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Selectmen review articles for STM

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen reviewed articles for the special town meeting to be held on Nov. 21.

Town Administrator James Ferrera reviewed the articles with the board and these were all first drafts of the articles. About a half dozen drafts of these article were read by Ferrera and were reviewed by the Finance Committee and were recommended to be reviewed by board.

Ferrera said there will potentially be 18 articles on the warrant, but he is waiting for Highway Surveyor Jeremy Olson for confirmation of a final article. Olson is possibly looking to purchase a preowned truck from another municipality.

For the first two articles, Ferrera said they're waiting for free cash to be certified. These grants are state grants that recently came in for the town and the town will need to provide matching funds.

Article four will be about vocational transportation, one is about professional development and staff trainings, article six is about workers compensation and article seven is about capital planning.

Ferrera said there are more books being ordered for the bylaws.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Awareness

High school task force leads 9th annual walk

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – This past Sunday, close to 100 people gathered at Veterans Park for the 9th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, sponsored by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force.

The walk and program were led by students in the Ware Jr./Sr. High School Domestic Violence Task Force, a group that has been active in promoting healthy relationships and preventing dating violence amongst teens since it was formed in 2008.

Acting as master of ceremonies was Ware High School senior Shelby Hogan, who has been a member of the task force for four years.

"At first, I didn't know about it and Mr. O asked me to join it and I did," Hogan said. "I decided it was something important enough."

Through her work with the task force, Hogan was able to learn to recognize signs of domestic violence and dating violence.

"Many people don't know about it," she said.

The Ware Jr./Sr. Domestic Violence Task Force members were recently recognized by Alianza with the Allies in Action Award, for their groundbreaking steps to promote healthy relationships and to know the signs of dating violence.

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

The Ware Jr./Sr. High School's Domestic Violence Task Force led the 9th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk through downtown Ware.

Senate candidates discuss key topics at forum

By Abby McCoy
Correspondent

WARE – In a recent forum hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond, Republican candidate state Sen. Peter Durant and Democratic candidate Sheila Dibb engaged in a lively discussion that tackled pressing issues facing Massachusetts, particularly in its rural areas.

At the Oct. 16 forum, the candidates presented their perspectives on key topics, including healthcare access, economic development, infrastructure needs, and more. Here's a detailed overview of the debate, highlighting their positions and the issues that resonate with voters.

A complete recording by Ware Community Television is available at waretv.org.



State Sen. Peter Durant



Candidate Sheila Dibb



Police Lieutenant Tod Bertini was honored by the town for his retirement after serving 19 years on the department. Bertini (right) is shown with Police Chief Shawn Crevier.

Selectboard recognizes Lt. Bertini on his retirement

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WARE – Police Chief Shawn Crevier announced the retirement of longtime department member Lieutenant Tod Bertini.

He said Bertini joined the department 19 years ago and has served in the role of lieutenant for the past few years.

"He's been an incredible supporter that I could count on, rely on, while running this department," Crevier said at the Oct. 15 Selectboard meeting. "I just

can't say enough about his career down here at the Ware Police Department... going from officer to detective, then to lieutenant."

Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz presented Bertini with a plaque commemorating his dedicated service to the community on behalf of the Selectboard.

"We wish you much happiness on your retirement, thank you for a job well done. On behalf of the citizens of Ware, congratulations," Kusnierz said.

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13th annual Station Loop Ramble

Family-friendly race event benefits local land trust

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NEW BRAintree/HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust hosted its 13th annual Station Loop Ramble starting and finishing at the site of the former New Braintree Train Station.

Over 75 runners and walkers participated in this year's event, which serves as one of the biggest fundraisers for the land trust, celebrating fun and fitness and encouraging families to experience the natural beauty of the region.

New this year, were two separate races for youth including a Kids 200-Foot Dash and a Kids ¼ Mile Run. Participating in the first event were Aspen Collette, Eileen Keleher, Wren DeTour, Romi DeTour, Althea Senese, Michael Staback and



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Runners take off during the Kids ¼ Mile race as part of the 13th annual Station Loop Ramble held on the Mass Central Rail Trail in New Braintree.



Michael Staback races to the finish line in the Kids 200-Foot Dash.

Juliana White; and in the second event, Devon Bjorklund, Parker Bottomley, Ryan Bottomley, Elise Rodier and Jack Savary.

Running the 5-Mile Classic were Matthew Twarog with a time 31:44; Andrew Wiewel, 36:17; Alice McKeon, 39:12; Joshua Savary, 39:29; Nicole Keleher, 39:54; Nicholas Hintlian, 39:57; Robbie Rostami, 40:00; Tom Bockus, 40:47; Tim Hawley, 41:05; Jeffrey Spencer, 42:11; Audrey

Snay, 42:31; David Maher, 44:28; Toni Brown, 44:50; Kristin Hintlian, 45:08; Kevin Loggie, 46:38; Adeline Ford, 46:43; Evan White, 47:22; Steve Prouty, 48:49; Melissa White, 50:30; Jenni DiMauro, 50:51; Michelle Sheperd, 53:33; Mike Cavanaugh, 53:54; Pam Clark, 53:56; and Rachel Wilson, 59:59.

Results of the 5K Run/Walk are as follows: Walker Larson, 28:00; Hazel Larson, 28:06; Parker Bottomley, 28:12; Rachel Ross, 28:58; Mark Kablack, 29:21; Elizabeth

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Peter Durant
State Senate

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- ✓ Working to stop the migrant crisis
- ✓ Fully funding our schools
- ✓ Sponsored legislation for Crumbling Foundations

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- ✓ Only candidate to vote against licenses for illegal immigrants
- ✓ Fought against taxpayer funded benefits for illegals
- ✓ Filed legislation to amend the Right to Settle law to require legal residency

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- ✓ Supporting our sportsman and protecting their rights
- ✓ Support small business

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Friday, Oct. 25

WARE

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

own pumpkin to the QRMHS cafeteria at the start of the event – winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m.). Divas will perform a dance routine at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a bag of candy to donate.

Sunday, Oct. 27

PALMER

Trunk or Treat Car Show will be held at Palmer Motorsports Park with Springfield to Boston Education Foundation from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be over 250 unique cars, costumes, candy, food trucks, ice cream, brewery, laps on the track and prizes for best kids costume, best car owner costume and best in show (and runner up). Admission is \$10 or equivalent canned good donation per car.

Saturday, Oct. 26

WARE

Haunted Hallways and Not So Haunted Hallways will be held sponsored by the Class of 2026. The Not So Haunted Hallways for children ages 9 and under, will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The lights will be on and there will be treats for children. The Haunted Hallways will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. The cost for each event is \$5 per person. Snacks and beverages will also be available for purchase. Both events start and finish at the gymnasium.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

WARE

Trunk or Treat will be hosted by the Barrows Family Pulling Team at Advance Auto Parts from 6-8 p.m.

Trunk or Treat will be held at Cedarbrook Village from 4-6 p.m. There will be trunk or treat, trick or treat indoors, games, candy, music and more. This is a free, family-friendly event and costumes are encouraged.

Thursday, Oct. 31

WARE

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

WARREN

Trick or Treat will be held townwide from 5-6:30 p.m. A costume parade by the Fire and Police departments will begin at 6:30 p.m., lining up on North Street and proceeding to Fire Station B on Albany Street. During the parade (for about 15 minutes), Main Street from North to Central streets will be closed. Candy will be handed out at Fire Station B and costume judging will take place.



HARDWICK

The Trail of Treats will be held throughout the villages from 5-8 p.m. and will feature haunted walks, spooky candy stops, obstacle course, trunk or treating, trick or treating and fun. Rain date is Oct. 27. This event is sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Trunk or Treat will be held at the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op from 2-4 p.m. This event is kid and pet friendly. There will be prizes for the best decorated trunk and costume.

WARREN

Trunk or Treat will be held in the back parking lot of Quaboag Regional Middle High School from 4-7 p.m. There will be dozens of trunks decorated and people giving out treats. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available to purchase from the Class of 2025. Haunted Halls will be presented by the QRMHS Student Council during the event. Pumpkin carving will be sponsored by Country Bank (please bring your

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Are You Old News?



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1977 showed the Ware High School softball team wearing their new champions' jackets. Front row from left are Sue Bish, Monique Vadnais, Rena Bernier, Kathy Robidoux, Jane Pajak, Debbie Giard and Linda Ciejka. Back row from left are Kim Saletnik, Karen Therrien, Lorraine Lasek, Ellen Wilson, Lisa Quirk and Coach Jean Chrabaszcz. Missing from the photo were Ann Lawrence, Missy Udall and Manager Judy Gruszczynski. If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.

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

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



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, Nov. 4**
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.
 - 10 a.m. Scat
 - 11:30 a.m. Lunch

Tuesday, Nov. 5

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.
- 9 a.m. Movin' & Grooving to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cornhole

- 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking (\$3 per class)
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 6

- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 2:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

Thursday, Nov. 7

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m. Senior Walk. Meet at Senior Center.
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
- 10 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Veteran's Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cornhole
- 2:30 p.m. Art Class

Friday, Nov. 8

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

- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

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

Monday, Nov. 4

Hot Dog with Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Pork Stir Fry over Rice, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Kentucky Stuffed Pepper, Fruit Salad, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Nov. 7

Veteran's Luncheon
BBQ Chicken, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Friday, Nov. 8

Baked Fish, Au Gratin Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Grenville Park food bank distribution rescheduled to Oct. 29

WARE – Last week's food distribution by the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts was postponed due to delivery issues and traffic on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

The Food Bank has set up a make-up date of Tuesday, Oct. 29 at Grenville Park, 73 Church St., from 1-2 p.m. Regular monthly distributions occur at the park on the third Tuesday of each month at that time.

Early Voting hours listed for Ware

WARE – Early Voting is available to all registered voters in the Town of Ware for the State Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Early Voting will be conducted at the Town Hall, 126 Main St. in the auditorium as follow: Thursday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 28

from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Entry to the auditorium through the main doors to the building or the accessible ramp. Parking is available at Veterans Memorial Park directly across from the Town Hall or on Main Street.

Barre/Hardwick Senior Center 20th anniversary open house

BARRE – The Barre/Hardwick Senior Center will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 9-11 a.m. to celebrate the center's 20th anniversary.

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Students tour local companies on Manufacturing Day

By Ryan Drago
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WARE/PALMER – In the spirit of Manufacturing Day a group of Ware Jr./Sr. High School students got to tour two local factories.

There were over 20 high school students in grades 10, 11 and 12 who got to experience the work environment at Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc. in Ware and Mustang Motorcycle Products in Three Rivers.

The first stop on the field trip was Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc. in Ware.

This company was founded back in 1975 and is located off Maple Street in Ware inside an old mill building. To this day, Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc. continues to grow and thrive in the communication cable industry as a worldwide leader in developing and manufacturing thermoplastic shielded and unshielded cables for high-speed data transmission and various electronic applications.

Corporate Services Supervisor Katie Pietrowski welcomed the students to the factory in Ware and shared some insight of what the company does and what job opportunities are available. This tour would show students what it's like to enter into the workforce after graduation if they choose to pursue a job in the manufacturing field after high school.

The company holds Manufacturing Day annually by welcoming students from Ware Jr./Sr. High School. The students are seniors, juniors as well as some sophomores.

"Manufacturing Day allows students to tour local manufacturing facilities right in their own community. Our primary goal is to introduce students to manufacturing and career opportunities for those that plan to enter the workforce upon graduation," Pietrowski said.

The tour highlights careers in production such as machine operator, maintenance mechanic, process engineering technician, quality technician and quality inspector, as well as material handling, shipping and receiving specialist. During the tour, students meet with employees in these fields to get an overview of their responsibilities, what courses would help with developing the skills required for these positions and on-the-job training that the company provides.

While on the tour, students got to ask the staff some questions about the work done and what the day-to-day operations are.

Staff who served as tour guides during the field trip would also share their background on how they got into working for the company. Process Engineer Alex Marchand has been with Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc. for five years and believes the job always has something for you to learn.

"You're never done learning," Marchand said.

Marchand also shared during the tour that many staff members who first started in the company had very little to no experience working with



Students of Ware Jr./Sr. High School are shown alongside staff of Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc. during their field trip on Manufacturing Day.

wire and cables. For him, this job was something you learn from the ground up.

According to Pietrowski, this is a positive experience for students who are about to complete high school and may want to explore other options after they graduate. It is certainly an early learning experience for students as they transition into adulthood.

"We provide students an experience that not only introduces students to manufacturing and career opportunities, but we discuss the importance of reliability using the correlation between attendance at school and work attendance and that learning never ends," Pietrowski said.

Students are also shown a list of positions for both those entering the workforce or are college-bound and advancement opportunities.

Prior to the tour, there was a video presentation highlighting what is done at Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc. The presentation also talked about shifts, types of training, hours, payment, benefits, and time off.

Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc. was also proud to share with the students some of the clients they have helped out in recent years. Their product is used in many professional sporting stadiums across the country and have clients all over the world.

Pietrowski mentioned that the company encourages students to work with their high school career facilitator to find internships and shadowing experiences.

"These are great ways for a student to learn more about a career field. Some will like it; others won't, and that's ok. They're beginning to make the best choices for themselves on what their future will look like," Pietrowski said.

The next stop of the field trip was over at Mustang Motorcycle Products on Springfield Street in Three Rivers. At this location students got an inside look of the production of motorcycle seats. This company builds and designs a variety of seats for motorcycles.

The students got to witness the process of molding, grinding, styling and shaping the seats you would see on a motorcycle. One of the employees talked about how the company used a design based off a 3-D print in order to design a motorcycle seat.

One department also explained the



Students passed around samples of some of the wire and cable that is produced at Quabbin Wire & Cable Co. Inc.



Students are shown at the quality department with David Murphy learning about testing the cables prior to being shipped off.

use of paint and fiberglass to form the mold of a seat. There was also a sewing department that had many workers sew parts of the seat by hand and some with a CNC sewing machine.

There was also an assembly line with different stations staff can work at and learn new skills in the production process. The students also got to see what the office atmosphere was like as Mustang Motorcycle Products has a sales team and office job opportunities.

This CNC sewing machine is used to stitch the seats made at Mustang Motorcycle Products in Palmer.



Voters pass two articles at STM

Town moves forward with purchase of new fire pumper truck

Staff Report

HARDWICK – A total of 89 voters cast votes at the town's special town meeting held at Hardwick Elementary School last Thursday evening.

Moderator Ryan J. Witkos called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and voters spent just under an hour discussing the two articles on the warrant, both of which passed.

A moment of silence was held to honor the recent passing of Hardwick historian Emily Bancroft, Chair of the Historical Commission and past president of the Hardwick Historical Society.

Article 1 asked voters to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to fund the purchase and equipping a new fire pumper truck for the use of the Fire Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto provided that this appropriation shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion ballot question; or to take any other action relative thereto.

