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Planning Board OK'd outdoor cultivation

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WARE – The Planning Board continued the public hearing for the application of Greenwich Plains Cannabis Cultivation.

This hearing had new updates from the applicant, Jamil Jean-Jacques of Telluric Energy. There is a finalized site plan with a confirmed location of the canopy, and the storage shed location.

The applicant spoke with the town's health department regarding the smell and odor mitigation.

While going over documents, the Planning Board discussed the effects on the planting process when it comes to weather and frost. Weather can play a factor, and Jean-Jacques explained his way to handle frost.

There are frost covers the applicant will use and said he has practices on ways to retain heat for the plants.

Jean-Jacques also admitted he likes the setting of the forest near the site. There will be fencing in place and from a personal standpoint, Jean-Jacques doesn't want to use barbed wire. The fencing will also be shielded.

The Planning Board did bring up fencing and wondered what the standards are for fencing. On the design for the site, there is a six-foot security fence in place.

The applicant estimated that there would be about 200 plants per harvest and about 200-300 pounds, ideally.

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SERVICE and SACRIFICE



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AMVETS Commander John Pajak led the parade down Main Street to Veterans Park on Veterans Day.

Veterans honored with parade and ceremony

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WARE – Despite cold weather and first snow flurries of the season, residents of town gathered at Veterans Park and along Main Street to recognize and honor their veterans on Veterans Day.

Prior to the start of the parade from the American Legion post, the Weir River Concert Band performed patriotic songs at the park, paying homage to each mili-

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A veteran waved to paraders on Veterans Day.

Select Board accept amended lease

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HARDWICK – The Select Board revisited their discussion on the Kearsarge Solar lease during its Nov. 10 meeting.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano had versions of a track change and said the annual rent has been streamlined and cleared up. The acreage is mapped out and it appeared the board was prepared to make a decision.

A set of questions were sent to town counsel and involved questions of the amount of acreage and having an amount of money to be paid upfront.

"The town should be compensated," Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker said.

Caggiano was able to call town counsel and put him on speakerphone so he could take questions from the Select Board. The board wanted clarification on the upfront payment. Caggiano also called a representative from Kearsarge to talk with town counsel about the matter.

When asked if they would agree to pay up front, the Kearsarge representative said they would rather pay upon commencement of permitting.

Kearsarge is planning on starting permitting within a year unless National Grid changes something that would push the process further. The proposed agreement would then move to payment up front after one year.

It was clarified that Kearsarge is going to stay within the area that was blocked. Harry Comerford of the Planning Board asked if there was any issues with the town accessing the gravel on site. For the

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Turley Photo by Richard Murphy

A couple of bankers from Monson. Shown from left are Michael Rouette, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Dan Moriarty, President and Chief Executive Officer of Monson Savings Bank.

QHMA held Annual Dinner and Meeting

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – It gets dark early in November, and the evenings are chilly, but at the West Brookfield

landmark, The Salem Cross Inn, it is warm inside, especially when there is a convivial gathering enjoying each other's company.

Thursday, Nov. 6 was the day of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting for 2025. Members and guests began coming around 5 p.m. and

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SB welcomed firefighter/EMT

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WARE – Fire Chief Jim Martinez presented the department's newest career firefighter/EMT, Gavin Rohan, to the Selectboard at the Nov. 4 meeting.

Martinez said Rohan has completed all of the requirements for the position and will start on Nov. 10.

Special Town Meeting warrant review

The Selectboard, Finance Committee, Town Manager and Town Moderator

reviewed the 10 articles placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant. The Special Town Meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Ware Jr./Sr. High School on Monday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

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Rod & Gun Club held supper to benefit toy drive

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HARDWICK – The South Barre Rod & Gun Club hosted a spaghetti dinner this past weekend to benefit the upcoming Stuff a Cruiser toy drive.

Organizing the event was Amanda Hosley, who was helping in the food line during the spaghetti supper. The South Barre



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Shown standing from left to right are Steven Hosley, Tim McGee, Al Marchiony and Amanda Hosley at a spaghetti dinner at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club.

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Students and Rotarians completed footwear drive

The students of Tantasqua Regional High School and Quaboag Regional High School once again showed their amazing spirit, helping their world by participating in an "Environmental Project," partnering with the Rotary Club of the Brookfields and Planet Aid (a nonprofit organization that has collected 70 million pounds of textiles in 2024 alone).

The project was a new and used Sneakers/Footwear Collection Drive that the students ran from Oct. 14-29. Paige Rosen, the student running the project at Tantasqua, reported their final count on collected footwear was 549 pairs.

Quaboag Regional High School reported that they had four of the large Planet Aid Boxes filled. Quaboag High School had placed one large Planet Aid box in West Brookfield Elementary and one in Warren Community Elementary School as well as two at the High School in support of the project.

Planet Aid will take the footwear to be refurbished and given to people in need or recycle those that cannot be, into other needed products.

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes or footwear. Together, the community can divert tons of textiles from landfills, which is a win for people and the planet.



Submitted Photos
Planet Aid employee Mike, Rotarian Christine Gagne, Tantasqua Regional High School student Paige Rosen and H.Rotarian John Gagne, collected donated footwear from the high school.



H.Rotarian John Gagne, Planet Aid employee Amie Trombly and Rotarian Christine Gagne stand next to donation bins.

Knights host annual Coats for Kids drive

WARE – Knights of Columbus have kicked off the annual Coats for Kids drive.

Donations of new (or gently worn and clean) coats, hats, gloves and mittens will be accepted.

Drop-off locations are at all three Ware Public Schools, Nat Falk, the Sharpest Edge Barber Shop, 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. 15, Bruce Marshall of 97.7 FM will be hosting a live broadcast for Coats for Kids from Nat Falk from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Make a donation during this

time and you will receive a 10% discount off anything in the store.

This radiothon is sponsored by Country Bank.

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.

Are You Old News?



If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.

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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1989 showed Ware Postmaster Roger Leclair as he congratulated Lloyd Sloat on his appointment as postmaster in Brimfield after serving 20 years at the Ware Post Office. Sloat and Leclair were identified by Sloat's daughter, Karen Blair.

United Church offers free Thanksgiving meals

WARE – The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., will once again be providing a free Thanksgiving meal to residents of Ware who otherwise would of went without one.

The meals will be either delivered to you, or you may pick them up at the church.

If you are in need of a meal, please call the United Church of Ware at 413-967-9981, and leave your name, phone number, address and the number of meals you will need.

The church is able to provide these meals thanks to the generous personal contributions and those of the many businesses of Ware.

If you have any questions or wish to donate, please call the church or David Blessinger, coordinator, at 401-465-9686.



Submitted Photo
Handcrafted wooden spoons by David Thompson are some of the many items available at the Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Spaces still available for New Braintree craft fair on Dec. 6

NEW BRAINTREE – The "Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the New Braintree Grade School and Town Hall.

The fair is being sponsored by the Tri-Parish Community Church. Eight foot by eight foot spaces are still available. To reserve, please call 443-835-7530.



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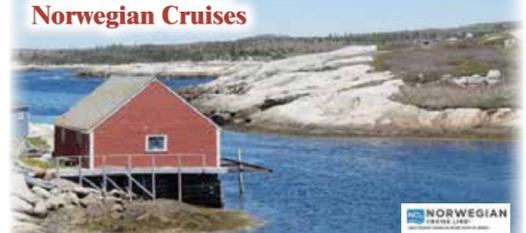
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Special Town Meeting to be held Nov. 17

WARE – A Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Ware Jr./Sr. High School, 237 West St.

Special Town Meeting to be held Nov. 20

WARREN – A Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at Quaboag Regional Middle High School, in the auditorium, 284 Old West Brookfield Road.

School Committee adopted MassCore standards

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WARE – The School Committee members continued discussion about adopting MassCore standards in the high school.

MassCore is a state-recommended program of study intended to align high school coursework with college and workforce expectations, according to the Department of Education's website.

At the Nov. 5 meeting, the committee voted in favor of adopting MassCore standards.

Graduation requirements
Interim Superintendent Michael Wood said he recommended the school district continue to require

four courses per semester at the high school in a block schedule. He said the staff are comfortable teaching in a block schedule as they have for over two decades.

Wood said every period the high school offers to students must be a credited class according to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This would bring the credits earned from 28 up to 32.

"Every period that we have to offer has to be a credit-bearing course that kids are there to learn," he said.

Wood said the course requirements would begin to apply for the student who are currently freshmen, and the increase in credits will be phased in over the years.

"The key is always to try to get kids to have all of the

courses they need to be able to meet the standards," he said.

Superintendent's report

Wood said the school district has partnered with Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School to fix drainage issue on the school's athletic fields.

"Both our softball and baseball fields have issues with drainage," Wood said.

Wood said the junior varsity baseball field is close to being completed but he is not sure if it will be ready for varsity play in the spring. He is hoping the softball field can also be addressed prior to the arrival of winter weather.

Wood said these fixes should allow the water to drain from the fields and further out into the woods.

Wood said there are several vacancies in the Jr./Sr. High School that need to be filled, and there are candidates who have applied for many of the positions.

He said they have not been able to find a qualified candidate for the computer science teacher position.

Wood spoke about hall pass software the Jr./Sr. High School has implemented to monitor students in the building while outside of the classroom.

He said the software allows students to create a digital hall pass on their Chromebooks, which then alerts staff to who is in the hallways. He said the software can also be used to limit the number of students in the hallways at the same time.

Wood said the assistant

principals are also in the hallways more and ensuring that students are where they should be.

"That's a big change, but it will take time to have impact," he said of the software.

Wood said issues with the Middle School's fire alarms are being addressed, with replacement parts arriving shortly.

"It should be a relatively quick fix," he said.

Superintendent's search committee

School Committee members Michael DuBois and Melissa Whitham were appointed to serve on the superintendent's search committee.

Janine's hosted Fall Frostee Classic Cornhole Tournament

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WARE – Janine's Frostee in Ware was set for a cornhole tournament known as the Fall Frostee Classic.

Tim and Cindy are the proud proprietors of Janine's Frostee, and both participated in the inaugural Fall Frostee Classic. The couple wore matching cornhole jerseys during the tournament.

This was a singles cornhole tournament which featured 24 entrants and was supporting We the People Cornhole's fundraiser. We The People Cornhole Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting local military, veterans, and service members.

