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GHOSTS, GOBLINS, PUMPKINS... oh my!

Grenville Park gets spooky this Halloween season

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – Grenville Park was the home of the Knights of Columbus' spooky Halloween Drive Thru this past Friday night.

The park featured many ghosts, pumpkins, skeletons, monsters, aliens and many more creatures throughout the drive thru. One of the unique displays in this year's event was a display and witches from the Halloween classic "Hocus Pocus".

The witches were singing and dancing and trying to scare everybody, including the kids.

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An abandoned truck had a haunted horn going off on its own.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Hospital Review Committee discusses use of trusts

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – Town Manager Stuart Beckley gave an update from legal counsel to the Hospital Review Committee at its recent meeting.

At the Oct. 16 meeting, Beckley said the two attorneys representing the town in regard to Baystate Mary Lane Hospital, Nicole Costanzo of KP Law and Patricia Davidson of Mirick O'Connell, will each focus on a different task.

Davidson will contact Baystate Health Attorney Vanessa Smith and Costanzo will work on drafting a memo based on the recommendations of the Historical Commission about memorialization of the hospital site.

"They both recommend the town, residents, and committee, describe a plan they would like to bring to the Attorney General," Beckley said.

The plan should describe "broadly, but clearly" what the priorities are for future use of the trust funds, including the Lewis Gilbert trust.

"Primarily, the use which I think we all agree on, is health-care," Beckley said.

Hospital Review Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said the

committee members agree that the trust fund to be mainly and mostly used as seed money for an urgent care or primary care on the site but not restricted to the site. The committee members present approved the motion unanimously.

"The priority is getting healthcare in the area," he said.

Committee member Nancy Talbot said providing the Attorney General with clear and concise information will make the determination easier.

Trietsch motioned to use the trust fund to be mainly and mostly used as seed money for an urgent care or primary care on the site but not restricted to the site. The committee members present approved the motion unanimously.

Friends of Mary Lane Hospital

Cindy Allen Bourcier, chair of the Friends of Mary Lane Hospital, said her group also had its own motion in front of the Attorney General already, and that getting on the same page is important.

Bourcier said Friends member Peter Thamel continues to communicate with both the Greater Worcester Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

Stephen Granlund spoke about a recent meeting with the Planning Board regarding a

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Keyana and Jenesis decorated their pumpkins at the Young Men's Library Association.

Turley Photos by Rowan Bernstein

Pumpkin Decorating Party a big hit at the YMLA

By Rowan Bernstein
Correspondent

WARE – On Oct. 21, kids and families flocked to the Young Men's Library Association with pumpkins in tow for the library's annual Pumpkin Decorating Party.

This event was organized by Cathy Goulet, the children's librarian at the YMLA. She has been putting on the Pumpkin Decorating Party since 2016 and describes it as "one of [the library's] biggest events."

It was clear just from stepping inside how popular the program was – the reading room was

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Trunk or Treat car show benefits local food pantries

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – Palmer Motorsports Park and the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation teamed up for another car show this season, this time adding in some Halloween fun with a trunk or treat event.

This past Sunday, over 250 show cars arrived at the track, representing makes and models from various decades, from the 1930s to modern day.

Keeping with its tradition of giving back to the community, Palmer Motorsports Park collected non-perishable food items to donate to the Jubilee Cupboard in Ware and the Palmer Food Share. A steady stream of attendees helped to fill a van supplied by Sarat Ford Lincoln.

For many, this event was a chance to spend time with their families, either dressing up in costumes, or sharing their passion for horsepower.

Scott Wrzesien of Ware brought his Chevy-powered, 1934 Ford

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Gabriel Balsler, Zaylee Brodeur, Ray Brodeur and Sue Brodeur showed off their costumes.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette



Kaiyah Menard's trunk is based on "Little Shop of Horrors," complete with an "Audrey 2" puppet.

Turley Photo by Rowan Bernstein

Families enjoy annual event at Quaboag Regional High School

By Rowan Bernstein
Correspondent

WARREN – On Oct. 26, Trunk-or-Treat was held at Quaboag Regional Middle High School.

The event was a joint effort between the Warren Community Elementary PTO and the West Brookfield Elementary PTG, as well as the Quaboag Middle High School Student Council. Local

families and organizations came to the school parking lot and decorated the trunks of their cars to welcome trunk-or-treaters.

The creativity on display was stunning, and many of these "trunk" displays extended beyond the limits of the cars and trucks to create fun and immersive themes. Attendees were asked to donate

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Peter Durant
State Senate

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Turley Staff Photo

RIVALRY FOOTBALL GAME CHALLENGE

With the 100th year of the Palmer and Ware high schools' football rivalry being celebrated at the Saturday, Nov. 2 game being held in Palmer, a friendly wager has been made between Matt Lemieux, president of Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce and Dan Flynn, president of the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond. The losing team's supporting president will be at Rondeau's scooping ice cream on Sunday, Nov. 3. Best of luck to both teams!

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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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

Barre/Hardwick Senior Center 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.

All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Are You Old News?



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.



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1977 showed the members of the Magnet Wave Team in the Beer League, front row from left, Rich Belcher, Jimmy Netishen, Mike Kirby, Mark Blackmer, Dicky Pierce and Ronnie O'Brien. Back row from left, John Gerulaitis, Kenny Stefanik, Vinny Bednarz, Dave Klem, Bob Smith, Paul Urban, Mike Kubaska and Bob Sanderson.

Historical Commission to unveil mystery portrait on Nov. 16

WARREN – Can you guess who this is from the clues in the picture frame above?

Warren Historical Commission is planning an unveiling of this large oil portrait of a local person at the Warren Municipal Building on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. The event will be held in the Historical Commission Room on the second floor at the end of the east hallway.

There is a lift at the east entrance of the building.

The public is invited to learn the identity of this mystery man.



Anti-Slavery Activist
Co-Founder of
Warren Methodist Church
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Singing teacher.
With his wife, Mary Ann,
Entertained in their home
Abolitionists, Reformers
and other such
Notables of the time
Who am I?

Country Bank supports schools with donations

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce its recent donation of \$250 Visa gift cards to 35 local schools, totaling \$12,000.

These schools have been long-standing partners in our financial literacy initiatives, and this contribution aims to support teachers and students as they head into the new academic year.

"At Country Bank, we are deeply committed to the communities we serve, and we believe that investing in education is critical to our future. Our financial literacy programs have empowered students with essential money management skills, and we are excited to continue working closely with local schools to enhance financial education," said Jodie Gerulaitis, Vice President of Community Relations, in a press release.

As part of its ongoing commitment to financial literacy, Country Bank offers a robust Money School program. The program includes a variety of resources designed to teach students about managing money, budgeting, and saving.



Vice President of Community Relations Jodie Gerulaitis, left, presents a donation to West Brookfield Elementary School Principal Melissa Provost.

Most recently, the program introduced a new debit card option for kids, allowing them to learn hands-on how to manage money earned from chores. This innovative approach to financial education is designed

to give young people the skills they need to succeed financially throughout their lives.

For more information about Country Bank's Money School program or to inquire about our community initiatives, please visit www.countrybank.com.

About Country Bank

Country Bank is a full-service \$1.8 billion mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, Springfield and Worcester.

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Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

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

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



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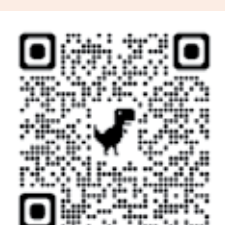
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Quabbin Health District Public Health Nurse Newsletter

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QVFPC reviews community food access assessment

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council welcomed new Coordinator Sawyer Blake at its general body meeting held on Oct. 23.

Blake is a 2021 graduate of Smith College, having studied food sustainability and biology. They interned with local food nonprofits Grow Food Northampton and Pioneer Valley Workers Center.

“My senior capstone project was studying HIP [Healthy Incentives Program] usage and comparing it to SNAP [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program] usage,” Blake said.

They also worked directly in the western Massachusetts food system as a farm worker, butcher and farm store clerk.

Blake said they love cooking, eating and spending time with their partner and cats.

Community Food Access Assessment

Nisha Humayun, Project Coordinator for Community Health with Healthy Quaboag and the Town of Ware, presented the findings of the council’s Community Food Access Assessment which was conducted in conjunction with the Collaborative for Educational Services.

“Our purpose was to get firsthand accounts from community members,” Humayun said.

Humayun said this included conducting individual and community interviews with various community members, including local veterans. The interviews also helped to strengthen connections with food policy council members.

She said the purpose of the assessment was to obtain firsthand accounts from community members and using the results to supplement a study conducted by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Blake said key findings from the assessment include community

assets, access barriers, priority needs and opportunities.

For community assets, they said there was a strong appreciation for living in a rural, smalltown environment from residents, which still offers multiple grocery store options as well as local agriculture.

Blake said public transportation is also available through the Quaboag Connector, and there is also access to local resources including food banks, senior centers and churches.

Access barriers include distance and time, quality and availability of food, benefit programs, transportation, food costs and technology and delivery.

Distance, transportation and technology were some of the biggest barriers preventing residents from having access to nutritious food, Blake said.

The rising cost of food was the biggest concern of all interviewees. Those interviewed said monthly SNAP benefits were not keeping up with this cost, and farmers markets were expensive.

Senior Outreach Coordinator

Carol Zins said many of her clients don’t use their SNAP benefits due to the small amount of food they can buy for \$23-30 a month.

Blake said while most people interviewed were aware of SNAP benefits and seniors centers and other services available to them, but not as many were familiar with HIP.

“HIP is a complicated process and it’s hard to understand,” Blake said.

HIP allows SNAP recipients to purchase fresh produce directly from local participating farmers, many of whom set up at local farmers markets in Belchertown and West Brookfield. The HIP program will reimburse the SNAP user’s electronic benefits card dollar to dollar up to a monthly cap of \$40, \$60 or \$80.

Priority needs of Quaboag Valley

Blake said priority needs of the Quaboag Valley include access to local agriculture, improvements to food pantries, improvements to SNAP/HIP, discount offers and nutrition education

QVFPC Dashboard

Another outcome of the assessment is a dashboard made by CMRPC that shows all of the farms in the region that are available and that accept SNAP and HIP benefits.

“It would be a great resource to share out with our community,” Sawyer said.

To access the dashboard, visit <https://cmrpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/fee2d96f3e424316a71b-b2c4e6e3c0c4>.

About QVFPC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

Friends of Ware Town Hall announces 7th annual Giving Campaign

WARE – Patricia Skutnik, president of Friends of Ware Town Hall has announced the group is beginning their seventh annual Giving Campaign in November.

“It’s hard to believe this is our seventh campaign, we’ve been working as a group to raise money to restore this beautiful building since 2017 and the Giving Campaign began the following year. Our previous campaigns were very successful, and we are grateful for the generous support of our townspeople,” Skutnik said in a press release.

Skutnik said the group is focusing this campaign on raising money to reglaze, prime and paint the smaller windows of the building.

“It was brought to our attention by a concerned citizen that, if we didn’t take measures to restore those windows very soon we would lose them. Inspection of the windows indicated that was indeed the case, so, with that advice, we are making this project a priority,” she said.

Skutnik also mentioned that, with the funds raised so far, painting will begin soon on some of the windows.

“We just don’t have enough money to do them all at this time,” she said.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may send their checks to: Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082. Giving Campaign flyers will be included in the Nov. 7 and Nov. 14 complimentary issues of the Ware River News with information about the group and a donation sheet with a mailing address on the reverse side.

“We look forward to another successful Giving Campaign - Ware residents and also people who grew up in this town but have since left the area and still receive the Ware River News have been very supportive,” Skutnik said.

Third graders experience the history of Ware at Meetinghouse

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – The Ware Center Meetinghouse welcomed the third grade class of Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School for a field trip.

The day began with the class touring the town and the neighboring village of Gilbertville to see some of their historical sites.

One of the places is the historic Ware-Hardwick Covered Bridge. It is one of very few of the surviving 19th-century covered bridges in the state.

After traveling through the town and village, the kids arrived at the Ware Center Meetinghouse & Museum.

The building was built back in 1799 and was the center of activity in the community. Supporting that statement is Historical Commission Chair Lynn Lak who greeted the students inside the old church room inside the meetinghouse.

“We are a town,” Lak said to describe how important life was having this place in the center of the community. The Ware Center Meetinghouse has truly stood the test of time and was a sentimental place for the townspeople.

“Very important things that happened in your life were in this church,” Lak said.

Many residents went to church at the meetinghouse, many kids went to school at the church/meetinghouse back in the colonial period.

