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Ware has flair

Committee decorated downtown for holidays

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WARE – This past Saturday, a crew of volunteers gathered downtown to make sure the town was decorated for the holiday season and ready to welcome a special visitor.

Each year on the evening of the Friday after Thanksgiving, Santa Claus makes a special trip to Ware to visit with both the young, and young at heart.

With the help of the Ware Holiday Flair Committee, the Fire Department, and dancers from

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This past Saturday, Alex Bergeron of Canadian Tree Expert assisted the Ware Holiday Flair Committee with the assembly of the Christmas tree at Veterans Park in preparation for a visit from Santa Claus on Friday, Nov. 28.



Articles on pool, charter fail at STM

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WARE – Over 130 voters took action on 10 warrant articles at the Special Town Meeting held Monday evening in the auditorium of the Ware Jr./Sr. High School.

While voters moved quickly through most of the warrant, articles related to the replacement of the town's pool and amendments to its charter were heavily discussed before being voted down.

Borrowing for pool/splash pad design

An article asking voters to approve the borrowing of \$200,000 in order to complete a design for a splash pad and replacement of the Reed Municipal Pool (also known as the Reed Memorial Pool), drew a vote of 63-67 and failed to pass.

The article required a two-thirds majority vote to move forward.

Many people spoke in favor of the need for a design, while others felt the timing of this article wasn't ideal due to other financial needs in town, including the town's water and wastewater systems. The design would allow the town to know the full cost and scope of the project.

"We have a major water issue," resident Amy Mathison-Start said.

She questioned why the

town would want to borrow money to build something that would only be used for a few months out of the year, and not serve residents year-round, like the water system does.

"Clean water should come first," she said.

Resident Dave Moriarty questioned if the design would include calculations of what it would cost to also replace the bath house and make it Americans with Disabilities Act accessible. He also asked if it would take into consideration the cost of chemicals, maintenance and staffing.

Moriarty said the town is facing other major projects at this time, including the need to replace all three roofs at the Ware Public Schools campus, in addition to water and wastewater concerns. He said the design would not guarantee the town was any closer to having a pool again.

"\$200,000 just gets you that, a study," he said. "Yes, we need something, but this may not be the time."

Resident Beth Beardsley, who formerly served as an aquatics director at the Reed Municipal Pool for years before it closed in 2019, spoke in favor of the article. She spoke of the merits of having a town pool, including the health and wellness benefits of swimming.

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Coats for Kids fundraiser held at Nat Falk

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WARE – Downtown Ware had a lot going on as Nat Falk Clothing Store hosted a fundraiser for Coats for Kids

this passed weekend.

It was a festive gathering at Nat Falk Clothing in Ware as state legislators and community members came together to help support this wonderful program to try and bring in warm winter coats

for the kids that need them this cold season.

This annual event is made possible thanks to partnership of Nat Falk, the Knight of Colombus Ware Council #183, and The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 FM/1250

AM.

The Ware Knights of Columbus team up every year with Nat Falk, owned by Charlie Lask, and The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7

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Lions Club donation to benefit seniors

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WARE – Last Wednesday afternoon, members of the Ware Lions Club presented a check in the amount of \$100 to The Friends of Ware Seniors Inc., to help support upcoming special events at the Ware Senior Center.

President of The Friends of the Ware Seniors Inc., Sue LaBarge, said the donation will be used to purchase gift cards for area shopping cen-



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Members of the Ware Lions Club presented a check to The Friends of Ware Seniors Inc. last Wednesday. Shown from left are Ware Lions Club members Judy Fair and Jeannie Odiorne and The Friends of Ware Seniors, Inc. members Sue LaBarge and Betty Lussier.

ters, which will help senior citizens buy groceries.

"So many people are hurting right now for the holidays," LaBarge said.

The gift cards will be raf-

file prizes at upcoming holiday celebrations at the senior center.

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United Church hosted Holiday Craft Fair

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WARE – The United Church of Ware hosted its Holiday Craft Fair this past weekend.

This craft fair featured soups, sandwiches, crafts, vendors and raffles and was the perfect day to start your holiday shopping. The United Church of Ware was hosting a raffle consisting of 23 prizes that were provided by vendors and members of the church. The raffle helped support fundraising for the church.

The Holiday Craft Fair has been going on for four years and is held every



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Beautifully crafted artwork featured designs made of sea glass and stones. These were being sold during the United Church of Ware's Holiday Craft Fair this past Saturday.

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Gilbert Players bring 'Nuncrackers' to The Center

HARDWICK – The Gilbert Players of Hardwick are pleased to announce their Holiday performance of "Nuncrackers".

This spirited and comical musical production centers around a small group of nuns discovering that their cook (Sister Julia), Child of God, has accidentally poisoned

52 of the sisters and they are in dire need of funding to properly pay for the funerals.

The sisters decide that the best way to raise money is to put on a variety show in the Center at Eagle Hill so they take over the auditorium.

Here we meet Reverend Mother Regina (a former circus performer) and other delightfully funny nuns who have ventured from being a street wise punk, a wannabe ballerina and Sister Amnesia a delightfully wacky nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head. There is no doubt about it, this perfor-

mance is "habit" forming as they tackle temptations and bring the audience into the convent with them.

The Gilbert Players have a reputation of putting on top notch shows, sold out performance and family fun for all.

You may remember their last production of "Chicago". Well, some of the women behind bars have become nuns. So put on your happy face and join the nuns for a few hours of laughs.

"Nuncrackers" will be performed at The Center at Eagle Hill, 242 Old Petersham Road, on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$17 and \$19.

Tickets can be purchased online at thecenterateagle-hill.org, calling the box office at 413-477-6746, or at the door. Advanced purchase is recommended as this show is likely to sell out.

School food service offers Thanksgiving dinner rolls

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

You can reserve your rolls by calling 413-967-5248 between 10-11 a.m. 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.

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.

Holiday Craft Fair to be held Dec. 6

WARE – A Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ware Junior Senior High School gym.

Admission is free and food is available to purchase

through a concession stand run by the Student Council. This fair benefits the freshman through senior classes at the high school.

There will be over 50 vendors, fundraising and raffles.

This is a very exciting one-day shopping event of hand-crafted, homemade, home baked, and one of a kind treasures made by local talent.

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.

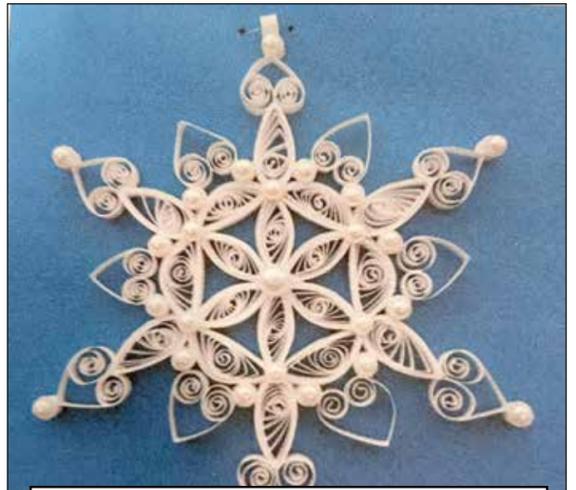


File Photo
Last week's photo from 1989 showed Joseph and Doris Supczak at the couple's 50th wedding anniversary celebration held at Narutowicz hall. The Supczak's are shown with the Very Rev. Fryderyk S. Banas, pastor of Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church. The couple was identified by their daughter, Patricia (Supczak) Aldridge.

Spaces still available for 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 craft 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.



Submitted Photo
Handcrafted quilled paper ornaments and other items by Carol Gancorz are some of the many items available at Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, Dec. 6.



Food drive to benefit Jubilee Cupboard

WARE – Trinity Episcopal Church will be holding a food drive to benefit the Jubilee Cupboard on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m.-noon in front of the Jeffery & Jeffery office, 137 Main St.



The Ware River News will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 3. To request a correction, send information to pouimett@turley.com, or call 967-3505. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Ware River News, Attn: Editor, 80 Main St., Ware, MA 01082.

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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. 24

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

Tuesday, Nov. 25

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

Wednesday, Nov. 26

- 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

Thursday, Nov. 27

Closed for Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 28

Closed for Black Friday

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Monday, Nov. 24

Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Meatloaf Parmigiana with Pasta, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, Nov. 26

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

Thursday, Nov. 27

Closed for Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 28

Closed for Black Friday

Weir River music groups offer free holiday concerts

HARDWICK – Weir River Jazz will play “Tunes for the Tinsel”, a relaxing concert of holiday favorites Big Band style, on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.

The 14-member brass, woodwind, percussion and vocal ensemble is conducted by veteran and music educator John P. Sacco.

The Weir River Concert Band, a full traditional community band, will perform its Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. Program highlights include “Sleigh Ride” by Leroy Anderson, “Gabriel’s Oboe” by Ennio Morricone, and the medley “Christmas on Broadway” arranged by John Higging. Conductor is Joanne Meegan, also the organization’s president.

Both events are free, at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St. (Route



Submitted Photo

Weir River Jazz is shown rehearsing for an upcoming concert “Tunes for the Tinsel” to be held on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville.

