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## Hazard mitigation plan discussed

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HARDWICK – A public hearing was held for the town’s hazard mitigation plan.

This sort of plan is carried out every five years to identify hazardous activities in the town of Hardwick and what impacts they entail. Providing a clear understanding of hazard mitigation is Jamie Caplan Consulting, LLC.

The presentation started with a question and answer segment to get a general idea of the audience in attendance during the public hearing and get an understanding of the town of Hardwick. Jamie Caplan Consulting is an emergency management service and provides and develops emergency management solutions for communities facing all forms of disaster.

Going over hazard mitigation, it is essential to help inform a town who may encounter different phases of disaster and provide resources to minimize the outcomes of those impactful disasters. Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risks to life and property from hazardous events. These actions are to minimize risk to people, property and the environment.

Part of the plan is to build a community profile, provide hazard information and risk assessments, identify community capabilities, find mitigation strategies and plan implementation and maintenance.

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## WREATHS *across* AMERICA



Bill Munsell salutes the veteran after placing the wreath.



Cyrus Glidden was joined by his daughter Piper to honor and remember the town’s veterans during Wreaths Across America Day.

### Ware holds inaugural Wreaths Across America event

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WARE – Veterans Park was filled with community members and volunteers this past Saturday, for the town’s first ever Wreaths Across America Day ceremony, organized by resident Frank Bateman.

The town joined over 4,200 other locations nationwide that laid Balsam wreaths adorned

with red ribbons at the gravestones and markers of our military veterans.

“Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the mission to remember the fallen, honor those that serve and their families, and teach the next generation the value of freedom,” Bateman said.

A moment of silence was held to remember the fallen, prisoners of war, and those missing in action, as well as to honor those who have served and continue to serve.

Bateman talked about the mission of Wreaths Across America; to remember, honor and teach.

“We are all proud to be Americans that

live in a free society made up of many people, from many walks of life,” he said. “The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. Lying here before us and in cemeteries throughout this nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom and without fear.”

Because of their sacrifices, he said, people in the U.S. can worship as they want, raise their children in their beliefs and vote for leaders of their choosing. They also have the right to succeed, and to fail, at whatever endeavors they wish to pursue.

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## Braver Angels workshop hosted at United Church of Ware

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WARE – Back in November, the United Church of Ware hosted a workshop provided by Braver Angels.

United Church Pastor Carole Bull found the workshop insightful not only for herself, but the numerous guests who attended the workshop.

Braver Angels is a citizens organization uniting red and blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America. In other words, for citizens who stand with different political views, Braver Angels bring people together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen positive relationships of citizens of different opinions.

Bull first witnessed a workshop at Look Park in Northampton. Bull was immediately intrigued because their mission is to minimize division.

The congregation of United Church of Ware signed up for a faith-based workshop also known as Depolarizing Within. This workshop teaches participants to look within and develop strategies for engaging politics without demonizing, and how to constructively intervene in social conversations with like-minded peers.

The goals of the Depolarizing workshop include being more aware of your “inner polarizer.” In addition, the workshop teaches citizens how to be critical without

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## Firefighters light the way for Santa Claus



See more Hardwick Santa photos on Page 8.

Santa Claus visited with children in all of Hardwick’s villages, alongside members of Hardwick Fire Department.

### Santa pays a visit to Hardwick

HARDWICK – Members of Hardwick Fire Department rolled out of the station with lights flashing, blasting “Jingle Bells” on Engine 1’s horn this past Sunday, visiting children in all of the town’s villages.

Families lined the streets waving to the jolly elf as he rode around the Common, through Wheelwright and Gilbertville, before jetting back to the North Pole to prepare for his busiest night of the year. With the help of the town’s firefighters, Santa Claus passed out bags full of candy to the children.



Santa Claus greeted residents in Warren during his run.

### Santa flies his sleigh through Warren

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WARREN – The residents of Warren stepped outside to say hello to Santa Claus as he drove around town.

Escorting Santa Claus during his run was the Warren Fire Department. Beginning at the fire station in the center of town, Santa and his firefighter

friends were escorted in a sleigh. Residents all over town were greeted by Santa Claus and the firefighters as they were on route to travel through Warren and West Warren.

During his route, Santa Claus was giving away candy to the families outside and wishing them a Merry Christmas. It was an early holiday celebration with treats being handed out.

The residents appreciate Santa going on his route and keeping a fun town tradition enduring. The Santa Run in Warren has been a town tradition for 51 years.



See more Ware Santa photos on Page 8.

Santa Claus arrived on Main Street with the help of the Ware Fire Department, on his way to deliver gifts to children across town.

### Santa Claus is on his way

WARE – Ware Firefighters Local 1851 hosted its third annual Santa Run for residents this past Saturday.

Santa Claus and members of Local 1851 spent the morning

and afternoon delivering gifts to children across the town, bringing smiles and excitement every where they went. Each child received a gift they had been waiting for, and a chance to thank the man in red himself and pose for a photo.

Proceeds from the Santa Run will benefit Ware Firefighters Local 1851.

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Angels watch over the shepherds during last year's Nativity pageant performed by students at St. Aloysius Catholic School.

## St. Aloysius Catholic School news

Matching grant of \$40,000 towards scholarship drive

**HARDWICK** – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville has been blessed with a pledge of \$40,000 in matching funds toward the school's 2024/2025 scholarship drive.

The benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has supported the school in this initiative since its inception in 2016. The Scholarship Drive will run from Dec. 15 through March 15, 2024.

Last year, the scholarship drive raised a total of \$36,000 including the matching funds. The fund reduced the tuition for each of the school's 86 students by about

\$450. This year, the School Board is considering implementing a crisis fund with some of the proceeds, in addition to a fund for general assistance. Tuition rates will be set for the 2024/2025 school year after the drive ends in March.

Father Richard A. Lembo, Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, is happy that the benefactor is once again offering such a generous match.

"There are overwhelming demands on families today. Being able to give some assistance to those who wish to provide a Catholic education for their children is important. We thank those who gave generously to last year's scholarship drive, and we hope that they will consider giving again. Besides providing these children with a top notch education, you are helping to build a founda-

tion for their Catholic faith, something that will grow and sustain them during their lifetime," Lembo said in a press release.

St. Aloysius Catholic School's unique mission includes operating in a family-centered environment that provides Faith Formation, innovative academics, and a commitment to the local community. The school serves students in preschool through grade eight.

For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to make a tax deductible donation that will be matched dollar for dollar to the Scholarship Fund please visit [www.staloy-siuses.com](http://www.staloy-siuses.com).

Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Donations to the Scholarship Fund received prior to March 15 will help reduce tuition rates for the 2024/2025 school year.

For more information email Roberta McQuaid, at [rmcquaid@staloy-siuses.com](mailto:rmcquaid@staloy-siuses.com) or call the school at 413-477-1268.

# Are You Old News?



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

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



File Photo Last week's photo from 2013 showed Charleigh Podkowka of Wheelwright waiting to meet Santa Claus for the first time.

Phil Clough correctly identified Jane Dolan, Ursula Wright, selectman Donald Nickerson and Kenneth Frazier who were featured in the Dec. 7 edition's "Are You Old News?".

"These were all outstanding citizens of Warren who have donated many hours of their time to their town and community," Clough said.

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## Krieger receives Public Health Nursing award

**BELCHERTOWN** – During its November meeting, the Quabbin Health District awarded a Public Health Nursing Award to Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger.

