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Warren voters approved studies at STM

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WARREN – The Special Town Meeting was held on Nov. 20 at the Quabog Regional Middle High School auditorium.

There were a total of 28 articles on the warrant and Moderator Dario Nardi oversaw the meeting.

Study of bank building

Article 12 asked voters to transfer \$60,000 from Free Cash to pay for and conduct a study on the former Cornerstone Bank building located at 968 Main St. The purpose of the study is to potentially purchase and renovate the building to house the Police Department.

The Police, for many years, have been housed at the Town Hall across the street from the bank building. The study does not cover any potential environmental or hazmat mitigation analysis.

Jim Fountain, the owner of the bank building, said he hired an engineer to review the building and see if it was feasible. The idea was brought up to the Board of Selectmen as Fountain wanted them to consider the bank building as a “Plan B” option in addition to the options that were identified by Tecton Architects during their feasibility study to build a public safety complex.

Town Administrator James Ferrera said this study will do an in-depth analysis

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Trinity church held Thanksgiving food drive



Turley Staff Photo

Members of Trinity Episcopal Church of Ware, Ron Newton, Suzanne Chagnon, Chris Jeffery, Reid Jeffery Sr., Brandon Raiche, Jeff Raiche and Barbara Newton, staffed the food collection drop off to benefit the Jubilee Cupboard of Ware this past Saturday. The church collected 351 pounds of food at the drive and thanked all of the generous people who donated.

School Committee forms search subcommittee

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WARE – The School Committee members voted to form a Superintendent Search Subcommittee to seek a permanent superintendent.

At the Nov. 19 meeting, School Committee Chair Brian Winslow said the subcommittee would be made up of two School Committee members, (Melissa Whitham and Michael DuBois); three teachers, two administrators (one central and one school); three staff members (paraprofessionals/custodians/secretaries); three parents (one from each school); three citizens at large; and two current students in grades nine-12. The first meeting of the subcommittee will

take place on Monday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ware Junior Senior High School Library. Starting in January 2026, meetings will take place on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. the weeks the School Committee doesn't meet.

An email will be distributed throughout the school district and to parents to alert them of the opportunity to serve on the subcommittee. The school district will also post about the subcommittee on its Facebook page to alert the public.

The School Committee members also decided to conduct the superintendent's search without the assistance of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

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Joint meeting started budget talks

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WARE – The Selectboard met with Finance Committee members Richard Fly, SK Robinson and Mitchell Kupperman, School Committee Chair Brian Winslow and interim Superintendent of Schools Michael Wood for a preliminary budget discussion.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said it is very early in the budget season, but looking at trends, the town has historically done “extremely well” with Chapter 70 due to the Student Act.

At the Nov. 18 meeting,

Beckley said most of the town's budget is made up of personnel costs and benefits.

“Some increases and expenses that we know are coming are the costs of raises for employees,” he said. “Most of the unions, both education and town, are 2-3% negotiated increases, but there's also increases in the negotiated benefits so I estimated at around 4%.”

Beckley said this would be about a \$643,000 in increases.

He said a big unknown is the cost of health insurance for town employees. He said he estimated it at an 18% increase, but it could be

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Town held auction of properties

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WARREN – Last week about 45 bidders, in addition to dozens of spectators, filled the gym of the Shepard Municipal Building for the opportunity to buy one of 14 tax-title properties in town at a public auction.

Town Administrator James Ferrera said the purpose of the public auction was to sell the properties, which are owned by the town through the tax-title foreclosure process due to nonpayment of taxes.

“It is the town's goal to get these properties back on the tax roll,” he said at the Nov. 18 auction. “To sell these properties and recover some of the costs.”

Bidding at the auction began just after 2 p.m. and was led by auctioneer Marianne Sullivan, founder and lead auction-



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Auctioneer Marianne Sullivan took bids during the town of Warren's public auction of tax-title properties held in the gym of the Shepard Municipal Building on Nov. 18.

eer of Sullivan & Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC. The auction house specializes in the auction of municipal-owned properties.

Sullivan explained the rules of the auction, and how

the closing date for each property sold would be in 30 days, with payment due to the town by Dec. 18.

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BALD EAGLE LANDED NEAR WARE RIVER



A bald eagle landed in a field alongside the Ware River on Upper Church Street in Ware this past Sunday after it had caught another bird for prey.

Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Warren Library prepares for 150th anniversary

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WARREN – The Warren Public Library, 934 Main St., is a beloved destination in the center of town that will be celebrating 150 years in 2026.

The library board had a meeting recently to go over some planning for the 150th anniversary celebration. In addition to the kickoff celebration,

the year will feature a series of events and speakers as part of the celebration of the town incorporating its own library.

Following the Civil War, the need for a public library was recognized. In 1876 Warren Public Library was established as a corporation by an act of the Massachusetts Legislature. It was to be free and open to the public.

The only thing missing

was finding somewhere in town to place it.

Senator Wilson H. Fairbank, who lived in the home just east of the library, purchased the corner lot and arranged for the house to be moved from it. It went down Main Street and turned the corner onto Old West Brookfield Road where it still stands.

Fairbank paid to have the lot graded and the stone wall built. After additional work

was done, the library was ready and dedicated on July 4, 1890 with appropriate exercises, involving officers of the town and the Warren Public Library corporation and building committee.

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BONDED BY STACY HELD GRAND OPENING

Bonded by Stacy held a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hanna's on Main, hosted by the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond. Pictured from left to right in the front row are Mary Dembkowski, Jan McCoy, Trisha Collette, Brittney Collette, Stacy Collette, owner of Bonded by Stacy, Dannielle Crevier, Niqael Brier, Shannon Ortona and Kate Blackwell. Back row from left are Chris Murphy and Dan Collette.

Are You Old News?



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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1989 showed Les Campbell (right) presenting a book of Quabbin Reservoir lore dating from 1938 to Dorothy Mapes, Ware Librarian (left) while Jean Quigley, chair of the Ware Arts Council, one of the sponsors of the Quabbin project, looked on.

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

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.

Ware Holiday Flair welcomes Santa this Friday

WARE – Santa Claus will come to town on Friday, Nov. 28 thanks to the Ware Holiday Flair Committee with help from the Fire Department.

The evening will begin with a dance performance by Dance Unlimited 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 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.

Ware Library to host author J.R. Greene on Dec. 3

WARE – J.R. Greene will be returning to the Ware Library, 37 Main St., on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. for his annual program about the history of the Quabbin and will be presenting his 41st annual Quabbin History

Calendar. This program is free to the public, and calendars and books will be available to purchase. Call 413-967-5491 or email warelibrary1881@gmail.com with any questions.

Celebrate 'Christmas in New Braintree'



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

The fair is sponsored by the Tri-Parish Community Church. There are a few spaces still available. To reserve, call 443-835-7530.

Other activities taking place during "Christmas in New Braintree" include the traditional Christmas Cookie Sale and Cafe, crafts and games for kids, visit with Santa, and a horse drawn hayride. Please join the Christmas in New Braintree festivities for a day of shopping and family fun.

Submitted Photos
Pictured are a few items handcrafted by Jeanette Renaud and Linda St. Denis. These and many other crafts will be available at the "Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair" to be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



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'Celebrate the Season' to be held Dec. 6-7

WARE – “Celebrate the Season” with Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House and raise money for the amazing Ware Center Meeting House at the same time.

You may remember this event as the Wreath and Tree Festival.

The Proprietors changed the name to reflect the variety of creations we have gathered each year. Last year, they had an original water-color painting, stained glass ornaments, a unicorn tree, a shotgun shell wreath, and some adorable gnomes.

Celebrate the Season will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ware Town Hall, 126 Main St.

There will also be a door prize table, holiday music, an incredible bake sale, 50/50 raffle and a table with Ware books, T-shirts, and memorabilia, all to support the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum. There will be free children’s activities including: decorate a card and make a craft.

Santa will arrive on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. and glitter tattoos will be available at that time.

It’s not too late to donate. Businesses and citizens interested in contributing decorated trees and wreaths should call Lynn Lak, co-chair of the Festival committee at



Submitted Photos
Last year students from Ware High School and Officer Jeannine Bonnayer helped decorate for the Wreath and Tree Stroll, now called “Celebrate the Season.” This year’s event will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

413-967-7223 or email her at llak310@comcast.net.

In-person drop off is Friday, Dec. 5 between 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Great Hall in the Ware Town Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Visit warecentermeetinghouse.org for more information or to make a donation online.

This tree from last year’s Wreath and Tree Stroll (now called “Celebrate the Season”) was decorated to look like a gnome.



This tree was decorated to look like a unicorn.

Wings of Song sings of Night, Moon, and Stars

STURBRIDGE – Night. Darkness. Silence. In the sky on a clear night, our Moon may be riding high.

Our sibling planets may be seen piercing the darkness with clear, unblinking points of light: Venus, Jupiter, Mars... Stars – suns like ours, but at unimaginable distances –send their light out, visible on Earth perhaps many centuries later.

In late December in Earth’s Northern

Hemisphere, nights are long and cold. For millennia, humans have gathered to mark this time with fires and dances and singing and musical instruments and stories and revelry: to tell the dark and the cold that our spirits are undaunted, and to celebrate the lengthening of days that begins at this time.