32), Gilbertville.

At these events Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. will collect unwrapped toys for children and youth, gift cards valued from \$20-\$50, and checks payable to

Christmas for Kids for distribution to local families by the Hardwick-New Braintree Police Department.

Donations to Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA

01031, to support the preservation of the Stone Church Cultural Center and community cultural programs, will also be accepted.

New events coming to Ware Senior Center in November

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.

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“That pool can help a lot of people,” she said.

Beardsley said the town could also look at installing a roof over the new pool, which would extend its use beyond just the summer months.

“This would be a huge benefit to this town,” Beardsley said.

Resident Cindy Allen Bourcier asked if the money received from the pool’s endowment could be used to pay for this design, rather than from borrowing.

Parks Manager John Piechota said there is just over \$62,000 saved up in the endowment fund, which hasn’t been used since the pool’s closure.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said an earmark was used to pay for a study of the pool, to determine the best location for it, and if it could be replaced. This study was completed several years ago, and the Parks Commission selected a potential layout for the replacement, which

also included the addition of a splash pad.

The study determined the estimated cost to complete the project would be close to \$4 million. As of now, attempts to secure grant funding for the project have been unsuccessful, and the true cost of the project is unknown.

He said a Pool Committee was formed about six weeks ago to continue looking at the feasibility of this project.

Ken Higney, who is a member of the Parks Commission and the Pool Committee, said the design is the next step in determining that.

“This is a design so we can see what we’re going to get and what it will cost,” Higney said. “I think it’s a very important thing for this community.”

Both Cathy Cascio and Jack Cascio spoke in favor of installing a splash pad instead of replacing the pool, adding that it will be less costly and easier to maintain.

“Personally, I’m against

throwing away \$200,000,” Cathy Cascio said.

Selectboard and Pool Committee member John Desmond said the town has a responsibility to its young residents, and this includes the opportunity to learn how to swim. He noted that this was something that people in Ware enjoyed for generations.

“We need more information to move forward,” Desmond said. “Please let us take this first step.”

Resident Kevin O’Regan said having the pool is important to the quality of life for the town’s residents.

“I would bet that every person in this room...has had a positive experience at this pool,” he said.

O’Regan said the completion of the design will give the town a definitive answer about the cost of the pool project, and it will also present alternatives.

Parks Commission member Kim Swarts said its members gathered input from the town through a survey and public outreach, and residents

always bring up a need for the pool to reopen. She said they also spoke to former lifeguards at the pool about the merits of a pool versus just a splash pad.

“Everything is all set, we’re just at this roadblock,” she said of finalizing the design.

Town charter amendments

Voters also failed to pass an article to make amendments to the town’s charter, which included updating the language, adding information about electronic voting, reducing the town meeting quorum from 100 to 80 and adding departments, boards and committees that did not previously exist when the charter was drafted.

The Charter Review Committee has spent the past year meeting and discussing these proposed changes, and has welcomed the public to give input.

“The charter had not been updated in well over a decade,” said Melissa Whitham, the committee’s

vice-chair.

Whitham said the committee worked to make sure the charter would reflect the growth that has occurred in the town.

Several residents spoke against the changes proposed in the charter, including the use of gender neutral language, changing the Finance Committee to the Advisory Committee and adding the Town Manager as a hiring authority in addition to the Parks Commission in regard to the hiring of a Parks and Recreation Manager.

Resident David Comeau said the “cons outweigh the pros” in the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Committee.

This article failed by a vote of 60-75.

Other articles

All other articles on the warrant passed, with the exception of articles 2 and 8, which were dismissed.

With article 9, voters approved the release of a town-owned parcel of land

off Monroe Street that once belonged to the former Ware Gas Co. This will now make the parcel available to purchase by a potential buyer, including abutter Jane Saletnik.

Saletnik, said the Saletnik family has been caring for this parcel of land for decades.

“The Saletnik family has lived next door to this property and maintained the land for over 80 years,” she said.

The passing of article 7 will now allow businesses licensed to sell wine and malt beverages, to convert that license to an all alcoholic beverages license, per changes in Massachusetts General Law.

Article 5 adopted the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 8J to establish a Disability Commission consisting of nine members appointed by the Town Manager with approval from the Selectboard. The town has had an appointed ADA Commission for many years.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Wishing Well Charities thanks community for support

On Nov. 1 Wishing Well Charities held our 5th Annual Fall Fundraiser at Teresa's Restaurant. The event was another extremely successful fundraiser for our non-profit and we have a very long list of businesses and people to thank.

First off, we must thank our very generous business sponsors, their financial support allowed us again to offer ticket prices at close to cost. Thank you to Safelite Auto Glass, B'leaf Wellness Centre, Country Bank, Pennington Painting, and Monson Savings Bank.

Thank you to the following local small businesses who generously donated gift cards, gift baskets, and merchandise for our raffle tables and silent auction. Tractor Supply of Ware, Cluett's Appliances, Hardwick Crossing Country Club., Hardwick Farmers Co-op. Hanna's on Main, Nikos Pizza House, Nat Falk, Hotel Vernon, It's Wine O'clock, Otto Florist, The Pampered Pup, Mexicali, Fitness Factory, Farmer Matt, Lost Towns Brewing, Looks To Kill Hair Salon.

We also must thank The Red Sox Foundation, The Bruins Foundation, The Celtics Shamrock Foundation, and The Springfield Falcons.

Thank you to all of the following individuals who contributed either cash or items we were able to use for our raffle/silent auction: Lisa Jacques, Steven Hawk

and family, Kris Lynch, Kathy Deschamps, Nancy Talbot, Dar and Pete Socha. Mathew Rainey, Elaine Masse, Lisa Ouimette, Kathy Petracone, Stan Ligawiecz, Jen and Adam Kettles, Denise Blodgett, Irene and Henry Eskett, Patrice Lagrant, Billy Simons, Tom and Patty Clark, Stuart Beckley, Rich and Merle Allard, Deb Juda, and Diane Dumas.

Thank you to Teresa's Restaurant for once again putting together a delicious meal with fantastic service. Thank you to JP'S All Star Band for providing us with a night of incredible entertainment.

Thank you to The Ware River News for running event ads and for providing coverage of our fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to our event. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and bid on our silent auction items.

We truly thank each and every person and business who in some way contributed to the great success our event was. Your generosity will allow us to grant many, many wishes over the course of the coming year for people living right here in our community.

It certainly does take a village, and we have the absolute best village around!

Chris and Belinda Midura
Wishing Well Charities

Thanksgiving questions for the Garden Lady

Eva, who has a big vegetable garden in Ware, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "We are supposed to have a low of 27 degrees one night this week. With that said, are my Brussels sprouts going to be OK? I was hoping to harvest them just in time for Thanksgiving." It has been a few years since I have grown Brussels sprouts, but I do remember that they do thrive well into late fall and early winter. A few frosty mornings won't hurt them!

For readers not familiar with Brussel sprout culture, I will elaborate. Brussels sprout seeds are started indoors, around the same time you would start their cousins, broccoli, cabbage or kale.

For me, seeds are sown off heat the first week of April through tax day. They are grown cool but under supplemental light to prevent stretching, and are transplanted once the first set of "true leaves" unfold.

I transplant mine into the cells of a six pack, although individual two or three inch pots are also a good option. Brussels sprouts can be moved into the garden a couple of weeks prior to Memorial Day, where fertile soil and eight-10 hours of direct sun are preferred.

They need to be given a lot more room than their cousins, about nine square feet of growing space per plant! It will pay off!

Placing transplants under floating row covers is smart, and will protect young plants from flea beetles and swede

ization. I hope they will be a wonderful part of your family meal, Eva!

Melissa, who gardens in Palmer, just moved to a house that has a few "highbush cranberries" on her property.

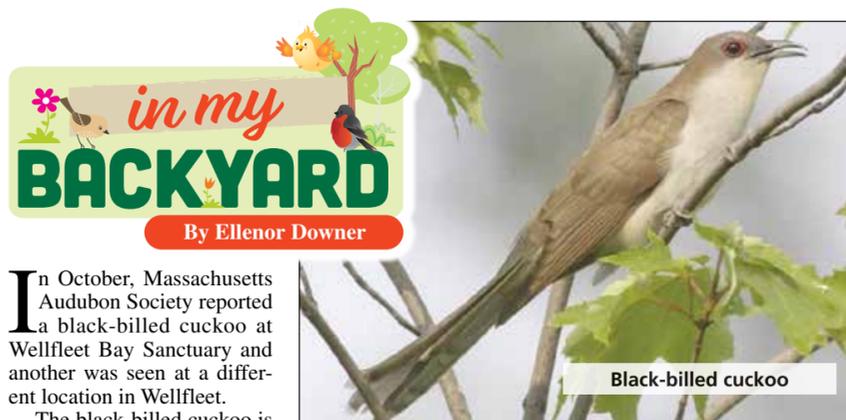
"I was curious if this shrub is a tall version of the Thanksgiving cranberry and if so, if it is edible? The word 'highbush' reminds me of blueberries, so I thought maybe it worked out the same," she asked.