Director Andrea Crete described Krieger's outstanding performance, especially during the pandemic, to maintain community health in the three member towns, Belchertown, Ware and Pelham.



Submitted Photos Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger, left, is shown with Quabbin Health District Director Andrew Crete during a recent awards ceremony.

At left: Quabbin Health District's Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger received an award for her outstanding performance serving the communities of Ware, Belchertown and Pelham.

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## Donations accepted for Christmas for Kids

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

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

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

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



## Ware Senior Center events

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The thrift store is open each of those days from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations to the store are only accepted by Sue LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

### ACTIVITIES

**Monday, Dec. 25**  
*Closed*

**Tuesday, Dec. 26**

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking (\$3 per class; registration starts at 5 p.m.)  
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**

9 a.m. Tai-Chi  
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club  
10 a.m. Scat  
10-11:30 a.m. Kirsten Krieger, Quabbin Region DPH Nurse office hours

**Thursday, Dec. 28**

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9 a.m. Walking Club  
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing Beginners

10 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh  
2:45 p.m. Art Class

**Friday, Dec. 29**

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
6 p.m. Pitch (Registration starts at 5 p.m.)

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**Monday, Dec. 25**

Closed

**Tuesday, Dec. 26**

Brunch  
French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Dessert of the Day

**Wednesday, Dec. 27**

Italian Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

**Thursday, Dec. 28**

Grilled Cheese with Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato, Potato Salad/Chips, Dessert of the Day

**Friday, Dec. 29**

Sloppy Joe, Onion Rings, Caesar Salad, Dessert of the Day

## Serving Ware for over a century

Mary Lane Hospital's history memorialized on T-shirts

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WARE – Remembering a great location in the town of Ware, Mary Lane Hospital has served the community for over 100 years, from 1909-2021.

Mary Lane Hospital was founded in 1909 by the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association. This association was formed by a group of women who were residents of Ware at the time.

The original facility located at 96 South St., accommodated 12 patients and living quarters for the nursing staff.

The name of Mary Lane was introduced in 1924 when a 25-bed unit was added to the now Wetherby portion of the hospital. A local manufacturer by the name of Lewis N. Gilbert has donated his home and grounds to the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association.

In accordance with his will, the hospital was named after Gilbert's wife, Mary Lane.

Over the course of its operation, three wings have been added to the original building that currently makes up the complex. The Storrs Wing was completed back in 1948. The Gilbert Wing was next and completed in 1961. The Davis Wing was introduced in 1972. A fourth floor was added to the Davis Wing in 1987.

Thanks to the donations of the Storrs, Wetherby, Gilbert, Schoonmaker, Davis and Siarkeiwicz families Mary Lane Hospital had progressed into its existing hospital campus, which is managed by Baystate Health. In 1995, the hospital underwent renovations on its first floor and then introduced an ambulatory care center, auxiliary gift shop and medical office building.

There was a moment of celebration in the hospital's history as Baystate Mary Lane Hospital celebrated their 100th anniversary throughout the year of 2009. This anniversary marked 100 years of dedicated service to the community.

At this point, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital was a 31-bed community-based hospital offering a wide spectrum of services including 24 hour emergency services, orthopedics, inpatient and outpatient surgical care, intensive care, pediatrics, women's health services and a digestive health program. The Ware hospital has served residents of Hampshire, Hampden and Worcester Counties.

For employment, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital had over 400



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Polli McCrystal, left and Julie Bullock, right, are providing the T-shirts. The cost is \$19 per T-shirt and sizes range from small to XXXL.

employees, including 94 nurses and volunteers. More than 200 active, consulting and courtesy medical/dental staff including physician specialists in family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, anesthesiology, allergy, cardiology, emergency medicine, radiology, hospital medicine, orthopedic and general surgery.

### Building the Hospital

Lewis Gilbert passed away in 1919, but he donated his South Street home and property to the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association. In addition, Gilbert left \$500,000 in trust to endow the hospital.

In memory of his beloved wife, the hospital would forever be known as Mary Lane Hospital.

Gilbert's will stated that with his endowment he wished to allow the WVNHA to "suitably and more effectively care for the sick especially for the town of Ware and the village of Gilbertville."

The WVNHA would then provide hospital grounds and buildings where the sick may properly be cared for at a reasonable charge.

On March 31, 1920, the board of directors of the WVNHA accepted the legacies and benefits donated in Gilbert's will and authorized the association to take steps into carrying out Gilbert's wish to build Mary Lane Hospital on his property using the donated funds.

In 1922, Gilbert's home on

South Street was demolished and H.P. Cummings was engaged to construct a new state-of-the-art hospital. The new hospital building was completed in September of 1924.

One year later in 1925, the WVNHA board voted to change the name of the association to the Mary Lane Hospital Association in honor of Mary Lane Gilbert.

### The future of Mary Lane Hospital

In January 2021, Baystate Health announced they will close the Mary Lane outpatient center by 2023. Mary Lane Hospital served the town of Ware and neighboring communities for over 100 years.

Its history and story began with the generosity of the Gilbert Family and the Ware Visiting Nurse and Hospital Association.

To remember this great institution, the Ware Historical Society made T-shirts with an image of Mary Lane Hospital displayed on the front. KM Graphics printed these excellent quality T-shirts and are symbols of remembering a unique piece of history of the town of Ware.

T-shirt orders can be recorded on the answering machine at 413-967-6882.

For those ordering a T-shirt please leave a name, address, telephone number, color and size choice. The cost is \$19 per t-shirt and sizes range from small to XXXL.

## Friends of the Library host lotto calendar fundraiser

WARE – The Friends of the Library are hosting a lotto calendar fundraiser for the month of January, with proceeds to support programs and events at the Young

Men's Library Association, 37 Main St.

Calendars are \$10 each and you have a chance at winning every day of the month. Prizes

range from \$25-300, and winners will be notified by phone.

Only 1,000 calendars will be sold. For more information, stop by the library.

### WORKSHOP from page 1

demonizing, dismissing or stereotyping opposing views.

Depolarizing is all about how people regard and talk about large groups of ordinary people on the other side of the political aisle.

The most common question in the Braver Angels workshop is how often people find themselves thinking about people of different political views and then how to converse and reduce or avoid the divisiveness of political polarization. At that point the goal is to find common ground with others.

After a mindful experience during the workshop, members of the United Church of Ware find that repetition is needed and want more insight from Braver Angels. The 15 people who came to the workshop on Nov. 19 are willing to talk, listen, and reflect in a group.

Other workshops offered by Braver Angels include skills for bridging the divide. This workshop teaches citizens how to work through difficult political conversations with people in their life.

Learn how to talk across the divide in a constructive and

empathetic way. Another available workshop is skills for social media. In this workshop, people are taught strategies to share and discuss political viewpoints online without contributing to polarization.

Hoping to have another workshop in a couple months, United Church hopes Braver Angels will return and further persuade more citizens to share political ideologies and a respectful and collaborative manner. More information about these workshops from Braver Angels is available on their website, braverangels.org.

Bull believes that this experience with Braver Angels, more people will reach out and connect more in the town of Ware and neighboring communities.

"See each other as people with different points of view," said Bull. "Humanize our experiences and carry over into our neighborhoods."

Yvette LeGrand, a member of the United Church of Ware, attended the workshop from Braver Angels and found it beneficial to focus on not only one's own opinions but listen to other opinions. Listening to other opin-

ions brings up healthy conversations and work on formatting a more mutual opinion.

"Focusing on ourselves," said LeGrand, referring to taking all opinions into account.