Wings of Song – a community chorus centered in Sturbridge and drawing its 50 active members from

a large number of towns in south-central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut – celebrates both Christmas and the Winter Solstice in song this year with a focus on night, moon, and stars: the darkness from which light is born, and reborn.

The celebration takes the form of two concerts: one at St. Joachim Chapel, 16 Church St. in Fiskdale (part of Sturbridge), on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m., and

the other at the Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge, on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. As always, both concerts are free to the public, with a freewill offering collected.

As always, both venues are handicap accessible. As always, yummy refreshments will be served after each concert. And as always, folks are advised to come early to be sure of a seat.

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Nutrition program for kids held at Ware Library

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WARE – The Ware Library welcomed the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts for a kid’s nutrition program presentation.

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts serves four counties in the region and provides over 17 million pounds of food a year. The food bank connects people with supportive resources, including Food Assistance Navigation, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program outreach and nutrition education.

The Food Bank’s Nutrition Outreach team offers educational programs including workshops, food sampling events, grocery store tours, ServSafe certification and safe food handling training. One beneficial program is the kid’s nutrition program.

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts uses the MyPlate model for nutrition education to help clients make healthier choices and understand nutrition labels. This program for kids and teens teaches healthy eating habits, where food comes from, food processing, recipes to help people create nutritious meals and food identification.

Arriving at the Ware Library was Abby Killian, representing the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Killian brought samples of fruit and vegetables to show

the kids to see how they can identify the various food groups. There were apples, cucumbers, and tomatoes for fruit.

For vegetables, Killian explained parts of a plant. There was a plant map sheet for kids to look over and try to identify parts of a plant. For example, some plants have a flower, and broccoli is technically a flower. Another part of a plant is the leaves, and lettuce is the leaf.

Killian says this program is “good for all ages,” both children and adults.

Killian also brought applesauce for attendees to try and also had kid sized reusable bags for kids to take home.

These bags were branded with MyPlate, which has a symbol of the five food groups: fruits, vegetables, dairy, grains and protein. Killian says these programs are held year-round and is made possible with the Food Bank’s partnership with the Massachusetts SNAP-Ed program.

Killian has done these programs throughout the neighboring towns, including Ware, Palmer, Belchertown and many more. The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts helps provide food for almost 300 meal sites and food banks throughout the region.

More information about these educational programs on nutrition can be found at www.foodbankwma.org. More about MyPlate can be found at www.myplate.gov.

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 bene-

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

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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

If we both collect Social Security, will our benefits be affected?

Dear Rusty:

I reached full retirement age back in June, but I have not yet filed to collect Social Security. My husband currently collects SS funds, and he waited until he had reached full retirement age a few years ago. I am considering signing up now to receive my funds, but I am a little confused about whether I will receive my full benefit or is there some kind of adjustment made based on both of us collecting?

We are a simple case. We have been married for 46 years, so there are no other exes involved in this equation. He did everything online when he was ready to start receiving his funds, but we didn't consult with any advisor when my husband claimed. Now I think that adding me as a spouse might trigger some other things I should consider. Thank you for your advice.

Signed: Concerned Wife

Dear Concerned:

Since you and your husband have both reached your respective SS Full Retirement Age, you are both entitled to receive your full benefits without any reduction. And since you haven't yet filed, you are now accumulating Delayed Retirement Credits at the rate of .667% additional benefit for each month you continue to delay. You will get your full SS retirement benefit plus any earned DRCs when you claim. The only question you need to consider is whether either you or your husband will be entitled to a "spousal boost," an increase when you claim.

If the SS retirement benefit you were entitled to at your FRA is less than 50% the amount your husband was entitled to at his FRA, then you will get a "spousal boost" on top of your own SS retirement amount (the "boost" amount would be the difference between your FRA amount and half of his FRA amount). But if your SS amount at your FRA is more than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement, then

you will only get your own SS retirement benefit based on your own lifetime earnings record. Spouse benefits are always determined from each partner's FRA entitlement and if one partner's FRA amount is less than 50% of the other partner's FRA amount, then a spousal boost will be given. And that also works if your FRA entitlement is higher than your husband's, if your FRA amount is more than twice your husband's FRA amount, then he will get a spousal boost from you. Otherwise, each of you will get only your personally earned SS retirement amount and both of you collecting SS will not negatively affect each other's individual SS benefit.

FYI, the spousal boost amount stops growing at full retirement age, so if you are eligible for a spousal boost from your husband then you should claim your SS benefits now and ask for benefits retroactive to June (your FRA month). However, if you will not get a spousal boost from your husband, you have the option of delaying even further and earning more DRCs (thus a higher monthly benefit). You can earn DRCs up to age 70, at which time you will get the maximum possible Social Security benefit about 127% of your personal FRA amount if you delay that long.

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Thanksgiving nostalgia and planning ahead for next year's gratefulness

The arrival of Thanksgiving always gets me a little nostalgic.

Gone are the days of sneaking into the kitchen with my sister for a little bit of the crispy dressing from the stuffed turkey still in our parent's oven. Or how about awakening to the wonderful scents the morning of, knowing mom had been up at 4 a.m. getting the bird prepared.

It was always so much fun to butter the brown and serve rolls and then transfer them from the oven to the pre-heated trivet in their little wooden basket. I can smell the smells if I think about it long enough, and surely I can see my dad at the counter with the carving knife in hand.

Another big tradition was the nut bowl and the nut cracker and tools. We only ate nuts at Thanksgiving, and at Christmas to a lesser extent. I remember the Brazil nuts and walnuts being especially hard to crack with my little hands, but the challenge was half the fun.

These memories from my childhood are replaced with new traditions that my kids will call their own memories when they are my age. I guess the important thing is that we are thankful on this day whether it is for the memories, the people or the food or all of it. Gratitude goes a long way.

This Thanksgiving I am especially thankful for the bountiful harvest from this year's vegetable garden. The old motto goes something like: "you get out what you put in."

This year I sure put in a lot of effort in hopes of that harvest. When rain stopped I watered and watered and

watered some more.

I made an investment in organic fertilizers and mulched the rows as best as I could. I lugged free compost home by the bucket. I harvested even when I was tired of it and preserved it all even after I grew weary.

ple, but you get the idea. Streamlining is practical.

If you want to try growing new things, maybe Brussels sprouts like I wrote about last week, or sweet potatoes, like I experimented with this past summer, take some time over the offseason to look up the particulars so that you will be successful.

I did a show and tell with some students recently and it was a lot of fun to show them some of the ordinary things that can be grown at home, like popcorn and luffa sponges for example. Get creative.

Maybe what will inspire you is getting something right, doing a better job growing a certain crop.

Did your zucchini look like baseball bats? Don't worry, next year you'll harvest sooner and more often. Same thing goes for those blimpy cukes. And what about those carrots? Next year you'll loosen up your soil and remove some rocks from the carrot patch so that they won't all fork. Straight, long roots here we come.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving! Have fun when the planning stage begins for next year's garden. It is, after all, just about six months away from our frost-free date.

Now that is something to be thankful for!

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.

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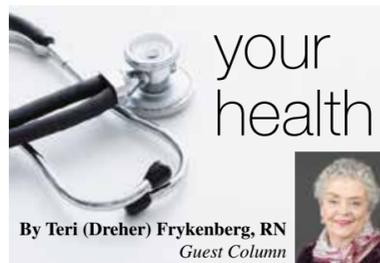
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One of the speakers at the recent New England Patient Advocacy Conference I hosted at Assumption University in Worcester was Erika Warren, a partner in a new venture called Inciteful Med (IncitefulMed.com), just launched earlier this year. I wanted to share it with you because, as I like to say, knowledge is power. Inciteful



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column



Med lets you research a medical question and come to doctors' appointments ready to have a meaningful discussion.

This is a beneficial use of artificial intelligence and machine learning. Inciteful Med is updated weekly with peer-reviewed research that appears in such online sources as PubMed, a service of the National Institutes of Health.

"We provide patients and doctors with the latest literature in an easy-to-understand format, helping doctors and patients make informed choices," Erika says.

Like my patient advocacy practice, Inciteful Med grew out of a personal experience. Erika's partner, Mike Weishuhn, had a family member with a potentially serious health issue. Rather than taking the wait-and-see approach the doctor had advised, he used his skills as a data engineer to find a paper published in the U.K. that gave them new information and a reason to seek a second opinion.

"It showed us two things," Erika says. "First, the importance of advocacy and, second, the difficulty of finding reliable, personalized information. That experience changed everything for their family and sparked our mission to make medical research accessible, so more patients and families can shape their care and change their lives."

And so Inciteful Med was born. Anyone can use the website anonymously to research up to five questions a day. Creating an account lets you ask an unlimited number of questions.

Users can also upload their medical records to have them analyzed and receive personalized results from the latest research. For their users' peace of mind, the company will soon be HIPAA-compliant. The website is free to use for now. Wishing it to remain independent, they don't want advertising dollars from pharmaceutical companies. It may one day become donor-supported like Wikipedia or offer subscriptions.