Members of We the People Cornhole accomplish their mission through weekly cornhole tournaments, community events and donations from supporters.

Tim said a percentage of the proceeds from the Fall Frostee Classic will go towards the fundraiser that is run by We the People Cornhole. Tim said he enjoys playing cornhole and is glad to introduce the Fall Frostee Classic at Janine's. He was



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also determined to play his best during this singles cornhole tournament.

"This tournament brings in people who really want to test themselves," Tim said.

Representing We the People Cornhole, Inc. during the Fall Frostee Classic was Cassie and Braden Peyman and Chris Santaniello. Members of We the People Cornhole were sporting some We the People swag.

The winner of the Fall Frostee Classic will receive a cash prize, and the tournament will payout to the

top six players. The tournament also featured some side games as well.

The Janine's parking lot and tent area was loaded with cornhole boards, featuring the popular We the People Cornhole logo. Players had a lot of fun during the inaugural Fall Frostee Classic and Janine's Frostee looks forward to hosting more cornhole events in the future.

For more about We the People Cornhole, Inc. follow them on their Facebook page.



Cornhole players really tried to test themselves during the Fall Frostee Classic at Janine's Frostee.

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LEFT: Cindy and Tim Dugas of Janine's Frostee in Ware were wearing matching cornhole jerseys during the inaugural Fall Frostee Classic Cornhole Tournament.

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viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Consider the 'wearing out' factor while deciding when to claim Social Security

Dear Rusty:

Enjoyed your recent article on claiming SS benefits.

I feel, however, any decision making should also include what I call the "wearing out" factor. Yes, financial need, health and longevity are definite criteria for a decision. The inevitable problem, I just turned 83, is the speed at which many of us descend down the back side of that hill after we hit around age 65.

Yes, one might live to 85-90 but as you age after 65, many physical limitations begin to appear. Only then does one realize their earlier retirement decision, waiting to max out SS, might not have been honestly evaluated to the extent needed.

I speak from experience: after having reached 60 in excellent health, I took early retirement from work, then Social Security at 62 and glad I did so. I figure the degree of slope on the backside of that "hill" will increase with age (it did quickly for me), so one best start enjoying a retirement life as soon as financially possible.

Signed: Glad I claimed at 62

Dear Glad I Claimed at 62:

Thank you very much for your excellent perspective on the "wearing out" factor. And please know that I wholeheartedly concur with your opinion that waiting for a higher Social Security benefit is not always the most prudent choice. For perspective, however, we have found that far too many people claim Social Security as soon as they are eligible at 62 simply because "it is there," without fully analyzing whether that is the best option considering their personal circumstances.

You are correct, enjoying your retirement life while you are still physically able is a valid consideration. And that is why we always suggest that evaluating both your financial needs as well as your health and life expectancy is important.

Fulfilling one's "bucket list" is, indeed, an important consideration and if claiming Social Security at age 62, after

evaluating all factors, enables one to do that, then that is exactly the right choice. It obviously was for you.

Age does, indeed, tend to slow us down, so if taking the SS money early means being able to enjoy life while you still can, then that is a good decision. But having more money as you age can also make your "golden years" a lot more comfortable.

As we have recently witnessed, inflation has an insidious way of reducing our financial comfort in retirement. Despite having a retirement pension from your primary working career, imagine how another 25% in your monthly Social Security payment, had you claimed at full retirement age instead of age 62, would help make your senior years more comfortable.

The fact is that no one can predict how long they will live nor whether they will do so in good health. All we can do is evaluate all our options under varying circumstances and make our claiming decision based on that analysis. And that is precisely what we advocate for at the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Service. In no way did I intend to say that claiming at 62 was never the right choice; only that everyone should look at their complete personal circumstances when deciding when to.

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A healthy orchard begins in the planning phase

It was a lot of fun to take part in a "meeting of the minds" this past week, where we were discussing key maintenance tasks in the young orchard at Old Sturbridge Village.

I left the meeting inspired for my own young orchard, and with renewed interest in heirloom apples altogether.

I must make a trip to Cold Spring Orchard to get some Caville Blanc for the Thanksgiving pies before they are all gone! They are surely the best pie apples, to me at least!

Perhaps indulging in your favorite apple varieties have inspired you to consider a home orchard as part of your landscape. If so, this column, straight from the archives, is for you. Enjoy the re-visit, as you ask yourself some important questions. We all know that the key to successful home apple orchards appears to be forethought. Purchasing fruit trees should not be an "impulse buy."

What variety do you want to grow? While I like heirlooms, you may prefer some of the newer, disease resistant types.

Or maybe you want apples that span the seasons, say Paula Red to start, Honey Crisp for mid-stream and Gold Rush to finish it off. Perhaps you'd like to make cider or bake lots of pies.

There are apples that are specifically suited to how you'd like to use them. My favorite place to buy trees by mail order is through Fedco in Maine. Call 207-426-0090 or log on to fedcoseeds.com/trees to request their "Trees" catalog.

You will glean lots of useful information within the pages of this catalog. I am thrilled to know that they are grafted on site and accustomed to our climate!

How tall to you want your

trees to get? Apple trees are available in dwarf, semi-dwarf and standard size.

Their ultimate size is determined mostly by the

shot as compared to those placed strategically out in the back-forty. They tend to nag you as you walk by: "Time to prune!" "Why are those leaves curled?" "What is that orange spot?" You get the idea.

Is my soil any good? Fall is a great time to take a soil test.

First, slice a six-inch core of soil from your intended orchard with a stainless steel trowel. Remove surface debris and air dry.

Repeat several times and mix the cores together. Then, measure out a cup of soil to send to the lab. If the locations you plan on planting your apple trees vary considerably, test them separately.

Official directions and an order form are found on <http://soiltest.umass.edu>. The standard soil test is \$20. Mention on the test that you are growing apples and pH and fertilizer recommendations will be specific to that crop.

You can do something this fall to make planting easier next spring. Mark out where your trees are to go and dump a generous amount of compost on top of the grass in a circle three feet in diameter. This will start to break down the sod and get the microbes in the soil working.

With the planning part behind you, it will be a lot of fun to await the arrival of your trees come springtime.

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(A GRUNTS PROTEST OF HOME)

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Twelve thousand miles away from home,
Hearts empty of all but blood,
Bodies covered with sweat and mud,
You don't know what it's like over here,
You and your party girls and beer,
Plant your signs on the White House lawn,
Burn your draft card, we march at dawn,
Pop some pills, roll in the sun,
Simply refuse to carry a gun,
There's nothing else for you to do,
And I'm supposed to die for you!

WE REMEMBER THEM

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
In the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
In the blueness of the skies and the warmth of summer,
WE REMEMBER THEM.
In the rustling of the leaves and the beauty of autumn,

WE REMEMBER THEM.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
WE REMEMBER THEM.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
WE REMEMBER THEM.

When we are lost and sick at heart,
WE REMEMBER THEM.

When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,
WE REMEMBER THEM.

When we see our nation's young marching behind our flag or hear "TAPS" played,
WE REMEMBER THEM.

So long as we live they shall live for they are a part of us,
WE REMEMBER THEM.

And when we answer the final roll we know that our BROTHERS and SISTERS will fulfill their duty and greet us with the words of compassion and friendship and peace and love.
WE REMEMBER THEM.

— Hank Houghton
President, AVIP/VVA Chapter 294
Retired Staff Sergeant, 82nd Airborne, U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran

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No matter what my fellow Americans say or do,
I'm writing here to give this message to you,
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I'll fight for their rights to say what they will,
I'll never condemn them for the anger they spill,
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This Freedom is what makes our Country the best,
So if you wonder what actions is best here at home,
Remember YOUR SOLDIERS out there all alone,
Please practice these freedoms while I'm over here,
I'm willing to give my life for a Country I hold most dear,

And while I'm gone on this mission for you,
Please care for my loved ones; they've sacrificed too.

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Selectmen heard from Building Commissioner

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen heard from Building Commissioner Bill Cantell during the Nov. 6 meeting.

Cantell wanted to discuss the inspection and enforcement of the building code pertaining to multifamily structures and assemblies. There were various elements Cantell wanted to bring more into code while inspections are done to properties, especially multifamily structures and assemblies.

Cantell explained assemblies being buildings with 50 or more people living in them. There were also churches and buildings with liquor licenses being brought up as well as being reviewed for inspection and making sure they're compliant.

Cantell wanted to bring this information to the board's attention and be aware of those properties that

are required to have inspections done. The Building Commissioner mentioned he wants to map out these properties with the attorney, who addressed questions he had submitted.

Wanting to see what the town wants to get done, Cantell would hear the thoughts of the Selectmen.

Selectmen David Dufresne brought up the fact that properties not being compliant are a big concern and have to meet code requirements. This is done mainly to protect residents who live in these types of buildings that may not meet proper requirements.

"The residents deserve to have a property that is safe and healthy for them to live in," Dufresne said.

One concern to be addressed for inspections are compromised stairways that may be unsafe in assembly buildings. The town has recently acquired several tax title properties that have been neglected by owners.

Town Administrator James Ferrera reviewed the presentation by Cantell and said problem properties have to be addressed. What Ferrera wanted to inform the board about is what the Building Commissioner is proposing is something that is new for a lot of people who are listed.

It is a new process that will have to be explained and Ferrera believes the town is not going to get everyone that is listed on board.

"There's going to be a component of education that is needed to get people to buy in to do this stuff," Ferrera said.

A letter may have to be sent out to help inform landowners what the expectations are. Down the road, Cantell believes there will be inspection fees and possible fines. It is good for the town to work with these landlords to help bring properties into compliance.

"The building code has changed to make people

safe," Cantell said.

"It's just for the safety," said Selectmen Derick Veliz.

The board appreciated the presentation by Cantell and will hear more about this discussion down the road. Ray Kopacko left a comment and suggested a cooperative tone of approach would be best for this process.

Pole hearings

The Board of Selectmen began their meeting with two public hearings regarding the installment of joint-owned utility poles on public streets. The first one is an installment on Brookfield Road beginning approximately 575 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Southbridge Road Extension.

A representative from National Grid explained that this is a replacement of pole 13 and just improvements being done. The size of the poles ranges from 35-40 feet, that are the current standard and will be buried six feet underground. There are no

clear answers if antennas will be installed as well.