The third graders were put in groups to tour the different rooms of the meetinghouse. There was the school room, the ladies’ parlor, the living room and the kitchen. Outside there was the cemetery behind the meetinghouse and a couple booths with interesting stations.

Peg Trim was volunteering during field trip and was stationed in the Ladies’ Parlor to talk about activities such as sewing, knitting and tea time. Martha Rohan and Corrine Campbell were demonstrating the ways people living in the colonial period were making butter and soon surprised students with popcorn for a snack.

First time volunteering for the Ware Center Meetinghouse was Sherry and Warren Johnson. Sherry previously worked in museum edu-



Lynn Lak greeted the students as they sat in the church room at the Ware Center Meetinghouse.

cation at Old Sturbridge Village and was excited to help out during the field trip for the third graders. She demonstrated knitting and talked about how families lived in the colonial period.

Her husband Warren talked about some of the Native American tribes who lived in Ware and also got to ring the church bell periodically during the trip.

“We’re happy to be here,” Warren said as they got to show students some of the history of their hometown.

The Johnsons love getting involved in helping to preserve the history of small towns. The Johnsons helped restore a 1760 period house that is located in New Braintree.

Members of the Historical Society donated their school room furniture to the Ware Grange to help demonstrate a school room environment in the colonial period. Portraying the school room teacher during the field trip was Julie Bullock.

Bullock described the school setting, the work of a teacher and how important it was to keep the school warm throughout the day. There was

a stove inside the Grange to demonstrate how some students got to dry their clothes after playing in the snow.

Bullock said the students had a lot of fun learning about the history of their town and



Third graders from Stanley M. Koziol Elementary arrived at the Ware Center Meetinghouse & Museum for a field trip.



Julie Bullock described a school setting inside the Ware Grange hall, which at one point was a school.

the meetinghouse. A couple of students said, “Wow, there’s history everywhere.” One even told Bullock “This is better than my iPad.”

For more about the Ware Center Meetinghouse, visit warecentermeetinghouse.org.



Warren Johnson rang the bell at Ware Center Meetinghouse.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

At their November 6 meeting, the Ware Selectboard will discuss some of the provisions of the recently enacted law “An Act Modernizing Firearms Laws” with the Police Chief. The law includes a section that establishes a prohibition on carrying firearms on the grounds and parking areas on a place owned, leased, or under the control of municipal government and used for the purpose of government administration. The law also provides for a provision for towns to vote to opt out of this prohibition.

This provision will be discussed at the Wednesday, November 6th Selectboard meeting, 6:30pm.

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GUEST COLUMN



Submitted Photo
Julie Slattery is a Multi-modality Radiologic Technologist in the Radiology Department at Baystate Wing Hospital.

Mammograms are key to early detection of breast cancer

My name is Julie Slattery, I am a Multi-modality Radiologic Technologist, and my main specialty is mammography.

I have been working for Baystate Health in the Radiology department for 27 years. I knew that at a very young age, I wanted to work in the health field.

Taking care of people is all I have known to do my entire life.

My inspiration came when I was 12 years old, I needed surgery on my foot. I had a technologist that patiently answered all of my questions about my bones and the screws that were inside, and she allowed me to see the radiographs of my foot.

From that point on I knew I loved the science of radiology. It was not long after that I learned of another form of radiology.

My grandmother was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was at this point that breast cancer awareness came to life for me. Her battle was short, sadly she passed away from the disease.

It was not long after that, my aunt also faced the disease and lost her battle to breast cancer as well. My mother also passed away at the young age of 64.

Living through those moments started a fire in my heart – how can I make a difference, who can I be to make the world better? It was clear to me at that moment, I wanted to become a mammographer. I wanted to help others so they could have better outcomes and live longer for their families.

My role in mammography is meaningful because patients normally carry high levels of anxiety about the exam. They are nervous because it can be uncomfortable because of the compression, or perhaps they are afraid of the results they may receive.

The most rewarding part of my time with a patient is when we are talking and communicating about these concerns together. Sometimes a patient needs you to hear their voice and care about what they have to say.

Giving them the encouragement and the support they need to feel comfortable will help them to work as a team with you instead of against you. It's a recipe for success!

Being a mammographer is more than being a technologist, there is an emotional and personal investment in my patient's well-being. On this journey, over the years with my patients, we have shared some tears, hugs, and many laughs.

Even though I have witnessed losses, I have also seen so many who have overcome, who have fought and survived breast cancer, because they come for their mammograms. Early detection of breast cancer is real, and with today's technology, we have a greater ability to help save lives.

I love doing this job every day because it makes a difference in my life as well as the lives of our patients. There is no greater feeling for me than when a patient leaves my care smiling and saying they will return next year.

I assure you that the care team I work with at Baystate Wing Hospital is here for you! They are some of the greatest, most talented people I have ever had the opportunity to meet and work with.

If you give us a chance to care for you, I know you will leave our care feeling that you were treated with respect, compassion, and dignity.

I live a blessed life with my husband Scott, our three kids, and our golden retriever Molly. I am proud that my family is very active in our local communities.

Being a mammographer is who I am, having the chance to care for you is an honor. I am so grateful to all the patients I have cared for along this journey, and I look forward to continuing my care of all of you in the future!

Women over 40 do not need a referral to make an appointment for a routine screening mammogram. For more information or to make an appointment at one of the Baystate Health locations call 413-794-2222.



Cross garlic off the list

It was a productive weekend "back at the ranch."

I had a very long list of things to get caught up on in and around the garden. For the most part I completed everything on the list, although a new list has started. Doesn't it always?

The last task I completed was planting garlic. I got started growing garlic because of my Uncle Tony. He always planted his garlic cloves in the spring. I think he was under the impression that garlic wasn't hardy and wouldn't survive the winter if you planted it in the fall.

It could very well have been the type he grew. As soon as the ground had thawed, I'd get out there and plant the cloves he'd given me and in just about three months I'd harvest the fists comprised of seven or eight teeny tiny cloves.

Since then, I've gone on to plant my bulbs in the fall and again, it's probably a variety thing, but my cloves are two or three times

the size of those I planted in the spring those many years ago. I have a pretty good system going that I've shared with my readers a few times over the years.

Read on for a refresher on garlic planting. Garlic should be planted four to six weeks prior to the ground freezing, much like you would daffodils or tulips. The time is now!

Your goal is to have a well developed root system to anchor the plant through the winter. Because garlic prefers a pH of 6.5 (6.0-7 is OK), a sprinkling of lime won't hurt.

Mix in a couple of inches of aged manure or compost to planting bed. I use a pitchfork to loosen and mix the soil with the manure and lime so that it's incorporated well.

Over the years I've learned that the secret to big bulbs has a lot to do with spacing. Space individual cloves eight-10 inches apart pointed side up and plant two-three inches deep (up to the knuckle if you are pushing them into the soil by hand) and firm down.

If rain has been scarce, water the planting well. A friend who attending one of my gardening talks a few years back, shared that she places a sheet of cardboard over the bed, and then applies mulch on top of that.

For the last few years, I have done this and it has worked out great to keep the weeds down. Garlic abhors weed competition.

One year, though, I had a problem. I didn't see my garlic sprouting in the spring, so I lifted the cardboard, and the top growth was stuck underneath! I made holes for it to grow through and all was well.

Last year I made sure I watered the bed a lot so that the cardboard would soften and this wouldn't be a problem ever again.

Garlic loves fertile soil, so top dress with more aged manure/compost in the spring, about the time when daffodils are up two inches. I slide back the mulch/softened cardboard and add the compost then replace it for continued weed suppression and moisture retention.

Repeat this process once per month in May and June.

If rain is scarce, make sure that your garlic beds get about one inch of water a week. Stop additional watering one month prior to harvest and cut off curly "scapes" (immature flower heads) as they form.

Garlic is ready to harvest when one third of the leaves have yellowed/browned. Don't wait much past this time, or bulbs will separate within the fist, and length of storage could be affected. Cure in an airy location, free of humidity and moisture.

I get excited planting garlic. It's the first installation of the "new year!" Funny, how just three weeks ago I was almost sick of the garden, now it's all new again.

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.



Worried has question about Taxation of Social Security benefits

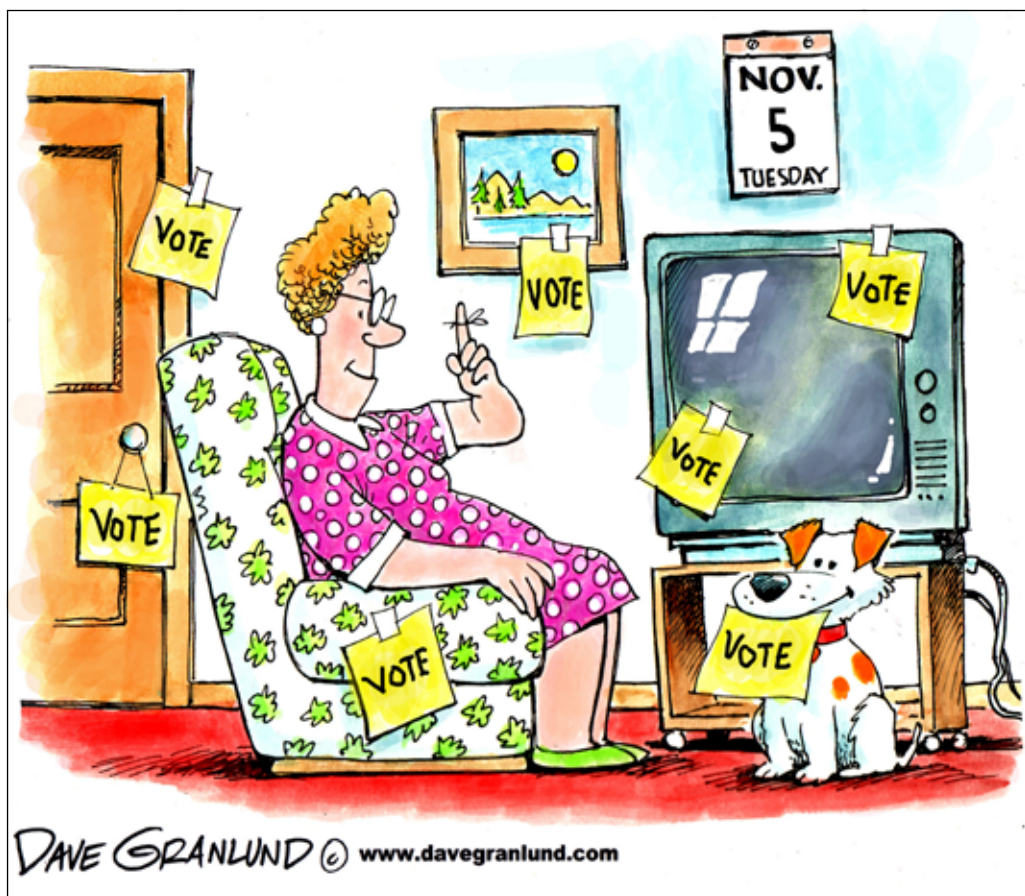
Dear Rusty:
I am past my Social Security full retirement age, and I am still working. I am married and we file our income tax jointly. My husband is 64 and is not working now, but he may or may not, be able to work in the next year or so. At what point will my Social Security benefits be taxed, if I decide to take them now?

Signed: Worried About Taxes

Dear Worried:
Many Social Security recipients are surprised to find that their benefits may be considered taxable by the IRS, so I welcome the opportunity to clarify this topic for you.

Whether or not your Social Security benefits are taxable depends on your overall combined taxable income for your IRS tax filing status. Taxation of Social Security benefits for a married couple (filing jointly) depends on your combined income as a couple, which is called your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" by the IRS. Your MAGI consists of your normal Adjusted Gross Income on your IRS tax return, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

If your MAGI, filing jointly, exceeds \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes taxable, but if your MAGI as a couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your received SS benefits becomes taxable (at your standard IRS tax rate). Note that these tax thresholds are less for those who file their taxes as a single – e.g., for someone whose IRS filing status is "single," half of their Social Security benefits become part of their taxable income if their personal MAGI is over \$25,000 and up to 85% of their



SS benefits are taxable if their individual MAGI is over \$34,000.

Another factor often misunderstood is that only a portion of SS benefits are added to your income amount taxed by the IRS. The amount added, somewhere between 50% and 85% of the SS benefits received during the tax year depending on your MAGI, becomes taxable income at your normal IRS tax rate.

So, in your case, if you claim your SS benefits now and your combined income your MAGI exceeds the above levels for a married couple, then a portion either 50% or up to 85% of your SS benefits received during the tax year will be included in your income taxable by the IRS. Note, too, that it is possible to have income tax withheld from your Social Security benefits by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security office.