Neither Erika nor Mike has a medical background, and they stress that patients

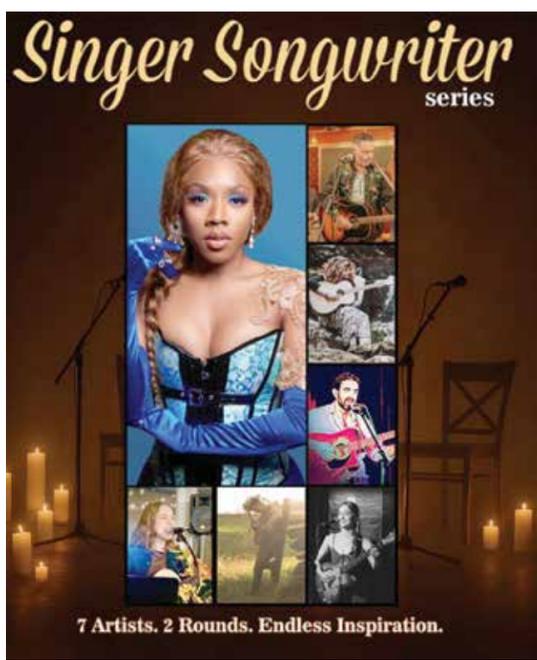
should use the information on Inciteful Med in collaboration with their health-care providers.

"Mike's and my background is in education technology, providing tools for teachers trying to help students learn and feel confident. In many ways, Inciteful Med is similar to that work, but for patients and doctors," she says. "Inciteful Med inspires confidence. People want to be heard and supported and know their questions aren't dumb."

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"Our health-care system makes it hard for even dedicated doctors to keep up," Erika says. "Different priorities, red tape and slow adop-

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Submitted Photo
The Singer Songwriter Series at Workshop13 will feature seven local and regional musicians on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.

Workshop13 highlights local talent with Singer Songwriter Series

WARE – Workshop13 is excited to highlight seven local and regional musicians - Charlie Diamond, Eric Troy, Tobey sol Laroche, O’Leyra, Catie Verostick, Makayla Nelson, and featured artist Taija New – in its new Singer Songwriter Series.

This event takes place in Workshop13’s Grand Hall at 13 Church St. on Saturday, Nov. 29. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced on a sliding scale and are available at www.workshop13.org.

Special guests from the Musical Chairs of Massachusetts podcast/YouTube channel, Chris Guerra and Nikki Cross, will be present. Enjoy photo ops, meet and greets, food for purchase (free popcorn), and a cash bar.

The performance will feature sound design by Brian Jyringi and be hosted by Amanda Meli and MC’d by Kevin Wherry.

Singer-songwriters will share their original songs and the stories behind them, “in the round” style, a per-

formance format that brings a group of singer-songwriters together sharing the stage, with each artist delivering songs one after another. After intermission, enjoy a special featured performance by nationally touring artist Taija New, followed by powerful second round, a group curtain call, and a community meet-and greet with all performers.

About Workshop13

Workshop13 is a dynamic center where arts, culture, and community converge—expanding access to the arts and nurturing creativity and self-expression in our rural region. For more information visit workshop13.org, or call 413-277-6072.

WPS Superintendent Search Subcommittee invitation

WARE – The Ware Public Schools Superintendent Search Subcommittee will take on the incredibly important task of selecting a new superintendent and they are looking for members.

This decision will have an impact on students, families, teachers, staff and larger community for the foreseeable future, so the subcommittee does not take this on lightly.

The subcommittee hopes you will consider submitting your name for consideration to join this group by Dec. 1.

Outline for the search subcommittee

Two School Committee members (Mel Whitham and Michael DuBois); three teachers; two administrators (one central and one school); three staff members (paraprofessionals, custodians and/or secretaries); three parents (one from each school); three citizens at large (these citi-

zens will not have any relation to current staff, school committee members or students); and two current students (grades nine-12).

This outline is not completely rigid, but the subcommittee will strive to stay as close to it as possible when selecting members

Subcommittee meetings

This subcommittee will start meeting in the middle of December and work through the middle of February.

The first meeting will take place on Monday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ware Junior Senior High School Library. Starting in January, meetings will take place on

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. the weeks the School Committee doesn’t meet.

Responsibilities of subcommittee members

Protect all manners of privacy throughout this process.
Determine the desired

qualifications for candidates for posting the position

Participate in productive conversations/debates about the candidates in a respectful manner

Draft questions for candidates to answer during first round interviews and final interviews to be voted on by the School Committee

Participate in first round interviews, take notes, and discuss with fellow subcommittee members afterward at posted meetings. All meetings are to be held in executive session and are not open to the public.

Select the final candidates to submit to the School Committee for final consideration.

Please send an email stating your interest in joining the subcommittee to Whitham at mwhitham@ware.k12.ma.us and DuBois at mdubois@ware.k12.ma.us, by Dec. 1.

Hardwick’s Christmas on the Common is Nov. 29

HARDWICK – The annual Christmas on the Common event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 3-5:30 p.m.

Santa kicks off the festivities when he arrives at the Town House at 3 p.m. for photos. Enjoy tractor rides, games, activities and shop at local vendors set up on the common.

Visit the Hardwick Historical Society, or drop off food pantry donations and Peace Lacrosse the World equipment donations to the Hardwick Congregational Church. Mimi’s Coffeehouse of Hardwick will be open and serving tasty treats.

Sing carols on the upper common and play bells with the Hardwick Memorial Bell Choir for the Living Nativity and tree lighting at 5 p.m. in front of the First Universalist Church.

Library Friends host Lotto Calendar fundraiser

WARE – The Friends of the Ware Library will be selling Lotto Calendars through the end of the year.

Tickets are \$10 each and drawings will take place every day in January. 1,000 max tickets will be sold and you can win an unlimited number of times.

Visit the library at 37 Main St. or participating stores to purchase a ticket - they make great stocking stuffers.

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 performance 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 thecenterataglehill.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.

Ware Senior Center closed Nov. 27-28

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 28 for Black Friday.

The Senior Center will reopen with its regular schedule of programs and activities on Monday, Dec. 1.

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Dante is waiting for a fourth chance

EAST BROOKFIELD – Dante, the beagle who captured hearts in 2020 after spending a full month on the run during her recovery from a broken leg, has returned to Second Chance Animal Services.

Now 12-years-old, Dante is hoping for a “fourth chance” after her owner faced a significant life change and could no longer care for her.

Dante’s history with Second Chance is long and unforgettable. She first arrived on transport from an overcrowded Tennessee shelter. She returned after being hit by a car and underwent surgery

for her injuries.

While recuperating in foster care, she escaped and traveled more than 15 miles from Hardwick back to East Brookfield, an incredible journey that made headlines.

At the time, Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato said, “It was like a story out of a children’s book where the heroine overcomes her fear through strength and determination to return to the people and place where she first knew love.”

A local resident helped identify the frightened stray, and Second Chance quickly set a trap, later adding a second

trap with assistance from Missing Dogs Massachusetts. Staff monitored live cameras and watched as Dante finally entered the trap set for her safe return.

Despite her ordeal, she was in relatively good shape and had even gained two pounds during her travels.

Today, Dante is a gentle senior girl with a shy disposition. Her adoption bio explains her needs clearly: “I have quite the story. I am an escape artist and I can’t help it; I love to explore! One of my adventures in my earlier years landed me with a broken leg. I absolutely must have

a home with a fenced yard. I also need someone who will diligently keep my leash on. It is best if I go home to either a single person or to a couple and no young children because I’m afraid that’s an easy way for me to slip out the door and take to wandering again.”

Because she takes time to warm up, interested adopters will need to make multiple visits to ensure she feels comfortable before heading to her new home. Second Chance is committed to helping her find the safe, loving environment she deserves for her golden years.

For more information or



Dante is a 12-year-old beagle at Second Chance Animal Services and she is looking for a new home.

to meet Dante, visit secondchanceanimals.org/adoptable-dogs or stop by the

Second Chance Adoption Center at 111 Young Road, to meet her.

SEARCH from page 1

Superintendent’s report

Interim Superintendent Michael Wood said he and Winslow attended a joint meeting with the town’s Finance Committee to discuss the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2027. He said the budget process would officially begin in January 2026.

Wood said they are also working to draft a 10-year capital plan. He said some of the large capital projects include the roofs at all three schools and repairs to a gen-

erator at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School.

He said there have been a few maintenance issues that have come up this year, including lack of power to a bank of lights at the football field. He said it is likely that mice got into the conduit underground.

“We’ll take a look at that probably in the spring,” he said.

Wood said there are a number of websites linked on the Department of Local Services that are informative about past town spending, including the school depart-

ment’s spending.

“It’s really helpful to have that kind of information as background for people like me trying to catch up to what’s been done here before,” he said.

Wood said the high school’s administration has been looking into a new student information management software called SchoolInsight. This new software would replace the iPASS system.

“It looks good, it looks promising,” Wood said. “It’s manageable for cost effectiveness for our district.”

Wood said the team would be meeting with the other principals in the school district to make sure the new software meets their needs as well.

Wood said the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education posted staff attendance averages from across the commonwealth. He said Ware Public Schools were above average in attendance compared to the state average and that staff had fewer absences.

Woods said the Knights of Columbus have launched its annual Coats for Kids drive,

collecting and distributing winter coats to children in town. He said donation bins are located in each of the school’s main offices/hallways.

Graduation requirements

Wood said he is meeting with high school teachers now and that the department chairs gave him “great feedback” about a proposed change in graduation credit requirements.

“There’s a lot of interest in staying at the 28-credit,” he said. “To allow students to have opportunities to retake

classes, but to also to take classes that they may not normally know that they would be successful in and if they failed, it would be okay.”