The board approved the consent of the pole installment after closing the public hearing.

The next pole hearing was for one JO pole on Bemis Road with the beginning point approximately 900 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Bemis Road and Heritage Drive. There will be a new utility pole as well as the installation of an EMR at P27-50 Bemis Road.

An EMR is essentially a mesh extender and boosts the field of effectiveness. The board closed the hearing and approved the installation of this JO pole on Bemis Road.

Police officer appointment

Police Chief Gerald Millette introduced Anthony M. Tantillo to the Board of Selectmen. The board voted to appoint Tantillo as a full-

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Planning Board seeks members for volunteer position

WARREN – The Town is seeking dedicated residents to serve as Planning Board members.

This appointed volunteer position is vital to the growth and future of our community. The Planning Board is responsible for reviewing and guiding land use and helping shape development and the character of our town.

Meetings are held twice a month, currently the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. (typically less than one hour).

Training is available for all members – no prior experience required. Any

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Quaboag Regional High School teacher receives Most Valuable Teacher Award

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
rdrago@turley.com

WARREN – The Quaboag Regional Middle High School community gathered to celebrate a teacher during a special assembly recently.

Band and Chorus Teacher James Joinville was recognized for his dedication, creativity and the joy he brings to every class and performance.

Joinville was nominated by a student to be this year's recipient of the Most Valuable Teacher Award. This award is presented by Country Bank in partnership with the WooSox Foundation to present this annual award to a teacher, who goes above and beyond to help their students.

Nominating Joinville was freshman Teagan Bessette, who has Joinville as a teacher for her wind ensemble class. Since attending Quaboag, Bessette has had Joinville every year since seventh grade.

Bessette said Joinville is her favorite teacher and is one of the best teachers in the school.

This celebration was originally designed to be a surprise, but somehow, Joinville

found out early about the nomination and put on his "theater face" on his way to the assembly. Students of Joinville were called down to this special assembly and the auditorium had Smiley Ball, the mascot of the Worcester Red Sox.

Vice President of Community Relations at Country Bank, Jodie Gerulaitis read a speech that was written by Bessette.

When Joinville was about to accept the award, Bessette said he appeared very grateful, and almost cried. He also expressed how grateful he was for his students and the staff at Quaboag who recognized him during this award ceremony.

Bessette believes Joinville does a lot for the students and continues to commit to them and the school.

"He wouldn't be here without us," Bessette said. "An easy going and helpful person, even if he wasn't your teacher."

Bessette described Joinville's teaching style as a kind and understanding person when he teaches, who takes time to help you. Bessette plans on having Joinville as a teacher through-

out her time at Quaboag.

Joinville has been teaching at Quaboag for 18 years, starting in the 2008-2009 school year. Over the years, Joinville has saved every single teacher ID card/photo he has gotten during his tenure at Quaboag.

His first full-time year began in 2009 after the music director left Quaboag and Joinville would take up a new role. Prior to teaching, Joinville worked as a mailing department head for the Fast Lanes Violations officer.

In his spare time, Joinville for many years has performed as an organist for St. Christophers in Worcester. Joinville has been an organist for 25 years.

Joinville knew what he wanted to do since the sixth grade. He and his friend Brian Kellam had figured out what they wanted to do while they were both still in middle school.

Kellam would become a fighter pilot, flying a F-16 and Joinville wanted to teach music.

"We both followed these dreams," Joinville said.

Joinville said he got a lot of messages from former students who reached out and congratulated him on



Courtesy photos by Derick Veliz

A Most Valuable Teacher banner was held by Superintendent Stephen Duff, James Joinville, Quaboag Regional Middle High School Principal John Diorio, freshman Teagan Bessette (who nominated Joinville) and Country Bank Vice President of Community Relations Jodie Gerulaitis.

this award. One of the gifts Joinville got in addition to the Most Valuable Teacher Award was a customized baseball jersey with his last name and the #1 placed on it. Joinville said this was the only time in his life his name was placed on a sports jersey.

At first, Joinville was shocked by the news that he was nominated and was given this award. As time went on leading to the ceremony, the moment became humbling for Joinville. He said he does what he does for the kids,

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One of James Joinville's gifts is a customized baseball jersey with his name and #1 placed on the back.

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Ware Senior Center news

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The thrift store is open each of those days from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations to the store are only accepted by Sue LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

ACTIVITIES Monday, Nov. 17

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Party
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lisa

Tuesday, Nov. 18

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m. Movin & Groovin to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1-2 p.m. Food Bank of Western Mass Mobile Food Pantry at Grenville Park
- 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class
- 6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 19

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori
- 12:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

Thursday, Nov. 20

- 9 a.m. Walking Club. Participants should meet at the Senior Center. Weather permitting.

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
- 10 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Art Class

Friday, Nov. 21

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori
- 6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

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Monday, Nov. 17

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Tuesday, Nov. 18

Pizza Burger with Lettuce, Tomatoes, French Fries, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Chicken Jambalaya, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Nov. 20

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

Friday, Nov. 21

Brunch

French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Dessert of the Day

'Creepy Quabbin' presentation explored the unexplained

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis
Correspondent

HARDWICK – “Who can say?”

That phrase was uttered multiple times throughout the night last Tuesday by Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe during her “Creepy Quabbin” presentation sponsored by the Paige Memorial Library.

Residents gathered in the old, dimly lit Town House in Hardwick, the perfect setting for a night of spooky stories about the area we live in. Wetherbe told of many extraterrestrials that have been reported by residents of the general Quabbin area, including cryptids and UFOs.

Wetherbe started the presentation by setting the scene, and how the very existence of the Quabbin Reservoir lends itself perfectly to otherworldly activity, largely because of the history of the flooding of towns displacing families and unearthing gravesites.

First though, the presentation focused on some normal everyday creatures, the only mysterious thing about them is the fact that this area is not particularly their hot-spot in terms of natural range. These creatures include notoriously elusive mountain lions, wolves, which are not native to central Massachusetts, and alligators, which are native to the southern states.

Alligators have been reported by Ware residents in 1922 and into the 1960s in the

Dismal Swamp area of Ware, according to Wetherbe.

Some extremely strange creatures have also been reported, especially off of Route 202 near Pelham and Belchertown according to Wetherbe. These creatures include massive birds spotted in 1979 and 2017 by casual fishermen.

Their wingspan was reported to be anywhere from 30 to 50 feet wide, and onlookers described them as looking like small aircraft.

“Who can say?” Wetherbe repeated.

The strangest and most exciting creature to be seen near the Quabbin was the notorious, imposing figure known by many as Bigfoot. According to a witness who reported a Bigfoot type creature near Belchertown, it was “bi-pedal and quite large.” Interestingly, as elusive as Bigfoot may seem, he has been reported in every state except Hawaii, Wetherbe said.

Along with Bigfoots, many people have also reported UFOs, including an incident way back in 1906 by a farmer named Isaac Spinney, where his barn inexplicably lit up during the night before whatever was causing it fled upon sight.

A resident in Belchertown – also along the ghostly hotspot of Route 202 – reported bright lights in the woods which caused his vehicle to malfunction. When the lights went out, his car functioned again.

New events coming to Ware Senior Center

WARE – The Friends of Ware Seniors, Inc. are presenting some activities for the month of November at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road.

On Thursday, Nov. 20 at 12:30 p.m. there will be a free movie shown on the new 85-inch screen TVs that were recently installed. Free popcorn will also be provided by the Friends committee.

On Monday, Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m., Otto Florists will be doing a class on a Thanksgiving pumpkin centerpiece with instructor/designer Brian Socha. If you cannot make the afternoon class, there will be another class at 6 p.m. on the same day.

Pumpkins will all be cleaned out by Brian and ready to insert a fresh floral arrangement that you will create and take home for \$15. Class is limited to 30 guests and snacks will be provided by the Friends.

You must contact Susan LaBarge at 413-544-1574 to sign up by Nov. 18.

Both of these events are open to the public.

Christmas for Kids donations requested

WARE – The Ware Police Department and the Ware Fire Department have started their 22nd annual Ware Christmas For Kids program for the 2025 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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plan specifications read that each building will be located along the northern fence. The storage shed will be placed second to last, in proximity to the eastern fence and furthest away from the road.

The applicant will also file a notice of intent with the Conservation Commission. Planning Board Chair Kenneth Crosby was on Zoom and wanted clarification that the applicant is far distance from any issues involving conservation. The other members of the Planning Board confirmed that there are no

issues with conservation and the town’s Conservation Commission is aware of this project.

“A far distance from conservation issues,” Crosby said.

There was an abutting neighbor who attended on Zoom and had some questions about what was originally mentioned in the application. The neighbor asked if there was going to be a sizable building on the site.

Alex Bergeron of the Planning Board listed all the buildings on site, including a 12x12 office shed, 12 by 12 foot storage shed, and a seven by 10 foot tool shed.

The board confirmed that there wasn’t going to be a cultivation structure. If there was, the requirement is a five-acre minimum.

Prior to a vote, the Planning Board went over a list of findings and conditions the applicant must follow. Rich Starodoj asked about hours of operation. The applicant is seeking typical 9 a.m.-5 p.m. hours but may have people come later in case there’s an issue with frost. Jean-Jacques said he doesn’t want staff on site when it is dark or nightfall.

Crosby suggested sunrise to sunset as a reasonable con-

dition for operation.

While going over the conditions, the Planning Board wanted to make it clear that have the option to revisit this special permit and site plan review if conditions are not met. The Board of Health won’t get involved unless the odor or noise trips any thresholds.

Vice Chair Chris Dimarzio said, “I think a complaint should come to us.”

Without any further discussion, the board moved to a vote and approved the special permit and site plan review with conditions and findings in place.



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State Rep. Todd Smola shared his thoughts about Veterans Day



The Weir River Concert Band performed at Veterans Park prior to the start of the parade



Mark Lagimoniere and his daughter Brynn both marched in the parade.



American Legion Chaplain Doug Maxfield led the prayer.



State Sen. Peter Durant was one of the speakers during the Veterans Day ceremony.

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tary branch of service.

Master of Ceremonies for the ceremony was retired Col. John Pajak, who is also the commander of the AMVETS. Pajak recognized local and state officials and welcomed state Sen. Peter Durant to share remarks about Veterans Day.

Durant spoke to the veterans gathered and acknowledged that they "carry the weight of everything we hold dear," including our freedom.