You can download this IRS form at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf.

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White-throated sparrow, white and tan striped morphs

A Brimfield resident reported white-throated sparrows in his yard. He said, "Adult white-throated sparrows are polymorphic, occurring in two plumage types or forms: white striped (bright) or tan striped (dull). Almost all of the white-throated sparrows I see are the tan striped morph."

I also saw white-throated sparrows, but they are mostly the white striped morph.

I put a small amount of bird seed and shelled peanuts in my feeders in the morning. I do not fill them as there are many black bears in my area. With this wonderful Indian summer weather, I have been working outside since I use a laptop computer. Besides working on the two papers I edit, Barre Gazette and Country Journal, I enjoy the weather, and get to see birds coming and going at the feeders.

The white-throated sparrow is 6 1/2 inches long with a dark crown with a buff or tan central stripe and white throat. Depending on which morph, they have either white or tan eyebrows with a yellow mark before the eye. Their breast is gray with a few, faint streaks.

The female has a less bold pattern on the head, duller yellow by eye, more streaking on the breast and grayer. The immature of either sex looks like the female. Immature plumage is kept through their first winter. Breeding pair usually contains one bird from each morph, either a tan female and white male or white female and tan male.

The female lays four to six light blue-green eggs with dark marks in a nest of grasses lined with hairs and rootlets. It is placed on the ground or under a small tree or shrub.

For many years, my family and I had horses. Their hair was a popular nesting material for the birds in our yard. Nests often had horse hair woven into them. After grooming the horses, birds would often come and fly away with strands of horse hair especially from the horses' mane or tail.

White throated sparrows summer in Canada and winter in the northeastern and

part of the southern United States. They feed on the ground eating weed seeds, grain, fruit and insects. They come to tray type feeders or scattered on the ground. They like cracked corn, sunflower seeds and millet.

Their song is two long whistled notes followed by three or four higher, quivering notes. It sounds like "sweet sweet Canada Canada Canada." Calls are "tseeet" when birds are in flocks and "pink" in alarm. They inhabit coniferous and mixed woods and brushy areas.

Brimfield birds
The Brimfield resident reported not much happening at the Warren ponds. In his yard, he saw a male eastern towhee, a couple of ruby-crowned kinglets, five goldfinches, a chipping sparrow, song sparrow and white-throated sparrows.

Black swallow tail caterpillars
The Brimfield resident also said in an email, "Over a week ago we found a couple of black swallowtail caterpillars on a volunteer 12" tall fennel plant growing out of the space between pavers in our walkway. I collected the caterpillars and put them in the house in a small aquarium with fennel leaves. Last year we found three black swallowtail caterpillars chrysalises in the garden, kept them inside a shed over the winter and in the spring tied the chrysalises to tree branches. All three hatched and flew away."

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Planning Board has public hearings on bylaw changes

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WARE – The Planning Board met Oct. 17 for several public hearings regarding bylaw changes to certain areas in the town.

The first public hearing was about a bylaw change on 9 Mechanic St. from highway commercial to industrial zoning. As the board reviewed the notice there was some confusion to the wording of the notice provided by the Selectboard.

The owner of the land was looking to make the area an industrial zoning area, but the notice was read as commercial industrial zoning. This is an entirely different zoning with different conditions and restrictions.

Planning Board Secretary Elizabeth Hancock also mentioned while reading the notice that the parcels are listed differently as well. Industrial zoning was asked for and it was brought up to the board to talk about industrial zoning and commercial industrial was not addressed.

Residents who are neighbors to the area of Mechanic Street where the owner is seeking a different zoning addressed their concerns about particular businesses that fall under commercial industrial rather than industrial zoning. Residents were informed that a warehouse unit was going to be placed in the area.

The board addressed the residents that they are not granting permission to any applicant who is looking to change zoning. They are required under state law to have this public hearing to get the perspectives of the residents and what should be an appropriate bylaw for certain uses in town.

According to Vice Chair Chris Dimarzio, any major change is decided by a town vote.

"Change the zoning that would allow uses," Dimarzio said. His fellow member Rich Starodaj mentioned that any person can request a change and it has to be done in an organized process.

"Anyone can request a change," Starodaj said. "Allow the public to weigh in on their opinions."

The board was wondering if commercial industrial was a desirable fit for the area, but residents were in disagreement with the board and thinks just because the railroad is there, there is still no purpose for a facility.

In the past, residents believe any new businesses that come in end up becoming "eye sores" in the town.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the Selectboard is in favor of submitting this proposed amendment to zoning board at their Sept. 17 meeting. The Planning Board would like to see a revised zoning map of Mass Central Railroad near Mechanic Street and see if its desirable to have this type of zoning.

Dimarzio addressed the resi-

dents that there are several ways to go about this process. The Planning Board could take the initiative, the Selectboard is approached or could think it's a good idea to pursue and the other is the property owner could be approached or get a petition signed for a consideration of a bylaw change.

"We have come to hear this process," Dimarzio said.

For the possibility of commercial industrial zoning, it is best the town knows and understands what the uses are and how they impact the neighbors. The board recommended the residents review the current zoning documents on the website for better understanding of what the area's use it and what is the best zoning for particular businesses that are appropriate for Mechanic Street.

The vote at a town meeting for an article to change zoning would be the final say. Dimarzio gave an example of what would happen if a new building such as a warehouse facility would go into that area. There would be an increase of tax revenue if a building in that description was allowed. Also the idea would have to go through the entire approval process prior to being voted for or against.

The Planning Board would also have to go over a list of conditions for the applicant to abide by prior to getting granted a special permit and a site plan. Dimarzio said they would impose a list of conditions for that type of business if it was to

enter Ware.

"We have to follow state law," Ken Crosby said. "Nothing is going to be decided tonight."

The residents strongly believe that their town is not a warehouse community. There would also have to be peer reviews and engineering studies as that is part of the whole approval process of when welcoming a new business in town. The Planning Board is following their process and part of it is hosting the public hearing to allow residents to share their input on the matter.

The Planning Board would like to meet with the owner of this property at their next meeting. If they close the public hearing the subject could still come up at their town meeting. The board agreed to continue the public hearing for the bylaw changes to 9 Mechanic St. until Nov. 21.

Ware Solar locations

The Planning Board spoke with Melink Solar Development Business Development Partner Jeremy Chapman to have a continue public hearing on Ware Solar Location II on Osborne Road. Joining Chapman was Engineer Calisto Bertin who provided site plans for several of their solar locations in Ware.

For Osborne Road, Chapman began discussing the update to their cost estimate after discussing the possibility of installing a new battery energy storage outlet on the property. The applicant wants to

check with the Fire Chief to review the appropriateness of the storage of batteries. The board wanted to know what the recycling process is for those batteries after the batteries have run their course.

Chapman says in past experiences he's seen projects with warranties and shipping costs, along with decommission costs. The report the planning board read has a number in mind. When Chapman heard it he said he has never heard or seen a decommission cost that high.

The applicant has current items on the property that have to be removed and the board wants Chapman to be in touch with the building inspector for the building that is on site.

The Planning Board continued this public hearing for Ware Solar Location on Osborne Road until Nov. 2.

The other solar location is on Greenwich Road for a special permit and site plan review. Bertin said the plans are ready for review. The goal is to identify the solar attraction area and have the approval for interconnection by the end of the year.

The solar field occupies the area where the gravel is removed and the corn field. A third of the field has been worked on, according to Bertin.

The Planning Board voted to continue this solar location public hearing until Nov. 21.

Baystate Wing Auxiliary selling 2025 Lotto Calendars

PALMER – The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary is currently selling their January 2025 Lotto Calendars.

The one-month calendar, which costs \$5 each or three for \$10, has a daily winning amount of \$100 with special drawings on Jan. 1-31.

For over 65 years the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has been actively supporting local healthcare through its sponsorship of special events and sales from the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop located on the first floor of the hospital.

The calendars will be on sale beginning Oct. 29 at the Baystate Wing Hospital gift shop. Funds raised by the annual Lotto Calendars support the Auxiliary's scholarship program and their philanthropic efforts that benefit Baystate Wing Hospital.

Whether you are looking for something special for a patient, a gift for a special occasion, or an item for the home, the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop offers many unique, hand-selected items. For more information about the Lotto Calendar visit the gift shop located on the first floor of the hospital or call 413-370-8169.

Registration open for Hois' Hoops Basketball Tourney

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.

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potential zoning change to protect the hospital site.

"That's something that they were very supportive of," Granlund said.

Both Granlund and Bourcier asked the committee members for their views about land restrictions at the Mary Lane Hospital site.

Trietsch said he would need more information about zoning before the committee makes a decision about it.

Healthcare centers

Trietsch said Kennedy Community Health Center has pulled out of possibly developing the site.

"It just was too big of a bite for them at this point," he said.

Trietsch said Hilltown Community Health Center has expressed interest in

the property. He said Hilltown is based out of Russell and has been established for over 70 years.

Hilltown Community Health Center currently has four locations, with the closest to the area being in Amherst.

"They are a federally qualified health center," Trietsch said, of which there are about 50 statewide. "They're interested in expanding."

Trietsch said federally qualified health centers receive money from federal grants, donations and health insurance.

"They don't turn down anybody for health care for financial reasons," he said.

Talbot said she believes Hilltown's model is the direction healthcare is heading in, noting that its centers include ancillary services such as vision, mental health, pediatrics, and

more. Committee member Terrance Smith said it would be unlikely that the town would see a hospital facility come back to town.

Trietsch said these centers do not provide 24-hour care, emergency care or urgent care. He said representatives from Hilltown Community Health Center will be touring the Mary Lane Hospital site late that week.

Trust money

Beckley said the Lewis Gilbert trust totals around \$8 million, and the other trusts generate about \$10,000 in interest a year combined. He said Bank of America, the trustees of the various trusts, has seemed willing to share information with the town.

Smith questioned what would happen if Baystate Health sold the Mary Lane Hospital property to a private enti-

ty for profit, and if the sale proceeds would go back into the Lewis Gilbert trust since the property was gifted through Gilbert's will.

Demolition delay

Trietsch said the demolition delay placed on the Mary Lane Hospital property was set to expire in a couple of days, but that the new Baystate Health CEO and President Peter Banko was willing to continue honoring it in order to work with the town.

Beckley said Davidson was making a request to Baystate Health to delay any demolition by another nine months.

Next meeting

The next Hospital Review Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

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Consider tax-smart charitable gifts

As we enter the annual season of giving, you might be thinking of charities you wish to support. But you also might be wondering how to gain some tax benefits from your gifts.

It used to be pretty straightforward: You wrote a check to a charity and then deducted the amount of the gift, within limits, from your taxes. But a few years ago, as part of tax law changes, the standard deduction was raised significantly, so fewer people were able to itemize deductions. Consequently, there was less financial incentive to make charitable gifts.

Of course, this didn't entirely stop people from making them. And it's still possible to gain some tax advantages, too.

Here are a few tax-smart charitable giving strategies:

- Bunch your charitable gifts into one year. If you combine a few years' worth of charitable gifts in a single year, you could surpass the standard deduction amount and then itemize deductions for that year. In the years following, you could revert to taking the standard deduction.
- Make qualified charitable distributions. Once you turn 73 (or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later), you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional or inherited IRA. These withdrawals — technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — are taxable at your personal income tax rate, so, if the amounts are large enough, they could push you into a higher tax bracket or cause you to pay larger Medicare premiums.

But if you donate these RMDs directly to a qualified charity, you can avoid the taxes. And because these donations, known as qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), will reduce the balance on your IRA, you may have lower RMDs in the future.

Of course, if you need some or all your RMDs to help sustain yourself in retirement, the use of QCDs may not be of interest to you. Keep in mind, though, that you can start making QCDs at 70½, even before you must start taking RMDs. QCDs up to \$105,000 can be taken in 2024.

• Consider a donor-advised fund. If you're interested in a long-term charitable giving arrangement, you might want to consider establishing a donor-advised fund. You can put many types of assets into this fund, and then direct it to make grants periodically to the charities you've chosen. You get an immediate tax deduction for your contribution, and, if you donate appreciated assets, such as stocks, you'll avoid the capital gains taxes you would have incurred if you simply sold the stocks and then gave the money to the charities. One note of caution, though — your contributions to a donor-advised fund are irrevocable, and once the assets are in the fund, you can't use them for anything except charitable giving.

These strategies — QCDs and donor-advised funds in particular — can be complex and involve several issues of which you should be aware. So, you should consult your tax advisor before taking action. But if any of these techniques are appropriate for your situation, give them some thought — because helping a charitable group and getting tax benefits for doing so is a "win" for everyone.