LeGrand plans on attending another workshop and finds it to be a benefit for the Ware community. Being aware of Braver Angels and counting everyone's opinion.

Recognizing depolarization, having mutual criticisms and reading other points of view is what Braver Angels encourages. Across the country, thousands of volunteers have answered this calling and are bringing the Braver Angels mission to many local communities.

United Church of Ware is currently working on setting up another workshop with Braver Angels in the near future. These experiences help citizens get better at respecting each other as they are. It is ongoing work and there is always room for learning.

For more information about United Church of Ware or upcoming events, call 413-967-9981.

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By Hank Houghton,  
Vietnam veteran

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.  
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,  
And to see just who in this home did live.  
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,  
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stockings by mantle, just boots filled with sand,  
And on the wall pictures of far distant lands.  
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,  
A sobering thought came to my mind.  
For this house was different, so dark and dreary,  
The home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,  
Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.  
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,  
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.  
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?  
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,  
Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.  
Soon round the world, the children would play,  
And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.  
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,  
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying there.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,  
On a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home.  
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.  
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,  
"Santa don't cry, this life if my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,  
My life is my God, my country, my corps."  
The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep,  
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.  
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,  
And we both shivered from the cold evening's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night,  
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.  
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,  
Whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."  
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.  
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

## Oliveria welcomes area residents to Beacon Hill

BOSTON – To close out October on Beacon Hill, Senator Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester District) welcomed two area residents to the State House for the Senate's 86th Annual Citizens Legislative Seminar.

During the seminar, interested citizens had the opportunity to be educated by those working at the State House on the functions of the Massachusetts State Legislature and then apply what they learned in a simulated Senate Session held in the Senate Chamber.

The Citizens' Legislative Seminar is part of the Massachusetts Senate's ongoing effort to educate residents about Government in Massachusetts and to increase civic engagement. For this installment, Oliveira nominated the Director of Humanities at Springfield Public Schools, Tom Rachele, and an Elms College student from Ludlow who is also currently working in his office as an intern, Emma Sawtelle.

During the seminar, Oliveira spoke to all 41 of the nominated attendees about the history of the State House as part of the speaker series. Still, he said the highlight for him was seeing the engagement and excitement of those involved.

"Seeing this year's Citizens dive into the seminar and really give it their all was amazing. It was a joy to see their passion and commitment to playing the role of Senators for the day, and I think it was a very rewarding experience for everyone involved," Oliveira said. "We do this twice a year because it's a terrific opportunity for all of us to share in the excitement of the Legislature, experience the thrill of working in the Senate Chamber, and fight for what you believe in. Even if the fight is simulated. I'm already looking forward to the next

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## Cookies made with a familiar herb

This weekend was supposed to be the weekend when all four of us partook in a cookie-making marathon.

Usually, we start baking right after Thanksgiving, but this year the kids were involved in a play, then a concert, and alas, there was no time. We started out strong yesterday and then I began to feel a little funny.

By midafternoon I was definitely under the weather and that was it for my cookie-making. We got two batches in before I left the kitchen.

One is an almond covered thumb print, and the second is a coriander cookie – one of my all-time favorites. It must have been a favorite to a few other folks along the line because the recipe dates back to the early 19th century!

I tried them for the first time at Old Sturbridge Village's Christmas by Candlelight some years back and making them has been a tradition in our house ever since. Why don't we take this opportunity to learn about a very versatile plant.

Most gardeners already know that Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum*) is one of the few herbs that goes by two different names

depending on the part of the plant used.

Its foliage, known as Cilantro, is used fresh in a number of culinary delights. When the plant goes to seed, known as Coriander, it can be used in that stage as well, eaten whole, crushed or powdered.

I liken cilantro to being the "marigold" of the herb world. Either you love the smell/taste of it or you hate it.

I, for one, immensely dislike it and if given the chance to pick it out of my salsa I will certainly do it! Even in a restaurant.

I found it interesting to learn that some people possess a genetically predisposed aversion to it, according to studies by Charles J. Wysocki of the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia. To me it has a bitter taste that I have a hard time describing beyond that. Dirty? Soil-like?

Most people that do dislike it have a similar lack of descriptive ability; they just can't put their finger on it, but they don't like the taste...or the smell of it. It's funny that when my oldest daughter received her Ancestry DNA results, she was shown not to possess the genetic aversion. Well, she didn't get that from me.

Cilantro is often used in salsa and other Mexican, Asian and Italian dishes including curries, sauces, salads and soups. If you prefer to grow the plant more for its greens and less for its seeds, manage it as you would spinach.

Sow seeds in the ground in the cool of the season and in succession every two weeks. It dislikes being transplanted but doesn't mind pot culture.

Harvest greens rather aggressively – about one-third of the plant at a time. Just like spinach, there are slow-to-bolt varieties to choose from such as aptly named "Slow Bolt" and "Longstanding". Cilantro's flowers are edi-

ble, and they attract lots of beneficial insects such as lady beetles, parasitic wasps and syrphid flies.

Coriander seeds, on the other hand, have a pleasant (at least to me) fragrance once dried. The scent is easier to pin-point too; nutty and spicy (ever so slightly) come to mind.

Coriander seed is also well known in various ethnic cuisines and is a favorite in spice blends, curry being the most popular. It is also used in the making of a number of distilled spirits, herbal liqueurs and Christmas cookies as I have come to find out and favor!

The Herb Society noted that during World War II coriander seeds were coated in white or pink sugar and thrown from carnival wagons, earning the name "confections" or "confetti." When the seeds were replaced by balls of colored paper the name confetti stuck.

Take this one to your next game of Cruise Ship Trivia!

It is easy to harvest the seeds. Simply let the heads dry to brown right on the plant. Clip them and place inside a paper bag; as they dry further, they will open, and the seeds will pop out.

Even if you are only interested in harvesting the seeds, multiple plantings (or a big garden patch) are necessary to get a decent-sized harvest. Let a few drop their seeds and you will be blessed with a few self-sown plants next spring.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Resident appreciates Christmas tradition, acts of kindness

Dear Editor,

I wish to extend my appreciation, as a lifelong resident, to the many volunteers responsible for making sure that Santa visited the entire town.

This annual activity, at this time in my life, means more than they can possibly know. Just as they went back and forth in front of my home a neighbor was replenishing my woodpile, another act of kindness.

I also wish to acknowledge all that John Lizak did for his bus drivers and their families recently. I am remembering how his father, Ed and his uncle, Jimmy supported athletics and other community efforts over the years.

Seeing the Lizak school buses go by each day is something I look forward to. Season's greetings to everyone.

Margaret "Peg" Gorman  
Warren



## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### I'm 65 and working; can I collect ex-spouse benefits?

Dear Rusty:

I turned 65 earlier this year and I still work full time.

I was divorced four years ago after 38 years of marriage, but my ex-husband has been collecting Social Security for at least 10 years now. Can I start collecting Social Security and still work full time? And can I collect my ex-husband's amount if it is more than mine and what is the best way to achieve this? When I went to my local SSA office, they said they had no way of knowing that.

Signed: Working Divorcee

Dear Working Divorcee:

Although you are eligible to claim Social Security at age 65, because you are working full time you may wish to wait a bit longer to do so. That's because Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects benefits before Full Retirement Age and you have not yet reached yours.

The earnings test imposes a limit on how much you can earn before SS takes away some of your benefits. If you exceed the annual earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024), Social Security will want back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit and you will

need to repay that, usually by having future benefits withheld. If you significantly exceed the limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 years and 8 months.