The American cranberry is not to be confused with Viburnum trilobum, an eight-12 foot multistemmed shrub sometimes called highbush cranberry, crampbark, or even cranberry viburnum.

The berries of this native shrub hang in clusters and are orange-red in color. Although they are edible, birds generally find them a whole lot more appealing than we do, and will typically "gobble" them up before winter hits.

The shrub typically has great fall interest, too, with foliage that varies in hues of orange, red and purplish red.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



In October, Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a black-billed cuckoo at Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary and another was seen at a different location in Wellfleet.

The black-billed cuckoo is often heard more than seen. They spend a lot of time in densely wooded eastern forests and thickets. It is slender, brown bird with white belly, long tail and as its name implies a black bill. It has a red ring around the eyes and white tips on the underside of its tail. They also have a hunch backed look. It is about the size of a mourning dove 11 to 12 inches without the plump body.

Cuckoos eat lots of spiny caterpillars and can make quick work of tent caterpillars and webworms. The spines of the caterpillars stick to the lining of their stomachs. To rid themselves of the spins they periodically shed the stomach lining and coughing it up in one giant

pellet, similar to an owl. They sing especially at night in midsummer. Their song is a staccato with less of a knocking sound than the yellow-billed cuckoo. They also perch motionless for long periods of time so they can be tricky to find. A good location to look for them are areas with tent caterpillars or fall webworms, a favorite food of these birds.

Audubon bird sightings
On Nov. 9, Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the following sightings at Wachusett Reservoir. Sightings included: nine common loon, two horned grebe, one double-crested cormorant, two great blue

heron, 135 Canada geese, four mute swan, one immature gadwall, two black ducks, 63 mallard, five ring-necked duck, 95 greater scaup, eight lesser scaup, 41 bufflehead, 11 hooded merganser, seven common merganser, one ruddy duck, one red-tailed hawk, three wild turkey, 11 ring-billed gull, one belted kingfisher, one northern flicker and one pileated woodpecker. Other birds included on common raven, one winter wren, one Carolina wren, 46 eastern bluebird, five cedar wax-wings, 90 dark-eyed junco and 30 red-winged blackbird.

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FM/1250 AM to collect coats for kids. Paul Harper of the Ware Knights of Columbus said every year over 100 coats are donated.

Joining these organizations at Nat Falk was state Rep. Todd Smola, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and state Sen. Peter Durant. Smola said himself, Durant, and Berthiaume have worked previously with the Coats for Veterans program where they try to get new winter coats and care packages donated to veterans during the holiday season.

Berthiaume, Smola, and Durant brought over 20 new winter coats to donate to Coats for Kids during this event at Nat Falk and view it as a wonderful program to support those in need during the winter season.

"It's been a great treat to do this," said Smola.

The three state legislators were interviewed by Bruce Marshall of The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 FM/1250 AM. This was a great opportunity to spread the word on the air and share ways to donate to this great cause.

Marshall came to Nat Falk Clothing Store to help raise money and collect coats for Coats for Kids.

"Winter is coming down on us very quickly," Marshall said on the air.

In addition to winter coats, visitors can also drop off scarves, mittens and gloves at Nat Falk, located at 64 Main St. Marshall gave a shout-out to the Ware Knights of Columbus, who do a lot for the community, including the fundraiser Coats for Kids.

"They step up for all the needs in the community," Marshall said.

A donation bucket was placed on The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 FM/1250 AM booth inside Nat Falk Clothing Store to accept direct donations. Also joining this community event was KuKu the Clown



Standing from left to right are Paul Harper of the Ware Knights of Columbus, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, state Rep. Todd Smola, Bruce Marshall from The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 FM/1250 AM, state Sen. Peter Durant, and KuKu the Clown from Clowning for Kidz during the annual Coats for Kids fundraiser at Nat Falk Clothing Store in Ware.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Coats, scarves, mittens, and gloves can be dropped off at Nat Falk in Ware, located at 64 Main St.

from the Clowning for Kidz Foundation.

In the last 11 years of doing this fundraiser, Harper estimates that well over 1,000 coats have been collected. Other ways to donate include making a donation by calling 413-537-3422 or mailing a monetary donation to the Ware Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 88, Ware, MA 01082.

While Nat Falk was open during this fundraiser, Lask said 10% of his sales were going towards the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program. Marshall gave a shoutout to Lask and Nat Falk for being great hosts and for having an amazing setup in the store.

Lask has been the owner of Nat Falk for 36 years and said Harper and his family have been longtime customers of his. Over the years, Lask and Harper have talked about ways to help support the community and soon thought of Coats of Kids.

Lask recalled last year having two truck loads of coats donated during last year's Coats for Kids fundraiser.

During the program, Lask had a special going on for his customers. Nat Falk was giv-



State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, state Rep. Todd Smola, and state Sen. Peter Durant did a radio interview with Bruce Marshall of The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 FM/1250 AM during Coats for Kids.

ing a 10% discount for those who donated a coat. Over the next couple of weeks, Lask said Nat Falk will give 10% off for those who drop off a coat or make a monetary donation to Coats for Kids.

In addition to Nat Falk accepting donations, there are other locations folks can donate coats to. Folks can donate to Ware Public Schools, All Saints and St. Mary's churches, the West Street branch of Country Bank, St. Aloysius Catholic School and The Sharpest Edge Barbershop.



Radio personality Bruce Marshall of The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 FM/1250 AM interviewed state Rep. Todd Smola during the Coats for Kids drive at Nat Falk.



Bruce Marshall interviewed state Sen. Peter Durant.

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Presenting the donation to the Friends were Ware Lions Club members Judy Fair and Jeannie Odiorne.

"A lot of people don't realize what the Lions do," Odiorne said.

Fair and Odiorne said the

Ware Lions Club has also donated to local food pantries, the Police and Fire departments' Christmas for Kids fund and the Knights of Columbus' Halloween Spooktacular drive-thru event and Coats for Kids winter coat drive.

Odiorne said the Ware

Lions Club also works to make the quality of life better for the town's residents, including working with the sheriff's department to get a handicapped ramp installed at a home. The club also recently donated a low-vision assistance device to a resident to help them contin-

ue to read.

"Now she's so happy," Odiorne said of that resident.

The Ware Lions Club was established in 1945 and celebrated 80 years of service to the community this year.

Each summer, the Ware Lions Club hosts a free

music series at Grenville Park called Concerts in the Park, in addition to an annual golf tournament each spring to benefit its scholarship fund.

For more information about the Ware Lions Club, visit www.facebook.com/warrelions.

STM to be held tonight, 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.

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Amateur radio club announces meeting

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WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club welcomes all amateur radio operators and those interested in the hobby to its monthly meeting, where members explore a wide range of topics related to ham radio, public service, and emergency communi-

cations. This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting takes place at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 73 Central St. Think you need stacks of antennas and multiple towers to crack the contest leaderboards? Think again. Join John, N1PGA as he discusses his ever-evolving antenna farm—consistently landing Top-5 contest scores without a single tower in sight. Whether you're working with a postage-stamp backyard, planning a stealthy vacation rig, or gearing up for Field Day, POTa, or SOTA, this session will challenge your assumptions

about the need for a tower and spark fresh ideas. You'll leave inspired, informed, and ready to rethink what's possible with some homebrew antennas, rope, creativity, and a little RF magic. QVARC meetings are open to all—whether you're a licensed ham, studying for your license, or simply curious about the world of amateur radio. The club also offers regular license testing for those looking to obtain their amateur radio license. For more information about the club, upcoming events, or licensing opportunities, visit QVARC.com.

Historical Society presents 'Lost Towns' author

STURBRIDGE – Join the Sturbridge Historical Society at the Publick House on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. for a presentation by former Sturbridge resident Elena Larson Palladino. Palladino will speak on her 2022 book, "Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley: Drowned by the Quabbin".

In 1938, four Massachusetts towns were disincorporated, evacuated, and flooded to accommodate the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir. The reservoir was the solution to providing Boston and the State's metropolitan areas with fresh drinking water. Palladino tells the story of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich, and Prescott,

the towns which were sacrificed to make room for the Quabbin. Through archival research, Palladino recounts the history of these communities through three townspeople of the Swift River Valley: Marion Smith, a woman from a wealthy manufacturing family, William Segur, the country

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Country Bank donations tackle food insecurity

In response to the increasing needs of local families and seniors affected by the recent government shutdown, Country Bank announced donations of \$160,000 to support food insecurity programs across Central and Western Massachusetts. As the bank kicks off its annual "Season of Difference" campaign, it is donating an additional \$25,000 to both the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and the Worcester County Food Bank.

Earlier this year, each of these food banks received \$100,000 as part of a 1 million-dollar pledge. Additionally, another \$55,000 is being donated to local food pantries and \$55,000 to senior centers throughout the region. "With so many in our communities facing uncertainty and hardship, it's more important than ever that we stand together," said Mary McGovern, President and CEO of Country Bank. "These donations are one way we can help ensure that our neighbors have access to nutritious meals and the support they need during this challenging time."