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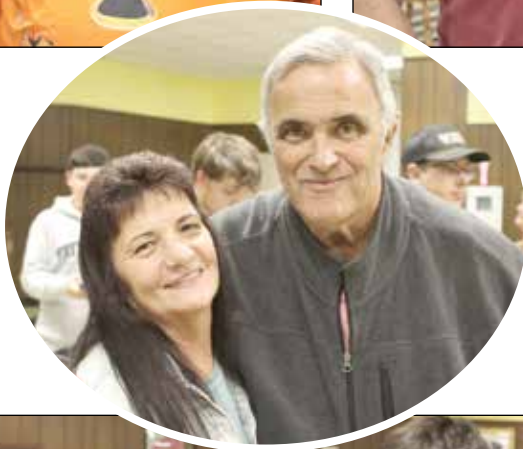
A dedicated group of volunteers joined the Knights of Columbus in preparing for the Halloween Drive Thru event.



Knights Brian Rheaume and Paul Harper took a quick break to pose for a photo.



Donnie Dunbar was all smiles knowing he would make children happy for Halloween.



Bill Blodgett shares a hug with Betty Sullivan



Phil Hamel adds a lollipop to a goody bag.



Volunteers helped the Knights of Columbus fill hundreds of goody bags for area children.



The Deslauriers family passed out treats to be placed in the goody bags.

Knights and volunteers give back to community

WARE – Each year, the Knights of Columbus spend the evening before the annual Halloween Drive Thru at Grenville Park in the basement of All Saints Church, filling hundreds of goody bags to hand out to children. Volunteers from the community, local businesses and Ware High School's golf team make quick work of the task, which is the highlight of the popular annual event.

Mason Harper (right) gets help from Maren to fill his bag with treats to hand out at the Knights of Columbus' annual Halloween Drive Thru event held last Friday evening at Grenville Park.



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Trunk-or-Treaters could try on the Sorting Hat at the Bouvier's Harry Potter trunk. Shown are Amanda and Brent Bouvier and their children River as Hedwig the owl and Miles as Harry Potter.



Follow the Yellow Brick Road to candy from Chelsea and Lincoln Mathieson, Isla Czub, and Allie Walker.



Matt and Felicia Zwirecki and their children Max and Addie handed out candy from a "Candyland" trunk.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT



Jessica and Lillian got creative with an M&M's-themed trunk.

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bags of candy, so there was plenty to go around.

In addition to the traditional trunk-or-treat activity, the school was also hosting a "Haunted Hallway" presented by the Student Council. Guests eagerly awaited their turn to walk through the hall in a line that stretched out the door for most of the evening.

There was also a "less scary" hallway that catered to younger children.

Country Bank sponsored a pumpkin carving contest, with Dunkin' gift card prizes awarded to winners in each grade level category. The pumpkins were on display in the cafeteria, where representatives from Country Bank handed out apple cider and cider donuts.

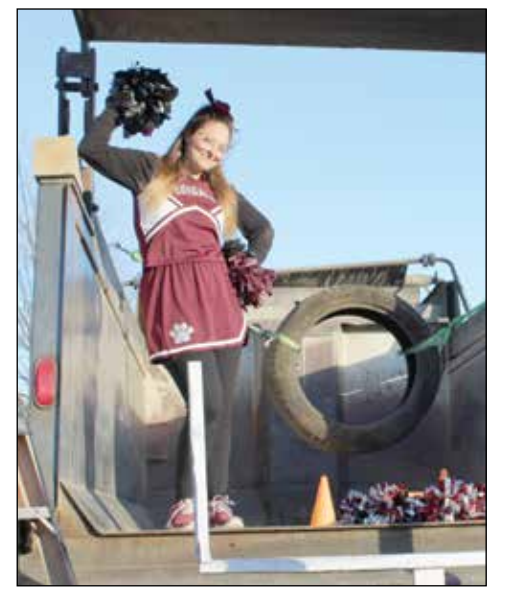
Midway through the evening, the students of Diva Dance School gave a performance. Diva Dance School is a studio located in Warren for adult students, and the dancers performed four Halloween-inspired routines to songs including "Thriller" by Michael Jackson and "Bring Me To Life" by Evanescence.

Warren Parks & Recreation sponsored a DJ for the evening, so attendees could enjoy spooky tunes all evening, and the QRMHS senior class sold refreshments.

Trunk-or-Treat was a true community effort that resulted in a great night of Halloween fun.



The Richer family's trunk was based on "Toy Story".



Danielle and Mike Fountain show their football and cheer spirit with a fun interactive trunk.



Mill Town's Public Health department entered a trunk for the event.



The Police Department had an "Up" themed trunk.



Olive Moulton and Kaitlyn Noult helped with the National Honor Society's trunk



Lori Belizzi invited trunk-or-treaters to the Quaboag Regional Middle High School winter musical, "Beauty & the Beast".



Julie Cutler and Rich Provencher pose in front of their "Jurassic Park:" themed trunk.



The Ware Fire Department also entered a trunk for the event.

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Reagan Girouard from West Brookfield entered the pumpkin carving contest.

LEFT: Grace Smart, Shelby Bridges and Abigail Jolin also helped with the National Honor Society's trunk.

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Ware Grange hosts pumpkin carving and spooky story time

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – To wrap up the season, the Ware Grange hosts the final Kids' Corner Workshop of the year with pumpkin carving.

This past Monday night families brought their own pumpkins for pumpkin carving as the Grange provided crafts, music and tasty Halloween themed treats. Leading the Kids' Corner Workshop in its first year at the Grange was Jen McNally.

This was the final Kids' Corner Workshop this season and McNally has witnessed a lot of great turnouts all year, including the pumpkin carving event.

"This is a great turnout," McNally said. When the Halloween music came on, McNally sang a spooky classic and was dancing to "Monster Mash".

McNally's two children, Morgan and Mackenzie, have helped her out all year during these workshops and had some fun crafts and game stations setup in the Grange. Morgan was helping with the crafts consisting of ghost wands, masks, coloring sheets and skeleton posters.



Guests brought their own pumpkins to carve and they were in all different sizes. *Turley Photos by Ryan Drago*

Mackenzie was teaching kids how to play a dice game with candy corn. The kids get to roll and try to match the numbers with candy corn on them.



Witch hats looked delicious to have while carving pumpkins at the Grange hall.

When story time was approaching the families began stacking their carved pumpkins

on the stage. Members of the Grange began adding candles to the pumpkins so they can glow in the dark during McNally's spooky story.

The kids all gathered with some tasty treats that were made by Terry Vaill. There were witch hats, Oreos that looked like spiders and a pumpkin patch decorated dessert. The kids got together and were excited to hear the spooky story read by McNally.

The story was called "The Pumpkin Giant". The pumpkins were lit, and the lights went down as McNally set the stage for a spooky story for all who attended.

Many kids listened while wearing the scary Halloween masks they crafted. Some of them



Isabelle is shown with her ghost wand she made during the pumpkin carving event at the Ware Grange.

were Frankenstein, some were ghosts, skeletons, cats and some were witches.

More than 20 kids arrived for the final Kids' Corner Workshop. The Grange is looking into having another series of workshops for kids next year after the winter is done.

The Ware Grange's next meeting is Monday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. The program for the night will be about conservation with a speaker from the East Quabbin Land Trust.



Nora Fluegge painted her pumpkin red.



Hannah Orszulak painted her pumpkin pink. *Turley Photos by Rowan Bernstein*



Rey had help from her mom to decorate her pumpkin.



Noah Boyzk dressed up as a plague doctor.

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packed, but Goulet said they do their best to make use of the space to fit everyone who comes to decorate a pumpkin. It was also a drop-in program, so attendees could stop by any time they wanted between 4:30-6 p.m., without having to sign up in advance.

Participants brought their own pumpkins, but all other supplies were provided by the library, including paint, glitter, and Halloween-themed stickers. Everyone had different ideas for how to use the materials, and there were some truly creative pumpkins on display.

There were snacks, cookies provided by Cupcakes & Confections by Jana, and treat bags for kids to take on their way home. Costumes were encouraged at the event, and many kids – and families – were decked out in Halloween gear.



The library had a variety of decorations, including stickers, jewels and googly eyes




Wyatt had help from his dad, Josh.



Natalie dressed as Miraculous Ladybug.



Cupcakes & Confections by Jana supplied cookies for the Pumpkin Decorating Party.



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Fun facts about Canada geese

The Brimfield resident also offered some facts about Canada geese he got from MassWildlife. Human intervention radically altered the status of this species within the Bay State. Before the 1930s, these geese rarely nested here, today many Canada geese are in this state year round.

Their migratory population still pass through in the spring and fall and stop to rest during migration. Resident population are descendants of captive geese used by waterfowl hunters; live decoys

were outlawed in the 1930s and captive birds were released. With no pattern of migration, these geese began nesting in Massachusetts. In the 1960s and early 1970s, MassWildlife moved geese from the coast into central and western Massachusetts to the applause of both hunters and non-hunters. A population explosion followed.

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Indians get big win over Franklin Tech

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—There was a lot of excitement at Veterans' Field before, during, and after last Friday night's Intercounty North Division showdown between Franklin Tech and Ware.

The Indians kept their league title hopes alive with a 20-6 victory over the previously undefeated Eagles before a large home crowd.

"We knew how important tonight's game was and we played our style of football," said Ware senior captain Nathan Harmon, who joined the varsity football team as an eighth grader. "I'm so proud of my teammates. Everyone just stepped up."

Since 2020, Ware has posted an incredible 37-9 overall record. The last time that the Indians didn't win a league was in 2015.

"We didn't want to be the team that ended the league title streak," Harmon added. "If we can beat Palmer next week, we'll win another league title. They're our biggest rivals and it's going to be an amazing game."

Ware's (5-2,3-1) only league loss this season was at Athol, who posted a 40-24 victory on Oct. 11. Had the Indians, who also suffered a non-league home loss to Narragansett Regional, lost to Franklin Tech (6-1, 3-1) last Friday night, they would've been eliminated from the league title race.

The Indians will be making the short trip to historic Legion Field in Palmer not only looking to win a piece of the league title, but they're also hoping to keep possession of the Palmer-Ware trophy for the

eighth consecutive year. Kickoff is scheduled for 1pm on Saturday afternoon.

Another Ware senior captain is Brady Dyer, who has been the starting quarterback for the past two seasons.

"A lot of our former players have come back and watch us play at each home game," Dyer said. "Those guys really wish that they were still out there playing on this field. We're very happy to be able to keep the winning tradition going a little bit longer. This was a very exciting game tonight. We still

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Dalton Marquis sprints up the field.

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Quaboag takes down Palmer

WARREN – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quaboag Regional High School field hockey tuned up for the postseason with a 4-0 shutout of visiting Palmer High School. The Cougars would finish the regular season 9-6-1. As of press time, Quaboag was ranked No. 24 in Division 4. Depending on the number of teams that qualify for tournament, Quaboag could host a playoff game, or would travel to a higher seed depending on how the final rankings shake out.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Evie Iwaniec drags the ball up the field.



Kynlee Miller tries to steal the ball away.



Brea Sauriol takes over possession as she circles around the ball.



Kate Swistak tries to work the ball away from the Palmer defense.



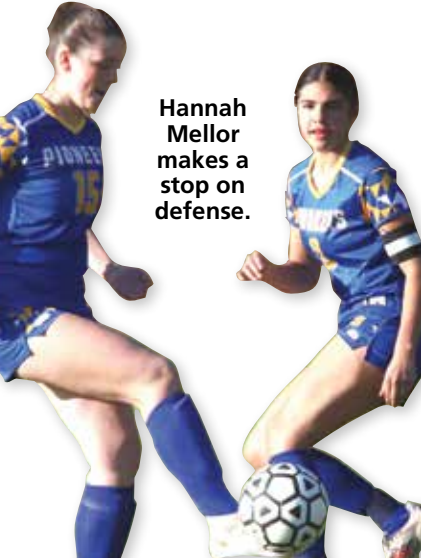
Nathan Luxon protects runner Jadrien Berthiaume.



Jadrien Berthiaume looks to avoid tacklers while on a run.



Samantha Lowe goes after the loose ball.



Hannah Mellor makes a stop on defense.



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Autumn Doktor traps the ball for the Pioneers.

Pioneers shut out Sizer



Taylor Allen turns play around.

PALMER – Last Monday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer picked up a 10-0 shutout of Sizer School, a Central Mass. school. The Pioneers scored early and often and were in control of the game throughout. The Pioneers improved to 2-10-1 and were scheduled to have non-playoff games earlier this week.



Danielle Croteau nearly collides with an opponent.