Wood said there is some back and forth that needs to happen before he brings the finalized requirements to the School Committee for approval.

Special Town Meeting

The committed approved the use of facilities and waived the fees for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, Jan. 26, 2026.



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AUCTION from page 1

The first property up for bid was a house located at 1059 Main St., which sold for a total of \$25,000.

The second property was a house adjacent to the first one, located at 1061 Main St. After some back and forth between bidders and the auctioneer, this property sold for \$9,000.

A two-family home at 38 Maple St. drew a lot of interest from bidders and eventually sold for \$52,000, one of the highest bids for the day. 71 Pine St. (a former house lot that is buildable) also sold for \$52,000.

A 2.5-acre buildable lot on Town Farm Road was next to sell for a total of \$32,000.

A 1.7-acre buildable former house lot at 64 Richardson Avenue sold for the highest amount of the

day, at \$53,000.

Twenty-four acres of potentially buildable land on Cutler Road didn't get any bids the first time it was presented by Sullivan, but in the second round it sold for \$6,000.

Other sales were as follows: Crouch Road, \$7,000; High Street, \$5,000; Southbridge Road (2.2 acres), \$41,000; Southbridge Road (1 acre), \$34,000; and near Bemis Road, \$5,000.

There were no bids placed on 20 Chapel St., a 5,227 square foot potential buildable lot and a 6,098 square foot lot on Pleasant Street.

Ferrera said pending closings, the public auction unofficially recovered just over \$320,000 for the town.

"It exceeded our expectations," he said of the public auction.

Kids got crafty for Thanksgiving

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – The West Warren Library Association hosted a turkey craft this past week during its Craft Club.

This program started after summer reading had ended and has been a popular event since September. These craft activities have seen a good turnout of kids ages 5 to 11. Since Halloween, the West Warren Library has seen a lot of newcomers arrive and many enjoy craft club.

Melody Frey is the library clerk at the West Warren Library Association and is the head instructor for the Craft Club. This Craft Club is held every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. and involves crafts that are hands on, and Frey said the kids are having fun.

During one Craft Club kids got to make a boat out of straws and it was a popular craft according to the kids. For this past Craft Club, kids got create their own turkeys.

"It was take a turkey home situation," said Frey as there were plenty of craft kits available for kids to make a turkey and take them home afterwards.

The body of the turkey was made out of a pinecone. Paper feathers of all colors, mostly fall colors, were provided for kids to cut out and place them on the pinecone.

In case kids missed the day of craft club, the front

desk of the West Warren Library had bags of the turkey craft. The next craft will be on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.

The West Warren Library Association is working with Bemis Farms to present a Winter Porch Pot fundraiser. This event will be held at the Warren Senior Center on Friday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Proceeds from this event will go towards supporting the West Warren Library. Tickets are \$35 each and are on sale until Dec. 8 by 6 p.m.

For more information, call the West Warren Library at 413-436-9892.



Submitted Photos
ABOVE: Kids took their turkeys home after they were done crafting them.

LEFT: The West Warren Library Association hosted a turkey craft during Craft Club recently. Pinecones were used to make up the body of the turkey.



SONGS from page 3

Music Director Nym Cooke provides this glimpse into what you'll hear: "Everything from an operatic quartet by Baroque composer Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683-1764) to the bluegrass gospel song 'Beautiful Star of Bethlehem'; from 'Moon is Walking' by Joseph Shabalala of Ladysmith Black Mambazo to the world premiere of 'Notte' by Wings of Song tenor Gianni Davilli; from the tender Danish Christmas song 'Among the Stars of

Midnight' to John Rutter's magnificent choral setting of 'O Holy Night'; from the shape-note song 'Star in the East' to Henry VIII's 'Green Grow'th the Holly'... Audiences will join us in singing three Christmas classics that feature stars: 'The First Nowell,' 'O Little Town of Bethlehem,' and 'We Three Kings of Orient Are.'"

People are strongly encouraged to bring stars or moons, to be held or hoisted aloft at key points in the proceedings. More than one moon is fine, in the spirit of celebration.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sculpt Well Co. celebrated grand opening

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – This past Sunday, Sculpt Well Co. welcomed the public to its grand opening and ribbon cutting at its new location upstairs at 5 North St.

Owner Karyn Petracone thanked everyone for attending the grand opening and expressed her gratitude for the support she received in making this space into the new home of her fitness and training studio.

During the grand opening, people were able to talk with Petracone about Sculpt Well Co. and what it has to offer, visit with health and wellness vendors, enjoy complimentary food and beverages, and take home prizes and giveaways.

Petracone started Sculpt Well Co. in the summer of 2024, driven by a passion for fitness and wellness.

“We offer a range of services, including personalized training sessions, small group training, and a variety of large group classes,” she said. Petracone said the North

Street location will provide a welcoming environment to her clients, and open up the possibility for new class offerings.

“There will be a little something for everyone! Clients can expect multiple classes at different times throughout the week in order to accommodate as many individuals as possible,” she said. “We will be introducing specialized classes like yoga, total body basics, and hybrid training to cater to various fitness levels.”

Petracone said she decided to become a coach because of her love for fitness and helping others.

“Witnessing clients make progress and improve their lives through fitness is incredibly rewarding, and I wanted to be a part of that journey,” she said.

Watching this transformation is her favorite part of her job, and seeing the changes that occur both physically and mentally on a person’s fitness journey.

“It’s inspiring to watch them overcome challenges and push their limits, gaining confidence along the way,”

she said. Petracone spoke about her own fitness journey and said she loves a mix of different



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Sculpt Well Co. owner Karyn Petracone was ready to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of her location upstairs at 5 North St., Ware, with the help of her husband Joe and their children.



Sculpt Well Co. is located upstairs at 5 North St.

activities to keep her active including strength training, running, yoga and “everything in between.” She also enjoys hiking to connect with nature while getting a good workout in.

Petracone said investing in your health and wellness leads to improved physical fitness, better mental health and enhanced overall well-being. It can reduce stress,

increase energy levels, and even enhance productivity in daily life.

Having a coach can provide accountability, personalized guidance, and motivation, she said.

“A trainer can create a tailored program based on individual needs and goals, ensuring clients stay on track and make adjustments as needed,” she said.

Since it was founded last year, Sculpt Well Co. has hosted various community events, including a Memorial Day 5K held in Grenville Park, run clubs, a sunrise hike at Wachusett Mountain, and multiple class pop-ups and unique workshops.

“We have also organized a team that ran Run To Home

Base at Fenway Park this past year, which was truly an unforgettable moment that I was so fortunate to share with several other women in the community,” Petracone said.

Petracone said in the coming year, she plans to expand Sculpt Well Co.’s class offering, collaborate with local wellness professionals, and host community events to promote health and fitness.

“The possibilities are endless. Please see **SCULPT**, page 15

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Tough second half hurts Ware



Troy Dufresne attempts a pass as Jadrien Berthiaume makes a block.



Dalton Marquis is held as he goes after the ball. He came down with a one-hand interception late in the second quarter.



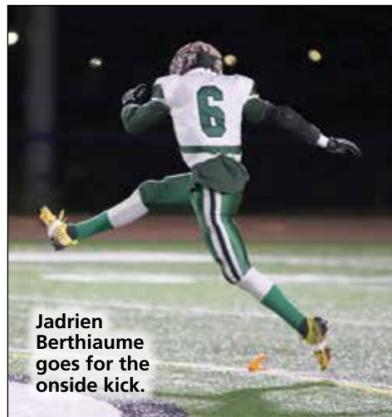
The Ware defense goes after the opposing ball carrier.

Cross country performs at district race

BARRE – Coach Brian Young was pleased with the performance of his team at the recent district race earlier this month. Here is what Young had to say about the meet:

“It started early this summer when a small group of young men would have parents drive them to different locations for training runs. The Quabbin boys’ cross-country team was on a mission to earn the right to run in the state meet, something that hadn’t been done in over 50 years. It’s not as big as the “Curse of the Bambino” in red sox lore but in the context of the cross-country program it was an issue. Individual runners had qualified in the past but to get to run with teammates in the most important race of the season is gratifying. As the season unfolded for the boys the wins were not as large as the defeats, but the training continued on with coach Paul Goewey urging them onwards towards the Goal, State Meet. Runs were faster and longer, 10 to 12 miles on Fridays were now normal as they got closer to the district race date of Nov. 8. When the team received its packet with lane assignment, box two, and bib numbers, was fate trying to mess

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Jadrien Berthiaume goes for the onside kick.

SPRINGFIELD – On Friday, Nov. 14 on a crisp night at Duggan High School, Ware was not able to score any points in the second half as they suffered a 42-26 loss against Putnam Vocational in Week 10. Playing in a nonplayoff game for the second straight week, Ware would score late in the second half and trailed 28-26. The Indians then got a big interception from Dalton Marquis, in the final minute, but did not have enough time to drive down the field and score. In the second half, the offense was held down by Putnam as the Beavers added a couple of touchdowns to pad their lead. The Indians were scheduled to face Quaboag on Thanksgiving Eve.



The Ware offensive line gets ready for a play.

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The Pioneers get a tackle of a kick returner on special teams.



Dustyn Cook kicks off for the Pioneers.

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Pioneers beat Smith in vocational tournament

PALMER – On Friday, Nov. 14, Pathfinder football picked up a Week 10 win over Smith Vocational 42-12.