So, if your earnings from working will significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, which changes yearly, it's likely that your wisest move would be to wait longer to claim your Social Security. As a bonus for doing so, your monthly payment will have grown and will be higher when you claim later. The earnings test no longer applies after you reach FRA.

Regarding benefits from your ex-husband, you cannot collect his instead of yours. What you may be able to do, when you claim your own benefit, is to get an additional amount, which brings your monthly payment up to 50% of his. In order for that to happen, you would need to satisfy the following criteria:

You are not currently married.  
The personal benefit you are entitled to at your FRA must be less than 50% of your ex-husband's FRA entitlement.

If the above are true, when you claim your own SS retirement benefit you will also get a "spousal boost" to bring your payment up to what you're entitled to as an ex-spouse. The amount of the spousal boost, if you claim Social Security at your FRA, will be the difference between half of his FRA entitlement and your FRA entitlement. If you claim your benefit before your FRA, not only will your own benefit be reduced for claiming early, but the amount of your spousal boost will also be reduced. Benefits claimed before FRA are always reduced.

Whenever you decide to claim Social Security, you will be automatically deemed to be filing for benefits from your ex-husband as well (you shouldn't need to apply separately). You've already satisfied the basic criteria of at least 10 years married to get benefits from an ex-spouse and, if you satisfy the above criteria as well, you will be entitled to a spousal boost when you claim.

But your current earnings from working full time will likely affect your eligibility to collect Social Security benefits at this time, so waiting until your full retirement age to claim may be your best choice.

If you will only slightly exceed the annual earnings limit you can consider claiming earlier, as long as you are comfortable with receiving a permanently reduced amount, and the prospect of not getting benefits for a number of months if you exceed the earnings limit, the number of months you will go without benefits depends on how much you exceed the limit by.

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## Young Men's Library Association lists ongoing programs

WARE – The Young Men's Library Association, 37 Main St., offers regular weekly and monthly programs.

For more information, stop by the library, call 413-967-5491 or visit [www.warelibrary.org](http://www.warelibrary.org).

### Weekly Programs

Drop by Story Stars with Mrs. Desjardins on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. or Story Time and Craft with Miss Cathy on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Take & Make Craft Bags featuring a new craft each week are available in the Children's Room lobby.

### Monthly Programs

Lego Club is held every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Lego Anytime with bags of assorted Legos is available to use in the library anytime.

Kids Bingo is held the last Thursday of the month from 4:30-5:30 p.m., first come, first serve.

Music with Caylin is held the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. for ages birth-5.

Saturday Morning Craft is held once per month and dates vary.

## St. Aloysius Catholic School lists honor roll

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville lists students named to the first trimester honor roll.

### Honors

Hannah LaRoche, Sophia Adams and Christopher Rice.



### Raelynn Brown

July 20, 2023

Parents: Ryan & Ashley Brown, Hampden  
Grandparents: Art & Lynn Anderson, Wilbraham Rick & Joanne Brown, Monson

### Avaree Marie Goudreau

September 28, 2023

Parents: Kellyann Kaiser and Ian Goudreau, Ware  
Grandparents: Keith & Kim Goudreau, Ware Donna Dansereau, Spencer  
Great Grandparents: Paul Young, Ware & Terese Grogan, Spencer

### Ava Lucille Begin

August 2, 2023

Parents: Mark & Monica Begin, Ware  
Grandparents: Mike & Kristine Dougan, Hardwick Cheryl (Begin) & Gary Posson, East Brookfield Mark & Mandy Begin, Punta Gorda, FL  
Great Grandparents: Elmer & Nancy Grant, Ware Patricia Fuller, Ware Larry & Lucille Begin, Punta Gorda, FL

## Ware Junior/Senior High School lists honor roll

WARE – Ware Junior/Senior High School announced the first quarter honor roll for the 2023-2024 school year

### Grade 12, High Honors

Ailanni Aponte, Nicholas Bousquet, Kaley Campbell, Madisyn Davis, Mathew Desrosiers, Mia DiRienzo, Haidyn Dyer, Noah Fales, Ethan Hart, Jack McKeever, Joruan Mukibi, Jacob Richter and Kyle Safford.

### Grade 12, Honors

Zoey Bain, Tyler Bonilla, Derek Bouchard, Remy Cahalan, Emily Chagnon, Octavio Cotaj, Kyle Gordon, Brooke Grushey, Dominic Guardino, Jocelyn Guimond, Ava Jeffery, Gavin Kanozek, Ashley LaCoste, Isabella Lee, Jason Malin, Emily McGrail, Cameron Miner, Savannah Mitchell, Talan Molina, John Mumper, Nore Riley, Avaya Sanchez, Tryston Squiers, KayLee St. Cyr, Dylan Sutkaitis, Luke Walker, Angeline Wilcox, Jacob Witt and Ayden Young.

### Grade 11, High Honors

Mason Beaumier, Michael Devlin, Joshua Dulak, Chelsea Foley, Kaylee Gardner-Carreau, Justin Grout, Makayla Hernandez Crehan, Taylor Janson, Nathan Kaczuk, Lillian Knight, Dakota Kularski, Hannah Lang, Nathan Luxon, Owen McKeever, Leah O'Connell, Kayla Obrzut, Philip Orszulak, Olivia Owsiak, Kylee Slattery and Jenna Tucker.

### Grade 11, Honors

Lily Bissonnette, Kyla Campbell, Destiny Chemo, Kenyce Crump, William Diaz, Brady Dyer, Skylia Eaton, Nevaeh Fielding, Tory Finocchio, Michael Fountain, Matthew Gambino, Jackson Ghidinelli, Lahnai Giles, Tyson Gordon, Nathan Harmon, Shelby Hogan, Jacob Jalbert, Jayden Kern, Chloe LaGrant, Ami LaPointe, Seaira Maragh, Finn McFaul, Abigale McQuaid, Dominic Montalban,

Mia Montalban, Jason Mumper, Messiah Richardson, Caroline Santiago-Cruz, Gavin Sawabi, Alexis Seymour, Godlive Simo Foko and Karysa Smith.

### Grade 10, High Honors

Olivia DiRienzo, Troy Dufresne, Jack Gaudreau, Brady Guimond, Maia Lamothe and Sophia Rheume.

### Grade 10, Honors

Isaiah Ancona, Autumn Beauregard, Sean Bernier, Jadrin Berthiaume, Damian Brace, Ryder Cahalan, Emily Clark, Brayden Compton, Ethan Corder, Isabella Cotaj, Sofia Diaz, Philip Dupell, Kyle Kaczuk, Kaleb Kanozek, Brodie Koczur, Marek Luongo, Shayms O'Conner, Alex Orszulak, Edrik Ortiz-Cordero, Ella Przypek, Daniel Ramirez, Janasia Roman, Destiny Routhier, Madisyn Slattery, Maevie Stevens and Jonathan Wallace.

### Grade Nine, High Honors

Aaron Bateman, Olivia Beaumier, Andrew Bonilla, Cam Grushey, Emily Jones, Troy Jurczyk, Mila Markham, Reese McKeever, Jacob McNamee, Edgwe John Michael Owsiak, Haylee Tortora and Ohana Wall.

### Grade Nine, Honors

Andrea Albano, Carly Brown, Kahmari Crump, Lillian DeBettencourt, Tru Edwards, Andrew Fox, Tanya Gaskins, Reaghan Jacobs, Charles Knight, Kazmiry Lagimoniere, Dalton Marquis, Heric Morales, Lucas Schilling, Anabelle Spano and King Stallings.