The article, which required a two-thirds majority, passed by a vote of 71-7 to borrow the sum of \$860,000 to pay for the costs of

purchasing and equipping a new fire pumper truck, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

No amounts shall be borrowed or expended pursuant to this vote unless the town shall have voted to exempt the repayment of any borrowing authorized by this vote from the property tax levy imitations of Proposition 2½.

Article 2 asked voters to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from free cash, or otherwise provide the following sums for the following capital improvement projects or purchases and to supplement certain sums of money to the town's fiscal year 2025 operational budget as approved by the vote taken under Article 11 of the June 8 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action thereto.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano requested \$20,000 to replace the townwide municipal phone system due to obsolete equipment which is not 911-compliant and is soon to be unserviceable. The Finance Committee requested \$25,238 in order to fully fund the Reserve Account and the Fire Department requested \$6,500 to remove an oil tank from the Ruggles Hill Road school to prevent oil leaks and environmental liability.

Residents voted unanimously to transfer from free cash the sum of \$51,738 for the purposes listed above.

Registration open for Hois' Hoops Basketball Tournament, Nov. 16

WARE – Registration is open for Hois' Hoops Basketball Tournament to be held on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Ware Middle School gymnasium.

The adult division play is five on five players.

The cost is \$200 for a team (over five players – roster limit is seven players) or \$40 per player in teams of five. Play to 11 and win by two.

Please send completed registration forms to Holly Hoisington, 3

Hardwick Pond Road, Ware, MA 01082, email hollyhoisington17@gmail.com or text 413-207-7226.

Payments methods include Venmo (@BobbyHoisingtonMemorial), PayPal (@BobbyHoisington), check (made payable to Bobby Hoisington Memorial Fund) or cash the day of the event.

Donations can also be made to the Bobby Hoisington Memorial Fund at Country Bank.

Early Voting hours for Hardwick listed

HARDWICK – Early Voting hours for the Nov. 5 State Election will be available in-person in the Select Board Room at the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building, located at 307 Main St., Gilbertville.

Hours including Saturday, Oct.

26 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The last day and hour to register to vote in the Nov. 5 State Election is Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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GUEST COLUMN

Fear and blame overshadow Presidential election

I have a question: After all the information out there about what Trump has done and what he plans to do to people who disagree with him, to leaders who warn against him, to nonpartisan reporters who simply report facts, and for convicted criminals who commit crimes on his behalf, what motivates those on the Right to continue their support of him?

There is plenty of denial and rationalization going on but, I'm sorry, at this point it seems there must be some additional analysis needed to explain the Right's unshakable allegiance to the MAGA movement and their leader.

My friend drives by a flag every day that has the usual TRUMP 2024 lettering, but on this flag there is the subtitle - Make Liberals Cry Again.

Of course, I thought that this element of the flag was unnecessarily nasty. However, after some thought, it just may have provided me with at least a partial answer to my question.

It feels like that second part of the flag should be the heading and not the subtitle.

My guess is that in some ways this election is not really about Trump. It's about what he enables.

He allows supporters to blame everyone but themselves for what they don't have, what they can't do, what they don't know, or what they can't seem to achieve. Just like him!

It's not their fault. It's some conspiracy-driven thing that "snowflakes" are doing to them or to their world that, in their mind, prevents America from being "Great Again."

Adopting that attitude is so much easier than accepting the truth. To simply blame others and throw the gameboard on the floor because the other side is "cheating" is so much more convenient than taking steps to try to overcome the obstacles they may face.

But, if Trump wins it won't be just liberals who will be crying.

It will be many more women who will lose their right to their own bodily autonomy when faced with horrible circumstances like rape or even a choice of their own survival. It will be immigrants who have come to America, legally or otherwise, to escape harm or seek a better life. It will be journalists who lose their jobs or who are forced to print only what they are told.

It will be Democratic, Independent, and Republican leaders who have dared to speak what they know to be the truth. It will be seniors who will lose Social Security and Medicare benefits. It will be children who are not taught the truth about their ancestors because it will be eliminated from the educational system. It will be young people who are not allowed to be who they truly are because they don't fit in with someone's idea of "normal."

It will be anyone who follows their own religious convictions if they happen to be anything other than the Right's version of "Christian!"

So, what is the motivation for his supporters to pull the lever for him?

At this point, it seems to me there is a strong case to be made for the theory that stirring fear of and diverting blame onto others is a powerful piece of it. For me, that strong impulse, seen so often in the talk on the Right, is the deepest tragedy facing us as a nation right now.

Regina Edmonds Warren



Pretty leaves make great mulch and more!

Even though we thought it was going to be a year of drab fall foliage, the colors this past weekend surprised me.

I saw so many neat plants doing their thing in response to the shorter days. When chlorophyll is broken down as a result of less daylight, lots of other colors take the place of green in the leaves.

We have our oranges and yellows from the carotenoids, the purple and red shades from the anthocyanins and the rusts and browns from tannins, and then there are plants that look ghost-like because the green color is just plain gone!

Besides enjoying great foliage, I saw the start of some very large leaf piles. I know that raking up fallen leaves are not everyone's favorite task, but gardeners should rejoice!

Read on to learn about the many uses of leaves, straight from the archives.

Consider for a moment the forest, and how stands of trees grow successfully without any input from us. Why is that so?

It is thanks to nature's own process of decomposition. Leaves, branches, and pine needles, etc., fall onto the forest floor where

microbes such as fungi and bacteria break them down into humus.

Humus works between the mineral particles and air spaces in the soil, helping it to retain moisture yet drain readily. It also helps to enhance overall soil fertility by making nutrients available to plants in a form they can readily use.

Worms and other macro-organisms aerate the soil and disperse the humus around plant roots, making a self-perpetuating system. We can apply this lesson from nature to our own situation, making for more successful gardens and healthier lawns, and all by the use of leaves!

Perhaps the easiest way to deal with a small amount of leaves is to mow over them several times with the lawn mower. Soon the tiny pieces will disappear into the soil adding valuable nutrients as they break down.

The lawn mower also comes in handy after piles have been made. Mow over low piles or chop them up with a shredder, then they can be used for a variety of purposes.

Once the soil has frozen, chopped leaves make an excellent protective winter mulch for any type of garden. They won't mat down and rot the crowns of your favorite perennials the way whole leaves might, but they will moderate soil temperatures enough to prevent them from being heated out of the ground during normal cycles of freezing and thawing.

When spring arrives just pull back the mulch off the tops of the plants. It can stay in place covering bare soil, all the while conserving moisture, preventing weeds, and making humus!

If the "natural look" is unappealing to you apply a thin coat of bark mulch over chopped leaves to dress things up a bit. Repeat this drill every year for your own self-perpetuating garden.

You can also incorporate chopped leaves right into the vegetable garden each fall. The use of a rototiller makes this job a snap.

Most will have decomposed by spring, but till the garden again a month or so before planting to finish the job.

Chopped leaves make a great addition to the compost pile.

Layer brown, carbon rich ingredients (such as chopped leaves) with green, nitrogen rich ingredients (such as grass clippings, vegetable scraps, non-weedy plant parts) together to get the pile cooking. Add a shovel full of garden soil or finished compost per layer to inoculate it with microbes and water well.

Let the pile sit for a year or turn it frequently for faster results. Compost is a near neutral source of humus, a well-balanced fertilizer and soil tonic, good for all types of gardens and even the lawn.

If you are too busy to layer and shredding sounds like a messy job, simply pile the leaves, moistening as you go. The resulting leaf mold is another healthy addition to the garden.

Research has proven that members of the cabbage family respond especially well to this type of humus. Keep in mind that oak leaves are more acidic than other leaves of trees native to our area.

If you use more of these in any of your gardening situations, adjust liming accordingly.

So get out the rake and improve your landscape!!

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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Resident supports state Sen. Peter Durant

To the editor,

I am writing to share the reasons why my family is voting for state Sen. Peter Durant.

Sen. Durant was elected a year ago in a special election and in one year, he has shown his support for sportsmen and women in Massachusetts. He has met with sportsmen's groups and supported legislation that would benefit hunters and fishermen who are stewards of our land.

He has also voted against a bill that now stands to seriously impact the rights of those who hunt. The bad things about this firearms bill far outweighed the good things and Sen. Durant saw that and voted against the bill which ultimately, unfortunately, passed.

In just one year, he's accomplished quite a bit and I want to send him back to Boston where he can continue his good work.

Sincerely,

Bill Lewis
President, Hardwick Rod and Gun Club

A clear choice on election day

Dear Editor,

As we have watched the devastation from hurricanes unfold in North Carolina and Florida this fall, bringing flashbacks to recent flooding much closer to home, we know that anywhere could be the next place to be hit by climate change.

Wouldn't you want your elected officials to



take that threat seriously?

Voters in the Worcester & Hampshire Senate District have a clear choice when they vote for their next State Senator. They can choose Sheila Dibb – an effective local leader who will put the communities of central Massachusetts first and act to curb the impacts of climate change, water pollution, and other environmental problems that affect daily life.

Or voters can choose the incumbent who was one of only two senators to vote against climate legislation earlier this year. Massachusetts Clean Water Action Vote Environment PAC chooses Sheila Dibb for State Senate.

Elizabeth Saunders
Chair, Massachusetts Clean Water Action Vote Environment PAC



Signing up for Social Security and Medicare Part B at 70

Dear Rusty:

I just turned 69 years old in August 2024 and am still working full time. I signed up for Medicare Part A but, it is my secondary insurance because I have great health insurance through where I work.

My wife is retired and has Medicare Part A but, is on my insurance also and she is taking Social Security.

Our plan is for me to work until August 2026 when I'll be 71. I'll file for Social Security when I turn 70 and bank all of it for a year until I retire. That is money we plan to use for travel and fun things. I have three questions: when should I file for my Social

Security so it starts in September; when do my wife and I file for Medicare Part B with a supplement so it starts in September; and are there negative tax implications to this plan that I haven't thought of?

Signed: Needing Info

Dear Needing Info:

Sounds like you have a great strategy planned for your personal Social Security benefits and your Medicare Part B enrollment for both of you. To your questions:

If you will be 70 in August 2025, you can apply for Social Security about three months prior e.g., in May 2025. Just be sure to specify that you wish your SS benefits to start effective with the month of your 70th birthday.

Signing up a few months early is perfectly okay; you will indicate your desired benefit start date on your application and that is when SS will start your benefits. Remember, SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned, so your first payment will be received in September 2025 on the second Wednesday if you were born before the 11th of the month

As for Medicare Part B coverage for you

and your wife, both of you can enroll in Medicare Part B a couple of months prior to you leaving work, but request that Medicare Part B coverage starts in the month your work coverage ends. In other words, you can enroll in Medicare before you retire from work, but request that your Part B coverage starts in the first month your employer coverage ends to avoid any gap in healthcare coverage.

Obviously, you should begin your private supplemental healthcare coverage to coincide with the start of your Medicare Part B coverage.

Regarding the tax implications, just be aware that a portion of your received Social Security benefits become taxable income if your Modified Adjusted Gross Income as a married couple exceeds certain thresholds. FYI, "MAGI" is your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return plus 50% of your received SS benefits, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

If you file your taxes as "married/jointly" and your MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes taxable income or if your MAGI as a married couple is over \$44,000

then up to 85% of the SS benefits received during the tax year becomes taxable income at your normal IRS tax rate. Income tax on SS benefits occurs when your MAGI is over the thresholds for your tax filing status, so you should plan accordingly.

If your MAGI will be consistently over these thresholds after you retire from working, you may choose to have income tax withheld from your SS benefits, which is easy to do by submitting IRS FORM W-4V to your local Social Security office.

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The 9th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk is sponsored by the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force, covering the towns of Ware, Warren and Hardwick.

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"This was really exciting," Hogan said of the award. "What we're doing is big enough for other people to know."

Senior Taylor Janson, who joined the task force last year, is currently working on creating a survey that will be sent out to all students in grades seven through 12 to gauge their perception of domestic violence.

"It's to get an idea of who is affected," she said.

Senior and four-year task force member Abby McQuaid said they will continue to do their part to educate their peers about healthy and unhealthy relationships.

With its highest membership its seen since the pandemic, Advisors Dan Orszulak, Jesse Trzpit and Caitlin Trzpit credited the students with making a noticeable, positive change in their school and beyond.

Orszulak said he has been an advisor for the task force since it was created and Jesse Trzpit joined 11 years ago. Caitlin Trzpit, who teaches in the junior high school, came on board last year to help bring the message to seventh and eighth grade students.

"I really felt the need for them to be represented," she said. "They need education and support as many are starting their first relationships."

Jesse Trzpit said the task force has "definitely had an impact," on the students.

Orszulak and Trzpit said since last year, the task force has become a strictly volunteer group, and that it is no longer part of the regular school day. This means students make time to meet before or after school, completely of their own choosing.

Receiving the Allies in Action Award was "really nice" for the students, Orszulak said.

"Words cannot express how proud I am," he said. "We're proud to say that we have evidence that the work we do is helping."

Prior to the walk starting,

participants gathered at Veterans Park to make posters, meet with domestic violence service providers and enjoy the sounds of musician Lori Brooks.

The walk kicked off with words from several featured speakers, including Town Manager Stuart Beckley, who presented a citation from the House of Representatives on behalf state Rep. Todd Smola.

Beckley congratulated the students for being recognized by Alianza for their commitment and advocacy for the survivors of domestic violence.

Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan also commended the members of the high school task force for their award.

"It really means a lot to the community and to your parents," he said.

Sullivan said the walk represents both hope and the resolve to end domestic violence. He credited Smola, state Sen. Peter Durant and former state Sen. Anne Gobi (now Director of Rural Affairs), with taking the steps needed to make change.

Gobi said in her new role, she has the opportunity to go to all of the rural towns in the commonwealth, where lack of transportation and access to services has a profound impact on those experiencing domestic violence.

"People in crisis," she said. "It's much more difficult for them to access services."

Gobi told both task force members that they've "made a difference" with their work over the years.

Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot has been a longtime supporter of the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force's work to end domestic violence in the community.

She said asking three words can make a difference for someone experiencing domestic violence - are you okay?

"There's hope," she said. "And we are here to make a difference in Ware. Change has and will continue to happen...no one should ever live in fear for their



Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi talks about the impact the students have had on preventing domestic violence.



Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan addressed participants at the 9th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.



Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot was one of the featured speakers.

life."

Durant said this was the first time he was able to attend the walk since being elected to Senator last year, and he read an official citation honoring the work that is being done.

"It's so important that we provide support," he said. "It's up to us to ensure that survivors know that they will have help."

Durant said many have grown up in homes where violence is just part of life, and that substance use has also had an impact on that.

"The cycle can be broken," he said. "We need to address underlying issues, including substance use and mental health."

Durant spoke about the ages and genders of the victims listed on the plates at a poignant display at Veterans Park, dedicated to remembering people who have been killed by domestic violence.

