, Services Rendered

### Monday, Sept. 23

1:49 a.m. Assist Other Agency, West Street, Assist Given

11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

1:33 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, West Main Street, Report Made

3:16 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Canal Street, Advised

6:32 p.m. Assault, Otis Avenue, Patient Refusal 7:25 p.m. Harassment/Stalk,

North Street, Services Rendered 9:48 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Morse Avenue, Patient Refusal

# Warren Police Log

During the week of Sept. 9-16, the Warren Police Department responded to 130 building/property checks, 21 community policings, 28 emergency 911 calls, one harassment, two complaints, one safety concern, one stolen vehicle, three motor vehicle accidents, one threat, three assist other agencies, seven animal calls and 31 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

### Monday, Sept. 9

8:16 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital 8:37 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Constitution Avenue, Mutual Aid Transport

12:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bridges Avenue, Written Warning 1:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit

and Run, North Street, Report Filed 2:05 p.m. Stolen Vehicle,

Chapel Street, Report Filed 5:08 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Old

West Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

### Tuesday, Sept. 10

5:04 a.m. Alarm Activation,

### School House Drive, Investigated 7:20 a.m. Parking Issues, South Street, Investigated

10:49 a.m. Falls, Mechanic

Street, Transported to Hospital 6:31 p.m. Safety Concern, Cronin Road, Officer Spoke to Party

7:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, Sept. 11 10:11 a.m. Harassment, Main Street, Report Filed

11:32 a.m. Serve Warrant, Old West Brookfield Road, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest: Sarah A. Keohane, 39,

### WARE from page 1

board receive input from Healthy Quaboag, Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance and the Recovery Center of HOPE for potential uses for the funds.

Selectboard member Terrance Smith said it "would be wise" to spend the remaining ARPA funds in cooperation with the Finance Committee. He said certain projects, such as the bathrooms at Grenville Park and the electrical upgrades at Town Hall, could require more funding as well.

Warren

Warrant 1:19 p.m. Welfare Check, Mechanic Street, Officer Spoke to Party

8:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

### Thursday, Sept. 12

8:06 a.m. Complaint, Old West Warren Road, Officer Spoke to Party

10:05 a.m. Falls, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital

10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Maple Street, Report Filed

11:14 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Boston Post Road, Mutual Aid Transport 1:42 p.m. Follow-up

Investigation, North Street, Report Filed

4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

6:11 p.m. Threats, Presidential Circle, Criminal Complaint

### Friday, Sept. 13

1:48 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital

8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

10:39 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Boston Post Road, Transported to Hospital 11:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Criminal Complaint 11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Southbridge Road, Criminal Complaint 3:42 p.m. 911 Hang-up/

Misdial/Åbandoned, Quaboag Street, Information Taken 4:47 p.m. Falls, Old West

Warren Road, Transported to Hospital

what goes on the site, slowing the donated to the East Quabbin Land pace of demolition to allow time to have that discussion, and to review the trust," he said.

He said Friends of the Mary Lane Hospital will be discussing the Lewis Gilbert trust and how it should be used with the Attorney General at a meeting on Sept. 26. Baystate Health's representatives will also be attending the meeting.

Beckley said the hope is to get an agreement with Baystate Health as well as the trustee, which is cur-

5:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed

### Saturday, Sept. 14

3:53 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Southbridge Road, Negative Contact

7:16 p.m. Serve Warrant, Milton O. Fountain Way, Prisoner Bailed

Arrest: Kayla N. Cantell, 33, Brookfield

### Warrant

Report Filed

Hospital

Negative

Zinni.

8:36 p.m. Abdominal/ Back Pain, Comins Pond Road, Transported to Hospital

### Sunday, Sept. 15

8:37 p.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, No Fire Service Necessary

10:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

1:27 p.m. Falls, Old West Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bemis Road, Written Warning 5:40 p.m. Assist Other Police

Department, Southbridge Road,

Monday, Sept. 16

Chapel Street, Transported to

Old West Brookfield Road,

4:21 p.m. Falls, Main Street,

7:35 p.m. Harassment, Pulaski

11:09 p.m. Noise Complaint,

Liberty Street, Area Search

Trust by Hardwick resident Bill

Safe Streets action plan

Safe Streets for All action plan

after it was reviewed by the town's

Safety Officer. By accepting this

plan, the town will be eligible for

Police Chief Shawn Crevier which

said he and the Safety Officer were

Senior housing elevator

previous week's Americans with

Disabilities Act Commission meet-

ing and the issue with the elevator

at the Church Street senior housing

a temporary permit for a repair,

which will be expiring. He will fol-

STM warrant

the warrant for a special town meet-

ing to be held on Nov. 18 at 6:30

p.m. in the auditorium of the Ware

**Upcoming events** 

nity events held at Grenville Park,

including a Community Walk, Talk

and Cleanup on Saturday, Sept.