He spoke about the first soldiers who followed General George Washington through the bitter winter into Valley Forge. Many were without proper clothing or shoes to protect them from the elements.

"They didn't have a clear promise of victory or even survival," Durant said.

But they believed in the idea of America.

Durant said what makes the U.S. veteran unique is that they continue to serve in their communities, long after their service to their country has ended.

"When veterans come home, they don't stop serving," he said. "That's what makes the American veteran remarkable."

Durant said U.S. citizens owed a debt of gratitude to those who served and continue to

serve.

"The story of America has always been the story of our veterans," he said.

State Rep. Todd Smola said the freedoms we have as Americans are due to the sacrifices of veterans who answered the call to serve their country.

"We say thank you for answering the call," he said to the veterans.

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume joined Durant and Smola at the podium and called up veteran Phil Hamel to receive a pin, honoring his military service. Hamel was recognized over the summer at the State House during the first-ever Military Appreciation Day.

Following the pinning, Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot read the Governor's proclamation on Veterans Day.

Pajak then gave a history of Veterans Day, starting with its origin as Armistice Day.

"It did not become a national holiday until 1938," he said.

Pajak then read an excerpt from the observations of Winston Churchill.

"I read this so that we never forget why we're here," he said.

Following the ceremony, parade participants gathered at the American Legion for a meal prepared by the American Legion Auxiliary.



Veterans Agent Mark Avis stood while the Weir River Concert Band performed patriotic songs.



Scouts from Ware's Scouting America Troop 281 made up the Honor Guard for the parade and ceremony.



State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume presented a pin to Phil Hamel after he was nominated by Berthiaume, state Rep. Todd Smola and state Sen. Peter Durant to be recognized during the State House's first ever Military Appreciation Day.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette



Veterans stood during a moment of silence to honor service members who had passed away.



Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot read the Governor's proclamation on Veterans Day.



Members of the Police and Fire departments stood during the Veterans Day ceremony.

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Daughter honors her Vietnam veteran father's service

Veterans Day Salute

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By Dené Sarrette Ackerman
Submitted Article

My dad, Dave Sarrette, was born in Palmer. He spent most of his life here and raised his family in the area.

He spent 51 years with my Mom, 44 of which they spent as loving husband and wife. During their time together, my dad enlisted in the Army and volunteered for the draft during the Vietnam War in 1969.

He was sent to war almost immediately and honorably discharged as an Army Infantry Sergeant over a year later. During that time, he received many awards, including but not limited to The Bronze Star with Valor Device, The Combat Infantryman Badge and he was also an Air Medal Recipient.

Things were different back then. We did not honor our veterans as we do today. With Vietnam veterans specifically, their return home was often not met with gratitude. Rather, they were spit on and ostracized by many who did not agree with the war.

For the record, my father finds war abhorrent. I have come to find most veterans do. I do, as well. It, unfortunately, is sometimes a necessary evil.

He spent several years helping veterans who needed assistance in Palmer through the Veterans Affairs and then moved on to a career in Academic Administration.

He never talked about the war. He still doesn't. He never talks about his medals, and is humbled in such a way I see paralleled in so many combat veterans.

As they say, "If you know, you know."

Growing up, I came to know Memorial Day and Veterans Day in a different way than most of my peers. They were not days for barbecues and beer. Rather, they were days of gratitude.

Memorial Day was a day spent primarily in silence. I came to understand why many years later.

My father and I could not be on farther ends of the political spectrum. He thinks I "overdo" it with my pride in America and my respect for the Flag. Maybe that's because when you grow up loving a combat veteran, you see things through a different lens.

I tell him often that I wish he could – if just for a moment – see himself the way others see him.

His heroism didn't end when he left the Army. His devotion to our family and unwillingness to ever give up on us no matter how many obstacles were presented before him defined him as a man and a parent.

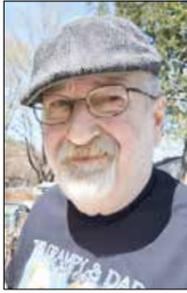
He is the reason I believe I am such a good mom today. I learned loyalty from him.

I learned that freedom truly is not free. I learned that every single man and woman who signs up for the military writes a blank check with their lives so that we may remain free.

We are the greatest country in the world. An experiment that, albeit not always perfect, renders us opportunities that no other country on earth does.

I used to have bumper stickers custom-made back in the 1990s that said "Proud Daughter of Vietnam Veteran." That drove him nuts. Now, I just order shirts online with the same saying.

He thinks I go too far with it. I think he is too humble.



Dave Sarrette

He is one of the greatest people I have ever known. Anyone close to him will tell you the same. He would not agree.

He never talked about being a veteran. He never talked about being a college dean. He grew up in a blue-collar household in Palmer and his dad was a decorated Korean War veteran.

He is not one to boast in any way that might make someone else feel "less than."

But I will boast about him.

Even though he won't talk to me for a week after seeing this in the paper, I will raise both my girls to respect our Flag, to stand for our National Anthem with their right hands on their hearts, and I will teach them the cost of freedom – when it is age-appropriate.

As my dad's forearm tattoo says, "For those who've fought for it, life has a flavor the protected will never know."

We are the protected. And may Veterans Day serve as a reminder to thank a veteran for their service. To welcome combat vets home (because not all experienced the welcome they deserved upon returning), and to shake their hands.

Everyone has the right to air their own opinion, political grievances, and so many other things as a direct result of the freedom that our combat veterans fought for. I will never forget that.

And it is my Dad who, inadvertently or not, taught me that.

I am proud to be the daughter of a veteran. And I would like to thank all of our veterans for their service and willingness to fight to keep us free.

Happy Veterans Day.

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Ware picks up win over Pioneers

Jarret Skowrya starts a return for the Pioneers.

WARE – Last Friday night, Ware defeated Pathfinder 16-12 in a nonplayoff matchup for both teams. Ware found itself in non-playoff action following an upset loss against Palmer two weeks ago. Ware faces Putnam in Week 10 while Pathfinder will have a vocational tournament match-up with Smith Vocational of Northampton.



Troy Jurczyk goes on a run with the ball.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Anthony Arventos drops back to pass.



Alex Orszulak comes up with a takedown of a ball carrier.



Animas Kowalik makes a block.



Jadrien Berthiaume goes for a tackle.



Julia Queiroga makes her way up the field.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Lillian Grover is closely pursued by an opponent.



Molly McGrail sends a quick pass forward.

Indians score preliminary round win

WARE – Last Monday night, Ware High School girls soccer opened up the state tournament with a 4-0 win over Codman Academy Charter School. Josephine Galeckas, Isabella Cotaj, Madisyn Slattery, and Reese McKeever notched the goals for the Indians, who improved to 7-10-3 and advanced into the Round of 32 against Whitinsville Christian School.



Naomi Torres is pursued by an opponent.



Madisyn Slattery clears the ball away.

Cougars open up state tourney with victory

WARREN – Under the lights last Monday evening, Quaboag Regional High School girls soccer faced off with Blackstone-Millville and scored a 4-0 shutout at home in the preliminary round of the Division 4 State Tournament. The Cougars were scheduled to face Douglas in the Round of 32 following that matchup. Quaboag improved to 11-6-2 with the win.



Isabelle Manzano makes a throw-in.



Madelyn Bagg turns play around after making a play.



Makayla Savoie chases after the ball.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Olivia DiRienzo passes ahead of pressure from an opponent.

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Panthers beat Saint John Paul II to advance to quarterfinals

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE— Eighth grader Maria Hamm was the leading scorer for the Quabbin varsity field hockey team with 22 goals and 10 assists for a total of 22 points this fall. She also came very close to the leading the Mid-Wach B Division in scoring.

Because of a wrist injury, Hamm didn't play in the Lady Panthers round of 16 home match against Saint John Paul II. It forced long-time Quabbin head coach Shelly Zalneraitis to shuffle the starting lineup a little bit.

With Hamm watching from the bench, the seventh-seeded Lady Panthers advanced into the Elite 8 of the Division 4 state tournament for the third consecu-

tive year with a 2-0 shutout victory over the 10th-seeded Lady Lions, last Tuesday afternoon.

"We're going back to the Elite 8 again and Uxbridge isn't in our way this time," Zalneraitis said. "Because Maria is injured, we did need to make a couple of changes in the starting line-up. The players adjusted to the changes very well. This is a very big win for us."

Junior captain Abby Rogowski who normally plays the low mid position was moved to center forward. Junior Makenzie Casey, who's also a captain, usually plays the high mid, but started at center forward.

Those were only a couple of the changes.

Zalneraitis also praised the performance of sopho-

more Kayla Curran.

"Kayla was one of the heroes in today's game," Zalneraitis said. "She's normally a forward, but we needed a back, and she did a fantastic job at that position."

Unlike the past two seasons, Quabbin didn't have to face Uxbridge in the Elite 8. The Lady Spartans, who have captured the Division 4 state championship title during the past four years, are now competing in the Division 3 state tournament.

The Lady Panthers (16-4-1) began this year's journey in the Division 4 state tournament with a 3-0 home win over 26th-seeded Hamilton-Wenham in the round of 32.

The three Quabbin seniors, who played their final field hockey game on the grass field located next to

the high school last Tuesday, are Maddy Stauder, Alyssa Ebert, and Farrah Wojcik.

"We're going to be losing three seniors who are very special kids," Zalneraitis said. "They've worked very hard and have made a lot of contributions this season. They're our leaders."

Stauder and Wojcik are also captains.

Since moving from Division 3 to Division 4 in 2023, the Lady Panthers have a perfect 5-0 home record in the state tournament.

It was also the first ever meeting between Quabbin and Saint John Paul II, which is a Catholic High School in Hyannis.

The Lady Panthers only had two shots during the opening period. Both shots were from sophomore Ellie

Poulin, but goalie Talya Panepinto kept the ball out of the cage with kick saves.

Down at the other end of the field, Quabbin junior goalie Aubrey Thorpe made only two saves in the match.

Thorpe received plenty of support from junior Violet Kelley, Strauder, and Curran.

The Lady Panthers were given a penalty corner just before time expired at the end of the first half. Rogowski banged a shot into the cage, but it was disallowed by the referee. The first shot on any penalty corner must hit the boards, which is 18 inches high. The shot by Rogowski hit the netting above the boards.