The "Season of Difference Campaign" highlights Country Bank's long-standing dedication to strengthening local communities through financial support, volunteer efforts, and compassionate leadership. Each year, the Bank donates over



Submitted Photo
Country Bank's Senior Management Team is shown at the Worcester County Food Bank.

\$800,000 to nonprofits that focus on food insecurity, education, housing, and community well-being.

"As a community bank, giving back is at the heart of who we are," said Shelley Regin, Chief Marketing and Community Relations Officer. "This season, we are focused on making a meaningful difference for our neighbors and ensuring that those most affected by current economic challenges receive the help they need."

For more information on Country Bank's community giving initiatives, visit <https://www.countrybank.com/season-of-difference/>. If you would like to support the Food Bank at Western Mass, please visit: End Hunger in Western Massachusetts | Food Bank of WMA or the Worcester County Food Bank please visit: Home - Worcester County Food Bank

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Black vulture

I received an email from a Palmer resident on Nov. 4. She said, "When I came home, I noticed two birds across from the house. I thought they might be vultures because of their face, but were not turkey vultures." She googled vultures and

said, "It was easy to recognize them because of their face white feet and legs. Plus the head appeared to be gray and like a helmet. They were definitely black vultures. They stayed in that one spot for quite awhile. They didn't appear to be scared of anything. Cars going by did not phase them." Since then she has not seen them again. She

said, "They are really a beautiful bird."

Helping birds

Bird feeders and feeding platforms are also hotspots for disease. Many wildlife diseases, like mange and avian pox, are spread by physical contact between healthy and sick animals. It is important to clean bird feeders frequently and remove any molding seeds and debris from them especially during the rainy weather. Moving the location of feeders to different locations also helps prevent the spread of disease.

Flocking birds

Birds are migrating. Last week I saw a large flock of blackbirds flying overhead. I also have seen flocks of about a dozen Canada geese flying overhead. Last week, my granddaughter, Lizzie and I saw a flock of geese flying low over her house. We could hear their wings beating. The robins that head south have also been flocking in my field and along the roads. Some robins over winter living in the swamps.

Winter berries

Every year a flock of robins come and make short order of the winterberries on a bush in my yard. I've spotted the bright red winterberries in several spots during my travels. I will keep an eye out for birds at those bushes.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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Ware Holiday Flair



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Volunteers carried wreaths and garlands down Main Street.



The Ware Holiday Flair Committee and volunteers made sure the downtown area will be ready for a visit from Santa Claus.

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Dance Unlimited, Santa Claus always has a very warm and festive welcome.

Make sure to mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 28 for a chance to see the jolly old elf, and share your Christmas wishes.

The evening will begin with a dance performance in front of the Town Hall at around 5:45 p.m., after which Santa Claus will arrive on the fire truck to light the Christmas tree at Veterans Park. Santa will then make his way to the Town Hall, where people can get a chance to talk to him and even take some photos.

Make sure to arrive early and dress for the weather.

After Santa's visit, the Ware Holiday Flair Committee will keep the Christmas spirit strong, with its annual Ware Flair Drive-Thru on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 5-7 p.m. at Grenville Park on Church Street.

Visitors to the Ware Flair Drive-Thru will enter through the Upper Church Street exit, drive around the first baseball diamond, and exit through the main entrance.

Cars must enter Upper Church Street coming from the direction of Route 32. No cars will be allowed to enter the park coming from the direction of downtown.

This event is drive-thru only; no foot traffic will be permitted in the park during the event. For those within walking distance of the park, the Quaboag Connector will be providing free trips through the drive-thru, staging at the Church Street apartment complex.

This event is free but donations will be accepted to ensure the committee can continue to make the holidays special for everyone.

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.

Knights host annual Coats for Kids drive

WARE – The Knights of Columbus is accepting donations for 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.

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.

Warren 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).

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experience required. Any resident of the town may apply.

This position runs through May 2026 to fill a vacancy. Members are elected to five-year terms.

Serving on the Planning Board is a rewarding opportunity to make a direct impact on the future of our town, ensuring thoughtful planning and responsible growth.

If you care about the direction of the community and want to play a role in its development, the town encourages you to apply.

Holiday Fair to be held this Saturday

HARDWICK – St. Augustine's Mission, 98 Church Lane in Wheelwright, will be holding a Holiday Fair in the church hall on Saturday,

Nov. 22, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be hand-made crafts, theme baskets, baked goods and raffles. A light lunch will also be available.

The Christmas tree was put together at Veterans Park.



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Quaboag students held Veterans Day ceremony

WARREN – To honor our local veterans and induct Quaboag alumni veterans into the Veterans Wall, the eighth grade students in Joe Salvadore’s Honors Civics class along with the Quaboag band led by music teacher, Jim Joinville, put on a Veterans Day ceremony for students, parents, and staff.

Student Madison Schreier started the ceremony by singing the National Anthem. Students then demonstrated the proper way to fold a flag, which was then received by Warren Selectman Derick Veliz, who addressed the assembly about the importance of remembering the sacrifices of our veterans.

State Sen. Peter Durant (R) attended the ceremony and spoke about the birth of the American veteran from the American Revolutionary War to today and how our nation rightfully honors their service that protects our way of life.

A moving musical interlude was provided by the Quaboag band performing “Ask Not” JFK tribute song narrated by Camden Olivo. Eighth grade students then placed a flag on stage for each major American conflicts and wars and read the number of Americans killed in that conflict.

Seventh grader Reagan Cieslak and 10th grader Cadence Cieslak introduced their dad, Patrick Cieslak, who was a Quaboag graduate who then joined the military and was deployed to the Middle East during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Patrick had his picture plaque join the other



Quaboag alumni and veteran Pat Cieslak is shown with his daughters Reagan and Cadence, and wife Jamie. Cieslak was inducted into the Quaboag Alumni- Veterans Wall.

Quaboag alumni veterans who are on the Veterans Wall. The special guest speaker was William Kleinedler from New Braintree. Retired Staff Sergeant Kleinedler, dressed in full dress blues, shared his experience of serving in the Army for 15 years.

Kleinedler also shared his story of how in 2006 when deployed to Iraq, his Hum-V was hit by an IED. Three of the five soldiers in the truck were killed and Kleinedler was trapped inside.

After moments he was able to escape the burning flames. He was evacuated back to the U.S. and spent the next three years and multiple

surgeries at the Brooke Army Medical Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

While there he was able to pursue his life time love of art and engineering. He completed his first sculpture “Hope” which is housed at the Warrior and Family Support Center.

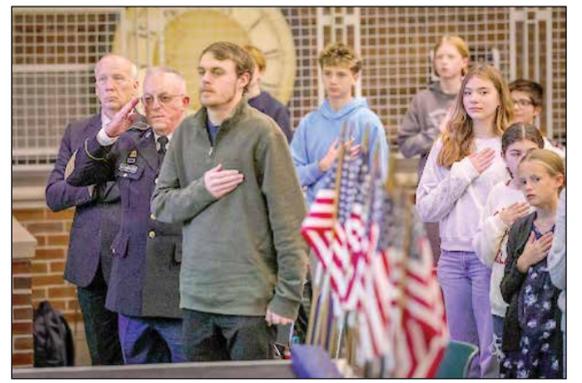
Since then he has completed four sculptures and multiple paintings. Kleinedler’s courageous story and ordeal brought to life to the students the sacrifices that veterans have made serving our country and protecting our way of life.

Joinville and the Quaboag band closed the ceremony by

playing each of the service songs. When the song of each branch played the veterans in attendance and the students who had family in those branches stood to be recognized.

At the end of the service songs more than half the auditorium was standing, showing the impact that Veterans have on all of us.

Any Quaboag or Warren High alumni that served in the military are encouraged to submit an application form and picture to be included in the next Veterans Wall induction. Email Salvadore at jsalvadore@quaboagrsd.org or call the school for the forms.



A salute during the playing of Taps. Turley Photos by Derick Veliz



Sarah Louis led the pledge with emcees Farrah Piermarini and Kynlee Miller.



Arianna Forte and Natalia Veliz Baldizon played in the Quaboag band.



Jariella Male placed a flag for one of the major U.S. conflicts.



Eighth grade students folded the flag



Retired Staff Sergeant Bill Kleinedler was the featured speaker and shared his courageous story of service, sacrifice, and survival while in the Army.



State Sen. Peter Durant addressed the assembly about Veterans Day.

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Dalton Marquis is all concentration as he pulls in this pass on the dead run.

Indians, Cougars set for Thanksgiving Eve tilt

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN—The outcome in four of the previous five meetings on the gridiron between the Ware

Indians and the Quaboag Cougars have been decided by eight or fewer points.

The Indians, who squeaked out a 14-13 come-from-behind home victory in last year's game, holds a 9-6 lead in the Thanksgiving series, which started in 2009.

"We were able to win last year's game with a late touchdown," said Ware head coach Mike Fazio. "I always enjoy playing the game at home on Thanksgiving morning. There's nothing better than waking up and playing a football game. The turkey always tastes better after the game, especially if your team wins."

