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Commission discusses the future of MLH

Focuses on memorialization

By Abby McCoy
Correspondent

WARE – The future of the historic Mary Lane Hospital took center stage at the Historical Commission’s meeting held on Oct. 28, at the Town Hall.

The session focused on the ongoing plans for the site, following the expiration of the commission’s demolition delay that prevented Baystate Health from moving forward with its plans to remove the buildings on the property.

Baystate Health is now free to begin the demolition of the Mary Lane building at its discretion. However, the town of Ware is requesting a further nine-month delay in order to finalize plans for the memorialization of the site, which many see as a vital part of the town’s history.

In partnership with the town attorney, Patricia Davidson, the Historical Commission is working on establishing a small trust to help oversee the creation of a memorial dedicated to Mary Lane Hospital. This would involve the careful preservation of certain aspects of the building, with the goal of honoring its legacy in Ware’s history.

The town has been in discussions with Baystate Health to salvage parts of the Mary Lane Hospital buildings, including original construction materials, to incorporate into the memorial. A list of items for preservation was presented during the meeting, although not all requests will come to fruition.

Commission members had hoped to recover original cornerstones from the building, but these were not found. However, a date stone from the Gilbert Building, dated 1961, was discovered and will be part of the memorial effort.

Additionally, the commission has requested that as many bricks as possible be salvaged in their original condition and palletized for later use.

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Dalton Marquis and Nathan Luxon celebrated at Veterans Park last Saturday after the Ware Indians defeated Palmer’s football team with a close score of 7-6.

Indians defeat Panthers, 7-6



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Abby Bateman held the trophy while the Ware Cheerleaders celebrated the football team’s victory.

Community celebrates win with downtown parade

WARE – The Ware Indians football team secured a 7-6 victory over the Palmer Panthers at Legion Field in Palmer this past Saturday, closing out a century of rivalry play.

Keeping with tradition, the community celebrated the team’s win by gathering along Main Street in Ware, and cheering on the athletes as they paraded to Veterans Park. Just as the buses rolled up to let the Indians and the cheerleaders out to start the parade, a bald eagle flew overhead.

The players made their way to Veterans Park, where they had a chance to pose with the historic trophy and take photos with their family and friends.

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

Sincerely,

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



Submitted Images
This rendering provided by Tecton Architects shows what a public safety complex located on Old West Warren Road could look like.

Study shows three options for public safety complex

By Paula Ouimette
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WARREN – Tecton Architects has recently completed a feasibility study to determine how much a public safety complex would cost the town, and where it would best be located.

“This study took approximately a little over a year to complete,” Town Administrator James Ferrera said.

Ferrera thanked everyone

who was involved with the study, including the Police and Fire departments.

The study was paid for using a \$40,000 state Community Compact grant along with \$40,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds, Ferrera said.

“It cost the taxpayers zero,” he said.

The town is facing a critical need for space for both the Police and Fire departments, as both

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No gas, all glory

Mass Clean Energy Week features EV showcase at PMP

By Paula Ouimette
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PALMER – For the first time ever, the commonwealth will celebrate and explore renewable energy

with Mass Clean Energy Week, to be held Nov. 11-15.

Mass Clean Energy Week will feature a number of events that will highlight various types of renewable energy, including solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal and more.

“We’re really just trying to shine a light on how Massachusetts is an innovator in clean energy,” Scott Johnson, CEO of State Renewable Energy, Inc. said.

Mass Clean Energy Week kicks-off with breakfast at Boston University on Monday, Nov. 11

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Wishing Well Charities hosts annual fall fundraiser

The Deslauriers family were the recipients of Wishing Well Charities’ 2024 Making a Difference Award at the charities’ fourth annual Fall Fundraiser. In the photo is Barbara, David, Donna and Henry.



By Ryan Drago
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WARE – Another year has flown by as Wishing Well Charities, Inc. arrived to their biggest fundraiser of the year this past Saturday evening.

Co-founders Chris and Belinda Midura look forward to having their Fall Fundraiser to reunite with their dedicated volunteers and community members to celebrate all the success they have by granting wishes throughout Ware.

Wishing Well Charities is a nonprofit organization that grants

small financial wishes to people in need so they can celebrate all of life’s little celebrations, all year round. There was a lot to celebrate as the Midura’s welcomed over 100 guests to the dining hall of Teresa’s Restaurant for the fourth annual event.

The event featured a silent auction, raffle prizes, a delicious chicken parmesan meal, ice cream, music and dancing. The silent auction had many amazing prizes for guests to quietly bid on for a chance at winning.

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ST. ALOYSIUS HELD 9TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT



The Moryl and Morrison-Shunaman families dressed the part for St. Aloysius Catholic School's Trunk or Treat event, securing a prize as one of the top trunks.

DJ Brian LaRochelle always makes Trunk or Treat a lot of fun at St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville.



The Mankin family did not fail to disappoint with their "Beetlejuice" themed trunk.

Are You Old News?



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

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



Last week's photo depicted an undated gathering outside the now destroyed Casino Theater in Ware.

'A Country Christmas' fair will be held Nov. 23

WEST BROOKFIELD - The George Whitefield United Methodist Church will host its annual Church Fair "A Country Christmas" on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 33 West Main St.

Featured will be a bake sale, knit and handcrafted items, a Christmas shop of gifts and décor, fudge, jams and jellies, Gramma's Attic Thrift Store and lunch room. Come kick off the holiday season with the church.



Submitted Photo

Holiday Craft Fair to be held Dec. 7

WARE - A Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ware Junior Senior High School gym.

Admission is free and food is available to purchase. There will be over 50 vendors, fundraising and raffles.

This is a very exciting one-

day shopping event of handcrafted, homemade, home baked, and one of a kind treasures made by local talent.

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The Sturbridge Federated Church Pumpkin Patch Committee

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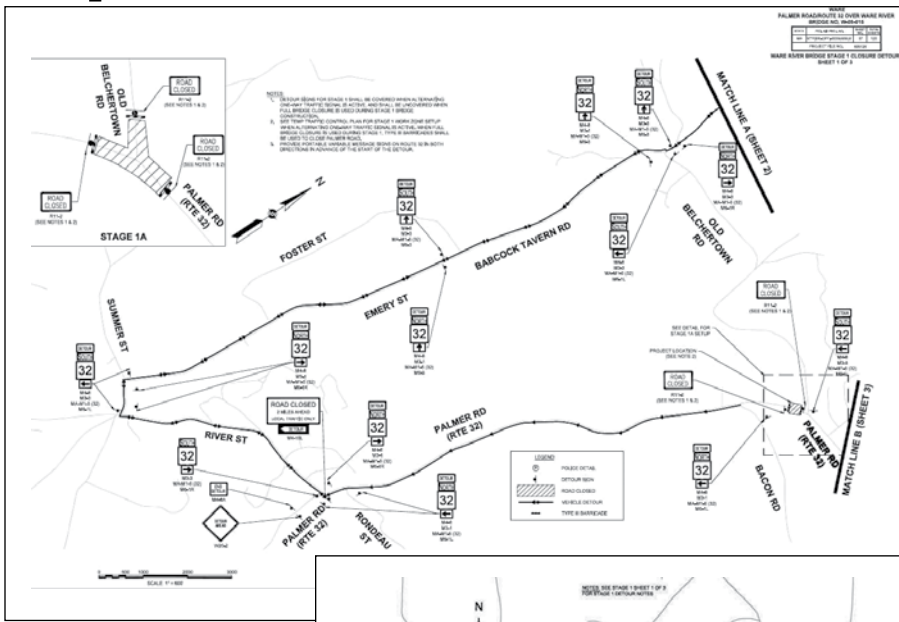
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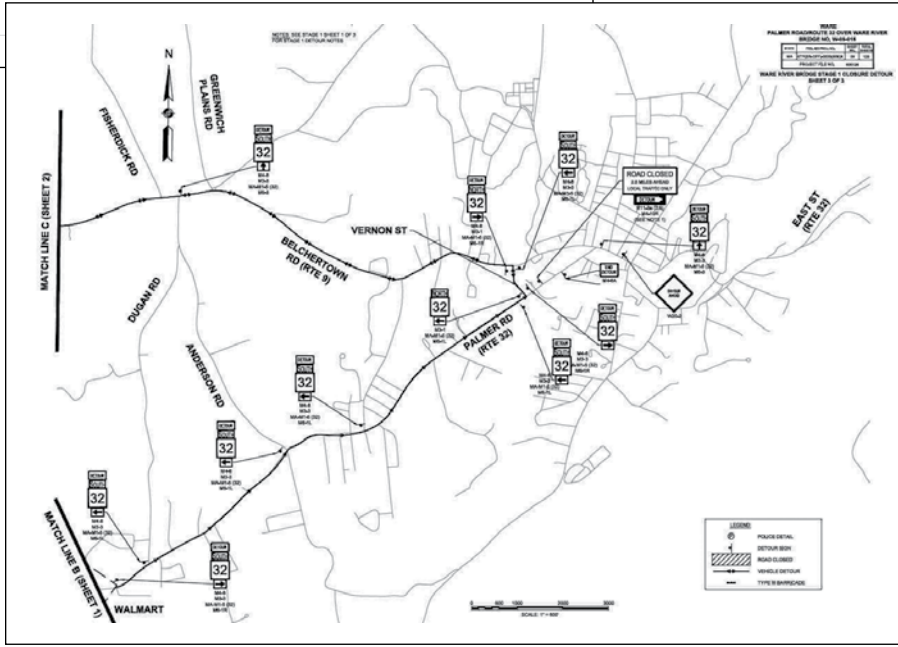
Three Mile Bridge detour expected Nov. 12-15



WARE – Due to the construction to replace Three Mile Bridge on Route 32, Palmer Road, a detour is expected to occur from 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 12-15.

During this time, Palmer Road and Old Belchertown Road will be closed in order to install beams to complete phase 1 of the project. The roads will be open at each end of shift.

Two message boards will be setup to provide advance warnings to motorists.



Flu shot clinic to be held Nov. 9

WARE – A flu shot clinic sponsored by the Quabbin Health District and Big Y will be held at the All Saints and St. Mary's Food Bank, 17 North St., on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m.-noon.

Call 413-277-6079 to let them know you are coming, or just walk in. If you have insurance, please bring your card to the clinic (insurance is not required).

Pelletier awarded Army Achievement Medal

Army National Guard Specialist Grant Pelletier of Gilbertville, currently deployed to the Southwest Border has recently been awarded the Army Achievement Medal.

2024 due to his professional performance and qualifications.



Submitted Photo

Pelletier who is currently assigned to the 747th Military Police Company was awarded for "...Leadership, service, dedication and professional demeanor..." while serving as a "Mobile Surveillance Capability Site Operator" in the unit which has been deployed for over a year as part of "Task Force North" supporting Department of Homeland Security operations.

Pelletier, a mechanic for the U.S. Army in both his full and part time roles, volunteered and received training in military police and security tasks prior to deployment. While deployed, Pelletier received an early promotion to his current rank in early

Pelletier is a 2022 graduate of the Agricultural Mechanics Program at Smith Vocational High School in Northampton where he enlisted. He is also an Eagle Scout, Class of 2022, Troop 281 in Ware.

Upon graduation from high school, he entered service a short time later, completing Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and later technical training at Fort Lee, Virginia. He is also a Life Member of AMVETS Post 2577 of Ware.

Pelletier is the son of Philip Biggs of Gilbertville and the late Elizabeth Pelletier of Hardwick and the grandson of Jacqueline Biggs of Ware, Deborah Pelletier of Palmer, and Ed and Helen Pelletier of Worthington.

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. 11
Closed for Veterans Day

- Tuesday, Nov. 12**
- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
 - 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. 13

- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 10:30 a.m. Kirsten Krieger, Quabbin Region DPH Nurse Office Hours
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 2:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

Thursday, Nov. 14

- 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. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cornhole
- 2:30 p.m. Art Class

Friday, Nov. 15

- 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.)

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Thursday, Nov. 14

Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Caesar Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, Nov. 15

Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Potato Chips, Dessert of the Day

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Unfortunately, the company conducting the demolition has indicated that the best they can do is to pile the bricks into a hopper, leaving some questions about the logistics of their preservation.

A significant part of the Mary Lane Hospital campus's history will be preserved in the form of signage. The main sign from the building is being stored at Wing Memorial Hospital, along with a bronze plaque donated by the local Elks Club.

The town is also saving several historic lamp posts that lined the driveway to Mary Lane Hospital, which are currently being stored at the town hall.

Peter Banko, CEO of Baystate Health, reiterated that while the company is not eager to demolish the buildings, the high costs of maintaining an empty structure makes it economically unfeasible to continue its upkeep. Banko emphasized that the Gilbert Trust Fund, which could help fund new healthcare initiatives in the area, is a top priority for Baystate Health moving forward.

Banko said the cost of maintaining empty buildings is far higher than the costs associated with demolition, and they are committed to using the resources from the Gilbert Trust to help expand healthcare services in the region.

During the meeting, a concerned citizen voiced frustration over the town's focus on memorialization rather than preserving the entire building.

"The community wants to save the whole building, but you're just looking to preserve a few bricks," the man said, questioning whether the commission was fully representing the public's wishes.

He then asked, "Does this commission have an objection to a private citizen trying to preserve the building, or are you just trying to

save a few bricks from it?"

Several commission members quickly responded, stating that they were simply following the guidance provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, which has recommended focusing on memorialization efforts before the demolition proceeds.

The town has limited authority over the Mary Lane Hospital site, as the property is owned by Baystate Health, a private company, and any negotiations regarding the building's future must be directed to them. The town has already been granted three separate extensions from Baystate Health to delay the demolition, but the current request for a nine-month extension is considered the final opportunity to finalize plans for memorializing the building.

A commission member said, "It's out of our hands. We've done what we can, but Baystate has the final say."

The meeting concluded with the understanding that the town would continue its efforts to honor the history of Mary Lane Hospital through the creation of a memorial. However, for those who hope to preserve the entire building, the battle may ultimately lie with private citizens or other outside groups interested in negotiating with Baystate Health.

Christmas for Kids begins, donations requested

WARE – The Ware Police Department and the Ware Fire Department have started their 21st annual Ware Christmas For Kids program for the 2024 holiday season.

They are requesting financial assistance to help them fulfill the needs of the children of Ware, and all assistance is greatly appreciated. The program is for infants through children aged 12.

The program recognizes all holiday observances.

Monetary donations may be dropped off at the Ware Police Department at 22 North St., or may be sent to Ware Christmas For Kids, c/o Ware Police Department, 22 North St., Ware, MA 01082.

Darlene Gildert is the program coordinator, and she can be reached at 413-967-3571, extension 327.

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.

Barre/Hardwick Senior Center 20th anniversary open house

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

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



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Why does the government raid Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

The Social Security program is funded by employees and their employers.

The federal government does not contribute to the program, right? So why does the federal government feel they have the right to raid the fund? All the money sent to Ukraine and other unnecessary programs could have been used to pay back what they owe to Social Security.

Signed: *Disgruntled Senior*

Dear Disgruntled Senior:

You are correct that the Social Security program is mainly funded by payroll taxes on employee earnings and by employers, who match those employee contributions.

FYI, some additional SS revenue is received from income tax on Social Security benefits, as well as from interest on the special issue government bonds held in the Social Security Trust Fund. But the assertion that the Federal Government used (raided) the Social Security Trust Fund for any other purpose is a myth.

All Social Security revenue received since the program began in 1937 has been accounted for and all excess funds are contained in a special Trust Fund in the form of interest-bearing government bonds, reserved to pay future benefits. FYI, the interest on those bonds contributed about \$67 billion to the Trust Fund reserves in 2023.

Social Security revenue, today, is not adequate to pay all benefit obligations and the extra money needed to pay full SS benefits for everyone is obtained by redeeming Trust Fund reserves. Redemption of those Trust Fund bonds is how the federal government "pays back" the cash loaned to it by Social Security.

The excess SS money received from contributions was loaned to the Federal Treasury by the SS Trust Funds, interest-bearing bonds were issued by the government in return for the cash received and the bonds issued are redeemable as needed by Social Security to pay benefits. FYI, the average interest on the 2023 bonds in the Trust Funds was about 4.125%, whereas the average rate of return on all bonds held in reserve was about 2.387%.

This transaction is the same as for any other investment vehicle except the bonds in the Trust Funds are redeemable at any time without penalty. Said another way, all excess money ever received by Social Security is/was invested in special-issue government bonds and resides in reserve to pay future benefits, as needed.

"Paying back" the money represented by bonds held in the Trust Funds would not be a wise financial move because it would eliminate all future interest earned by those bonds again, that interest was about \$67 billion in 2023). Federal money spent for other purposes e.g., Ukraine is from the general U.S. Treasury and not from the Social Security Trust Fund, which is held totally separate from the U.S. Treasury.

Since inception, all money ever contributed to Social Security has been and is used for one purpose and one purpose only to pay Social Security benefits to those eligible, which, by the way, does not include "illegal aliens" or anyone else who is not a legal resident of the United States.