"This is an important issue for all of us," he said.

A local survivor who received help from the Behavioral Health Network to escape her abuser, talked about how reaching out to her friend living states away, was the first step toward her new life.

"I no longer have to be worried about being five minutes late from the store," she said.

The survivor said she still wakes up from nightmares from the abuse she endured, but she is learning that she no longer has to say she's sorry for everything.

"I'm so blessed to have BHN...there is help out there," she said.

Following the speakers and prayers, a moment of silence was held for anyone who is currently being hurt by their partner. Participants then began their walk around downtown before returning to Veterans Park for raffle drawings.



Three generations of family worked to create this emotional display that honors the lives of those who died as a result of domestic violence. Erin Ballard (second from left) is shown with her daughters Joslyn and Taylor, and her mother.



Sue Lewandowski's sign asks for an end to abuse.



Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force Coordinator Monica Moran addressed the crowd gathered at Veterans Park.



Community members joined both task forces on the walk.



Andrew Howard and Paula Kularski of the Behavioral Health Network share reasons why many walk to spread awareness about domestic violence.



Walk participants carried signs to show the impact domestic violence has on the community.



Local high school students Sadie and Jayden participated in the walk for the first time.



Lori Brooks sang and played guitar during the event.

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Warren receives Community One Stop for Grow Grant

BOSTON – State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow, Chair, Municipalities & Regional Government) and state Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Ways & Means Committee) are pleased to announce that the towns of Palmer and Warren have been awarded a combined total of \$526,000 through the fiscal year 2025 Community One Stop for Growth Grant Awards. The Town of Palmer will receive \$430,000, and the Town of Warren will receive \$96,000. Both awards are funded through the program's Rural Development Fund, which focuses on supporting the infrastructure and economic development needs of rural communities. The \$96,000 grant for Warren will support the development of engineering design plans for comprehensive infrastructure upgrades along a key street next to the former Wrights Mill complex.

The project will address the replacement of aging water mains, repair sewer lines, and improve stormwater drainage, sidewalks, and the road itself. With the infrastructure approaching emergency status, this rehabilitation is vital for ensuring safe access for approximately 20 households and to support future economic activity around the mill site. The \$430,000 grant to Palmer will fund the design engineering phase for replacing the siphon on Thorndike Street with 1,600 feet of 12-inch PVC gravity sewer, extending the sewer line another 1,600 feet down Shearer Street, and installing a new pump station near the Turnpike overpass.

Design milestones include selecting the pump station's location and style, evaluating wetland limits, assessing the condition of the 24-inch corrugated metal pipe, and covering permitting and legal fees related to land acquisition. The project is crucial for improving Palmer's sewer infrastructure and enhancing the town's long-term resilience. "These vital investments in Palmer and Warren underscore our commitment to ensuring that rural communities receive the support they need to thrive," said Oliveira. "With this funding, we're addressing critical infrastructure challenges that will not only enhance public safety and improve daily life for residents but also lay the groundwork for future economic growth. I'm proud to see the state invest in

projects that build a stronger foundation for these communities' long-term success." "These grants from the Community One Stop for Growth's Rural Development Fund are game changers for Palmer and Warren," said Smola. "They will address urgent infrastructure needs in our towns and position our communities for sustainable growth. I'm incredibly proud to see this level of investment in our rural areas, where these improvements will have lasting impacts." Through its Rural Development Fund, the FY25 Community One Stop for Growth program aims to streamline access to state funding for rural municipalities seeking support for critical infrastructure, housing, and economic development projects.

hardwick

Select Board discuss model of PILOT policy

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HARDWICK – The Select Board discussed the possibility of enacting a Payment in Lieu of Taxes policy. At the Oct. 15 meeting, Select Board Clerk William Tinker addressed his fellow board members about the possibility of Hardwick entering into a PILOT policy. The board is going to review a draft of this sort of policy for consideration to benefit all the residents and businesses in town and the tax-exempt organizations. "A policy that fosters partnership between tax exempt organizations and the town," Tinker said. Tinker believes this policy should not cost the town a lot to implement. According to Tinker, 33.43% of the town's building and properties are owned by tax exempt organizations. PILOT agreements help communities recoup lost revenue that is a result of state property tax exemptions. One of the essential coverages the town is looking to continue having is emergency services. Tinker mentioned that the Fire Department can benefit by having two fire trucks in town. Tinker is hoping this draft can be reviewed by legal counsel and be discussed at the next Select Board meeting. "Services are not free for anybody," Tinker said. "The Town needs revenue and it has to come from somewhere." The board members are hoping the tax-exempt organizations in town are willing to work with the municipality. The Select Board will continue this conversation at their next meeting. Town Administrator

Justine Caggiano suggested that board members continue the discussion and become familiar with all of the tax exempt organizations in town.

Budget update

Caggiano spoke with the Select Board about starting early on the budget and requesting information from all departments. Worksheets for each department are being worked on and will be starting after Thanksgiving. "This is more of a formal process," Caggiano said. "Change some accounts to make things more transparent." Caggiano feels it is best for all departments to be responsible for their own expenses. After talking with the Finance Committee, she is wanting to get a better understanding of how each department is run and be more involved in the process of handling their budgets.

Land conservation

Cythnia Henshaw of the East Quabbin Land Trust approached the Select Board to discuss several projects going on this year in Hardwick, including a 90-acre property with conservation restrictions put in place. The Select Board was wondering if the EQLT had any plans for this property which is predominantly woods. There are educational programs in place by the EQLT. However, when it comes to this property there are no events in place. "We'll provide that flexibility in the future," Henshaw said. As of now this property does not fit that criteria.

Trick or Treating

The Board voted to have hold had Trick or Treating hours on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5-8 p.m.

Library hosts 'Leaving Coy's Hill' author on Nov. 21

WARREN – The Warren Public Library is pleased to welcome Katherine Sherbrooke, author of the novel "Leaving Coy's Hill", on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Prior to this event, copies of "Leaving Coy's Hill" will be available at the library to check out in October for all who wish to join the community read and register for the discussion and book signing. This tale chronicles the life and achievements of suffragist and abolitionist Lucy Stone, a West Brookfield native and the first woman in Massachusetts to earn a college degree. Sherbrooke's novel is based on the true events of Stone's life and crusade against inequality amidst a deeply divided country. For more information, contact the Warren Public Library at 413-436-7690 or warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

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gram at Mannes School of Music in New York. He performed at Carnegie Hall, and has won the 3rd Gershwin International Music Competition (2017), was a prize winner at the Chopin International Piano Competition (2018) and has earned other awards including the Steinway award for outstanding Mannes graduates. Gusev lives and teaches in the Boston area, and performs frequently, most recently this fall for the Frederick Collection in Ashburnham. "Music for a while shall all your cares beguile" (published in 1702) will introduce the early holiday season concert. This soothing da capo aria by English Baroque composer Henry Purcell features solo voice with a ground bass and subtle harmonies. Ernest Chausson composed music for "Poem of Love and of the Sea," his Opus 19 for voice and orchestra over a period of ten years, 1882-1892. The 1876 text by French poet Maurice Bouchor

(1855-1929) describes a woman walking by a seaside radiant in sunshine, the air heavy with the fragrance of lilacs, and her long hair sparkling in the breeze as the sun dances on the waves, while the observer, to whom she is unknown, imagines he is her true love. To quote Wikipedia, Chausson's music 'bridges the gap between the ripe Romanticism of Massenet and Franck and the more introverted impressionism of Debussy.' Chausson died at 44, leaving only 39 opus-numbered works. The 17th arrondissement of Paris is named in his honor. With Ferrante's dramatic singing style, this piece will be moving and filled with the Romantic joy and longing its composer intended. Gusev has become known for his distinctive performances of Romantic piano repertoire, notably Schubert, Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Debussy. For this concert, Gusev will deliver a treat of four melodic and dramatic works composed by Schubert in the last year of his life and published posthumously. These

are among the finest pieces composed for solo piano in the early 19th century. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the 1924 Boothman Steinway piano, donated by Kaye Boothman and family to the Friends of the Stone Church. For both artists, it will be the fourth appearance at the Stone Church. The concert is sponsored by Monson Savings Bank. Partial support for this series has been committed from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. 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 friends welcome donations toward the ongoing preservation project online at www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or by mail to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

Town Clerk lists voting information for State Election

WARREN – The Presidential State Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5 with polls open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. A special town meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. The last day to register to vote is Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Article eight is about the Town Hall chime system. Ferrera said he received a quote from a company to figure out the cost of the chime system. Article nine is for coverage of medical insurance for retirees in town. Article 10 would be for the Board of Assessors who are looking for adjustments to their budget. Article 11 was put forward by the Sewer Department to have a prior bill taken care of and paid. Another article will help the Senior Center to deal with their issues with their generator. Ferrera said warrant would have to be signed immediately on Nov. 7 prior to the Nov. 21 special town meeting. QRSD Superintendent's report The Board of Selectmen heard from Quaboag Regional School District Superintendent Stephen Duff to discuss recent grants the

school district received. One of them is an IVAC Grant to help with installing thermostats in every classroom. Duff said they still need to find out what the incentives are after the School Committee agrees to sign a contract with the company who won the bid for the grant. Duff said the school is also bidding for a transportation grant. Duff also reported a lighting upgrade for the school auditorium. National Grid and Guardian are looking at updates for the lighting in the school auditorium at Quaboag. Students are also participating in community clean up. Students will get early work experience by helping out senior citizens in town with their garden clean ups. "Students are willing to help," Duff said. Duff also thanked Flexcon for their support on updating safety features for the schools. In addition to public safety, there was also ALICE training for the sev-

enth graders at Quaboag Regional Middle High School. Students in the older grades are learning the importance of public safety. Duff addresses the board that public safety is different compared to elementary schools and middle/high schools. The school is in the process of building a concession stand with working water and a restroom. Not just for games, but for other events and for community members who visit the track and field often. Duff wants to get the foundation done before the cold weather approaches. Duff is hoping that Project 211 can help with the foundation budget. The school district is pushing to get a bill to help save the town and the school district money. Certain bills can help offset the costs of running a school. "Get a budget that makes sense for everybody and give our kids some opportunities," Duff said. According to the Selectmen, legislators are working on getting these

bills passed so small school districts in rural communities such as Warren and West Brookfield have support. Selectman Chair Derick Veliz asked Duff to explain more about the recent regional agreement being reviewed by all the school committees. Duff says the regionalization study has been done by a committee for the last two and a half years. The district is in the process of deciding if it would be a benefit to add North Brookfield schools to the Quaboag Regional School District. The committee did have its amended regional agreement approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The next step would be to get all school committees to review and accept the regional agreement. Afterwards, the agreement would go to a town vote. If one committee says no, then it goes back to the regional agreement to rearrange the language in the document. "If one town doesn't want it then it goes dead," Veliz said.

According to Duff, the goal was to come up with an agreement that could be presented to the school committees and towns. The committee was in favor of what was written and is now awaiting from both school committees for approval. Public hearing The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing for the purpose of erecting two poles with two anchor poles and wire to be placed at 588 Dunham Road at the request of National Grid for new service. National Grid representation was at the public hearing and explained the project is for new customer service. A map was provided during the meeting to point out where the poles are being placed. There will be a total of two poles, one on each side for the road. A neighbor on Dunham Road attended the meeting and had no objection to the project.



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Friends of Ware Town Hall host holiday wreath fundraiser

WARE – Friends of Ware Town Hall announce they are hosting one of their Bemis Farms fundraising events on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road.

This year's workshop project will be a beautiful holiday wreath suitable for outdoor decoration and will last well beyond the holiday season. The workshop will last about an hour.

The fee for the workshop is \$45 and includes all supplies and instruction on how to make a beautiful mixed greens holiday wreath with embellishments. Payment must be made in advance and the reservation deadline for the workshop is Nov. 25.

To make your reservation simply mail a check made payable to Friends of Ware Town Hall for \$45 for each person attending along with your name and phone number to: Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082.



Monson Savings Bank welcomes Cayo as Vice President, Credit Risk Officer

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank recently announced the hiring of Michelle J. Cayo, of



Submitted Photo
Michelle J. Cayo was hired to serve as Monson Savings Bank's Vice President and Credit Risk Officer.

Review Committee at Monson Savings Bank. Cayo, a Business West 40 Belchertown, as Vice President and Credit Risk Officer. "Michelle will be a tremendous asset to both our customers and our team," said Dan Moriarty, President & CEO of Monson Savings Bank in a press release. "Her commitment to the well-being of the local communities we serve aligns perfectly with our values. We are delighted to welcome her to Monson Savings Bank."

In her role as Vice President Credit Risk Officer, Cayo is responsible for managing Monson Savings Bank's Commercial Credit Department. She will be training the Bank's Credit Analysts, while overseeing the department to ensure it is functioning efficiently and effectively.

Cayo will also assist in the creation of commercial loan policy as needed. She proudly serves as a committee member on the Loan

Review Committee at Monson Savings Bank.

Cayo, a Business West 40 Under 40 Alum, comes to Monson Savings Bank with more than 26 years of experience in banking. She previously worked as Florence Bank's Vice President Credit Risk Officer.

Cayo also previously worked in the Credit Department at Hampden Bank and managed Country Bank's Credit Department.

In addition to her extensive banking experience, Cayo will draw on her numerous educational accomplishments in her new role at Monson Savings Bank.

Cayo is a Bay Path University alum, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in communications and information management. Cayo is also a graduate of the Massachusetts Banker School of Financial

Studies and the American Bankers Association's Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

Like Monson Savings Bank, Cayo values the local communities and strives to help make our community a better place. Cayo is a Board Member of Cancer Connection and a Wish Granter at Make-A-Wish of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Cayo's efforts to enrich the community she works and lives in was recognized in Western Mass Women's Magazine as the Volunteer of the Year in 2013.

"I am so grateful to be joining a team that holds the same values as I do. I was drawn to Monson Savings Bank's dedication to supporting the local communities that we serve," said Cayo. "I am thrilled to join the esteemed Monson Savings Bank team. With over 26 years of dedicated experience in the commercial credit sector, I am eager to contribute my expertise and drive to our collective success. I look forward to leveraging my industry knowledge to support the Bank's growth and continue its tradition of excellence."

To learn more about Monson Savings Bank, please visit: <https://www.monsonsavings.bank/>

'Broadway's Next Hit Musical' comes to The Center at Eagle Hill

HARDWICK – Every song is fresh. Every scene is new. Every night is different. It's all improvised and it's all funny.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., "Broadway's Next Hit Musical" comes to The Center at Eagle Hill.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for students and seniors. The Center also offers discounted \$10 tickets to EBT cardholders through Massachusetts' Card to Culture Program.

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created filled with great dancing, catchy melodies, and tons of laughter.

The audience votes for their favorite song and watches as the cast turns that song into a full-blown improvised musical – complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists galore.