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WHS FINALIST FOR T-MOBILE COMPETITION

During a ceremony held at halftime, Ware High School received a \$25,000 check from T-Mobile, which will be used for field improvements. Ware High School is also one of the 16 finalists nationwide in the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights competition. The Grand Prize is two million dollars, and the winner will be announced in early December.

Panthers advance to Central Mass. title game

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Rich Zalneraitis has been keeping track of his wife, Shelly's, wins, losses, and ties since she took over as the varsity field hockey coach at Quabbin Regional High School in the fall 1994.

The top-seeded Lady Panthers advanced into the Class B finals of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association tournament for the second consecutive year with a 3-0 home shutout victory over the fourth-seeded Saint Paul Knight, last Wednesday afternoon (Oct.23). It was also the 400th career victory for Shelly Zalneraitis.

"I've been able to watch just about every game Shelly has

coached here. I also watched her when she played field hockey here at Quabbin," said Rich Zalneraitis, who has won about 100 games as the boys' varsity basketball coach at Narragansett Regional. "I always try to give her some advice, but she doesn't usually take it. She's the best coach that I know and winning 400 career games is just an amazing accomplishment."

Shelly Zalneraitis, who began her coaching career as the Quabbin junior varsity field hockey coach in the fall of 1988, is wrapping up her 31st season as the varsity coach. She has a 400-137-82 overall record.

The Lady Panthers have qualified for the postseason tournament every year and they've also captured numerous league titles.



Turley photo by Gregory A. Scibelli
Haley Ayer chases down a loose ball.

In Shelly's second season as the varsity field hockey coach, the Lady Panthers finished with a 19-2 overall record. The 2015 squad also won 19 games, which is the most wins she's had in a

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Quabbin football improves to 5-2

BARRE – Last Friday night, Quabbin Regional High School football scored a huge win over Narragansett High School 24-14. With the win, Quabbin improved to 5-2 on the season. Heading into the final week of the regular season, Quabbin was ranked No. 25 in Division 6, though their fifth win had not been figured into the power rankings. If the Panthers were to win this week, they would potentially have a shot at breaking the top 16 and qualifying for

the tournament. The Panthers will face Littleton, a 3-4 squad, on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. on the road.



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Candlepin League News

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Bogey Doubles League

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Monday Doubles League at Bogey Lanes reached their eighth session of the season.

As of Oct. 21, the team of Tom Clauson & Gary Santora are in first place with a total of 40 wins so far this season. Pellet & Nester are currently tied for second place with the team of Mondor & Brayton with 34 wins.

Murphy & Kenneson are in fourth place with 33 wins. There are three teams tied for fifth place with 32 wins, Sandman & Marvin, Gauthier & Clough, and Talamini & Gravel.

The team of Renaud & Ward have 31 wins, Halbedel & Fontaine have 30 and Rando & MacDougall have 26.

Murphy & Kenneson bowled against the team of Gauthier & Clough. In game one, Murphy & Kenneson won by a score of 243-222. In game two, Trever Kenneson bowled a 134 on his team's way to another victory, 277-263.

In game three, Gauthier & Clough won the last game 247-233. Total pinfall was in favor of Murphy & Kenneson, 753-732.

Pellett & Nester bowled against Clauson & Santora. In game one, Pellett & Nester defeated Clauson & Santora 266-235. In game two, Pellett & Nester won again 260-241. In game three, Clauson & Santora won 269-246. Tom Clauson finished with a 125 in game three.

Total pinfall was in favor of Clauson & Santora 772-745.

Talamini & Gravel bowled against Rando & MacDougall. In game one, Talamini & Gravel won 248-240. In game two,

Talamini & Gravel won 279-267. Jack Talamini bowled a 115 in game two.

In game three, Talamini & Gravel won to get a three-game sweep over Rando & MacDougall, 280-255. The total pinfall was won by Talamini & Gravel, 807-762.

The team Halbedel & Fontaine bowled against Renaud & Ward. In game one, Renaud & Ward were victorious with a score of 285 to Halbedel & Fontaine's 254. Tina Ward started the match with a 133. Aaron Fontaine also began with a 133 in game one.

In game two, Halbedel & Fontaine won by a score of 293-276. Fontaine followed up with a 150 and Ward had a 129.

In game three, Halbedel & Fontaine won the last game 289-288. Fontaine finished strong with a 145 and had a series of 428, which is now leading in the high series category. Ward had a strong showing in game three with a 122 and a series of 384. Her teammate, Steve Renaud, Sr. finished with a 122 as well.

The total pinfall was in favor of Renaud & Ward, 849-836.

The team of Sandman & Marvin bowled against Mondor & Brayton. In game one, Sandman & Marvin were victorious, 261-229. In game two, Sandman & Marvin won 292-284. Luke Marvin bowled a 134 in game two and Travis Sandman bowled a 109.

In game three, Mondor & Brayton won the final game, 249-240. Marvin's series was 345 and his team won total pinfall, 793-762.

As of Oct. 28 the top three high singles in the Bogey Doubles league are Luke Marvin with a 183, Trever Kenneson with a 163 and Aaron Fontaine with a 154. Top three high series scores are Aaron Fontaine with a 428, Marvin with a 425 and Kenneson with a 414.

Hall of Fame Series heads for Vegas

PHOENIX – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), announced that the 2027 Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas will take place at the iconic Allegiant Stadium on November 12, 2027, marking the first-ever basketball game at the renowned stadium.

The historic event will feature two marquee matchups between elite men's basketball programs: Arizona vs. Duke and Indiana vs. Kansas. Both games will once again be showcased on TNT Sports' networks and platforms, with additional programming information to be announced at a later date.

These four teams represent some of the most storied traditions in college basketball, with a combined 15 national championships, over 35 Hall of Famers, and a legion of passionate fans. The rivalry between Duke and Arizona, which will be on display in Tucson, Ariz., on November 22, as well as the timeless Kansas vs. Indiana matchup, is set to provide fans an unforgettable experience and signal a significant milestone in Las Vegas' sports history.

Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders and Super Bowl LVIII, will be hosting its first college basketball games, showcasing the versatility of the venue. The stadium will also serve as the site for the 2028 NCAA Men's Final Four, further solidifying its position as a premier destination for top-tier sporting events.

The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a collection of multi-game, singular events that showcase several of the top collegiate basketball teams in exciting non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. The inaugural Hall of Fame Series took place in 2023 in Las Vegas, Charlotte, San Antonio, Toronto, and Phoenix, and the series continues its successful run in 2024 with upcoming stops in Las Vegas (November 4), Phoenix (November 14), Baltimore (November 15), and New York (December 14).

T-Birds scored bounce-back win over Hartford

HARTFORD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-5-0) bounced back from a pair of defeats to finish the three-game weekend with a 5-2 win over the Hartford Wolf Pack (3-2-0-1) on Sunday at the XL Center.



The T-Birds faced challenges before the game even began, as seven lineup regulars were unavailable due to injury. Despite their shorthanded lineup, Steve Konowalchuk's T-Birds came out with a purpose, generating a pair of power plays in the opening half of the opening period, and forcing Louis Domingue to make many great saves in tight. Domingue's best work was when he reached back the paddle of his stick and pulled a loose puck dangerously close to the goal line.

The Wolf Pack, though, still managed to get on the board first, as top-line centerman Bo Groulx pounced on a loose puck in center, roared in on the right wing, and snapped a perfect wrist shot off the inside of the post behind Colten Ellis to make it a 1-0 game at 8:16.

That precise shot would be the only blemish on Ellis's record in an opening period that saw the young T-Birds backstop deny 11 Hartford chances, including sev-

eral on a pair of Wolf Pack power plays.

At the other end, the T-Birds' third line evened the slate less than three minutes after Groulx's opening marker as Drew Callin swooped in from behind Domingue's net and surprised the veteran with a wraparound through the legs to make it a 1-1 tie at 11:12.

The gutsy effort continued in the middle stanza, and Dalibor Dvorsky was rewarded at 8:52 with his third goal of the campaign. After skating the puck out of danger and entering the offensive zone, the 19-year-old pulled up on the left-wing boards and created a shooting lane. The rookie's flip shot into traffic found a home through Domingue's legs and gave Springfield its first lead of the day, 2-1, at 8:52.

Not even three minutes later, Tanner Dickinson entered the scoring realm as he took a beautiful setup from Michael Buchinger and lifted a forehand over Domingue's stick at 11:08. Dickinson's first AHL goal of the season also marked Buchinger's first career point as a pro, and it gave Springfield a 3-1 lead into the third.

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Railers score shutout of Maine Mariners

PORTLAND, ME – The Worcester Railers HC (2-2-0-0 4pts) beat the Maine Mariners (1-4-0-0, 2pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 4-0 in front of a crowd of 2,947 at Cross Insurance Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at Norfolk Scope taking on the Norfolk Admirals on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Worcester got the scoring started tonight with Justin Gill (1-2-3) breakout goal 6:22 into the period. Seven minutes later at 13:33 Matthew Kopperud (1-0-1) finished backside to give the Railers a 2-0 lead at the end of the first. The Railers continued their scoring late in the second when Riley Piercy (1-0-1) got his first goal of the season. Piercy scored with two minutes remaining in the period extending Worcester's lead to 3-0. Worcester finished the scoring off on the player play with a power play goal from Mason Klee 8:41 into the third, cementing the Railers 4-0 win.

Worcester found the back of the net first tonight, as Justin Gill (1st) forced a turnover and took it down the ice all alone scoring with his backhand-

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have a chance to win the league title. We're also hoping to make the Division 8 state playoffs."

Dyer took over the starting quarterback duties from Jack Aughter, who's currently a sophomore member of the W.P.I. football team.

"I text with Jack just about every day," Dyer said. "He's always giving me advice about how to become a better quarterback and how to be a better captain."

The other two Ware senior captains are Gavin Sawabi, and Ben Torres.

Ware was trailing the Eagles 6-0, less than four minutes into last Friday's contest.

Franklin Tech senior running back Josiah Little, who has rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season, capped off the eight play scoring drive, which covered 63 yards, with a 9-yard touchdown run with 8:14 remaining in the opening quarter. A pass attempt on the two-point conversion play was incomplete.

The Indian's defense, which was led by junior Alex Orzulak, junior Jadrien Berthiaume, Torres, and Harmon, managed to hold Little and the Eagles offense without a touchdown for the rest of the game.

"Our main goal was to stop them from scoring touchdowns," Harmon said. "(Sophomore) Braden Sullivan, who's a member of our j.v. team, has a similar running style as the Franklin Tech running back. He did a very good job of helping us prepare for him at practice this week."

Berthiaume, who rushed for more than 100 yards against Franklin Tech, carried the ball five times on the Indians first offensive possession before scoring on a 6-yard TD run up the middle with

3:52 left in the opening quarter.

"Jad is an outstanding running back and football player," Dyer said. "He has a very bright future ahead of him."

The extra point attempt sailed wide right.

The Ware head coach thought the offensive line played their best game of the season. Those five guys are senior Nathan Luxon, senior Matt Gambino, sophomore Enrique Burton, sophomore Jayden Diaz, and Harmon.

"The lineman made big holes for Jadrien and our other running backs," said Ware head coach Mike Fazio. "It was their best game so far this season. Brady also ran the offense very well."

With 9:46 left in the first half, Berthiaume capped off a quick four play scoring drive with a four yard rushing TD. He also gained 19, 12, and 14 yards during the first three plays of the series.

The PAT by Dyer gave the home team a 13-6 advantage.

After the Ware defense forced Franklin Tech to turn the ball over on down at midfield, the Indians offense had another scoring chance before halftime.

A five yard keeper by Dyer set up third down and goal at the 1-yard line with 18 seconds remaining in the first half.

After calling two timeouts during that series and another one at the end of the first quarter, the Indians didn't have any timeouts remaining. However, Fazio thought they still had a timeout left and he tried calling one before the third downplay resulting in five yard delay of game penalty.

Following two incomplete passes, the Indians headed into locker room holding a slim 13-6 lead.

"I thought we still had a timeout left and I take the blame for us not scoring at the end of the first half," Fazio said. "The players did



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Brady Dyer takes the snap.

a very good job of not letting it impact the game during the second half."

Ware sealed the deal with a 10-play scoring drive that took place during the final 4:19 of the third quarter and the first 3:07 of the fourth quarter.

On the third play of the series, Dyer completed a 29-yard pass to Berthiaume, who was wide open along the right sideline. The long drive ended when Dyer completed a 2-yard TD pass to sophomore Dalton Marquis on a fourth and goal play with 8:53 remaining in the game. Dyer's extra point increased the Indians lead to 14 points.

