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BOH accepts decision regarding ReSource Waste

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WARE – The Board of Health voted unanimously to accept the decision and statement of findings regarding modifications to the site assignment for ReSource Waste Services of Ware, LLC.

This decision will allow the facility to increase its construction and demolition tonnage from 750 tons a day to 1,400. The modification also includes accepting and transferring up to 50 tons of street sweeping and catch basins residuals at market rate from the town annually.

At the Nov. 2 meeting, Attorney Jeffrey Blake of KP Law, who represented the Board of Health for the site assignment modification, read through 28 conditions agreed upon by both the Board and ReSource Waste.

Conditions include retrofitting “white noise” backup alarms to all equipment no more than six months from the date of the Board’s decision. The Board had originally asked for three months, but representatives from ReSource Waste would not be able to get the alarms in that time frame.

Catalytic converters will also be installed on equipment within six months of the decision.

ReSource Waste vehicles must continue to enter the facility by using the approved route, which is from the MassPike to the Sturbridge exit, to Route 9 through West Brookfield. No trucks will be allowed to turn right when exiting the facility.

Cameras will record trucks entering and exiting the facility, and all recordings will be kept for 60 days.

In the event that a state or municipal detour displaces trucks from the approved route, ReSource Waste will notify the Board and Town Manager as soon as reasonably possible.

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Aaron, Abby and Frank Bateman are shown participating in a previous National Wreaths Across America Day at Agawam Veterans Cemetery.

Community support needed to honor the fallen

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WARE – Resident Frank Bateman is bringing home a tradition that he and his family have participated in for over 10 years; helping to pay respect to the fallen during the holiday season.

For the first time, Ware will be participating in the Wreaths Across America program, honoring veterans in municipal cemeteries.

On National Wreaths Across America Day, held across the country on Saturday, Dec. 16 volunteers and community members will gather at Veterans Park on Main Street at 10 a.m. before distributing wreaths in four cemeteries across the town.

“In 2012, I came back from Afghanistan and it [National Wreaths Across America Day] was being held at the Agawam Veterans Cemetery. It was very moving.”

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Selectmen appoint two to Veterans Council

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen appointed Christine Tatro to serve on the Veterans Council.

Tatro is a lifelong resident of town, and comes from a military family.

“As a resident here in town, I have attended several (if not more) veterans assemblies at the school and Memorial Day events here in town...when I pay respects at the cemetery and I see the flag placed there, it’s always within my heart to be more than just thankful or present. I want to be able to offer my time and my effort for community and more importantly, the treasured veterans members of our community,” Tatro said when asked why she expressed interest.

At the Nov. 2 meeting, the Board also approved the appointment of Betty-Jo O’Brien pending a state ethics review of her position in town.

STM warrant

The Board of Selectmen continued discussion of articles to appear on the special town meeting warrant.

Town Administrator James Ferrera said article 5 addresses rotting wood in the fascia at the Senior Center during the improvement project.

The article asks voters to transfer \$2,600 from the Custodian Salary to the Council on Aging Maintenance.

He said the article will also cover the cost of moving the flowerbox from the front of the building and away from the walkway. Drainage will also be addressed to keep water away from the building.

“That was not part of the original quote that we had the contractor also address while he was there,” Ferrera said.

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Ware charity grants wishes

Citizens recognized for dedication to community at fundraiser

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – Wishing Well Charities, Inc. hosted its annual fall fundraiser at Teresa’s Restaurant this past Saturday.

The banquet hall was flooded with guests placing bids on a silent auction, enjoying live music, food, beverages, and time spent with friends and family.

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Wishing Well Charities, Inc.’s board of directors enjoyed the celebration and fall fundraiser at Teresa’s Restaurant.

Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

The Great Pumpkin Roll



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HES PTO hosts 3rd annual fun-filled contest

HARDWICK – Autumn brings with it a host of exciting activities for children to enjoy.

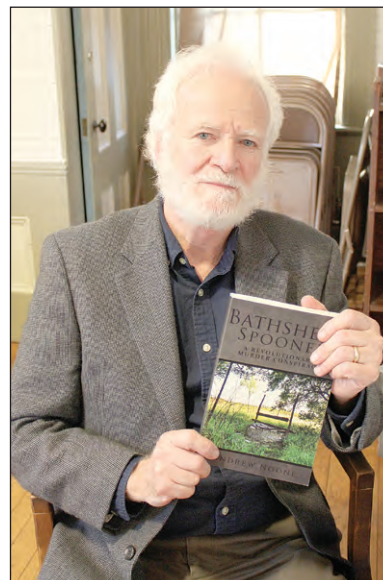
One such event that captures the spirit of the season is Hardwick Elementary School’s annual Pumpkin Rolling Contest.

Sponsored by the school’s PTO, this delightful competition not only showcases the creativity and enthusiasm of young participants, it also fosters a sense of community and friendly competition. The goal is to get their pumpkin to travel the furthest distance, but there are also prizes for most destroyed and shortest roll.

Participants get ready for the 3rd annual Pumpkin Rolling Contest hosted by the Hardwick Elementary School PTO

Author describes life and death of Bathsheba Spooner

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Worcester author and historian Andrew Noone hosted a talk and book signing for his book “Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy” at the Town House this past Sunday.

HARDWICK – It’s hard to imagine the peaceful, rolling hills of Hardwick as once being the home to one of history’s most infamous women; Bathsheba Ruggles Spooner.

On Nov. 5, the Harwick Historical Society hosted author and historian Andrew Noone to discuss his book, “Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy”. Noone read excerpts from the book, detailing the life of Bathsheba, as well as her public execution for plotting the murder of her husband, Joshua Spooner.

Bathsheba was the daughter of Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles, a British Loyalist who settled his family on a farm on Upper Church Street and who is credited with founding the oldest fair in the U.S., the Hardwick Fair. A summertime tradition residents in town still celebrate over 260 years later.

Traces of the property are still noticeable today, including a large boulder that sits in the midst of a field, where Ruggles proudly flew the Union Jack that could be seen

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Submitted Photo

Daniel Brevik, bass-baritone and Jennifer Fijal-Brevik, mezzo-soprano, will present a medley of stunning vocal performance accompanied by pianist Ania Bostock, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville.

Daniel and Jennifer Brevik perform Winter Songs

FOSC host concert to welcome the holiday season Dec. 10

HARDWICK – Daniel Brevik, bass-baritone and Jennifer Fijal-Brevik, mezzo-soprano, will present a medley of stunning vocal performance of classical, musical theater, and holiday season songs, accompanied by pianist Ania Bostock, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville.

A public reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$20 at the door or through <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthestonechurch/888277>. Youth under 18 and holders of the Mass Cultural Council “Card to Culture” will be admitted at no charge.

American bass-baritone Daniel Brevik is praised for having a “massive, focused, rich warm timbre.” Boasting a fan base of over 60,000 monthly listeners on Spotify and more on TikTok, his singing in classical and popular genres reaches audiences on a global scale.

A recipient of Opera Theater of Saint Louis’ Richard Gaddes Career Grant and the Wendy Shattuck Presidential Scholarship at the New England Conservatory, Brevik was hailed by The Washington Post for having “an impressive, sonorous voice” while Opera Today claimed he could “rattle the rafters one moment and be lullingly conversational the next.”

A Massachusetts resident, Brevik has made lasting impressions as a soloist in Boston performances of Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9, Handel’s Messiah, and the

Mozart Requiem.

Jennifer Fijal-Brevik, mezzo-soprano, holds a bachelor’s degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from Plymouth State University and a master’s degree in voice and opera from the New England Conservatory, where she performed in the American premiere of Rossini’s historic opera La Gazzetta.

She sang in Don Boothman’s quartet at “Let Joy Resound,” the re-opening concert for the Stone Church in April of 2016. She has appeared in Friends of the Stone Church concerts twice since that time.

Fijal-Brevik grew up in Palmer and was mentored by Boothman, a renowned baritone and Hardwick resident for many years. She serves as Music Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Hartford, Connecticut, teaches voice, and is the Director of Education at Falcetti School of Music.

Piano instructor and collaborative pianist Ania Bostock won the New England Piano Championship in 2001 and started teaching music at age 16. She is Music Director of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in South Hadley.

Bostock is faculty pianist at several local schools and colleges and teaches at Falcetti School of Music.

When the Breviks last appeared together at the Stone Church, in December of 2019, audience members expressed awe at the quality of their performance.

This concert will open with a pair of classical gems: Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Samuel Barber’s 1958 English-language aria “Must the Winter come so soon?” and

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Are You Old News?



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



File Photo
Last week’s photo from 1991 showed Tim Bancroft on his pony Comanche. Bancroft and Comanche had just reached the halfway point for a St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital benefit trail ride, along with 23 other riders. Each rider brought pledges for donations that went toward the hospital. Bancroft was identified by many of his family members, including his aunt, Liz Cyran of Hardwick. If you recognize the folks in this week’s photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.

Knights seek donations for Coats for Kids drive

WARE – The Knight of Columbus has kicked off the annual Coats for Kids drive, and are seeking donations of new (or gently worn and clean) coats, hats, gloves and mittens.

Drop-off locations are at all three Ware Public Schools, St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville, All Saints and St. Mary’s churches, Nat Falk, Limelight Dance Studio, the Sharpest Edge Barber Shop, Live Sharp Hair Salon and the Country Bank branch on West Street.

Monetary donations can be made to Ware Knights of Columbus Council 183, P.O. Box 88, Ware, MA 01082. Please put “Coats for Kids” in the check memo.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m.-noon, Bruce Marshall of 97.7 FM will be hosting a live broadcast for Coats for Kids from Nat Falk, and anyone that donates during that time will receive 10% off their purchase at the store.

Nat Falk owner Charlie Lask has also committed to donating 10% of that day’s total sales to the Coats for Kids drive.

Families in need of coats for their children can contact the School Superintendent’s office at Ware Public Schools. Any extra coats received during Coats for Kids will be distributed to the town’s food pantries.

Military appreciation breakfast at Senior Center Nov. 11

WARE – HomeFront Strong will host a military appreciation breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9-11 a.m. at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road.

All servicemembers, veterans and their families are invited to attend this free breakfast.

This year, HomeFront Strong will be recognizing veterans in the community with a Quilts of Valor ceremony. Please RSVP by calling 508-499-9589.

Program for fathers/male caregivers on Tuesdays

WARE – Nurturing Fathers at Behavioral Health Network’s Family Resource Center, 82 Main St., is held on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This is an empowering program for fathers and male caregivers.

For more information or to register contact the Family Resource Center by calling 413-277-6601 or emailing bhnc@bhinc.org.

Christmas for Kids begins, donations requested

WARE – The Ware Police Department and the Ware Fire Department have started their 20th annual Ware Christmas For Kids program for the 2023 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.