For tickets and information, visit www.thecenterataglehill.org or call the Box Office at 413-477-6746.

About The Center

The Center at Eagle Hill is a performance venue in central Massachusetts presenting world class music, dance, theatre, and comedy.

For more information about this, and other events, please visit our website at www.thecenterataglehill.org. The Center at Eagle Hill is located at 242 Old Petersham Road.

Wishing Well Charities to hold annual Fall Fundraiser Nov. 2

WARE – Wishing Well Charities Inc. will hold its annual Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 3-8 p.m. at Teresa's Restaurant, 305 Palmer Road.

There will be a cocktail hour with cash bar, sit down family-style meal, raffle and silent

auction and entertainment by The Time Trippers. Tickets to the fundraiser are \$40 each.

Wishing Well Charities Inc.'s mission is to grant small financial wishes to people in need so they celebrate all of life's little celebrations, all year round.

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Rural healthcare needs

A key concern in the district is the lack of medical services, with many towns described as healthcare deserts. This issue was brought to the forefront by the recent closure of Mary Lane Hospital.

Durant referred to this closure as "tragic," emphasizing its historical significance and the impact on the community. He noted that the CEO is committed to working with the Historical Commission and "does not want to demolish the building at this time."

He also highlighted the broader issue facing community hospitals, stating, "Nearly 30% of community hospitals are in danger of failing."

Durant shared his experience working to keep Harrington Hospital operational and emphasized the need for collaboration with larger healthcare networks like UMass and Baystate to address the gap left by Mary Lane's closure. He proposed looking to Gardner as a model, a town with more urgent care facilities than hospitals.

Dibb agreed on the importance of Mary Lane Hospital, calling it the "center of the community for over 100 years." She discussed potential models for healthcare delivery, suggesting a focus on urgent care and smaller clinics that can better serve the needs of local residents.

Dibb stressed the distances that Ware residents must travel to access adequate medical care and advocated for reinventing healthcare services at a local level.

Support for small businesses

As economic pressures on small businesses continue to grow – due in part to rising rent, insurance, and energy costs – both candidates shared their visions for supporting local enterprises. Dibb described Ware as a "gateway community"



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimet

State Sen. Peter Durant and candidate Sheila Dibb participated in a candidate's forum hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond at Cedarbrook Village in Ware recently. Both are running for the Worcester and Hampshire district seat on the Senate.

and advocated for the creation of opportunity zones and revitalization of Main Street.

She emphasizes the need to ensure that grants and resources are accessible to all businesses, particularly those that may lack the knowledge or power of larger corporations. Dibb identified the need for improved communication about available grants as a crucial factor in supporting local businesses.

Durant took a different approach, highlighting the establishment of the Community One Stop for Growth grant application process during the Baker administration, which he believes has helped businesses navigate funding opportunities more effectively.

He pointed out that the criteria for gateway cities to access some state programs are often too stringent, which can disadvantage smaller towns. He noted that the "priorities of the state tend to get skewed because it's way too expensive to build a house with some of these regulations."

Durant called for a reduction in regulatory burdens, specifically mentioning the no fossil fuels rule in new buildings as an example of

regulations that drive up costs and hinder development.

Rural Policy Plan

With 17 of the 22 communities in this Senate district classified as rural, the candidates were asked to discuss amendments to the Rural Policy Plan and how to ensure equitable resource distribution.

Durant highlighted the Quabbin watershed, stating, "Quabbin provides 100 billion gallons of water a day for the people in Boston." He underscored the importance of preserving this resource and suggested implementing a fee for taking water from the watershed, proposing a sort of "pennies on the gallon fee" to create a fund that could support the communities impacted by water extraction.

Dibb echoed Durant's emphasis on the Quabbin, advocating for increased education about the communities surrounding the watershed and the work they do to maintain water quality.

She stated, "Rural aid needs to be codified," pointing out the necessity of addressing challenges like waste management from Boston and the protection of

farmland. Dibb noted that 17% of Massachusetts is farmland, with 460,000 acres currently unprotected, highlighting the need for stronger policies to safeguard these vital resources.

Balancing development and green space

As Massachusetts grapples with new housing and energy legislation, the candidates were questioned on how to balance the need for housing and clean energy with the preservation of green space.

Dibb expressed her concern about solar farms taking up farmland, arguing, "Solar is great, but there's plenty of other options." She proposed innovative solutions such as installing solar panels on rooftops and above roads and parking lots, stating, "Two birds, one stone: less heat on the pavement or weather on cars plus the benefits of solar power."

Dibb acknowledged the progress made by the climate bill but emphasized that solar installations should not come at the expense of valuable agricultural land.

Durant addressed the complaints surrounding solar installations, arguing that landowners often prefer solar projects due to existing ownership structures. He pointed out the potential for solar energy generation without sacrificing agricultural land.

Durant also brought up the importance of exploring alternative energy sources, including "small modular nuclear" options, and called for a focus on promoting natural gas to lower energy prices while meeting housing production needs.

Infrastructure investment

Both candidates recognized the urgent need to address aging infrastructure across the state. Durant highlighted the high costs associated with road repairs, noting that Massachusetts ranks among the highest in the nation for repair costs per mile.

He attributed part of this to Project Labor Agreements that inflate expenses.

"We need to focus on programs to finish projects quicker," he said, referencing a bridge project he once worked on. He argued that more efficient project execution could lead to significant cost savings.

Dibb pointed out that many towns rely heavily on Chapter 90 funding for road maintenance, which often only addresses the most critical issues. She called for an increase in Chapter 90 funding at the state level and advocated for greater inclusion of towns in the Transportation Improvement Project process, arguing that "we need more towns on TIP" to ensure broader access to funding for infrastructure improvements.

State and local government relations

The dynamic between local and state government was another focal

point of the forum. Dibb lamented the occasional disconnect, stating, "Only sometimes do local and state come together."

She cited the cooperation seen during the COVID-19 pandemic as a positive example but emphasized the need for ongoing collaboration. "The state doesn't just stop at 495 and start back up again at Northampton and the Berkshires," she said, calling for a representative who understands the unique needs of western Massachusetts.

In contrast, Durant defended the relationships he has cultivated with state and local officials.

He stated, "This is where we're going to diverge because that's completely wrong." He cited his ability to secure nearly a million dollars in earmarks for public safety and public works, emphasizing that building relationships is essential in government.

"It's all about knowing people," he noted, adding that he has acquired nearly \$10 million in bonds for the district.

Immigration The candidates also addressed the complex issue of supporting migrants while ensuring that local communities' needs are met. Durant raised concerns about the financial implications of the Right to Shelter act, asserting that it has led to increased crime in Massachusetts.

He stated, "New England ICE says a huge uptick in crime is only happening in Massachusetts due to our Right to Shelter act."

He expressed a desire to support only legal immigration, arguing that illegal immigration strains local resources, noting, "There's a 1.2 billion dollar fund for the care of these people."

Dibb offered a contrasting view, sharing her father's immigrant story and emphasizing the contributions that immigrants make to the community. She pointed to the need for adaptable support systems, stating that as more people immigrate, "we change the laws again and again to make more hoops to jump through."

Dibb highlighted the consequences of the Baker administration's decision to require an eviction notice for state rental assistance applications, which she believes exacerbated homelessness. She stated, "When state rental assistance dropped after COVID in April 2022, in June 2022, homelessness numbers doubled."

Addressing crumbling foundations

Crumbling foundations emerged as a critical issue in the district, particularly affecting homes built with defective concrete due to one specific company hailing from Connecticut. Dibb highlighted the severity of the problem, citing potential deterioration due to pyrrhotite in the concrete.

"The damage is irreversible," she warned, noting that replacement costs can reach around \$200,000. She coins it as this gen-

erations lead paint and asbestos and states even if it is not physically harming someone the debt this kind of thing incurs could cripple someone.

Dibb mentions a failed legislation brought on by former state Sen. Anne Gobi that was modeled after the fund in Connecticut to help people with these issues. Gobi campaigned for seven years for it and it died on the senate floor and Dibb expresses disappointment for this fact.

Durant responded by acknowledging the ongoing challenges related to crumbling foundations, asserting that the legislation Dibb mentioned failed because it was not well-crafted. He emphasized the importance of creating a fund to address the issue, stating, "We came up with a workable solution to create a fund and put money into it."

He noted that when a revised proposal was presented, it received unanimous support, countering the perception that a Republican cannot get things passed. He quoted an unnamed Democrat who opposed the initial bill, claiming, "I don't care about these people," to illustrate the challenges faced in legislative processes.

Closing statements

In their closing remarks, both candidates summarized their visions for the future.

Durant expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a senator, stating, "Being a senator, first and foremost, has been the greatest honor of my life." He emphasized the importance of holding the government accountable and expressed concern over the immigration crisis, stating that it costs "billions and billions every year."

He called for a representative who can effectively advocate for the district's needs, emphasizing the relationships he has built in government.

Dibb concluded by reflecting on her pragmatic approach, stating, "I'm honestly not sure how I feel about earmarks." She reiterated the importance of addressing crumbling foundations as a pressing issue, likening it to lead paint and asbestos.

Dibb emphasized her commitment to looking at long-term solutions, saying, "The idea of saving a dime today just to know you're going to spend a dollar later because you didn't look long-term at the way some of these issues affect us is not the way I operate." She underscored her focus on the big picture and long-term projects that would ultimately benefit the community.

As the forum concluded, it became clear that both Durant and Dibb offer distinct approaches to governance and the challenges facing their district. Their differing perspectives on local issues will undoubtedly influence the upcoming election and shape the future of Massachusetts' rural communities.

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Juliana White gets ready to finish the Kids 200-Foot Dash and receive her medal.



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Runners get ready to face the first hill on the 5-Mile Classic course.

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For more information about the East Quabbin Land Trust, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary, visit www.eqlt.org.



Spectators cheered on a runner as she set off on the course.



Evan White pushed his daughter in a stroller on the 5-Mile Classic.



Parker Bottomley earned first place in the Kids 1/4 Mile Run. Parker also finished third overall in the 5K Run/Walk.



Children race toward the finish line.



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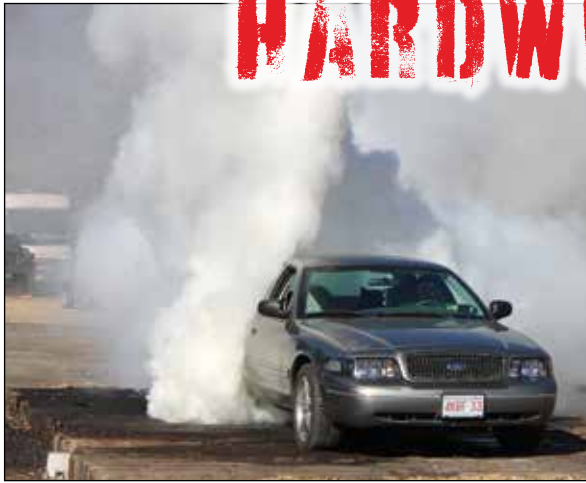
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This Ford Crown Victoria sends up a plume of smoke during the 4th annual First Alarm fundraiser to benefit the Hardwick Fire Association held this past Saturday.



The Rem Dog had an impressive cloud of smoke during the burnouts.



The competition heated up after this Chevrolet Trailblazer entered the burnouts.



Firefighters work together to push a car off the burnout area.

4th annual fundraiser hosted by the Fire Association

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Fire Association held its 4th annual First Alarm fundraiser to benefit the Hardwick Fire Department this

past Saturday at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery.

The event was held all day and featured food trucks, vendors and crafters, a car and

truck show, games (including a hay bale toss), pie-in-the-face, pumpkin carving, burnout competition, live music and s'mores.



A car show started off the 4th annual First Alarm fundraiser held at the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery.

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Mark Despin of Webster holds the trophy he won at the 4th annual First Alarm burnout competition.



This Dodge Ram competed in the burnouts.



Drivers entered all types of vehicles in the burnout competition.



This Pontiac earned many cheers from the crowd.



Mark Despin's 2000 Ford Mustang GT was the fan favorite in the burnout competition.



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RIVALRY FOOTBALL



Palmer High School meets Ware next Saturday afternoon.

Palmer looks to snap losing skid against Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—While the members of the Palmer football team want to win every game that they play, the one against archival Ware is the most important game on their schedule each fall.

The Panthers will enter this contest looking to snap their seven game losing streak against the Indians.

"We always want to win every

game, but if we do beat Ware in this year's game, it'll probably be our biggest regular season victory since I've been the head coach," said Palmer football coach Matt Marciniak. "I do enjoy the game a little bit better whenever it's played here in Palmer. It's a very important game for the entire town and I would love to finally get the trophy back from them."

The 98th meeting on the gridiron between the two neighboring high schools is scheduled to take

place at historic Legion Field in Palmer at 1 p.m. on November 2.

The Indians will enter this year's contest with a 49-43-5 overall lead in the series, which began in 1925.

The last time that Palmer beat Ware on the gridiron was in 2015 by the final score of 14-6.

Former Palmer QB Ryan McCarthy rushed for a total of 194 yards and scored a pair of rushing touchdowns in that game.

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File photos
The Panthers are 4-2 so far this season.



The Indians are 4-2 so far this year.

Indians look for another win over rival Panthers

Ware leads the all-time series between the two schools.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE— The Palmer-Ware trophy has been on display inside Ware High School during the past seven years. The current members of the Indians football team are hoping to keep possession of the trophy, which is shaped like a football, for another year.

The 98th meeting on the gridiron between the two neighboring high schools is scheduled to take place at historic Legion Field in

Palmer at 1 p.m. on November 2.

"While we put a lot of effort into every game that we play, the Palmer game is one that's circled on our schedule," said Ware head coach Mike Fazio, who hasn't lost a game in the cross-town rivalry series. "This is a huge rivalry not only for the two football teams, but also for both communities."

Fazio has always enjoyed hosting the rivalry game instead of having to make the short bus ride down Route 32 to Palmer every other year.

"Anytime that you're playing on a different field, it's a much different feeling," Fazio said. "You don't have your own locker room or your own schedule. We always tell the players that if they want to be successful, they need to win big games on the road, and this is one of those games."

Ware will enter this year's contest with a 49-43-5 overall lead in the series, which began in 1925.

"It's always very important

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5	Theo Haley	WR/LB	11
7	Taydem Haley	RB/CB	10
9	Griffin Nawrocki	WR/CB	10
11	Jordan Jones	WR/CB	11
12	Hunter White	RB/DE	11
18	Kayden Harvey	WR/DB	9
21	Dylan Holbrook	WR/CB	10
30	Adrian Hernandez	RB/LB	10
33	Hunter Baird	WR/LB	10
52	Brecken Gilman	OG/DT	11
61	Kodah Laviolette-Gonzalez	C/LB	11
62	Guillermo Rodriguez Rivera	C/LB	12
63	Julien Valentin	OG/DT	12
65	Luis Rivera Alicea	OG/LB	12
70	Jared Perry	OT/DE	11
77	Gavin Smola	OT/DE	11
78	Matthew Mastalerz	OT/DT	9
88	Landon Couture	TE/LB	11



Hunter White skips looking for a seam to run through.