For clarity, Social Security does have a future financial issue because annual benefit obligations are now greater than annual Social Security revenue and money from the SS Trust Fund is now used to make up the difference. Unless the program is reformed soon, the Trust Fund reserves about \$2.8 trillion as of 2023 will be depleted and benefits for all Social Security recipients will be cut by about 23% starting in 2033 or 2034 according to the Trustees of Social Security and the Congressional Budget Office.

Congress needs to act soon to enact Social Security reform to restore the program to fiscal solvency. The Association of Mature American Citizens is steadfastly lobbying Congress to enact the needed Social Security reform as soon as possible.

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Tulips and daffodils on vacation, oh my!

My spring flowering bulbs have traveled quite a distance to make it to me, and what a debacle in the process.

Usually, my order, placed in late July comes effortlessly around mid October. The east coast port strike may have only lasted three days, but it sent my bulbs that had come from the Netherlands first to New York, then to Mobile, Alabama, then to the Bahamas and finally, a week ago, to New Jersey, where they will be sent to me, hopefully.

I say this because it is time to get the tulips and daffodils I ordered in the ground, so they can do their thing before the calendar finally decides it is November and not September.

We learned how to plant garlic last week, and we plant spring bulbs each fall nearly the same way. Read on for a refresher course, and if you haven't gotten your bulbs in yet, there is no time like the present!

Let's consider these main points:

Timing

We do our best to plant our bulbs in early fall, so that they can take advantage of optimal temperatures for rooting. Strong roots will keep the bulbs in place, well-anchored during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter.

Location

Most bulbs thrive in full sun, in fertile, well-drained soil. It is important to avoid "wet feet" at all costs when planting bulbs. This

means you should steer clear of low areas in your yard, or those that tend to pool water, such as under downspouts or roof overhangs.

Fertilization

I like to use a well-balanced granular organic fertilizer for my bulbs, mixing it into the soil at planting at the rate recommended on the bag. Bone meal was always the fertilizer of choice for bulbs, but this is no longer so.

It has been shown that in addition to phosphorus and potassium, bulbs require small amounts of nitrogen and trace minerals for optimal growth. These days advanced methods of cleaning bones by steaming have all but eliminated the nitrogen and trace minerals from bone meal.

In the spring, another fertilizer application can be made, and if you have an option, choose one with a higher nitrogen to support strong leaf growth. Daffodils are less dependent on fertilizer than tulips and hyacinth- the size of these flowers will diminish over time.

Spacing

Most folks will agree that drifts or clusters of bulbs are more stunning than one or two sprinkled here and there about the garden. Spring bulbs can come in all sizes, so the general rule is to plant them two times the width of the bulb apart from one another.

For example, if the bulb is three inches wide, plant it six inches apart from its neighbor.

Depth

The same rule applies for depth. Two times the height of the bulb is the ideal planting depth; you can even go a tad deeper.

This is especially true if you are hoping your tulip bulbs will return year after year. If your garden soil has been loosened up, planting lots of bulbs is easy.

I have described the fast, "jab and grab" method before, but here it is in a nutshell: Holding your trowel facing in, jab it into the soil and pull forward. If you have not achieved the desired depth, repeat the motion.

Grab the bulb and drop it into the hole, pushing the soil back over as you do so.

Care during bloom time

I always deadhead the spent flowers on my bulbs. The theory behind deadheading is that you remove the flower as it withers, before the plant wastes energy forming a seed.

That way energy is redirected to the bulb, and to forming next year's flowers. In college we were taught to do it, for the above rationale as well as to keep the plant looking tidy.

Most folks simply remove the entire stem at ground level. One part about this process always bothered me though, why don't we just pop off the spent flower parts and leave the stem - it is very leaf-like in appearance and will do a fair job of photosynthesizing and adding to the plant's energy reserves.

Care during post bloom

Unfortunately, foliage should remain in place until it is completely yellow and withered. It seems to take a long time to get to that point, especially for daffodils, and we can get impatient in the process.

There is good reason for leaving it there - it is making energy for flowers next year. The best way around the inevitable ugliness is to camouflage them with other plants.

Try interplanting daffodil bulbs such as alongside daylilies or other leafy plants. Once the foliage yellows it is safe to remove it - a gentle tug is all that is necessary to release the leaves.

I will certainly have my hands full when the shipment of bulbs arrives, but the beautiful gardens around Old Sturbridge Village come springtime will be well-worth the effort!

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Here's a question: What is 'strength'?

Well, what kind of strength? There's physical strength. There's mental strength. There is emotional strength. There is strength of character. There is strength of will. There is inner strength.

Let's explore what version of "strength" is most admirable in a person? Now, in this world, in this society, we have to ask, "What person?" It varies.

So, for the purposes of this letter, we will narrow our focus and concentrate on what much of America sees as strength in a man.

I submit, if we look at our media (TV shows, movies, entertainment, news), the view of the strength of a man has a chronological order to it. It is first about accentuating physical strength. Then comes strength of will, then maybe inner strength, followed sometimes by strength of character, and finally, but rarely, emotional strength.

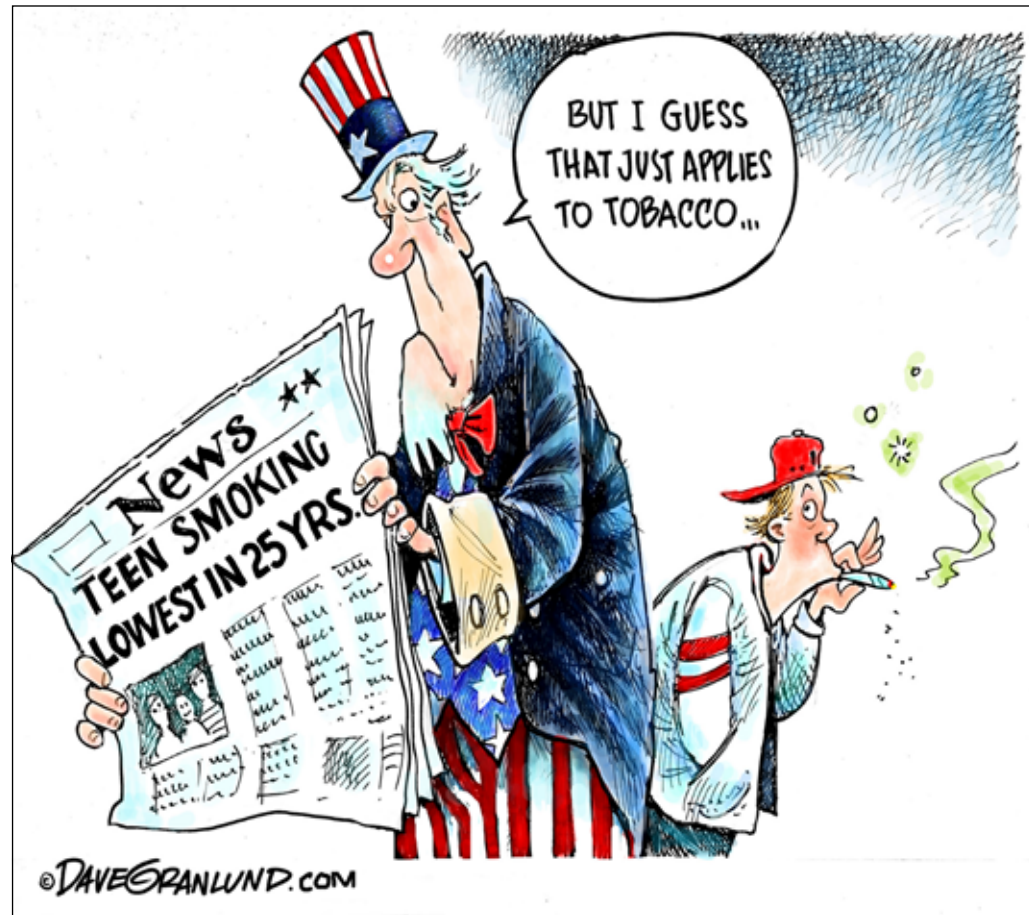
That is the cultural order of things.

Look at our programming. We grew up with WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) and now, MMA (Mixed Martial Arts). Our movies are filled with violence from stem to stern. So many video games for boys and young men sell best based on the amount of gore and male toxic behavior.

Those are and have been our images of "strength!"

Is there any wonder that so many of our young men aspire to that definition of strength?

For those who see a bigger picture, strength has a far deeper meaning and chronology. Strength of character jumps to the top. Strength of will is up there, along with inner strength. Mental strength and emotional strength are both very important as well. However, physical strength belongs on the



very bottom of the list.

If we see strength in terms of living a successful life, physical strength is necessary only in the context of physical jobs. It is important but not defining. It has little to do with how hard we work at our job. It has nothing to do with how we deal with the pain of loss or the struggles of life. It has nothing to do with how we treat our families or friends or how we raise and educate our children. It has absolutely nothing to do with how we deal with our own inner challenges.

How we face those life challenges is the content of our true strength! When egos are captured by the societal image consistently drilled into us and falsely believe that physi-

cal toughness and male toxicity is strength we become...less.

To all men who question their "toughness": The strength of a man, or any human being, can never be found in a weight room or on a gun range! Despite all the toxic imagery out there, it can never be found in a bar-room brawl or in an angry rant.

True strength can only be found within one's own character! It can only be found in a long, deeper gaze at one's own reflection in the mirror, because that is where one finds the soul.

Eric von Bleicken
West Brookfield

Stay alert for cryptocurrency scams when scrolling on TikTok

Money-flipping cons and investment scams have been on the rise for years, and since 2020, the Better Business Bureau has received more than 4,000 reports from consumers about investment scams, many of which involved cryptocurrency.

Traditionally, these scams have taken the form of long-term romance scams to slowly gain the trust of their targets.

More recently, however, these scams have taken to social media platforms, where scammers can more quickly target a larger audience and steal your money and personal information. BBB Scam Tracker frequently receives reports of cryptocurrency scammers on TikTok.

Here's what you need to know.

How the scam works

You're scrolling through TikTok when you receive a direct message from a user asking if you're interested in investing. The user's profile seems legitimate, and the company's website looks real.

You may also encounter a user sharing videos of piles of cash, saying you can earn that much money through cryptocurrency investments, too.

You decide to engage with the user, and they present you with a great cryptocurrency investment opportunity. For an initial investment of a few hundred dollars, your money could double or triple in just a few days! You say yes and start the investment process.

At this point, the user will ask you to communicate off social media on a different messaging app. You'll be asked to send money through a digital wallet service and potentially purchase cryptocurrency and send it to them.

Then, they will "invest" the money for you, which allegedly starts multiplying immediately.

When you try to get your money back, the scammer will claim you must pay service fees. At first, these amounts may seem harmless and are just a few hundred dollars.

However, if you pay one fee, the scammer will likely continue to ask for more, always promising you will get much more back than

you spend.

Unfortunately, these fees are fake, and any money you send will end up in the scammer's pockets. You won't be getting a return on your investment, and you won't be getting your initial deposit back either.

BBB Scam Tracker has received reports from people targeted by cryptocurrency scammers on TikTok. One person shared their experience:

"I was asked by a woman on TikTok if I was interested in investing. I told her yes, but I was skeptical. She assured me she worked for a legitimate company. I trusted her and proceeded with a \$500 investment through bitcoin to an account with [company name redacted]. I was told after 24 hours I could withdrawal my profit. I had to pay 30% fee of \$2,150 then it would be deposited in my bank account in 24 hours. After 24 hours I received an email that I had to pay a 'gas fee' of \$4,250. At this point I knew it was a scam..."

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A smashing success



Children from the Graves, Goddard, Francoeur, and Russell families, were waiting to compete at Hardwick Elementary School PTO's annual post-Halloween Pumpkin Roll.

Hardwick Elementary School's PTO hosts annual Pumpkin Roll



Children race back up the hill after seeing how far their pumpkins traveled.

HARDWICK – Last Sunday, Hardwick Elementary School's PTO hosted its annual Pumpkin Roll, a quirky and fun-filled event that drew a large crowd of students, parents, and community members.

The event featured a unique competition where participants rolled their pumpkins down a designated hill, vying for various awards like farthest roll, shortest roll, and most destroyed.

Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes took to the hill, each with its own unique personality. Some pumpkins rolled smoothly and swiftly, while others tumbled and bounced their way down, much to the delight of the spectators.

The event was a success, and organizers are already looking forward to next year's Pumpkin Roll.



Children send their pumpkins and jack-o'-lanterns down the big hill at Hardwick Elementary School.



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Seniors enjoyed a Halloween party lunch during the grand re-opening of the Ware Senior Center's Thrift Store. Shown from left are Jeff Raiche, Chris Raiche, Alice Mlynarski and Sheryl DeSantis.

In the Halloween spirit

Senior Center celebrates Thrift Store re-opening at holiday party

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – The Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, had two things to celebrate last Tuesday afternoon with the grand re-opening of the Thrift Store and the Halloween celebration lunch complete with costumes and entertainment.

The Thrift Store, which is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-noon and is open to the public, has moved to a larger space inside the center and boasts a variety of items sure to meet the holiday shopping needs of everyone on your list. The new location is to your right when you enter the building.

"It's bigger and wheelchair accessible," said Susan LaBarge, president of the Friends of the Ware Senior Center, Inc. "I hope you all stop by to check it out."

LaBarge thanked her team of volunteers, who spent two weeks setting up the new and improved Thrift Store.

From now until Nov. 22, any-



Friends of the Ware Senior Center, Inc. President Susan LaBarge poses for a photo with musician Stephen George.

one who shops at the Thrift Store and spends more than \$10 will be entered to win a \$30 cash prize. Shoppers will also have a chance to win a toasty door prize consisting of a cozy bathrobe and throw blanket, courtesy of Berkshire Blanket.

With the approach of winter and the holiday season, keep an eye out for great deals on Berkshire Blanket bathrobes and throw blankets (all of which were generously donated by the compa-

ny to the Thrift Store), as well as seasonal home décor.

"They have been so good to us," LaBarge said of Berkshire Blanket. "They've donated throws, bathrobes and duvet covers."

The added bonus of shopping at the Thrift Store is that proceeds from sales go to the Friends of the Ware Senior Center, Inc., a volunteer group that fundraises

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Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming November and December events

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

November events

On Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m., Keith M. Aubin of Integrity Medicare Advisors Inc. will answer questions about Medicare and discuss state-run Medicare Savings Programs which can lower your monthly premium, deductibles, and other costs, and Medicare drug coverage.

On Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m., come create Thanksgiving characters sure to make you smile. Jayne Foley and her mom will teach you how to make these decorations from old lightbulbs. For all ages but children must be accompanied by adults. Register so that there will be sufficient materials.

November is Native American Heritage Month, recognized federally in the United States since 1990. On Sunday, Nov. 17, Donald Duffy, author of two books, "The Quaboag and Nipmuck Indians" and "Around Pottequadic", will share his research on the history of

the local Native inhabitants. Gail Anderson will provide a display of artifacts important to Native Americans. Gail is descended from the Powhatans and shares the same lineage as Pocahontas. This program will be presented as a group effort among the Paige Library, the Hardwick Historical Society, and the Ware Historical Society.

On Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m., join Megan McDonough, the founder of Wholebeing Institute, an innovative educational organization based in Hardwick, for "How Libraries Make Us Happy(er)". Through her work, she empow-

ers people to apply cutting-edge research, fostering greater happiness and well-being in their daily lives. In this free talk, she shares five key pathways to greater engagement, fulfillment, and vitality in everyday life plus how your Paige Library can play a vital role in supporting your journey to more happiness. Register and reserve a free book, "A Minute for Me" (while supplies last).

December event

On Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m., come make Simmering Potpourri jars using natural ingredients to add

scent and moisture to the air. These are perfect for holiday gift giving. Ages 12 and up. Registration required.

Ongoing activities

Ongoing activities include a weekly Children's Hour on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. with art and science activities. Toys, puzzles, and LEGOS are available.

The Paige Book Club meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 p.m. and the Paige Writers group meets alternating Tuesdays at 3 p.m. The Cookbook Club meets monthly on the last Wednesday at

5:30 p.m. The FUNDamentals of ART a studio workshop for creating art and improving skills is open for all levels of expertise. There will be a variety of art media and materials or bring your own project. Register for Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. once a month.

Register for Family Game Night or "Away for a Day" Travel Club.

For more information and to register so library staff know how many are coming and can inform you of any updates, call 413-477-6704, or email director.paigeli-brary@gmail.com.



Honor loved ones with Baystate Wing Auxiliary's Tree of Love

PALMER – As the holiday season approaches, the Baystate Wing Auxiliary has set up the annual Tree of Love.

This special tree has been created to honor and remember loved ones and features ornaments that can be purchased and personalized with names in memory of family and friends to be placed on the tree.

"The Tree of Love gives our community members a chance to join us in remembering loved ones during the holiday season," said Evelyn Glabicky, president of the Auxiliary at Baystate Wing Hospital in a press release. "We understand how difficult the holiday season can be for those who have lost loved ones. For some families placing the name of a family member on an ornament and being a part of the Tree of Love can bring them comfort."

Beginning Nov. 1, the ornaments may be purchased for \$5 for a single name and \$10 for a family. The Tree of Love will be displayed in the lobby located on the first floor of the hospital by the gift shop.

All proceeds benefit the Baystate Wing Auxiliary, which in turn donates needed equipment and other items to the hospital for the benefit of patients. For over 70 years, the Auxiliary has supported Baystate Wing Hospital through its sponsorship of special events and gift shop sales.