28 from 10-11 a.m., followed by

a townwide cleanup from 11 a.m.-

1 p.m. (meet at United Church of

Ware); the Paws in the Park 5K

Walk & Run on Saturday, Oct.

12 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; and the

Halloween drive-thru on Friday,

9 a.m.-1 p.m. and a bulky waste

day will be held on Saturday,

Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., both at

ReSource Waste Services of Ware,

A hazardous waste day will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 from

Oct. 25 from 6-8 p.m.

198 East St.

There will be several commu-

Junior Senior High School.

The Selectboard voted to open

Beckley said the state had issued

building has not been resolved.

low up on the issue.

Talbot said she attended the

Talbot read a statement from

additional grant funding.

The Selectboard accepted the

Main Street, Mutual Aid Assist

Transported to Hospital

Transported to Hospital

Street, Officer Spoke to Party

10:29 a.m. Sick/Unknown,

11:41 a.m. Assist Other Agency,

p.m. Sick/Unknown,

Street, Transported to Hospital

8:48 p.m. Falls, Mechanic

one vandalism, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and 15 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

### Monday, Sept. 16

9:34 a.m. 911 Misdial, Lower Road, No Action Required 10:17 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sullivan Avenue, Transported to Hospital

10:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

11:44 a.m. Threat, Out of Town, Services Rendered

1:32 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Spoken To

7:18 p.m. 911 Parking Complaint, High Street, Spoken То

10:31 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

### Tuesday, Sept. 17

1:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Officer Handled

10:13 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Report

**Fire Department** 

Oct. 5 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

open house is Oct. 5

WARE - The Ware Fire Department

Join the firefighters for some fun and

will hold an open house on Saturday,

education. There will be station tours,

apparatus tours, gear demo, handouts

and information and arts and crafts.

Officer Handled

11:16 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

Church Street, Officer Handled

Prospect Street, Officer Handled

Activity, Main Street, Taken/

Referred to Other Agency

Court, Officer Handled

8:46 a.m. Assist Citizen,

9:20 a.m. 911 Suspicious

1:56 p.m. Complaint, Bridge

10:58 p.m. 911 Hang-up/

Abandoned, Hardwick Road,

### Sunday, Sept. 22

6:01 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled 4:28 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Officer Handled 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Turkey Street, Written Warning 7:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old

Greenwich Plains Road, Officer Handled

### Monday, Sept. 23

2:50 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital

5:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

10:20 a.m. Assist Other Agency, High Road, Officer Handled

5:01 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

8:28 p.m. Investigation, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot said the Selectboard could form another ARPA subcommittee now that the town has more time to spend the money.

"I think it's in our best interest to either develop another subcommittee, but to also solicit input from other people," Talbot said.

Talbot said she believes the money from ReSource Waste Services of Ware could be used to help with town clean-up initiatives, or paying landscapers to remove overhanging brush on sidewalks and public ways.

We've got to start doing something to help clean up our community to instill community pride, and if this acts as the seed of thought and money to help, then I think it's in our best interest to do it," she said.

The Selectboard will continue this discussion at the Oct. 17 meeting.

### Mary Lane Hospital update

Beckley shared a letter from Baystate Health President and CEO Peter Banko with the Selectboard, summarizing a recent meeting between Banko, himself, Hospital Review Committee Chair Howard Trietsch, state Rep. Todd Smola and other Baystate Health representatives.

'That meeting was extremely helpful...in terms of sort of softening the direction Baystate's been holding and being willing to work with the community on resolving

### **MSB** from page 7

Valley Y and thank you to Monson Savings Bank for your continued generosity."

Scantic Valley YMCA Branch Executive Director Debbie Kelder also expressed her gratitude for the

rently Bank of America, "as to who in favor of additional signage for will oversee those funds, who will roadways, crosswalks, intersections operate those funds and for what and more. purposes."

Beckley said Banko seems to be willing to work with the community to define the use of the trust.