The Indians players and coaches are hoping to close out the regular season by celebrating another victory against their archrivals on Saturday afternoon.

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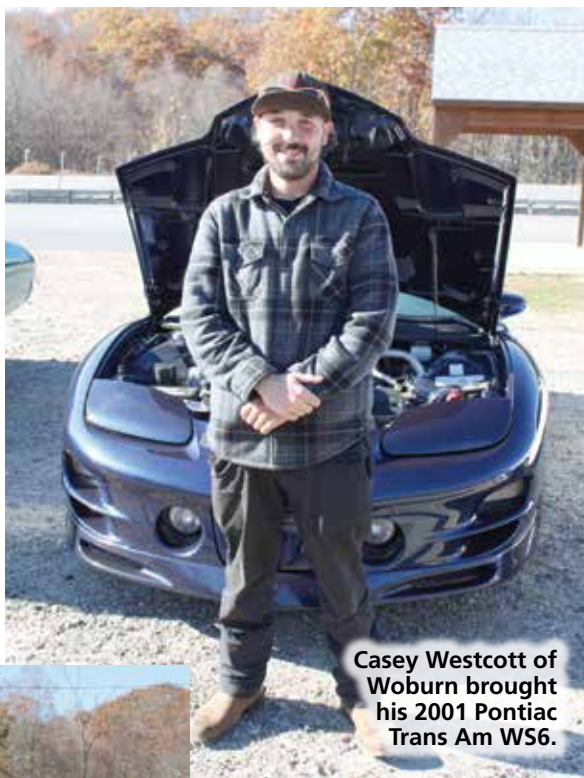
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Cars were also decorated for the trunk or treat car show.



Casey Westcott of Woburn brought his 2001 Pontiac Trans Am WS6.



Scott Wrzesien of Ware stands with "The Boss," a 1934 Chevy-powered Ford sedan.



Chloe and Jude McGrath of Monson pose for a photo between their parent's two cars, an Audi TT and an Aude S4.



Paul and Dimitri Dellas of Millbury stand next to Paul's 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.



Chloe McGrath was dressed as the Grim Reaper and Jude McGrath was dressed as a character from Minecraft.



Devon Kennedy brought his 2019 Dodge Challenger to the track.



Jen Adams sits in her 2019 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.



Corey Duncan of Worcester also brought a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.

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Just nine seconds into the final period, Springfield added to the lead as Hugh McGing spotted a wide-open Marcus Sylvegard at the net front for a tap-in. It tied for the fastest goal in any period in team history and propelled the T-Birds to a 4-1 advantage. Ex-Hartford defenseman Hunter Skinner exacted some payback against his old team at 3:28, taking a drop from Dylan Peterson and rifling a wrister under the crossbar to build the lead up to 5-1. Hartford mustered only one goal in response when Dylan Roobroek stuffed a rebound through Ellis at 10:32. The Springfield goaltender put up his fourth consecutive start with just two goals allowed, stopping 27 shots for the game. The T-Birds look to build upon the win on Friday night when they welcome the Bridgeport Islanders to the MassMutual Center for the first time this season. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m.

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ed shot just 6:22 into the first. Matthew Kopperud (2nd) took an intercepted pass down the ice and scored off passes from Justin Gill and Jack Randl out in front 13:33 into the period. Neither team scored after Kopperud, ending the period with Worcester leading 2-0. Maine outshot Worcester 16-9. The second period seemed as if it would come without a score from either team until the Railers extended their lead to 3-0 thanks to Riley Piercy (1st). Piercy broke the scoreless period 18 minutes in when he got one by Brad Arvanitis on the crossing dish from his teammate Justin Gill. Shots favored Worcester 12-11 in the second. The Railers kept their great scoring night going in the third. Mason Klee (2nd) found the back of the net on the power play at 8:41 to make the Railers lead 4-0. The Mariners had a late power play opportunity, but the Railers penalty kill held strong on their perfect night. Shots favored Worcester 10-4 in the third and were even on the game 31-31.

CAR SHOW from page 1

sedan "The Boss," taking a break from his usual Sunday races up in Lebanon Valley. "It's a big part of my life," Wrzesien said of his sedan. "It gives us time to have fun." Wrzesien said the Ford belonged to his dad, Stan, who purchased it when he was in the U.S. Navy. The car originally was owned by one of Stan's close friends, who passed away from an aneurysm. "He's had it since," Wrzesien said. "My father and friends raced it as teens." The car has a gangster theme, as it was the same type of car driven by the infamous duo of Bonnie and Clyde (although with two less doors). The McGrath family from Monson brought two cars with them to the event, an Audi S4 and an Audi TT. The family has attended events at the track before and all agreed that they love it here. Jude McGrath said he's rode 11 parade laps on the track. Traveling from Millbury were Jen Adams, Paul Dellas and Dimitri Dellas. Adams, who has always been part of a "Chevy family," arrived in her 2019 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, experiencing Palmer Motorsports Park for the first time. "I can't even believe this exists," she said. The Stingray is her 20th Corvette, she said. Paul Dellas drove his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle, which he's had for about a year. He bought it because he was looking for a black car with "red gut." "I had a '69 Camarao all set up and had to get rid of it," Dellas said. "This is my second choice."

Also driving a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle was Corey Duncan of Worcester who was also enjoying his first time at the track. "I did three laps," he said. Duncan has had the car for five years, after inheriting it from his late father. "He had it my whole life," Duncan said. "It was my Pop's car." Duncan said his father was the second owner of the car, and he remembers helping him pick it out when he was just 4 years old. "This would be my dream car. I fell in love with this when he got it," Duncan said. Duncan was joined by his friend Casey Westcott of Woburn, who celebrated his birthday just the day before. Westcott drove his 2001 Pontiac Trans Am WS6. "I've had it since August," he said. "It's actually completely stock," he said. Westcott said he decided to buy the car after being involved in a bad accident, when he was hit riding his motorcycle. He's the third owner of the car, which came from New York before he bought it in New Hampshire, and it's always been garage-kept with just under 80,000 miles on the odometer. He said this car has the same drive train as a Camarao or Corvette. "It's just different," he said. Westcott said he was able to take the Trans Am out on the track for three parade laps. "It was a fun experience," he said. Another one Duncan and Westcott's friends brought his 2012 Mitsubishi Evolution GSE, which he bought brand new. He said he's completed 90% of the upgrades to the car, with the tune done by Cosmic motorsports. "Her name is Sasha," he said of the car. "A name that fits."



RIGHT: Jennifer and Calvin Therkelsen dressed as Cruella de Vil and a Dalmatian.

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Driving the car on the track has "been a heck of a time," he said. Joined by his son Oliver, Derek Thomas (lightfury_fusion on TikTok) brought his 2017 Ford Fusion Sport to the track for the first time. Thomas has spent a lot of time and money to add upgrades to the car, including adding a 2005 Dodge Neon SRT spoiler to it. "There's like \$10,000 worth of mods in it," he said. Thomas said he chose the Fusion because he could use it as his daily driver, and still having fun with it. Also joining him was his friend Devon Kennedy (barn_find_generally on TikTok) with his 2019 Dodge Challenger RT. Kennedy said he normally drag races his car all over New England and decided to enjoy the picturesque fall day from the top of Whiskey Hill. "I just drive it everywhere," he said.

About Palmer Motorsports Park
Palmer Motorsports Park has been rated "One of the top 10 road courses in North America" by Road & Track Magazine. Its unique setting and challenging road course draw club members and visitors from New England and beyond for racing, research, recreational, and business-related activities. For more information, visit palmermotorsportspark.com or find them on Facebook.

Eclectic vintage shop, artist studio celebrates 1 year anniversary

PALMER – An eclectic, vintage shop and artists gallery celebrates its one year anniversary

The "Eclectic Shop and Artist's Studio", known as the Victorian, will celebrate its one year anniversary on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 1500 North Main Street, Palmer, MA. Please join us for an open house and enjoy refreshments as you tour throughout the building.

"The Victorian" provides locals a convenient shop close to home, offering quality painter's products, painted furniture, unique gifts, candles home decor, local Artisan's wares and more.

The shop features a wide variety of Fusion Mineral Paint products, including materials to re-purpose, refurbish and re-imagine furniture.

"Fusion Mineral Paint is primarily a furniture paint," said owner Julia Dias. However, she said the paint works well on a variety of materials, such as wood, metal, glass and fabrics.

In addition to the mineral paint, The Victorian offers milk paint, stains, antiquing glazes, a variety of decorating waxes and both natural and synthetic paint brushes.

The shop caters to artists seeking to add a splash of color to their homes and get creative with refinishing their furniture.

"It's been quite an experience creating this shop and sharing it with the many people that have come through this door. Many people are just curious to know what this old house looks like on the inside. They're either from the area and have driven by many times or they were customers of the Moulton Insurance Agency, which used to be here for many years" said Dias.

She holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a focus on interior design from UMASS Amherst and has a great passion for historical homes. "Ebenezer and Mary Brown built this house in 1868. It's obvious they had great taste in architecture and design, as there are many fine details throughout the home that lend to its stateliness." Considering how many times the trains roll by



The Victorian is located at 1500 Main St., in Palmer, in the former Moulton Insurance building.

Submitted Photos

out back and being 156 years old, this grand Queen Anne stands strong. Dias' experience allows her to provide guests with expertise and a wealth of knowledge in design as well as the Fusion Mineral Paint product line. "I truly enjoy recreating old pieces," said Dias "especially little tables you find on the side of the road." She added the Victorian age has always been her favorite period in time, prompting her to scout out the perfect location for her shop. "It has always been a dream of mine to have a Victorian. This Queen Anne home was built in 1868 with all the traditional mouldings. Shoppers will not only have

access to a Fusion Mineral Paint carrier locally, but they will also have access to the full line of colors and seasonal releases. The shop features an array of colors, furnishings and art; some Victorian style, others more abstract and various handmade products by local Artisans. Vintage style "sassy talkin' towels," are on display, adding style and humor to the main shopping area. For those interested in purchasing, duplicates are for sale. Additionally, vintage-style match boxes are available for purchase, delicately wrapped in wax paper and sealed with a postage stamp. The Superior Dry Good Vintage Stick matches are a perfect



Shown is the shopping area in the building, with items in display cases, which are for sale.



The building is a Queen Anne Victorian, decorated to accentuate the charm and authenticity of the building's architecture.

complement to those interested in gifting a locally sourced, 100% soy, 1803 candle. Dias said the shop is Victorian themed to add an element of creativity and charm to the guests' experience. Fusion Mineral Paint Workshops will begin this month of October. You can follow her on Facebook and Instagram at theVictorian1868. Her website, theVictorian1868.com, is under development and will be ready soon. Workshops and other events will be posted there along

with a shop calendar, news and information. Services and products have expanded over the past year which included the introduction of "The Downtown Abbey Dining Room" for private small event rentals and the "Newport Room" for Fusion Mineral Paint Workshops, as well as small event rentals. More information will be available on the website or you can call Julia at 603-714-0513. Both rooms are Victorian-themed spaces equipped with working Victrolas, velvet drapes, vintage lace covered tables for dining and tea, various antique art pieces and full wall collage of the cast of Downtown Abbey and more! Guests interested in adding a Victorian touch to their home also have the option of purchasing from a collection of vintage glassware come Spring 2025. "I've always wanted to open my own shop and wouldn't have done it with anyone else but my husband, John. We make a great team" said Dias. "I thank him often for all he has done to make my dream come true." The shop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

public safety

Warren Police Log

During the week of Oct. 12-19, the Warren Police Department responded to 209 building/property checks, 56 community policings, 17 emergency 911 calls, one complaint, one stolen vehicle, one identity theft, one property damage, three safety hazards, two motor vehicle accidents, three animal calls and 28 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Oct. 13
 5:43 a.m. Falls, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
 9:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning

Monday, Oct. 14
 7:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:08 a.m. Assault and Battery, Brimfield Road, Report Filed
 1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 1:59 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital
 2:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, Oct. 15
 9:12 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, Bacon Street, Report Filed
 7:04 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Maple Street,

Transported to Hospital
 7:13 p.m. Smoke Investigation, Brimfield Road, Investigated
 9:09 p.m. Gunshots, Bemis Road, Unfounded
 10:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Palmer, Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, Oct. 16
 9:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Old Douglas Road, Criminal Complaint
 2:30 p.m. Safety Concern, Southbridge Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 2:54 p.m. Safety Concern, Southbridge Road, No Action Required
 8:24 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Oct. 17
 3:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Report Filed
 4:22 a.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:12 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:58 p.m. Identity Theft, Town Farm Road, Report Filed

Friday, Oct. 18
 5:26 a.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:59 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Quaboag Street, Transported to Hospital

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4:38 p.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:35 p.m. Property Damage, A Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Oct. 19
 9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Criminal Complaint
 9:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 10:18 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, East Road, Information Taken
 2:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 9:28 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Oct. 21-28, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 46 building/property checks, 40 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, three traffic controls, 16 emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, three assist other agencies, one safety hazard, four complaints, one fraud, two motor vehicle accidents, one fire, two animal calls and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Oct. 21
 5:32 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Bridge Street, Spoken To
 6:35 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Upper Church Street, Spoken To

Tuesday, Oct. 22
 3:17 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning
 9:09 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:48 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Merge

1:09 p.m. Fraud, Barre Road, Report Taken
 2:15 p.m. 911 Misdial, Turkey Street, Officer Handled
 4:22 p.m. Complaint, Church Lane, Spoken To

Wednesday, Oct. 23
 12:40 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 1:19 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Dispatch Handled

Thursday, Oct. 24
 8:42 a.m. Assist Citizen, Police Department, Officer Handled
 11:32 a.m. Assist Other Agency, High Road, Officer Handled
 4:59 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Services Rendered

Friday, Oct. 25
 9:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:21 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 12:17 p.m. 911 Misdial, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Officer Handled
 12:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

1:10 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:21 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Spoken To
 4:35 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:54 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Petersham Road, Unfounded

Saturday, Oct. 26
 10:41 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
 1:07 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Transported to Hospital
 5:35 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Sullivan Avenue, Services Rendered
 6:17 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:22 p.m. Fire/Other, Bridge Street, Spoken To

Sunday, Oct. 27
 10:57 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ruggles Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

Recent fires highlight increased wildfire risk throughout the northeast

Brush fires continue to break out across Massachusetts, Connecticut, and other New England states as increasing drought conditions, combined with strong winds and dry air, create ideal conditions for fires to ignite and quickly spread.