This diverse group of women and men includes teachers, nurses, business owners, and retirees, who live in many different communities and are united by a shared commitment to support the mission of the hospital.

To purchase an ornament, visit the gift shop located on the first floor, open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Submitted Photo

Community members are invited to remember loved ones on the Tree of Love sponsored by Baystate Wing Auxiliary.

'Broadway's Next Hit Musical' comes to The Center

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

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

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

"Broadway's Next Hit Musical" is the only unscripted theatrical awards show. Have you heard of the Tony Awards? Well,

"Broadway's Next Hit Musical" is the "Phony" Awards.

Audience members write down made up song titles and master improvisers gather the suggestions and present them as "nominated songs" for this coveted award. Spontaneous scenes and songs are created filled with great dancing, catchy melodies, and tons of laughter.

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

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

About The Center

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

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



The Thrift Store has re-opened in a larger space at the Ware Senior Center.

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year round to support programs and activities at the center.

Donations to the store are only accepted by LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

Keeping with the theme of generosity, musician Stephen George, a fan-favorite at the Ware Senior Center, not only provided a continuous set of toe-tapping songs, but he also donated a \$50 scratch ticket to be raffled off. This is the third time George has made such a donation.

George said it was important to give back, and that it was something that he loved to do.

Cedarbrook Village of Ware also donated to the Ware Senior Center, delivery 10 platters of assorted desserts for a sweet ending to a delicious pork chop dinner made by the center's chef, Alton Davis.

November events This month the Ware Senior Center will see the return of the Quilting Club on Tuesday mornings starting at 9:30 a.m.

The November birthday party lunch will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and those wanting a meal should call the center at 413-967-4595 by noon on Friday, Nov. 8.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Monday, Nov. 25 featuring turkey with all the fixings. Only 100 tickets will be sold for this luncheon and reservations are required by calling the above number by Friday, Nov. 22.

For more information about the Senior Center, stop by during open hours Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., call 413-967-9645 or visit townofware.com/departments/council_on_aging.

Monthly newsletters listing all programs, services and the lunch menu can be picked up at the Senior Center.



Cedarbrook Village of Ware donated 10 platters of desserts for seniors to enjoy during the Halloween party lunch last week. Shown from left are Betty Lussier of the Ware Senior Center's kitchen staff, Mary Demkowski from Cedarbrook Village of Ware and Susan LaBarge of the Friends of the Ware Senior Center, Inc.



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Barbara Demers had a devil of a good time at the Ware Senior Center's Halloween party last week.

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Quaboag offers enriching career-focused programs for students

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – The Quaboag Regional School District offers many enriching programs for students in all grade levels.

Several of the programs that really stand out for the high school students consist of the Fire Academy, emergency medical technician course and the certified nursing assistant program.

Superintendent Stephen Duff talked about how beneficial these unique programs are for these students and help them prepare for careers they want to pursue after high school.

“These are creative opportunities outside the general curriculum,” Duff said.

According to High School Counselor Eric Urban, having these programs for the students takes a team effort. For the Fire Academy as an example, it is about working collaboratively with the schools, the superintendent and the fire departments.

One of the biggest benefits about these programs is that students develop their own leadership skills and experiences in working with a team.

“To see them grow like that is incredible,” Urban said.

Many students from the past who were in the school’s fire academy still have their academy t-shirts and still wear them with pride. Seth Beall is one of the educators who teaches for the school’s fire academy and has been doing it since the first time the school offered the courses.

The students who partake in the Fire Academy learn everything there is about fire safety and fire-fighting. The class focuses on the tools they use, hose line handling, gear preparation and much more.

Another Fire Academy educator, Adam Walters, who also has been involved with the school’s courses since day one has seen many students have success after going through the program.

The class consists of juniors and seniors. Many of them take the course their junior year and then move onto an EMT course in their senior year.

According to Walters, these students show a lot of interest and commitment to the course and want to pursue future careers in the field.

“The kids are here because they



Students of the certified nursing assistant program at Quaboag Regional Middle High School are shown with teacher Joanne Dulak, the school nurse.

want to be here,” Walters said.

Many students after graduation would enter into a junior program with the fire station. Junior fire-fighters would also get sent to one of the Fire Academies throughout Massachusetts, including the one in Springfield.

Walters believes this is a great program for the kids as many local fire departments including Warren Fire Department are pushing for new recruits. A lot of the gear inside the Fire Academy classroom was retired gear donated by fire departments from Warren, West Brookfield, Ware, Brimfield, New Braintree and many more.

The gear has a lifespan of 10 years and is helpful for the Quaboag Fire Academy to get students better at preparation. The academy wants to help their students get as close to the actual program itself after high school.

Many students have had the opportunity to go on call with the local departments for cases such as brush fires and structure fires.

Its great for students to get more involved in the field such as fire services and emergency medical services. One of Quaboag’s students went to college for fire science.

In the two years of the school’s

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One of the rooms used for the certified nursing assistant program at Quaboag Regional Middle High School, where students have moved on to go work at hospitals and medical centers after high school.



The logo for Quaboag’s Fire Academy course.



Seth Beall teaches the Fire Academy class and was telling students about all the flammable liquids.

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CDAC reviews services and facilities strategies

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WARREN – The Community Development Advisory Committee met with Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission representatives to discuss town services and facilities for the town’s master plan.

At the Oct. 23 meeting, Sarah O’Brien and Victoria Chavez discussed the town’s services and facilities and how they can improve. O’Brien briefly went over the timeline with the CDAC and believes they’re on schedule.

She proposed the CDAC do an online draft review to see chapters before their meeting.

Sometime in the early months of 2025 CMRPC will review the final reviews of the chapters. Chavez would then go over the town services and facilities.

The main ones for Warren include police, fire, water, sewer, council on aging and the library. Chavez talked about the first key finding of reaching out to stakeholders.

“We’re pushing to talk to everyone,” Chavez said.

CMRPC has spoken to many town departments already and wants to learn more about what is needed to improve services and facilities.

The CMRPC team helping Warren shape their master plan believe there will soon be a shift in a population increase. If this is the case Warren CDAC members want to consider how a rise in the town population would impact the school district and the aging population.

For the aging population, an increase in town population would have them look into finding senior housing and affordable financial conditions.

The other key finding is municipal facilities are in need of repairs. There are several buildings in Warren that do not have handicap accessibility. One of them is the public library in the center of Warren.

CDAC member Richard Eichacker talked about improvements to the town including the senior center, across from the senior center is the old West Warren Community Hall building.

There is potential for development if the town does see an increase in population. The last Master Plan for Warren read as it increasing to 8,000. The CDAC

believes the town will always linger in the 5,000-6,000 range.

CDAC Chair Jeremy Olson believes an increase in the town population would only happen if a larger development was happening to bring in more people to Warren.

“Something new that fires up the development in Town,” Olson said.

Warren is still known for having affordable housing, even though the market prices have gone up.

One of the great things about Warren is their commitment to invest in new projects or accessories for the town service departments. A new truck for the highway department, a new cruiser for the police department or a new firetruck or ambulance for the fire department are all good examples to Warren’s involvement with investing in the town.

CMRPC believes at some point in the future there would be a migration of people who come from the Boston area or the Massachusetts coastline to move out to the western part of the state.

The main municipal facilities in need of an upgrade are the police and fire stations. The Warren Police Department have been housed inside the old Town Hall and consists of water damage and mold. CMRPC has heard about hallways and rooms being too small or cramped, especially in the fire station.

The current fire station is too small to house modern vehicles.

There is a plan being discussed for a new building to house both the police department and fire department. The community will get to share its input and will have an opportunity to vote on the final location.

There are currently two libraries, one in Warren and one in West Warren. The old West Warren library burned down back in 2002 and has been housed in the plaza in West Warren since. The West Warren library is accessible and is ADA compliant.

Key finding three talked about water and sewer systems. The strategy is to do an infrastructure assessment and having long term maintenance. Currently, the Warren water district has a treatment plant, West Warren does not. CMRPC believes the Town has the potential of partnering with private investors to help

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Map showing Ware, Belchertown, West Brookfield, Warren, and Hardwick.

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Our Mission
We're not just any organization – we're a community catalyst! Our mission is clear: foster camaraderie among local businesses, creating a vibrant hub that transforms our town into a must-visit destination for all. We're here to ignite connections, inspire growth, and spark innovation.

Why Join Us?
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education



Quaboag Regional Middle High School students mark their ballots during a recent mock election.

Quaboag Regional holds mock student election

WARREN – On Oct. 29, Quaboag Regional School District held a special election for the student body.

This election allowed students in grades seven-12 to vote their choice in the national presidential election and the five Massachusetts ballot questions. The town clerks, Heather Gough from West Brookfield and Laura Stockley from Warren, were special guests to explain the multiple ways to vote including mail, early voting, in-person, and where local voting centers in both towns are located.

The students were explained prior to the election what they would be seeing for the ballot questions. The students were called down by grade, and after hearing about the process of voting from the town clerks and the importance of voting by civics teacher Joe Salvatore, they got to cast their ballot.

Quaboag Regional Middle High School has been accurately choosing the winner of the presidential election in the last seven

elections over 28 years. Quaboag students voted and these are the results: for President, Kamala Harris totaled 142 votes and Donald Trump totaled 270 votes.

On the ballot questions: Question 1, the power to audit the state legislature, the yes votes win 197-167; Question 2, eliminate MCAS as a graduation requirement, the yes vote wins 321-85; Question 3, allow transportation drivers to unionize, the yes votes win 215-157; Question 4, allow use of psychedelic substances, the yes votes win 216-209; Question 5, increase minimum wage for tipped workers, the no votes win 266-166

After the real election on Nov. 5, the students will compare their results to those of registered voters.

Special thanks goes to the student election workers Emma Nault, McKenzie Bennett, and Victoria Paradis, to senior Madison Neilsen for making the ballots and ballot box, and the students in Mr. Koss's classes that helped count and tabulate the votes.



Submitted Photos
Quaboag Civics teacher Joe Salvatore is shown with students Victoria Paradis, McKenzie Bennett and Emma Nault, along with West Brookfield Town Clerk Heather Gough and Warren Town Clerk Laura Stockley

'Leaving Coy's Hill' author comes to Warren

WARREN – The Warren Public Library is excited to host author Katherine Sherbrooke on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Sherbrooke will be discussing her historical novel "Leaving Coy's Hill" and signing copies of her books. "Leaving Coy's Hill" covers the incredible life of local suffragist and abolitionist Lucy Stone, who was a driving force in

paving the way for women's rights in the 1800s.

The library is currently hosting a Community Read and copies of the book are available to check out for all patrons that are interested in reading the story before meeting the author. For more information, please contact the library by calling 413-436-7690 or emailing warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.



Polestar Boston's driver enjoyed taking the Polestar 3 out for test laps on the track.



Lucid Motors brought an Air to the track for testing last month.

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from 9-10:30 a.m., followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the university's Center for Computing & Data Sciences from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Dennis Carlberg, the Chief of Sustainability at Boston University will be the featured speaker at the breakfast.

Johnson said the building operates using geothermal energy, and doesn't rely on any fossil fuels.

"They use solar and wind, too," he said. "The future is here."

From 2:30-4:30 p.m., participants can take an exclusive tour of the Polestar Boston Showroom and get an up-close look at the electric vehicles' impressive design.

On Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 10-11 a.m., learn about UMass Boston's hidden coastal sustainability secrets, along with a tour of the hidden power beneath New England at the Northfield Mountain Pump Storage from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Travel to Lowell for a look at the Boott Hydroelectric Project with a tour from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 13 from noon-4 p.m., experience the thrill of Whiskey Hill at Palmer Motorsports Park for the "No Gas, All Glory! Charge Ahead All-Electric Showcase" which allows people a rare opportunity to test drive cutting-edge electric vehicles on one of the top-rated tracks in North America.

Mass Clean Energy Week continues from 7-8:30 p.m. with "Powering Newton's Future" a look into community networked geothermal energy.

On Thursday, Nov. 14 from 9:30-10:30 a.m., tour Boston University's sustainable campus and experience the "green revolution" firsthand. From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., get a behind-the-scenes look at clean energy innovation at Deer Island Treatment Plant in Winthrop, the second largest wastewater treatment facility in the U.S.

From noon-1:15 p.m., tour Vicinity Energy's historical Kendall Square facility in Cambridge.

Mass Clean Energy Week ends on Friday, Nov. 15 with a sustainability tour of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center from 2-3:15 p.m. and the grand finale at Boston Harbor Distillery from 5-7:15 p.m.



Turley Photos by Paula Quimette
State Renewable Energy, Inc. visited Palmer Motorsports Park recently to promote the "No Gas, All Glory! Charge Ahead All-Electric Showcase" on Wednesday, Nov. 13 as part of Mass Clean Energy Week.



The Lucid Air has a sleek, aerodynamic design.

"The EV ride and drive is the biggest and most talked about event," Johnson said of the Mass Clean Energy Week events.

The "No Gas, All Glory!" event will feature all of the big name suppliers of electric vehicles, including Tesla, Lucid, Polestar and more. This is the first event of its kind to combine a world-class track with an all-electric vehicle showcase.

Helping to make this event possible are Light Efficient Design, Independent Electric Supply and Energy Source.

"The three of them have generously sponsored the event."

Johnson said Balise Auto will also be bringing a number of elec-

tric vehicles to the event, including Toyota, Chevrolet, Lexus, Kia, Hyundai and Ford.

"We're going to make it a fun day," Johnson said.

In addition to the electric vehicle showcase, there will be food trucks and the chance to test drive the vehicles on the 2.3 mile-long track, which gives a stunning, panoramic view from its peak.

Recently, Johnson and his team were joined by representatives from Lucid Motors and Polestar Boston, also event sponsors, who took to the track to film a video to promote Mass Clean Energy Week.

Polestar provided its newest electric vehicle, an SUV called the

Polestar 3, which is currently only available for preorder. Lucid provided a sedan, the Lucid Air.

With its minimalistic design, the Polestar 3 combines performance with luxury, creating a one-of-a-kind drive with all of the amenities. It's active air suspension provides a smooth ride, which Polestar refers to as "the golden ride."

The all-wheel drive vehicle can range up to 315 miles.

The Lucid Air can charge to 200 miles in 12 minutes with an estimated range of 512 miles. With a maximum horsepower of 1,234, the Air can reach 0-60 miles per hour in about 1.89 seconds.

Its solid glass roof can hold the weight of an elephant on it.

Palmer Motorsports Park Club Director Al Sandy said the "No Gas, All Glory!" event is just one of the ways that Palmer Motorsports Park uses its facility to test the newest innovations in the automobile industry.

"We are embracing the electric vehicles as they come on board," he said.

Sandy said the track often has automotive manufacturers come there to test out new projects and technology. Palmer Motorsports Park also works with students from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to test their solar powered cars.

While this is the first time the commonwealth has participated in Clean Energy Week, the Bay State has been a leader in renewable energy and innovation, offering a number of programs and incentives to help residents go green.

"Massachusetts is leading the way," Johnson said. "Now with clean energy, you can actually take control of your energy future... these programs are here; take advantage of them. We live in a state that really cares."

Johnson spoke about the importance of clean energy options when facing climate change.

"You're saving the planet and saving a tremendous amount of money," he said. "You can actually make money going green."

For more information about Mass Clean Energy Week or to register for any of the events, follow Mass Clean Energy Week on Facebook and Instagram or visit masscleanenergyweek.org.

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School district competes for T-Mobile promotion

By Abby McCoy
Correspondent

WARE – At its Oct. 23 meeting, the School Committee discussed the Friday Night 5G Lights Award, a promotion from T-Mobile that could provide significant funding for Ware Public Schools.

After meeting with the market manager in early August, the committee received enthusiastic support from Superintendent Dr. Michael Lovato to submit an application. Ware Public Schools is one of the final 16 schools selected from approximately 1,700 applicants across the U.S. to compete for this funding.

On Oct. 25, T-Mobile-sponsored football game was anticipated to draw a larger crowd than usual, with the company providing \$25,000 and covering the first \$3,000 in admission charges, in addition to distributing \$2,000 in concession vouchers. A variety of games and merchandise will also be available for attendees.

During halftime, T-Mobile will present the \$25,000 check to the town of Ware and its schools. The opposing team is one of the 300 schools that received the \$5,000 prize, making this a particularly exciting event for both teams and their supporters.

In conjunction with the game, a food drive is being organized, with donations accepted both at the event and through collection boxes at local schools. T-Mobile executives flew in from Seattle, Washington to support the event, and excitement is high among students and staff.

Funds from the award will be allocated to improve the experience for players and spectators, starting with the installation of permanent restrooms at the field, an initiative long overdue, as the plumbing was initially installed but never completed. Upgrading the aging field lights, which have been in use for nearly 25 years, is also a priority.

School Committee Chair Brian Winslow opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and swiftly moved to the approval of the payroll and the minutes from the October 9th meeting. The session is available for viewing on the Ware Community TV website at waretv.org.

School updates

At Stanley M. Koziol Elementary, students are actively engaged in learning essential phonics and reading skills while participating in the I-Ready Math Program. Classroom activities have included the use of open number lines and number bonds, helping students strengthen their mathematical foundations.