Palmer Football (4-2)

Week 1 – Friday, Sept. 13 – Palmer 40, Pathfinder 7
 Week 2 – Friday, Sept. 20 – Palmer 27, Quaboag 26
 Week 3 – Friday, Sept. 27 – Palmer 36, Easthampton 30
 Week 4 – Friday, Oct. 4 – Palmer 36, Mahar 6
 Week 5 – Friday, Oct. 11 – Franklin Tech 24, Palmer 22
 Week 6 – Friday, Oct. 18 – Athol 32, Palmer 14
 Week 7 – Thursday, Oct. 24 – at Greenfield 6 p.m.
 Week 8 – Saturday, Nov. 2 – vs. Ware 1 p.m.
 Week 9 – Nov. 8/9 – TBD
 Week 10 – Nov. 15/16 – TBD
 Thanksgiving – Thursday, Nov. 28 – at Ludlow 10 a.m.



Thomas Richter makes a block.



Gavin Sawabi creates separation from the Palmer defense.

Ware High School Football 2024-2025 Roster

No.	Name	Position	Grade
1	Troy Jurczyk	QB/DB	10
2	Sean Bernier	WR/DB	11
3	Mekhai Johnson	WR/DB	10
4	Thomas Richter	WR/DB	12
5	Dalton Marquis	RB/DB	10
6	Brady Dyer	QB/DB	12
7	Troy Dufresne	WR/DB	11
8	Zachary Safford	WR/DB	9
9	Jadrien Berthiaume	RB/LB	11
10	Brayden Compton	WR/DB	11
11	Enrique Martinez	TE/LB	11
14	Caleb Gorman	RB/LB	9
15	Jacob McNamee	WR/DB	10
17	Julius Marquis	WR/DB	9
18	Jazeel Blanchard	WR/DB	12
20	Jayden Kern	WR/DB	12
21	Sebastian Schmidt	WR/DB	10
23	Gavin Sawabi	WR/DB	12
24	Ian Hogan	QB/DB	9
25	Samuel Torres	WR/LB	10
33	Alex Wawro	WR/DB	10
40	Ayden Mulcahy	OL/DL	12
50	Brayden Miner	OL/LB	9
54	Nathan Luxon	OL/LB	12
55	Matthew Gambino	OL/LB	12
60	Ethan Corder	OL/DL	11
64	Kahmari Crump	OL/DL	10
65	Enrique Burton	OL/DL	10
66	Philip Dupell	OL/DL	11
68	Jayden Diaz	WR/DB	10
70	Edrick Ortiz-Cordero	OL/DL	12
71	Jacoby Heredia	OL/DL	11
72	Cam Grushey	OL/DL	10
73	Andrew Bonilla	OL/DL	10
74	Nathan Harmon	OL/DL	12
75	Hunter Briand	OL/DL	10
76	Marek Luongo	OL/DL	11
77	Dominic Montalban	OL/DL	12
83	Benjamin Torres	WR/LB	12
84	Alex Orszulak	TE/LB	11
99	Braden Sullivan	WR/DB	10

Palmer vs. Ware - Past results

With their 2023 win, their ninth in the last 10 years, Ware now leads all-time series 49-43-5.

1925	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1959	Ware 24	Palmer 14	1992	Ware 46	Palmer 0
1926	Ware 13	Palmer 7			(win Guard Trophy)	1993	Ware 34	Palmer 27
1927	Palmer 13	Ware 7	1960	Palmer 14	Ware 0	1994	Ware 14	Palmer 7
1928	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1961	Palmer 22	Ware 14	1995	Ware 8	Palmer 6
1929	Ware 13	Palmer 2	1962	Palmer 14	Ware 0	1996	Palmer 21	Ware 12
1930	Ware 13	Palmer 6	1963	Palmer 28	Ware 14	1997	Ware 28	Palmer 6
1931	Palmer 6	Ware 0	1964	Palmer 28	Ware 6	1998	Ware 30	Palmer 0
1932	Palmer 34	Ware 0	1965	Palmer 28	Ware 0	1999	Ware 42	Palmer 0
1933	Palmer 32	Ware 0	1966	Palmer 34	Ware 6	2000	Ware 34	Palmer 0
1934	Palmer 14	Ware 13	1967	Palmer 13	Ware 6	2001	Ware 28	Palmer 0
1935	Palmer 14	Ware 13	1968	Ware 18	Palmer 6	2002	Ware 20	Palmer 6
1936	Ware 12	Palmer 6			(snowstorm moved game to Nov. 23)	2003	Ware 20	Palmer 14
1937	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1969	Palmer 42	Ware 6	2004	Ware 43	Palmer 6
1938	Ware 26	Palmer 6	1970	Ware 12	Palmer 6	2005	Palmer 12	Ware 0
1939	Ware 13	Palmer 0	1971	Ware 6	Palmer 2	2006	Ware 8	Palmer 6
1940	Ware 6	Palmer 0	1972	Palmer 26	Ware 9	2007	Palmer 26	Ware 6
1941	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1973	Palmer 14	Ware 12	2008	Palmer 33	Ware 0
1942	Palmer 39	Ware 0	1974	Ware 14	Palmer 6	2009	Ware 16	Palmer 6
1943	Palmer 62	Ware 0	1975	Ware 18	Palmer 6	2010	Palmer 33	Ware 0
1944		No game	1976	Palmer 8	Ware 0	2011	Palmer 21	Ware 0
1945	Palmer 15	Ware 0	1977	Ware 20	Palmer 0	2012	Ware 29	Palmer 20
1946	Palmer 0	Ware 0	1978	Palmer 6	Ware 0	2013	Ware 20	Palmer 0
1947	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1979	Ware 38	Palmer 12	2014	Ware 14	Palmer 0
1948	Ware 14	Palmer 7	1980	Ware 21	Palmer 0	2015	Palmer 14	Ware 6
1949	Palmer 24	Ware 0	1981	Ware 27	Palmer 0	2016	Ware 26	Palmer 6
1950	Palmer 51	Ware 6	1982	Palmer 12	Ware 6	2017	Ware 41	Palmer 6
1951	Palmer 25	Ware 14	1983	Ware 10	Palmer 6	2018	Ware 19	Palmer 6
1952	Palmer 32	Ware 13	1984	Ware 7	Palmer 0	2019	Ware 34	Palmer 28
1953	Palmer 32	Ware 13	1985	Palmer 26	Ware 6	2020		No game played – COVID-19 pandemic
1954	Palmer 34	Ware 13	1986	Palmer 34	Ware 14	2021	Ware 42	Palmer 21
1955	Palmer 6	Ware 0	1987	Palmer 16	Ware 0	2022	Ware 21	Palmer 0
1956	Palmer 13	Ware 6	1988	Palmer 14	Ware 12	2023	Ware 49	Palmer 7
1957	Ware 54	Palmer 13	1989	Ware 21	Palmer 7	2024		at Palmer 11/2 1 p.m.
1958	Ware 10	Palmer 0	1990	Ware 28	Palmer 6			
			1991	Ware 14	Palmer 14			

Ware Football (4-2)

Week 1 – Friday, Sept. 13 – Ware 14, Easthampton 12
 Week 2 – Friday, Sept. 20 – Narragansett 41, Ware 7
 Week 3 – Friday, Sept. 27 – Ware 28, Drury 0
 Week 4 – Friday, Oct. 4 – Ware 21, Greenfield 14
 Week 5 – Friday, Oct. 11 – Athol 40, Ware 24
 Week 6 – Friday, Oct. 18 – Ware 12, Mahar 6
 Week 7 – Friday, Oct. 25 – vs. Franklin Tech 7 p.m.
 Week 8 – Saturday, Nov. 2 – at Palmer 1 p.m.
 Week 9 – Nov. 8/9 – TBD
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Brady Dyer scrambles with the ball.

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A LOOK AT LAST YEAR'S GAME



Ware football captures another win over Palmer last year.

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Troy Jurczyk sprints down the field.

Dylan Doherty takes off for the right side during last year's game.



Andrew Haley looks to make a tackle.

WARE – It was a rout for Ware in last year's matchup. The 97th meeting between rivals Palmer and Ware ended in a 49-7 win for the Indians. Jadrien Berthiaume had three rushing touchdowns to lead the Indians offense. The then-sophomore was pressed into running back duty because of an injury. The Indians look for another win this year over Palmer, while the Panthers look to stop Ware's winning streak.



Gavin Smola makes a block.



Alex Orszulak tries to evade tackles.



Quarterback Matthew Santos completes a pass early in the game.



Noah Fales goes for the sack.

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The Panthers also defeated the Indians five times between 2005 and 2011.

McCarthy, who was also a 1,000 point scorer for the Panthers boys' varsity hoop team, attended Palmer's 32-14 home loss to Athol, last Friday night. It was the Panthers (4-2) second consecutive loss at Legion Field after they began the regular season with four victories against Pathfinder (40-7), Quaboag (27-26), Easthampton (36-30), and Mahar (36-6). The Panthers first setback of the 2024 campaign was to Franklin County Tech by two points (24-22).

"We played two very good football teams at home in back-to-back weeks," Marciniac said. "We'll be looking to rebound at Greenfield next week before playing Ware."

The Panthers are scheduled to play at Greenfield before returning home for the showdown game.

Marciniac, who's also the Palmer Athletic Director, is hoping his squad can end their losing streak against the Indians on the first Saturday of November.

"Ware has been a very good football team during the past couple of years," he said. "It's the matter of us making some plays and staying

healthy. I don't sleep a lot during Ware week."

Marciniac, who graduated from Palmer High School in 2006, has been a part of the rivalry game as a player, assistant coach, and a head coach.

"People have talked about the Palmer-Ware football game for many years," said Marciniac, who took over the head coaching duties from legendary head coach Peter Farr in the fall of 2019. "You always hear about the game when you're growing up. It's a very special game."

One of the things that Marciniac enjoys doing each year is talking with his players about the history of the rivalry game.

"It's always nice to teach the players about the history of the Palmer-Ware rivalry football game," he said. "I try to tell my players how special the game is. It's something that they'll be talking about for many years."

The only three seniors listed on the Palmer football roster are Guillermo Rodriguez-Rivera, Julien Valentin, and Luis Rivera-Alicea.

"We're a much better team this year because of our three seniors," Marciniac said. "All three of them are linemen."

The trio took part in the pregame coin toss against Athol.

Rodriguez-Rivera is normally a team captain, along with juniors Matt Santos, Dylan Doherty, and Gavin Smola.

"The three seniors and three junior captains are outstanding leaders," Marciniac said. "We're going to miss the three seniors next year."

Nine of the Palmer players are two-way starters.

Santos, who's the Panthers quarterback, will be starting his third game against Ware.

He's a threat both with his two feet and with his right arm.

Doherty is another offensive threat.

Santos and Doherty hooked up for a 13-yard touchdown pass play at the end of the first half in last Friday night's game.

Sophomore Taydem Haley had two interceptions in the home loss. Junior's Jordan Jones and Smola also had interceptions.

The other Palmer juniors are Theo Haley, Hunter White, Brecklin Gilman, Jared Perry, and Landon Couture.

The Panthers first-year assistant coaches are Jason Talbot, and Maurice Payne.

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for us to play our best game of the season in front of the old timers and the alumni who attends the game every year," Fazio said. "Beating Palmer is always something that people talk to me about. You can have a 1-7 record, but if you beat Palmer, it's a successful season. We're looking forward to continuing the winning streak in this year's game."

The Indians celebrated a 49-7 victory against the Panthers at Veterans' Field a year ago. The 49 points were the most points scored by either team in the rivalry game since Ware posted a 46-0 victory in 1992.

Fazio, who was the starting quarterback for the David Prouty football team 20 years ago, remembers playing against archrival Leicester on Thanksgiving morning.

"It was always a lot of fun competing against the Leicester players every year on Thanksgiving," he said. "It's a little bit different not playing your biggest game of the season on Thanksgiving."

Ware and Palmer are both members of the Intercounty North League. The two teams will enter this year's showdown with above .500 records for the first time since 2021.

The Indians currently have a 4-2 overall record following a 12-6 win at Mahar Regional in an Intercounty North League game, last Friday night. They're scheduled to face Franklin County Tech in the final regular season home game on Friday night.

Fazio gave his thoughts on Palmer, who also has a 4-2 overall record. They're scheduled to play at Greenfield on Thursday night.

"Palmer has a couple of very good athletes," he said. "They're a good football team this year and we'll definitely have our work cut out for us."

The Palmer-Ware game is always extra special for the seniors on both teams.

The seniors listed on the Indians football roster are Thomas Richter, Brady Dyer, Julius Marquis, Jazeel Blanchard, Jayden Kern, Gavin Sawabi, Ayden Mulcahy, Matthew Gambino, Edric Ortiz, Nathan Luxon, Nathan Harmon, Dominic Montalban, and Benjamin Torres.

"We have a couple of seniors who are first year players, but we also have five or six seniors who have been with our program since they were in the eighth or ninth grade," Fazio said. "This game means

the world to them. They don't want to be the team that breaks the trend. They want to keep the trophy here in Ware for another year."

Harmon, Sawabi, and Dyer are the Indians tri-captains.

Dyer, who's the Indians starting quarterback, will be starting against the Panthers for the second time.

"Brady has really improved a lot so far this season," Fazio said. "He's one of our leaders offensively."

Another offensive threat for Ware is junior Jadrien Berthiaume, who had a memorable game against Palmer a year ago. He was scheduled to be a starting wide receiver in the home contest, but he wound up starting at running back after senior Talan Molina suffered a pre-game injury. Berthiaume scored three rushing touchdowns in the first half. He's also a linebacker on defense.

"Our senior running back was injured in pregame warm-up last year and Jadrien took full advantage of the opportunity," Fazio said. "He's going to have another opportunity to play a key role in this year's game against Palmer."

Sawabi is the starting full-back and linebacker.

Harmon and Gambino anchors the offensive and defensive lines.

The other members of the Indians O-line are sophomore Cam Grushey, junior Jacoby Heredia, and Alex Orszulak, who's also a tight-end.

When Orszulak is a lineman, he wears #61. In the games he's the TE, his uniform is #84.

"Alex hasn't switch positions during the game," Fazio said. "We make the decision at practice each week which position he'll be playing in the game. The blocking is basically the same, but our linemen pull a lot more. He does a very good job."

Grushey and Heredia are also D-linemen.

Sophomore Dalton Marquis is a tight end. The Indians two wide receivers are junior's Troy Dufresne and Sean Bernier.

Fazio calls the defensive plays.

"Most of our players are two-way starters," Fazio said. "We try our best to rotate different players into the game as much as we can."