Pathfinder had multiple turnovers in the first half to get up fast in the game. The matchup was the first round

of the vocational school football tournament, with Pathfinder advancing to face Cape Cod Regional Tech on

Friday, Nov. 21. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week’s edition.



Jarett Skowrya takes the snap for a point-after kick.

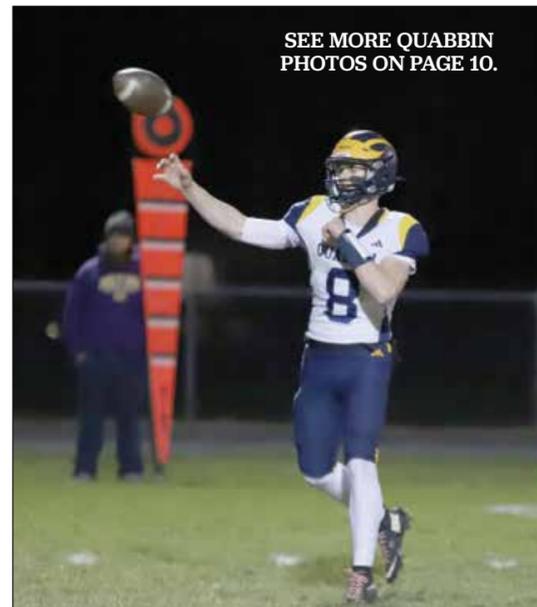


The Pathfinder defensive line goes for the ball carrier.

Quabbin grabs third win in Week 10

FITCHBURG – On Friday, Nov. 14, the Quabbin Regional High School football team picked up a win in Week 10 over host Montachusett Tech 20-6. After allowing the first touchdown of the game, Quabbin had 20 unanswered points. Chase Talbot had a 60-yard kick return for a touchdown

in the second quarter. Austin Holmes made a fumble recovery in the third quarter and went 55 yard for a touchdown. Then Zakk Mielnicki had a quarterback keeper in the fourth quarter a four-yard touchdown run. Quabbin was 3-7 heading into their Thanksgiving Eve matchup with rival Gardner High School.



Zakk Mielnicki sends a pass attempt away.

Turley photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

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MIAA makes calendar change to start of fall

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association recently approved a couple of changes in their calendar, including codifying a practice that is already in place. The biggest change will be the start of the fall season for football preseason while two other changes were denied.

The Board of Directors voted to set the official start date of all fall sports, including football at two Mondays prior to Labor Day, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. In recent years, football would begin the Friday prior to that Monday with the rest of the sports beginning two Mondays before Labor Day.

A proposal was denied to delay the start of winter preseason to the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. Right now, practices immediately begin on Monday after Thanksgiving. The proposal sought to give an administrative day for schools to prepare for the winter season.

Another proposal denied was for all postseason tournament brackets to be released exclusively on weekdays, with the exception of the football brackets, which are released on the Sunday after Week 8 games conclude.

The final accepted proposal was establishing a firm date for the end of all spring athletic seasons to be no later than the third Sunday in June, to coincide with the end of the academic year. It ensures that all postseason play and championship would take place on a consistent timeline each year. This is the current practice so no noticeable change will be seen on the current MIAA calendar.

Candlepin League News

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Bondsville League

WARE – It is week 12 of the Wednesday Night Bondsville League at Roll-A-Way Lanes.

During week 12, Team UMass bowled against Fire Mountain on lanes three and four of Roll-A-Way Lanes. In game one, Fire Mountain defeated Team UMass with a score of 469-455. Gary Delisle of Fire Mountain bowled the highest game in game one with a 109.

In game two, Team UMass won by a score of 487-441. In game three, Fire Mountain defeated Team UMass by a score of 502-470. Delisle finished the match by bowling 111. With Fire Mountain's 32-point victory in game three, the final score ended at a tie, 1412-1412.

Zeke's Freaks bowled against Cannonballs during week twelve. In game one, Zeke's Freaks won by a score of 480-455. Micah Hinkley of Cannonballs bowled the highest game with a 129, but the team fell short against Zeke's Freaks.

In game two, Zeke's Freaks won again by a score of 470-432. The third and final game was a close one as Cannonballs won by one point, 450-449. Zeke's Freaks won total pinfall with a final score of 1399-1337.

Spare Parts Bud bowled against Night Hawks in week twelve. In game one, Night Hawks were victorious by a score of 473-453. Lee Robinson of Night Hawks began the match with 122.

In game two, Night Hawks won again by a score of 498-459. Gavin Sinclair came out strong by bowling a 158. His father, Darryl Sinclair, had a good game as well with 131.

In game three, Night Hawks won again for a three-game sweep over Spare Parts Bud, 484-427. Sinclair finished with a 150 and bowled his best series of the season,

411 (103, 158, 150). The final score was 1455-1339 in favor of Night Hawks.

Sandri bowled against Slow Burners in week twelve. In game one, Sandri was victorious by a score of 489-472. Sue Horton of Sandri began the match by bowling a 133.

In game two, Sandri won again by a score of 515-502. Horton had another good game during Sandri's win, 130.

In game three, Sandri won to sweep the Slow Burners, 521-467. Horton finished with a 112 and a series of 375. Rich Picotte of Sandri had a strong finish with 135 and a series of 364. The final score was 1525-1441 in favor of Sandri.

P&J Meats bowled against The Snappers in week twelve. In game one, P&J Meats won by a score of 480-447. Shaun Midura of P&J Meats began with 119. Kevin Krasnecky of Snappers bowled well in game one with 121.

In game two, Snappers were victorious by a score of 449-430. Krasnecky had the highest game on his team with 107.

In game three, Snappers won by a score of 478-455. Krasnecky finished with 124 and a series of 352. The final score was 1374-1365 in favor of Snappers.

The Flaming Bowling Balls bowled against Ironmen in week twelve. In game one, Ironmen won by a score of 445-434. Billy Brunk of Ironmen had the best game with 114.

In game two, Ironmen won again by a score of 504-489. Three out of four members of Ironmen scored in the 120s, with Pete Swistak having the highest game of 126.

In game three, Ironmen won by a score of 464-462. The game came down to the last ball as Ryan McCarthy of Flaming Bowling Balls was working on a spare needed a strike fill to win the game by one; he dropped seven.

Swistak finished with a 118 and a three-game series of 342. The final score was 1413-1385 in favor of Ironmen.

Thunderbirds score win over Utica

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-10-2-1) rode a magnificent night from their goaltender to a 2-0 shutout victory over the Utica Comets (2-9-2-1) on Friday night inside a sold-out MassMutual Center.

An unlikely source got the T-Birds onto the scoresheet just 4:04 into the period, as defenseman Leo Loof made a wise read from the defensive zone, jumping into a rush to create a 2-on-1 attack. With Jakub Stancl crashing the net from the left-wing side, Loof used the shooting lane available to him, snapping a wrist over Nico Daws' blocker, giving Springfield the one-

goal edge off setups from Hugh McGing and Nikita Alexandrov.

Georgi Romanov got the nod in the T-Birds' goal crease and answered the bell in the opening 20 minutes, making eight stops while his defense in front of him limited Utica's high-danger chances.

The middle period did not produce much in the way of chances, but the Comets made a strong push in the final minutes of the frame, and Romanov was forced to be at his best with a handful of saves off redirections. The netminder also got some fortunate luck on one occasion

as a Mike Hardman deflection attempt glanced off the underside of the crossbar, but stayed out.

Springfield also killed off one Utica power play attempt in the later stages of the second, while Utica went 2-for-2 to begin its night on the penalty kill, including 1:16 of power play time for the T-Birds at the start of the third. The Comets relentlessly pressured the Springfield net throughout the third, but Romanov had answers time and time again. Utica finished the game with 33 shots, but Romanov had stops on every one.



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Athlete of the Month

TROY DUFRESNE Ware High School



Dufresne would lead Ware to a pair of touchdowns in their Week 9 matchup with Pathfinder, resulting in a win for the Indians.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Quabbin grabs third win in Week 10



Wes Sanderson enters the pack.

Chase Talbot looks to return the kickoff.

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with the goal?

With 175 runners lined up in an area the length of a football field the mass of runners would be running towards the panthers due to their starting box number. Runners had a quarter of a mile of wide open space before it would funnel into a trail and if you don't get out fast enough you may get trapped behind a slower moving runner and thus lose precious time in your quest to have fastest finish possible. As the gun sounded and a mad dash occurred towards the trail head Brendan Welch was with his target group. Brendan has been the top runner for the panthers. Co-Captains Senior Garrett Erickson and junior Jacob Bassett along with junior Brody Faucher, and sophomore Jack Orsini have been the top 5 runners for the team throughout the season. The course consisted of 3 loops around an athletic compound with baseball fields inside the course

where teams had set up their tents before races occurred. As coach Goewey ran to various locations encouraging his runners to move up they followed his instruction. As the exhausted runners rounded the last corner before the straight 200 yards to the finish line, the runners pushed themselves to pass others before the finish line. Brendan Welch would be first panther to cross the finish line placing 15th and earning a medal, top 15 runners received them. Brody Faucher would outlast teammate Garrett Erickson and came in together taking 52nd and 53rd places respectively. As the crowd grew around the finish line as family members and school friends and teammates gathered to watch the end of the race 2 more panthers crossed that cherished line Jacob Bassett captured 67th place and Jack Orsini took 72nd place to end the team scoring. For team results it's the added score of your top 5 runners and

the lower your score the better your place. Lucas Proctor would also finish in 102nd place and Aiden Mahoney 123rd place rounding out the panthers' team. Waiting for results is almost as difficult as running the race as the exhausted team members waited together with coach Goewey word came in that they had accomplished their goal they earned 7th place and a ride to the state meet the following Saturday with another race at Willard Park at Devens. The 8th place team Southeastern Regional Voc Tech scored one more point and did not qualify as a team. Jack Orsini of Quabbin beat Rocco Gardner of Southeastern Regional Voc tech at the wire and was the difference in the race for last qualifying team spot in state meet. History will note the Panthers cross country team of 2025 is the first boy's cross country team of this century to qualify for state meet, a goal to check off and on to the state meet."