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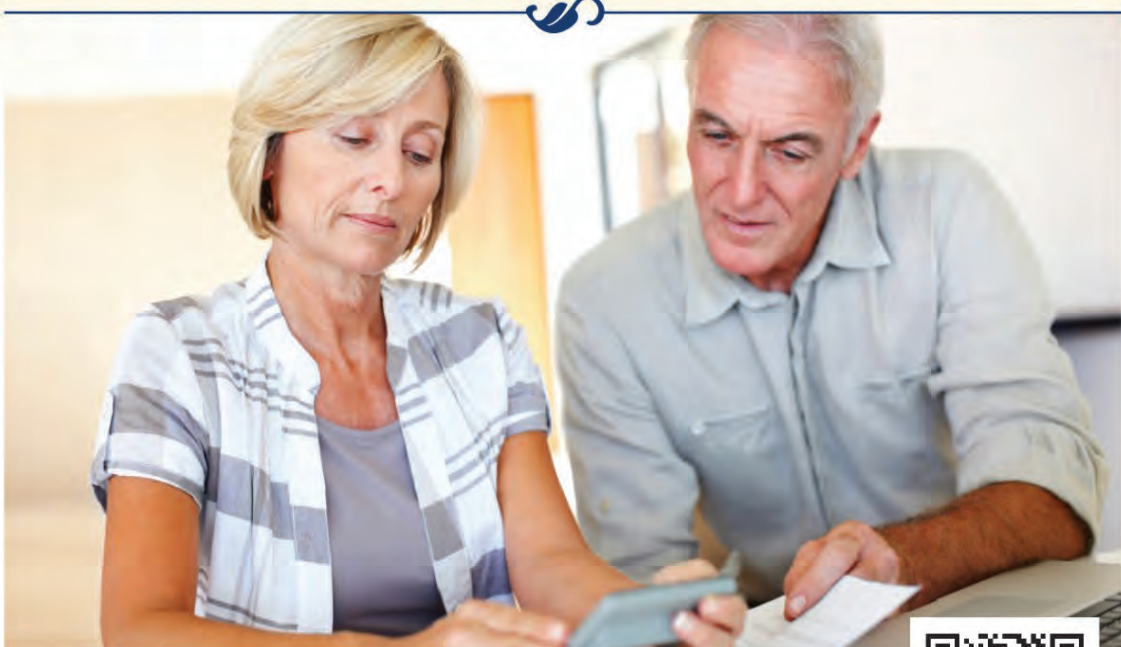
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Ware Triad hosts potato bar Nov. 15

WARE – Ware Triad will host a potato bar dinner at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 5-7 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 per person and the meal included a make-your-own loaded potato with many toppings to choose from. There will be raffles and prizes.



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Community dinners give reason to be thankful

Church offers free Thanksgiving and Christmas meals

By Dave Blessinger and Barbara Blessinger

Coordinators for the Ware Community Free Holiday Dinners

Once again, the United Church of Ware will be offering free Thanksgiving dinners on Nov. 23 and for Christmas on Dec. 25 to anyone in the Ware community.

We will once again this year offer take-out and delivery options. Last year, we sent out approximately 170 meals and delivered approximately 125 meals.

Our hope is that those who have volunteered in the past will return to help us out again this year, but there is always room for others who wish to join us. Help would be needed Thanksgiving morning.

We realize that this is often time spent with family; however, the time spent helping those in need will surely make your day even better. If you have helped us in the past, and wish to assist again, or would like to be a first time volunteer, please call us, Dave and Barbara Blessinger at 401-465-9686.

If you have ever cooked a turkey, or have experience baking pies or desserts, assisted in food preparation, made stuffing, cut 80 pounds of potatoes, or packaged up almost 300 meals, we need your help. If you can carry meals from the kitchen to waiting delivery drivers or to waiting cars in the parking lot, we need your help.

Please call us at the number above if you are willing to help again this year. If you are a new volunteer, we would enjoy meeting you and appreciate the help. It is a fun and fulfilling time.

Monetary donations are always appreciated, please send you check to United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., Ware, MA 01082, with a notation "Holiday Dinners". All funds left after meal related expenses are donated to the community.

What do we need?

20 Turkeys weighing 20 pounds or more. We cannot accept turkeys cooked in your pri-

vate home. We will arrange them to be cooked. Please call me to find out when the thawed turkey should be delivered to the church.

400 to-go containers.
400 to-go dessert containers.
24 16-ounce cans of chicken broth (or eight large cans/boxes (32-ounce) both fat free and low sodium please.

Eight rolls paper towels.
Four large size (18-inch) Heavy Duty Reynolds Wrap Aluminum Foil
48 cans cranberry sauce.
15 pounds onions
12 pounds of butter
Eight boxes of Bells Seasoning
Sweet Breads (served as appetizers)

Homemade pies and other desserts (this could be our greatest need).

Please be sure to call Dave Blessinger if planning to assist with purchasing any of the above to avoid duplication.

How to order a meal

If you would like a fresh cooked turkey dinner, with all the fixings including dessert delivered to your home on Thanksgiving (within the Town of Ware only) or if you would like to come to the Church to pick-up your meal, please call the Church at 413-967-9981.

If you get the answering machine, please clearly leave your name and phone number; we will call you back.

Only meals reserved on or before Monday, Nov. 13 will be guaranteed.

We rarely, if ever, have any food remaining after reserved meals are distributed. Please treat your volunteers with kindness and respect.

Please note that due to our production volume of meals that day, we cannot honor custom meal requests. All meals are prepared the same for everybody.

Both delivery volunteers and those wanting to pick up their meals, will line up in the United Church of Ware parking lot off Park Avenue.

Arrival times and instructions will be provided when you call to reserve your meal. Please be aware that out of fairness to all, only those names on our list will be welcomed to join the line.

As always, all of us look forward to serving you.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving.

WARE BOH from page 1

ReSource Waste will continue to follow state idling laws, and adhere to the facilities 15 mph speed limit (5 mph at railroad crossing).

To reduce sound, the Board had requested that the overhead doors be partially closed until Stage 2, when the building expansion would allow doors to be fully closed unless trucks are entering/exiting.

If a sound engineer determines that ReSource Waste exceeds acceptable sound limits after Stage 2 is complete, the company may look into installing a sound wall to mitigate it.

John Farese, vice president of Business Management at ReSource Waste said the facility may want to put a sound wall up anyway, due to the convenience of being able to leave the overhead doors open.

ReSource Waste's attorney noted that the sound expert tes-

tified during the site assignment hearing that closing the door wouldn't be that effective to mitigate sound.

If needed, the sound wall would likely be placed near Grenville Park and Walter Drive.

The Board and ReSource Waste agreed that whichever option was quieter would be the best choice.

ReSource Waste will also investigate the use of having an electric railcar mover, rather than a diesel-powered one.

The Board also requested that pavement at the site be properly maintained, to further reduce truck noise from traveling over bumpy terrain.

ReSource Waste will provide monthly reports that would include any sound complaints received.

Quarterly reviews by a peer reviewer will be paid for by ReSource Waste, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 annually.

School district sees increase in overall attendance

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – Superintendent Michael Lovato said overall attendance districtwide has increased this September, compared to last year's data.

"We have a lot of good staff, but if our kids aren't present then we're missing out on an education," he said at the School Committee's Oct. 25 meeting.

Lovato said average daily attendance for many of the grade levels have jumped from around 80% to over 90%. He said the goal for the school district is 95% compared to last year's year-end attendance rate of 88%.

Admission has also been conducting home visits for chronically absent students. Rewards and recognitions have been implemented for students with perfect attendance.

"We're also keeping track of our mobility rate," Lovato said. He said the number of students coming into

the district has increased slightly. "We continue to gain students, little by little," he said.

Lovato said as far as discipline, there have been four emergency removals and six short suspensions. He said the majority of the removals were due to possession of marijuana or vape pens.

He said the High School has done a "fantastic job" addressing marijuana and vape use in the bathrooms.

"The administration and the teachers have done a phenomenal job making sure that every position and post are manned. There's teachers at every one of the bathrooms, the kids are signing in and out of the bathrooms," Lovato said.

He said one of the challenges the school district faces with vape pens is having to search students for contraband, which can be invasive. A metal detecting wand to search for vape pens could help with the process, while eliminating the need for staff to put their hands in student's pockets.

Lovato said the school dis-

trict will work with the Police Department and attorney to ensure all searches are adequate.

Lovato said 63 high school seniors are on track to graduate, while six are behind on their required credits.

"There may be some challenges in graduating those six, but we're definitely going to try," he said. "My goal is to graduate every single one of those kids."

Budget update

Andy Paquette of TMS, Inc. provided an update to the school district's budget. The review resulted in a positive impact on the budget, after eliminating positions that are not going to be filled or programs the school district wouldn't need.

"This reflects all the personnel changes as of that time that we had met prior," Paquette said.

This positive impact will allow the school district to keep at least \$200,000 in school choice reserves. Paquette said they are still reviewing special education transportation needs.

Secretarial/clerical contract

School Committee Vice-Chair Brian Winslow said there were changes to the language and dollar amounts in the three-year contract for the school district's Secretarial and Clerical Association.

Lovato said the negotiating team for this contract were "beyond professional," even when the parties didn't see eye-to-eye on terms.

The School Committee voted to approve the settlement agreement with the Secretarial and Clerical Association.

Use of facilities

The School Committee approved the use of the parking lot for a bulky waste day and to place donation bins in the Middle School parking lot.

Lovato said two collection bins for clothing and other items will be placed by the gym, away from the dumpster. They will be placed there for about a month.

The School Committee also waived the use of facilities fee for the bulky waste day.

WISHES from page 1

Wishing Well Charities, Inc. is all about granting wishes for families who seek financial help to be able to celebrate life's special moments. The charity is grateful for their sponsors, Safelite Autoglass and B'leaf Wellness Centre.

The charity was started by Belinda and Chris Midura in 2020. Both had the idea of wanting to grant wishes to members of the community in need for several years.

With the help of family and friends, Belinda and Chris managed to grant their wish to start Wishing Well Charities, Inc. and always persevere in making a difference.

This year's fundraiser at Teresa's Restaurant was all about raising funds to help grant wishes year-round. Proceeds of the guest tickets for this year's fundraiser go toward supporting this goal.

In addition to the fundraiser, a silent auction took place after dinner and live music. The items were generously donated by residents and local businesses.

The music was provided by the Time Trippers who gave an inspiring performance as guests hit the dance floor.

Wishing Well Charities, Inc. also used this fundraiser to reward a couple of residents who put in a lot of time and dedication to serving the town of Ware. The awards were for recognition of outstanding dedication to the Ware Community.

Peter Harder and Kathy Deschamps were named the two recipients of the awards. Both



Guests flooded the banquet room for Wishing Well Charities, Inc.'s fundraiser.

Harder and Deschamps have put in countless hours of work to support the community and are known for their efforts in decorating the town Christmas tree and the lights on Main Street.

Prior to receiving the awards, the Miduras gave a special thank and brief introduction speech to share the hard work that Deschamps and Harder have done. Deschamps has also worked tirelessly to provide holiday events such as Ware Holiday Flair and Christmas drive-thru at Grenville Park.

Deschamps and Harder accepted the awards and in both their speeches thanked Wishing Well Charities, Inc. and the community.

Both Belinda and Chris Midura enjoyed having their third fall fundraiser and strongly believe it lives up to their vision of the charity.

"It is a difference maker," Chris said.



Award recipients Kathy Deschamps and Peter Harder alongside Wishing Well Charities, Inc.'s Chris and Belinda Midura.



Time Trippers were the live entertainment during the fall fundraiser.



Sports memorabilia and Bruins tickets were available during the silent auction with a signed basketball by Jayson Tatum.

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Hamilton on Foreign Policy

As Americans, we have a duty to respond to disasters

The earthquakes that struck northwestern Afghanistan this month were devastating and horrific.

They caused at least 1,295 deaths and injured at least 1,800 people, according to the United Nations. They compounded a humanitarian crisis that has grown worse since the Taliban took over the country in 2021.

Faced with such immense suffering, the human response is to want to help, and we are.

The U.S. Agency for International Development, our nation's primary international disaster response agency, is providing \$12 million in humanitarian assistance. Other nations and private organizations are also providing relief.

But the scale of the world's suffering can seem overwhelming, and 2023 has been an especially bad year:

In February, two powerful earthquakes hit southern Turkey, killing more than 50,000 people in Turkey and war-torn Syria and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless. They were the deadliest quakes in Turkey's modern history.

In September, a massive Mediterranean storm dumped heavy rain on Libya. Two dams collapsed, resulting in floods that killed more than 11,000 people and displaced tens of thousands. It followed a string of deadly floods in China, Brazil, Greece and elsewhere.

Also in September, an earthquake struck the High Atlas Mountains in Morocco, killing nearly 3,000 people, injuring over 5,000 and leaving many homeless in remote areas.

There have been disasters here at home, including the wildfires that killed nearly 100

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Carm Huntress is shown helping to build the Hardwick Community Playground in this 1991 photo.

Former resident remembers building playground

Editor's note: Carm Huntress was featured in the "Are You Old News?" section of the June 29 issue of the Ware River News.

My name is Carm Huntress and a good friend in Hardwick cut this picture out for me.