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

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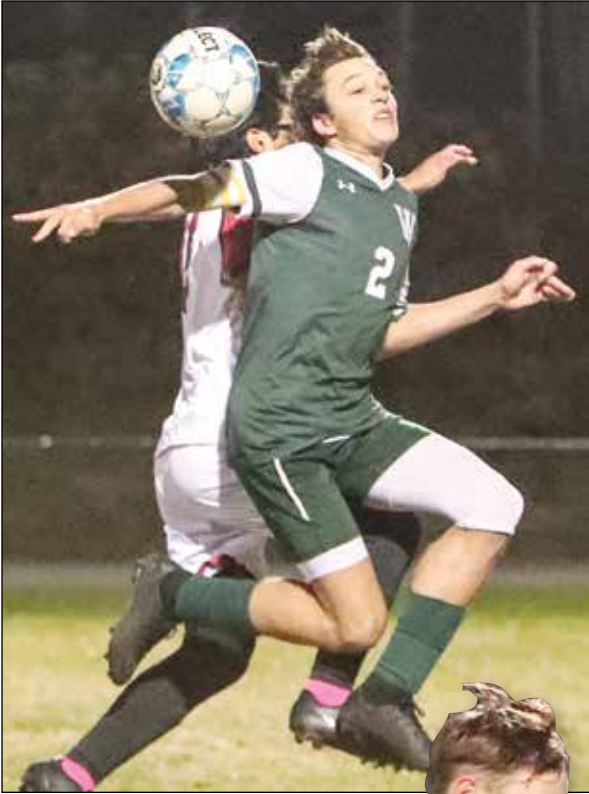
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Jason Bumper goes all in to break up this shot.

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Owen McKeever is all concentration bringing the ball down field.



Ware breaks losing streak

Matthew Skutnik breaks through two defenders.

WARE – After a tough stretch of games, Ware boys soccer picked up a victory over Renaissance School 7-0. Owen McKeever had a huge night with six points, scoring four times and assisting on two other goals. Jack Goodreau had eight saves in the shutout. Unfortunately for the Indians, they are unlikely to make tournament unless they can win their final matchup with Drury and two potential non-Western Mass. playoff games. Ware is currently ranked No. 45 in the power rankings, and likely won't elevate enough to finish in the top 32.



Justin Grout get the kick off as he moves towards goal.

Panthers get shutout over Quaboag

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

WARREN—Quabbin Regional head coach Shelly Zalneratis and Quaboag Regional head coach John O'Neill are two of the veteran field hockey coaches in Central Massachusetts.

The longtime friends have always enjoyed competing against each other.

The only meeting of the regular season between the two squads took place on Columbus Day and the Quabbin Lady Panthers posted a 4-0 road victory over the Quaboag Lady Cougars.

"I always love playing against John's teams," Zalneratis said. "We're longtime friends and we've been competing against each other for many years. It's a great relationship. Quaboag is a very young team this year and they play an extremely difficult schedule, but the future does look bright for them."

Quaboag had a 7-5 overall record following the home loss, which was played on a gloomy morning.

"I thought we played well in today's game," said John O'Neill, who's wrapping up his 42nd season as the Lady Cougars head coach. "We played better defense in the second. It's always fun to play against Quabbin."

O'Neill couldn't remember the first time that he coached against Zalneratis.

"Shelly is always trying to improve as a head coach by going to clinics," O'Neill said. "She's a student of the game. I've really enjoyed competing against her teams over the years."

The Lady Cougars entered the match-up having outscored their previous three opponents, 13-3.

The shutout victory improved the Lady Panthers overall record to 7-5-2.

"This win is very good for our confidence," Zalneratis added. "We also had the opportunity to work on several different things in today's game."

Quabbin has now won the last four meetings in the rivalry series. They celebrated a 3-1 home win a year ago.

"We've been able to win the past couple of games against Quaboag, but the series has gone back and forth over the years," Zalneratis said. "This series will continue as long as I'm coaching here."

With a little more than ten minutes remaining in the first quarter, Katelynn Swistak, who's the only senior listed on the Lady Cougars roster, fired a shot on goal, but Quabbin sophomore goalie Aubrey

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Panthers fall at Holyoke

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday evening, Palmer High School field hockey had a tough match-up against Holyoke, falling 4-0. It was the second time this season Palmer, which co-ops with Pathfinder, would fall to the Knights. This time, however, the defense was much-improved, only allowing four goals on Holyoke's turf field, where the ball travels much faster than on Palmer's home grass field. The Panthers are 0-10-1.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Ellisyn Gelinis maneuvers through the middle of the field, with pressure coming on.



Ava Ostrout makes the throw-in.



Asher Sargent reaches out to take possession.



Madelyn Bagg punts the ball away.



Brielle Gerulaitis attempts to steal the ball.

Warriors score win over Cougars

FISKDALE – Last Wednesday night, Tantasqua Regional High School girls soccer defeated Quaboag 4-2. The Cougars fell

to 5-8-2 on the season, but are in prime position to make the state tournament with the No. 15 ranking. Tantasqua Regional is in

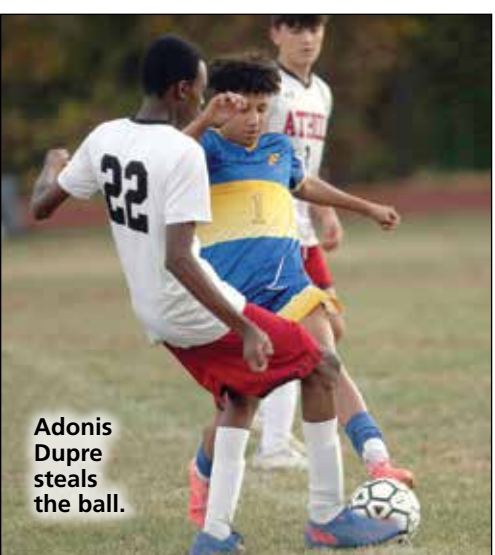
excellent shape, with an 11-3-1 record. They are likely to make the Central Mass. tournament as well as the state tournament.



Willow Laboy gets possession.



Hannah Roy looks to send the ball up the field.



Adonis Dupre steals the ball.

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Evan Costa sends a quick pass away.

Regular season concludes with win

WARREN – Last Friday, the Pathfinder High School boys soccer team borrowed Quaboag's stadium field to play its final home game, scoring a 6-1 win over Athol. In the win, Jaleel Roman had two goals for the Pioneers. Evan Costa, Adonis Dupre, Talon Clark, and Cayden Bousquet had the other goals for the Pioneers. Pathfinder, which co-ops with Palmer, finishes the regular season at 9-5-1. The Pioneers are guaranteed a Division 5 state tournament spot, and will wait to learn if it made the Western Mass. tournament. If the Pioneers do not play in the section tournament, they will play a couple of non-playoff games this week.



Brody Wetnicka chases after a loose ball.



Owen Pear passes ahead of pressure.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Thursday Night Mixed League

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Thursday Night Mixed League at Bogey Lanes bowled week four of the season.

The standings as of Oct. 17 had Scorpion Bowlers in first place with a record of 30-2. Team Four is a close second place team with a record of 29-3. Hogs are in third place with a record of 28-4. Team Eleven, Glen Echo Bowlers and Team Seven are tied for fourth place at 16-16.

Team Seven bowled against Team Twelve this past week. In game one, Team Seven was victorious 384-376. In game two, Team Seven won again 411-397. In game three, Team Seven won again for a sweep over Team Twelve, 406-405. The final score was 1201-1178 in favor of Team Seven.

Team Five bowled against the #1 seed Scorpion Bowlers. In game one, Scorpion Bowlers took game one 409-383. In game two, Scorpion Bowlers won again by a score of 393-385. Scorpion Bowlers won the final game 397-380. Final score was 1199-1148 in favor of Scorpion Bowlers who are successfully defending their #1 seed.

Team Nine bowled against the Glen Echo Bowlers. In game one, Team Nine was victori-

ous 411-390. In game two, Zo Nowak of Glen Echo Bowlers scored a 124 during the team's win over Team Nine, 439-396.

In game three, Nowak bowled a 117 as the Glen Echo Bowlers won again 424-402. The final score was 1253-1209 in favor of Glen Echo Bowlers.

Team Four was victorious in all three games during week four. Aaron Fontaine was having a successful night by bowling a series of 413. Fontaine's scores consisted of 146, 141 and 126.

Team Four had scores of 453, 464 and 439 for a final score of 1356.

Team Eleven bowled against Team Six. In game one, Team Six was victorious 424-393. Logan Kellaher of Team Six started the night with a 116 and his teammate Jay Wassmer started with a 109.

Team 11 was victorious in game two, 387-383. In game three, Team Six won 396-370. Team Six also won total pinfall by a final score of 1203-1150.

The #3 seed Hogs bowled against the B Team. In game one, the B Team was victorious 382-370. In game two, The Hogs won 390-374. Drew Kolb of B Team bowled a 117.

In game three, The Hogs won again and took six points in their match against the B Team. The score in game three was 393-375 in favor of the Hogs. Total pinfall was won by the Hogs with a final score of 1153-1131.

Bogey Lanes is located at 199 North Brookfield Road. The lanes can be reached by calling 508-867-6629.

Thunderbirds offense stymied in Providence

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-3-0-0) could not solve the Providence Bruins (2-2-0-0) and their goaltender Michael DiPietro, falling 3-0 on Sunday afternoon inside Amica Mutual Pavilion.



Colten Ellis earned a second consecutive start after defeating the Bruins an evening earlier, and the young goaltender was kept busy in a first period that saw Providence outshoot Springfield 12-4.

The Bruins eventually cracked the ice at 12:17 following an extended shift in the offensive zone. Veteran blueliner Jordan Oesterle located open ice in the left circle, stepped up, and slapped a one-time feed from Fabian Lysell over Ellis's shoulder, giving the Bruins the 1-0 edge.

5:42 later, in his second tour of duty as a Bruin, Vinni Lettieri continued his lengthy history of success against the T-Birds when he one-timed a shot through Ellis to extend the Bruins lead to 2-0 heading into intermission.

Springfield came out hun-

grier in the second period, but DiPietro was equal to the task, as he calmly stood tall against 10 T-Birds attempts. His best save came past the midpoint of the second, when he came out to challenge Aleksanteri Kaskimaki on a 4-on-2, denying the rookie his first AHL goal.

As the game moved to the third, the T-Birds tried to up the ante on offense, and Marcus Sylvegard had the best chance of the day with a breakaway bid, but DiPietro had the answer to turn aside the man who had the game-winning goal a night earlier.

In the end, despite a perfect 4-for-4 showing by the Springfield penalty kill and a 31-save performance from Ellis, the offensive drought proved costly, and Patrick Brown sealed matters with an empty-netter in the final 90 seconds to seal it up for the Bruins.

The T-Birds return home to begin another three-game weekend on Friday, Oct. 25 against the Grand Rapids Griffins. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

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Thorpe was able to make a kick save. It wound up being Thorpe's only save of the entire match. It was also her fifth shutout of the regular season.

The members of the Lady Panthers defensive unit are sophomore Violet Kelley, junior Madelyn Stauder, senior Sydney Slattery, and senior Kylie George.

Down at the other end of the field, Quaboag sophomore Riley Gray made seven saves in the non-league contest.

A couple of minutes later the Lady Panthers took a 1-0 lead when sophomore Abigail Rogowski delivered a pass from the left side to junior Farrah Wojcik, who banged a wide open shot into the cage.

"Scoring the first goal of the game is definitely something we've worked on all season long," Zalneratis said. "Abi made a nice pass to Farrah, who scored our first goal."

During the final seconds of the first quarter, which is 15 minutes long, Wojcik sent a pass to classmate Olivia Breault, who scored Quabbin's second goal.

After failing to score on their first five penalty corners, Quabbin converted a goal on their sixth corner with nine min-

utes left in the first half. Wojcik inserted the ball from the left side of the cage. After a pass went to Rogowski, sophomore Makenzie Casey fired a shot which was tipped into the cage by junior Alyssa Ebert.

At the end of the first half, the Lady Cougars had a penalty corner opportunity. The ball was inserted by seventh grader Stephanie Swistak, but it was quickly cleared away by the Quabbin defense.

Neither team scored a goal during the third quarter.

The Lady Panthers final goal of the match, which was unassisted, was scored by freshman Kayla Curran with 6:36 remaining in regulation.

"We had four different goal scorers in today's game," Zalneratis said. "It's something that we'll need to do in the post-season tournament."

While the Lady Cougars are wrapping up their regular season this week, the Lady Panthers were scheduled to host Saint Paul Diocesan of Worcester in the semifinals of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association tournament on Wednesday afternoon.

Quabbin and Quaboag could face each other again in the Division 4 state tournament.

COLLEGE:

Owls comeback falls short

WESTFIELD – Westfield State senior Dylan Disabella (Granby, Conn.) ran for 130 yards and caught a touchdown pass in his debut as the Owls' feature back, but it wasn't enough as Framingham State foiled the Owls homecoming with a 21-7 win.

Both teams are now 2-4 on the season and 2-3 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Westfield got on the scoreboard first, with QB Gabe Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) finding Disabella for a 13-yard scoring strike with Disabella leaping into the endzone to punctuate a 9-play, 82-yard drive.

Turnovers again punished the Owls, as Framingham's first score came on an 11-yard Carl Renaudin (Waltham, Mass.) scoop and score fumble recovery touchdown, on a busted toss run for the Owls.

Westfield had a chance to take a lead into the half, after Tafari Proctor (Amherst, Mass.) intercepted his third pass of the season, and returned it 59 yards to the Framingham 3, but on the ensuing play Framingham forced a fumble and the Rams recovered to keep the score 7-7 heading to the half.

The Rams grabbed a 14-7 lead midway through the third quarter with a 25-yard TD toss from Luke Thompson (West Islip, NY) to Elijah Nichols (Burlington Twp., NJ), capping an 11-play, 79-yard drive.

Early in the fourth quarter, Westfield had a chance to tie as the Owls marched the ball from their own 28 yard line all the way to the Framingham four yard line, but the Rams forced a fumble with Ronyel Pena (Lawrence, Mass.) slashing between the Owls offensive line to force a fumble.

Framingham added a 2e-yard touchdown run from Jaheim Daniels (Norwalk, Conn.) with 46 seconds left in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach, after the Rams defense forced a 4-and-out

from the Owls. Westfield had their backs against the wall with a drive that started inside their own 10-yard line with less than two minutes to play.

Disabella had a big day on the ground in his first action as the feature back in the Owls triple-option attack. He played two seasons as a tight end for the Owls before moving to wing back in the offense this season, but moved behind the quarterback for today's game for the first time with Owls regular starter Sean Willis out with an injury. The Owls played with three offensive regulars sidelined by injury today.

Fernandez finished 7-20 passing for 66 yards, with 1 td and 1 interception. Jacob Swinehart (Holyoke, Mass.) caught two passes for 23 yards and added six carries for 27 yards.