### Grade Eight, High Honors

Alyssa Adorno, Sophie Blais, Jadyne Amy Boulrice, Destiny Diaz, Caeleb DuBois, Carlea Foley, Jackson Haddad, Kaylie Kane, Rosalie Kane, Aaliyah Kemp, Laura Landgren, Ian LaPete, Mason Lee, Kayne Malick Vandale, Alexandra Marceau, Molly McGrail, Catherine Mickna, Logan Millet,

Amelia Orszulak, Adalia Rivera Rolon, Jayden Rodrigues, Alexis Russell, Matthew Skutnik, Deven Stockenberg, Adin Taylor and Landon Williams.

### Grade Eight, Honors

Parker Allen, Abigayle Bateman, Phyllis Baxter-Churchill, Chris Angel Berlus, Demetri Bonilla, Aleysha Conde Martinez, Leland Cote, Callie Cygan, Anna Dulak, Gage Elliott, Kenneth Etheridge, Ashelyne Fortin, Aralyn Garcia, Sienna Harper, Ian Hogan, Brennan Johnson, Emanuel Lugo, Jack Mason, Brianna Morales, Jalea Morales, Colin Pennington, Gage Rasys, Alaina Richter, Devin Roberts, Sofia Roman, Zachary Safford, Brady Sasseville, Ryder Scott, Talon St. George, Nevaeh Tefft, Emma Thibeault, Taylor Thornton and Aliegha Trombley.

### Grade Seven, High Honors

Lana Bennington, Gloria Cotaj, Dane Dulak, Madelyn Fandrey, Natalie Ford, Josephine Galeckas, Iris Griffith, Crystal Hong, Gabrielle Kaczuk, Mason Kalafarski, Edmund Klee, Madison Mitchell, Chloe Moody, Jackson Musnicki, Andrew Rheume, Andrew Shaw and Roman Viess.

### Grade Seven, Honors

Austin Barry, Braiden Bedore, Jason Bessette, Alexa Brefort, Zion Calkins, Michael Caron, Thanishka Cordero, Macie Cournoyer, Frankee Crehan, Joseph Cygan, Finnegan DeMarco, Raiden Drouin, Austin Hatch, Lucy Hebert, Jennavesia Josephson, Alan Kaser, Abigail Klee, Jackson Krukowski, Raymond Kularski, Jackson Kusnierz, Daisy Laverdiere, Alexandria Mickna, Whyatt Moquin, Claire Murphy, Bentley Parker, Laila Perron, Kamila Santiago, Zoey Wattu, Quentin Wilkins and Adrian Zapata.

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seminar in the spring."

Organized by the Senate Office of Education and Civic Engagement, which aims to better educate the public on the functions of the Massachusetts State Legislature. The Citizens Legislative Seminar was initially established in 1976 through a joint effort of the Massachusetts State Senate and the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

The highlight of the two-day program was the simulated legislative hearing and simulated Senate Session held in the Senate Chamber, where participants use what they have learned to actively experience the legislative process.

During the legislative hearing, Senator Brandon Crighton served as the mock chair, and participants debated S2104: An Act to Expand the Bottle, followed by a simulated Senate Session to deliberate the same bill with Senate President

Karen Spilka as the chair.

The simulated legislative debates were spirited but light-hearted. It featured many more smiles and laughs than you would see in an official formal session in the Massachusetts State Senate, but that's the point.

Those interested in participating in the next Citizens Legislative Seminar are encouraged to contact their Senators to apply.

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Emily Jasmin and Lynn Krantz standing together in front of their shop on Main Street.

## The Lost Arts

Friends open art shop to share their passion

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
Staff Writer

WARREN – Looking for a gift for a birthday, Christmas, or just a special occasion, look no further than the newest small business to the town, The Lost Arts, LLC.

The small business opened just this past October by friends Lynn Krantz and Emily Jasmin, who found one another through their love of art and a desire to share that passion with the community.

At the front of the business is an adorable little shop of beautiful creations of different local artists that the friends purchase wholesale from. They want to make sure that the local artists can have a platform to show off their beautiful talents to the community.

But they aren't just any old art pieces.

"We want to resurrect the 'old' arts- the lost arts, if you will," Krantz explained. "The art of our grandparents."

"We wanted a shop where we both sell things, with room for vendors," Jasmin said about the contents of the store, which contains their own art pieces alongside seven local vendors.

The pair and their love for art has melted into their store, and anyone who enters can feel their passion and excitement for art like a warm hug. Krantz makes the most beautiful cards, and Jasmin's passion is to create beautiful décor pieces and wreaths. Her current favorite is an adorable candy-cane shaped wreath that she held a class teaching a group of lovely people how to create it.

"Teaching other people how to cre-



Lynn Krantz proudly held her beautifully done handmade cards.

ate brings me joy," Jasmin said. "We can relax and teach others what we enjoy and seeing their joy makes it worthwhile. We share the same passions."

The shop has a workshop in the back fit with all you need to know and all you'll need to create beautiful pieces of art for your home. They have already had several classes and have even more planned.

Other than the candy cane wreath, they have also done a craft night teaching how to create tiered tray perfect for Christmas décor or elevating any space in your home. Another craft featured tiny ornaments for your tree. The ornaments consisted of little Christmas countdown calendars and many more.

But the friends do not want to stop there with their craft lessons. They have many plans for future craft lessons, and are working on a wood burning class, teaching techniques and designs for wooden spoons, coasters, and more.

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This house on Crouch Road had a classic Christmas look with red and green lights.



Grade six at Quaboag Regional Middle High School had a creative display of Christmas tree-shaped lights using milk crates, tomato cages and other items for the Warren Parks & Recreation Department's annual Light the Night holiday decorating contest.



Grade 11 had a Hawaiian Christmas theme.



Grade 10 had winter fun in mind with their s'mores station, tent, skis and hockey stick.

## Parks and Rec. host annual holiday decorating contest

WARREN – The Parks and Recreation Department hosted their annual Light the Night holiday decorating contest this past weekend, with a map highlighting contest entries throughout the town.

Students at Quaboag Regional Middle High School set up an individual display for each grade level.

People were able to use the map to visit each decorated house, then vote for their top choices. Light the Night winners will be listed in next week's Ware River News.



Quaboag Regional Middle High School's grade nine had a Charlie Brown-themed light display, complete with a "Charlie Brown tree."



Grade 10 had winter fun in mind with their s'mores station, tent, skis and hockey stick.

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This light display featured the Grinch and Whoville.