I am in the process of building what I would call a hanging xylophone at the Hardwick Community Playground that was built next to the Hardwick Elementary School in the early 1990s. The memory of doing this is actually quite vivid.

After passing away from cancer, my mother Gwen Huntress, galvanized the community of Hardwick to build a playground in my father's name. Through various fundraisers the community pulled the money together and we worked hand in hand with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build the playground.

It was an amazing thing to be part of and gave me an opportunity to both grieve and celebrate my father's life and his contribution to the community he loved so much. Sadly, my mother also died of cancer a few years later but they both left an incredible impression on me of how to contribute and serve your community for the greater good.

I miss them both dearly to this day, but I am so lucky that I got to spend my childhood in the amazing community and people of Hardwick.

Carm Huntress



Two ways to enjoy bulbs next spring

My spring bulbs are almost all in the ground.

That is saying a lot, considering at work I plant over 2,000 of them! Daffodils, tulips and hyacinth will all welcome visitors to the museum in April and May.

Bulb planting is a ritual that I have come to love. I think in part because the process assists Mother Nature in her efforts to usher in springtime and all of its glorious color!

Did you ever wonder why certain bulbs bloom in the spring? Once you understand the life cycle of specific bulbs you can succeed with bulbs outdoors as well as inside.

Most spring flowering bulbs are native to areas of the world where the fall and winter is cool, and rainfall is abundant. Summers are typically hot and dry.

During the summer bulbs lie dormant, but when temperatures drop and rain moistens the soil each fall, they are awakened and begin to grow new roots and mature their flower buds. Roughly three months later, as soil temperatures rise, bulbs send up foliage and flowers.

When spring rains cease and the soil dries out, bulbs are cued into dormancy once again - their foliage yellows and disappears and the bulbs wait out the arrival of fall to start the cycle all over again.

What this tells us is that we should plant our bulbs before the mercury dips too low. This will give them a chance to root.

Soil temperatures of 50-55 degrees are ideal. If the fall is dry, providing supplemental watering is also a good idea to encourage the rooting process...this year we don't have to worry about that.

What do roots do exactly? You know that they provide food and water to the bulb, but in addition, they anchor it into the soil - very necessary during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter and early spring.

We also learned that there are two times when the bulb is in active growth - when it is rooting, and again in the spring when it sends up its leaves and flower stem. Feeding during these periods is most effective.

I generally broadcast a small amount of organic, well-balanced granular fertilizer into the garden, turn over the soil and plant my bulbs, usually in clumps of at least five bulbs, two-three times their width apart and the same for depth. If you are careful about marking where you've planted them, a top dressing of fertilizer can be added in early spring.

Likewise, you could also wait until you see the first stems poke through the ground and feed them.

I'm sure many gardeners never even thought about what flower bulbs did during the summer months. Now that we understand that they are dormant, merely waiting, we can plant them accordingly, away from spots that pool water and that stay as dry as possible.

Now that we understand a bulb's life cycle, how can we use it to ensure some indoor cheer?

Bulbs need anywhere from 11-20 weeks of chilling and a few more thereafter to bloom. This guide can be used: Crocus require 15 weeks of cold; hyacinth 11-14 weeks, daffodils 15-17 weeks and tulips 14-20 weeks (depending upon season of bloom).

Pick a date which you'd like the bulb to bloom and count backwards. Hypothetically if I want hyacinths to bloom in time for Valentine's Day, planting them within the next week or two would be right on target.

Bulbs can be planted quite close to one

another in regular potting soil and your choice of pot. Clay is not recommended because it will dry out readily.

Water lightly to settle the soil, then place the container in a cold, dark location where temps fall between 38 and 45 degrees. One year I used an old refrigerator; another year the crawl space under our office.

I even tried placing pots of bulbs under the bottom steps of my bulk head. Each worked at maintaining low temps, but did have its own idiosyncrasies.

Keep bulbs away from fruit in storage- especially apples, whereby ethylene gas could disfigure the bulbs, and also be on the lookout for rodents looking for lunch.

Daffodils and hyacinth are usually unappetizing.

Check bulbs often, especially as the chilling period draws to a close. You will know the bulbs are close to being ready to move to a new location when sprouting occurs and roots are visible through the drainage holes; soon after, the top will start to grow as well.

After the top has put on an inch of growth, move it to a cool, bright location, about 50-55 degrees. Stems will elongate and flower buds will form after a few weeks.

When in flower, keep the plants cool to prevent legginess - consider enjoying them in your living spaces during the day, but moving them to a cooler climate at night for increased longevity.

It's about now when the garden centers begin their mark-down of spring bulbs. Try your hand at forcing once and it will become your annual ritual!

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GUEST COLUMN

Getting that Rocky Mountain high

By Julie Midura

Tom and I spent two weeks circling the state of Colorado last month, filling our days trodding through the wilderness and spending our nights sleeping in a rented van.

For perhaps the very first time, I was at a loss for words. Because how does one go about describing moments when there is a visceral connection between what your eyes are seeing and what your heart is feeling?

The landscape was profoundly beautiful, and mere words could never convey the depth and breadth of the majesty we witnessed.

Glacial lakes infused with a shade of blue that is most often seen in a gemstone rather than in a basin of water. A blue that is more of a celebration than merely a color.

Jagged, snowcapped mountain peaks stretching to the heavens. Abundant wildlife encounters with elk, moose, bighorn sheep, coyote, fox, deer, pine marten and marmot.

For two weeks, we couldn't stop smiling... except for the day we climbed Mount Elbert. Behind the summit smile was the worst physical suffering that I have ever endured.

Tom and I live in Ludlow, which is approximately 360 feet above sea level. The highest mountain we've ever climbed is Mount Washington in New Hampshire, which stands at 6,288 feet.

The elevation gain of 14,433-foot Mount Elbert in Colorado is just a few hundred feet more than the elevation gain of Mount Washington, and the terrain itself is no more challenging. But there's one enormous difference.

Altitude.
At 12,000 feet above sea level, the reduced



Upper Blue Lake, San Juan Mountains

air pressure means that you're sucking in 30-40% less oxygen than you take in at sea level. Breathing increases and your heart pumps faster to deliver oxygen to your organs and extremities.

The reduced oxygen affects everyone differently. Tom did fine. I did not.

We spent six days hiking in Colorado to acclimatize our bodies to the higher altitude before attempting to climb Mount Elbert. As it

turns out, six days wasn't enough.

Our hike begins at the North Mount Elbert Trailhead at 5:15 on a chilly Thursday morning. The light from our headlamps illuminates the path below our feet for the first hour.

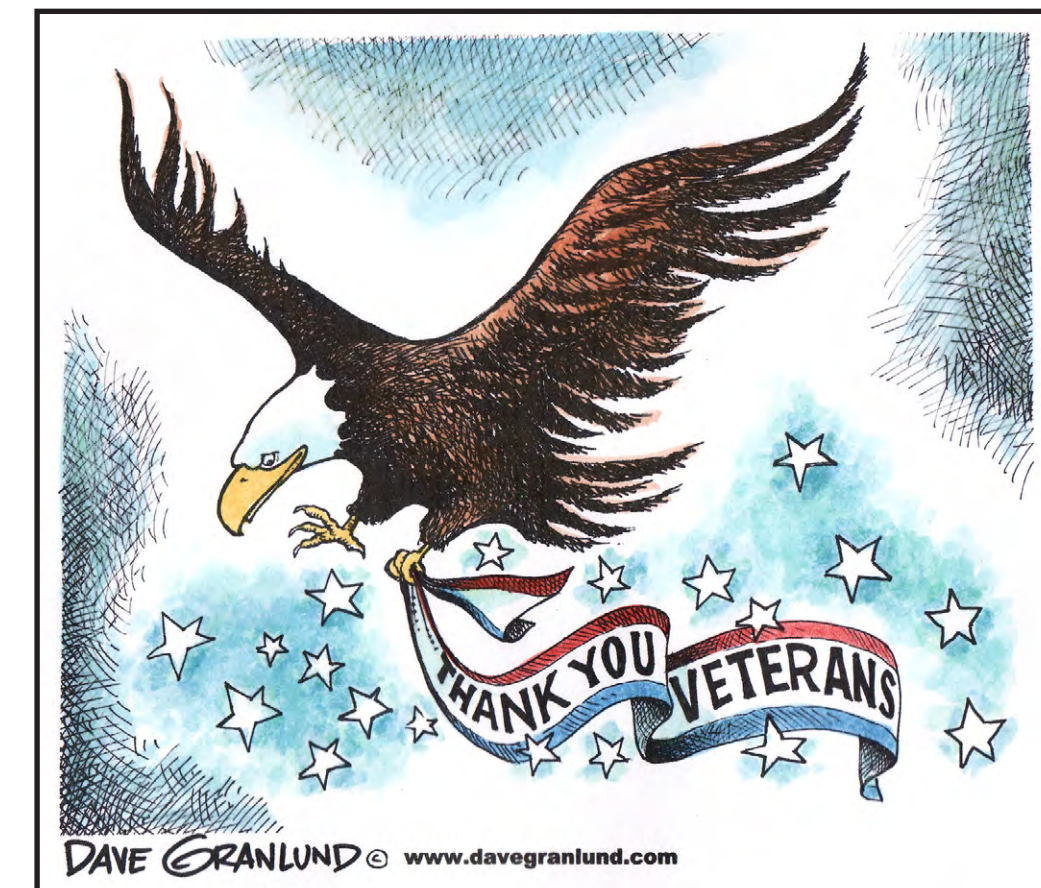
By the time we break tree line at 7:30 a.m., my heart is beating furiously. I slow down in an attempt to catch my breath and I tell Tom

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On the summit of Mt. Elbert.

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education

News from Ware Public Schools

From the desk of
Michael P. Lovato
Superintendent of Schools

In Massachusetts, open quarrelling over whether the 2020 pandemic is still to blame for insurmountable obstacles to student performance, or if enough time has passed to expect an observable closing of the achievement dip should have already been achieved has come to a temporary impasse.

As emergency relief funds quickly dwindle, many districts are left pointing to the curriculum that has been purchased, technology that has been acquired, and the support staff that has been employed as signs that they have done everything they can to re-achieve the lost results of the past half decade.

Yet, year after year, test scores here in Ware and across the state at-large are released showing little to no statistically significant change in student performance.

It's much the same for many schools and districts across the country: As more money is spent on materials and training, many of our neighboring districts and charter schools tend to point to isolated, short-term, boosts in achievement, yet systematically when looked at over time, student achievement has stagnated or even declined.

For districts state-wide serving low-income, minority and non-English speaking populations, the trends are even more severe.

"The truth is, I can tell you how successful a child will be at my school based on the teacher he or she is assigned. That is so hard for me to say, but it is the reality," said one veteran principal. "If I could enroll students consecutively in the classrooms of my most skilled teachers, I know that we could rival the scores of any premier district or charter school in the state."

Though difficult for us to admit as a district and uncomfortable to discuss with both teachers and parents, this analysis of individual teacher skills has brought about new hope as Ware schools are looking to maximize teacher learning by getting the biggest bang for every minute of professional development possible.

We are proud to report that as educators across Ware truly analyze our local data for the first time, many find that the consistent trends in their students' overall achievement coordinate directly with their individual strengths and weaknesses.

One teacher relates, "I love teaching reading. I am really good at it. And my scores, they show it.

Writing...well I am always asking for help and ideas on how to teach students to write...I'm never surprised when those scores are lower."

Teachers at these schools have begun embracing the opportunity to teach students differently than they always have in order to achieve better scores than they have been able. Professional development in these schools looks at teacher learning in many of the same ways highly skilled teachers view small-group student learning.

Individualize teacher skill development based on specific and observable areas of need.

Move staff development from the training room into the classroom.

Focus less on theory and more on real-world application with students present.

Partner teachers with expert coaches who diagnose and prescribe practices that maximize strengths.

Coach teachers in real time to adopt specific behaviors that improve student learning.

This approach rejects the traditional theory and pattern of teacher development in favor of methods and funding that look more like those used in professions like law and medicine. Instead of large capital investments in mass training and the purchase of new materials, we are spending less and getting more.