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Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – Come to the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, for the weekly Story Hour with art and science activities, the Paige Book Club, the Cookbook Club, Celebrate Hardwick, the ongoing Friends of the Paige Memorial Library book sale, the Paige Writers, and the recently formed Movie Festival Committee.

The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library are hosting a Boxwood Christmas Tree Workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Town House.

The arrangements will be

12 to 14 inches tall and will stay green and fresh for an extended period, if watered. They would be perfect holiday decorations, charming gifts for hostesses or home-bound friends, and they could last until Valentine's Day. Hartman's Herb Farm, 1026 Old Dana Road, Barre will provide instruction and all necessary materials, but you may bring your own ornaments to make it more personal. Register by calling 413-477-6704 or emailing paigelibrary.hardwick@gmail.com and by paying \$35 to the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library.



LIBRARY from page 1

It has been quite a journey for the Warren Public Library, which still serves the public to this day. Members of the library board have confirmed the following events to be a part of the 150th year milestone.

150th celebration events

The Warren Public Library will host an open house celebration on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 4-7 p.m. The library has invited notables and town officials to attend this great celebration and there will be refreshments provided by the library.

For entertainment, there will be a cellist playing music during the open house. This event is a kickoff celebration for the Warren Public Library's 150th anniversary.

On Saturday, Feb. 7 at 3:30 p.m., Barbara Larkin will give a presentation

at the library on Nellie Northrop. The library had found a diary by Northrop and the presentation will feature stories from that diary.

Some may include stories about what life was like living in Warren around the time the library was incorporated.

On Saturday, March 7, there will be presentation on Lucy Stone at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St., West Warren at 3:30 p.m. Judith Black will portray Stone in a reenactment.

On Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren Senior Center, local author and historian Ed Londergan will give a presentation on Revolutionary War General, Joseph Warren, the man Warren is named after. The Warren was originally called Western when it was founded in 1741, but in 1834 it was incorporated as Warren.

On Saturday, May 9 from 3:30-5 p.m., the

Senior Center will welcome Diane Edgcomb for a presentation of Fun with Fairytales.

Jeff Robbins will give a presentation on the History of Commerce and Industry of Warren on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren Senior Center.

For June, there will be some fun children's activities as summer reading will begin. The theme for summer reading is "Unearth a Story." Summer Reading's kickoff event is called Dino Adventures and will be held on Saturday, June 27 at 1 p.m.

Be a part of history as the Warren Public Library celebrates 150 years. It is truly a gift to have this amazing library in the center of the community.

For more information, visit the Warren Public Library, call 413-436-7690 or email warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

Weir River Jazz presents free holiday concerts

HARDWICK – Weir River Jazz will present "Tunes for the Tinsel," a big band concert in the sanctuary of the Stone Church Cultural Center on Route 32 in Gilbertville on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.

All are welcome to join them to hear the great sounds of a traditional Big Band with their version of popular seasonal melodies. Or if you prefer a different setting, join the band on Saturday Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. for "Trimmings for the Tree," presented at Workshop13 in Ware.

Both programs are open to the public and there is no charge for admission. Reservations are suggested for Workshop13 as seats go quickly there.

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sis of the bank building to see if it is capable of housing a modern-day police station that is aligned with modern standards. Ferrera also acknowledged the fact that the bank building is also a building that has aged overtime.

"This study is looking at a building that has aged," Ferrera said.

When asked about which firms will conduct the study, Ferrera said he believed Tecton could be one of the firms. The current Building Commissioner in town has not given input on the bank building yet.

The town has been talking about a need for a new police station for years, according to the public, and many are aware that the current location in the Town Hall is deteriorating.

If article 12 is approved, the study on the bank building would also have to be consulted with the state. The building would have to meet state requirements as well.

Raymond Kopacko came up to speak on the proposal that is in front of the town. Kopacko looked at the downsides and upsides of doing the study if article 12 was approved.

"It's information gathering," Kopacko said. "The study will tell us if we can proceed."

The results of the study would help the residents and town officials figure out what they would be gaining if building does get refurbished into a police station.

Many residents discussed the options that were brought up during the three Public Safety Complex informational meetings and how they are not in favor of having a building built that may cost over \$30 million.

Article 12 passed with a vote of 86-35.

Article 13 asked voters to transfer \$53,000 from Free Cash to pay for and con-

duct a study on Fire Station A located at 1012 Main St. The purpose of this study is to potentially renovate and add-on to the existing station.

Article 13 passed with a vote of 64-46.

Lights at middle/high school

Article 23 asked voters to transfer \$60,000 from Free Cash for the town's portion of the capital expense for replacing the existing stadium lights and adding lights to the tennis courts at Quaboag Regional Middle High School.

Quaboag Superintendent Stephen Duff spoke on this article and acknowledged the incentives the school district has gotten to help pay for upgrades to the school buildings. With these incentives, there has been no cost to the town and Duff expressed appreciation for these incentives.

The current condition of the stadium lights is operating at 60% and additional lighting is needed near the tennis courts at the school. Duff mentioned that these tennis courts are not only school use but also used a lot by community members.

"Make them more usable for the residents within the town," Duff said.

The town of West Brookfield will also be contributing to pay for this project.

The article passed by a vote of 96-14.

Cutter Park improvements

Article 25 asked voters to transfer \$30,000 from Free Cash to Parks and Recreation Capital Stabilization for the use of expanding and improving Cutter Park. Sue Ramsey of Warren Parks & Recreation explained that they are in the design phase for Cutter Park and the department wants to start a capital plan and put money aside for future expansion on amenities and improvements to the park.

The article passed by a vote of 89-25.

Reconsidered votes

Article 5 on the warrant was voted on two occasions during the town meeting. The article asked voters to transfer \$5,336.10 from Free Cash to pay a prior fiscal year bill from Van Pool Transportation LLC for the transportation costs associated with an out-of-district vocational student.

This article required a 9/10 majority vote in order to pass. This article did not pass the first time it was considered, reaching a of 82-25.

Voters were asked to reconsider the article and Ferrera explained that this article appeared on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting back in June and that the bill needs to be paid and that the town will incur legal fees if it is not.

This article also impacts the transfer service for the out-of-district student, who relies on van pool transportation service.

In its second vote, article 5 passed by a vote of 104-10.

Article 15 passed in the original vote, but towards the end of the Special Town Meeting, it was brought up to be reconsidered. The article asked voters to amend the town's General Bylaw, Article II, Town Meetings, Section 1.

The edit would be that the Annual Town Election would be held on the first Tuesday in May. Also, the Annual Town Meeting would be held on the second Tuesday in June.

The purpose of the date change is to have town officials attend the annual meeting for Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, which falls on the same date as the Annual Town Meeting. The town works with CMRPC on grant-funded projects.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this article.

The second vote on arti-

cle 15 was taken and did not pass. This means the dates of the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting will stay the same.

Shepard Building articles

There were a couple articles regarding improvements in the Shepard Municipal Building, located at 48 High St. Article 7 asked voters to transfer \$83,000 from Free Cash to pay for the replacement of one of the current out-of-service inclined wheelchair lifts.

This replacement would allow town offices to be accessible to the public and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Article 8 asked voters to transfer \$60,000 from Free Cash to pay for the removal of the existing delaminated translucent window panels at the Shepard Municipal Building. If approved, the panels will be replaced with a new clear glass insulated insert and all cost incidental and related thereto, including but not limited to the rental of an aerial life.

Ferrera said there are 24 windows to address with this project. The current panels at the Shepard Building are "bowing out" and need to be fixed.

Both articles regarding the improvements to the Shepard Municipal Building passed.

Senior Center article

Article 9 asked voters to transfer \$30,000 from Free Cash for engineering and bidding services for the purpose of installing new or grading the existing duct work at the Senior Center.

This project at the Senior Center is for engineering services to get a bid and scope of what the work will be. The article passed by a vote of 61-41.

Police and Fire articles

Article 16 asked voters to transfer \$36,626 from Free Cash for the second half of a purchase of a new Ford Hybrid Police Interceptor with up-fitting costs included. Police Chief Gerald Millette explained that this is the second part of the purchase of a new Interceptor.

The article passed by a vote of 96-22. This article is also tied to Article 17, where the town will approve the transfer from Police Cruiser Replacement Capital Stabilization, the sum of \$35,000 for the purchase of the new Ford Hybrid Police Interceptor. This article also passed.

Article 18 asked voters to transfer \$11,800 from Free Cash for the replacement of three patrol cruiser MDT tablet computers that will soon not be able to support the latest version of Windows.