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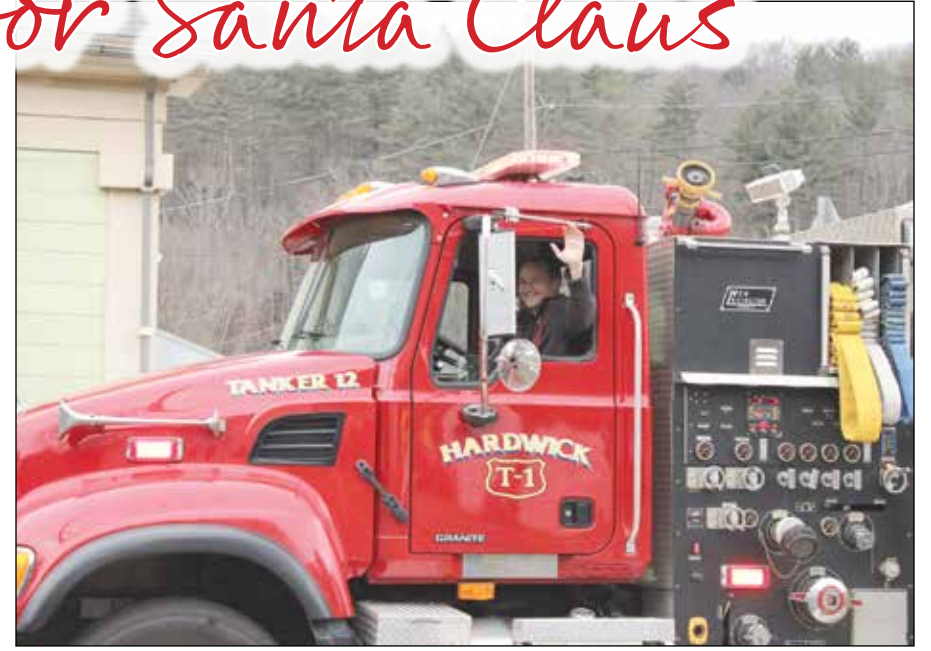
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# Firefighters light the way for Santa Claus



Members of the Ware Fire Department pose with Santa Claus this past Saturday.



Deputy Chief and incoming interim Fire Chief Joshua Pease drives the tanker behind Santa Claus.



Santa Claus waves to the crowd.



Ware Fire Department members acted as Santa's helpers this past Saturday.



Santa Claus waves from the top of Engine 1.



The Grinch waves to children as he passes through Gilbertville.



Santa Claus waves goodbye as he continues on his way.



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Santa Claus receives a hug from a fan. Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette



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Benjamin Torres extends and goes for a shot.



Justin Grout shoots with an opponent trying to block.

## Indians' comeback falls short



MONSON – Last Thursday night, Ware had a strong fourth quarter, but it was not enough to overcome a big deficit and the Indians lost at Monson 54-45. In the defeat, Jack Gaudreau had 15 points while Brady Guimond had 10 points for the Indians. Ware is 1-2 to start the season.

Brady Guimond starts up the court after a rebound.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com John Mumper takes a shot.



Gavin Kanozek eyes the offensive end of the court looking to make a pass.

## Pioneers offense too much for Lions

PALMER – Last Friday night, Pathfinder boys basketball prevailed over visiting Ludlow 70-48. One of the big keys was a big second quarter for Pathfinder as well as great defense by the Pioneers in the final frame holding the Lions to just four points. Pathfinder was led by Hunter Griswold with 22 points followed by Richie Gula with 20 points. Seth Mitchell added 10 points for the Pioneers. While Ludlow got points from eight different players, it was not enough to combat Pathfinder's high scorers. Stephen Goodreau had 13 points to lead the Lions.



Hunter Griswold takes a shot under pressure.



Adrien Moskowwitz pushes a pass to his teammate.

## Panthers' offense coasts to second straight win

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—The Quabbin girls' varsity basketball team won the first two games of the regular season at home. They also held each opponent to fewer than ten points, which is something that doesn't happen very often at the varsity level.

Quabbin began the 2023-24 season with a 59-8 non-league home win against Worcester Tech on December 11. Two nights later, the Lady Panthers coasted to a 51-9 victory over the Narragansett Warriors in another non-league home contest.

Evan Barringer, who's the Lady Panthers head coach, was very happy with his team performance in the two home games, but he knows his team will be playing some very challenging games down the road.

"We do play in one of the toughest girls' basketball leagues in Central Mass and we're going to be playing some challenging games," Barringer said. "We lost our season opening game on the road the past two years, so it feels nice to win our first two home games of this season. We just need to keep improving in every game that we play."

The Lady Panthers, who have qualified for the Division 3 state tournament the past two years, are members of the Mid-Wach C League. They were scheduled to play their first league game at Hudson High School, who are the defending Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association's (CMADA) Class B champions, last Friday night.

"We're going to have a massive test at Hudson on Friday night," Barringer said. "They're the defending Central Mass. Class B champions and they're also the team to beat in our division this year. We're looking forward to playing them. Facing the quality teams in our league will also help improve our power rankings for the state tournament."

While the Lady Panthers scored more than 50 points in their first two games, they also played very well defensively.

"This is by far the best defensive team that we've had since I've been coaching here," Barringer added. "We made it very difficult on a very good Narragansett team in tonight's game. We put a lot of pressure on them, especially during the first quarter. We raced out to an early 9-0 lead, and we never stopped after that."

One of the Lady Panthers key defensive players is junior Brooke Austin.

"Brooke Austin is the first player off the bench and she's



Turley photos by Jack Cascio NEAP.smugmug.com Tory Finocchio drives towards the paint as she brushes off the defense.



Reese McKeever teams up with Shelby Hogan to put on a defensive squeeze.

## Ware grabs win over Athol

WARE – Last Tuesday night, Ware girls basketball doubled up on visiting Athol 34-17 for its second win of the season. The Indians defeated Smith Academy in its season opener, but would lose to Southwick last Friday evening to stop its win streak. The Indians were scheduled to face Granby earlier this week and host Pioneer Valley on Friday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.



Finn McFaul throws in a bank shot.



Shelby Hogan focuses in on the board as she delivers this shot.



Emily McGrail is unfazed with this defensive canopy as she zeroes in on the net.



Richie Gula drives toward the hoop.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Seth Mitchell goes for a mid-range shot.



Turley photo by Ray Duffy Hannah Baxter grabs the rebound.

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# sports



William Burke goes quickly for a pin at 138 pounds.

## Pioneers place sixth in tournament

HOLYOKE – Last Saturday, Pathfinder wrestling had an excellent day at the Knight-Hawk Classic at Holyoke High School. The Pioneers had an individual champion as well as three runners-up in the event. The Pioneers finished sixth overall with 120 points. William Burke won his bracket at 138 pounds and Taran Prak (113), Bruno Medionero (144), and Dominic Jarry (165) all placed second in the tournament.



Dominic Jarry tries to get creative and grab a pin.



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Aiden Santiago goes for a takedown.



Francis Meade goes for a leg takedown in a 175-pound match

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## T-Birds suffer 1-0 shutout against Bears

HERSHEY, PA – The Springfield Thunderbirds (14-9-0) could not solve the top-ranked defense in the AHL, as the Hershey Bears (22-6-0-0) skated off with a narrow 1-0 triumph on Sunday inside Giant Center.

The battle of the Eastern Conference’s two best defensive teams lived up to that billing in the opening 20 minutes, as neither Springfield’s Malcolm Subban nor Hershey’s Hunter Shepard showed nerves in their goal crease. Subban had a trio of high-danger denials off odd-man rushes, including a right-pad kick out on a Jimmy Huntington breakaway. Shepard had his own sterling saves, including a point-blank snapper from Kean Washkurak.

The biggest fireworks of the

period came in the form of mits dropping between former T-Bird Dylan McIlrath and Sam Bitten less than four minutes into the action. The early scrap between two of the toughest customers in the AHL added a big boost to both benches but ultimately did not lead to either team cracking into the scoresheet in the first 20 minutes.

As difficult as it was for the teams to establish in the first, it became even more difficult in a second period that saw only seven combined shots between the two teams, with Subban stopping four Hershey attempts and Shepard blocking three Springfield offerings, forcing the scoreless draw into a final period.

The game gave every indica-

tion that the first goal would be pivotal, and at 5:31 of the third, Pierrick Dube finally got on the board for the Bears, blasting a slapper that glanced off Subban’s left shoulder and squeaked across the line just moments before a T-Birds defender could get to the goal line to save it.