Here in Ware, we have changed both the form and function of professional development by:

Reducing or eliminating out-of-classroom trainings

Shrinking the size of training groups based on individually diagnosed teacher needs.

Sharing the responsibility of improvement between teachers and in-class coaches

Focusing on a specific skills and teacher behaviors that impact instruction throughout the school day

Leveraging my past experience training for the United States Army, the Department of Corrections, and school turnaround projects nationwide, we have worked closely with voices across the district, including those of our students to craft an improvement plan that moves the bulk of teacher training into the classroom, professional development that responds immediately to areas that can be improved for the benefit of each individual student group.

It also saves money and increases the overall instructional minutes by reducing substantially the cost of substitute teachers

typically needed for out of class trainings and eliminates the need for numerous early-release or weekend mass trainings.

"We now work more with experts in one day than we could have in an entire month during past years," said a school principal. "And I can see the results immediately during and after each coaching session."

Even the students see the value, one reported to his school superintendent, "Seeing my teacher make mistakes and be coached is really cool. It's like everyone is always learning. I like that."

Dr. Ginger Coleman, our new Director of Student Services, asserts that traditional teacher learning models tend to inhibit the maximum effectiveness of teachers and schools, in addition to stifling the transformation of school culture, especially for low-achieving schools looking to improve.

"As a principal and now a district leader," Coleman explains. "It has become increasingly important to find ways to help teachers become successful inside of the classroom. Long gone are the days when teachers could attend a four-hour seminar and implement a program with fidelity. This has nothing to do with the ability or willingness of teachers. Rather it has to do with the rigor that is expected in classrooms. Our new model has been the most successful way to support teachers while learning new teaching methods. This impacts student learning immediately because teachers are supported as they implement new skills."

Though the partnership between the Ware School Committee and the district's new leadership team is only in its beginning stages, the unanimous support for our goals of turning Ware into a district that draws students to our schools instead of a district that has seen a decrease in enrollment to other educational options is a top priority.

We, every teacher, principal, support staff member, and I feel a great sense of pride to work in Ware. We see it as a privilege to educate the children of our community and we will stop at nothing to make Ware Public Schools a place that our community sees as a district that they feel privileged to send their children to every single day.

Soon Ware will no longer be a place that children have to go, but instead a place parents boast about their children going do to the improvements that we are actively making here with our teachers and on our campuses every single day.



Warren Fire Department's firetrucks lit up the night to lead the parade.

Parade closes out Halloween fun for another year

WARREN –After trick or treating in town, families and friends gather to walk in a parade full of Halloween cheer.

The parade is led by the Warren Fire Department, whose firetrucks light the streets of town and lead the way to Station B. Many fam-

ilies hurried to the intersection of North and Main streets in West Warren for the beginning of the parade.

The Halloween parade in town is a tradition the residents of Warren and West Warren have enjoyed for years. Hundreds of res-

idents gathered behind one of the firetrucks to show their costumes in the parade and enjoy Halloween.

It was a happy Halloween as the kids enjoyed town wide trick or treating and many got to be a part of the parade, experiencing the fun their town has to offer.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Residents gathered at the intersection of North and Main street to start the Halloween parade.

CONCERT from page 2

"Aleko's Cavatina" from Sergei Rachmaninoff's first opera. These lyrical songs of nature and tragic love will resonate with listeners approaching a New England winter.

The program will then switch magically to Disney-inspired songs: Liz Calloway's show-stopping "Once Upon a December," nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Original Song, and the transformative "Evermore," as Beauty and the Beast's title character learns to love and expresses his heartbreak and loneliness for the first time. Delights continue with beloved gems from musical theater.

In the second half of the program, the talented singers will open up their gifts for holiday season listening.

This concert is supported in part by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

At home viewers may enjoy watching recordings of previous concerts through links on the Friends of the Stone Church website: FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org/music/.

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 pro-

tect the Gilbertville Stone Church Cultural Center and to make it available as a place of community enrichment.

The FOSC are currently in Phase 4 of stabilizing the stone tower, with funding, in part, from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, a program of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, administered through a collaborative agreement between MassDevelopment and the Mass Cultural Council.

Donations toward the ongoing preservation project and FOSC programs can be made by visiting FriendsOfTheStoneChurch.org, or by mailing to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

STM is Nov. 16

WARREN – A special town meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Quaboag Regional Middle High School auditorium, 284 Old West Brookfield Road.

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Ferrera said article 8 is new, and asks voters to prepare for a potential vacancy with the position of Town Accountant. The Town Accountant is currently in negotiations for the position of Town Administrator in another municipality.

"We have to make plans to address a potential vacancy for the position of Town Accountant," he said.

Ferrera said \$16,000 will have to be transferred from the Town Accountant's salary line to the Assistant Town Accountant's salary line to cover any additional hours that position would have to cover.

He said if the Town Accountant remains in her position with the town, then the article will be passed over at the special town meeting.

Article 13 is slightly different Ferrera said, following a suggestion made by Board of Selectmen Clerk Derick Veliz. For an additional \$300, voters would vote to approve the purchase of speed limit signs to be placed under electronic speed signs.

This addition would bring the amount transferred from free cash to \$9,300.

Ferrera said there are also modifications to article 19, changing from a new 48-inch V-plow, to a secondhand V-plow at a significantly lower cost. Ferrera said the Highway Surveyor added a request for a Buffalo turbine.

The savings and the cost of the additional item bring the Highway Department's article total up to \$12,880.35 from receipts reserved from appropriations, which is \$400 more than the original request.

Article 34 was slightly modified to address the establishment of capital planning, Ferrera said. The current capital planning bylaw

needed to be updated, adding the position of Town Administrator as an ex-officio member to the committee with no right to vote.

He said the \$5,000 cost threshold needs to be updated to \$25,000, due to the rising costs. Capital forecasting will also be shifted to four years, instead of five years.

Ferrera said the changes are all listed under section 2 of the bylaw. These changes have been approved by town counsel.

The Board voted to accept and close the special town meeting warrant. The special town meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Quaboag Regional Middle High School.

Town Administrator's report

Ferrera said the town is in a strong position financially going into the special town meeting, and will continue to be even if all spending is approved by voters.

Ferrera said he is working on

drafting the departments' budget calendar now, in preparation for the annual town meeting in June.

He said a tax classification will be held at the end of this month.

Review of memorandum

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Ferrera addressed to all boards and committees about recording open meetings.

"After notifying the chair of the public body, any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting of a public body or may transmit the meeting through any medium subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment being used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, the chair shall inform other attendees of any recordings. I would highly recommend that each chair of a public body ask if anyone is recording their meetings so that other attend-

ees are notified of said recording. If a public body does not allow for said recording to happen, then that body could be in violation of state law and subject to an open meeting law complaint."

Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said meetings are open to the public and should be accessible to the public. He said many people watch the meetings through Warren Community Access Television, YouTube or Facebook live.

Trick or Treat hours

Dufresne said he received positive feedback about Halloween activities in town, but he received requests to extend the Trick or Treat hours. He said the Board will talk with Fire Chief Adam Lavoie and Police Chief Gerald Millette about the possibility of changing the hours for next year.

The Board credited the Parks and Recreation for holding another successful and well-attended Haunted House.

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All calls will be answered.
Thank you very much from Club 12.



Children get ready for some post-Halloween fun.
Braiden Hutchins-Bowles, age 8 and Jace Hutchins-Bowles, age 6, were ready to roll their pumpkins at the Hardwick Elementary School PTO's annual Pumpkin Rolling Contest held this past Saturday.



Bingo!
Children's Librarian Cathy Goulet leads the Young Men's Library Association's Bingo Night.

The Great Pumpkin Roll



Bryn Jones, age 9, won the award for "Most Destroyed" pumpkin.



Philip Buck and Aine Buck, age 10, wait for the start of the Pumpkin Rolling Contest.



Hardwick Elementary School PTO volunteers measured how far the pumpkins rolled.



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The Lance family enjoyed racing their pumpkins in the Pumpkin Rolling Contest.



Isabelle Wentworth, age 12, William Wentworth, age 11 and Rose Wentworth, age 7 smiled before racing their pumpkins to the bottom of the hill.



LEFT: Children raced to collect pieces of their smashed pumpkins.

Library hosts monthly game night for families to enjoy

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

WARE – In the spirit of Halloween and all things spooky, the Young Men's Library Association hosted a Bingo Night for kids in October.

The night was filled with fun and laughter with four teams competing for who can get the best prizes at the end of the night - and some yummy candy goody bags and ghost lollipops to take home.

The Children's Librarian at Library, Cathy Goulet, was very excited about the turnout for the event, and the number of families who came to have a fun time playing bingo.

"It's part of what I want to do to provide consistent programming. We want to reach people of different interests," Goulet said.

The Bingo Night was a fun experience, and Goulet hopes to begin hosting monthly Bingo Nights for kids and families and hope to begin more fun events for all to enjoy.

Bingo Nights will be held on the last Thursday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The next Bingo Night will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30 in the Reading Room.

The Library also hosts a Lego Club, and partners with the local Ware Family Center to provide more fun



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas
Jackson Metzermacher and his grandma, Mary West, taking on the challenge to win more spooky prizes.

activities for all to enjoy.
"We really like working together," Goulet said, about the Ware Family Center.

"The library is an essential part of the community. My hope is that it becomes a very welcoming and friendly place," she said.

The Library hopes to have more and more opportunities for the community to come together and enjoy fun activities. Make sure to follow "Ware Library" on Facebook or visit warelibrary.org.



Skylar Correa (right) and her trusty partner Amy Pafumi (left) were ready to get five in a row to win Bingo.



Kora Bigelow and Tonya Kalesnik had the first Bingo prize of the night.

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Gavin Sawabi follows his blockers on another productive run.



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Talan Molina swings wide to the sideline on this run.

Single field goal hurts Ware in playoff defeat

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—Every high school football player in Massachusetts dreams about playing in a Super Bowl game at Gillette Stadium.

The members of the Ware football team, especially the seven seniors, were hoping to make a trip to Foxborough for the first time in a couple of weeks.

Those dreams were put on hold for another year, as the fifth-seeded Indians suffered a 3-0 loss to the 12-seeded Randolph Blue Devils in the Division 8 Round of 16 state tournament game played at Veteran's Field, last Friday night.

"This group of seniors has been stellar," said Ware head coach Mike Fazio. "They put endless amounts of work and time in, and I feel bad for them to have it end on their home field like this. We just made too many mistakes. We had a couple of penalties and a couple of costly turnovers. I'm very proud of the way these kids handled everything in tonight's game."

The seniors listed on the Indians varsity football roster are Jacob Witt, Kyle Gordon, Ayden Young, Dominic Guardino, Noah Fales, Kyle Safford, and Talan Molina.

"It's definitely a disappointing loss for us, but Randolph is a fantastic football team," said Safford, who's one of the Indians senior captains, along with Molina, Fales, Young, and Gordon. "We tried our best, but they just outplayed us tonight. Their line was tough, their linebackers were tough, they didn't have any weaknesses that we could really exploit."

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Kyle Safford gets ready to pull the ball in.



Remy Cahalan keeps the ball from going out of bounds.

Late goals hurt Ware in WMass final

WARE – Despite a Joruan Mukiiibi goal in the first half that got things going for Ware boys soccer, Mt. Greylock was able to come back and get a pair of goals in the second half for a 2-1 win in the finals of the Western Mass. Class C Tournament held last Wednesday evening at Agawam High School. Ware defeated Mahar and Hampden Charter to reach that game. Following the finals, Ware headed for the State Division 5 tournament. Highlights from that appearance will be in next week's edition.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Joruan Mukiiibi takes possession in the middle of the field.



A scrum in front of the net is broken up when goalie Jack Gaudreau makes a play.



Jacoby Labillois sends a pass away.



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Ryan Miner corral the ball before turning around and moving upfield.



Brayden Lopato plays the ball on defense.



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Hart Waz makes a throw-in.