The recent PTO-sponsored Trunk or Treat event was a significant success, with many families and children dressing up to enjoy a spooky evening. Looking ahead to Halloween, students will be allowed to wear costumes to school on Oct. 31, but they are reminded that face masks and props are prohibited for safety reasons.

Additionally, students are diligently working on this month's Anti-Bullying Trait, which will culminate in a school-wide assembly scheduled for Nov. 1 to celebrate their efforts and commitment to creating a supportive environment.

Ware Middle School continues to emphasize the importance of attendance.

On Oct. 17, the staff reported an impressive 100% attendance rate, rewarding students with a special lunchtime treat to acknowledge their commitment. This achievement was mirrored by the fourth graders on Oct. 21, who were also celebrated with a reward.

Parents of fourth to sixth graders are encouraged to check in regarding I-Ready diagnostic results and Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System reports; if they have not received their child's report, they should reach out to the school for assistance. WMS and SMK urge parents/guardians to discuss bus safety with their children to ensure a safe commuting experience.

The WMS 21st Century after-school program is thriving, offering students homework help,

snacks, and outdoor play before transitioning into engaging group activities. This season's offerings include escape puzzles, games, fitness activities, cooking sessions, and crafts, all designed to enrich students' after-school experiences.

A heartfelt thank you was extended to the WMS PTO for organizing the Monster Mash event, which drew around 130 enthusiastic, costumed students. Special recognition is also due to the Ware Junior Senior Student Council for creating and staffing the Haunted Locker Room, which proved to be a favorite attraction of the night.

The Guidance Department at Ware Junior Senior High School has been actively engaged in providing students with real-world experiences.

Recently, students visited Quabbin Wire and Mustang Seats for a manufacturing field trip. On Oct. 22, they attended a career fair at Palmer High School, which presented opportunities to explore various career paths.

The school community is excited about the T-Mobile-sponsored football game which serves as a celebration of their chance to win a multimillion-dollar stadium makeover as part of the "Friday Night Lights" contest. This initiative involved significant community engagement, and students are encouraged to attend the game in support of this cause.

On Oct. 26, senior LEAP students will assist the Knights of Columbus in setting up their Halloween drive thru, showcasing community involvement. The Class of 2027 is also organizing a fundraiser for their trip to Salem, while the Class of 2026 will host "Haunted Hallways" with a family friendly "Not So Haunted Hallways" event for younger children.

The much-anticipated annual Palmer-Ware game is set to take place in Palmer this year on Nov. 2 at Legion Field, with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. To build school spirit, a pep rally and bonfire will be held at Veterans Field at 6 p.m. the evening prior, engaging students and the community in a festive atmosphere.

WMS Principal contract

The School Committee reviewed the salary for the Ware Middle School principal, utilizing a comparison chart of salaries in surrounding districts.

The range of principal salaries in the area spans from \$96,000 to \$124,000, with SMK's principal currently earning \$115,000 after over a decade of service in the school system. In contrast, the current principal of WMS, Kimberly Thompson, is earning \$105,000.

The committee recognized the need to adjust her salary to remain competitive with neighboring districts.

Initially, a proposal for a \$5,000 raise was presented, but after discussion, the proposal was amended to a \$7,200 increase along with a 2% raise for the 2025-2026 school year. There was substantial discussion regarding the comparison with neighboring towns, particularly concerning salary competitiveness and staff retention.

It was emphasized that many staff members may seek positions in nearby districts if salaries do not align with market rates.

Thompson has been with the school system for approximately 22 years, including roles as early childhood coordinator and assistant principal, and has been in her current position for nearly four years. Winslow expressed a desire to be competitive while also valuing loyalty, and the committee voted in favor of the amended proposal.

The discussion then shifted to the compensation of the Special Education Director, Dr. Ginger Coleman, who was initially hired at \$115,000 – at the lower end of the salary scale for similar positions. After discussing competitive salaries in neighboring communities, Lovato proposed a \$7,000 increase for the 2024-2025 school year, with a 3% raise for the 2025-2026 year.

This proposal was quickly discussed and voted on, passing with only one dissenting vote.

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Board allocates ARPA funds for hydrants, water leak

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HARDWICK – Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said there is \$52,000 left in the American Rescue Plan Act funding, of which \$40,000 has been committed to replacing the town barn's roof.

At the Select Board's Oct. 28 meeting, she requested the remaining \$12,000 be allocated for the Gilbertville hydrant system and water leak. She said the cost of materials has totaled about \$5,200 so far, but could reach \$11,000.

Caggiano said the ARPA money needs to be used by Dec. 31.

Caggiano said money from the state budget was earmarked to pay for the hydrants and leak repair, but those funds have been on hold, and she is unsure if and when they will be released.

"Those aren't guaranteed," she said.

The board members discussed whether or not the leak was caused by Main Street roadwork completed over a year ago. Select Board Vice-Chair Eric Vollheim said the board should investigate when the leak became an issue.

Select Board Clerk Bill Tinker said he would like to see some of the \$12,000 used to hire a grant writer for the town. He said the town could hire a grant writer for about \$6,000.

Caggiano said she and Vollheim (who is also the town's Emergency Management director) are applying for a grant through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program that could be used pay for a contract grant writer in fiscal year 2026.

Another suggestion for use of the ARPA funding was for the removal of large pine trees behind the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building. Caggiano said she is waiting for a quote for the cost of the tree removal.

The board members voted to allocate the remaining ARPA funds to pay for the hydrant system and leak.

Conservation restriction

East Quabbin Land Trust's Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw explained the importance of open space, and the trust's history of being formed by residents in town over 30 years ago.

"These founders set up the organization and we're continuing with that, because keeping properties open, is vital to the community," Henshaw said.

Henshaw came before the Select Board seeking approval for a conservation restriction for a wooded parcel of land adjacent to East Quabbin Land Trust's Patrill Hollow Preserve.

"The intention is to add it Patrill Hollow Preserve which we manage. The woods are there and the trails...and encourage people to come and recreate on the property," she said. "Our vision at this point, would continue that."

Select Board Chair Kelly Kemp said town counsel had concerns about liability falling on the town, regarding properties under conservation restrictions.

Henshaw said this has never been a concern the land trust received from any of the communities it serves.

"Every community, every private conservation restriction, the community is asked and it's part of the state law that the select board or the mayor sign off on a conservation restriction," she said. "What you're agreeing to as a select board, is that this meets public purpose. That there is a public reason for having open space...all of the values that come with keeping the woods and the farms going within our communities."

Henshaw said she will consult with the land trust's lawyer about the concerns raised by town counsel.

Tinker said the board has to pro-

tect both the town's interest and the land trust's interest.

"I'm sure there's some middle ground that we can come to," he said.

The Select Board will continue discussion after having both attorneys review language in the conservation restriction.

Special election

Kemp said the article to purchase a new firetruck for the Fire Department passed at the special town meeting, and the next step is to schedule a special election. The funds need to be committed by the end of January.

Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos said there needs to be a minimum of four hours for voting and he suggested holding the special election on a Saturday.

The Select Board discussed scheduling the special election for Saturday, Jan. 18 pending availability of Hardwick Elementary School and confirmation from the firetruck manufacturer that this date will meet funding requirements. A vote to set the date will be held at the next Select Board meeting.

Name change for business

Brian Gillespie requested a name change from Affordable Cars to Gillespie Car Care 1. He said Gillespie Car Care has been his family's business name since 1965.

He said his registry renewal for the business is due now and he would like to change the name prior to renewing it.

Gillespie said there are two businesses on the property, and the car sale business permits 10 vehicles for sale at a time. He said the other vehicles on the property are under the second business.

Caggiano said license renewals will be sent out in the next few days, and the form has an option to make changes to the license, including the business name.

Board/committee communications

The Select Board discussed

Registration open for Hois' Hoops Basketball Tournament

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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update water and sewer expansions.

Key Finding Four is about staff capacity. Warren for many years has relied on volunteerism and support. The best way to handle this key finding is to increase communication between municipal departments and the public to see out more volunteers.

CMRPC was wondering if Warren had interest in finding regionalization or support from neighboring towns.

Olson believes offering a positive work environment really makes a difference. Volunteers are great, but the CDAC believes Warren needs more fulltime staff.

"Offering a really nice work environment is so important," Olson said.

Many volunteers have devoted a lot of time and energy for so many facilities in Warren, but a lot of that time is stretched thin due to having empty positions in a lot of boards and committees.

Olson shared the fact that he currently volunteers on five different boards. This is the case for many residents as spots are in need to be filled. The town certainly appreciates the devotion of its residents who for years volunteer a lot of time for Warren to further evolve.

"We continue to evolve," Olson said.

Friends of Ware Town Hall host holiday wreath fundraiser

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

This year's workshop project will be a beautiful holiday wreath suitable for outdoor decoration and will last well beyond the hol-

iday season. The workshop will last about an hour.

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

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



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public safety

Ware Police Log

During the weeks of Oct. 20-30, the Ware Police Department responded to 25 miscellaneous calls, 32 administrative calls, 11 traffic violations, 22 emergency 911 calls, three harassments, eight motor vehicle accidents, six thefts/larcenies, two fraud/deceptions, seven assist other agencies, two brush fires, six trespasses, two structure fires, one breaking and entering, one damage/vandalism, eight animal calls and 27 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Sunday, Oct. 20
 12:23 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Assist Given
 12:46 a.m. Fraud/Deception, South Street, Services Rendered
 6:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 7:49 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Eagle Street, No Action Required
 3:49 p.m. Brush Fire, Howard Road, Extinguished
 5:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bacon Road, Dispatch Handled
 9:19 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, High Street, Services Rendered
 9:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 10:43 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Monday, Oct. 21
 7:01 a.m. Brush Fire, West Street, Extinguished
 10:31 a.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered
 10:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 1:58 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Fourth Avenue, Dispatch Handled
 3:14 p.m. Fuel Spill/Odor, High Street, Services Rendered
 4:55 p.m. Harassment, North Street, Services Rendered
 6:56 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Oct. 22
 11:16 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Church Street, Patient Refusal
 4:22 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, First Avenue, Dispatch Handled
 4:41 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Brookfield, Assist Given
 5:26 p.m. Weapons/Firearms, Laurel Drive, Advised
 6:54 p.m. Fire Investigation, Dale Street, Services Rendered

Wednesday, Oct. 23
 3:43 p.m. Harassment, Otis Avenue, Advised
 4:37 p.m. Structure Fire, Church Street, Extinguished

Thursday, Oct. 22
 5:35 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Advised
 11:21 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Valley View, Services Rendered
 11:58 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Report Made
 2:24 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Webb Court, Services Rendered
 6:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 7:17 p.m. Theft/Larceny, King Street, Services Rendered
 9:12 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Osborne Road, Advised

Friday, Oct. 23
 3 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Spring Street, Transport Complete
 7:38 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Barnes Street, Could Not Locate
 9:14 a.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered
 9:56 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Cummings Road, Services Rendered
 10:05 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 4 p.m. Breaking and Entering, North Street, Services Rendered

North Street, Services Rendered
 5:15 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, North Street, Assist Given
 5:15 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Investigated
 8:29 p.m. Harassment, East Street, Investigated
 8:59 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, Oct. 26
 1:20 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Barnes Street, Services Rendered
 6:11 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Barnes Street, Services Rendered
 10:51 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Belchertown Road, Report Made
 5:15 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Dispatch Handled

Sunday, Oct. 27
 8:57 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Anderson Road, Advised
 5:28 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Advised
 7:19 p.m. Structure Fire, Pulaski Street, Extinguished
 9:34 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Street, Assist Given

Monday, Oct. 28
 8:22 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Monson Turnpike Road, Dispatch Handled
 4:45 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Advised
 5:34 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Cherry Street, Services Rendered
 5:49 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, South Street, Report Made
 7:32 p.m. Outside Fire, Smith Avenue, Extinguished

Tuesday, Oct. 29
 1:11 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Church Street, Patient Refusal
 2:03 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Church Street, Assist Given

Rendered
Wednesday, Oct. 30
 12:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
 9:28 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 9:51 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Parker Court, Transported to Hospital
 7 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Spoken To
 11:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, Oct. 31
 2:44 a.m. Fire Alarm, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 11:10 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled
 11:55 a.m. Assist Other Agency, High Road, Officer Handled

Friday, Nov. 1
 3:58 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, North Road, No Action Required
 3:59 a.m. Medical Emergency, North Road, Services Rendered
 9:35 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

9:48 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:03 a.m. Assist Other Agency, High Street, Officer Handled
 1:04 p.m. Investigation, Broad Street, Officer Handled
 1:38 p.m. Trespass, Church Lane, No Action Required
 2:48 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Chagnon Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:24 p.m. Threat, School House Drive, Officer Handled
 6:52 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled

Saturday, Nov. 2
 8:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:02 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 4:15 p.m. Safety Hazard, River Run, Merge
 6:01 p.m. Complaint, High Street, Spoken To
 6:28 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patroll Hollow Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 11:48 p.m. Complaint, Bridge Street, Spoken To

Sunday, Nov. 3
 4:49 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

Warren Police Log

During the week of Oct. 20-26, the Warren Police Department responded to 194 building/property checks, 28 community policings, 15 emergency 911 calls, one complaint, one missing person, one threat, two harassments, three safety hazards, one fraud/forgery, three motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and 24 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Oct. 20
 3:46 p.m. Wrist Injury, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Oct. 21
 7:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:18 a.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Written Warning
 10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 10:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:13 p.m. Threats, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 9:32 p.m. Noise Complaints, Comins Pond Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, Oct. 22
 8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 9:55 a.m. Falls, Cronin Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:40 p.m. Safety Concern, Boston Post Road, Officer Spoke

to Party
 8:36 p.m. Harassment, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
 9:35 p.m. Suspicious Person, Old West Warren Road, Officer/Chief Advised

Wednesday, Oct. 23
 6:59 a.m. Suspicious Person, Little Rest Road, Report Filed
 3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Report Filed
 6:39 p.m. Safety Concern, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 6:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, South Street, No Fire Service Necessary
 7:27 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Oct. 24
 8:33 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 8:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 10:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 2:25 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Chapel Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:23 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:06 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Brook Road, Report Filed

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Friday, Oct. 25
 8:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning
 11:09 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:22 p.m. Missing Person, Town Farm Road, Report Filed

Saturday, Oct. 26
 11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup
 5:51 p.m. Harassment, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Oct. 28-Nov. 4, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 49 building/property checks, 27 directed/area patrols, two radar assignments, nine traffic controls, eight emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, six assist other agencies, two safety hazards, two illegal dumpings, three complaints, one harassment, one fire, one trespass, one threat, one investigation, two motor vehicle investigations, one animal call and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Oct. 28
 12:37 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Joslyn Road, Investigated
 1:10 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Off Prospect Street, Report Taken
 2:34 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Officer Handled
 5:25 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Joslyn Road, Investigated
 5:51 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Oct. 29
 11:09 a.m. Assist Citizen, Sessions Road, Officer Handled
 2:39 p.m. Fire/Other, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 8:21 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Services

Rendered
Wednesday, Oct. 30
 12:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
 9:28 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 9:51 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Parker Court, Transported to Hospital
 7 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Spoken To
 11:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, Oct. 31
 2:44 a.m. Fire Alarm, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 11:10 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Dispatch Handled
 11:55 a.m. Assist Other Agency, High Road, Officer Handled

Friday, Nov. 1
 3:58 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, North Road, No Action Required
 3:59 a.m. Medical Emergency, North Road, Services Rendered
 9:35 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

9:48 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:03 a.m. Assist Other Agency, High Street, Officer Handled
 1:04 p.m. Investigation, Broad Street, Officer Handled
 1:38 p.m. Trespass, Church Lane, No Action Required
 2:48 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Chagnon Road, Transported to Hospital
 5:24 p.m. Threat, School House Drive, Officer Handled
 6:52 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled

Saturday, Nov. 2
 8:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
 4:02 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 4:15 p.m. Safety Hazard, River Run, Merge
 6:01 p.m. Complaint, High Street, Spoken To
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Sunday, Nov. 3
 4:49 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

Tips to protect your lungs during active brush fires

As brush fires continue to burn across Massachusetts, the American Lung Association is providing essential tips to protect health from the serious hazards posed by wildfire smoke.

Wildfire smoke poses a serious health hazard to people living and working near fires, especially those with lung health issues and emergency responders.

Wildfire smoke can also travel thousands of miles and impacts the health of anyone who breathes it. Breathing this smoke places even healthy individuals at risk, and you should talk with your healthcare provider about how to prepare for this exposure, especially if you work outdoors, are pregnant, are under age 18 or over age 65, or have asthma, COPD or a lung disease, chronic heart disease or diabetes.

To help residents protect their health, the Lung Association has released the following health tips: Stay indoors. People living close to the fire-stricken areas or in areas impacted by wildfire smoke should remain indoors when possible and avoid breathing smoke, ashes and other pollution in the area.

Protect the air in your home and car. Keep doors, windows and fireplace dampers shut, preferably with clean indoor air circulating through air conditioners on the recirculation setting. When driving your car in smoky areas, keep your windows and vents closed. Air conditioning should only be operated in the "recirculate" setting.