Because this year's game is being held at Quaboag Regional, it'll take place on Thanksgiving Eve. Kickoff is scheduled for 6pm.

The Ware seniors, who'll be putting on the uniform for the final time, are Sean

Bernier, Jadrien Berthiaume, Troy Dufresne, Brayden Compton, Enrique Martinez, Robert Wood, Ethan Corder, Phillip Dupell, Jacoby Heredia, Marek Luongo, and Alex Orszulak.

"A win on Thanksgiving game is also a very good way for the seniors to end their high school careers," Fazio said. "I just love coaching the kids on this year's team."

Ware will enter the contest with a 6-4 overall record.

At the end of September, the Indians suffered back-to-back one point losses at Belchertown and to the Springfield International Charter School at Veterans' Field.

The Indians lost another home game to archrival Palmer, 21-6, for the first time in ten years. They also lost a non-playoff game at Putnam, 42-26, on November



Gavin Williams follows his blockers through the fray.



Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEAP. smugmug.com

Brasen Sauriol displayed an impressive arsenal of his running talents.

WARE VS. QUABOAG

Ware leads series 9-6

- 2024: Ware 14-13
- 2023: Ware 20-14
- 2022: Quaboag 26-21
- 2021: Quaboag 22-7
- 2020: No game - COVID
- 2019: Ware 8-0
- 2018: Ware 20-16
- 2017: Ware 56-6
- 2016: Ware 34-7
- 2015: Quaboag 33-28
- 2014: Quaboag 36-12
- 2013: Quaboag 34-6
- 2012: Ware 46-8
- 2011: Ware 31-8
- 2010: Quaboag 48-13
- 2009: Ware 38-14

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Brady Dyer hits a good run down the sideline.

Quaboag Football (0-9)

- Friday, Sept. 5 - Abby Kelley 40, Quaboag 6
- Friday, Sept. 12 - Belchertown 40, Quaboag 0
- Friday, Sept. 19 - Quabbin 36, Quaboag 8
- Friday, Sept. 26 - Mahar 20, Quaboag 14
- Saturday, Oct. 4 - Worcester Tech 41, Quaboag 0
- Friday, Oct. 10 - Bartlett 48, Quaboag 0
- Saturday, Oct. 25 - North 46, Quaboag 0
- Friday, Oct. 31 - Smith Vocational 14, Quaboag 8
- Friday, Nov. 7 - Southbridge 32, Quaboag 8
- Thanksgiving Game**
- Wednesday, Nov. 26 - vs. Ware 6 p.m.

Ware Football (6-4)

- Friday, Sept. 12 - Ware 12, Easthampton 8
- Friday, Sept. 19 - Belchertown 21, Ware 20
- Friday, Sept. 26 - SICS 20, Ware 19
- Friday, Oct. 3 - Ware 27, Franklin Tech 14
- Friday, Oct. 10 - Ware 48, Mahar 6
- Friday, Oct. 17 - Ware 26, Athol 0
- Friday, Oct. 24 - Ware 14, Greenfield 0
- Saturday, Nov. 1 - Palmer 21, Ware 6
- Friday, Nov. 7 - Ware 16, Pathfinder 12
- Friday, Nov. 14 - Putnam 42, Ware 26
- Thanksgiving Game**
- Wednesday, Nov. 26 - at Quaboag 6 p.m.



Jacob Cacace drags an Indian player down the sideline on this yardage run last Thanksgiving morning.



Ware's defense combines to take down a Quaboag ball carrier.

Pioneers, Orioles, set for 24th holiday tilt



Nicholas Pfister looks to avoid tacklers as he makes a run for the sideline.

BELCHERTOWN - The Thanksgiving rivalry between Belchertown and Pathfinder had a small new layer added to it as two teams now find themselves matched up in the regular season during conference action. The situation has taken place with other holiday rivals such as Agawam-West Springfield

and East Longmeadow-Longmeadow.

Because of that, Belchertown will be looking to avenge two straight losses to the Pioneers.

In last year's holiday game, Pathfinder and Belchertown were knotted 14-14. But a touchdown in the second half sealed the win for Pathfinder, giving

the Pioneers it's 10th win in the all-time series against the Orioles. The two teams were able to play the game on Palmer High's Legion field with the Panthers on the road at Ludlow.

This year's game will kick off from Belchertown High School at 9 a.m.



The Pioneers huddle up before a play.

BELCHERTOWN VS. PATHFINDER

Belchertown lead series 13-10

- 2024: Pathfinder 20-14
- 2023: Belchertown 61-14
- 2022: Pathfinder 47-22
- 2021: Belchertown 44-8
- 2020: No game - COVID
- 2019: Belchertown 44-7
- 2018: Belchertown 46-6
- 2017: Belchertown 39-0
- 2016: Belchertown 30-0
- 2015: Pathfinder 16-0
- 2014: Pathfinder 3-0
- 2013: Pathfinder 30-6
- 2012: Pathfinder 30-8
- 2011: Belchertown 29-0
- 2010: Belchertown 9-7
- 2009: Belchertown 41-6
- 2008: Pathfinder 15-13
- 2007: Pathfinder 34-8
- 2006: Belchertown 8-6
- 2005: Belchertown 25-0
- 2004: Pathfinder 28-0
- 2003: Belchertown 27-6
- 2002: Belchertown 9-6
- 2001: Pathfinder 48-24



Jake Mastej looks to make a tackle.

Turley photos by Sofia DiGrande

Belchertown Football (6-4)

- Friday, Sept. 12 - Belchertown 40, Quaboag 0
- Friday, Sept. 19 - Belchertown 21, Ware 20
- Friday, Sept. 26 - Belchertown 48, Ludlow 26
- Friday, Oct. 3 - Belchertown 18, Monument Mountain 12
- Friday, Oct. 10 - Smith Vocational 26, Belchertown 14
- Friday, Oct. 17 - North 24, Belchertown 0
- Friday, Oct. 24 - Pathfinder 40, Belchertown 25
- Saturday, Nov. 1 - Belchertown 35, McCann Tech 12
- Friday, Nov. 7 - Palmer 21, Belchertown 7
- Friday, Nov. 14 - Belchertown 30, Athol 18
- Thanksgiving Game**
- Thursday, Nov. 27 - vs. Pathfinder 9 a.m.

Pathfinder Football (5-5)

- Friday, Sept. 5 - Bishop Guertin 35, Pathfinder 8
- Friday, Sept. 12 - Palmer 7, Pathfinder 6
- Friday, Sept. 19 - Westfield 52, Pathfinder 14
- Thursday, Sept. 25 - Franklin Tech 21, Pathfinder 7
- Thursday, Oct. 2 - Pathfinder 28, Smith Vocational 8
- Friday, Oct. 17 - Pathfinder 32, McCann Tech 0
- Friday, Oct. 24 - Pathfinder 40, Belchertown 25
- Friday, Oct. 31 - Pathfinder 24, Monument Mountain 14
- Friday, Nov. 7 - Ware 16, Pathfinder 12
- Friday, Nov. 14 - Vocational Tournament: Pathfinder 42, Smith Voc. 12
- Thanksgiving Game**
- Thursday, Nov. 27 - at Belchertown 9 a.m.



Quarterback Anthony Arventos sends a throw up the middle.



Anthony Arventos sends a kick away in Pathfinder's holiday matchup with Belchertown last year.

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Unified basketball has final regular season game



BARRE – Last Tuesday, Quabbin Regional High School's Unified basketball team closed out its regular season schedule with a home matchup against Oakmont. The rest of the week was spent by the Panthers preparing for their final matchups in a jamboree format to finish of the season. That jamboree was scheduled to take place earlier this week with Quabbin getting to host the event with multiple Central Mass. schools visiting.



Sadie Ouimette makes her way across midcourt.

Emma Thompson makes an inbound pass.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Stevie Gagnon heads into the paint.



Kylie Gagnon leads a crowd of players down the court



Colby Hill focuses on his dribble.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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Bondsville League

WARE – The first round of the 2025-2026 candlepin league season is complete for the Bondsville League.

After 11 weeks of bowling, the team that finished first in the west division was Sandri with a record of 47-30. The east division was won by Fire Mountain with a record of 47-30. Night Hawks finished in second place in the east division with a record of 45-32, just two points shy of first place.

In week 11, P&J Meats bowled against Sandri on lanes three and four of Roll-A-Way Lanes. In game one, Sandri won a close game against P&J Meats, 467-464. Steven Fennyery filled in for an absent bowler of P&J Meats and began the match by bowling a 115. Brandon Lane of Sandri had the highest game on his team, 108.

In game two, P&J Meats came up with the victory by a score of 467-442. In game three, Sandri won big by a score of 533-441. Lane bowled well with a 132, Ron Gouin scored 121, and Sue Horton finished with a 131.

The final score was 1442-1372 in favor of Sandri, the first-place team in the west division.

The Snappers bowled against Slow Burners during week 11 of the season. In game one, Slow Burners got the win by a score of 483-457. Nate and Jody Orszulak each bowled a 110 in game one.

In game two, Snappers were victorious by a score of 489-470. Kevin Krasnecky of Snappers bowled well with a 126 second game.