Cougars get by McCann in first round

WARREN – Last Thursday afternoon, Quabog boys soccer began the state tournament, facing off against McCann Technical, a Western Mass. team. The Cougars, which went 4-7-3 in the regular season, defeated McCann 3-1 and advanced into the Round of 32.



Reed Waz stops an opposing player's progress.

Panthers win Central Mass. title

CLINTON – Last Monday night, Quabbin field hockey captured the Central Mass. Athletic Director Tournament championship, defeating Clinton 2-1. Makenzie Casey and Kylie Casey scored the goals for the Panthers. Quabbin handed Clinton its first loss this season. The Panthers would move on to face St. Paul's in the start the of Division 4 State Tournament last Thursday.

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Annabelle Magil challenges the defender for the ball.



Jullianna Stanger comes out of the net to make a save.



Madylin Berault goes stick to stick to come up with the ball.



Farrah Wojick races to beat the Clinton defender.

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Ethan DeBettencourt catches up to the ball.



Jaleel Nevue-Roman separates from his opponent.



Owen Pear sends a shot away.



Talon Clark goes after a loose ball.



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Evan Costa plays the ball off his side.

Costa scores pair in playoff win

PALMER – Last Friday afternoon, Pathfinder defeated Hoosac Valley, another Western Mass. team, in the opening round of the Division 5 State Tournament. Evan Costa scored twice while Riley Sanderson and Jaleel Nevue-Roman scored single goals. Richie Gula had eight saves while getting the win in goal. The Pioneers moved on to play Douglas in the next round.



Luke Salvatore makes an interception that leads to a touchdown.

Monty Tech best Quabbin in nonplayoff action



Adam Adams drops back to pass.



Chase Talbot runs in for the two-point conversion.

BARRE – Last Friday night, Monty Tech defeated host Quabbin 41-24 in Week 9. Quabbin held an early lead thanks to a Luke Salvatore touchdown followed by a Chase Talbot two-point conversion run for an 8-6 lead. But Monty Tech scored three touchdowns in the second quarter to take a commanding lead and the Panthers were unable to come back from that. Quabbin faces St. Bernard's in Week 10.



Turley photos by Ray Duffy
Connor Breeds breaks up the pass.

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It was the second time during the past three years that Randolph (4-4) celebrated a playoff victory on the Indians home field. Two years ago, the Blue Devils returned two kickoffs for touchdowns leading to a 16-10 victory in the Division 8 quarterfinals.

"It's heartbreaking losing to them again this year," Safford added. "We had huge aspirations for this season. We put in so much work as a team and we do everything together as a big family. We've improved a lot this year."

Just like they did two years ago, Ware entered the 2023 state tournament with a perfect 8-0 record.

The Indians also qualified for the state tournament last year with a 7-1 regular season record. They were the 12th seed and lost to fifth-seeded Old Colony, 22-15, on

the road in the round of 16.

"I like playing teams that we don't normally get to play against," Fazio said. "Every time we've lost in the playoffs the last three years, we've had a chance at the end to go make a play and we haven't done it."

While the Indians defense held the Blue Devils without a touchdown, it was the first time that the Indians offense was shutout in a game since they lost, 29-0, to Belchertown in the 2018 season opener.

According to Fazio, Molina, who's a running back, played with an ACL injury this fall.

After not playing against rival Palmer six days earlier, Molina ran the ball several times against Randolph.

"Talan has been playing on a torn ACL all season long," Fazio said. "He has rushed for more than

800 yards on only one knee, which is incredible. He's fought through more adversaries than any other high school football player that I've coached. He's a stud."

Safford, who's a fullback, gave his thoughts about his backfield mate.

"Talan is one of the most amazing athletes that I've ever met," he said. "I probably wouldn't be able to play football with his injury."

For the first time all season, the Indians used the Wildcat formation on offense with Safford taking most of the snaps from center.

"I hadn't taken a direct snap before tonight's game, but it's something that we've been practicing since the beginning of the season," Safford said. "I couldn't catch the snap at first, but we've kept improving on it. The lineman have also done a great job of blocking this year."

With a little more than two minutes left in the first quarter, Ware junior linebacker Ben Torres recovered a fumble at the Blue Devils 44.

Safford ran the ball on the first seven plays of the series. The home team wound up turning the ball over on downs following two incomplete passes by junior quarterback Brady Dyer.

It was the Indians best offensive drive of the first half, as the contest was still scoreless at half-time.

The Indians were forced to punt on the opening drive of the second half.

The Blue Devils responded with a 14 play drive.

With 2:51 remaining in the third quarter, a personal foul penalty gave the Blue Devils an automatic first down inside the ten yard line.

Four plays later, sophomore Alin Norisca made a 26-yard field goal giving the visiting team a 3-0 lead.

After the Indians were forced to punt less than a minute into the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils put-together a



The Indian defense was intense throughout the battle.

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time consuming drive with 15 running plays. Randolph sophomore Abraham Cornet did attempt a pass on the 16th play, which was intercepted at the one yard line by Ware sophomore Jadrien Berthiaume, who had scored two rushing touchdowns in the regular season finale against Palmer.

The only problem was the Indians offense had no time-outs and with only 1:20 on the scoreboard clock to tie or take the lead.

Dyer did keep the Indians hopes alive by completing a first down pass to Torres, who made a diving catch over the middle. Two plays later Randolph junior Nathaniel Correia intercepted a pass ending the Indians Super Bowl dreams for the third consecutive year.

Ware will be playing a non-playoff game this week making the short trip to Quabog on the night before Thanksgiving. Kickoff for the 14th meeting between the two rivals is slated for 6pm

"The senior class has never beaten Quabog in football," Safford said. "We're hoping to finally do that this year."

With seconds left to the game, Jadrien Berthiaume intercepts a Blue Devil last-ditch effort pass towards the end zone.



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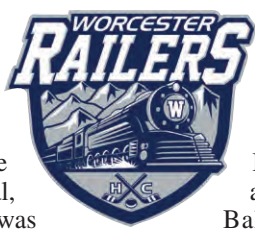
LATE GOALS HURT WARE IN WMASS FINAL

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Worcester Railers drop OT thriller to Adirondack

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Worcester dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to Adirondack, allowing four power play goals along the way. The overtime goal, scored by Matt Stief, was a 4-on-3 goal with Railers forward Zach White in the penalty box for tripping.



defensive zone trying to get off the ice when Adirondack scored.

The Railers goals were scored by Andrei Bakanov, Ashton Calder and Brendan Robbins. Bakanov had two goals to register the first multi-goal game of his Railers career. Anthony Callin, once again a key offensive player for Worcester, had three assists.

From close up, and on replay, it did not look much like a trip and the Railers were careful not to be critical of the call. That could cost them money. They were not happy, but White stood up and took the blame.

"It wasn't a good play," he said. "I was trying for the puck and then he fell...that was terrible by me."

Coach Jordan Smotherman discreetly not critical of the officiating. Neither was he critical of his player.

"That's just the kind of guy he is," Smotherman said of White taking the blame.

There was plenty of blame, but plenty of credit in what turned out to be a terrific game after a sluggish first period. After scoring two goals in the game's first 40 minutes the teams combined for seven in the last 23:16.

The overtime loss earned the Railers one point and after the last two seasons when they missed the playoffs by a point, they can understand the value of that. The problem is that in the third period they blew a 3-1 lead and 4-3 lead before the game went into overtime.

"That can't happen," Smotherman said of the late lapses, "especially their fourth goal. We completely lose our heads and five guys wind up in the corner. That can't happen in small margin games."

The fourth Adirondack goal was scored by Riley Smith with just 2:34 left in the third period. He drilled a 25-foot shot past Tristan Lennox' blocker. What made it worse was that while it was not officially a shorthanded goal, Thunder defenseman Tristan Thompson had been injured near his own net and was still in the

T-Birds fall to Islanders in weekend finale

BRIDGEPORT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-5-0-0) could not withstand a late rally by the Bridgeport Islanders (3-5-1-0) in a 3-2 defeat on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena.



For the first time in three games this weekend, it would be the T-Birds to get the 1-0 lead in the opening period. Operating a man down at the 8:40 mark, Nathan Walker picked up a feed from Calle Rosen and raced into the Islanders zone on a 2-on-1 with Matthew Peca. The captain served as a decoy and Walker wristed a try through the stick side of Ken Appleby, giving Springfield the 1-0 edge. The goal was Walker's seventh of the season and an AHL-best third shorthanded tally.

Walker's goal gave Springfield the lead, but the T-Birds had a difficult time generating much else in the opening 20 minutes, getting outshot 13-5 by Bridgeport in the first frame. While Springfield did successfully kill off nearly a minute of 5-on-3 Bridgeport power play time, the Islanders were able to parlay that offensive momentum into a tying strike by ex-Providence Bruin Sam Asselin at 16:44, when he grabbed a puck neatly off the right-wing wall, spun toward the faceoff dot, and snapped a shot through Vadim Zherenko to deadlock the game, 1-1, heading into the intermission. Asselin's goal marked the third straight Islanders goal scored by the top-line winger dating back over a four-game span.

The T-Birds' power play did not get a chance until the 4:52 mark of the second period, and Springfield did not wait even 10 seconds to get a man-advantage marker for the sixth time in seven games. After Peca won a faceoff, he moved the puck to Joey Duszak at the line, and the veteran defender lifted a wrist shot toward the net. Walker found himself in the middle of the action again, as he deflected it through Appleby's equipment to restore Springfield's lead, 2-1, at the 5:00 mark of the second.

The T-Birds kept on dealing with a relentless flurry of pressure from the Islanders, but Zherenko and the Springfield defense held the fort to take the 2-1 advantage into the third. Zherenko made 27 saves through the first two periods alone.

After a quiet first half of the third period, the T-Birds' defensive levee finally came apart at the 12:02 mark when Matthew Maggio cleaned up a rebound from a Robin Salo shot that had glanced off a T-Birds defender. Maggio tied the score at one apiece, and not even three minutes later, Salo joined the scoring fun, pumping home a rebound off a Karson Kuhlman net drive at 14:25 to give the Islanders their first lead, 3-2.

The T-Birds' offense could not find another tally before time ran out, and thus brought an end to the club's five-game win streak. Zherenko finished his night with 32 stops, while Appleby got his first win despite only needing to block 17 Springfield offerings.

Springfield returned home for the annual T-Birds School Day Game on Wednesday.

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Candlepin League News

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Monday Night Men's League

PALMER – In one match, the Pin Heads bowled against Tag Team. In game one, Pin Heads defeated Tag Team by a score of 370-353.

Dave Dutton of Pin Heads led the team by scoring 107. In game two, it was close but Pin Heads managed to win by one pin by a score of 368-367.

In game three, Pin Heads won by a score of 370-356. For total pinfall, Pin Heads were the winners by a final score of 1108-1076.

Team Yahtzee faced off against Team Boom. In game one, Boom was victorious over Yahtzee by a score of 374-358.

John Carmichael of Boom was well over average by score a 112 game against Yahtzee. In game two, Yahtzee countered with a good game of their own winning 371-331. Rick Clark of Yahtzee scored 102.

In game three, Yahtzee won by a score of 401-371. Mike Wadas of Yahtzee finished strong by scoring 103. For total pinfall, Yahtzee won by a final score of 1130-1076.

The Juicers took on Pin Pigs for a three-game match. In game one, Juicers won by a score of 314-309.

In game two, Pin Pigs won by a score of 330-301. Mike Forgue of Pin Pigs scored 101. In game three, Pin Pigs took the last game of the night by a score of 380-311.

Forgue stayed strong finishing with a 108 final game. His teammate, Bill Kerr finished with a 110 game.

Pin Pigs won total pinfall by a final score 1019-926.

The Four Stooges bowled against the Mugwumps. In game one, the Four Stooges won by a score 358-324.

Marc Pelissier of the Stooges began with a 105 game. In game two, The Four Stooges defeated Mugwumps by a score of 331-307. Pelissier continued staying about his league average by score 102 in

game two.

In game three, Four Stooges won the third and final game by a score of 352-322. Pelissier finished with his high game of the night with a 107. Pelissier's series for the night was 314.

For total pinfall, Four Stooges won with a final score of 1041-953.