Beckley said the Hospital Review Committee members expressed a strong need for a healthcare facility in the community at their recent meeting. He said Banko showed a willingness to work with the community to find one, if not having Baystate Health provide services themselves.

### **Outdoor water restriction**

Selectboard Clerk John Desmond asked Beckley when the town's outdoor water use restriction would end. Beckley said it ends on Sept. 30 per the town's agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Beckley said while the required restriction ends on Sept. 30, the town will continue checking the status of the town's wells.

### **Public hearing**

The board scheduled a public hearing on Oct. 15 at 6:40 p.m. for new Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, common victualler and entertainment licenses for Hanna's 91, located at 91 Main St.

### **Conservation restriction**

The Selectboard accepted a conservation restriction from the East Quabbin Land Trust for a 64.3 acre parcel of land located on Hardwick Pond Road. This parcel is being

"The relationship between

Monson Savings and Scantic

Valley Y is a very special one. I

would like to thank them for this

generous donation and thank our

community members for vot-

ing for us in the Monson Savings

community bank.

Bank 2024 Community Giving Initiative." said Kelder.

Learn more about the Monson Savings Bank annual Community Giving Initiative: https://www. monsonsavings.bank/connect/ our-community/community-giving-initiative.html

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HCC announces local students earning Dean's List for summer 2024

HOLYOKE - Each semester, Holyoke Community College recognizes superior scholarship through the Dean's List.

Local students earning Dean's List honors for the summer 2024 term include

Nicole Marie Prue and Gavin Jett Peter Sawabi, both of Ware and Jerzey Mae Torres of West Warren.

A student is placed on the Dean's List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher.

obituaries

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# **Backroads Studio Tour takes place Oct. 5-6**

The artists and artisans of cen- create rings, bracelets, necklaces, tral Massachusetts Backroads Studio Tour will once again be opening their studios this fall, on Saturday, Oct. 5 and Sunday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the towns of Petersham, Barre, Oakham, New Braintree, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and Spencer.

This year the tour gladly welcomes back Tracy Crane from West Brookfield. Crane uses a wide variety of mediums to create her art including inks, glass, buttons, cut paper and resin. Her varied works have an accessible simplicity and capture one's eye and interest. Her work can be found year round at Worcester Art and Frame in West Brookfield.

In the town of Petersham Sylvia Brown will showcase her line of contemporary classic leather handbags, beautiful garments, belts, briefcases and luggage.

In the town of Barre people will find three studios including Deer Run Studio where metalsmith Bonnie Waterhouse works with sterling silver, semiprecious stones, fused glass and crystals to earrings and ornaments.

Across the street from Waterhouse is Sue Morello of Sheldon Farm Baskets. She creates beautiful baskets in a variety of shapes and sizes, many of which are hand painted with lovely designs.

A short drive from Morello and Waterhouse takes people to Stained Glass by Robert Hill. He enjoys building artwork from glass that has texture and character. His favorite pieces are those designed for gardens.

In the town of Oakham one will find Dena Hengst showcasing her beautiful paintings, prints and notecards, many of which depict ocean shores, waterfalls and water surfaces. She also creates abstract pieces and looks forward to sharing her techniques with her visitors.

Another short drive takes one to New Braintree where you can visit David Thompson's wood shop studio. There, you will find a collection of handcrafted one-ofa-kind spoons, bowls and kitchen-

ware. He also builds a variety of unique interior and exterior furniture pieces.

Nearby in North Brookfield one can find Brookfield Paperworks where Elisabeth Hyder will welcome visitors to view her beautiful boxes, journals, cards, framed art and collages. Vibrant colors and beautiful design combine to create gorgeous "art you can use."

In the town of Spencer this year visitors will find Lou Meyerdierks creating beautiful table runners, penny rugs and holiday pieces, using techniques of wool applique, rug hooking, needle punch and counted cross stitch.

So come and be inspired by the different studios and demonstrations this self-guided tour has to offer, while experiencing the autumn beauty of our serene New England backroads. For more information and a map, people may visit their website at backroadsstudiotour.org .



WARE - Richard E. Kardas, 86, passed away on Sept. 17, 2024.

Born on Sept. 16, 1938, in Ware, he was the son of Edward and Iva (Corliss) Kardas. Richard was a lifelong resident of Ware and a faithful communicant of All Saints Church.

He was a proud veteran who served his country in the U.S. Navy. After being honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy he began a lifelong career in the insurance industry with the St. Paul and Harleysville Companies representing and traveling throughout western Massachusetts and beyond.