The winger’s 14th of the season proved to be the only tally, as Springfield could not dent Shepard the rest of the way. Former Bear Jakub Vrana had perhaps the best chance to tie the game on a one-timer from the right circle, but Shepard slid from right to left to deny the chance, and Springfield succumbed to their first shutout defeat of the season.

The two teams will have a grudge match on Friday night inside the MassMutual Center as the T-Birds begin a seven-game homestand. Puck drop on Friday is set for 7:05 p.m. for another Deuces Wild Friday.

## Shenette declares for modifieds tour

WORCESTER – Driving the No. 8, John-Michael Shenette will chase the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Rookie of the Year honors in 2024. When the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour begins a 16-race schedule in February at New Smyrna Speedway in Florida, Shenette plans to be in attendance. It will be the first race in his quest to compete in a majority of the races on the schedule to chase the prestigious award.

Formerly based in Thompson, Connecticut, Shenette is the CEO of Eighty-Two Services, a General Contractor located in Concord, North Carolina. The team, Eighty-Two Autosport, will also contest additional SMART Modified Tour and Open Modified events when available in 2024.

Shenette made his debut on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour at Langley Speedway in 2023 and

finished 12th. He also competed in events at North-Wilkesboro Speedway and Martinsville Speedway prior to the end of the season.

“We’re excited for 2024,” John-Michael Shenette said. “Last year was about putting a car on the track. We struggled with a mechanical issue that plagued us at all three events and prevented us from logging laps. All-in-all, it was a good year - we were able to build a great group, add a second car and square away all the bits and pieces that it takes to run. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is the best of the best in modified racing, if not NASCAR as a whole. Our team is ready for the challenge. Chasing the prestigious Rookie of the Year award is on our bucket list, but we’re also looking for consistency and to chase our first career win in Modified in 2024.”

Shenette was born in Worcester, and started racing at 7-years-old at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park’s “Little T” track in Connecticut. He’s raced on and off his entire life - running in the Pro Stocks, Thompson Modifieds, PASS Super Late Models, ARTS Trucks, Karts and now Tour-Type Modifieds 30 years later.

Shenette and his NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour team, led by crew chief Scott Morin and car chief Stephen Robinson, will open the 2024 season at New Smyrna Speedway on Saturday, February 10, as NASCAR opens their 76th season of racing. For more information on the team, fans are encouraged to follow the team on Facebook on their new page, Eighty-Two Autosport, for the latest news and information, including race day updates.



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# Candlepin League News

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## Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The Commercial Elks League had another week of bowling before their holiday party. The standings as of Dec. 5, Life is Good still leads in the #1 spot with nine wins, two losses and one tie. Tied for second place is The Champs R Here and Acres with each time carrying a 9-3 record.

Team BK has a record of 6-6. Last in Line has a record of 5-6 and 1 tie. The winner of round 1 Compression is 5-7. Blue B's has a record of 3-9.

The two teams tied for second place Acres and Champs R Here bowled each other on Dec. 12. In game one, The Champs won against Acres by a score 413-384. John Colkos of Champs R Here started off strong with a 114 game. Taylor Colkos started off with 109 and Steve Manolakis bowled 101.

with a 121 game. Acres won total pinfall with a final score of 1206-1164.

The number one seed Life is Good bowled against Compression. In game one, Life is Good won by a score of 358-327. In game two, Life is Good and Compression tied at 341. In game three, Compression won over Life is Good 373-329.

Compression won total pinfall by a final score of 1041-1028. Last in Line bowled against Team BK for the night. In game one, BK was victorious over Last in Line 384-352. Pulling for the team was Jeff Whyte and Paul Nothe by scoring 112 and 107. In game two, BK remained strong and won 388-358. Nothe stayed consistent by remaining in the 100s with a 108 in game two.

In game three, Team BK won the last game 369-360. Team BK won all three games and total pinfall with a final score of 1141-1070.

The Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League will be hosting a holiday party and banquet the following Tuesday night. The league will have a fun night of bowling by hosting a random draw doubles tournament.

## Thursday Night Mixed League

The Thursday Night Mixed League at Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes continued with the holidays right around the corner.

Team Five bowled against Team Three on lanes four and five. In game one, Team Three won by a score of 382-370. In game two, Team Three won again by a score of 419-384.

In game three, Team Five won the last game by a score of 419-382. Team Three won total pinfall by a final score of 1183-1173.

On lanes six and seven, Team Six bowled against Team Two. In game one, Team Two won a close game against Team Six 383-380. In game two, Team Six defeated Team Two 440-403. In game three, Team Two won the last game 401-389.

Team Six won total pinfall with a final score of 1209-1187.

On lanes two and three was a match between Team One and Team Four. In game one, Team One was victorious over Team Four 385-371. Kris Rickson of Team One started off the night with a 108 game. In game two, it was close all game but Team One wins another by a score of 427-425. Rickson bowled 120 in game two.

In game three, Team Four won the last game 437-401. Nick Maslon of Team Four finished with a 102. Rickson finished the night with a 115 and three game series of 343.

Teams Four, with a big win in the third game won total pinfall by a final score of 1233-1213.

Visit Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes at 1446 N. Main St. The Alley can be reached by calling 413-289-0013.

## Glen P. Moulton, 73



WARE – Glen Peter Moulton passed away at his home on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 73.

Glen was born in Ware on Sept. 19, 1950, son of the late Charles A. Moulton Jr. and Bella T. (Morin) Moulton. He was raised in Ware and graduated from Ware High School in 1968.

Glen enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1969 and was stationed at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee. He was a well-known and well respected real estate broker for Century 21.

Glen was known for his ever present smile, quick wit and infectious laugh. He was the life of the party.

Glen loved the game of golf and was a longtime member of Dunroamin Golf Course and Ludlow Country Club and was employed at both golf courses. He was a jack of all trades, from electrical to plumbing to carpentry. He loved tinkering in his garage and working in his yard.

Glen looked forward to his annual family hunting trips to the Moulton Camp in Maine. He loved his annual trips to Ogunquit with Kay and watching the classic westerns.

Glen loved and followed the Boston sports teams, especially the Bruins. He was a member of the Ware Knights of Columbus, Weir River Club, Aspen Street Rod & Gun Club and the former Gabe's Club.

Glen leaves behind his devoted wife, Mary Kathleen "Kay" (Lawrence) Moulton, sons: Garrett Moulton and his wife Amanda, Jonathan Moulton and



## Death notice

Moulton, Glen Peter  
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his wife Olivia, and his daughter Erica Moulton. Glen also leaves behind his stepchildren, Anthony Shimansky who was Glen's caregiver, Amy Veneman and her husband Joseph, Nathan Shimansky and his wife Claire, and Sean Shimansky and his wife Emily.

Glen will be remembered by his grandchildren who called him "Tito" and "Peper": Scarlett, Grayson, Isabella, Genevieve and Vivian Moulton. His step-grandchildren: Grant and his wife Bethany and Megan Veneman, Kevin, Kathleen, Charlotte and William Shimansky.

Glen leaves behind his siblings; Gary Moulton and his wife Lorna, Jeff Moulton and his wife Carol, Eric Moulton and his wife Alice, Robbie Moulton, Cheryl Dowell and Cynthia St. George and her husband Roy.

Glen's family would like to thank the wonderful and caring nurses and staff of Baystate Hospice, especially Darlene, Donna and Peter.