Zalneraitis wasn't very upset with the call.

The match remained scoreless until the start of the

final period.

The home team took a 1-0 lead following a penalty corner goal from Rogowski with 10:48 remaining in regulation. The scoring play began with Poulin inserting the ball to Casey. She then made a pass to Rogowski, who rolled a shot into the cage.

"I was disappointed that I didn't score a goal at the end of the first half," Rogowski said. "It just gave me a little bit of extra motivation to score a goal in the second half. I'm very happy that we won our final home game."

Seven minutes later, Casey fired a shot that bounced into the cage, which was assisted by Rogowski, sealing the Lady Panthers Sweet 16 victory.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Bondsville League

The Bondsville League at Roll-A-Way Lanes has reached the 10-week mark of the season.

After 10 weeks of league candlepin bowling, Night Hawks take over first place in the east division and overall, with a record of 43-27. Sandri leads in the west division and is in second place overall with a record 42-28.

During week 10, Slow Burners bowled against Flaming Bowling Balls. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 495-438.

In game two, Flaming Bowling Balls won again by a score of 458-454. In game three, Slow Burners got the win by a score of 492-470. Three out of four members of Slow Burners broke the century mark with scores of 111, 111 and 112.

The final score was 1423-1384 in favor of Flaming Bowling Balls. The team is in tenth place with a record of 27-43.

P&J Meats bowled against Ironmen in week 10. In game one, P&J Meats won by a score of 486-480. Chico Boynton of P&J Meats had the highest score on his team with a 108.

In game two, Ironmen got the win by a score of 507-468. Billy Brunk of Ironmen scored big with 148 in game two.

In game three, Ironmen won the last game by a score of 446-443. The final score was 1433-1397 in favor of Ironmen, who are now at 39-31.

Sandri bowled against Cannonballs in week 10. In game one, Sandri defeated Cannonballs by a score of 429-421. In game two, Sandri won again by a score of 468-464. Bob Hutchinson of Sandri had the best game with 113.

In game three, Sandri won to get a three-game sweep over Cannonballs, 455-446. Hutchinson and his teammate

Sue Horton each bowled 108 in game three. The final score was 1352-1331 in favor of Sandri.

Zeke's Freaks bowled against Snappers in week 10. In game one, Snappers won by a score of 529-465. Kevin Krasnecky of Snappers began the match by bowling a 128. His teammate, Andy Tombor bowled a 116 and Eddie Stachowicz bowled a 111.

In game two, Snappers won again by a score of 496-490. Stachowicz bowled a big game with 138 to lead his team to victory.

In game three, Snappers won to sweep Zeke's Freaks, 490-462. Stachowicz finished with 115 and a series of 364. Krasnecky bowled a 124 and had a series of 358. The final score was 1515-1417.

Fire Mountain bowled against Night Hawks in week 10. In game one, Night Hawks won by a score of 472-439. Darryl Sinclair Night Hawks began the match with 138 during the team's victory.

In game two, Night Hawks defeated Fire Mountain by a score of 488-431. Dave Smigiel of Night Hawks was the hero for the team by bowling a 121.

In game three, Night Hawks and Fire Mountain tied at 477. As a result, each team receives one point. Gavin Sinclair finished strong with 132 and had a series of 339. Smigiel finished with a 109 and a series of 332. Rick Trott of Fire Mountain bowled a 121 to end the match.

The final score was 1437-1347 in favor of Night Hawks.

Spare Parts Bud bowled against Team UMass in week 10. In game one, Spare Parts Bud won by a score of 483-443. John Jebb of Spare Parts Bud began the match with a 110.

In game two, Spare Parts Bud won again by a score of 484-455. In game three, Spare Parts Bud won by a score of 476-472 to sweep Team UMass in week 10. The final score was 1443-1370 in favor of Spare Parts Bud.



Cougars set for opener

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College women's basketball schedule began this week with a match-up against Quinsigamond Community College. Their next home game is scheduled for Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. against Five Towns College.

Submitted photo
The Holyoke Community College Women's Basketball team was set to open up their regular season this week.

Worcester Railers fall to Maine Mariners 4-2

WORCESTER – The Mariners won again Sunday afternoon, 4-2, although it was a close game that the Railers might have taken, or at least tied.

Worcester had yet another goal disallowed due to goalie interference, this one deposited by Riley Ginnell at 19:28 of the first period. It would have closed a 2-0 deficit to 2-1 but was waved off. Since the fourth Maine goal was into an empty net, the wave-off was huge.

It was also the second in the last two games that call went against the Railers.

"Both nights, I think they were wrong," coach Nick Tuzzolino said. "They decide what they decide but I think it happens a lot to us in this building."

These goalie interference reviews are becoming a plague. There seem to be one or two every game. They take up time and kill

the flow. They are like football pass interference calls.

If six people look at them you'll get six different interpretations.

"I definitely saw our guy being physical with their defense on an outside the paint," Tuzzolino said. "There was a fight for ice. That's bound to happen...I think you can call goalie interference on almost every goal, but it is what it is."

The game marked the Railers debut of former Holy Cross goaltender Thomas Gale, who played two ECHL games for Wheeling last year. Worcester's goaltending has been inconsistent thus far. Gale seemed to play well enough to earn another start.

"He was good," Tuzzolino said. "I think maybe the first two he might like back. Then in the sec-

ond period he stops maybe two or three Grade As, at the end of the first he stops a breakaway. Great energy, great attitude, really fought down to the wire."

"He was a fire starter, a spark. Not a knock on our other goalies but they've had a lot of mental battles and needed a mental break." The Railers goals were scored by Drew Callin and Kolby Johnson, playing in just his third game of the season. Lynden McCallum had two for Maine, giving him five for the two games here this weekend. Jacob Perreault and Sebastian Vidmar had the other Maine goals, Vidmar into an empty net.

Luke Cavallin made 22 saves for Maine to improve his career record versus Worcester to 11-5-0.

Worcester scored early and late in the first period.

Perrault notched a power play goal at 1:58, blasting a shot home from the left circle on the first shot Gale faced in a Worcester uniform. Maine's man advantage came about after Railers forward Jesse Nurmi was called for an obvious

slashing penalty at 1:50.

McCallum scored his fourth goal of the weekend at 17:17. He snapped a shot under the crossbar from the right circle; the Mariners have been very good so far this season against Worcester at putting the puck on the top shelf.

The home team closed the gap on a power play goal of its own just 1:48 into the second period. Callin beat Cavallin from between the dots with a quick wrist shot after taking a pass from Ryan Miotto. It was a one-goal game for about six minutes.

McCallum went top shelf at 7:46 to re-establish the Mariners' two-goal lead. It could have been worse for the Railers, though. Maine had a 17-7 edge in shots and Gale made several excellent saves.

Johnson scored at 9:35 of the third period, right off a draw in the left circle. The puck found him alone about 15 feet away from Cavallin and he beat him with an instant release.

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time police officer for a one year term with the authorization of the wage at a step three on the full-time patrolman's scale.

Tantillo has experience with municipal police work and 10 years of college credentials as well as plenty of certifications.

Quality of life complaints

Millette spoke during the discussion of quality-of-life complaints from residents who are from the area near Palmer Motorsports Park.

The last couple events the motorsports park hosted have raised some concerns, mostly regarding noise from loud music and cars arriving that are exceeding capacity. There were also cars seen being parked on the side off Ware Road leading to the Warren town line.

Millette is hoping communicate with the police chiefs in Ware and Palmer to have a meeting with the owner of the motorsports park.

During these last two events, Millette said he believes the park was working outside of its permit. In addition to the permit

requirements, the park was also supposed to have details in place.

The other concern was many cars were driving through Warren and West Warren and were going over the speed limit and burning their tires on the road.

Board of Health request

Daniel Thibodeau of Board of Health spoke on a request made by its members to amend article 9, use of public ways and places, section 1, sidewalks of the town's general bylaws. Thibodeau presented a paper of how they'd like to

have this bylaw amended in response to making sure people don't leave containers on the sidewalk. This includes tables as well because they do block the walking path of the sidewalk.

Selectmen Chair Richard Eichacker reviewed the wording on the sheet and mentioned the Board of Health can make some adjustments such as placing a 24-hour time frame of leaving out a container.

It's not just trash bins the Board of Health is talking about, but there are other items that are randomly left on the sidewalk. Apartment

complexes leave barrels out continuously, according to Thibodeau.

Ferrera mentioned there's no penalty mentioned in the amendment and said the board may want to put some type of enforcement. The Board of Health will make adjustments and will bring back to the Board of Selectmen.

Contract with Weston & Sampson

Ferrera talked about the town entering into a contract with Weston & Sampson Engineers Inc. for professional engineering ser-

vices for the Rising Above: Warren's plan for a flood-resilient future project.

The town has received a \$234,000 grant to help with the assessment and study that will help identify flood resilient areas in town. This will help address issues and flood mitigation.

The contract bid was awarded to Weston & Sampson, who have worked on several plans for the Town of Warren, including the Wrights Mill plan. The board approved the contract with Weston & Sampson.

Wine tasting event to benefit Town Hall restoration

WARE – Friends of Ware Town Hall announced they will be hosting a wine tasting fundraiser at It's Wine O'clock, located in the Phillips Shopping Plaza on West Street on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"We are so excited about this fundraiser, what a fun event this will be," said Pat Skutnik, Friends of Ware Town Hall president. "This is our third event of this kind and Melissa and Dave

Stevens, owners of It's Wine O'clock are always so helpful organizing it. With a focus on choosing wines to celebrate the coming of the holiday season, Melissa's expertise in her field will assure a pleasant experience for all attending."

Admission to the tasting event is free with a nice selection of wines for tasting, which will also be available for purchase. A percentage of the sales of the fea-

tured wines during the event will go toward the Friends of Ware Town Hall's window restoration project.

Lotto Calendars with multiple chances to win will also be available for sale, with the drawing for the calendars beginning April 1, 2026 and continuing through the entire month of April.



"We invite everyone to join us on Nov. 16, It's Wine O'clock is such a nice venue with knowledgeable and helpful staff," Skutnik said. "Wine and good people; we can't think of a better combination for fun!"

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Two warrant articles will ask voters to take actions related to the replacement of the town pool and make updates to the town's charter.

A second Special Town Meeting will be held in January 2026 when free cash is certified.