Dick loved the outdoors. He loved hunting, biking, hiking, downhill ski-

### Claire E. Lanctot, 90

WARE - Claire E. Lanctot, 90, of former Wm. E. Wright Co., and Ware Ware, died on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, Knitters. Later, she worked in housekeepin Baystate Medical Center

in Springfield, following a period of declining health. She leaves her sons, Michael V. Lanctot of Ware and Albert M. Lanctot of Palmer; her daughters, Yvette A. Maguiera of Ludlow and Darleen M. Lanctot of Connecticut, as

### and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Albert V. Lanctot in

well as five grandchildren,

1993. She was the last of four children, and was predeceased by her siblings, Lorraine Sampson, Rachel Lucia, and Robert Baker.

She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Walter and Blanche (Morin) Becker.

Claire worked for several years as a Quality Control Inspector at both the

### **Death notices** Kardas, Richard E.

Lanctot, Claire E. Died Sept. 17, 2024 Services Sept. 25, 2024

Died Sept. 17, 2024 Services Sept. 23, 2024

ing, water skiing and kayaking in the company of his lifelong friends and family.

He and his wife Moreen loved to travel throughout the U.S. and Europe and in their later years enjoyed cruising. He truly loved life and felt blessed with his.

He will be forever missed by his wife of 61 years, Moreen "Betty" (Morrison) Kardas.

A calling hour was held on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, from 9-10 a.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Church in Ware. Burial with military honors followed at New St. Williams Cemetery in Ware.

A graveside service for Claire was

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30

An online guest book is available at

held on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024,

at 11 a.m. in Quabbin Park Cemetery,

Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting his fam-

Belchertown Road, in Ware.

ily with arrangements.

charbonneaufh.com.

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# **Sponsors/volunteers sought for** JAWM's Stock Market Challenge

Achievement of Western Massachusetts is seeking sponsors and volunteers for its 19th Annual Stock Market Challenge on Thursday, Nov. 7 at The Cedars in Springfield.

The event offers student teams the chance to compete in an exciting Wall Street simulation, gaining skills and experience they can use in their futures.

"It's so much fun to see how engaged and competitive the students are," said Amie Miarecki, president, JAWM, in a press release. "This event is a fantastic opportunity for local businesses and volunteers to help students throughout the region while having a great time themselves and inspiring the future financial leaders of tomorrow."

During the simulation, which runs from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., approximately 350 middle and high school student teams are "given" \$1,000,000 to invest in Country Bank. more than 50 fictitious stocks.

SPRINGFIELD – Junior highest portfolio net worth in a frantic 60 "days."

> At the end of the event, students leave with a sense of how the stock market works and valuable insight into the importance of teamwork.

In the evening, the adults get in on the fun. Dinner is held at 5:30 p.m., and when the opening bell rings at 6:30 p.m., corporate sponsors and college student teams have their own opportunity to flex their stock-trading skills.

"The adults have as much fun as the kids, making this friendly competition a great team-building opportunity for employers," said Miarecki. "We offer a variety of sponsorship opportunities starting at \$250, and are inviting companies across the region to participate."

Major sponsors currently include Presenting Sponsor, St. Germain Investment Management; Educational Sponsor, Elms College; and Gold Sponsor,

For more information about the

visit jawm.org/stock-market-competition.

### About JAWM

Junior Achievement Worldwide is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA learning experiences are delivered by educators and community volunteers and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from five through age 25 knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship.

Junior Achievement of Western MA was founded in Springfield, in 1919, making Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts the organization's first chapter. Today, it serves thousands of young people in Western Massachusetts and parts of Worcester County and Vermont participate in JAWM learning experiences annually.

'Community Walk, Talk and Cleanup' is this Saturday

WARE - A "Community Walk, 29. Talk and Cleanup" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28 starting with available at the church to help with a walk and talk from 10-11 a.m. the cleanup. Attendance at both at Grenville Park, followed by a events is not required – people can townwide cleanup from 11 a.m.-1 choose to attend one or both. p.m., meeting at the United Church of Ware, 49 Church St.

Trash bags and grabbers will be

There will also be a volunt

ages are invited to this event and leashed pets are welcome to join in the walk.

This event is sponsored by Keep Ware Beautiful, the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance and Trauma-Informed Hampshire



Carmel Church.