Keep an eye on symptoms. Higher levels of smoke in some areas can make breathing more difficult. If you are experiencing wheezing, shortness of breath,

difficulty taking a full breath, chest heaviness, lightheadedness, dizziness, a persistent cough or experience difficult or painful breathing, contact your healthcare provider. The first symptoms can appear as late as 24 to 48 hours after initial exposure.

Take precautions for kids. Extra precaution should be taken for children, who are more susceptible to smoke. Their lungs are still developing and they breathe in more air (and consequently more pollution) for their size than adults. Keep children inside as much as possible, and think about evacuating if they have trouble breathing or symptoms that do not get better.

Don't count on a dust mask. Ordinary dust masks, designed to filter out large particles, and cloth facial coverings still allow the more dangerous smaller particles to pass through. Masks with an N-95 or N-100 filter will filter out the damaging fine particles more effectively, although they do not fully protect anyone from harm. It is important to note that masks may not fit properly or work for everyone—they are not made for children, or for adults with facial hair, and are difficult for people with lung disease to use.

Ask for help. The American Lung Association's Lung Helpline at 1-800-LUNGUSA is staffed by nurses and respiratory therapists, and is a free resource to answer any questions about the lungs, lung disease and lung health, including how to protect yourself during wildfires and wildfire smoke events.

More information about wildfires and lung health can be found at Lung.org/wildfires.

Ferrante and Gusev to perform at Stone Church Nov. 17

HARDWICK – Maria Ferrante, soprano, and Ivan Gusev, pianist, will perform a program featuring "Poem of Love and of the Sea" [Poème de l'amour et de la mer] by French composer Ernest Chausson (1855-1893); four Impromptus D 935 by Franz Schubert; and "Music for A While" by Henry Purcell, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville.

Tickets are \$25 at the door or online at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthestonechurch/1256705>

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the 1924 Boothman Steinway piano, donated by Kaye Boothman and family to the Friends of the Stone Church.

For both artists, it will be the fourth appearance at the Stone Church. The concert is sponsored by Monson Savings Bank. Partial support for this series has been committed from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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

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How to avoid social media cryptocurrency scams

Use good judgment. Get-rich-quick schemes and investments guaranteed to give you a huge return are nearly always scams. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Do your research. Before you contact someone through TikTok or another social media platform, look up their name, phone number, and company name (if they have one) online and on BBB.org. The investment industry is highly regulated, so be wary if investments are unregistered with the SEC or other investment industry regulators.

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about it if they have conned others. Don't give into scare tactics.

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If you spot a scam on TikTok or elsewhere, report it to BBB Scam Tracker, even if you didn't lose any money. Your report helps boost consumer awareness about the issue.

Check out more crypto tips and financial wellness advice on BBB.org.

Ware Library lists upcoming programs and events

WARE – The Ware Library, 37 Main St., continues to offer more adult programs with a few events this November.

As a reminder, all programs are free to the public and there is no registration required, unless otherwise noted; just drop in.

Follow the library on Facebook for updates, visit warelibrary.org or you can grab an event calendar at the library. Or email warelibrary1881@gmail.com with any questions.

Book Club

Book Club is held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For more information or for the December book selection, please visit the library.

Migration Marvels

Migration Marvels with Mass Audubon will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 10:30 a.m. Explore some of the local bird

species that undertake particularly extraordinary migrations and how we can help preserve the variety of critical stopover habitats along their routes.

Led by Patti Steinman, the Education Coordinator for Mass Audubon's Connecticut River Valley Sanctuaries. She has worked at Mass Audubon for 30 years, developing and overseeing programs for adults, families, and children.

Inquire with the library for watch-at-home options.

Armchair Travel

Armchair Travel to Antarctica will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Take a virtual cruise with stops on the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands, South Georgia Island, Elephant Island, and the Antarctic Peninsula. Enjoy stunning photographs of the abundant wildlife (e.g., Gentoo and Adelie penguins, Southern Giant

Petrels, Leopard Seals), as well as the many places made famous by Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition.

Led by Bill Gette, Founding Director of Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats Education Center in Newburyport, who has over 30 years of experience leading groups to exciting local, domestic, and international destinations.

Inquire with the library for watch-at-home options.

Lotto Calendars

The Friends of the Library will be selling Lotto Calendars through the end of the year. Tickets are \$10 each and drawings will take place every day in January.

1,000 max tickets will be sold and you can win an unlimited number of times. Visit the library or participating stores to purchase a ticket - they make great stocking stuffers.

Explore the Ware River Watershed on Nov. 9

BARRE – Exploring the Ware River Watershed, a group hike via the Riis Farm trail, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Participants should meet at the Ware River Watershed parking area on Route 62 (3.1 miles east of Barre center) at Gate 62-4 for this intermediate level hike. Google Maps parking area location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7YTLVh38CxZTWiF87>.

Join Department of Conservation and Recreation staff for a 3.3-mile lollipop loop hike in the Ware River Watershed. The route climbs/descends roughly 400 feet in elevation.

The hike travels around the former Riis Farm property.

Visit the following website for additional information on the route: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/riis-farm--burnshirt-river-from-rte-62/>

Register for this hike by visiting <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/93fb8bc9120047d894ff0fa0d90c0878>

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Budget update

During the budget update segment, committee members discussed personnel adjustments that are being reflected in the encumbered year-to-date aid. While they have not yet finalized the revised budget adjustment, they are ensuring all salary changes are properly organized.

The committee is proceeding with the current year's school choice and Circuit Breaker budget for expenses, a situation they recognize is not ideal but necessary as they approach the end of the fiscal year. Optimistically, they hope for a mild winter to keep heating costs down and are pleased to report that they have locked in a lower electricity rate, which they hope will yield positive financial benefits.

Superintendent's report

Lovato began his report with positive news about the work Coleman has accomplished in collaboration with related service providers, leading to a remarkable increase in Medicaid reimbursements. This year, the district will receive approximately \$170,000, a significant increase from the average of \$50,000 in previous years.

Importantly, this funding is

noncategorical, meaning it can be allocated where most needed within the budget.

Lovato also addressed security concerns within the school system but opted not to disclose specific details for safety reasons. He emphasized the need for upgrading the communication system, noting that many teachers currently lack access to phones for in-school communication or emergency calls.

He will be presenting this issue to the Finance Committee on Nov. 5, seeking funding for necessary improvements totaling \$176,690.

The schools are collaborating with local police and fire chiefs to enhance security measures through regular drills and improving evacuation protocols.

Lovato also highlighted the ongoing challenge of securing substitute teachers, attributing the difficulty to low pay rates compared to neighboring districts. He acknowledged the need for further discussions with union representatives about this issue.

Looking ahead, the next in-person school committee meeting is scheduled for early December, during which students and staff will be recognized for their achievements.

Lets get building at **LEGO CLUB**

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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WARE – The Young Men's Library Association, 37 Main St., is busy this year with multiple programs for youths, teens and adults.

One of the fun weekly activities the library provides is the Lego Club. Once a week, kids only have to bring their imagination with them as the library has plenty of Legos for them to build with.

The Legos come out every Wednesday inside the Children's Room from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

The Lego Club is a great opportunity for kids to meet new friends and build together. After decorating, kids can fill out a card have their Lego sculpture displayed on the bookshelves in the library.

There were well over a dozen sculptures in the children's room and the Children's Librarian Cathy Goulet has the pleasure of seeing them every day at work.

"The kids have fun," Goulet said.

The Lego Club is available for kids ages 3 and up and the library provides mixed bags of Lego pieces every week.

Each artist signs their name and gives a name to their Lego sculpture. One of them is called "Exploring the Nature" by Cody. The sculpture includes a figurine driving through nature with trees in the background.

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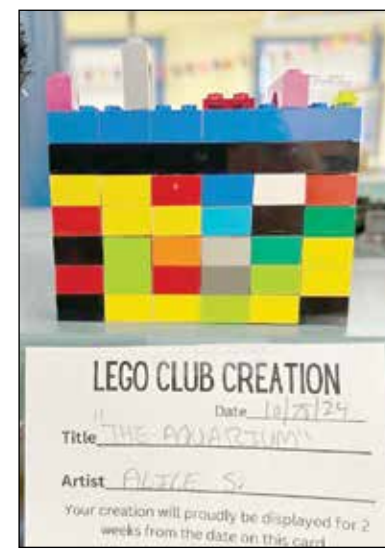


The Children's Room at the Ware Library has many Lego sculptures designed by kids, including the Play Planet and the Moon Rover.



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Several kids built a Lego model of their home.



The Aquarium was made by Alice.



Lego Land was created by Charles.

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LEFT: Football players and cheerleaders tell their fans they are number one.

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ABOVE: Adoring fans lined Main Street and Veterans Park to welcome the Ware Indians back into town following a win at Legion Field in Palmer.

Indians defeat Panthers, 7-6



The Ware Indians football team celebrated their win over the Palmer Panthers.



Ware Cheerleaders kept spirits high as they paraded down Main Street.

QUABOAG from page 7

Fire Academy, year one is Introduction to Fire & EMS Service and year two is Fire & EMS services: Leadership & Command.

The classroom has an amazing logo that was painted by Hailey Smith. The teachers want to give a shout out to Seth Blackwell, who is a huge part of the Fire Academy program.

Blackwell had a very inspirational quote that is written on the board. "Common

sense isn't a flower that grows in everyone's garden, cultivate it in yours."

The school also provides a CNA program. Teaching the course for the last four years is the QRMHS school nurse, Joanne Dulak. According to Duff and her students, Dulak is an excellent teacher.

Duff said the district has had a lot of support in making the CNA program possible. Mary Lane Hospital was instrumental

in providing hospital beds, mannequins and other equipment for the students to learn the tasks of nursing, CPR, EKG training and phlebotomy training.

One of the CNA students, Madison Sears, is planning on becoming an ultrasound technician. Madison Dufresne says she wants to become a family physician.

The program helps students figure out what they want to do after high school.

According to Duff, thanks to this program students are well qualified after grad-

uating high school and immediately go into clinical rotations and work at nearby medical facilities. Several students work at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield and Cedarbrook Village in Ware.

Last year, Quaboag had 14 CNA students, and they all passed last year and currently are employed at several nearby medical service facilities and hospitals.

Duff wanted to mention that state Sen. Peter Durant, state Sen. Jacob Oliveira,

state Rep. Todd Smola and state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume were all responsible for providing funding that helped provide these great programs for the school district. There was an issue of the All Hands Herald Magazine where students of Quaboag were featured on the front cover.

Quaboag takes a lot of pride in providing these programs for their students and is recognized as a top school district in the commonwealth.

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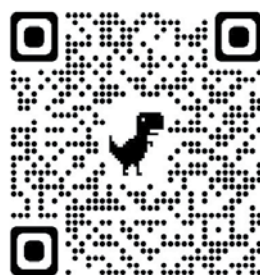
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Extra point makes difference in Ware win over Palmer

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—During the past three seasons, Ware had outscored Palmer, 112-28 on the gridiron.

The outcome of the 98th meeting between the archrivals wasn't decided until late in the fourth quarter.

The Indians, who scored a touchdown in the middle of the first quarter, managed to hang on for an exciting 7-6 victory over the Panthers before a large crowd at historic Legion Field in Palmer, last Saturday afternoon.

"You never know what's going to happen in a rivalry game, but Palmer is a very good football team this year," said Mike Fazio, who has never lost to the Panthers as the Indians varsity football coach. "After watching a lot of film this week, we figured today's game was going to be a hard fought battle. It turned out to be a very exciting high school football game and it's always very special whenever you can beat one of your main rivals."

It was the closest final score between the two neighboring high schools since Ware pulled out an 8-6 victory in 2006.

Ware, who has now won the last eight football games against Palmer, has a 50-43-5 overall lead in the rivalry series which began in 1925.

The Indians closed out the regular season with a 6-2 overall record. They also finished tied for first place in the Intercounty North standings with Franklin Tech with a 4-1 league mark.

The Indians seniors are Thomas Richter, Brady Dyer, Julius



Ware High School football once again defeated Palmer, this time by a close margin.



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Jadrien Berthiaume heads toward the right side on a run.



Nathan Harmon attempts a tackle.



Troy Dufresne looks to make a tackle.



Troy Dufresne and Alex Orszulak go for a tackle.

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Abby Rogowski carefully moves into the offensive end of the field.



Makenzie Casey looks to get a shot on goal during a penalty corner.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Panthers score big win over Littleton, but don't make tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LITTLETON—Back in the fall of 2016, Dave Buchanan guided the Quabbin varsity football team to a 7-4 overall record. The Panthers also qualified for the Central Mass. Division 3 playoffs for the first time that season.

No other Quabbin football team has won seven games in a season since the program began in 2000.

The members of this year's squad won't be one of the 16 teams competing in the Division 6 state playoffs, but they still have a chance to make a little bit of history.

The Panthers finished the 2024 regular season with a 6-2 record following a 30-8 road victory against Mid-Wach E rival Littleton on Halloween night.

"We haven't had a winning season since 2016," said Wayne Page, who took over as the Panthers varsity football coach prior to the start of the 2021 regular season. "We do have three more games remaining to try to break the school record for wins

in a season. If we're able to do that, it would be extremely special for this group of players, especially the seniors."

The Quabbin seniors, who won just four games as freshmen, are Jaxon Warburton, Ryan Wreschinsky, Bryce Venne, Jake Thao, Luke Salvadore, Cole Wilson, Adam Faulha, Zach Zajack, Zeke Santoro, Travis Wells and Jack Fors.

The Panthers, who have scored 30 or more points in five of their six victories, are scheduled to play two non-playoff games before traveling to Gardner High School on Thanksgiving morning. It'll be the second meeting of the season between the two rivals.

The Wildcats made the trip to Barre and pulled out a 26-14 victory in the season opener. The Panthers also lost a non-league game at Oxford, 18-14, on October 18.

"I really think we're a play-off caliber team this year and not qualifying for the Division 6 playoffs with a 6-2 record is a little bit tough," Page said. "If we wanted

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Early goals pace Panthers to win



Farrah Wojcik reaches out to steal the ball.

BARRE – Last Friday afternoon on a very mild afternoon, Quabbin Regional High School field hockey once again entered the state tournament. Their opening opponent did not have to travel far as Narragansett, another Central Mass. team, met the Panthers in the first round. Quabbin scored early in the matchup and used the momentum to a 3-1 win in the Round of 32. Coming up, the Panthers were scheduled for another home match, this time hosting a high school from the Massachusetts island of Nantucket. That game was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.



Kailynn Schuster makes a stop on defense.



Jaleel Nevue-Roman dribbles up the field under pressure.

Late goal lifts Pioneers in WMass tournament

PALMER – The Pathfinder boys soccer team, which co-ops with Palmer, prevailed in overtime over SICS last week to advance in the Western Mass. tournament. Adonis Dupre and Evan Costa scored the goals for Pathfinder. The Pioneers would beat Drury in the semifinals before falling in the Western Mass. finals. Highlights from the finals will be in next week's edition.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Owen Pear sends a shot away.



Cayden Bousquet watches his pass head up the field.



Evan Costa shoots ahead of an opponent.



Justin Davis heads up the field.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The Commercial Elks League has one week left in round one of the candlepin league season.

As of Oct. 22, there is a tie for first place between the Mailmen and Gutter Mounds who each have 19.5 wins. The Daft Kings are close in third place with 16 wins. Last in Line is in fourth place with 15 wins, Compression has 14 wins and Team BK has 12 wins.

In the second to last week of the first round Last in Line bowled against Compression. In game one, Compression was victorious 331-302. Jay Dominick of Compression has a 108 to start the match.

In game two, Compression repeated their first game score, 331 and won again. In game three, Compression swept Last in Line with a third consecutive victory with a 342. Dominick finished with a 111 in game three and was the high bowler on his team with a series of 311.

Compression was victorious and took all four points, including the one for total pinfall with a score of 1004.

The two teams tied for first place bowled off during league night on Oct. 29, Gutter Mounds and Mailmen. In game one, Gutter

Mounds won by one point, 337-336. Bryan Surprise of Mailmen had a chance to tie the game, but only filled his spare with a nine count. Surprise finished with a 120.

In game two, Gutter Mounds won again by a score of 324-301. In game three, Gutter Mounds won again for a three-game sweep over the Mailmen, 328-323. Surprise bowled another 120 in game three and had a series of 333.

The total pinfall score was in favor of Gutter Mounds, 989-960. By winning all four points, the Gutter Mounds have a distant lead going into the final week of the season.

The Daft Kings bowled against Team BK. In game one, Team BK won the first game 367-358. In game two, BK were victorious again by a score of 379-367. Dave Cobleigh of Daft Kings had a 107 in game two.

In game three, Team BK ran away with game three with a score of 397-363. Jeff Whyte of BK broke the century mark in game three with a 101. Whyte currently holds an 87 league average. Matt Bertelli of Daft Kings finished with a 104.

Team BK won all four points with a final score of 1128-1088. A winner for round one will be determined the first Tuesday night in November. The winner will receive a playoff berth in the championship roll-off.

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

T-Birds fall to Phantoms at home

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-7-0-0) and the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (3-3-1-1) combined for 88 penalty minutes on Saturday night inside the MassMutual Center.