Thursday Night Mixed League

As of Oct. 26, there is a tie for first place between Team One and Team Three with 18.5 wins through round 1 of the season.

In one match, Team Two bowled against Team Four for league night. In game one, Team Four defeated Team Two by a score of 399-385.

In game two, Team Four won by a score of 404-394. Danny Fennyngue of Team Two scored 103 in game two.

In game three, Team Four took all three games by winning the last one 416-407.

Team Four took total pinfall for a final score of 1219-1186.

Team Three bowled against Team Six as Team Three hopes to take over 1st place before round one ends. In game one, Team Six was victorious by a score of 401-389. In game two, Team Six stayed strong and won again by a score of 392-372. In game three, Team Six won the third and final game 418-384.

Team Six took total pinfall by a final score of 1211-1145.

The other top seed Team One bowled against Team Five. In game one, Team One was victorious over Team Five by a score of 437-420.

In game two, Team One had another good game and won by a score of 428-392. In game three, Team One took all the points by winning the final game 444-421.

Kris Rickson of Team One had a good night with all three games over 100. His scores consisted of 107, 104, and 125 for a three-game series of 336.

Total pinfall was in favor of Team One by a final score of 1309-1233.

Owls reach conference finals

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University men's soccer team appeared in their first conference title game since 2017, falling to top-seeded Bridgewater State 5-0 in the 2023 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship game from Mazzaferro Field in Bridgewater, Mass. on Sunday.

The Owls conclude a successful season campaign as Westfield (7-8-2) increased their season win total by four games from last year, securing the second overall seed in the MASCAC Tournament.

The Owls run to the title game included a memorable penalty-kick shootout victory over Salem State in the league semifinals to advance to today's conference title game with a relatively short turnaround given the effort and intensity of Friday night's match.

In just his second season as Westfield's head men's soccer coach, Dr. Christopher Streeter led the Owls back to the conference championship match for the first time in six years, coaching a group that was comprised of experienced upper-classmen and impact rook-

ies.

Bridgewater quickly opened the scoring 4:28 into the match with Nicholas Ribeiro (Bellingham, Mass.) potting his sixth goal of the season to put the Bears ahead 1-0. From that point forward, senior David Nelson (East Bridgewater, Mass.) took control of the contest, scoring the next three goals to complete the hatrick, ultimately securing the conference title for a Bears team that suffered just two regulation losses all season.

The Bears outshot the Owls 20-9 in the game as Westfield rotated all four goalkeepers into the match. Luke Theroux (Chicopee, Mass.) wrapped up an impressive first season with the Owls, starting the match and picking up one save.

Senior Drew Adams (North Attleboro, Mass.) stopped all four shots faced while first-year Berto Truoiolo (Springfield, Mass.) got his first taste of postseason play, securing two saves. Senior Collin O'Brien (Windsor Lock, Conn.) also saw playing time in net for Westfield. Coleby Andrade (Falmouth, Mass.) led the Owls with two shots.

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The public is invited to register in advance online for the following workshops: Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m., West Brookfield Town Hall, 2 East Main St., West Brookfield; Thursday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m., Shrewsbury Public Library, 609 Main St., Shrewsbury; Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m., Gladys E. Kelly Library, 2 Lake St., Webster; Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m., Quabbin Regional High/Middle School, 800 South St., Barre; and Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at 6 p.m., WPI's Campus Center Building, 79 Park Avenue, Worcester.

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Bateman said, of his first experience with the program. "Having the experiences I had in theater, and kind of sharing those with my family and participating to honor those that had fallen, was moving to me."

Bateman, a U.S. Army veteran, is just as active in honoring veterans as he is in supporting the town's servicemembers, acting as quartermaster of VFW Post 2577, as well as being a member of the AMVETS Post 2577 and the adjutant for the Ware Veterans Council. He is also Scoutmaster of Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281, an organization that teaches leadership to youth with strong roots in patriotism, community and service.

Bateman enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1981, serving four years of active duty. After a one year break in service, he joined the National Guard and was accepted into the Active Guard Reserve.

He dedicated over 39 years to protecting our country's freedom, retiring on April 1, 2020.

Bateman, his wife Kristin and their children Aaron and Abby, have continued to return to Agawam Veterans Cemetery, and see how each year National Wreaths Across America Day grows.

"As it started to grow there, I saw that it would be nice to be able to branch out in our town," Bateman said. With the help of his friend and former supervisor (who was running the program in Agawam), Bateman prepared a presentation for the town to get approval to bring Wreaths Across America to Ware.

Wreaths Across America became a nonprofit organization in 2007, continuing the wreath-laying tradition started by Morrill Worcester, owner of the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine over 30 years ago.

It all began one year when Worcester's company had a surplus of wreaths and he decided



Submitted Photo
Frank Bateman reads the name on the gravestone as he lays a wreath with the help of his children.

(with the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snow) to place those wreaths in one of the older sections of Arlington National Cemetery, to pay tribute to those who gave their all for their country.

That section of the cemetery received fewer visitors each year that passed, and Worcester wanted to thank those veterans whose sacrifices gave him the freedom and opportunity to build his successful career.

Last year, more than 2.7 million wreaths were placed at 3,702 participating locations in every state of the U.S., Puerto Rico and in 24 overseas cemeteries.

Wreaths Across America requires that in order to place the wreaths, whoever owns the

cemetery has to approve participation in the program.

Right now, Bateman has approval to place wreaths in the municipal cemeteries, including Aspen Grove Cemetery on Pleasant Street, East Church Cemetery (near the United Church of Ware on Church Street) and the two cemeteries by the Ware Center Meeting House on Belchertown Road.

These four cemeteries are the final resting place for about 560 of the town's more than 2,500 veterans.

"We have over 2,500 which is more than a quarter of our population," Bateman said.

Bateman is hoping that bringing Wreaths Across America to Ware will promote a deeper sense of gratitude for the free-

doms we have, because of the sacrifices of veterans.

"Ware has always been a very strong and patriotic town. Every year we lose a little bit. The parades get a little bit smaller... and so I'm looking forward to this as being just one of the avenues to bring some of the patriotism and civics to everybody in town, especially the kids."

Bateman said the motto of Wreaths Across America is to remember, honor and teach.

"Remember our fallen veterans and honor them for their sacrifices and to really teach our citizens about service and the value of freedom," he said. "And why it's important to honor those who've sacrificed to protect those freedoms."

In order to secure enough wreaths for the four cemeteries, Bateman has paired up with two sponsorship groups, the Ware Middle School PTO and Scouts BSA Troop 281. Sponsoring a wreath is \$17, of which \$5 goes to the sponsoring group.

Wreaths can be sponsored by visiting the link for either sponsoring group: Scouts BSA Troop 281, <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/175907> and WMS PTO, <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/176743>.

People can also sign up to volunteer for National Wreaths Across America Day by visiting these links.

If people want to donate or volunteer but don't have online capabilities, they can call Bateman at 413-949-6517 and leave a message.

The cutoff to sponsor a wreath for this year's National Wreaths Across America Day is Nov. 28. Any donations received after that date will go toward securing next year's wreaths.

"It's been very rewarding to take this on, to help to bring this to Ware," Bateman said. "And to increase the awareness, the education, about our veterans and really the number of veterans that we have."

Orders being accepted for Thanksgiving dinner rolls

WARE – The food service staff of the Ware Public Schools will once again be selling rolls for Thanksgiving dinner.

You can reserve your rolls by calling 413-967-5248 between 10-11 a.m. The deadline for orders is Monday, Nov. 20.

The cost will be \$8 for a pan of 16 rolls.

You may pick up the rolls on Wednesday, Nov. 22 between 9 a.m.-noon at the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School cafeteria. All pro-

ceeds to benefit Ware's Christmas for Kids.



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from miles away.

Bathsheba was also her father's favorite child, Noone said.

"Few men were as detested in Massachusetts in the year 1774," Noone said of Ruggles, who was ultimately banished and later exiled to Nova Scotia.

Noone said the Bathsheba married Spooner and settled in Brookfield to raise their family. Bathsheba's sister Martha Tufts also lived in Brookfield.

However, the marriage to Spooner was not a happy one, Noone said, and it could have been an arranged marriage.

Known to have a sharp temper, Bathsheba was said to lie incessantly and was romantically connected to several men during her marriage to Spooner.

A lot remains unknown about Spooner, and the type of man he was, but some records indicate he could have been an abusive drunk. "Was she insane?" Noone asked.

"We can only speculate."

As Bathsheba became increasingly dissatisfied in her marriage, she became involved with teenager Ezra Ross of Topsfield.

At just 15 years old, Ross left home and enlisted in the military. After being discharged in 1776, Ross was traveling home through

the brutal New England winter, when he became overcome by illness.

He found himself at the Spooner residence, where Bathsheba nursed him back to health, and the two formed a bond.

Ross stayed with the family as he recovered and eventually became tangled in one of history's most notorious murder trials.

Bathsheba had tried to convince Ross to poison her husband, during one of his trips to Spooner's property in Princeton, but he was unable to do so.

She soon enlisted the help of British soldiers William Brooks and James Buchanan, both of whom were staying at the Spooner home.

They ambushed Spooner on March 1, 1778, beating him to death before throwing

his body down a well. The well is located off East Main Street, marked by an engraved stone that reads "Spoooner Well."

"The night was cold...he might have wished he had taken his horse," Noone said of Spooner's fateful walk home from the local tavern.

Noone said it doesn't appear that Ross knew about the plans for the ambush until his return to the Spooner home. All three men were soon arrested for Spooner's murder and so began the trial of the century.

At the time of her conviction for the charges of inciting, abetting and procuring the murder of her husband, Bathsheba asked for a delay in her execution, as she was pregnant. An initial examination determined that she was not, but two other examinations showed that she was.

Those subsequent examinations were rejected by the court.

Following her death, an autopsy revealed that Bathsheba was five months pregnant with a baby boy. Many have determined that Ross could have been the father of the child.

Bathsheba was represented by lawyer Levi Lincoln, a cousin of President Abraham Lincoln and the namesake for the city of Worcester's Lincoln Square.

All four charged with being involved with Spooner's murder were executed on July 2 at the location that is now Union Station.

Buchanan and Brooks are likely buried under Union Station, and Ross' family carted his body back to Topsfield for burial.

Exactly where Bathsheba and her son are buried is unknown, Noone said.

"It remains Worcester County's

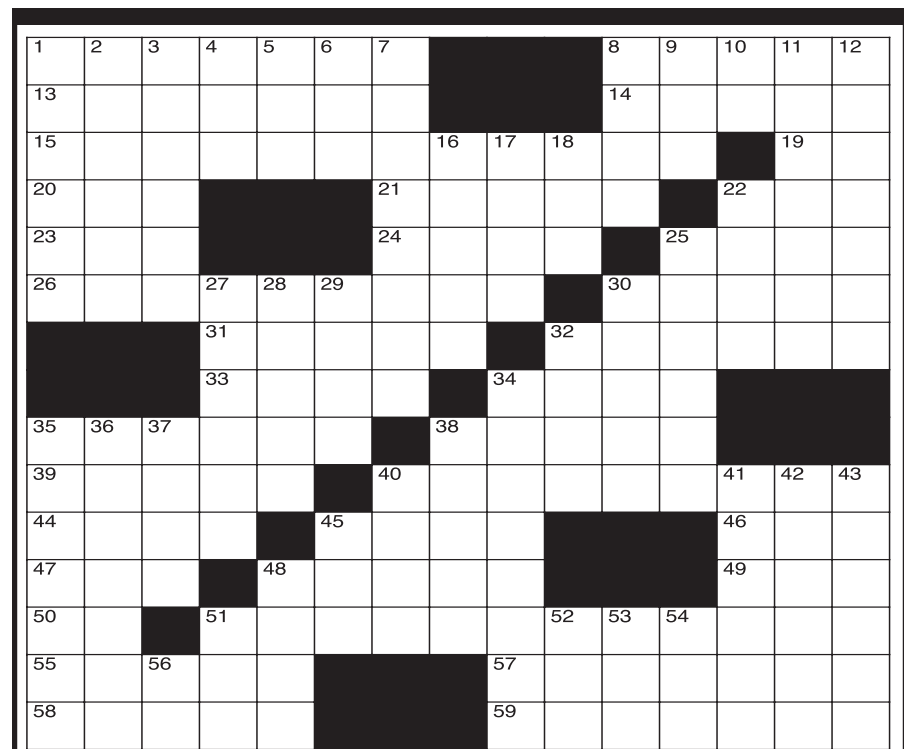
biggest mystery," he said.