With trading days lasting just 60 JAWM Stock Market Challenge, seconds, the goal is to build the sponsorships and volunteering,

For more information, visit jawm.org.

nonperishable food collection for The rain date is Sunday, Sept. the food bank during the event. All

County.

### October happenings at the **Paige Memorial Library**

HARDWICK - On Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11 a.m., come create Halloween ornaments from old lightbulbs that will bring a smile to all those who see them with Jayne Foley and her mom at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

This is for all ages, but children must be accompanied by adults. Register so that there will be sufficient materials.

### Meet the author

On Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. join author Jordan J. Hall for speculative folk fiction blending history, fantasy, and humor from his book "Mammoth, Massachusetts". He even has a story about why zombies infested Boston's drinking water.

### **Ongoing activities**

Ongoing activities include a weekly Children's Hour on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. with art and science activities. The Paige Book Club meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The Paige Writers group meets on alternate Tuesdays at 3 p.m. The Cookbook Club meets monthly on the last Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The FUNdamentals of ART, a studio workshop for creating art and improving skills, is open to all levels of expertise. There will be a variety of art media and materials or bring your own project.

When do you want to come to create? Register to choose Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. once a month.

The Paige Memorial Library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information call 413-477-6704 or email Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com.



24 Water St., Palmer • 80 Main St., Ware

### **Octoberfest event benefits Town House**

NORTH BROOKFIELD - The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House will hold their annual Octoberfest on Sunday, Sept. 29 from noon-4 p.m. at Common Ground Cider Works, 31 East Brookfield Road.

There will be vendors with a variety of goods, music will be provided by the Dee Gees and Mama Mia Mania will perform some of their hits. North Brookfield's own DJ, Tabby LeBlanc, will be playing music throughout the

Lots of raffles will be available, including a three-day vacation package to Misty Harbor Resort in Wells, Maine, a Family Pass to Old Sturbridge Village, Wine Tasting at Hardwick Winery and a gift card from Salem Cross Inn, just to mention a few.

Common Ground Cider Works will be offering German Food and deserts, and there will be games and activities for the whole family.

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to wit: A certain tract or parcel of land situate on the Easterly side of Church Street, in said Ware. Hampshire County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the Easterly side of Church Street, said iron pin marking the Southwesterly corner of land of William O. Barrett:

thence Southwesterly along the Easterly side of Church Street 78.3 feet to an iron pin at the corner of land of Cora M. Gilmore; thence South 52° 11

East 220 feet along line of land of Cora M. Gilmore to an iron pin in line of land of Grenville Park; thence North 43° 4`

East 79 feet along line of Grenville 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 roperty 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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 Docket No. HS24D0150DR Niki J Vaughan vs. Rhonda A Harris **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** AND MAILING To the Defendant:

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The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Geoffrey Richard Farrington, Esq. 16 King St

### Palmer, MA 01069

your answer, if any, on or before 10/22/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 12, 2024

Mark S. Ames, Register of Probate 09/26/2024

### Town of Ware **Conservation Commission**

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:30 PM pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Notice of Intent (NOI) by the New England Power Company (NEP) to conduct exploratory geotechnical soil borings for planning and design of future improvements to the E5/F6 Transmission Lines.

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in the E5/F6 Lines Right-Of-Way off Belchertown Road, Webster Road, Fisherdick Road, Osborne Road and Old Gilbertville Road. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: http://masspublicnotices.org. 09/26/2024 NOTICE OF AUCTION the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, in order to



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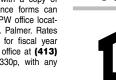
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# Become a master gardener with WMMGA

N O R T H A M P T O N Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin, and Berkshire County residents passionate about gardening, interested in learning environmentally sound gardening practices, and sharing that information with the public still have a few weeks to apply to join the 2025 Western Massachusetts Master Gardener Association's volunteer training program.

Application deadline is Oct. 15.

Whether you're a homeowner, apartment/condo dweller, or work at a garden center and or nursery, completing the WMMGA Master Gardener training program will give you a set of skills to help you better understand the land, plants and insects around you. You'll learn about botany, entomology, plant identification, propagation and care.

You'll learn about trees and shrubs and their importance to a diverse and healthy environment. You'll learn about the complex and miraculous soil that serves as a foundation for much of the life on the planet.

You'll learn about pollinators and their critical roles in the life cycles of other insects, birds, wildlife and plants.

You'll be able to use your newfound knowledge as a base for learning more and for gardening more sustainably. Most importantly you'll share that knowledge as a volunteer on any of the 30+ gardening projects WMMGA manages throughout the four western Massachusetts counties.