According to the National Weather Service, fire weather concerns also remain in effect across the northeast including as far south as New Jersey, New York State, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.

"While most Northeast residents consider wildfires a threat for other parts of the country, they present risks to all of us," said Michele Steinberg, director of the National Fire Protection Association wildfire division said in a press release. "The brush fires we've seen over the past several days are evidence of these growing threats."

The NFPA encourages the public to stay vigilant and following safety guidelines for the safe

handling and disposal of ignition sources outdoors, which can help minimize the risk of brush fires and associated hazards:

Yard debris burns: Contact your local fire department to determine the requirements and restrictions for open burning in your community. Follow all local burn regulations, burn bans, and outdoor burning restrictions in your area.

Discarded cigarettes and other smoking materials: Never throw away lit cigarettes outside or toss matches or other smoking materials from a moving vehicle. These actions can ignite dry grass and start a fire.

Vehicles and equipment: Practice fire safety when using lawnmowers, chainsaws, weed trimmers, grinders, and tractors—all things that can throw sparks. Make sure tow chains are properly connected and not dragging when pulling equipment or

trailers behind a vehicle.

Campfires: Before setting up a campfire, check with your local fire department to be sure it is permitted. Follow all local burn regulations, burn bans, and outdoor burning restrictions in your area.

About the NFPA
 Founded in 1896, NFPA® is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards.

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For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freecode.

'Operation Safe Campus' aims to keep students safe from alcohol-related harm

BOSTON – The Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, under the direction of State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, implemented Operation Safe Campus in September.

The annual program is designed to target underage drinking on college campuses and in surrounding communities when students return to colleges and universities throughout Massachusetts. The goal of the program is to keep alcoholic beverages out of the hands of underage students and prevent tragedies.

"Operation Safe Campus helps to start the school year right. It is important to remind college students, servers, and sellers alike the true danger of underage drinking," said Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. "We want to increase awareness and avoid tragedies before they happen while protecting minors and their families from experiencing serious consequences."

During the run of the program, approximately 157 cases of beer and 153 bottles of alcohol were confiscated by investigators, preventing delivery to an estimated 2,100 underage individuals. Operation Safe Campus enforcement efforts found:

- 302 minors in possession,

transporting or attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages,

- 21 adults procuring alcohol for minors, and
- 108 individuals in possession of false identification.

"This operation focuses on the immediate safety of Massachusetts college students and the surrounding communities while drawing attention to the dangers of underage drinking," said Jean Lorizio, chairperson of the ABCC. "We want to make sure that underage people are aware that drinking alcohol can have devastating consequences upon them and those they love."

Enforcement efforts focus primarily on the parking lots and surrounding streets of liquor stores and bars that have had significant problems with underage individuals purchasing alcoholic beverages with false identification or through adults buying alcoholic beverages for them. In Worcester, ABCC Investigators worked in partnership with the Worcester Police Department's Alcohol Enforcement Unit.

Several bars and liquor stores will face charges related to the sale to, or possession of, alcoholic beverages by individuals under the age of 21. The businesses include McGovern's Package Store, Broadway Wine

& Liquors, Creed, Ju's and White Eagle of Worcester; Teele Square Liquors and The Pub of Somerville; Uptown Tap & Grille of Amherst, Scott's Fine Wines & Spirits of Easton; Chansky's, Quick Pick Convenience, Bijou and Two Saints of Boston.

Annually, approximately 1,519 college students between the ages of 18 to 24 die from alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle crashes, 696,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking, and 14 percent of college students meet the criteria for an alcohol use disorder. In Massachusetts alone, the overall annual cost of alcohol abuse by youth is estimated at \$1.4 billion.

In addition, Massachusetts IMPACT impaired driving data shows that 10% of all traffic fatalities involve drivers under the age of 21.

Massachusetts is among the top ten states for binge drinking, with more than 1 in 4 (27.75%) adults ages 18 or older reporting they binge on alcohol in 2020.

Among young people ages 12 to 20, 20.77% reported alcohol use in the past month and 11.81% reported binge alcohol use in the past month in Massachusetts. The national averages were 17.32% and 10.14%, respectively.

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season.

A year ago, the Lady Panthers defeated Clinton High School, 2-1, in the C.M.A.D.A. Class B finals.

"The thing that she does better than any other high school coach I've ever seen is she looks at what she has for talent and ability and adjusts to what that is for each year," Rich Zalneraitis said. "She and her assistant coaches figure it out and they're always a much better team when the season ends."

October 23 has become a very memorable day for the Zalneraitis family during the past decade.

"My daughter, Carleigh, was looking at some pictures of when Shelly won her 300th and 350th career games. She won her 300th game on October 23, 2015, and her 350th on the same date four years later," Rich Zalneraitis said. "We thought that she would win her 400th career game last Friday night (Oct. 18), but they wound up losing to Westborough, 1-0, on senior night."

Carleigh played field hockey for her mother's team ten years ago. Rich and Shelly also have two sons, Kellin and Emmitt.

"My family has been a huge part of my coaching career," Shelly Zalneraitis said. "They've made a lot of sacrifices over the years to allow me to coach. I also have some incredible assistant coaches."

Shelly Zalneraitis isn't the only Quabbin varsity coach who has won 400 career games. Dennis Dextradeur, who's the longtime Quabbin boys' varsity basketball



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Abby Rogowski tries to pass the ball by an opponent.

coach will enter the 2024-25 regular season with 466 career victories. He won 84 games as the girls varsity coach before switching over to the boys team.

While Shelly Zalneraitis doesn't take very much coaching advice from her husband, she does take a lot of advice during each game from Pam Dickson, who has been the Lady Panthers jv/ assistant varsity coach for many years.

"Coach Dickson and I have worked very hard to make this a very successful team over the years," said Zalneraitis, who's a sixth grade math teacher. "It took a total team effort to win 400 games. It wasn't very easy because you're

coaching a different group of players every year."

Several of the players listed on this year's varsity roster are following in their mother's footsteps.

One of them is freshman Ellie Poulin, whose mother, Jill, is a former Quabbin field hockey player and current assistant coach.

"I played field hockey for Shelly when I was in high school and it's nice to see her win her 400th game when my daughter is on the team," said Jill Poulin, who graduated from Quabbin in 2001. "Shelly hasn't changed her coaching style very much."

Senior co-captain Sydney Slattery gave her thoughts about the



Makenzie Casey attempts to clear the ball away.



Kailynn Schuster looks to make a play.

memorable afternoon.

"I've been a member of the varsity field hockey team since my sophomore year, so it was great to see coach Zalneraitis win her 400th game today," said Slattery, who plays defense. "She always coaches us very hard, but she loves us. She always wants us to do our best. We're very happy that we were able to celebrate with her today."

The Lady Panthers' other three seniors are Jocelyn Chaves, Kylie George, and Haley Ayer, who's also a co-captain.

Sophomore goalie Aubrey Thorpe, who's a first year varsity starter, only had to make seven saves in posting her sixth shutout of the season against the Knights.

"Aubrey is an amazing goalie," Slattery said. "She communicates very well with the defense. She has been doing an outstanding job."

Quabbin's first goal of the semi-final game came with 3:04 remaining in the first quarter.

Sophomore Abigail Rogowski fired a wicked shot from just inside the circle that deflected off the Knights goalie and the left post before going into the cage.

A little more than six minutes into the second quarter, seventh grader Maria Hamm pushed a shot into the Cage giving Quabbin a 2-0 lead.

The Lady Panthers third goal of the game was scored by sophomore Makenzie Casey on a rebound shot with 4:55 left in the third quarter.

Quabbin (8-6-2) was scheduled to face third-seeded Nipmuc Regional in the Class B championship game, last Saturday.

Planning Board approves special permit for NextGen Parts

By Ryan Drago Staff Writer rdrago@turley.com

WARREN – The Planning Board met to review the list of conditions prior to voting on a special permit for NextGen Parts. The business is located at 764 Main St. and seeking a special permit for the operation of an auto parts business.

There can also be no overnight deliveries to the business and only during the agreed normal business hours. There should also be no outdoor vehicle facility. In other words, no vehicles or parts of vehicles stored outside. The other big concern is the noise level during operations.

tions also state there should be no disturbances caused by smoke, vapors, fumes and dust. The parking lot lights are directed towards the ground and not in the direction of neighbors' yards or houses. Dufresne brought up special events being hosted by the company. The town should be notified first to let the public know of the event without any surprises or unexpected traffic.

The board talked about day-to-day operations, business hours, noise conditions, delivery times and the storage of vehicles. One of the subjects the Planning Board kept addressing to NextGen Parts was the town does not want a junkyard or salvage yard in town.

There can't be any noise above the ambient level, no music being played at an inappropriate level. According to David Dufresne "it's all interpretation" on what is excessive or unreasonable sound. The noise also applies to the engines of vehicles. The condi-

After reading through the conditions, the Planning Board would vote and approve the special permit for NextGen Parts with the conditions set. The motion passed and the applicant has 14 days to make an appeal if there was something in the conditions of the special permit they do not approve. The 14 days is the issue period of a special permit once it is granted.

QRMHS announces Project 351 representatives

WARREN – Quaboag Regional Middle High School announced that the two 8th grade students selected for Project 351 are Olivia McNuff and Max Sturges.



Submitted Photo Olivia McNuff and Max Sturges were named Quaboag Regional Middle High School's Project 351 ambassadors.

Olivia is the daughter of Rachael Marrast and stepdaughter of Joel Marrast of West Brookfield. Max Sturges is the son of Greg and Ashley Sturges of Warren. Olivia and Max were selected by their eighth grade teachers to be Quaboag's Project 351 Ambassadors for 2025 because they demonstrate the values of being helpful, friendly, and kind with a willingness to volunteer.

these lessons back to their own communities as an ambassador of goodwill and service. Olivia and Max will attend a day of service and leadership training in Boston

in January with other eighth grade ambassadors from around the state and then implement their own service learning projects back in their communities.

Project 351 began in 2011 as an initiative of Governor Deval Patrick to have an eighth grader from every Massachusetts town – hence the name Project 351 – come to Boston for a day of leadership training on community involvement and service. Students would then bring

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.

William J. Breen Jr., 85

WARE – William J. Breen Jr., passed away at the age of 85 on Oct. 17, 2024, at East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing Center after a prolonged illness.



Bill was born Feb. 12, 1939, to William and Rita (Dansereau) Breen. The eldest of four sons, he was raised in Ware and graduated from Ware High School.

Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Yosemite. Proud of his military service, he later served in both the U.S. Army and the Air National Guard.

In his civilian career, Bill became a licensed electrician. His trade led to his employment at various companies over the years, retiring from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Bill was extremely outgoing and loved to socialize. An avid dog and nature lover, he spent many happy hours walking in the woods and the beaches of Cape Cod with his beloved pets. He enjoyed fishing, golf, and travel.