In game three, Snappers won again by a score of 469-450. Krasnecky bowled another 126 to end the match. The final score was 1415-1403 in favor of Snappers.

Team UMass bowled against Ironmen in week 11. In game one, Ironmen won by a score of 484-470. Ryan Drago of Ironmen had the highest game by scoring 134 in game one. Billy Brunk of Ironmen bowled a 118. Keith Forenz of Team UMass began with a 115.

In game two, Team UMass won by a score of 502-472. Drago bowled a 121 in game two and his teammate Jason Swistak bowled 119, but it wasn't enough to get the win against Team UMass.

In game three, Team UMass won by a score of 461-451. Drago finished with a 110 and a three-game series of 365. The final score was 1433-1407 in favor of Team UMass, who finish the round with a record of 31-46.

Night Hawks bowled against Flaming Bowling Balls in week 11. In game one, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 488-471. Ryan McCarthy of Flaming Bowling Balls began the match with a 125.

In game two, Night Hawks got the victory by scoring 471 to Flaming Bowling Balls' 465. Darryl Sinclair of Night Hawks finished the match by making a couple of clutch spares in the back half of his 129.

In game three, Flaming Bowling Balls won by a score of 490-468. McCarthy finished with a 109 and a series of 328. Sinclair finished with a 124 and a three-game series of 368. The final score was 1443-1410 in favor of Flaming Bowling Balls.

Local players named to all-star teams

HOLYOKE – The International Volleyball Hall of Fame has made a tradition of hosting a showcase for both high school boys and girls players. The girls all-star showcase was held this week at Holyoke Community College in the Bartley Center featuring players from all over the region.

The IVHF is very proud to have its home in Western Massachusetts and we are very excited to again recognize the top players in our area," said IVHF Executive Director George Mulry. Selected players are chosen by nomination and vote of the Western Massachusetts girls high school coaches.

There were two games scheduled to be played. One featuring the second team all-stars followed by a game between the first team all-stars. Both games were scheduled to be three-set exhibitions. For more information on the Hall of Fame Girls All-Star Volleyball Showcase, contact events@volleyhall.org.

Players named to the first team included: Minnechaug's Anna O'Toole, Cora Pace, Maliha Daubon, and Nehir Elcin.

Player named to the second included: Agawam's Sophia Laprise, and Hannah Jock, Minnechaug's Haley Powers, Belchertown's Layla Liminski, South Hadley's Grace Matyszewski, Chicopee Comprehensive's Olivia Warren and Lori Vazquez.

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Two of the Indians offensive threats are Berthiaume, who's a running back, and Orszulak, who's a fullback this season after being a tight-end last year.

The tight end is junior Dalton Marquis.

The members of the offensive line are junior Cam Grushey, junior Hunter Briand, junior Jayden Diaz, Martinez, and Heredia.

Dufresne and Bernier are the wide receivers.

A few of the Indians defensive players are Berthiaume, Dufresne, Orszulak, Bernier, Dupell, Diaz, sophomore Ian Hogan, junior Mekhai Johnson, and junior Enrique Burton.

While the Indians will be looking to end their season with seven victories, the Cougars (0-9) are hoping to



Cameron Evans plows through this Indian defensive duo.

end a 13 game losing streak.

Quaboag's last win came at David Prouty, 54-42, on October 26, 2024. Three weeks earlier, the Cougars celebrated a 30-18 home win against Worcester North.

The seniors listed on this year's Cougars football roster are Jacob Cacace, Kadin Dufault, CJ Kady, Jeffrey

Bouchard, Steven Smith, and Elijah Wilhelm.

The Cougars are a young squad, as there are eleven 8th graders listed on the football roster

Prior to starting the football program at Quaboag, Dave Shepherd was the head coach at Ware High School for nine years.



Gavin Sawabi takes down a Quaboag runner.



Jadrien Berthiaume breaks through the Cougar defense last year on Thanksgiving.

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other year. In addition to several local vendors, members of the church meet up throughout the year and discuss ideas of what crafts to make for this craft fair.

This committee at the United Church of Ware brings imagination and ideas together to put on a great craft fair for local shoppers. One popular item that was featured in this year's Holiday Craft Fair were framed designs made of sea glass and stones.

Nancy Dunn is a Trustee and a Volunteer Administrative Assistant at the church and said she collected a lot of small rocks and stones and converted them into this unique art form.

"I just had a lot of stones," Dunn said.

Many of the stone picture frames were designed to look like animals, including cats, birds, and butterflies. The sea glass was also neatly arranged to look like Christmas trees, stars and branches.

One of the vendors for the craft fair was B&D Enterprises of Ware. In charge of B&D Enterprises is Bernie Wilson and Debby Morisseau, who convert re-purposed materials into remarkable keepsakes.

Wilson said he's been crafting for about five years most of his items come from re-purposed lumber, old pallets and old furniture.

B&D Enterprises has a lot

of pens made of old chestnut wood. There was a bucket of pens that were made of wood that came from the old, covered bridge.

Wilson says the items he makes are "all practical stuff" from kitchen appliances, pens, tools and fine turnings.

Members of the crafting committee also brought back the popular fairy houses and quilts of all designs. There were also heart-shaped quilt holders available at the Holiday Craft Fair.

The kitchen at the United Church of Ware kept busy and provided soup, sandwiches, and beverages for guests while they were shopping. The church also had homemade cookies of various kinds up for sale.

More information about the United Church of Ware can be found at unitedchurchofware.org.



There were holiday themed figurines such as toy soldiers, snowmen, and mice.



Noah's Arc themed crafts featured boats and animals. Adorable rocking horses were displayed in front.



Shoehorns and pizza cutters were made by B&D Enterprises of Ware, founded by Bernie Wilson and Debby Morisseau.



These chestnut wood pens are made by B&D Enterprises. The wood comes from the old, covered bridge.



A variety of home baked cookies were for sale during the craft fair.



Fairy houses were a popular craft at the United Church of Ware's craft fair.



Heart-shaped quilt holders were available at the craft fair.

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During the week of Nov. 12-18, the Ware Police Department responded to 25 miscellaneous calls, 17 administrative calls, five traffic violations, nine emergency 911 calls, two motor vehicle accidents, one theft/larceny, one breaking and entering, three harassments, one safety hazard, one outside fire, five animal calls and 30 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

3:18 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated
3:22 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Howard Road, Investigated
4:16 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Services Rendered
8:29 p.m. Warrant Service, Otis Avenue, Arrest Made

Thursday, Nov. 13

4:10 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
6:29 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised
11:05 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised

Friday, Nov. 14

1:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Arrest Made
2:37 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
3:42 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Dugan Road, Advised

Saturday, Nov. 15

2:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Arrest Made
4:03 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Complaint Taken Care Of

Sunday, Nov. 16

12:56 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Clifford Avenue, Investigated
9:47 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Assist Given
12:25 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, West Street, Complaint Taken Care Of

Monday, Nov. 17

5:49 p.m. Outside Fire, Belchertown Road, Extinguished
8:35 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Palmer Road, Arrest Made
12:04 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street,

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Advised

7:24 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Homecrest Avenue, Services Rendered
7:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Homecrest Avenue, Unfounded
10:19 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Hardwick Pond Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Nov. 18

6:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
6:35 a.m. Breaking and Entering, Church Street, Report Made
7:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Nov. 10-17, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 41 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, two traffic controls, nine emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, two assist other agencies, four motor vehicle investigations, one investigation, one missing person, two fires, eight animal calls and nine motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Nov. 10

11:36 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, River Run, Transported to Hospital
3:38 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Nov. 11

7:26 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
1:06 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning

Wednesday, Nov. 12

5:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, Nov. 13

10:35 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered
12:18 p.m. Missing Person, Main Street, Report Taken
2:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Grove Street, Officer Handled
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Officer Handled
4:20 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Church Lane, Officer Handled
7:23 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, High Street, Transferred Call to C7
9:05 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Upper Church Street, Transferred Call to C7

Friday, Nov. 14

11:53 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
12:10 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled
12:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Muddy Brook Road, Transported to Hospital
4:40 p.m. 911 Fire/Other,

Bridge Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, Nov. 15

2:41 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Services Rendered
5:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Nov. 16

1:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
1:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:46 a.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, High Street, Spoken To
2:39 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

Monday, Nov. 17

3:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gracias Way, Officer Handled
3:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gracias Way, Officer Handled
3:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Gracias Way, Officer Handled

Warren Police Log

During the week of Oct. 26-31, the Warren Police Department responded to 77 building/property checks, seven community policings, 15 emergency 911 calls, one motor vehicle accident, one trespass, two illegal dumpings, four complaints, three larcenies/thefts, one threat, three animal calls and 12 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Oct. 26

2:36 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, High Street, Vehicle Towed

8:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

10:33 a.m. Seizures, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

10:56 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Constitution Avenue, Mutual Aid Transport

11:23 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Main Street, Report Filed