WMMGA offers free phone and email hotlines to answer plant and gardening questions from the general public, they grow food which is donated to local food distribution organizations, they help manage gardens including Wistariahurst in Holyoke, Grandmothers' Garden

in Westfield, the Sojourner Truth Memorial Garden in Northampton, the gardens at the Hospice of the Fisher Home in Amherst, the Greenfield Energy Park, the gardens at the Springfield Museums, and the Springside Gardens in Pittsfield.

The WMMGA's upcoming 2025 Master Gardener Training Class is a hybrid model of online and in-person training. This new model allows the training class to be more accessible to everyone - wherever you live in western Massachusetts and whatever your work or retirement schedule might be.

All you need is a desire to learn and volunteer, a computer and internet connection. The lecture part of the training program will be in two sessions: March-April 2025 and September-October 2025.

The non-profit program is offered once every two-tothree years by the Western Massachusetts Master Gardener Association, an independent organization dedicated to the educational mission of promoting sustainable gardening practices. It is open to all regardless of race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

Once certified, Master Gardeners maintain active status by completing a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer service and 3 hours of continuing education annually. Volunteer activities include maintaining demonstration gardens, assisting at plant clinics, answering hotline questions, and speaking to community groups.

Registration deadline is October 15, 2024. Class size is limited. Applications and FAQs can be downloaded directly from the website at www.wmmga.com . For registration questions, email Janet Sharp at sharpj123@comcast.net.

# Funding available for high school financial education fairs

Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment, in partnership with the Massachusetts Division of Banks and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation announced funding for the 2025 Financial Education Innovation Fund Grant.

Created in 2015, the Financial Education Innovation Fund provides students with the opportunity to experience real-world financial simulations without the real-world consequences.

Credit for Life Fairs include

BOSTON - The State interactive workshops that offer a fun and unique opportunity for students to learn about personal finance. These fairs often serve as a supplement or capstone to financial education classes and engage students in real-world saving, spending, and budgeting simulations.

Student participants either choose or are assigned an occupation and make a variety of financial decisions, ranging from where to live and how to save for retirement to buying a television or owning a pet.

Massachusetts public or charter high schools and special education programs approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education are eligible to apply. Applicants looking to start a new program can receive up to \$6,400 and those enhancing or expanding an existing fair can receive up to \$3,200.

Schools that have over 50% of a student population considered low-to-moderate income, as designated by DESE, can apply for additional funding of \$500.

Applications are open until Friday, Oct. 25. Schools can learn more and apply by visiting mass. gov/CreditForLife.

Since 2015, over 40,000 Massachusetts students have attended Credit for Life Fairs. The Financial Education Innovation Fund Grant was established as an ongoing effort to strengthen access to financial literacy throughout Massachusetts.

This financial education program is funded by the Division of Banks through a settlement over alleged unlawful lending practices.

# Workshop13 hosts 6th annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition

WARE – The sixth annual jur- Arts Exhibition will be on display ied Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition opens on Saturday, Sept. 28 with a reception from 1-4 p.m.

Awards will be announced at 3 p.m., including a \$1,000 Best in Show Award. This annual exhibition of traditional realism is held in the unique Grand Hall gallery of Workshop13, a non-profit cultural arts and learning center located at 13 Church St.

The 6th Annual Northeast Fine

from Sept. 28 to Oct. 13 and can vears. be visited on Fridays from 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. This year's exhibition gathers 100 works by approximately 75 artists throughout the northeast.

The juror for the 6th Annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition is award-winning painter, author, and educator Todd M. Casey. Casey's paintings have been honored with

awards several times in recent

Most recently, he won first place three years in a row in the Portrait Society of America Members Only Competition and placed first in oil painting from the Allied Artists of America in 2015. His work can be found in collections throughout the United States, and on the East Coast at Rehs Contemporary Gallery, in Midtown New York City,

and Simie Maryles Gallery in Provincetown.

### About Workshop13

Workshop13 Cultural Arts and Learning Center is a rural non-profit arts innovator located in Ware and devoted to increasing the appreciation and accessibility of the arts, strengthening the creative life of the community through instruction, collaborations, and arts-based initiatives.

# WestMass ElderCare announces partnership for **Senior Nutrition Program**

HOLYOKE – WestMass ElderCare announced an exciting new partnership with Delaney's Market, a local business known for quality and convenient readymade meals.