As his health declined, he became a voracious reader, especially historic nonfiction, and biographies. Bill was extremely kindhearted and took many opportunities to give of his

Death notices

Breen Jr., William J. Died Oct. 17, 2024

Johnson, Lynne J. (Brantley) Died Oct. 25, 2024 Services Nov. 6, 2024

time and resources. Often helping a friend with a project, donating his time to All Saint's Parish or assisting someone in need, he was always ready to lend a hand.

Bill was predeceased by his beloved wife of 43 years, Arline (Colletti) Breen in 2005, and his brother Ronald Breen. He leaves behind his son, William Vincent Breen of Ware, his brothers Phillip Breen and family of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Michael Breen and family of Hardwick. His sister-in-law and friend, Sandra Kobis, his niece, Dawn-Marie Vadnais, and her husband Michael as well as their children, Olivia, and Christopher to whom he was close.

In accordance with Bill's wishes, his burial in New Saint William cemetery will be held privately at the convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Bill's memory by doing a thoughtful deed for those sick or alone or by donating to your local animal shelter.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware, is entrusted with his care. An online guestbook is available at charbonneaufh.com.

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Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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

Lynne J. (Brantley) Johnson, 71

WEST BROOKFIELD – Lynne J. (Brantley) Johnson, 71, of West Brookfield, passed away surrounded by loved ones Friday, Oct. 25, 2024.

Lynne was born Aug. 18, 1953, in Pittsburg, California to the late, Wayne and Lois (Johnson) Brantley.



Lynne enlisted in the United States Army on Oct. 21, 1975, in Oakland, California and immediately shipped to Fort Jackson, South Carolina for Basic Training. She completed Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Eustis, Virginia in March 1976 and was assigned to F Company, 704th Maintenance Battalion in Fort Carson, Colorado, reporting on March 25, 1976.

She completed Aircraft Maintenance Correspondence Courses and served as a Huey Mechanic. She was honorably discharged July 11, 1977, on the eve of the birth of her first child. She returned to serve with the

Massachusetts National Guard on two occasions from July 23, 1982, to July 22, 1984, and then from March 31, 1987, to March 30, 1989, both times with the 726th Maintenance Battalion first in Natick then Wayland.

Her primary specialties were in Motor Transport Operations and Light weight Vehicle Maintenance. She was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

Service to her country was deeply important and she continued the example long after all three of her children were born. She was happiest while barefoot on the beach, especially in California.

She loved gardening, riding her motorcycle, singing along at concerts, traveling, deep diving into family genealogy and showing her athletic prowess on the softball field and volleyball courts. She spent years loving on animals as a veterinary assistant and doted on her sweet kitty, Amy.

She was well known by her

friends and colleagues at the Ware Post Office by her Hawaiian shirts and spot-on ability to rooster crow.

Lynne is survived by her son Brandon K. Johnson of Florida, daughters, Emily Zieman of Huntsville, Alabama, Natalie Johnson and her partner Michael Sweeney of West Brookfield; her beloved sweetheart and partner, David Stalker of West Brookfield; her sister, Twila E. Brantley of Arizona; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel are honored to assist the family with arrangements. A Celebration of Life will be held in memory of Lynne on Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 6-9 p.m. at the Weir River Social Club. A separate Celebration of Life will be held for Lynne in California at a later date.

For up to date service information please visit, www.mercadante-funeral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Lynne's memory to either Mission 22 or the Innocence Project.

public notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

24 Maple Avenue, Ware, MA 01082 By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Steven Merrill to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company, and now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, said mortgage dated June 21, 2010 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12261, Page 291; as affected by a Loan Modification dated August 8, 2018 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12747, Page 111; as affected by a Loan Modification dated September 5, 2017 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13048, Page 318; as affected by a Loan Modification dated October 22, 2021 and recorded in the Hampshire County 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:

A certain tract or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, located in Ware, County of Hampshire, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the North side of Maple Avenue and bounded and described as follows: Commencing on the Northerly side of said Avenue at the Southwesterly corner of land of Frederick Lanier; thence northerly on said Lanier's Westerly line, about eighty (80) feet to the Northwesterly corner of said Lanier's land; thence Westerly on land of Edward P. Morse about sixty (60) feet to the Northeasterly corner of land formerly of Pierre Chicoine; 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. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The

balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street 2nd Floor Plainville, MA 02762 Attorney for JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701 10/17, 10/24, 10/31/2024

Town of Warren Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to GL 131, Section 40 (310 CMR10) that the Warren Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, Warren, MA. The applicant, ASD Cronin MA Solar LLC, has filed a Notice of Intent at 0 Cronin Road and 452 Cronin Road, Warren, MA. 10/31/2024

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

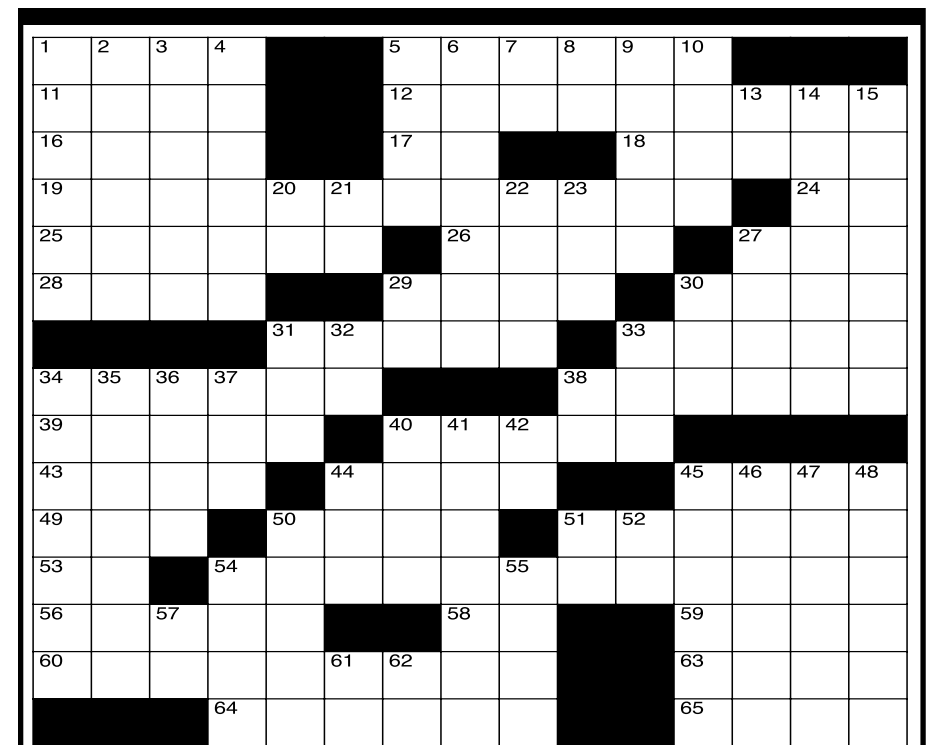
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By: James M. Regin Dated: 10/14/2024 10/17, 10/24, 10/31/2024

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- 1. Spumante (Italian wine)
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12. Uttered in an impassioned way
16. Outfits
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Stewed game casserole
19. Indignities inflicted on others
24. Blood type
25. Says beneath one's breath
26. Taxis
27. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
28. NFL great Randy
29. Where college students live
30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin

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- 31. Condiment
33. -frutti
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38. Astronomy unit of distance
39. Romanian village
40. Bears first overall pick Williams
43. Irritated
44. Clothing for sale has them
45. One-time world power
49. When you anticipate arriving
50. Farm building
51. Organize thoughtfully
53. Detective
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56. Nursemaids
58. Partner to "Pa"
59. World's longest river
60. Commemorates
63. Compound
64. The Lannisters and Starks fought for one
65. Email function

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22. Scarlett's home
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27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central European river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy

- 33. Bar bill
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38. Gym class
40. Autos
41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
42. Defeats (abbr.)
44. A way to color
45. Planet
46. Form of humor
47. Taken without permission
48. Go over again
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TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

HIGHWAY POSITION OPENING

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• Highway maintenance laborer salary rate range: \$18.16 - \$26.46
• Highway maintenance laborer with CDL and Hoister's license salary rate range: \$25.00 - \$36.41
Further information can be found on the town's website:
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Questions will be answered by the Highway Superintendent at 64 Huntington Road, Monday-Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM; 413-238-5830 or send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to: worthingtonhighway@gmail.com or to Worthington Highway Department, PO Box 643, Worthington, MA, 01098. This posting will remain pertinent until the two positions are filled.
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HELP WANTED

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT OPENING

Highway Department
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Worthington Police Department

51 Huntington Road, Worthington, MA 01098

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Minimum Requirements: A minimum of 2 years' experience in public or private housing management, community development, public administration, non-profit administration, or a related field that demonstrates strong management and organization skills. Knowledge of the principles, practices of state and federal public housing management programs, capital improvement planning, technology systems, maintenance, and finances desired. Strong organizational and personnel management skills desired. One year of experience overseeing at least three staff persons or as a significant project team leader or program administrator strongly preferred.

Possess excellent written and verbal skills for an ability to communicate effectively with local officials, boards, residents, service providers and funding agencies. Experience working with the public, as well as individuals of various socio-economic backgrounds. Must be bondable. Certification as a Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator (MPHA) desired or obtained within one year.

Must be proficient in Word, Excel and Outlook. Familiarity with centralized public housing wait lists (CHAMP), housing software, HUD and EOHLC databases and reporting systems desired. Other preferred credentials include graduation from an accredited two to four-year college or university and a passion for the mission of affordable housing.

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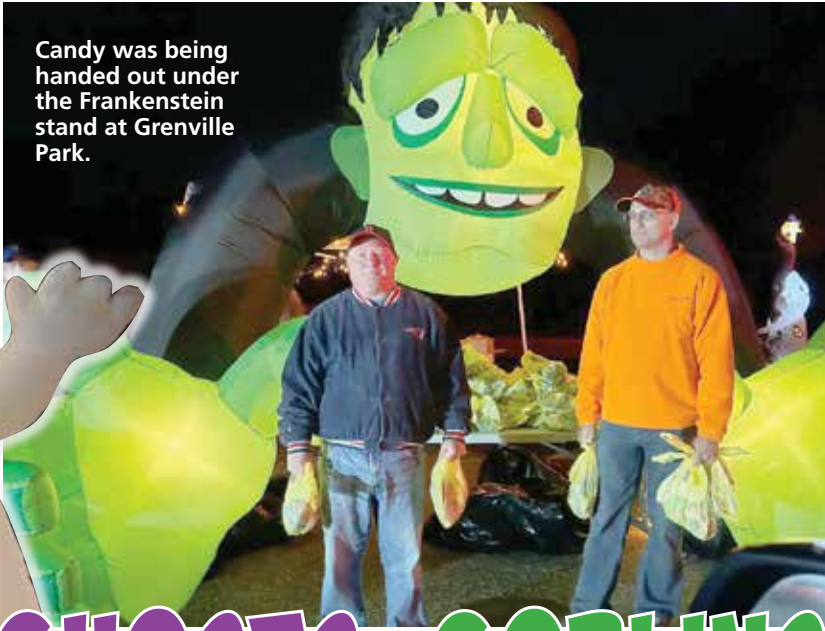
A set of wandering eyes kept watch as many drivers experienced the Halloween Drive Thru event hosted by the Knights of Columbus at Greenville Park.



Be warned, this scary clown will talk to you when you least expect it.



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A friendly ghost waved at the drivers.



Candy was being handed out under the Frankenstein stand at Greenville Park.



A two-headed dragon prepared to bring the fire.

GHOSTS, GOBLINS, PUMPKINS...

DRIVE-THRU from page 1

On the driver's side there was a loud horn coming from a truck that seems to have been abandoned for quite some time. Not too far was a spooky scarecrow clown that soon talks to

you when you least expect it. There was the "Toy Story" crew greeting the drivers during the spooky drive through. Your favorites, Woody, Buzz, Slinky, Mr. Potato Head and many more greeted guests at the drive through.

Another popular theme in this year's drive through at Greenville Park were aliens. The invasion featured flying saucers, green aliens and neon lights flashing at every corner. When you got to the Frankenstein stand candy was

being handed out to the kids. As you exit the park, you were surrounded by knights and dragons. The knights would guard the exit prior to letting you pass through the dragon's nest.



Looking for a pet? This scary dog is all bones and spikes.



A Happy Halloween for sure as many drivers got to witness the 2024 Halloween Drive Thru at Greenville Park.



A glowing skeleton welcomed drivers with open arms.



Ghosts and ghouls were around every turn at Greenville Park.



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