Blake Simpson (Bellingham, Mass.) and Corey Henderson (Gardner, Mass.) led the Owls with eight tackles each. Henderson added a sack and Cade Nelson (Shrewsbury, Mass.) had 1.5 sacks for the Owls.

Framingham QB Thompson finished 11-27 passing for 169 yards with a TD and an interception. Nichols led the Rams with eight catches for 90 yards and a TD. Daniels finished with 52 yards rushing on seven carries.

Pena was the man of the hour for the Framingham defense, getting in on 17 tackles (9 solo), with four for losses and a sack. Renaudin had the fumble recovery for TD and a 22-yard interception return.

The Owls ran 75 offensive plays to the Rams 52, and Westfield outgained the Rams 246-219 and held a 37-23 edge in time of possession, but the key turnovers hampered the Owls chances to win.

Westfield will travel to Plymouth State for a MASCAC game next Saturday, Oct. 26 at noon. Framingham will next host Mass Maritime on Noon on Oct. 26.

Bonsignore sweeps weekend at North Wilkesboro

Justin Bonsignore found himself in North Wilkesboro Speedway Victory Lane twice this weekend. The driver of the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine for Kenneth Massa Motorsports swept the weekend of Modified competition at the historic track - winning both the SMART Modified Tour season-finale 99 on Saturday and the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Brushy Mountain Powersports 150 on Sunday.

Bonsignore's SMART Tour victory came in his first career start with the series. He dominated the race and held off Matt Hirschman over the final laps to score the win.

His NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win on Sunday was his fourth of the season and second straight. It was also his 44th career Whelen Modified Tour win - tying Reggie Ruggiero for second on the all-time NWMT wins list. Bonsignore also took back the series points lead heading for the finale at Martinsville Speedway (October 26) by 10 points in search of his fourth series championship.

"This car is two-for-two this year," Bonsignore said. "Just a great job by everyone. These cars have been lights out. It's just really special. Forty-four wins... it's cool. But there's a bigger goal next week. I'm looking forward to Martinsville... it can't come soon enough."

Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports crew will return to the track for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season-finale at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, Oct. 26.

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Athlete of the Month

Owen McKeever

WARE HIGH SCHOOL

McKeever scored an impressive four goals for Ware in its win over Renaissance School last Thursday night.

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

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Quabbin Athletic Hall induction set for Nov. 9

BARRE – Tickets for the 10th Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame Induction are now available for the Nov. 9 ceremony to be held at The Hardwick Crossing Country Club. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the induction ceremony.

Eight individuals and a pair of championship teams will be honored. Dating back to the first induction in 2002, this will bring the total number of individual inductees to 65 and 9 teams.

The induction Class includes: Rick

Wine '77, Anne Marie Midura Kilpatrick '86, Melissa Staiti Leslie '00, Hadley Adams '04, Bob Mitus '04, Ethan Dickson '07, Kyla Dickson '09 and Christian Horton '12, 1973 Baseball Team, 1985 Softball Team.

Tickets are \$50 and may be obtained by calling Hall of Fame Chairman Ted Gumula at (413) 348-0414 or through the mail by contacting: Quabbin Regional Athletic Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 874 Barre, MA 01005. The last date to purchase tickets will be Oct. 19 and all checks must be payable to QRSD.

Hois's Hoops Basketball Tournament

Registration Form

November 16, 2024
10AM - 2PM @ Ware Middle School Gymnasium



Please Check Division

Adult Division: 5 on 5; Roster Limit 7 players; \$200 a team (over 5) or \$40 a player in Teams of 5 (Play to 11 win by 2)

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public safety

Local firefighters graduate from academy

STOW – State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy leadership announced the graduation of 16 firefighters from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program.

“Massachusetts firefighters are on the frontlines protecting their communities every day, and today’s graduates are needed now more than ever,” said Davine in a press release. “The hundreds of hours of foundational training they’ve received will provide them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely.”

“Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors draw on decades of experience in the fire service to train new recruits,” said Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Deputy Director Dennis A. Ball. “Through consistent classroom instruction and practical exercises, today’s graduates have developed the tools they’ll need to work seamlessly with veteran firefighters in their home departments and in neighboring communities as mutual aid.”

The graduating firefighters of Class #S38 represent the fire departments of Agawam, Amherst, Douglas, East Longmeadow, Holden, Holyoke, Ludlow, Marblehead, Ware and West Springfield.

The Richard N. Bangs Outstanding Student Award, which



Submitted Photo
Ware firefighters Jhan Caro and Lucien DiMarzio graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

is presented to one recruit in each graduating career recruit training class, was presented to Firefighter Craig Presnal of the East Longmeadow Fire Department. The award is named for the long-time chair of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council and reflects the recruit’s academic and practical skills, testing, and evaluations over the course of the 10-week program.

Basic firefighter skills Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions.

To graduate, students must

demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires.

Upon successful completion of the Career Recruit Program, all students have met the national standards of NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, and are certified to the levels of Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations by the Massachusetts Fire Training

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Ware Police Log

During the week of Oct. 13-22, the Ware Police Department responded to 12 miscellaneous calls, 15 administrative calls, six traffic violations, 21 emergency 911 calls, six harassments, eight motor vehicle accidents, four thefts/larcenies, one fraud/deception, one assist other agency, two brush fires, four animal calls and 34 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Sunday, Oct. 13
2:57 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pleasant Street, Could not Locate
5:12 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Morse Avenue, Dispatch Handled
6:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Monday, Oct. 14
6:09 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
8:11 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
11:37 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Gould Road, Report Made
11:46 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Maple Avenue, Unfound

Tuesday, Oct. 15
6:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
10:04 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Dispatch Handled

Wednesday, Oct. 16
9 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised

Thursday, Oct. 17
11:01 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Park Avenue, No Action Required
12:55 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Church Street, Arrest Made
Arrest: Grace M. Valles, 35, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
1:39 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Oct. 14-21, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 54 building/property checks, 32 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, five traffic controls, 17 emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, one assist other agency, three motor vehicle investigations, one illegal dumping, one safety hazard, one stolen motor vehicle, one hazardous incident, one complaint, six animal calls and 15 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Oct. 14
9:20 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street,

Street, Services Rendered
2:31 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Investigated
6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued
10:14 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Morse Avenue, Assist Given

Friday, Oct. 18
12:46 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Ross Avenue, Report Made
1:37 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Report Made
2:50 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made
3:30 p.m. Assault, Gould Road, Services Rendered
9:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued
9:22 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Hillside Village, Services Rendered
10:13 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Belchertown Road, Arrest Made
Arrest: Philip F. Grigas, 65, Ware
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; OUI-Liquor or .08%

Saturday, Oct. 19
9:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
11:10 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Church Street, Assist Given
11:29 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Eagle Street, Advised

Sunday, Oct. 20
12:23 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Assist Given
12:46 a.m. Fraud/Deception, South Street, Services Rendered
6:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
7:49 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Eagle Street, No Action Required
3:49 p.m. Brush Fire, Howard Road, Extinguished
5:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bacon Road, Dispatch Handled
9:19 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, High Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Oct. 15
1:02 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hillside View, Transported to Hospital
7 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Petersham Road, Investigated
12:08 p.m. Safety Hazard, Mellon Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

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

9:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued
10:43 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Monday, Oct. 21
7:01 a.m. Brush Fire, Howard Road, Extinguished
10:31 a.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered
10:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
1:58 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Fourth Avenue, Dispatch Handled
3:14 p.m. Fuel Spill/Odor, High Street, Services Rendered
4:36 p.m. Urgent, Highland Village, Arrest
Arrest: David E. Fountain, 74, Ware
Assault and Battery on +60/ Disabled; Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon; Witness/Juror/Police/Court Official, Intimidate
4:55 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
6:56 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered
8:42 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Oct. 22
8:01 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
11:16 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Church Street, Patient Refusal

3:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Road, Transported to Hospital
4:04 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mill Road, Transported to Hospital
7:52 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Arrest(s) Made

Wednesday, Oct. 16
1:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered
5:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

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Warren Police Log

During the week of Oct. 7-12, the Warren Police Department responded to 117 building/property checks, 21 community policings, 12 emergency 911 calls, two harassments, five complaints, one abandoned vehicle, one burglary, two frauds/forgeries, one safety hazard, two animal calls and 16 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Monday, Oct. 7
7:19 a.m. Burglary, Main Street, Gone on Arrival
7:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Investigated
2:08 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Crescent Street, Arrest(s) Made
2:08 p.m. Safety Concern, Southbridge Road, Officer Spoke to Party
7:16 p.m. Complaint, South Street, Gone on Arrival

Tuesday, Oct. 8
9:54 a.m. Welfare Check, Washburn Avenue, Transported to Hospital
11:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

6:36 p.m. Complaint, Summer Street, Negative Contact

Wednesday, Oct. 9
9:11 a.m. Harassment, Spring Street, Report Filed
10:05 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, Chapel Street, Report Filed
11:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
12:30 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Bacon Street, Transported to Hospital
6:15 p.m. Noise Complaint, East Road, Report Filed

Thursday, Oct. 10
1:21 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
10:11 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Cronin Road, Officer/Chief Advised
11:38 a.m. Fraud or Forgery, East Road, Report Filed
2:59 p.m. Welfare Check, Main Street, Report Filed
4:20 p.m. Complaint, Dean Street, Area Patrolled
8:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Friday, Oct. 11
8:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
9:47 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
10:25 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Investigated
10:30 a.m. Complaint, Cross Street, Officer Spoke to Party
11:51 a.m. Harassment, Main Street, Peace Restored
7:05 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

Saturday, Oct. 12
8:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:40 p.m. Unwanted Party, Quaboag Street, Officer Spoke to Party
6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning
7:45 p.m. Unwanted Party, Forest Avenue, Report Filed
9:06 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Constitution Avenue, Transported to Hospital

public notices

Town of Ware PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 06, 2024, at 6:40 p.m., in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an Application for a New \$12 On-Premises License, and a Common Victualer License requested by Snows Surf Inc. d/b/a/ Snows Surf Shack, 136 Pleasant Street, Ware, MA. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA.

All interested parties are invited to attend.
Nancy Talbot
Chair of Selectboard
10/24/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of Sunny Side Storage LLC, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage units will be sold for non-payment on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 9 a.m. on the premises of Sunny Side Storage LLC, 319 Palmer Road, Ware, MA (413)967-5888.
Amy Chaplin A-11
Saige R. Valle-Robitaille C-33
Brittany Hutchins F-22
10/17, 10/24/2024

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

Docket No. 24 SM 003632 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Cynthia M. Hart, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sherry Stockdale a/k/a Sherry Lee Stockdale, Cynthia M. Hart, Christopher M. Hart and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq); Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 182 Monson Turnpike Road, given by Sherry Stockdale to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated January 3, 2022, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14451, Page 228, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you

may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 12/02/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 10/15/2024
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
10/24/2024

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

Docket No. 24 SM 003516 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Charles T. Thresher and Rosemary R. Thresher and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 et seq.; Carrington Mortgage Services LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 16 Cottage Street,

given by Charles T. Thresher and Rosemary R. Thresher to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as mortgagee, as nominee for FirstBank its successors and assigns, dated August 18, 2017, and recorded or filed in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12726, Page 130, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 11/25/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 10/8/2024.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
10/24/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court

15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS23P0803EA Estate of: Carolyn M. Messier Also known as: Carolyn D. Messier Date of Death: 09/05/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Joanne L. Corbitt of Granby, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final Account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition . IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/07/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a

timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 09, 2024
Mark S Ames
Register of Probate
10/24/2024

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Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle under G.L. c. 255, Section 39A

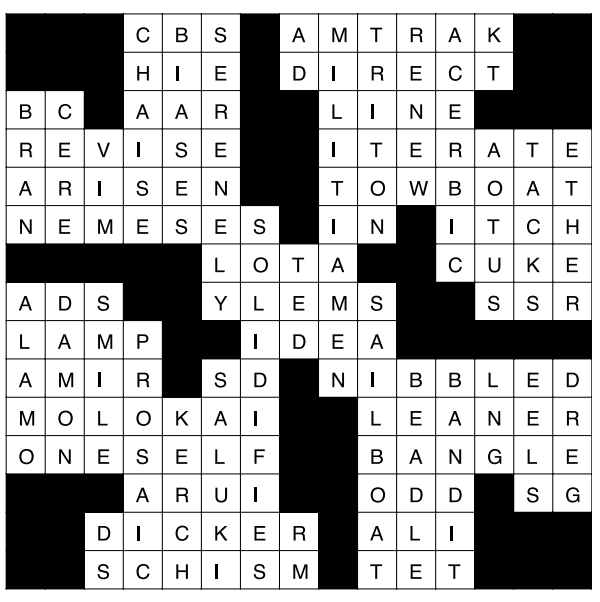
Notice is hereby given by REGIN’S REPAIR, 19 CHURCH ST., GILBERTVILLE, MA 01031 Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on 11/9/2024 at 10:00 AM at: Regin’s Repair, 19 Church St., Gilbertville, MA 01031 by private sale, the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper’s lien thereon for storage,

towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Vehicle description: 1998 Jeep Cherokee Registration#/State: 3MSP73/MA VIN:1J4FJ68S8WL195041 Name and address of owner: Levi West PO Box 557 West Warren, MA 01092

By: James M. Regin
Dated: 10/14/2024
10/17, 10/24, 10/31/2024

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



Emily M. Bancroft

1946-2024

HARDWICK – With a heavy heart we announce the passing of Emily Bancroft.

She passed peacefully at home on the morning of Oct. 9, 2024, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Born and raised in Hardwick, Emily was the daughter of Amelia (Tobiasz) and Fred Fila. She graduated from Hardwick High School and attended the University of Massachusetts.

She began a career as an art teacher in the Chicopee school's post-graduation, later substitute teaching in the Hardwick and Ware public schools while her children were young. She was a prolific writer and artist, a long-time member and Chairman of the

Hardwick Historical Commission, enthusiastic volunteer at her beloved hometown Hardwick Fair, and lifetime member of the Hardwick Historical Society.

Emily was a 4-H leader, avid horse lover and rider, and unofficial historian of the Town of Hardwick. Emily's prize-winning artwork and quilts were often highlighted at local fairs and exhibits.

She was also a faithful communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Emily authored "The History of Hardwick, Massachusetts, 1865-1950", "Pony Pictures - Photographs of the 1900's", "Hidden Hardwick", and "I Remember", a documentation of stories from Hardwick's elders. Along with her sister, Emily was



instrumental in producing a video: "We Once Called this Home" about the Hardwick homes lost to the Quabbin Reservoir.

Emily is survived by her son Timothy of Worcester; her daughter Rachel, son-in-law Jesus, and grandsons Veyron and Magnus Montoya of Lynn; and her sister, Elizabeth and brother-in-law Franklyn Cyran of Hardwick.