Millette explained that these computers are used inside the police cruisers and the current ones are due to be replaced and will not support the latest Windows version. This article also passed.

Article 19 was on the replacement of the kitchen stove at Fire Station A in Warren. The town voted to transfer \$1,500 from Free Cash to replace the kitchen stove, which is over 20 years old and beyond its useful lifespan.

Town Hall bell and chime system

The Board of Selectmen sponsored article 14, which asked voters to transfer \$20,000 from Free Cash to pay for a new bell and chime system for the Town Hall. This will include upgrades to the electrical wiring and the disposal of the old system.

Ferrera shared information with the public regarding this article and it was on a previous warrant sometime last year. The town is getting sued by a resident regarding this particular article. Ferrera could not speak on the specifics regarding the litigation but said "the town is getting sued over a noise complaint."

Ferrera said that the system is currently turned off.

Article 14 was defeated by a vote of 25-88.



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Ware Police Log

During the week of Nov. 18-25, the Ware Police Department responded to 25 miscellaneous calls, 23 administrative calls, seven traffic violations, 14 emergency 911 calls, six motor vehicle accidents, two thefts/larcenies, three breaking and enterings, two trespasses, one fraud/deception, two damage/vandalisms, nine animal calls and 41 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

- Tuesday, Nov. 18**
 6:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 6:35 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Church Street, Report Made
 7:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 6:45 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Investigated
 8:45 p.m. Traffic Violation, West Street, Arrest Made
- Wednesday, Nov. 19**
 7:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Investigated
 2:04 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Assist Given
 2:31 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Street, Assist Given
 2:54 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Route 32, Assist Given
 3:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Could Not Locate
 5:24 p.m. DUI/Impaired, Palmer Road, Arrest Made

- 8:34 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Advised
- Thursday, Nov. 20**
 6:44 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Laurel Drive, Investigated
 7:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 12:19 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Belchertown Road, Services Rendered
 5 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Greenwich Plains Road, Services Rendered
 8:55 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, High Street, Report Made
- Friday, Nov. 21**
 1:53 a.m. Suspicious, West Street, Investigated
 8:45 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Report Made
 9:05 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Assist Given
 11:01 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, North Street, Services Rendered
 5:20 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
- Saturday, Nov. 22**
 3:17 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Morse Avenue, Advised
 3:37 p.m. Fraud/Deception, West Street, Advised
 4:58 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered
 7:24 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, High Street, Dispatch Handled
 7:57 p.m. Motor

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- Vehicle Stop, Ross Avenue, Investigated
- Sunday, Nov. 23**
 9:15 a.m. Damage/Vandalism, Greenwich Road, Investigated
 1:57 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Hardwick Pond Road, Report Made
 2:29 p.m. Warrant Service, Park Street, Arrest Made
 10:18 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, South Street, Report Made
- Monday, Nov. 24**
 4:19 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Maple Street, Advised
 5:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
 8:13 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Could Not Locate
 8:21 p.m. Assist Other Agency, East Street, Investigated
- Tuesday, Nov. 25**
 12:58 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Church Street, Advised

Warren Police Log

During the week of Nov. 1-8, the Warren Police Department responded to 146 building/property checks, one community policing, 17 emergency 911 calls, four motor vehicle accidents, one harassment, one threat, one vandalism, one burglary, five complaints, one animal call and 35 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

- Saturday, Nov. 1**
 8:48 a.m. Sick/Unknown, South Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:42 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Bemis Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Reed Street, No Transport Required
 12:23 p.m. Trauma, Southbridge Road, Transported to Life Flight
 12:30 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Old West Warren Road, Mutual Aid Transport
 12:43 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial, Heritage Drive, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:30 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering, North Street, Report Filed
 6:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 8:07 p.m. Suspicious Person, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Southbridge Road, Prisoner Bailed

- Sunday, Nov. 2**
 10:47 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Dean Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:09 a.m. Complaint, Southbridge Road, Information Taken
 12:22 p.m. Complaint, Whiskey Hill, Officer/Chief Advised
 1:34 p.m. Falls, Milton O. Fountain Way, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Citation Issued
 2:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Written Warning
 3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Criminal Complaint

- Monday, Nov. 3**
 6:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Removed to Court/Lockup
 8:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 11:26 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Spring Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 1:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
 3:53 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital
 4 p.m. Complaint, Sarty Road, Area Search Negative
 7:21 p.m. Sick/Dizzy, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital

- Tuesday, Nov. 4**
 2:30 a.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Reed Street, Investigated
 5:40 p.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Report Filed
 6:44 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 8:31 p.m. Complaint, Old Douglas Road, Information Given
 9:45 p.m. Harassment, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed

- Wednesday, Nov. 5**
 5:08 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Liberty Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:35 a.m. Complaint, Old Douglas Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 4:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Warren Road, Written Warning

- Thursday, Nov. 6**
 11:24 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

- Friday, Nov. 7**
 2:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning

- 2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:01 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Brimfield Road, Report Filed
 5:33 p.m. Threats, Brimfield Road, Report Filed
 5:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasant Street, Written Warning
 7:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

- Saturday, Nov. 8**
 12:48 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 4:27 p.m. Vandalism, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 5:50 p.m. Gunshots, Old West Brookfield Road, Area Search Negative

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Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Nov. 17-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 50 directed/area patrols, 19 radar assignments, two traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, one investigation, one scam, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one fire, one motor vehicle accident, four complaints, three animal calls and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

- Monday, Nov. 17**
 8:22 a.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 6:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Merge
- Tuesday, Nov. 18**
 4:54 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 6 p.m. 911 Animal Call,

Upper Church Street, Negative Contact
 7:51 p.m. Medical Alarm, Hardwick Pond Road, Transported to Hospital

- Wednesday, Nov. 19**
 8:57 p.m. 911 Complaint, Bridge Street, Peace Restored

- Thursday, Nov. 20**
 10:22 a.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, No Action Required
 4:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Investigated
 5:10 p.m. Scam, Main Street, Officer Handled
 5:44 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Clapp Road, Report Taken

- Friday, Nov. 21**
 12:26 p.m. Investigation, Clapp Road, Officer Handled
 2:26 p.m. Assist Citizen, Telephone, Spoken To

- Saturday, Nov. 22**
 12:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:40 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Muddy Brook Road, Death/Unattended
 7:42 p.m. 911 Fire/Illegal Burn, High Street, Spoken To

- Sunday, Nov. 23**
 2:32 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:54 a.m. Parking Complaint, High Street, Written Warning
 3:07 a.m. Parking Complaint, Taylor Street, Written Warning
 10:07 a.m. Welfare Check, Dow Road, Officer Handled
 7:23 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patrill Hollow Road, Transported to Hospital

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Death notice

Elliott, Leslie Bates
Died Nov. 18, 2025

Leslie Bates Elliott, 81

WARE – Leslie Elliott, 81, of Ware passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 18, 2025, held in the love and presence of his family.



Leslie was the sunshine of his son's life - a man whose heart, warmth, and quiet strength shaped everyone around him. His kindness, care, and steady loyalty were unmatched.

He lived with sincerity, humor, and a deep devotion to the people he loved.

His bond with his son, Nathan, was something rare and deeply felt. They weren't just father and son - they were each other's protectors, confidants, and closest companions.

Some of their most cherished moments were spent walking together along the shoreline at Old Orchard Beach, talking about sports or music, the future, or simply enjoying the quiet. Those walks became a sanctuary, a shared rhythm that will remain among Nathan's greatest memories.

Leslie also had a profound devotion to his pets, past and present. Animals were drawn to his gentle nature, and he cared for them as children. Whether it was a loyal companion by his side at the end or a cherished pet from years gone by, each one held a special place in his heart.

Leslie also leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Nancy Elliott. They shared a lifetime of life's ups and downs but always remained deeply loyal to each other.

For more than 30 years, Leslie spent his summers in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, a place that became a second home and a defining part of his story. There, he made countless friends at Powderhorn Resort and built a community of people who cherished him. His warmth, humor, and easygoing nature touched everyone he met - from neighbors, staff or to families who returned year after year. Old Orchard Beach was where his spirit

shined brightest, and where his presence will be deeply missed.

Sundays were sacred in Leslie's home. They were a day of family, homemade cooking, and football - a weekly tradition that was never missed. The smell of his food filling the house, the game on in the background, and the simple joy of being together created a warmth that defined family life. Those Sundays were a reminder of what mattered most to him: good food, good company, and the comfort of home.

Leslie faced his final months with courage, grace, and the same quiet determination that had defined his entire life. Even in illness, he remained strong in spirit - steady, loving, and thinking first of others. His resilience during this time was a testament to the depth of his character and the strength of his heart.

One of Leslie's greatest gifts to the world was his extraordinary talent in the kitchen. He was renowned for his culinary skill, creating meals that brought people together and made every table feel like home.

He expressed his love through cooking - a quiet, heartfelt language all his own. If he cared about you, he fed you. His dishes carried warmth, comfort, and a piece of his spirit, and those who tasted his food felt that love deeply.

Leslie's sense of humor was another of his defining qualities. He had a gift for making people smile - not with loud jokes, but with sharp wit, perfectly timed

comments, and a playful charm that could brighten any day. His laughter, and the laughter he inspired, will echo forever in the hearts of those who knew him.

Music was also woven into every part of Leslie's life. He had extraordinary musical knowledge, the kind that could summon artists, albums, or obscure tracks in an instant.