After the dust settled, the Phantoms came away with a 5-2 victory.

Before the opening draw even happened, there were indications of fireworks as Springfield bruiser Sam Bitten and Lehigh Valley captain Garrett Wilson exchanged pleasantries, leading both players to be separated by the officials. Still, the two enforcers' inevitable showdown occurred just 21 seconds into gameplay, as the two combatants traded fists in the neutral zone and elevated the noise level of both the benches and the crowd.

Two subsequent scraps followed the Bitten/Wilson tangle as Hunter Skinner squared off with rookie Hunter McDonald, and Marcus Sylvegard got his chance to drop his gloves for his first AHL fight against J.R. Avon. All three concurrent sets of fighting majors happened in the first 7:49 of the period.

All the while, both teams had numerous chances to crack a scoreless draw, but the starting goaltenders were calm in the eye of the chaos around them.

Colten Ellis made 16 first-period saves in the Springfield net,

while Eetu Makiniemi denied 10 Springfield offerings in the opening 20 minutes.

Both teams left power play chances on the table in the opening half of the period, but in the dying minutes, Lehigh Valley earned a 5-on-3 on two straight high-stick minors to Springfield. Jacob Gaucher finally opened the scoring with just 48 seconds left in the frame, jabbing a rebound between Ellis's legs just outside the goal crease.

Gaucher added to his total just 38 seconds into the middle period. Moments after the T-Birds killed off a power play, the puck took a fortuitous kick to Gaucher's stick in the slot, and he chopped a backhand past Ellis to give the Phantoms a 2-0 advantage.

2:59 later, the Lehigh Valley power play continued its early-season surge as Samu Tuomaala wristed one through

turn the ball over on downs.

Warburton and junior Chase Talbot both rushed for eight yards on the Panthers first two offensive plays. Then Salvatore rumbled 19 yards up the middle down to the Tigers 21 yard line. Following a 19-yard pass completion by junior Wes Sanderson and another short run by Salvatore, Sanderson capped off Quabbin's six play scoring drive with a two-yard touchdown run with 3:58 remaining in the first quarter.

Venne made the first of his two extra points.

Littleton was forced to punt on their next offensive possession.

With nine seconds left in the quarter, Sanderson scored his second rushing TD on a 10-yard scamper around the left end, which gave the visitors a 14-0 lead.

"We dominated the first quarter," Page said. "Then we let our foot off the gas pedal a little bit. It allowed Littleton to make a comeback against us."

Just when it looked like the Panthers defense had forced the Tigers to turn the ball over on downs for the second time, a pass interference penalty on Quabbin gave the home team a first down at the 12 yard line.

Two plays later, Littleton senior QB Evan Manno completed a 10-yard touchdown pass to junior Tyler Branco with 6:24 left in the first half.

traffic on the left side and past Ellis to make it a 3-0 lead for the visitors.

Springfield's power play entered the night with just two power-play goals over its first nine games, but the man advantage found its groove late in the second as Drew Callin cleaned up a rebound from Nikita Alexandrov in the blue paint to make it a 3-1 game with 5:04 left in the frame.

Unfortunately, the momentum did not carry into the third. Gaucher completed his hat trick just 6:33 into the final period, scooping up a centering pass after a misplay behind the Springfield net and making it 4-1.

Dalibor Dvorsky continued his torrid run with a goal in his third straight game, picking up Springfield's second power-play goal at 8:14 of the third period, cutting the lead to 4-2.

That would be as close as the T-Birds would come, and Anthony Richard capped the scoring with a breakaway goal at 12:56 to round out the scoring.

The T-Birds complete their homestand on Wednesday morning for the annual School Day Game against the Bridgeport Islanders. Puck drop is set for 10:35 a.m. for the second meeting between the rivals.

The Quabbin defense tackled a Tigers running back short of the goal-line on the two-point conversion play, but a facemask penalty on the Panthers gave the home team another opportunity. This time, junior Jake Taglieri carried the ball into the endzone slicing the Tigers deficit to 14-8, which was the halftime score.

With 2:46 remaining in the third quarter, Warburton scrambled 19 yards into the endzone capping off a six play scoring drive, which covered 53 yards.

Talbot also scored a rushing TD on the conversion play.

After the Tigers were forced to punt, Warburton called his own number in the huddle on the first down. He sprinted 33 yards down the left sideline into the endzone for his second touchdown of the third quarter.

"Jaxon is an outstanding football player and his two rushing touchdowns in the third quarter were huge for us," Page said. "He wouldn't score those touchdowns without the help of his teammates."

Salvatore scored on the two-point conversion play, which gave the visitors from Barre a 30-8 advantage.

The Panthers j.v. unit saw a lot of playing time during the fourth quarter, which was fast moving as the scoreboard clock was kept running.

Worcester Railers take road loss to Norfolk Admirals

NORFOLK, VA – The Worcester Railers HC (3-4-0-0 6pts) fell to the Norfolk Admirals (4-2-1-0, 9pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 4-2 in front of a crowd of 3,224 at the Norfolk Scope. The Railers are back on the ice next at the DCU Center taking on the Maine Mariners on Friday, November 8th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Worcester struck first tonight with a goal from Jack Randl (1-0-1) who scored 13:31 into the first period. Norfolk was quick to tie the score when Carson Golder (1-0-1) scored for the Admirals. Making the score 1-1 to end the first period. In the second period Norfolk pushed the score to 3-1 with goals from Sean Montgomery (1-0-1) and Connor Fedorek (1-0-1). Connor Welsh (1-0-1) later in the second cut into that deficit with his power play goal making the score 3-2 heading into the third.

The Railers got the scoring started in the first tonight when Jack Randl (2nd) scored on a shorthanded breakaway 13:31 into the first period. Norfolk responded

back with a goal of their own just over 30 seconds after when Carson Golder (3rd) scored to tie the game at 1-1 Norfolk outshot Worcester 11-8.

Norfolk took the lead 7:49 into the second period, when Sean Montgomery (2nd) found the back of the net on dishes from Graham Sward and Carson Musser. His goal was followed up by Connor Fedorek (1st) who extended the Norfolk lead to 3-1 in the 11th minute of the second period. The Railers cut the Norfolk lead to one when Connor Welsh (3rd) scored a power play goal assisted by Matthew Kopperud making the score 3-2. Norfolk outshot Worcester 7-6.

It took nearly the entire 20 minutes of the third period action for either team to score. The Railers had an opportunity late in the third to tie the score on the power play but could not find the back of the net. The lone goal in the third period came on the Railers empty net scored by Brady Fleurent (3rd) at 19:52 making the final score 4-2. Norfolk outshot Worcester 9-7, and 27-21 in the game.

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to make the playoffs, we needed to win all of our regular season games."

The Panthers suffered a 27-0 loss to the Tigers (3-5) when they made their last visit to the turf football field located at Littleton Middle School two years ago.

"Littleton beat us up here two years ago and we came here with a little bit of extra motivation," Page said. "It was very nice to come back here and get a win in tonight's game."

Warburton, who's the Panthers starting quarterback, remembers the shutout loss.

"I started my first varsity game as a quarterback on this field two years ago," said Warburton, who's a three-sport athlete. "Our starting quarterback at that time was injured at practice and I had only one day to prepare for the game. It feels great to come back here and celebrate a win. We're a completely different team than we were two years ago."

A year ago, the Panthers squeaked out a 16-14 home win against the Tigers.

The Panthers racked up a total of 121 offensive yards and scored two rushing touchdowns during the opening twelve minutes of last Thursday night's contest.

The Quabbin defense set the tone on the opening series of the game as they forced Littleton to

received the trophy from Andrew Healey, who received the prestigious award a year ago.

Ware won the coin toss and elected to defer until the start of second half.

After the Panthers were forced to punt on the game's first possession, the Indians offense marched 75 yards down the field.

Junior Jadrien Berthiaume carried the ball five times during the Indians first offensive series for a total of 15 yards. Dyer, who's the Indians starting quarterback, also completed a 23-yard pass to junior Alex Orszulak.

The duo hooked up again on a fourth-and-three play at the Panthers 30 yard line.

However, this time, Orszulak took the snap from center before throwing a high pass which was caught by Dyer over a Palmer defender with one-hand before he dashed into the end zone with 5:50 left in the first quarter. Dyer also made the extra point attempt.

"We used a formation where our quarterback lined up as a receiver," Fazio said. "We've tried it several times so far this season, but this was the first time that we've scored a touchdown. Brady made a great one-handed touchdown catch. It turned out to be a huge play in the game."

Palmer sophomore Taydem Haley and junior Dylan Doherty had interceptions during the final six minutes of the second quarter.

Dyer also picked off a pass thrown by Palmer QB Matt Santos during the second quarter, but the score was still 7-0 at half-time.

With two minutes remaining in the third quarter, junior Jordan Jones intercepted

another pass for the home team at his own 32 yard line.

On the second play of the series, Santos completed a 24-yard pass to Jones placing the ball at the Indians 42. Following three Doherty runs, Santos connected with Doherty for a 31-yard reception at the four yard line. Then Doherty, who left the game briefly in the third quarter with an injury, completed the eight play scoring drive with a four yard TD run with 10:56 left in regulation.

"Dylan sees the field very well and whenever he gets into the open field, he's almost unstoppable," Marciniac said. "He's a great kid and I really enjoy watching him play football."

The snap from the center sailed high over Santos's head on the two-point conversion play. The Panthers QB picked up the ball and his pass attempt was incomplete.

The Palmer defense held Ware without a first down on the ensuing series which gave the ball back to the offense two minutes later.

That drive ended when Sawabi stripped the ball away from the Panthers quarterback on a fourth down play. The fumble was recovered by Gambino at the Indians 40.

After both teams exchanged punts, the Indians were forced to turn the ball over on downs with 13 seconds remaining on the scoreboard clock.

Sophomore Dalton Marquis sealed the deal with an interception which clinched another league title for the Indians, and it also extended their winning streak in the rivalry series.

Westfield Owls win conference title

WESTFIELD – Westfield State women's cross coun-



try ran to a dominating win at the 2024 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships on Saturday at the Doyle Conservation Center in Leominster, Mass.

Westfield placed eight runners in the meet's top 10, finishing with 20 points, 42 points better than runner up Bridgewater State.

The Owls individual performances were highlighted by a runner up placing from Tealei Chandonnet (Dracut, Mass./ Greater Lowell Tech) in a time of 18:56.16, and conference rookie of the year honors for Sophia Rebenciuc (Southwick, Mass./ Bedford), who placed sixth overall in 19:27.51.

"Our goal was to get nine runners in the top 10, and we just missed it," said Owls head coach Marlee Berg-Haryasz, who was named the league's women's cross country coach of the year. "We got 20 points as a team, which is the 2nd best team score in MASCAC history. We set that as a goal, as we knew we came into the meet favored, so it gave us something to work for, and the women 'packed up' and really stepped up for a memorable day. We had a bunch of times that were personal bests or very close to them."

While Bridgewater's Naomi Cass won the individual title, Westfield runners ran 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-10 among their scoring seven runners.

Julianne Kelly (Natick, Mass.) was third in 19:05, Shea Hamel (Longmeadow, Mass.) fourth in 19:20, Molly Kennedy (West Springfield, Mass.) placed fifth in 19:23, Reese Stevens (Agawam, Mass.) seventh in 19:34, and Brynn LeCours (Haverhill, Mass.) eighth in 19:39. Eliza Lee (Walpole, Mass.) placed 10th in 20:06. The top 10 runners in the race will earn all-conference honors when formally announced by the league later this week.

For the Owls, the conference title is their fourth in a row, and 26th overall in the league's 39 championship meets since the meet was first held in 1985.

Westfield will be idle next weekend before competing at the NCAA Regional meet in Connecticut on Nov. 16.



Quarterback Brady Dyer makes a pass attempt.

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Marquis, Jayden Kern, Gavin Sawabi, Ayden Mulcalhy, Nathan Luxon, Matt Gambino, Edric Ortiz-Cordero, Nathan Harmon, Dominic Montalban, and Benjamin Torres.

"I'm really happy for this group of seniors," Fazio said. "We graduated some really good players last year and we didn't know how this season was going to go. The seniors stepped up and they've made it a very special season so far."

Sawabi, whose three older brothers also played football at Ware High School, has been a member of the varsity football team since he was in the eighth grade.

"It has been amazing to be a member of this football team since I was in the eighth grade," Sawabi said. "We did our best in today's game, and it feels great to win another game in this rivalry. This series has been going on for almost 100 years. My three older brothers also played football for Ware and I'm the last member of my family to play in this game."

The last time that the Panthers (5-3, 2-3) defeated the Indians was a 14-6 home victory in 2015.

"All of my guys competed very hard in today's game," said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniac. "The outcome didn't go our way, but I'm proud of my players. We did have several chances to take the lead in the fourth quarter."

The three seniors listed on the Panthers rosters are Luis Rivera Alicea, Julien Valentin, and Guillermo Rodriguez Rivera, who was selected as the 56th annual Leonard J. Bailey Award winner. He



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Benjamin Torres makes a block.

Normand V. Carrigan, 100

WARE – Normand V. Carrigan, 100, died on Friday evening Nov. 1, 2024, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He leaves his step-children, Judy Ann Cerrone and her husband David of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and John Smigiel and his wife Sylvia of Ware, and his step-grandson Chris Cerrone of Dripping Springs, Texas. He also leaves his sons Paul Carrigan of Boston, Peter Carrigan of Delray, Florida as well as his grandson Connor and family of Charleston, South Carolina. He was predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Jean (Robitaille Smigiel) Carrigan in December 2022, as well as his brothers Sam and Raymond, and sister Jeannette Baril.



Normand held many occupations throughout his long life. He was a Highway Right of Way Agent for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Assistant to Governor's Appointments Secretary in Western Massachusetts, Court Officer for Superior Court, Springfield, owner of Carrigan's Hardware in Chicopee, and many years at General Electric.

Mr. Carrigan was a proud United States Army Veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines. He remained active in Veterans' Associations including the Legion Post in Chicopee. He also belonged to the Ware Golden Age Club and was a member of All Saint's Church in Ware.

He was an avid sports fan and loved to cheer on the Patriots and the Red Sox.

A Funeral Mass for Normand will be held on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at 11 a.m. in All Saint's Church, 17 North St., in Ware. A calling hour will be held on the same day, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware prior to the mass. Burial will be in New Saint William Cemetery.

Normand's request was for those who wish to honor his long life, to kindly omit flowers. Instead, please consider a memorial donation to the Veterans Home in Holyoke, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040, or online at: <https://www.mass.gov/donate-to-the-veterans-home-in-holyoke>

An online tribute book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

Richard Denning Sterndale, 78

WARE – Richard D. Sterndale, 78, of Ware, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, surrounded by his loving family at home.

He leaves the love of his life, his wife, Jane of Ware; his beloved children, April and Jason; his adored grandchildren, Lauren Gay, Alec Gay, Jacob Sterndale, Hailee Sterndale, Emma Sterndale, and Riley Sterndale; his two great-grandchildren, Levi and Nash; as well as his sister, Beverly Greenberg of Boca Raton, Florida. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Donna Cowan, a brother-in-law, James Bulger of Auburn, California, his nephews, Michael and Chris Leeming of Florida, and his nieces, Jennifer Jackson and Suzanne Silverman of California. He was predeceased by his infant daughter Katherine.



He was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, son of the late John W. and Pauline L. (Roeger) Sterndale.

He graduated from Prince Tech Regional Vocational Trade School in Hartford, Connecticut, achieving proficiency in plumbing and heating. Richard enlisted in the United States Navy in 1965 and proudly served through 1969 and was honorably discharged as an Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AZ-E5).

Richard's working years reflected his vast array of skills and expertise. He loved working with his hands and could fix just about anything.

He was a Property Manager in Springfield, built custom vans for Van America, and worked for Hardwick Frame building post and beam homes. But his most rewarding role was serving as Veteran's Agent for the Town of

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Died Oct. 15, 2024
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Ware for 12 years. He was passionate about helping Veterans and their families to receive the benefits they were entitled to.

Richard was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, a kind and caring brother, and an incredible friend to many. He enjoyed NASCAR racing, fishing and the outdoors, and being an avid coin collector since his youth, where he found much joy throughout his life in the hunt and collecting.

What he loved most of all, aside from working, was the time he spent with his family and friends.

A Calling Hour for Richard was held on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware. A Funeral Service was held immediately following the calling hour, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. His burial was held in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson following the funeral home service.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to either the Wounded Warrior Project, whose mail-in donation form can be found on their website <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org> or the Special Olympics whose mail-in donations form can be found on their website <https://www.specialolympics.org/get-involved/donate>

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com. The Charbonneau Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sterndale family.

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Dennis E. Lewis, 80

WARE – Dennis E. Lewis, 80 of Ware, died at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer on Sunday evening, Oct. 27, 2024, after being stricken suddenly ill.

He leaves his daughters, Cynthia S. Strniste and her husband Paul of West Boylston, Teresa L. Melvin and her husband Kevin of West Warren, Denise M. Pagnoni (deceased 2010) married to Joseph Pagnoni now married to April. His grandchildren, Jason, Seanna and her husband Nate Lamb, Travis and his wife Amanda, Desmond, Kim and her significant other Josh, Kyle and Sydney and his great-grandchildren, Emma, Brian, Reaghan, Walker, and Carter. He also leaves his brother, Daniel E. Lewis of St. George,



Utah, his former work colleagues and friends, and his beloved and loyal dog of 14 years, May.