Noone and other historians have reason to believe that Bathsheba and her child are buried in Worcester's Green Hill Park, the former estate of her sister, Mary Green.

It was this location that first turned Noone onto the story of Bathsheba, the first woman executed in the U.S. following the Revolution. Hers was also the new nation's first capital case, first mass hanging, and likely the first trial to use testimony from an African American.

"When my family bought our first home across from Green Hill Park, I wanted to know more," Noone said, of the legend of Bathsheba. He soon decided his first book would tell the story.

"I wanted to do more than just relate a melodrama," Noone said.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Happen again
8. Large flightless birds
13. A type of account
14. Beyond what is natural
15. Beloved comfort food
19. Rural delivery
20. Belonging to us
21. Typical
22. Pie ___ mode
23. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
24. Not us
25. Discharge
26. Made empty
30. Fishing net
31. Fast-moving, harmless snake
32. Analyzed into its parts
33. In a way, chilled
34. Hindu queen

CLUES DOWN

35. Circles around the sun
38. Used for emphasis
39. Reactive structures
40. Recommendations
44. Feel intense anger
45. Puke
46. Rural Northern Ireland community
47. Naturally occurring solid material
48. British watch brand
49. Toddler
50. Integrated circuit
51. Being revered
55. "Pets" you can grow
57. Continual
58. Puts together in time
59. Houses temporarily

CLUES DOWN

1. Vital public document
2. Disinter
3. Musical performances
4. After B
5. Every body has one (abbr.)
6. Utilize
7. In a way, disproved
8. Fisherman's tool
9. Of she
10. Trauma center
11. Commercial flyer
12. Administered medicine to calm
16. Popular R&B performer
17. Regretted
18. Leg (slang)
22. "Night Train" author
25. More supernatural
27. Baltimore ball-player
28. Shoe parts
29. Scores perfectly
30. More lucid
32. Trim by cutting
34. Disreputable people
35. Dramatic behaviors
36. Disorder
37. Private box in a theater
38. More dried-up
40. Raw
41. In operation
42. Pillager
43. Butterflies with brown wings
45. Disallow
48. Own up
51. Hungarian city
52. A way to condemn
53. Tax collector
54. Lease
56. Not out

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what each button looked like.

It's likely that Haines would have listened to these radio shows himself, as he cataloged his ample collection.

The Kelleys brought one of the smaller boxes containing Haines' collection and inside of it were dozens of boards covered with buttons of all shapes and sizes.

As Korostynski went through each board, she explained where the buttons came from, the materials used, as well as their collectible value.

Some of the first buttons she examined had ties to the U.S. Postal Service and the police force. Another button had a German back, placing it from overseas.

Korostynski also found a button in Haines' collection, that was identical to another button that a collector had brought in earlier that day.

Haines' collection contained a lot of "vegetable ivory," which is made from tagua nuts and hails from South America. The nuts were used as ballast for sailing ships before landing in North America.

Vegetable ivory buttons were made in Springfield and Northampton, and they were made by the thousands to be worn on men's suits.

Haines also had several service buttons from the U.S. Army used during World War II. While he didn't serve in the military,

Haines clearly enjoyed collecting the uniform buttons.

Korostynski said the time period of military buttons can be determined by the size of its dome; the higher the dome, the earlier the button. One of Haines' earliest military buttons came from a Civil War-era infantry uniform, marked with an "A" for artillery.

Another way to determine if a uniform button is from the Civil War, is if the edge of the anchor went behind the eagle instead of in front of it.

The collection also featured a number of shell buttons, as well as mother of pearl. Shell buttons were mainly utilitarian and used to fasten shirts.

"These are all gorgeous," Korostynski said of the buttons, highlighting the luster of the mother of pearl buttons.

She noted the difference between shell and mother of pearl buttons beyond the luster, with the shell buttons coming from freshwater animals (such as mussels and snails) and the mother of pearl from ocean (mollusk, pearl oysters or abalone).

Haines also had some Goodyear buttons, which were made from hard black rubber in Naugatuck, Connecticut.

"This is a good starter set for somebody that wants to collect rubber buttons," Korostynski said of Haines' rubber button board.

The Kelleys also brought several boards of celluloid wafers, large, colorful buttons that were

made from the late 19th century into the 20th. Celluloid was the first plastic on the market, invented in 1869.

Included in the collection were celluloid bubbles, which were made at the United Button Company in Easthampton.

Haines collected many desirable buttons, including black glass and even a black lacy glass button. One black glass looked similar to a cameo, and Korostynski said many people choose to wear their favorite buttons as jewelry.

Black glass buttons were popular in women's fashion.

A highlight of Haines' collection for Korostynski, was a Scarlet Pimpernel button. He also had a "perfume" button, which was covered in velvet and used to mask the odors of the streets of the 1800s.

Perfume or essentials oils would be dabbed on the velvet, and button wearers could inhale the pleasant scents whenever they caught whiff of something foul.

In addition to being one of the top hobbies in the U.S., buttons are also one of the first recycled materials, Korostynski said. Many people locally began collecting buttons that were discarded from old shirts used to make paper at the Strathmore Paper Company in West Springfield.

Korostynski's own interest in buttons was piqued when she explored her grandmother's button collection. She heard the stories of how her grandfather would bring home buttons to her

grandmother from his job at the paper mill.

Being from West Springfield, the Kelleys also have ties to the Strathmore Paper Company. Bob said that their fence was constructed using old metal rollers from the mill.

Bob and Sue said they plan to visit some button shows in the spring, and they hope to return for next year's Button Appraisal Day with more from Haines' collection.

About Keep

Homestead Museum

Located at 35 Ely Road, the Keep Homestead Museum is the former home of avid button collector Myra Keep Lovell Moulton. The property, its contents and an endowment were left to the town to use as a museum.

The Keep Homestead Museum is entirely run by about a dozen volunteers, and features regular programs and events throughout the years. It is also home to the most unique button collection in New England.

Located on 75 acres of land, the Keep Homestead Museum has hiking trails, gardens and a museum which contains rocks, minerals and seashells from around the world, and of course, buttons.

For more information about the Keep Homestead Museum, find them on Facebook, visit keephomesteadmuseum.org or call 413-267-4137.

public safety

Warren Police Log

During the week of Oct. 15-21, the Warren Police Department responded to 218 building/property checks, 63 community policing, 15 traffic enforcements, 13 emergency 911 calls, two harassments, one threat, one motor vehicle accident, one missing person, one complaint, one safety concern, two animal calls and 28 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Oct. 15
 5:41 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Heritage Drive, Transported to Hospital
 4:17 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Coy Hill Road, Information Taken
 6:07 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation, North Street, Investigated

Monday, Oct. 16
 3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 8:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Tuesday, Oct. 17
 6:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Town Common, Written Warning
 6:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Street, Written Warning

10 a.m. Harassment, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
 1:26 p.m. Missing Person Located, Located/Found
 3:06 p.m. Safety Concern, Burbank Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
 5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Town Farm Road, Citation Issued
 6:39 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation, North Street, Investigated
 7:04 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation, Winthrop Terrace, Investigated

Wednesday, Oct. 18
 10:33 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Old Douglas Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:14 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Report Filed
 5:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Thursday, Oct. 19
 6:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:35 a.m. Threats, School House Drive, Report Filed
 3:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Bay Path Road, No Fire Service Necessary
 3:12 p.m. Neighbor Dispute,

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

Washburn Avenue, Report Filed

Friday, Oct. 20
 4:26 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Report Filed
 5:38 p.m. Complaint, Keys Road, Officer Advised
 7:46 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Grove Street, Report Filed

Saturday, Oct. 21
 7:31 a.m. Diabetic, Yankee Drummer Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:18 p.m. Highway/Water/Sewer Calls, Main Street, Referred to Other Agency

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of Oct. 23-Nov. 6, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 127 building/property checks, 75 directed/area patrols, 13 traffic controls, 18 emergency 911 calls, 14 radar assignments, three complaints, three motor vehicle investigations, seven investigations, eight assist other agencies, nine citizen assists, three threats, four safety hazards, two fires, one vandalism, six animal calls and 29 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Oct. 23
 12:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 1:28 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Muddy Brook Road, Served in Hand
 3:41 p.m. Investigation, Church Lane, Officer Handled
 4:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
 5:29 p.m. Investigation, Church Lane, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Oct. 24
 1:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Prouty Road, Officer Handled
 11 a.m. Investigation, Church Lane, Spoken To
 5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Oct. 25
 11:28 a.m. Threat, Parker Court, Peace Restored
 1:35 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sullivan Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 2:57 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
 4:08 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Pine Street, Services Rendered
 5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Dispatch Handled

Thursday, Oct. 26
 4:22 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Lower Road, Services Rendered
 7:11 a.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Transferred Call to C7
 9:16 a.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Transferred Call to C7
 2:25 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Bridge Street, Report Taken
 3:37 p.m. Threat, Sullivan Avenue, Officer Handled

6:51 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Pond Road, Officer Handled
 11:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Friday, Oct. 27
 1:31 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Services Rendered
 6:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:30 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact
 11:45 a.m. Investigation, Simpson Road, Officer Handled
 12:41 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 12:58 p.m. Investigation, Pine Street, Officer Handled
 1:22 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Main Street, Officer Handled
 1:37 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 1:41 p.m. Disturbance, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:49 p.m. Threat, Hardwick Pond Road, Officer Handled
 4:57 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Lower Road, Investigated
 6:15 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled

Saturday, Oct. 28
 10:05 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Pond Road, Negative Contact
 10:09 a.m. Assist Citizen, Summer Place, Served in Hand
 8:22 p.m. Gunshots, Off Prospect Street, Unfounded

Sunday, Oct. 29
 6:30 p.m. Disturbance, Unknown, Services Rendered
 6:36 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

Monday, Oct. 30
 12:40 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:30 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Petersham Road, Report Taken
 3:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Oct. 31
 12 a.m. 911 Complaint, Broad Street, Spoken To
 11:03 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled

11:35 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Officer Handled
 1:11 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered
 4 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Nov. 1
 2:34 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Broad Street, Services Rendered
 3:32 p.m. Investigation, Parker Court, Officer Handled
 5:56 p.m. Complaint, Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Nov. 2
 7:57 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:11 a.m. Vandalism, Main Street, Officer Handled
 5:42 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, High Street, Peace Restored
 10:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued

Friday, Nov. 3
 7:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued
 9:21 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered
 11:54 a.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Spoken To
 3:19 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled
 5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
 9:49 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 4
 8:22 a.m. Safety Hazard, Pine Street, Services Rendered
 1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated
 2:12 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled
 2:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 5:05 p.m. Safety Hazard, Red Bridge Road, Officer Handled
 11:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Vehicle Towed

Sunday, Nov. 5
 1:15 a.m. Disturbance, Barre Road, Report Taken

Monday, Nov. 6
 5:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Active Parenting class offers help to parents

WARE – Active Parenting 4th Edition will be held at Behavioral Health Network's Family Resource Center, 82 Main St. This class is based on sound principles of child development, and provides parents of children ages 5-12 with indispensable par-

enting help including how to raise responsible, cooperative children, use effective communication skills, understand why children misbehave, hold family meetings and much more. Being a great parent doesn't have to be stressful. In this class

you will receive advice and parenting techniques from a highly qualified leader that will give you the tools to become a successful parent. For more information or to register contact the Family Resource Center by calling 41-3277-6601 or emailing bhnfr@bhninc.org.

Henrietta L. Devlin, 81

WARE – Henrietta L. (Spence) Devlin, of Ware, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at home surrounded by her family, at the age of 81.