Hospital Review Committee discussion
 Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot shared a statement regarding the Hospital Review Committee, which she also serves on.

She stated there were meeting minutes that were not completed in a timely fashion, but that all meetings were open to the public. She said steps have been taken to ensure this does not happen again.

Talbot also addressed allegations that a member of the committee was not truthful in disclosing their professional background.

Talbot said the committee's Chair, Dr. Howard Trietsch, was upfront and honest about his professional ties to Baystate Health when he expressed interest in serving on the committee when it was formed.

She said Trietsch recently emailed the Selectboard to share the details of his career, which he had also done during several committee meetings.

Trietsch said he retired in September of 2020 and did not receive any payment or pension from Baystate



Submitted Photo
Selectboard members Ken Willette, Nancy Talbot, John Desmond and Jack Cascio along with Fire Chief Jim Martinez welcomed new firefighter/EMT Gavin Rohan (second from right) to the Fire Department.

Health after that date, and his engagement with Baystate Health had ended years prior to that.

Trietsch stated that he shared his history of working with Baystate Health to the other committee members and he was then nominated to be its chair because of this background.

Talbot read a letter acknowledging and thanking the members of the committee for their years of work.

Update on trusts
 Friends of the Mary Lane Hospital President Cindy Allen Bourcier said the recent audit of Baystate Health showed the existence of other trust funds outside of the Lewis Gilbert Trust. She said there were once close to 20 different trust funds, and seven at the time of the Baystate Health merger.

"They've all been dissolved except for the Lewis Gilbert Trust fund," she said.

Bourcier said most were too small to maintain or had multiple beneficiaries.

Bourcier said the list of

the dissolved trusts is in the audit, which is posted under the Hospital Review Committee's page on the town website, www.townof-ware.com.

She said there is also a list of names from the Mary Lane Hospital's memorial plaques that were returned to the town from Baystate Health.

Comments and concerns

Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund shared concerns about how the Ware Police Department was treated in regard to the alleged theft of his memorial banner, which he placed on a fence surrounding the Mary Lane Hospital property.

Granlund said the banner was removed and stolen by an employee of Baystate Health.

Granlund said he emailed representatives of Baystate Health and requested the return of the banner. He also provided the contact information to Police Chief Shawn Crevier, who also contacted

Baystate Health.

Granlund said a lawyer from Baystate Health notified him that they were keeping the banner as it was located on their property. He said the banner was "nowhere near Baystate property."

He said Crevier later contacted him and told him that Town Manager Stuart Beckley had spoken to him about calling Baystate Health.

Granlund said Crevier and the two police officers involved with this matter, all responded professionally and that Beckley had "no business in the theft of private property or any calls any police officer made to Baystate Health."

Beckley said he did speak with Crevier at the request of the Baystate Health CEO Peter Banko, but it was not about the banner.

Selectboard round table discussion

Selectboard member Ken Willette said residents of Monson Turnpike Road have

'Shrek the Musical' performed Nov. 14 and 15 at Quabbin

BARRE – The Quabbin Performing Arts will present "Shrek the Musical" in the auditorium at Quabbin Regional Middle/High School, 800 South St., on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 if purchased in advance or \$12 at the door. Early ticket purchase is recommended as this show is likely to sell out for each perfor-

mance.

A link to purchase tickets is available on the school district's website, www.qrsd.org or directly at our.show/quabbin-shrek.

Refreshments and Break-A-Leg Bags will be available for purchase through Quabbin Pro Musica during the intermission of each show. Proceeds will benefit students in the school district's music department.

expressed concerns about the behavior of skunks recently. He said initially it was unclear whose responsibility it was to handle the removal of skunks.

Willette said residents have been encouraged to contact a wildlife professional to remove any nuisance animals.

He said one of town's police officers is licensed to remove nuisance animals, and he asked if this officer's company could complete the work for compensation on behalf of the town.

Beckley said if the town hired the company, residents would be able to contact the Police Department where they would be instructed on the next steps. He said it is important that residents do not touch any wild animals, especially those that appear to be infected with rabies or distemper.

Willette said there is currently an outbreak of distemper in wild animals in the western Massachusetts area. He said he hopes this plan will give residents an immediate response with dealing with nuisance animals.

Selectboard member Jack Cascio asked Beckley for an update on the status of the Main Street buildings which are slated for demolition.

Beckley said it would be efficient if the town conducted the asbestos study to make available to contractors.

"That would save them from individually doing that, and also save time," he said.

Beckley said the town has received a lot of bidding

interest in the demolition project.

Cascio also raised concerns about the safety and regulation of e-bikes, especially on town walking trails, sidewalks and parks.

Town Manager's report

Beckley said the Church Street water tank project is almost complete and it will soon be tested and put back online. He said work on the Anderson Road tank should begin in the spring.

Beckley said the town was awarded the Community Development Block Grant, which will cover the phase one construction of the Cottage Street project and provide essential funding to social services. He said the town also received a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant to resurface the roads of Grenville Park.

Beckley said the town received a grant to work with Mass Development for planning and marketing of the Millyard and the new health-care district in order to attract interest to the area.

Beckley also discussed having various board and committee meetings recorded via Zoom to ensure that meeting minutes can be compiled in a timely manner.

Appointments

Valerie Granger was appointed to serve three-year terms on the Community Development Authority and the Council on Aging.

Open enrollment: What to know before you enroll

For many people, fall brings open enrollment, the period to choose your medical and workplace benefits for the year ahead.

While it may be easy just to renew last year's choices, that might be a costly mistake. Your employer's plans, providers or costs may have changed. And your own circumstances might be different.

Here are a few tips for navigating open enrollment.

Many employers offer more than one health, dental or vision option. Check the differences in provider networks, prescription coverage and monthly premiums.

Next, take advantage of flexible spending accounts (FSAs) and health savings accounts (HSAs). These let you use pretax dollars for eligible medical expenses.

And finally, check the insurance options. There may be a base level of life insurance, with the option to buy more. Make sure you have enough coverage to protect your loved ones.

Taking a fresh look helps ensure your benefits match your family's needs for the coming year.

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public safety

Warren Police Log

During the week of Oct. 19-25, the Warren Police Department responded to 97 building/property checks, three community policings, 21 emergency 911 calls, one motor vehicle accident, one trespass, one fraud/forgery, six animal calls and 14 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Oct. 19
 12:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
 11:59 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:15 p.m. Fumes/Odor, Crescent Street, Fire Extinguished
 4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:08 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Bemis Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:06 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Monday, Oct. 20
 8:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Cottage Street, Criminal Complaint
 9:30 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Maple Street, Report Filed

12:55 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial, School House Drive, Officer/Chief Advised
 3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Written Warning
 9:14 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Oct. 21
 11:59 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Comins Pond Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:54 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, School Street, Mutual Aid Transport
 1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:05 p.m. Erratic Operator, Ware Road, Written Warning
 2:20 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Crouch Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Wednesday, Oct. 22
 4:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Report Filed
 9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:15 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Yankee Drummer Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal

10:16 p.m. Falls, Brimfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Thursday, Oct. 23
 5:42 a.m. Suspicious Person, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 4:41 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, North Street, Report Filed

Friday, Oct. 24
 1:10 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Pleasant Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:28 a.m. Trespasser/Prowler, Brimfield Road, Report Filed
 1:52 p.m. Falls, Southbridge Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 4:32 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 10:17 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Town Farm Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Oct. 25
 8:38 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Mechanic Street, Report Filed
 4:52 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Report Filed
 7:48 p.m. Sick/Unknown, High Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Nov. 3-10, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 61 building/property checks, 38 directed/area patrols, 11 radar assignments, 16 emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, three assist other agencies, two motor vehicle investigations, three safety hazards, two motor vehicle accidents, three complaints, one trespass, 10 animal calls and six motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Nov. 3
 8:45 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Greenwich Road, Referred to Other Agency
 11:20 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled
 12:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Jackson Road, Spoken To
 3:35 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Sullivan Avenue, Unfounded
 4:49 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Summit Road, Transported to Hospital
 4:51 p.m. 911 Trespass, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 8:44 p.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Nov. 4
 12 a.m. Complaint, Sullivan Avenue, Services Rendered
 1:39 p.m. Fire/Alarm,

Church Lane, Investigated
 4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 4:45 p.m. Complaint, Patrill Hollow Road, Services Rendered
 10:47 p.m. Medical Emergency, High Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Nov. 5
 8:47 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact
 9:24 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Birch Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 6
 12:24 a.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 5:08 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Lower Road, Report Taken
 10:19 a.m. Fire/Alarm, Church Lane, Investigated
 1:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 4:15 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, School Street, Transported to Hospital
 6:38 p.m. Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Patient Refusal
 8:41 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Parker Court, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Nov. 7

10:02 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:12 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Referred to Other Agency
 3:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, No Action Required
 4 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled
 6:31 p.m. Safety Hazard, Route 32, Services Rendered
 7:40 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled
 11:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Court, Services Rendered

Saturday, Nov. 8
 5 a.m. Medical Emergency, River Run, Transported to Hospital
 1:46 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, No Action Required
 2:26 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Lower Road, Vehicle Towed
 10:39 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, Nov. 9
 1:10 p.m. Complaint, Lower Road, Merge
 Monday, Nov. 10
 1:03 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

Ware Police Log

During the week of Nov. 2-12, the Ware Police Department responded to 43 miscellaneous calls, 26 administrative calls, 13 traffic violations, 18 emergency 911 calls, 12 motor vehicle accidents, three trespasses, two thefts/larcenies, three breaking and enterings, one damage/vandalism, one fraud, four safety hazards, one structure fire, 11 animal calls and 41 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Sunday, Nov. 2
 1:22 a.m. Breaking and Entering, Vigeant Street, Arrest Made
 10:54 a.m. Breaking and Entering, West Main Street, Report Made
 1:28 p.m. Traffic Incident, West Street, Advised
 1:32 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Eddy Street, Investigated
 2:21 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 4:21 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Palmer Road, Advised
 6:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Arrest Made

Monday, Nov. 3
 2:54 a.m. Breaking and Entering, North Street, Services Rendered
 9:42 a.m. Damage/Vandalism, Greenwich Plains Road, Report Made
 3:56 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
 5:23 p.m. Robbery, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Nov. 4
 12:16 p.m. Safety Hazard, Shady Path, Assist Given
 12:19 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 2:08 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
 5:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 6:41 p.m. Safety Hazard,