Dennis was predeceased by his wife of 32 years, Susanna L. (Resch) Lewis in 2004.

He was born in Marion, Ohio, son of the late Warren E. and Norma I. (Powell) Lewis.

Dennis earned his master's degree in building construction from the University of Florida, where he was also a professor. He worked for H.P. Cummings Construction Company for 30 years, rising to Vice President.

He was strongly involved in Mary Lane Hospital renovations and construction, and a firm believer in keeping it as a community

hospital. He was trustee of Ware Country Bank.

Besides being an expert within his field, he held many facets over his lifetime – commercial pilot, owner of a small aviation company with a flying school, an inventor who holds six patents.

He played many instruments which he learned by ear. He enjoyed maintaining a beautiful home and lawn.

The times that he thought to be the best though, were those spent with his family.

A Funeral Mass for Dennis will be held on Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. in All Saints Church, 17 North St. in Ware.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements. An online Tribute Book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

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have outgrown their current locations, and maintenance costs for the aging structures continue to rise.

In addition to assessing the existing facilities, Tecton Architects looked at a total of six new locations (both town and privately owned) and looked at the square footage needs for the departments, projected over 30 years.

The results of this study have been released to the public in a detailed, 270-page report which is both posted on the town's website, www.warren-ma.gov, and available in hard copy at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High St.

"We'll lay out different options for residents to consider," Ferrera said. "All of the factual information is made readily available to them to make an informed decision at annual town meeting next year."

Ferrera said Tecton Architects determined there are three different options for a public safety complex that will combine and streamline the space needs of the Police and Fire departments, while still allowing for future growth.

"We're planning for 25, 30 years down the road," he said. "We looked at all the different options."

Ferrera said all of the sites have both pros and cons, which he wants residents to be well aware of before the article goes to vote.

"The purpose of this is to have a well-thought out study done," Ferrera said of Tecton Architects' results. "Let the public ask questions, provide constructive feedback...There's certainly a need for this."

Ferrera said the study shows the same building design on the three different locations.

"It's just the different locations that impact the cost," he said.

Ferrera said the study also showed that there is a "cost of doing nothing" as the current facilities continue to age and require more intensive maintenance and repairs.

Current facilities

Police Chief Gerald Millette said the Police Department needs a space that is Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, and meets the needs of the busy department. Currently, the department is located in the Town Hall, which the Board of Selectmen had previously declared unsafe due to structural and environmental concerns.

"Obviously, that building doesn't work for us," he said. "We

have a lot of ADA compliance issues which would be addressed through a new building."

Millette said his department also needs a safe location to hold prisoners, as they currently have to travel to State Police barracks in Brookfield or to the Spencer Police Department to have access to a holding cell.

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie said the Fire Department's two stations are both too small to house modern apparatus, meaning the department has to custom-order firetrucks to fit the bays, which is an added cost to the town.

"We are limited on the size of the apparatus," Lavoie said. "We cannot fit a ladder truck or aerial."

The stations also lack an appropriate space to decontaminate and clean the firefighters' turnout gear, which is necessary to remove harmful carcinogens and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Tecton Architects' study also looked at the values of these current facilities, factoring in both the value of the land and the structures.

For the Fire Department, this includes a half-acre parcel of land on Maple Street for \$4,400, Station B at 20 Albany St., \$320,500 and Station A at 1012 Main St., \$190,200. For the Police Department, located 1 Town Hall Plaza, the value is estimated at \$1,267,700.

The Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High St., is valued at \$2,367,200.

The total liquidation value of all of these properties including the buildings is \$4,150,000.

Space needs and potential savings

Ferrera said the public safety complex will save the town on energy costs, as well as building maintenance costs.

"New construction would be more energy efficient," he said. "We would obviously look to consolidate utility costs, insurance, by having one building. We'd have a state-of-the-art facility."

The new public safety complex will utilize a number of shared spaces in order to keep the cost of the project down. He said a public safety complex for Police and Fire would need 25,000 square feet.

"We looked at creating shared spaces for training, breaks, bathrooms and storage," he said.

A complex including municipal offices would need 40,000 square feet, and Ferrera said this option was "not in the cards" for the town.



Submitted Image

This rendering is an example of what a public safety complex could look like at either the Brimfield Road (next to the Highway Department) location or High and Maple streets (next to the Shepard Municipal Building).

Lavoie said the layout of the public safety complex is something he and Millette worked on jointly to save the taxpayers money and still meet the current and future needs of both departments.

"This is a no-frills idea," Lavoie said. "We can continue to partner together the way we have."

Lavoie and Millette said they kept the taxpayers' burden in mind during the feasibility study and were conscientious of the complex's square footage.

Ferrera said Tecton Architects has a strong history with designing public safety complexes to fit a town's needs, including the North Brookfield and Sutton police stations.

"They know the ins and outs of this," Ferrera said.

The new public safety complex would also feature a community room that would be available for use by the public.

87 and 0 Brimfield Road

One of the sites identified in the study as a possible location for a new public safety complex is 87 and 0 Brimfield Road, just southwest of the Highway Department building. This site has a projected cost of approximately \$25.7 million.

Some of the benefits of this location are that it is town owned land, has good access to Brimfield

Road, has no environmental concerns and has good soil conditions (except for an area of fill).

Drawbacks are that the site is confined and may limit future expansion of both the public safety complex and the Highway Department, and that more land may need to be purchased by the town if expansion is needed.

The site will also likely need underground stormwater infiltration, and requires the relocation of Highway Department stockpiles and excavation and grading.

Segregated, secure parking may not be possible for the public safety staff and fleet.

48 High St. and 100 Maple Avenue

This campus-style option looked at locating the public safety building adjacent to the Shepard Municipal Building.

This option would include using town owned land and has the lowest price tag of the three designs, with a project cost of \$25 million.

By combining the Police and Fire with the municipal offices, the town would be able to leave the Police Department's firearms simulator in its current location in the Shepard Municipal Building. This simulator is used by multiple local and regional police departments to conduct firearms training.

Some of the drawbacks of the

site are the challenges the Maple Street slope will pose for large emergency apparatus, and have to navigate municipal office traffic.

This site as it is, does not allow for segregated, secure parking for public safety staff and fleet and would benefit from an upgrade of existing roadways and parking areas.

0 Old West Warren Road

This privately owned parcel has access to Old West Warren Road and Route 67 and has the largest price tag, projected at \$29.5 million. It also provides the most room for future expansion and has good access for large emergency apparatus.

Preliminary review of the site showed few limiting criteria by the Conservation Commission and no rock was encountered during a preliminary geotechnical investigation.

The site would require the town to purchase the land, and a box culvert would be required for a stream crossing. Retaining walls would also be required to accommodate 50-feet of grade change and there is limited secure segregation of staff and fleet parking.

Payment for the project

Ferrera said the study also looked at the best repayment method for taxpayers, should they vote to move forward with the construc-

tion of a new public safety complex. He said the numbers presented in the report are fixed and won't change.

"The 25-year repayment schedule would be best for the town to save on interest," Ferrera said.

Using the 25-year repayment plan with an estimated interest rate of 3.75% for a \$25 million project, the average single family home (valued at \$263,443) property owner would see a \$705 per year increase in their taxes. This breaks down to \$58.75 a month or \$1.93 a day.

For the \$30 million project with the same estimated interest rate, the average single family home property owner would see an annual increase of \$850, or \$70.83 a month or \$2.33 a day.

Ferrera said payment of the project would be determined by the passing of a debt exclusion question on a town meeting warrant.

"If approved at annual town meeting, it would go out to bid," he said.

Help from the state

Ferrera testified at the State House last year, in support of funding municipal buildings the same way the commonwealth does with school buildings, in hopes of lifting some of the financial burden off taxpayers.

"It has been proven that small communities across the commonwealth are suffering," he said. "We're hoping that the state will hear us and continue to push for this legislation."

If this legislation passes, Ferrera said the town will be "closer to the gate" to build a new public safety complex by getting through the necessary studies and designs.

Lavoie said the general public understands the need for a new public safety complex, and that it's more about the cost of the project.

"There's a decision to be made here," he said.

Information sessions

Ferrera said public information sessions with representatives from Tecton Architects will be held starting in the new year, helping to generate discussion and feedback about the proposed public safety complex prior to the 2025 annual town meeting.

He said if a vote passes favorably, the project could be completed in 16 months with construction possibly starting in the spring of 2026.

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The Prayer

I head a soldier as he knelt and prayed, and here is what he Said:
God Bless, our buddies; who now lay dead.
We don't know what you have in mind, but when you judge them Please be kind.
When they come before you they'll be poorly dressed; but they'll Walk proudly, for they did their best.
Their boots will be muddy and their clothes will be torn, but These are the clothes they have proudly worn.
Their faces will be unshaven and stained with blood; their lips Will be cracked and caked with mud.
Their hearts will be still and cold inside; but they fought like Hell and did with pride.
So please, take care of them as they pass your way, for the price Of freedom they've already paid.
This one last thing we ask in your name, Bless and keep them In your Heavenly Hall of Fame.

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Years have passed,
Our hearts still sore,
As time goes on we miss you more,
Of grief and sorrow we've had to share,
But the parting from you,
Was the hardest to bear!

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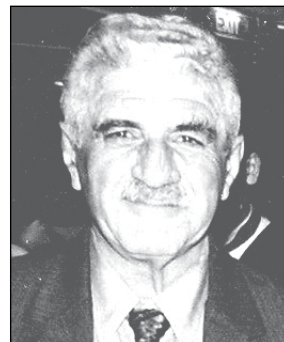
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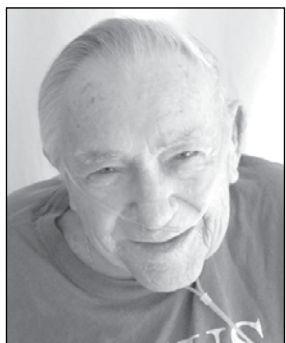
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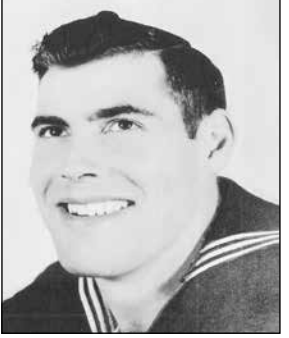
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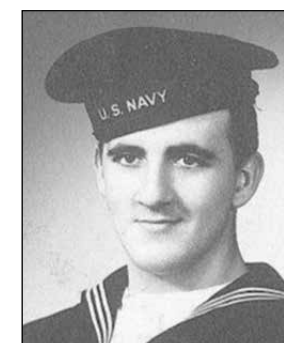
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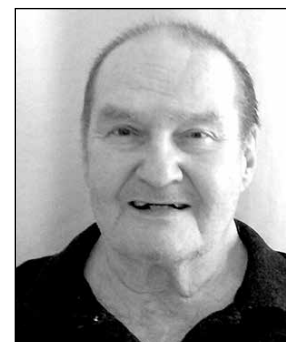
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Then I see children Running around and shouting, They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take his Hat off, and then look around, He didn't see anybody else With theirs off, so he quickly Put his back on.

I remember some time ago people Lined both sides of the street to Watch the parade and naturally I Was leading the parade proudly Waving in the breeze. When your Daddy saw me coming he immediately Removed his hat and placed it against His left shoulder so that the hand was directly over his heart. Remember?

And you, I remember you standing There straight as a soldier, you Didn't have a hat, but you were Giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be Outdone she was saluting, her right Hand over her heart too. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same Old flag. Oh, I may have a few more Stars since those parades of long ago.

But now, I don't feel so proud as I Used to. When I came down your street You just stand there with your hand in Your pockets, and I may get a small Glance and then you look away.

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Well it won't be long until I'll be coming down your Street again. So, when you See me, strand up straight, Place your hand over your Heart, and I will salute You by waving back and I'll Know That You Remember!

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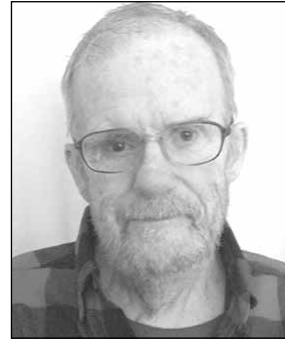
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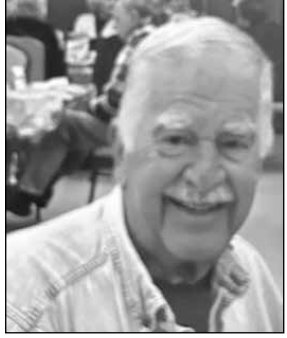
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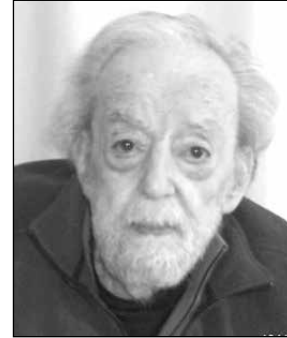
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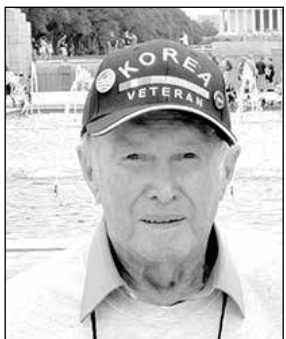
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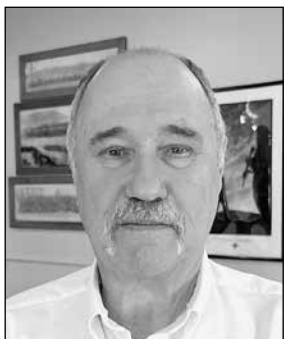
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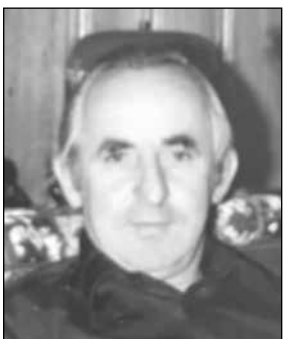
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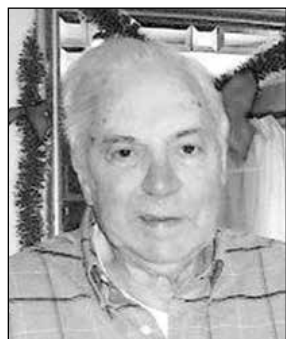
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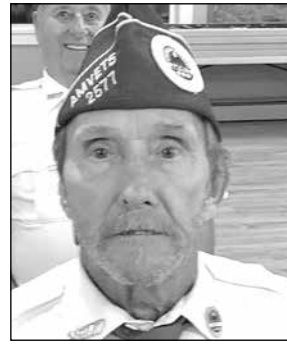
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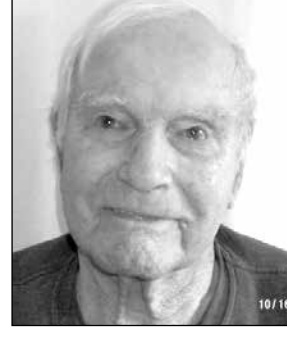
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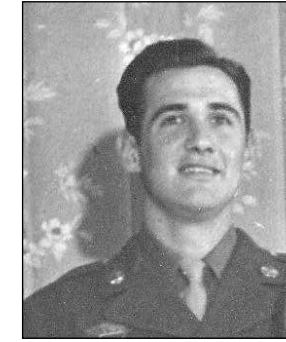
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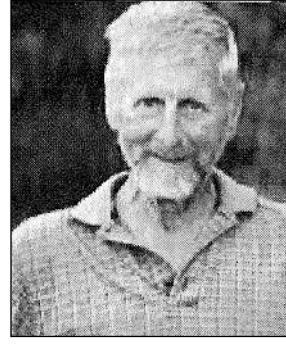
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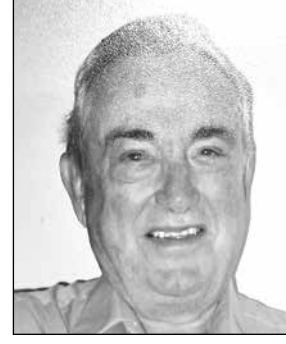
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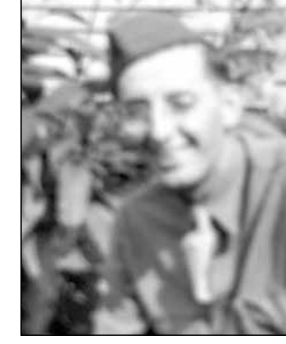
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We cherish them all, each and every one,
The hopes and dreams were shattered too,
All for a cloth, Red, White and Blue.

On foreign soil their best was shown,
Defending land that they did not own,
For love and sweethearts they may never see,
The fight they have to set a strangers free.

Too many bodies new homes were found,
We call these places, "Hallowed Ground."
To the ones still living we must also share,
To those grounds, Our Loving Care!