She leaves her daughter, Kelly Cartier and her husband Rich of Leicester, her daughter, Tracy Lotko of Cheshire, Connecticut, her son, Ryan Devlin and his wife Michelle, and her grandchildren, Michaela Cartier, John Lotko IV, Michael Devlin, and James Devlin. She was also very close to her family across the pond in Scotland. Sharing many fun adventures with her cousin Anna Patterson and her Scottish nieces and nephews. Henrietta was predeceased by her loving husband, Michael J. Devlin in 1984, her son-in-law, Jack Lotko, and her sisters, Myra Edment and Jean McLevy. She was born in Perth, Scotland, daughter of the late William and Jean (Robertson) Spence. Henrietta was the Daycare Director/Front Desk Receptionist at the former Valley Human Services for 32 years, before retiring. She also served as the

Death notices

Devlin, Henrietta L. (Spence)
 Died Nov. 1, 2023
 Services Nov. 4, 2023

Massé, Phyllis A. (Jezyk)
 Died Nov. 3, 2023
 Services Nov. 8, 2023

Minney, Barbara M. (Holbrook)
 Died Oct. 30, 2023
 Services Nov. 9, 2023

past Chairman of the Board for the Ware Housing Authority. She enjoyed playing Bingo and watching a good game of tennis, especially with her favorite player, Andy Murray. She had a special love for knitting, crocheting, sewing, crafting and found joy in gifting her creations. A Funeral Service for Henrietta will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at 11 a.m. in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware. Calling hours will be held prior to the funeral service, from 9-11 a.m. Burial will be in New St. William Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Cove Center for Grieving Children, 1113 A South Main St., Cheshire, CT 06410 or by visiting <https://www.covect.org>. An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

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

Phyllis A. Massé, 94

WARE – Phyllis A. (Jezyk) Massé of Ware, died on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at her residence with her children by her side, at the age of 94.

She leaves her son, Edward "Bones" Massé and his wife Paula, of Ware, her daughter, Michele Beauregard and her husband Paul of West Brookfield, her grandchildren, William Beauregard and his wife Stephanie, James Beauregard, Robert Beauregard, Rachel Massé, and Kate Fluegge and her husband Nick; her great-grandchildren, Louis, Lacey, Ben, and Evie Beauregard, Clara and Nora Fluegge; and her sister, Charlotte M. Borlikoski.

Phyllis was predeceased by her husband and love of her life, Louis E. Massé in 2012. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Francis A. and Mary V. (Kos) Jezyk. Phyllis was the Secretary and

Treasurer of the family's business, Charbonneau Funeral Home, working alongside her husband Louis and son Edward for more than 60 years.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and mem. She enjoyed spending time in the summer at the families former home on Cape Cod and had a special place in her heart for all of the family dogs.

Phyllis was a communicant of the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and All Saint's Church. She was also a member of the Ladies of St Anne's.

Her family would like to extend their deep appreciation to the team at Brookhaven Hospice and Cedarbrook Village for the loving care they provided to Phyllis.

A Funeral Mass for Phyllis was held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the All Saint's Church, North Street, in Ware. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, from 4-6 p.m. in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware. Burial will follow the mass in the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Phyllis' name to the Ware Senior Living – Staff Holiday Fund, Attn: Betsy Evon, 73 South St., Ware, MA 01082 or to Brookhaven Hospice, 59 Interstate Drive, Suite 8, West Springfield, MA 01089.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.



Barbara M. (Holbrook) Minney, 80

WARE – Barbara May (Holbrook) Minney of Ware, entered into eternal rest on Oct. 30, 2023, at the age of 80.

Barbara was born to Ernest and Winifred Priscilla (Fuller) Holbrook on May 12, 1943, in New Braintree. She was one of nine children and grew up on her family's cherished dairy farm in New Braintree, of which she held so many living memories and told endless stories about.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Winifred Holbrook, her in laws, Hector and Amelia Minney, her four children, David Minney Jr., Brett Minney, Renee Pollack, and Allan Beauregard, as well as siblings, Cynthia, Calvin, Donna, and

Bruce. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband and best friend, David Minney Sr., siblings Ernest Holbrook Jr., Patricia Golden, Sybil George, and James Holbrook, beloved sister in law Hazel Bazinet and her husband Roger, sister in law Marsha Matlasz, the grandchildren she raised and played a loving mother role to Aaron Wrobel and Amy, Ariel, and Angela Pollack, her other grandchildren Alyssa Paradise and Bradley, David, Emily, and Destiny Beauregard, two very special "daughters" Kelly Moores and Sandi Lamica Russo, seven great-grandchildren, Kadence, Damien, Peyton, Marley, Jaice, Jailea, and Jaila, as well as several nieces and nephews.

She worked alongside her husband and best friend for many years for Minney & Sons.

She loved nothing more than her family and was truly the glue that kept everyone together. Her love was endless and deep, and she will be missed forever.

She enjoyed showing her love through the stomach, utilizing her extensive skill for cooking and baking. She made many wedding cakes for her loved ones over the years.

She loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling, and snowmobiling with her husband and friends and family.

Calling hours will be held Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home in Palmer. Flowers may be sent in her honor to the funeral home.

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Caregiver support group held every Wednesday

WARE – Caregiver Support Group at Behavioral Health Network is held each Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at the Family Resource Center, 82 Main St.

Childcare will be provided if needed. Many of us experience daily struggles raising children and youth, and often need someone to talk to, offer support and help us navigate these challenging situations. This group will allow you to foster relationships with other caretakers and provide a supportive environment, opportunities for education and self-care and growth.

Caregivers will have the opportunity to create ideas for group outings and activities that they find fun and engaging.

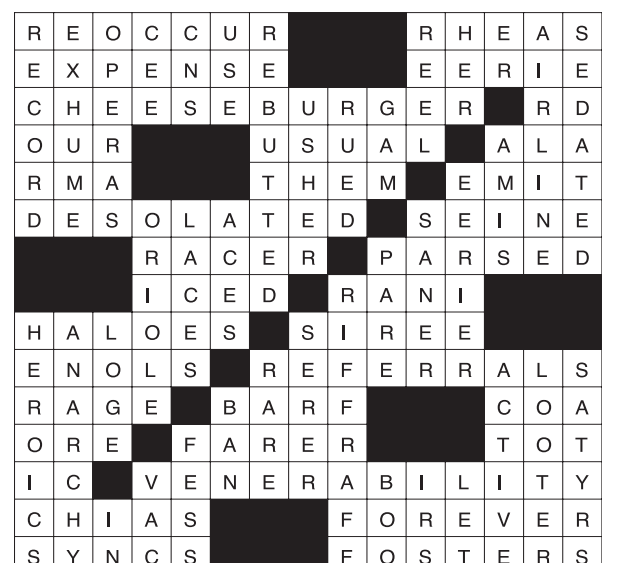
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Public Hearing Notice

Town of Ware Tax Classification Hearing

The Ware Selectboard will conduct the tax classification hearing on **Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:05 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. 11/09/2023

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Notice of Site Assignment Decision Ware Board of Health

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 150A and 310 CMR 16.00, on November 2, 2023 after a duly noticed public hearing, the Ware Board of Health issued a modified Site Assignment for 198 East Ware Street, Ware, Massachusetts. The applicant is ReSource Waste Services of Ware, LLC. The existing site assignment for 8.9 acres of the 25.1-acre parcel is for a construction and demolition (C&D) Recycling/Processing Facility at a maximum rate of 750 tons per day and 214,500 tons per year operating from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The modified Site Assignment approved on November 2 authorizes a C&D Transfer Facility at a maximum capacity of up to 1,400 tons per day and 393,200 tons per year, and to accept and transfer street sweepings and catch basin cleaning residuals and Bulky Waste. The new hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no changes to the existing Saturday operating hours of 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board determined that the site is suitable for the proposed facility and that the site assignment does not constitute a danger to public health, safety or the environment based on the siting criteria set forth and established under 310 CMR 16.40. A copy of the Board of Health's decision and findings for the Site Assignment are available for inspection and copying at the office of the Ware Board of Health at the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies are also available at the Library, 37 Main Street, Ware, MA. The documents are also available at the Town of Ware website at townofware.com.

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Health may, within 30 days of publication of this Notice of Decision, appeal under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, § 14. 11/09/2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated April 11, 2022 given by Blackhorse Builders Inc. to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust u/d/t dated January 27, 2020 (recorded in Book 14443, Page 82), said mortgage recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14519, Page 214 and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 p.m. on the 1st day of**

December 2023 at 17 Sherwin Street, Ware, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
Property Address: 17 Sherwin Street, Ware, MA 01082

The land with the buildings thereon, in Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on the southerly side of Sherwin Street at the easterly corner of said Street and Bellevue Avenue;

Thence easterly on said Street forty-five (45) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of F.J. Browning;

Thence southerly on land now or formerly of said Browning seventy-five (75) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Joseph Dumas, Jr.;

Thence westerly on land now or formerly of said Dumas forty-five feet to Bellevue Avenue;

Thence northerly on said Avenue seventy-five (75) feet to the place of beginning

Reserving, however, to Frank J. Browning and hid heirs and assigns, forever the right to use the cesspool on said tract in connection with his house on the adjoining tract with the privilege to enter at reasonable times to repair the pipes connecting said house with said cesspool.

For title reference See Deed Recorded Herewith [Book 14519, Page 210].

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage

shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Steven A. Ross,
Trustee of QS Lending Trust
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE Special Permit-312 Site Plan - 70

NOTICE is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:15 PM** on the application of Lawrence Tuttle, Architectural Insights, for a Special Permit and Site Plan review for the relocation of the kitchen to the rear of the unit, make the rear unit legal if applicable under Section 13, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter

22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In-person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, Warren, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom.

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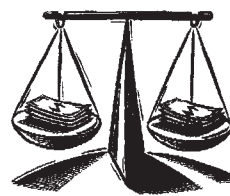
SITE LOCATION: 942 Main St, Warren, MA 01083 Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Book 61175, Page 159. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 24-0-7. Zoned: Village District (V).

A complete copy of the application may be inspected in the Office of

the Planning Board or the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

WARREN PLANNING BOARD
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Western Mass Housing Coalition supports Healey's housing bill

SPRINGFIELD – On Oct. 18, Governor Maura Healey released the Affordable Housing Act, the comprehensive housing bond bill that proposes significant investments and policy changes to address our unprecedented housing crisis.

The Western Massachusetts Housing Coalition, a collaboration of over 50 municipalities and non-profits in the four western counties of Massachusetts, applauds the Administration for proposing over \$4 billion in investments to increase housing production and preserve current housing.

According to a press release, the Coalition appreciates that the bill includes a wide range of policy proposals and meaningful investments that support diversity in housing types for all incomes, especially the following:

Doubling the Affordable Housing Trust Fund from \$400 million to \$800 million. This flexible funding source is an especially useful tool for non-profits, governments, or developers that create or preserve affordable housing.

Allocating \$1.6 billion to repair, rehabilitate and modernize public

housing, preserving the availability of this critical stock of affordable housing.

Recognizing the need for complementary investment in infrastructure to support housing construction, via an additional \$175 million for the HousingWorks Infrastructure program.

Including targeted policy proposals to increase housing production like allowing accessory dwelling units to be built by right in single family zoning districts statewide, removing the patchwork of zoning barriers across the Commonwealth.

There are many more elements to the Housing Bond Bill, including the proposed implementation of policy changes and investment across all housing types and for all household incomes.

The Coalition looks forward to closely examining how it meets the needs of western Massachusetts and to advocating for our region as the bill moves through the legislature.

Visit www.wayfinders.org/introducing-western-massachusetts-housing-coalition to learn more about the Western Massachusetts Housing Coalition.

Author presents Quabbin history talk at Grange

WARE –Join author Elena Palladino in a discussion of her book "Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley: Drowned by the Quabbin" and learn about the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir, and along with it, the destruction of four towns.

The discussion will take place on Monday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at Ware Grange, 297 Belchertown Road. There is no cost to attend, and all are welcome.

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