Castle Street, Advised
Wednesday, Nov. 5
 3:07 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, West Main Street, Arrest Made
 8:34 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Aspen Street, Advised
 4:54 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Palmer Road, Arrest Made
 5 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Eddy Street, Assist Given
 5:26 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Aspen Court, Report Made
 5:33 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Advised
 11:12 p.m. Safety Hazard, East Street, Services Rendered

Thursday, Nov. 6
 6:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 7:07 a.m. Electrical Hazard, Monson Turnpike Road, Advised
 7:59 a.m. Structure Fire, Homecrest Avenue, Investigated
 8:53 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Services Rendered
 11:07 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Vigeant Street, Services Rendered
 1:02 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Services Rendered
 4:51 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Services Rendered
 10:10 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gilbertville Road, Assist Given

Friday, Nov. 7
 6:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 11:30 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Street, Services Rendered
 6:36 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
 6:48 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch

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Handled
Saturday, Nov. 8
 12:25 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Highland Village, Investigated
 9:34 p.m. Weapons/Firearms, Glendale Circle, Investigated

Sunday, Nov. 9
 9:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fisherdick Road, Criminal Complaint Request
 12:27 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Church Street, Assist Given
 12:29 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
 4:58 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Belchertown Road, Investigated

Monday, Nov. 10
 8:04 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Morse Avenue, Advised

Tuesday, Nov. 11
 12:29 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Assist Given
 1:50 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Cherry Street, Appears Secure After Check
 2:18 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Westbrook Avenue, Assist Given
 6:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 8:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Services Rendered

School food service offers Thanksgiving 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. Deadline for orders is Friday, Nov. 21. The cost will be \$8 for a pan of 16 rolls. You may pick up the

rolls on Wednesday, Nov. 26 between 9 a.m.-noon at the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School cafeteria. All proceeds will benefit local charities for children in Ware.

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construction commencement date, Kearsarge thinks it's going to be around two years. Kearsarge is working with National Grid and has a signed agreement with them hoping they will be connected once National Grid is done with their work. The upfront payment will be non-refundable and Kearsarge agreed to a five-year terminate agreement. Town counsel explained to the Select Board what motion they can make if they were to sign lease agreement. The board can accept the lease on subject to an agreement regarding payment upfront and with sooner permitting within one year being non-refundable. In addition, the agreement of lease shall terminate within five years unless an action by the company is solely due to a utilities delay. The board members appeared satisfied with that agreement and approved the Kearsarge Solar lease.

Tax classification hearing
 The Select Board held a public hearing on the issue of tax allocation among the property classes for fiscal year 2026. The Board of Assessors recommended that the Select Board retain a single tax rate for all classes of property. The Assessors are looking to keep one tax rate of \$12.74 across the board for residential and commercial. Select Board Clerk Jeff Schaaf asked

what the current rate is for residential. The current residential rate is \$13.15. The Board of Assessors is trying to get FY 26 approved for \$12.74. The board approved the single tax rate of \$12.74 set by the Assessors.

Appointment
 The Select Board voted to appoint Judi Korzec to the Master Plan Steering Committee.

Update on healthcare
 Korzec talked about the Mary Lane Hospital trust in response to a correspondence. Korzec had some details about what they have heard about ongoing discussions in Ware about the trust.

According to Korzec, Ware did not contact Hardwick about a deal that the Attorney General had already approved of what Baystate had proposed, a Baystate Convenient Care idea to be put in Ware. Not an urgent care or emergency room, but a community care center and convenient care isn't going to offer the Town of Hardwick anything. Korzec also said that someone would have to be a current patient of Baystate Health to attend the proposed location in Ware.

From what Korzec is sharing, Hardwick is not getting anything out of this deal. She said Baystate Health said they're open to talking with Hardwick in regard to providing rural health.

"It is a matter of trying to get a program out of Baystate," Korzec said.

There are still questions residents ask about how Baystate Health got the control of Mary Lane Hospital. According to Korzec, the Mary Lane Hospital board decided to sell to Baystate. While making a deal with Palmer/Wing, the decision was made to have emergency room moved out of Mary Lane and be operated in Palmer.

Korzec said this is all on public record. The Mary Lane Hospital board at the time agreed to sell assets to Baystate Health and many feel at this point it's not worth the time and money to fight this case.

Korzec says the town could try to get a program out of Baystate Health that's worth \$300,000 per year for a number of years. It is a path the Town could take to get some sort of health service for Hardwick.

Korzec is hopeful healthcare is part of the master plan.

Oakham Battery Storage Letter

Caggiano brought up the template she received from towns of Warren and West Brookfield, who have already signed on to this letter regarding the opposition to a proposed 180 MW lithium-ion battery energy storage system in Oakham. The Select Board moved to sign the letter as well.



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A season of giving

By Ryan Drago
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During the holidays there are various ways to help those in need of extra assistance.

Throughout central and western Massachusetts there are families in need of food and clothing assistance. There are various communities with volunteer run organizations who are working hard to collect food and clothing for families and individuals in need. These organizations and local businesses are getting involved by leaving a donation box or drop-off space that folks can drop off food and clothing that will be collected and distributed.

These organizations operate effectively thanks to volunteers and donors who wish to make a difference in the lives of those who need of assistance during the holiday season. Each town listed has a resource of where donors can go to provide food and clothing.

Barre

The Barre Food Pantry is a registered 501c3 charity that collects food from local donors, area markets and the Worcester County Food Bank. The volunteers serve more than 100 area families with a twice-monthly distribution at the Barre Congregational Church and with emergency deliveries during the month. Donations of nonperish-

able food are accepted at the Barre Family Health Center, the Barre Senior Center on South Barre Road, the Woods Memorial Library, at St. Joseph's Church and at The South Barre Rod & Gun Club.

For more information, visit www.barrefoodbank.org. Ways to donate can be found on the donate page on the website, click "How to Donate".

Warren, West Warren & West Brookfield

The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry opened its doors to serve the community of West Brookfield in the spring of 2002. This community food pantry now serves West Brookfield, Warren and West Warren.

Over the years, the need has grown to the point where the sharing cupboard has served around 75-90 families every year.

This cupboard accomplished its mission thanks to direct donations and food drives. This year, Boy Scout Troop 142 ran a food drive in the center of Warren to help benefit residents of both towns.

Donations can be brought to the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, United Church of Christ, at 36 North Main St. in West Brookfield. For more information, call 508-867-7078.

Ware

There are several locations in Ware that are involved in

collecting and distributing food for the community. The Ware Senior Center has the Brown Bag Food for Elders Program provides a free bag of groceries to eligible seniors once a month at local senior centers and community organizations. There is the Jubilee Food Cupboard, located at the Trinity Episcopal Church that is open every Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon. There is a drop-off box at the Ware Big Y Supermarket. There is also the All Saints and St. Mary's Church Food Pantry. Information on how to donate can be found at www.ware-catholic.org/foodpantry.

The Knights of Columbus is also hosting its annual Coats for Kids drive. Donations of new (or gently

worn and clean) coats, hats, gloves and mittens will be accepted.

Drop-off locations are at all three Ware Public Schools, Nat Falk, the Sharpest Edge Barber Shop, 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. 15, Bruce Marshall of 97.7 FM will be hosting a live broadcast for Coats for Kids from Nat Falk from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Make a donation during this time and you will receive a 10% discount off anything in

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there was much catching up and getting acquainted as the people filtered in.

We were greeted warmly by the CEO James Przypek as well as Renee Niedziela of J.Stolar Insurance Agency, who also serves as president of the Chamber.

A couple of mischievous lads, Michael Rouette, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Dan Moriarty, President and Chief Executive Officer of Monson Savings engaged us in conversation. Who says a banker can't have a sense of humor?

Soon enough, it was time to take our seats. Guests were introduced and we would hear from state Sen. Ryan Fattman as presented by his District Director, Amanda Hellyar.

Niedziela then spoke about the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, and there was much to say. The list of actions and events is exhaustive, and we were provided with documentation.

This Annual Meeting, presented by Superior Plus Propane, was the largest turnout in over a decade.

Over the last 12 month the Chamber re-launched the Membership Committee, creating a Local Market Vendors level. Networking and seminar events were hosted, and a successful raffle fundraiser was conducted, courtesy of Pathfinder Tech.

The annual Business & Recreation Guide was published, and membership in



The raffle winners were drawn.

the Quaboag Referral Group grew. The Chamber's Mass Pike Exit 63 Billboard was rehabbed.

The meaningful Choice Awards were re-launched, with fun along the way, Bingo Night in March and a golf outing last month.

There were 22 new and returning members to the Chamber, and ribbon-cutting events were held. The QHMA.com website saw healthy growth.

Over the past 12 months, there were promoted 694 member events, workshops, and seminars on the website that generated 90,478 views. The previous year's views were a fraction of the current pace. Even better, member

page views were 125,000, a 28% increase.

There was recognition of the Year's Silver Underwriters: Country Bank, J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Monson Savings, and ServPro of Hampshire County.

Also, the Bronze Underwriters: Behavioral Health Network, Christopher Heights of Belchertown, Superior Plus Propane, and Westfield Bank

Among the Annual Meeting sponsors, the Presenting Sponsor was Superior Plus Propane.

The Speaker sponsors were Bay State Health and Burkhart Pizzanelli, CPAs. The Table sponsors were Bell & Hudson Insurance

Agency, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Pioneer Valley Environmental, and SERVPRO of Hampshire County.

At the previous year's meeting, a number of By-Law edits were voted on. This year members are being asked to vote on Board Nominations below.

Nominated to serve as Officers for the Chamber for the next year are: President, Renee Niedziela; 1st Vice President, Edward Fisher Jr.; 2nd Vice President, Eric Duda; Clerk, Amy Scribner; Treasurer, Julie Quink; Assistant Treasurer, Lena Buteau

Nominated for new and continuing appointments to

the Board of Directors for the Chamber: Through 2026: Michael Harris, Michael Moore, Teresa Grove. Through 2027: Anthony Marini, Kate Davignon, Rebecca Maurer. Through 2028: Jamie Fitzgibbon, Lorna Stone, Kaitlin Young.