May we always remember to honor them all,
The one's who stood and the ones who fell,
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Ware FY21 CDBG Performance Hearing

The Ware Community Development Authority (CDA) will conduct a **Public Hearing on Monday, November 25, 2024 starting at 6:30 PM.** The hearing will be conducted in a hybrid format and **interested parties may attend in person at the Ware Town Hall or join via the Zoom link or phone number provided above.**

The hearing will review the FY21 Ware Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded to the towns of Ware and Hardwick. Grant projects include façade improvement and engineering design for Cottage Street in the Town of Ware. Also funded are programs benefiting both Ware and Hardwick including housing rehabilitation, Senior Outreach Program, Domestic Violence Prevention Program, Ware Adult Education Center, and the PATCH (Planned Approach to Community Health) program.

During the hearing, the CDA will also seek public input on additional community needs that can be addressed through future Block Grant programs.

All residents with questions or comments will have an opportunity to be heard. The Ware Town Hall is handicapped accessible. For further information contact Paralee Smith, Director of Planning and Community Development at (413) 967-9648 x118 or psmith@town-of-ware.com. 11/07/2024

WARE MA MIDDLE SCHOOL HVAC UPGRADES WARE, MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the construction of the "Ware Middle School HVAC Upgrade" will be received by the Town Manager at the Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 until 2 p.m. local time on December 13, 2024 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "Ware Middle School HVAC Upgrade".

Sealed Bids from Subcontractors addressed as referenced above will be received by the Town Manager at Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 until 2 p.m. local time on December 06, 2024 and then at said office publicly

opened and read aloud. Sub-Bids with the required Bid deposit will be received for the following items of work:

Subtrades

Electrical Work
Background:
Ware MA Middle School is a single story building heated by a hydronic hot water heating system serving unit ventilators. The work consists of replacing up to 33 of the existing unit ventilators, hot water control valves, pneumatic controls with new unit ventilators, valves, and controls. Power wiring will either be disconnected and reconnected or replaced. Circuit breakers serving the unit ventilators may be replaced. Abatement of hazardous materials will also be required.

Bids shall be on a unit price as indicated in the Bid Form with additive [deductive] alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A - 44J inclusive or Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.

In accordance with Section 44D of Chapter 149 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended, the prospective General Bidders and Filed Sub-Bidders must submit with their Bid, a certificate of eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), showing that the Bidder has been approved to bid on projects of the size and nature as advertised herein. Prospective General Bidders and Filed Sub-Bidders must also submit an updated statement summarizing their record for the period between the latest DCAMM certificate and the date of the Bid submittal. The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the General Bidder shall be for the category of work defined as "HVAC". The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the Filed Sub-Bidders shall be for the category of work for which they are submitting a Bid.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: http://www.tighe-bond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php

Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project. Bidders will be added to the "planners" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project.

A bid deposit shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract. Federal Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the United States Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act also apply to this project.

This project is funded by a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Federal Grants Program - Improving Ventilation and Air Quality in Public School Buildings Grant, Fund Code: 0209.

A non-mandatory pre-Bid conference will be held at Ware Middle School, 239 West Street, Ware MA on November 21 at 10AM. This is not a mandatory pre-bid conference, but all prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.

Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in, or to reject any or all Bids, or to accept any Bid which in their opinion, is in the public interest to do so.

TOWN OF WARE, MASSACHUSETTS

Consulting Engineer:
Tighe & Bond, Inc.
53 Southampton Road
Westfield, MA 01085
413-562-1600
11/07/2024

LEGAL NOTICE QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION BID

The QUABOAG SCHOOL DISTRICT hereafter referred to as the "District" will receive sealed proposals for the furnishing of School Transportation until **December 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the School District Conference Room.

The proposal requires the furnishing of scheduled School Transportation for all designated school children of the District to include Regular Transportation, Special Education Transportation and Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activities Transportation for a period of up to five (5) years, beginning July 1, 2025. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish all services necessary and required, but not necessarily limited to the following in general: Drivers, Transportation Equipment, Maintenance of Equipment, Operation, Supervision, Inspection, Registration, Licensing, Insurance and conformance to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Departments of Motor Vehicles, Departments of Public Utilities and the School District.

The conditions of employment and minimum state wage rates, as set forth by the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, do not apply in the execution of the work under this contract (M.G.L. C.71 S.7A).

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for all interested bidders, on November 21, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the School District Conference Room.

Specifications and Proposal Forms may be obtained electronically at the School District Business Office, 284 Old West Brookfield Road, Warren, MA 01083, Tel.: (413) 420-1987, Email: ngoncalves@quaboagsd.org on or after November 8, 2024.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, in part or

in whole, at their sole discretion. The decision of the Quaboag Regional School Committee shall be final and binding on all bidders without recourse..

Steven Duff
Superintendent
Quaboag Regional School District
November 4, 2024
11/07/2024

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

Notice is hereby given by REGIN'S REPAIR, 19 CHURCH ST., GILBERTVILLE, MA 01031 Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on **11/25/24 at 10:00 AM** at: Regin's Repair, 19 Church St., Gilbertville, MA 01031 by private sale, the following Motor Vehicles will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

Vehicle description:
2005 Hyundai Elantra
Registration#/State: none
VIN: KMHDN46D05U154269
Name and address of owner(s):
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59 Fox Hill Rd.
Springfield, MA 01118
Ismael Serrano
17 Brunswick Pl Springfield
MA 01109

Vehicle description:
2015 SUBARU IMPREZA
Registration#/State:
5SAX59
VIN: JF1GPA67F8200991
Name and address of owner:
Baraq Jasim 19 Aspen St
Ware, MA 01082/PO Box
3390 Worcester MA 01613
By: James M. Regin
Dated: 10/29/2024
11/07, 11/14, 11/21/2024

NOTICE OF AUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of Noelle Maloney and Krystal Dupont will be auctioned off at **Secure Storage 31 Southbridge Rd. Warren, MA at 9 a.m. 11/30/2024.**

The contents of Terry Griffin and Caroline Garcia will be auctioned off at **70 Boston Post Road Warren, MA at 9:30 a.m. 11/30/2024.**

The contents of Micheala Monette and Tracy Dube will be auctioned off at **Secure Storage 167 West St., Ware, MA at 10:00 a.m. on 11/30/2024.**

Any questions or inquiries call 413-800-6278. 11/07, 11/14/2024

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **November 19, 2024, at 6:50 p.m.**, in the **Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA**, to hear an Application for a New §12 On-Premises License, and a Common Victualler License requested by Snows Surf Inc. d/b/a/ Snows Surf Shack, 136 Pleasant Street, Ware, MA. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA..

Nancy Talbot
Chair of Selectboard
11/07/2024

Public Hearing Notice Town of Ware Tax Classification Hearing

The Ware Selectboard will conduct the tax classification hearing on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall, 126 Main Street.** At the hearing the Selectboard will consider tax policy options including (1) whether to have a single or split tax rate and (2) whether to allow an open space discount, a residential exemption, and a small commercial exemption. The Selectboard will receive comments from interested taxpayers at the hearing, or taxpayers may provide written comments to the Board at 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. 11/07/2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises:
19 Warebrook Village, Ware, MA 01082

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by George R. Tower, Sr. and Michele A. Tower to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation, and now held by **Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC**, said mortgage dated December 10, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9659, Page 280, as affected by a Loan Modification dated December 1, 2017 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12817, Page 220; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment dated April 3, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 11285, Page 340; said mortgage was assigned from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment dated January 29, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 13191, Page 176; for breach

of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on December 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with buildings thereon located in Ware, Massachusetts, shown as Parcel 19 on a plan entitled "DEFINITIVE PLAN WAREBROOK VILLAGE, WARE, MASSACHUSETTS", dated May 9, 1972 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 83, Page 50, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY by Lot 18 as shown on said Plan, 115.00 feet;

WESTERLY by the "Common Area" as shown on said Plan, 22.00 feet;

NORTHERLY by Lot 20 as shown on said Plan, 115.00 feet;

EASTERLY by Warebrook Drive as shown on said Plan, 22.00 feet.

SUBJECT TO and TOGETHER WITH rights and assessments of record, and being the same

premises conveyed to the grantor by deed of BEVERLY A. MACNINTCH, RICHARD J. CORSI, and DIANE M. CORSI dated November 10, 1987 and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 3089, Page 0129.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagees herein by deed of Scott K. Sumner dated December 11, 2008 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds herewith.

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

For Mortgagee's Title see deed dated December 11, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9659, Page 277.

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 Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701
11/07, 11/14, 11/21/2024

West Brookfield Housing Authority Invites Sealed Bids EOHLC #307061 Fire Alarm System Upgrade

The **West Brookfield Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Electrical Contractors for the **EOHLC #307061 Fire Alarm System Upgrade** project at Olde Village Place (667-1) located in West Brookfield, MA, in accordance with the documents prepared by **Hesnor Engineering Associates, PLLC.**

The Project consists of but is not limited to: Removal of existing fire alarm system and installation of new addressable fire alarm control panel and devices.

The work is estimated to cost **\$275,765**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **Electrical**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27, 2024** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

General bids shall be

accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates), and made payable to the **West Brookfield Housing Authority.**

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024** (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLC (david.mcclave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. **NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.**

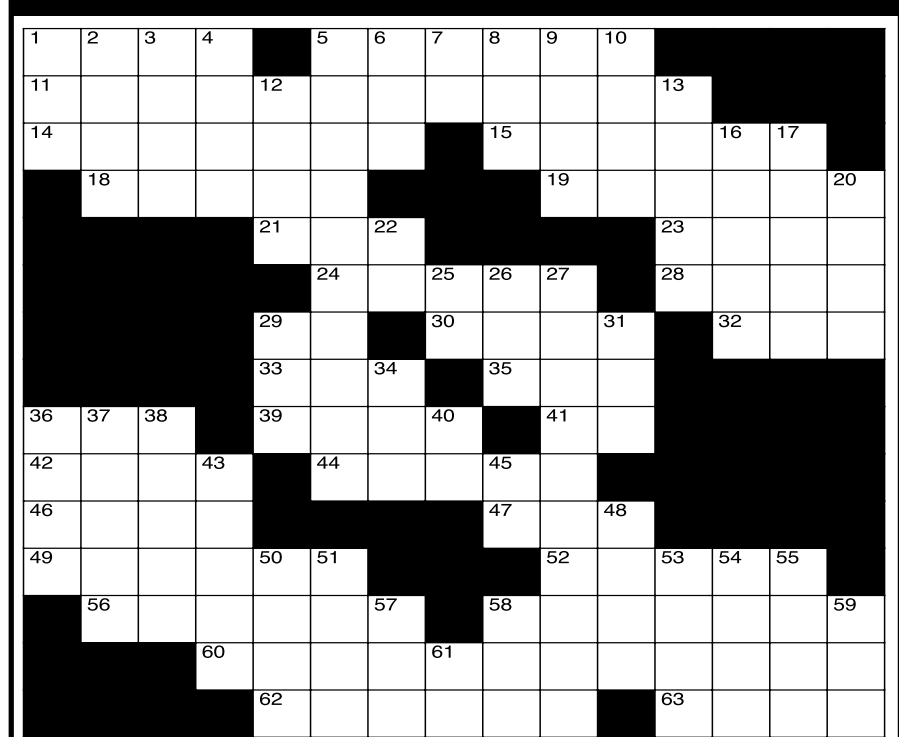
A pre-bid walkthrough is scheduled for **Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM** at 29 East Main Street, West Brookfield, MA Meet at the Community Building (Building #7).

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at:

Nashoba Blue Inc.
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Hudson, MA 01749
978-568-1167.
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Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Absence of effort
 - Preserve a dead body
 - Gratitude
 - The act of coming together again
 - Simpler
 - Visionaries
 - Large, fish-eating bird
 - Indicates near
 - Former CIA agent and critic
 - Icelandic poems
 - Pop
 - "Hammer" is one
 - Senses of self-importance
 - Thyrotrophic hormone
 - Not around
 - Electronic data processing
 - Licenses and
 - passports are two types
 - Snake-like fish
 - Air Force
 - Popular
 - computers
 - Of a withered nature
 - Wings
 - Used in combination
 - Laid back
 - Jeweled headress
 - In slow tempo
 - Falls
 - Assertions made
 - Periods of history
 - Hyphen
 - Sea eagle
 - A type of subdivision
 - Variety of Chinese
 - Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
 - Consumed
 - Chinese dynasty
 - NFL great Randy
 - Ireland
 - Palm trees with creeping roots
 - Fungal disease
 - Impressionable persons
 - Affirmative!
 - Woman (French)
 - Sunscreen rating
 - Beer
 - Spiritual leader
 - Indigo bush
 - Burn with a hot liquid
 - Junior's father
 - Ray-finned fishes
 - Morning
 - Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
 - Double curve
 - A small bundle of straw or hay
 - Got older (slang)
 - Crater on Mars
 - Humanities
 - Relating to the ears
 - "To the degree..."
 - Residue of a burned product
 - It cools a home
- CLUES DOWN**
- Body part
 - Mimics
 - Expel large quantities rapidly

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Guests at the Fall Fundraiser gave the Deslauriers family a round of applause after the Making A Difference Award was given to them.

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One of the outstanding prizes was donated by the Boston Celtics. The item was a signed basketball by the entire 2024-2025 Boston Celtics team.

Last year's popular prize was a signed basketball by Celtics player Jayson Tatum. This year the entire team signed a ball and was donated to the silent auction during the charities' fall fundraiser.

There was also New England Patriots merchandise and Red Sox tickets up for grabs during the silent auction.

This experience at the fall fundraiser was all about celebrating the success and acknowledging the wishes granted throughout the year. Chris Midura mentioned that the charity is all about supporting those small celebrations. These celebrations consist of birthday parties, baby showers, weddings and so much more.

"We fill the void by being able to help people," Midura said. "We granted about 50 wishes this year."

The Time Trippers returned for the second consecutive year performing for Wishing Well Charities' Fall Fundraiser. The band certainly fills the dance floor while performing as they perform many beloved covers.

Every year, Wishing Well Charities, Inc. awards a recognition award to a dedicated community member who put in countless hours of volunteering. This year's recognition award wasn't just for one person, it was for a family.

The Miduras began by expressing their endless gratitude for all the volunteers and the community for helping them continue to grant wishes through their charity.

"We've been blessed by the turnout and the generosity," Midura said. "It's been a journey."

Chris and Belinda first thanked the staff at Teresa's Restaurant for being great hosts for their fundraiser. A big thank you was given to all the volunteers and board members who have sold tickets, reaching out for donations and for their collaborative votes to grant wishes



One of the silent auction items was a basketball signed by the current Boston Celtics team.



The Time Trippers returned for the second consecutive year performing for Wishing Well Charities' Fall Fundraiser.

throughout the year.

For the Making a Difference Award, a special plaque was awarded to the Deslauriers family. The charity wanted to recognize David, Donna, Barbara and Henry Deslauriers for their outstanding dedication to the town of Ware.

Chris Midura read through a list of all the great things the Deslauriers family did for the community. Barbara's volunteer work includes volunteering at Mary Lane

Hospital and making blankets for families in need. Henry has helped out with many military funerals and parades along with work with the AMVETS. Henry has also hosted BBQs for veterans.

Donna runs many community bands and hosts crafting for kids for All Saints Church. David Deslauriers has been playing trumpet and Taps for military funerals and parades for more than 40 years.

These are just some of the many great things the Deslauriers family has done to help the town of Ware and Wishing Well Charities wanted to share that during the fundraiser.

"They're an incredible inspiration," Midura said, describing the Deslauriers family.

Henry and Barbara Deslauriers walked up to thank the Miduras for their kind words and thanked the guests at the fall fundraiser for recognizing them and their dedicated time and efforts for making a difference in their community.

Wishing Well Charities, Inc would like to thank Safelite Auto Glass, Pennington Painting, Country Bank and B'leaf Wellness Center for their generous donation to the organization.

For more information about Wishing Well Charities, Inc. visit them on their Facebook page.



Shown are the prizes during the silent auction at Wishing Well Charities' Fall Fundraiser.

Lets get building at **LEGO CLUB**

LEGO from page 9

Another is called the Time Travel Dive Boat, which features a boat captain and space figures getting ready for a time traveling adventure. Some kids tried to replicate their homes and rooms.

No registration is required as the Lego Club is a drop-in activity. Other recurring youth programs at the library include Monday afternoons where a new craft can be made every Monday from 3-5 p.m.

Monday also features Story Stars with Mrs. Desjardins. Every Tuesday it is Storytime with Miss Cathy at 10:30 a.m., followed by a craft activity.

The library has special adult programs coming soon in November. On Wednesday, Nov. 13 there is the Migration Marvels with the Mass Audubon Society. Guests will learn about the local bird species that undertake par-



The Time Travel Dive Boat is a creative Lego piece that can be seen at the library.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

ticularly extraordinary migrations and how folks can help preserve the variety of critical habitats.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 will have the

Armchair Travel to Antarctica. Witness a virtual presentation of photographs featuring the wildlife and famous places in Antarctica.



Many Lego sculptures are displayed on the bookshelves inside the library's children's room.



Eli is the Lego builder behind the Fridge Car.



"Knock Knock" was created by Rosabella Janes featuring a sharply dressed Lego figure.



This Lego sculpture was designed by Cody and is all about exploring nature.

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