11:30 a.m. Noise Complaint, North Street, Officer/Chief Advised

11:34 a.m. Noise Complaint, Town Farm Road, Officer Spoke to Party

2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Written Warning

2:57 p.m. Noise Complaint, O'Neil Road, Officer/Chief Advised

5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

Monday, Oct. 27

6:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Boston Post Road, Report Filed

1:25 p.m. Parking Issues, Main Street, Citation Issued

1:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed

6:13 p.m. Larceny or Theft, North Street, Report Filed

Tuesday, Oct. 28

3:32 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Old Douglas Road, Transported to Hospital

12:20 p.m. Falls, Ware Road, Transported to Hospital

12:44 p.m. Unwanted Party, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed

12:55 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Main Street, Report Filed

6:15 p.m. Fire/Power Lines, Main Street, Investigated

10:48 p.m. Threats, Crescent Street, Report Filed

Wednesday, Oct. 29

12:51 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Report Filed

7:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written

Warning

Thursday, Oct. 30

8:41 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

2:36 p.m. Fire/Hazmat Incidents, Main Street, Removed from Scene

3:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

5:27 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Quaboag Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Oct. 31

8:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

9:12 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party

10:05 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Brimfield Road, Report Filed

2:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint

2:55 p.m. Noise Complaint, Town Farm Road, Officer/Chief Advised

9:39 p.m. Fire/Power Lines, Dunham Road, Referred to Other Agency

9:59 p.m. Fire/Power Lines, Dunham Road, Referred to Other Agency

11:41 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Reed Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Director of operations at District Attorney's office retired

NORTHAMPTON – After 16 years as Director of Operations for the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, Martha (Martie) Murphy Kane retired at the end of October.

Taking over as director is Michelle (Richotte) Palmisano, who has worked in the office since 2000.

Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan hired Kane after he was elected District Attorney in November 2010. As Director of Operations, Kane played an integral role in the development of the office culture, workforce and initiatives.

She was responsible for personnel management, daily operations and strategic policy implementation, including progressive criminal justice initiatives in line with criminal justice

reform, restorative justice and prevention.

Previously, Kane worked for 22 years at the Hampden District Attorney's office in a variety of posts that culminated as deputy director of operations.

"There is not a person or an initiative in this office that has not been influenced by Martie Murphy Kane, and that is a testament to her hard work and dedication to the values this office upholds," said Sullivan. "She has played an incalculable role in the development of the culture in this office."

Kane played a central role in the development of the Western Massachusetts Veterans Treatment Court, the opioid overdose prevention coalitions in the region, the office's diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives,

and a host of other programs and daily operational responsibilities.

Palmisano, hired in 2000 by former Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel, started out as a Superior Court secretary, after which she became Executive Secretary for the District Attorney and then Executive Assistant to the DA. She said she looks forward to the challenge the new position presents.

"I want to continue the great work undertaken by Martie Murphy Kane, whose leadership has been truly exemplary," she said.

Sullivan praised Palmisano as a dedicated and hardworking employee.

"Michelle brings a wealth of institutional knowledge and experience to this new role, and her promotion is well deserved," he said.

Better Business Bureau warns of new phishing phone call scams

The Better Business Bureau is warning people about a new phishing phone scam where callers claim you have an unclaimed "relief check" waiting.

In order to claim your check, you have to visit a website to collect it. The message sounds official, but it is a trick to steal your personal and financial informa-

tion. BBB Scam Tracker has received over 800 reports in less than two months about this scheme.

On BBB Scam Tracker, one person shared the message they received, "Hey, it's Dan from www.myreliefcheck.com. Our records show you may have \$5,286 waiting in a relief check that's

already been issued in your name, but has not yet been collected. This could be from past relief programs or federal assistance payments. visit www.myreliefcheck.com. Search your name and collect it before it's returned."

How the scam works

You receive a call, voice-mail, or text, saying you

qualify for an unclaimed relief payment. You're directed to a website that warns you to act quickly before the money is returned.

But the site doesn't lead to real government assistance. Instead, it redirects you to a page called, "My Cash Search."

On that page, you're asked to enter personal details such

as your ZIP code, phone number, email, and home address. After that, you're pushed to redeem offers that lead to outside sites.

This setup allows scammers to collect your information, flood you with spam, and trick you into signing up for unwanted services or charges. Some sites may also install harmful software on

your device.

By handing over this data, victims risk identity theft, drained bank accounts, and nonstop contact from scammers. Many reports also mention follow-up calls, texts, or emails trying to get even more money or information.

Please see **SCAMS**, page 13

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Constance A. Briand, 90

NORTH PORT, FL/HARDWICK – Constance A. (Valley) Briand of North Port, Florida passed away on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, at the age of 90.

Born in Keene, New Hampshire in 1935 to the late Gordon Valley and Ruth (Hartwell) Valley, she was the loving wife of Wesley Briand.

Raised in Gilbertville, Connie married and resided in Hardwick, where she was a longtime resident. She eventually retired to LaCasa in North Port, Florida in 2002 where she was active in the Grandmother's Club, social events and regularly played bingo and cards with her many friends.

Connie worked for many years in the Quabbin Regional School District as a kindergarten aide for which she loved.

She loved baking, cooking and doing multiply crafts. The one passion she loved was sewing and cross stitching and giving those gifts to her children, grandchildren



and great-grandchildren. Connie leaves behind her husband of 74 years, Wesley, of North Port, Florida; her three children and their spouses, Philip and Robin Briand of Nebo, North Carolina, Denise Ayotte of North Port, Florida and Glenn and Dawn Briand of Hardwick. She is survived by seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and her sister, Janet (Valley) Krol of Westchester, Pennsylvania. She was predeceased by her sister, Janice (Valley) Boissy of Hampden whom she loved dearly and will be missed by all.

A private Celebration of Life will take place in Massachusetts at a later date. Varnum Funeral Home, 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield and Farley Funeral Home in North Port, Florida are assisting her family with her arrangements. An online tribute page is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

Ware – Jean Agnes Mongeau, age 92, passed away while surrounded by her family on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025.

Jean was born in Ware and was the proud daughter of Polish immigrants, Anthony Wozniak and Bertha (Krokos) Wozniak. She lived in the same home for her entire life that, through the years, was shared with five generations of her family.

After graduating high school, Jean loved working at Durand Sisters and later for the Ware Town Clerk. Jean married Raymond R. Mongeau on May 12, 1956. She was a caregiver, a hard worker, and, above all,

the most incredible mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She never left her house without sparkly jewelry and her signature bright pink lipstick. Her generosity, love, sass, and wit will be sorely missed by her friends and family. Jean leaves behind her loving daughters, Kathy Neffinger and her husband Frank, and Marcia Vadnais and her husband Joe; her beloved grandchildren, Brittany and her husband Tommy, Lexie, Collin, Julianna, and Grace; and her precious great-grandchildren, Charlotte, Emelie, and Cooper. Jean was predeceased by her son, Anthony Mongeau, in 2004 and husband, Raymond Mongeau, in

2017.

Her family offers a heartfelt thank you to her nurse, Justine, and her caregivers, Tiffany, Kiera, Kristen, Laura, Maria, and Sharon, who provided deep loving care and companionship.

A Calling Period was held on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025 in Cebula Funeral Home, Ware. A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025 in St. Mary's Church, Ware. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ware.

Funeral Services were under the direction of Cebula Funeral Home. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com. Memorial Donations may be made to either St. Jude's or the Shriners Hospital.

Mary Evelyn Healey, 95

WARE – The family of Mary Evelyn Healey (Lindemuth) are sad to announce her passing at home on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025.

She was born in August of 1930 in Locust Township, Pennsylvania, to George Daniel and Nellie (Long) Lindemuth. She maintained a love for her Pennsylvania roots all her life.

She received her nursing degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1951. From 1952 to 1954, she served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force at Sampson Air Force Base in Geneva, New York. There she met and married Girard (Jerry) Healey of Ware who was also serving in the Air Force.

Mary raised her family and lived the rest of her life in Ware. She worked

as a nurse at Mary Lane Hospital, a visiting nurse, and later as the School Nurse for the Ware Public Schools. She was an avid reader, a wonderful cook, and a loving mother and grandmother who was the center of her family.

She is survived by her three children, Dennis Healey (Robin), Daniel Healey (Samantha), Daniel Healey, Brian Healey, Shelby Kerns (Peter), and Spencer O'Riley; five great-grandchildren, Sebastian Lopez (Bridie McLaughlin), Amir Polk, Vivian Polk, Alder Healey, and Cade Kerns; and one great-great-grandchild, Francis Lopez. She is also

survived by her sister, Carol Lynn, sister-in-law, Joan Lindemuth and many loving nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Girard Healey, brothers Earl and Paul Lindemuth, and son-in-law, Rob O'Riley.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Friends of the Ware Library, 37 Main St., Ware, MA 01082.

Calling hours for Mary will be held on Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home immediately after the calling hours. Private burial will be held in the spring.

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Death notices

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Services Dec. 1, 2025

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One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

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

RMV warns public of text scams

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles warns the public to beware of text messages that allege to be from the RMV that request payment or other information.