The formal part of the meeting over, dinner was served, and it was quite a repast. The beef, and chicken that the Salem Cross is known for did not disappoint the diners as they engaged in spirited conversation.

Soon enough, the main course was done, and it was time for the evening's speaker, Megan McDonough.

McDonough is a thought leader, author, and founder of

the Wholebeing Institute, a global organization teaching the science of well being to thousands of students across 48 countries, with programs translated into Spanish and Portuguese.

She has led growth strategies for international organizations such as the Women Presidents Organization and the Krip-alu Center for Yoga & Health, designing programs that boost engagement, resilience, and leadership capacity.

With more than two decades of experience at the intersection of business and positive psychology, Megan helps leaders apply evidence-based practices – positive emotions, strengths, and meaning – to create workplaces where both people and organizations thrive.

The theme of the presentation: Grow Strong.

McDonough, through a skillful use of narrative and vignettes discussed tuning into one's strengths, and finding meaning in a world where quiet quitting in the workplace is not uncommon.

When she finished, a local institution of 85 years, Rondeau's Dairy was honored, with a presentation to Mike Rondeau.

After that, the raffle was drawn with prizes donated by Megan's Wholebeing Institute, Baystate Health, The Chamber itself, and J. Stolar Insurance Agency.

Then, we were done, and the assembled left in a leisurely manner and departed into the chilly night air.



Turley Photos by Richard Murphy
Renee Niedziela of J.Stolar Insurance Agency, also serves as president of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce.



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Raffle prizes were up for grabs to help benefit the toy drive.

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Rod & Gun Club has been running this fundraiser for the last five years and Hosley has seen it grow over the years.

"It's coming back better than ever," Hosley said.

Money raised from the spaghetti dinner and the raffle going on during dinner will go towards the purchase of toys for the toy drive. These toys go to children in New Braintree, Hardwick and Barre. There was a total of nine prizes being raffled off during dinner time and a 50/50 raffle was also held.

Hosley said last year's toy drive benefitted 36 kids in Hardwick and New Braintree. Joining Hosley

in the kitchen was Steven Hosley, Tom McGee, and Al Marchiony preparing the meals. The club prepared over 40 meals for this year's fundraiser.

Hosley wanted to acknowledge South Barre Rod & Gun Club member Don Dunbar, who was at the spaghetti dinner this past weekend. Dunbar is the one who donated all the food to the club and has been donating food for the last five years.

Dunbar is a proud member of the club who loves donating money, time and food for various causes.

The Stuff a Cruiser event is scheduled for Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-noon at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club, 2626 Barre Road.

Dunbar appreciates the South Barre Rod & Gun Club being a place that offers a lot of fun programs for the kids throughout the year. The Stuff a Cruiser and toy drive is a big one the kids look forward to every year.

"It is a good local cause," Dunbar said. "Kids look forward to this every year."

Dunbar does the shopping to collect all the food for this annual dinner and said it has always been spaghetti and meatballs. A delicious meal enjoyed by dozens of guests at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club.

The annual Stuff a Cruiser is scheduled for Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-noon at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club, 2626 Barre Road.

United Church to host craft fair Nov. 15

WARE – United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., will host a craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be homemade crafts, many vendors, raffle baskets and soup and sandwiches.

For more information, call the church office at 413-967-9981.

Town hosts nonperishable food drive

HARDWICK – In an effort to combat food insecurity among the community, the Town of Hardwick will be launching a nonperishable food drive.

Beginning on Nov. 3, food donation bins will be

placed in the foyer of the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main St., Gilbertville, MA 01031. Donations will be accepted during all operating hours.

Please note, the town cannot accept monetary donations.



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Thanksgiving will bring early deadlines for all legal notices to run in TURLEY PUBLICATIONS the week of November 24-28, 2025.

Thursday, Nov. 20 at 2 PM for November 27 issue

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• The Register • Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Friday, November 21 at 2 PM for November 27 Issue

• Sentinel • Quaboag Current

Monday, November 24 at 2 PM for November 27 Issue

• The Journal Register • Ware River News • Barre Gazette

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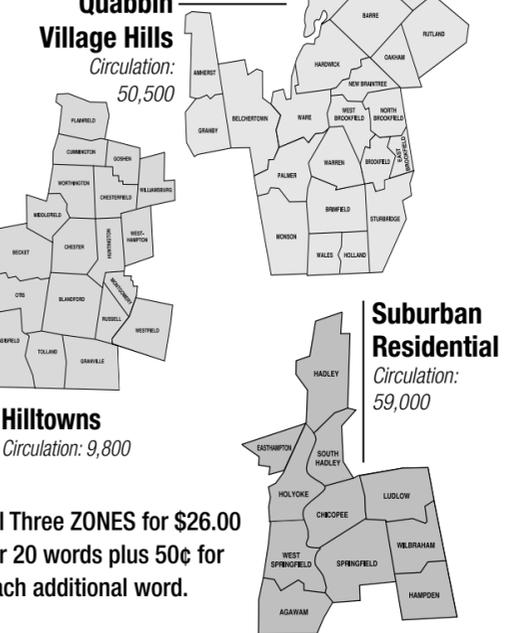
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the store.

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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.

The Brookfields

The Clam Box in East Brookfield hosted a coat drive this past weekend that went directly to the Friendly House of Worcester. Over 400 coats were donated by members of the community to help those during the cold-

est time of the year.

The Clam Box has a "Take It or Leave It" box to collect nonperishable food items for residents in need and is also offering free pasta dinners through its Community Cares Project.

The Brookfield Congregational Church collects non-perishable food items to support the Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry. The Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30-11 a.m. For more information, please call Louise Woodard at 508-867-3891.

The East Brookfield Police and Fire departments will hold their semi-annu-

al food drive on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Fire Station. This food drive will benefit the food pantry at the East Brookfield Baptist Church.

Sturbridge

People can donate winter coats for children and adults at Gido's Brick Oven Pizza & Ice Cream, 367 Main St., now through Dec. 19. All sizes of coats welcomed.

Coats received will be professionally cleaned by Anton's Cleaners and distributed to families in need through a network of over 90 local social service agencies, schools and nonprofit organizations.

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the community, and for the school.

How Joinville found out about who nominated him is a comedic story. He believes a fellow classmate of Bessette alluded to the answer.

As for the ceremony, Joinville described it as a party featuring students of music and theater, as well as Superintendent Stephen Duff and Quaboag administration members joining in on the celebration. Representatives of the WooSox Foundation joined in on the celebration as Joinville was praised by the Smiley Ball the mascot.

The feeling described by Joinville was awesome and he admitted that he almost cried. Any teacher who hears appreciation from the students and staff is always good to hear, according to Joinville.

In 2020, Joinville received an award through MSAA and the National Honor Society Massachusetts Chapters. It was the Everett Masters Adviser of the Year Award and Joinville found out through a scavenger hunt.

While on school grounds, Joinville found himself doing a scavenger hunt around the school. There were six clues in total, and it ended with

him finding out in the school auditorium. Joinville still has the clues saved in his office.

Joinville wanted to acknowledge his inspirations that helped him lay out the path to pursue college and wanting to become a music teacher. His inspirations were Charlie Pietrello, Dave Daquil, Bob Chadwick and Beth Johnson; teachers he had in middle school and high school.

Joinville went to the University of Maine in Orono and had the pleasure of reconnecting with former instructors of his. A couple students of Joinville have enrolled in UMaine and are studying music.

Joinville also runs Quaboag's theater department and has a background in theater of his own. His first theater experience was back in 1991 during a production of "Bye Bye Birdie". During his time in college Joinville focused more on directing and music directing for plays.

For many years, Joinville has helped out school theater programs throughout Massachusetts and some in Connecticut. Schools such as Auburn, Nashoba, and Oakmont are schools Joinville has helped during school plays, mostly on the music portion.

In his 18 years of teach-

ing, Joinville is proud to call Quaboag "home." The moment Quaboag became home for him goes back to 2013. Joinville said that was a time when he had the pleasure of working with a good group of students and felt the kids and staff had tremendous support from the community and helped grow the school community.

"It was a time when coming to work didn't feel like work," Joinville said. "It would be a challenge to leave."

Many legacies of students were built at Quaboag and Joinville is proud to be a part of a loved school community, 18 years and counting. In the music room, Joinville has worked with many amazing students through various classes and programs, and many students had truly left their mark on the music room that Joinville proudly teaches in.

"The magic this music room holds," Joinville stated.

Joinville is honored to receive the Most Valuable Teacher Award and appreciates the nomination by Bessette. As part of the award, Joinville also received tickets to a WooSox game and will be a part of a special on-field ceremony that honors the Most Valuable Teacher.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by EDWIN M. KROL and EVELYN E. KROL a/k/a EVELYN KROL to COUNTRY BANK FOR SAVINGS, dated July 30, 2004, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 7933, Page 55, of 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 **11:00 a.m. on the 9th day of December, 2025**, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 7 Dugan Road, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"Property Address: 7 Dugan Road, Ware, MA 01082

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Being Lot #3 on Plan of Dugan Acres, Ware, Massachusetts, September 16, 1952, J.W. Reilly, C.E.

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TOWN OF WARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **December 2, 2025, at 6:40pm**, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an **Application for a new On-Premises, Section 12 Malt, Farmer Series Pouring Permit License, and an Entertainment License for Lost Towns Brewing Company, at 44 East Main Street, Ware, MA.** Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA.

All interest parties are invited to attend.

Nancy Talbot, Chairman
Selectboard
11/13/2025

Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle

Under G.L. c. 255, Section 39A
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By: James M. Regin
Dated: 11/10/25

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11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2025

Ware

Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40.

The hearing will include consideration of a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** by Daniel Carney for the removal of trees and putting trap rock on washed out R/W and planting of native species (grass) 500 sf at waterfront, at 43 Horse-shoe Circle Ware, MA 01082. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) Website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>.
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Legal Notice

Public Hearing Notice

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Meeting ID: 815 4538 8421

Passcode: 01082
Phone: 929-205-6099

The Ware Board of Health will be convening at their scheduled Board of Health meeting to discuss the appeal made by Republic Services to the Ware Board of Health to rescind their vote made on July 17, 2025 to not renew Republic Service's 2026 permit to collect, remove, transport, and dispose of refuse within the Town of Ware due to public health concerns arising from Republic Services not picking up scheduled customer trash pick-up in over four weeks over the summer.

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