Starting Oct. 1, Delaney's Market will begin providing meals for WMEC's Senior Nutrition Program, which includes both our home-delivered meals and our Community Table sites.

Every day, WMEC's Senior Nutrition Program serves an average of 1,200 meals to older adults and individuals with disabilities across our service area, which includes Holyoke, Chicopee, South Hadley, Granby, Ware, and Ludlow. This new partnership with Delaney's Market will enhance WMEC's ability to provide nutritious, delicious meals that align with our mission to support the health, independence, and quality of life of those we serve.

Importantly, all meals provided through this partnership will continue to adhere to the nutrition and portion guidelines set forth by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, ensuring that consumers receive well-balanced, healthy meals tailored to their needs.

WMEC's home-delivered meals offer more than just nourishment; they bring vital social interaction, safety, and peace of mind for caregivers who are unable to be with their loved ones. The drivers perform daily wellness checks, ensuring that no meal is delivered without meaningful interaction.

For those who live alone, the driver may be the only person the consumer sees throughout the day, providing a critical lifeline of support and connection

- as well as tremendous peace of mind for caregivers.

WMEC's Community Table sites, located at Granby and South Hadley Senior Centers as well as housing locations in Chicopee, Holyoke, South Hadley and Ludlow, offer a welcoming environment where older adults and residents can enjoy a meal together, fostering social connections and community engagement.

We are incredibly excited to contract with Delaney's Market," said Sarah Aasheim, Director of Community Programs at WMEC in a press release. "Partnering with such a well-known and respected local business means our consumers will benefit from high-quality, locally sourced meals, while we continue to support their health and well-being.

Peter Rosskothen, Owner of Delaney's Market is well-known in the Pioneer Valley having successfully co-owned and managed the Log Cabin and Delaney House Restaurant until 2023.

Rosskothen shared his enthusiasm for this new partnership: "Delaney's Market is proud to work with WestMass ElderCare in serving our community. We look forward to bringing our best to the table, ensuring that each meal is prepared with care and attention to detail."

WMEC is committed to enhancing the lives of those it serves through programs that promote independence and wellness. If you or someone you know could benefit from our meal services, call 413-538-9020 to learn more and sign up.

For more information about WestMass ElderCare and its services, please visit its website at wmeldercare.org.

### United Church hosts take-out turkey dinner

WARE – The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., will hold a turkey dinner on Monday, Sept. 30 from 5-6 p.m., take-out only. Dinners are \$15 per meal.

There is no need to make reservations, just park on the church side of Church Street and stav in your vehicle and a runner will come and take your order. Please pay with cash or check.

### **ArtWorks Gallery celebrates** Ware with 'Ware It's At!'

WARE - ArtWorks Gallery in downtown Ware celebrates its hometown with a new art exhibition, Ware It's At!

This exhibition highlights paintings, drawings, and photographs by area artists that feature the people, places, and events that make Ware uniquely itself. These works are paired with a display of art pieces by the late Ware artist and teacher Elizabeth Howe Lincoln.

ArtWorks Gallery is located at 69 Main St. and Ware It's At! will be on display now through Oct. 27. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

About ArtWorks Gallery and Workshop13

ArtWorks Gallery is Workshop13's gallery on Main Street. This space features numerous art exhibitions each year and is also available to rent for individual or group shows.

Workshop13 Cultural Arts and Learning Center is a rural nonprofit arts innovator located in Ware, and devoted to increasing the appreciation and accessibility of the arts, strengthening the creative life of the community through instruction, collaborations, and arts-based initiatives.

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### To all our valued clients,

It is with mixed emotions that we write this statement, to inform you, that Hair Expressions will be closing, effective 9/27/2024. As we all move on to our next chapters, we'd like to thank all our clientele for their years of continued support.

Hair Expressions is still booking appointments, based on availability, up to and including, Friday 9/27/2024. Please reach out via call/text at 413-283-2755 or 413-245-2227. We also still have product available for sale. Please reach out if there is something specific, you're in need of and we'd be happy to assist you.

Again, thank you to everyone who has walked through the doors and helped us create a successful business for the past 8 years. Getting to know each of you on a personal level has been a privilege, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Please see below for where we're going and how to contact us!

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Jackie - Salon Trendz, 1005 Church Street, Palmer, MA (413) 813-5640

Mikayla – Hair Haven, 44 Sewall Street, Ludlow, MA (413) 335-7564





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