Her husband of 45 years, Russell Bancroft passed in 2022.

Calling hours will be held on Nov. 14, 2024, from 5-8 p.m. at Cebula Funeral Home, 66 South St., Ware. A memorial service for Emily will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 15, 2024, at St. Mary's Church, South Street, Ware, with celebration of her life following in the center of Hardwick.

Donations may be made to St. Mary's Church or the Hardwick Historical Society. For an online guestbook, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Dolores M. (Swiatek) Dowell, 88

NASHUA, N.H. – Dolores M. (Swiatek) Dowell, age 88, passed away on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, at her home in Nashua, New Hampshire surrounded by her family.

Dolores was born in Ware on July 7, 1936. She was employed for many years as a teacher's aide in the Ware School System.

Dolores was married to the late John L. Dowell for 65 years. Dolores leaves behind her loving daughters: Mary Williams, Priscilla St. Onge and Pauline Dowell,

her loving grandchildren: Luke Dowell, Hannah Dowell, Benjamin Williams, Steven Williams, Ryan St. Onge and Melissa Devillier, her great-grandchildren: Helena St. Onge, Jack St. Onge, Ethan Devillier, Evelyn Devillier and Memphis Williams.

Sadly, Dolores was predeceased by her loving son John L. Dowell,



Jr. A Committal Service will take place at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, at 3 p.m. There are no calling hours. Cebula Funeral Home of Ware is assisting Dolores' family with the final arrangements.

For more information and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Theresa Ann Morin, 91

WARE – Theresa Ann Morin, 91, of Ware, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at Palmer Healthcare Center in Palmer.

She leaves her nephew, Tom Bergeron and his family of Gill; other nieces and nephews; as well as her good friend, Shirley Conn, and many other friends by whom she will be deeply missed. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Anita and Dorothy.

She was born in Holyoke, daughter of the late Patrick and Geneva (Caron) Morin.

She was a resident of Ware for many years, and a member of All Saint's Church. She worked at American Athletic Shoe Company for many years, and later at Sanderson MacCleod until she retired.

She enjoyed spending time with her friends, listening to music, and occasionally going to see bands play in concert.

She enjoyed the company of her friends' children and grandchildren.

The love of her life was her dog, Fluffy, whom she would walk around the town in Ware every day.

Theresa also drove a Lexus and was very patriotic, putting American flags in each of her rear windows, and eventually acquired the nickname "Two-Flags." She was happy to sport the identity of being called "Two-Flags," and representing her country.

She made sure she was in church every Sunday, and made sure she went to the hairdresser's every Saturday prior so that she could look her best before going to church. Theresa tried to be the best friend she could be to everyone she met, and always tried to do what she felt was right in being helpful.

May God bless her, and she will be truly missed.

Diane F. Purcell, 75

EAST GRANBY, CT – Diane F. Purcell, 75, of East Granby, Connecticut and formerly of Hardwick, unexpectedly passed away April 22, 2024.

She leaves her daughter, Christine M. Wilson and her husband Todd of Hardwick and son, William M. Purcell, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Virginia Beach, Virginia, as well as six grandchildren, Jack, Zack, Luke, Cole, William III, and Samuel. She also leaves her brother Walter Senkow and his wife Pam of Sellersville, Pennsylvania, along with her nephews; Jacob and his wife Laura, and Jedediah. As well as



her great nieces and many cousins. She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Meghan Arlene.

Diane was born in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Walter S. and Arlene (Burkhardt) Senkow.

Diane worked for the United States Post Office for over 30 years. She began her career as a part time clerk, moving to a full time position in Barre and later becoming the Postmaster in Oakham.

After several years of serving as Postmaster in Oakham she moved to Vermont and was the Postmaster in Manchester

Center. She continued to grow in her career within the USPS and moved to Connecticut and held the position of Function 4 Coordinator in West Windsor, Connecticut where she was responsible for retail auditing and mail processing center for the NorthEast area before retiring.

In her retirement she enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, reading, volunteering at a local thrift store, cooking and baking and playing online Scrabble with her cousin, Caroline.

Diane will be greatly missed by all who knew her and will forever be in our heart.

A private service will be held at a later date.

William M. Purcell, 79

EAST LONGMEADOW – William M. Purcell, 79, of East Longmeadow and formerly of Hardwick, passed away May 10, 2024, at the East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing Center following a brief battle with brain cancer (Glioblastoma).

He leaves his wife of 16 years, My Liem Thi Vo; his daughter, Christine M. Wilson and her husband Todd of Hardwick; two sons, William M. Purcell, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Tom Vo Purcell of East Longmeadow as well as six grandchildren, Jack,



Zack, Luke, Cole, William III, and Samuel, along with his nieces and nephews. He also leaves his two sisters, Kathleen Purcell of Wilmington, Delaware, and Jeanne Smith and her husband Mark of West Dennis.

He was predeceased by his granddaughter, Meghan Arlene, as well his sister Patrice Ladley, and his two brothers, James and Jack Purcell.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of the late Ernest and Mae (O'Neill) Purcell.

Mr. Purcell is a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and remained active in Veterans of

Foreign Wars organizations.

William worked as a sales Representative for Welding Supply Distribution Companies for several years prior to retiring. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and traveling.

Funeral services will be held Nov. 9, 2024, at 10 a.m. in Hardwick at the First Universalist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hyman Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 (online at <https://t2t.org>).

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at Charbonneau.com.

Gloria Ruth Ryan, 95

WOODLAND HILLS, CA – With heavy hearts we announce the passing of our mother, Gloria Ruth Ryan, whose spirit departed from us on Sept. 24, 2024.

Gloria was born on Aug. 9, 1929, in Ware. She was the youngest of four children including Leo Rheume, Irene Saftias and Claire Witaszek.

Her father Arthur Rheume was born in Canada and her mother Alma Demers was born in Biddeford, Maine. Gloria's early life was a happy one while surviving the Depression with a closeknit family.

In high school she took singing lessons and was a cheerleader.

Gloria was a stunningly beautiful woman and soon found her prince charming when she met Jim Ryan. They married in 1950 and enjoyed a wonderful life together with their three children, Craig, Paul and Rick until the very sad passing of her beloved Jim in 2005.

Gloria, a devout Catholic, was loved by everyone she met.



Death notices

Bancroft, Emily M.
Died Oct. 9, 2024
Services Nov. 15, 2024

Dowell, Dolores M. (Swiatek)
Died Sept. 23, 2024
Services Nov. 1, 2024

Grout, Beverly A.
Died Oct. 21, 2024

Morin, Theresa Ann
Died Sept. 14, 2024
Services Oct. 26, 2024

Purcell, Diane, F.
Died April 22, 2024

Purcell, William M.
Died May 10, 2024
Services Nov. 9, 2024

Ryan, Gloria Ruth
Died Sept. 24, 2024

Sanders, Richard C.
Died Oct. 19, 2024
Services Oct. 24, 2024

Patrick Ryan, her youngest son, lost his life to cancer in 2009. She is survived by sons Craig and his wife Sarah, Paul and his wife Miranda, along with six grandchildren, James, Kate, Casey, Tyler, Jake and Dirk.

We will miss her more than words can say.

Services are still being planned at this time.

Richard C. Sanders, 88

SPRINGFIELD – Richard Charles Sanders, 88, of Springfield, Chicopee that grew under his man-

agement. For years he worked tirelessly to feed the hungry of the community and his good nature and positivity was welcomed and appreciated by those he served.

To cherish his memory, Richard is survived by his loving wife, Romelle. He leaves his sons, Richard Allen Sanders and his wife, Brenda of Texas, Joseph Douglas Sanders and his wife, Laura of Templeton; stepsons, Joseph Whalen and his wife, Wendy of Heath, Tony and his wife, Carrie of South Carolina, Michael and his wife, Lisa of Arkansas, and stepdaughter, Madeline Smola and her husband, Todd of Warren. He is also survived by his brother, Kenneth Sanders of Easthampton and sister, Norma Burnett of Florence.

He was pre-deceased by his brother, Robert Sanders and sister,



Richard was born in Northampton on Nov. 16, 1935, to Harold and Mildred (West) Sanders. He grew up in Hadley and graduated from Hopkins Academy.

After high school, Richard proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Richard met his loving partner of 33 years, Romelle Crockwell, at Mount Holyoke College where they both worked. They were married on June 19, 2004, and celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary earlier this year. They shared a deep Christian faith and love of God.

Richard's ministry was the Lord's Pantry, a small food bank in

Thursday, Oct. 17
4:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
9:48 a.m. Hazardous Incident, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
6:25 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled
8:18 p.m. 911 Stolen Motor Vehicle, Petersham Road, Investigated
11:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled

Friday, Oct. 18
9:21 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Lower Road, Officer Handled
1:28 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Spoken To

Saturday, Oct. 19
12:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

3:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenway Road, Officer Handled
5:20 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Unknown Location, Unfounded
5:43 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
6:21 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, Broad Street, Peace Restored
6:53 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Shore Road, Transported to Hospital
7:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

6:10 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Ridge Road, Unfounded
3:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

Sunday, Oct. 20
2:06 p.m. 911 Lockout, Church Lane, Services Rendered
2:23 p.m. 911 Phone Calls, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

Monday, Oct. 21
3:18 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
4:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Citation Issued
5:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
5:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning

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Registry of Deeds in Book 14324, Page 213; as affected by a Loan Modification dated October 24, 2023 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14999, Page 9; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment dated January 27, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 11213, Page 348; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on November 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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thence South 29 1/4° East sixty feet to a stone set in the ground with a hole in the center;

thence South 61° 10' West to a stone on the North line of said Avenue;

thence Westerly on said Avenue sixty feet to a stone set in the ground with a hole in the center, and sixty-two feet from said Chicoine's

Southeast corner;

thence North 61° 10' East and parallel to the above second named line to the place of beginning.

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thence Southerly on land

formerly of Pierre Chicoine about eighty (80) feet to said Maple Avenue;

thence Easterly on said Avenue, about sixty (60) feet to the place of beginning.

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

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated June 2, 2010 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 10209, Page 261.

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Workshop13 celebrates 10-year anniversary

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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Kevin Wherry was the master of ceremonies and made several announcements during Workshop13's 10-year anniversary party.



Bill Cole played some songs on his guitar during the anniversary party.



Kevin Wherry joined the Whole Enchiladas on stage for a performance.

WARE – Workshop13 had a lot to celebrate as they hosted an anniversary party after 10 years of operation.

This establishment became a 501c3 non-profit organization in 2014 and had now surpassed a decade of creativity, community, and the ongoing revitalization of the region through the arts. There couldn't be a party without bringing back the founders and welcoming all the faithful volunteers who have helped shape the success Workshop13 had executed during their time in the community.

The party featured mingling, tasty treats, live music, dancing, and an exciting raffle and art auction. To begin the celebration, Master of ceremonies Kevin Wherry, who sits on the entertainments committee shared a lot of history and memories dating back to the establishment of Workshop13.

It all began thanks to organization founders Roc and Pat Goudreau and Chris and Lisa Dimarzio. The founders acquired the building at 13 Church St. in Ware from the town with the goal of creating a cultural arts and learning center.

With a lot of repairs needed, the new owners began making the necessary repairs to open the building to the public.

In 2014, Workshop13 began offering art classes and hosted their very first open mic night. As these events began to be available, the board of directors



The stage was set for Workshop13's 10 year anniversary party. Bill Cole is shown during his solo act.



The Whole Enchiladas performed during the anniversary party. Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

and committees were being formed.

Wherry said all this great work could not have been done without Workshop13's faithful volunteers. In 2016, Workshop13 was able to hire their first part-time staff member to manage the programming thanks to a generous donation from the Urban Foundation.

Wherry also talked about how helpful grants have been to help Workshop13 expand their creativity and ideas throughout the community.

"Grant money and funding is a great support," Wherry stated.

The Urban Foundation and a collaborative workspace grant from MassDevelopment help Workshop13 expand to having two Main Street locations, ClayWorks and ArtWorks. The Urban Foundation also allowed Workshop13 to welcome their dedicated Executive Director Marie Lauderdale.

In 2023, the organization welcomed Mary Remington as its part-time programs director.

In 2019 Workshop13 hosted their first annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition. After the pandemic, the organization continued seeing a rise of interest and participation during open mic nights.

Wherry would then share the many accomplishments Workshop13 has made in its decade of existence.

There have been over 80 open mic music performances and over 60 concerts including musical acts. Workshop13 has hosted 40 art exhibitions and had offered over 500 art classes for adult and youth students.

"In just 10 short years, we've accom-

plished so much, and we can't wait for the next decade of growth, creativity and community building through the arts," Wherry said. "Together, we are dedicated to making Workshop13 a space where people can experience and enjoy the transformative power of the arts."

Wherry says there's a lot in store for Workshop13 as they look ahead, 2024 and beyond. The future goals of Workshop13 include expanding accessibility, growing programming, strengthening community ties, sustainability and supporting emerging artists.

Afterwards, Wherry would welcome co-founder of Workshop13 Chris Dimarzio who wished to share an inspiring poem with all the guests who attended the anniversary party. The name of the poem was "He Dreamt a Dream" and Dimarzio would incorporate many of the great accomplishments Workshop13 has had in its decade of operation.

Dimarzio said he is proud of what the cultural arts and learning center had accomplished and was a part of the ceremony of gifts and awards given to all the volunteers who have put in countless hours to make Workshop13 the success that it is with all of its offerings.

Dimarzio is a lifelong resident of Ware and would soon partner up with artist Roc Goudreau. After several exchanges of ideas, the duo and their spouses would form a partnership and seek a location for the arts and theater.

Right from the beginning, the Dimarzios and the Goudreaus had tremendous support as they transformed 13 Church St. into the home of

Workshop13.

Dimarzio has an art background of his own and usually prefers painting portraits of people. One of his favorite artworks is a portrait of his daughter.

"I had this ability," Dimarzio said. "Painting people is what I gravitated too."

Dimarzio is thankful for all the support Workshop13 has gotten thanks to grants and organizations such as the Urban Foundation that helps them fulfill their mission statement.

As they move forward, Workshop13 is doing more in the community with two Main Street locations and programs for kids and adults. With more space available and new sprinkler system in place Dimarzio believes Workshop13 is in good hands thanks to their volunteers and board of directors.

"We have good talented people taking this place in a forward direction," Dimarzio said.

For entertainment, Bill Cole came on stage to play two songs on his guitar. Following Cole, the Whole Enchiladas band were next to perform.

What makes this performance so memorable for the anniversary party was that the Whole Enchiladas group performed at one of the first open mics at Workshop13.

The joke of the evening was that one band member was away on vacation. Therefore, Wherry mentioned that this evening's performance was done by the "almost" Whole Enchiladas.

For more information about Workshop13 and its programs, visit workshop13.org.

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