The practice, also known as smishing, can involve messages stating the RMV will take action against an individual due to unpaid fees. Attempts have been made in Massachusetts and several other states to trick individuals into sharing credit card numbers and other sensitive information, directing them to websites to pay outstanding balances. The RMV strongly encourages customers not to click links contained in such messages.

"If you receive any kind of message telling you to make a payment or that you need to act quickly, do not click the link. The RMV will never text you looking for payment," said Registrar of Motor

Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "Scammers will often convey urgency to manipulate you. If you need to perform a Registry transaction online, be sure to only use Mass.Gov/RMV."

A wave of current text messages circulating warns of traffic ticket enforcement and that immediate action must be taken to avoid license suspension and vehicle registration revocation and impact to one's credit score. The texts referenced a false regulation that allows for this enforcement action. These texts are being customized with dates and different states and can include the word "Massachusetts" to trick individuals into immediate payment.

Scammers will sometimes create links that mimic the names and URLs of official websites. Customers should only use Mass.Gov/RMV for online RMV services.

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Tips to avoid this phishing scam

Hang up and don't engage. Government agencies will not call and tell you to visit a random website to claim money.

Verify with official sources and avoid unfamiliar websites. If you receive a call about unclaimed money, contact the government agency directly using contact information from its official website.

Do not click on links or visit sites given by the caller.

Never share personal or financial information with strangers. Do not give out Social Security numbers, banking information, ID numbers, or addresses.

Check the web address closely. Scammers often create sites that look real but are slightly different from the official one. Learn how to spot a fake website.

Watch for urgent language. Phrases like "act now" or "before it's returned" are red flags.

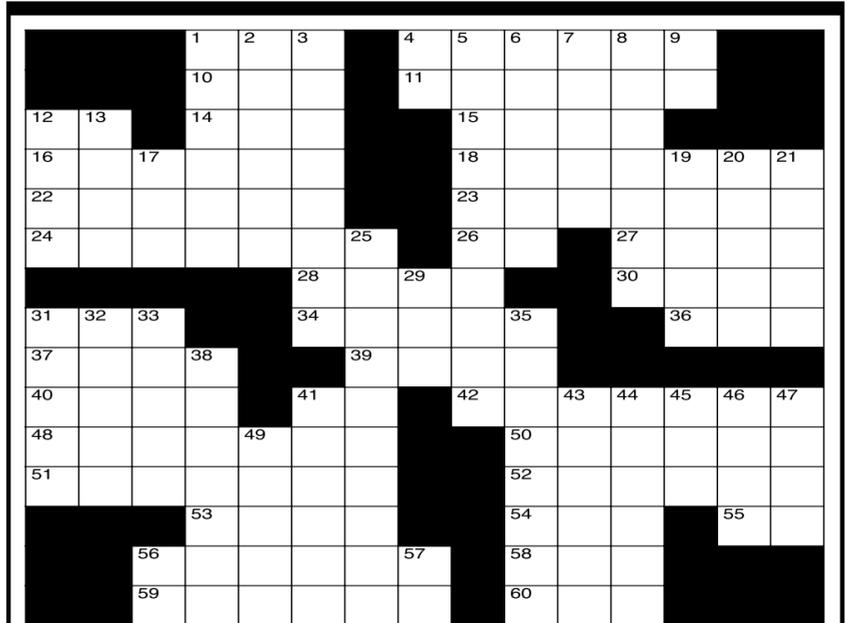
Call your bank if you shared payment details. They can help you freeze accounts and look for suspicious activity.

Report scams. File a report with BBB Scam Tracker, the FTC, and local law enforcement.

Keep a record. Save any texts, emails, or call details to share with investigators and your bank.

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- Canadian province
- Swiss river
- It can be straight or curved
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- Gotten up
- Sea vessel
- Agents of one's demise
- Not out
- Something to scratch
- A round water pot
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- Promotions

CLUES DOWN

- Horse-drawn carriage
- Prejudices
- Peacefully
- University athletic official
- Soldiers
- Large mollusk
- Take out again
- Sour or bitter in taste
- Songwriter Tunstall
- Rigid bracelet or anklet
- Barbary sheep
- Not even
- Night monkey genus
- Small nails
- Colorless volatile liquid
- In a way, changes integrity

CLUES ACROSS

- Masses of matter
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Nightstand item
- The content of cognition
- Arab ruler
- Northern U.S. state
- Chewed in small bites
- Hawaiian island
- More thin
- Of one
- Boxing's GOAT
- Division of a group into opposing factions

CLUES DOWN

- Remember it
- "Good Will Hunting" lead man
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- Liquefied natural gas
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- Crimean seaport
- Bad grades
- Popular S. Korean rapper

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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

- Agawam Advertiser News • Country Journal
- 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

Tuesday, November 25 at 2 PM for November 28 Issue

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Petersham Art Center presents exhibit Stephanie Vignone

PETERSHAM – The Petersham Art Center is pleased to present a new exhibition, “Familiar Places: Landscapes by Stephanie Vignone” on display through Nov. 23.

Petersham Art Center exhibition coordinator Ken Levine notes, “This is the first exhibition of Stephanie’s work in the Art Center gallery and we are delighted to have her. Her beautiful landscape paintings will resonate with visitors. We hope the public joins us on November 2 for the opening reception to meet Stephanie and enjoy fine art and refreshments.”

Working in pastel and oils, Vignone is inspired by familiar places of

Massachusetts and New England. Natural landscapes are transformed by her critical eye; skillful use of color, light, and texture; and clear-eyed imagination creating images of classical realism while at times verging on another worldliness.

Vignone shows her work regularly, including exhibitions at the Oxbow Gallery in Easthampton, the Burnett Gallery-Jones Library in Amherst, the Hosmer Gallery-Forbes Library in Northampton, and the Connecticut Pastel Society.

Vignone explains, “As far back as I can remember, I have spent lots of time walking outdoors. I love to be outside in the woods, hiking with my dogs, in

the gardens by my house. Painting the places I see has given me another deep way in which I can connect with them. I love light and texture, but what really makes me want to paint a scene is the way in which I am able to compose it.”

Regular Art Center hours are Thursdays through Sundays, noon-4 p.m. For more information about the exhibition and the Center, please call 978-724-3415.

Since 1912, the Petersham Art Center located at 8 North St. near Petersham Common, has been home to regional fine art and craft through its shop, gallery, classes, and special events.

Ware resident started at Lasell University

NEWTON – Jason Mumper, a student from Ware began their first semester in the fall of 2025 at Lasell University.



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The Trial Court
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Docket No. HS25P0730EA

Estate of: Sophie Constance Pawlowski

Also known as: Sophie C. Pawlowski

Date of Death: 06/24/1985
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Lori-Ann Reitsma of Laconia, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Lori-Ann Reitsma of Laconia, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/24/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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WITNESS, Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 17, 2025

Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate

12/20/2025



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton MA, 01060

Docket No. HS25P0688GD

In the matter of: Zachary R. Labroad

Of: Ware, MA

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Eric M. Volz-Benoit of Ware, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Zachary R. Labroad is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Eric M. Volz-Benoit of Ware, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 11/28/2025.

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named

person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 03, 2025

Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate

11/20/2025

Notice of

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

Notice is hereby given by REGIN’S REPAIR 19 CHURCH ST GILBERTVILLE, MA 01031 Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on **December 01, 2025 at 10:00am** at: Regin’s Repair 19 Church St Gilbertville, MA 01031 by private sale, the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keepers lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle

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Name and address of owner: James Sarson
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Northampton, MA 01060

By: James M. Regin
Dated: 11/10/25

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A
11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2025

Town of Warren Tax Classification Public Hearing

The Warren Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 6:00pm** at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main Street, West Warren, MA, on the issue of tax classification. The purpose of the hearing is to determine the tax allocation among the property classes for fiscal year 2026.

The hearing will include a presentation by the Board of Assessors outlining the options available under Chapter 40, Section 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws, a brief real estate market update, and a general discussion around assessment changes year over year.

The public is invited to present oral comments at the hearing. Written comments must be submitted to the Board of Selectmen by no later than Noon on Monday, December 1, 2025 by either mail to 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083 or via email to selectmen@warren-ma.gov.
11/20, 11/27/2025

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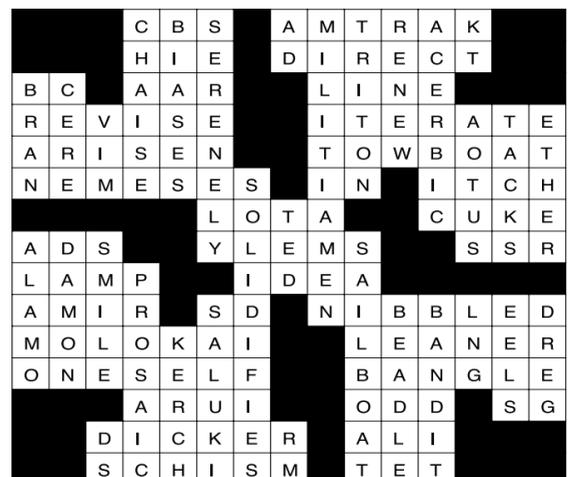
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