He didn't just listen to music, he lived it. He was known to break out into song wherever he was: in the kitchen, the car, or during quiet moments at home. His voice carried joy, warmth, and character, leaving behind an echo that will never fade.

Above all else, Leslie's greatest joy and proudest legacy was his relationship with his son, Nathan. Their bond was built on understanding, protection, laughter, and countless quiet moments shared across forty years. Leslie was more than a father - he was Nathan's closest companion, his guardian, and the man he looked up to every day.

For Nathan, the memories they shared - the beach walks, the laughter, the songs, the meals, and the everyday moments of love - are treasures he will carry for the rest of his life. In every quiet morning, in every ocean breeze, in every song and every story, his father's presence will remain.

"He was my greatest gift, my greatest friend, and my greatest hero. The purest and deepest heart."

Your son and best friend always,
Nathan

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upwards of 20%.

"At 18%, an increase to our health insurance both for our employees and retirees is around \$900,000," Beckley said.

Beckley said this is the last year the town will receive state grant assistance for dispatching services from Westcomm Regional Dispatch, which will increase by \$90,000 to about \$180,000.

Beckley said at this time, there could be a budget gap of \$300,000 for the next fiscal year due to the approximately \$1.6 million increase in expenses.

"We need to wait until the Governor's budget comes out, and we see local receipts," he said. "It's just an indication of as we start the budget process at the end of December, how conservative we'll have to be."

Beckley said the town is in a "very stable" position in terms of its reserves. He said there is over \$2.5 million in stabilization funds.

Wood spoke about a need to take a deeper look at school department salaries, as the district is having difficulty hiring staff at all levels at the current pay rates.

Selectboard member Ken Willette, who also serves on the Finance Committee, spoke about the long-term impact of an underfunded that was passed at town meeting several years ago.

"The override has an impact on what we are able to spend, year over year," Willette said. "It ends up as a loss of dollars in the town budget."

Finance Committee Chair Richard Fly said the override hurts the town's budget each year. "It was a bad idea then; it's a bad idea now," Fly said.

Infrastructure Review Committee update

Infrastructure Review Committee Chair Matt Palladino and Willette (who also serves on that committee), presented an action plan to address improvements to the town's water system.

Willette said a survey will be created and shared with water system subscribers by Dec. 15. The data

will be utilized to identify the areas of impact across the water system.

Willette said the Selectboard and committee will investigate alternatives to be instituted in six-18 months to provide a consistent supply of water with no discoloration.

"This would include looking at kiosk-style filtration systems, in-home residential filtration systems, in-home portable filtration pitchers and other possible solutions," he said.

The action plan also pledges to provide updates to the system's subscribers.

The committee will continue to review the rehabilitation of the two water tanks, and develop a strategy to get the two capped wells into service directly, and taking the earthen-floor aquifer offline.

The committee will also work to identify where cast iron distribution piping exists.

The plan also states the Selectboard and Infrastructure Review Committee will hold joint meetings at least twice each fiscal year to provide updates as necessary.

Palladino said it is important to increase awareness of improvements being made to the water system to its subscribers.

The Selectboard approved the action plan for the water system.

Concerns of citizens

Resident and former Selectboard member Keith Kruckas brought up executive meeting minutes from the last meeting he was involved with as a board member in March 2024 to finalize an audit of the town's accounting department.

"It was supposed to be done previously and voted on years before and it took six years somehow to get to be in place," Kruckas said of the audit, which would look at Fire Department spending and reimbursements.

Kruckas said that Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot had recused herself from other discussions related to the Fire Department and its former Fire Chief. He said at the meeting the audit was voted

on, Talbot did not recuse herself even after he asked her to.

Kruckas said the minutes from that meeting did not include information about him asking Talbot to recuse herself, and then the town attorney got involved. Kruckas said he wanted the meeting minutes to be corrected.

Town Hall curtain

Beckley said work on the stage curtain in the Town Hall was completed earlier that day. The hall will be reopened, but the stage will be off-limits at this time.

Appointments

The Board of Assessors received two letters of interest to fill a vacancy on the board, one from Bill Moryl and the other from Michael Vadnais.

Board of Assessors Chair Gerry Fountain said the members decided to appoint Vadnais, as Moryl already served on another committee and they thought it would be good to bring in new volunteers to serve the town.

The Selectboard appointed Leslie Marsland to serve on the Finance Committee.

Tax classification hearing

Due to a software complication, tax valuations will not be ready in time for the scheduled tax classification hearing. The town will be requesting an extension to hold the hearing from the Department of Revenue.

Preliminary tax bills (using this year's third quarter tax bill amount) will be mailed out in January and due in February. The bills will include a letter that will explain the reason for the delay in tax valuations.

Petty cash policy

The Selectboard voted in favor of accepting the petty cash policy for the Police Department.

Abatement requests

The Selectboard tabled a second sewer abatement request for 40 Church St. A previous request was denied in May of this year.

The board also tabled an abatement request for 35 Morse Avenue.



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www.worthington-ma.us

Questions will be answered by the Highway Superintendent at 64 Huntington Road, Monday – Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM; the telephone number is 413-238-5830 or send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to: **highway@worthington-ma.us** or **Worthington Highway Department, PO Box 643, Worthington, MA, 01098.** This posting will remain pertinent until the position is filled.
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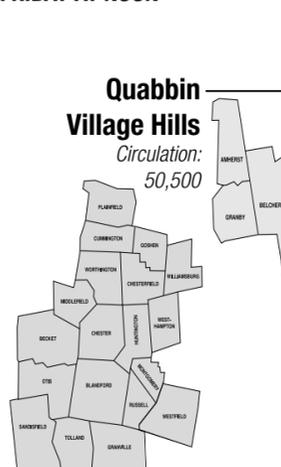
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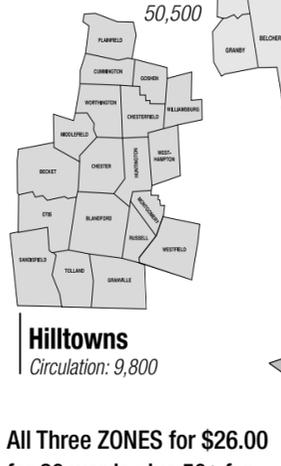
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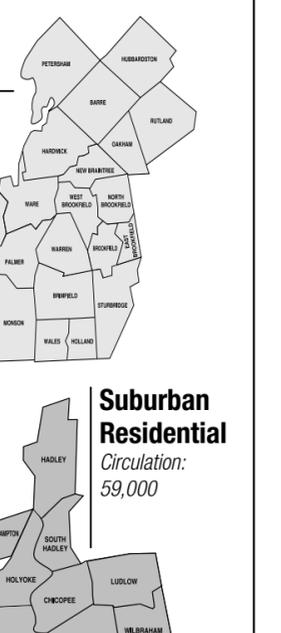
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Attendees to the grand opening of Sculpt Well Co. enjoyed complimentary food and beverages.



Gift bags were distributed to attendees at the grand opening of Sculpt Well Co.

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less, and I cannot wait to see what this year will bring!" she said.

About Karyn Petracone

My background is rooted in an active lifestyle; I grew up participating in various sports and competitive dance, which instilled in me a lifelong passion for movement and wellness.

This passion has not only shaped my personal journey but has also inspired me to create a space where others can thrive physically and mentally.

Family plays a significant role in my life. I have two young boys who keep me motivated and remind me every day of the importance of health and activity.

My husband has been incredibly supportive throughout this process, helping me turn my dream of owning a fitness studio into a reality. His encouragement has been invaluable, allowing me to pursue my passion while balancing family life.

In addition to my family, I love being involved in my community. I believe in the power of fitness to bring people together, and I look forward to creating a welcoming environment where individuals can connect, grow, and support one another in their wellness journeys. I'm excited about the opportunity to share my knowledge and enthusiasm for fitness with others and to foster a community that values health and well-being.

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
51 Hatfield St., Apt A
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

Town of Warren Bid Solicitation

The Town of Warren, MA is soliciting Sealed bids for its Inclined Wheelchair lift replacement project at the Shepard Municipal Building located at 48 High Street, Warren, MA 01083. Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Administrator, 48 High Street, Shepard Municipal Building, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083 until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Office of the Town Administrator Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or on the Town's website www.warren-ma.gov. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Town Administrator on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at the Shepard Municipal Building located at 48 High Street, Warren, MA 01083 on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.149, §§44A-44H, as amended. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive. Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the

lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids. The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Warren,
James J. Ferrera
Town Administrator
Chief Procurement Officer
11/27, 12/04/2025

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Docket No.
HS25P0579EA

Estate of:
John Trela
Date of Death: 07/28/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Yolanta J. Trela of Ware, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Yolanta J. Trela of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 12/17/2025. 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)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: November 10, 2025
Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate
11/27/2025

Ware

Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Notice of Intent (NOI) by the Town of Ware for construction of a 1,500 linear foot multipurpose trail (Mass Central Rail Trail) and pedestrian footbridge over an intermittent stream within Grenville Park at 73 Church Street and 0 Upper Church Street. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view the application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>.
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A complete job description can be found on the Town's website www.warren-ma.gov.

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Hourly wage ranges \$17.70 to \$18.59 based on relevant work experience, certifications, and educational background. Position open until filled.

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Town of Warren

Highway Department



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