Calling Hours for Glen will take place on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, from 5-8 p.m. in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel, 66 South St., Ware. A Funeral Mass will be offered for Glen on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at 11 a.m. in All Saints Church, 17 North St., Ware, everyone will meet directly at the church. Burial will follow in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Ware.

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## Planning Board OKs withdrawal of special permit

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Warren Planning Board met on Dec. 11 for their final meeting in the year of 2023.

On the agenda was a review to request a withdrawal without prejudice from Architectural Insights special permit. The board made a motion to approve the withdrawal and the motion passed.

The planning board had to schedule a site visit to Agilitas and their worksite on Bemis Road in Warren near the town line of West Brookfield. After going over a series of dates, the planning board agreed to a site visit

on Friday, Dec. 22.

During their public comments and concerns discussion, the Planning Board went over maps and blueprints of approval not required projects currently going on in Warren and West Warren. The Planning Board had an in-person visitor during their meeting with maps and additional notes for an ANR plan on Dean Street in West Warren.

The Planning Board accepted the ANR for Jonathan Burke for 51 and 57 Dean St. in West Warren. An ANR is the division of land into lots with frontage on existing roads, public or private.

The next Warren Planning Board meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.



STURBRIDGE – The Piché family entered their gingerbread house "Hangar 7 – Westover ARB" in the family/group category (entry number 15) at Old Sturbridge Village during Christmas by Candlelight.

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They also hope to create more opportunities for make-and-take crafts for the community, as well as opening up to other art teachers coming to teach classes in the classroom.

Jasmin and Krantz also hope to introduce children's classes in the near future and are looking to send out surveys for interest on their Facebook and website (www.thelostarts-ma.com). Keep a look out on their pages and calendars for the many upcoming craft workshops and more.

"I'm really hoping we can inspire the community," Krantz said. "The community has been amazing to us."

It is important to both Krantz and Jasmin that they can reach the community.

Their love for the town of Warren is prominent in all they do and what they want to share with their studio.

"A lot of people want to support local, and we are close, so people can get something beautiful and unique," Jasmin said.

The Lost Arts, LLC is a place where creativity can bloom, and people can discover their artistic talents.

"Anyone can be an artist," Jasmin said. "I'm living my dream," Krantz said.

The friends are open and ready for more customers and eager people learning to unleash their inner artist and flourish in creativity as they meet these two women and feel their warmth and passion for their crafts.

## PANTHERS from page 9

becoming a defensive force for us," Barringer said. "Her defense has been inspiring and it's been awesome to see. We also want her to rebound the ball. She's a very good athlete."

Austin, who's one of the six returning varsity basketball players, was the first-year goalkeeper for the Lady Panthers soccer team this past fall.

Four Quabbin players reached double figures in the season opening victory against Worcester Tech.

Senior Briana Whitelaw, who's a three-point threat, led the way with 15 points. Freshman Abigail Rogowski, who's a three-sport varsity athlete, and sophomore Mia Ducos each scored 11 points, while senior Meg Doyle checked in with 10 points.

Ducos, who joined the varsity squad as an eighth grader, is the point guard and she runs the show offensively.

"Mia is a very good passer and she's been making very good decisions as our point guard so far this season," Barringer said. "None of the players really care how many points they score in a game. They just want to keep winning."

Ducos scored five of her seven points against Narragansett during the first half.

The only two Lady Panthers players to score ten or more points against the Warriors were senior Hannah Baxter and Doyle, who's a fourth year varsity basketball player. The duo each finished with a game-high of 13 points.

Baxter, who's a center, scored a career-high 18 points



Leanna Leger drives the baseline on her way to the hoop.



Mag Doyle gets the layup after a steal.

at Clinton last year. She made five inside field goals against Narragansett (0-2).

"Hannah was the most improved player on our basketball team last year," Barringer said. "She's continuing this season where she left off. It's been a lot of fun to watch her improve as a basketball player."

Doyle, who's a guard, is another fun player to watch play for Quabbin. She scored most of her points on fastbreak lay-ups following steals.

"Meg is one of the best athletes that I've seen in the 23 years that I've been teaching and

coaching at Quabbin," Barringer said. "She's also a very good softball player."

The trio of Rogowski, Whitelaw, and senior Riley Bassett scored five points apiece in the Lady Panthers second home victory of the regular season.

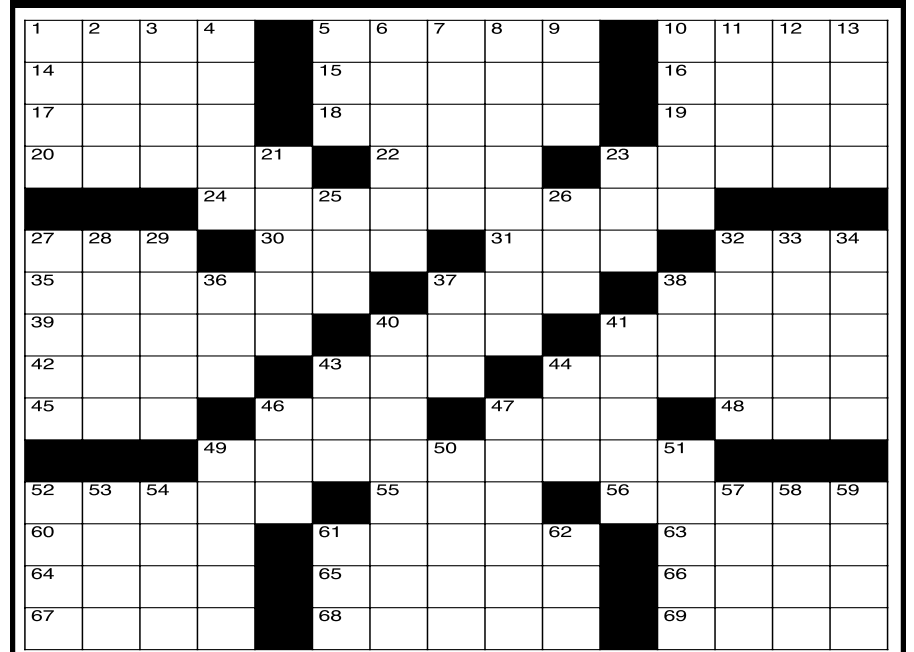
All four of the Quabbin seniors are captains.

Rounding out the varsity roster are junior's Maykayla Kingsbury, Ana Dunn, and Leanne Leger, who did an outstanding job of singing the National Anthem.

"Leanne has sung the

National Anthem at our two home games, and she just did a spectacular job," Barringer said. "It's what high school sports is all about. We're a fun team to watch play and it should be a very exciting season. I just love coaching this year's team."

The Lady Panthers were scheduled to host league rival Clinton on Tuesday night. Their next home game will be against Oakmont Regional on December 27.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Droops
5. Subatomic particle
10. Not in danger
14. Nursemaid
15. Black band worn in mourning
16. Long song in opera
17. Edible seed of a Philippine tree
18. Chicago political family
19. Pursues pleasure from one place to another
20. Appetizer
22. Hill (Celtic)
23. Simple shoe
24. Songs to one you love
27. Secret activities
30. Upset
31. Popular hot drink
32. Body art (slang)
35. Fired
37. Blood relation
38. Identical
39. Porticos
40. Partner to cheese
41. Type of sword

### CLUES DOWN

1. Exhausts
2. Genus of fish related to gars
3. Impudent behavior
4. Adherents to Islam
5. They come after A
6. Spoke
7. Room to receive guests
8. About opera
9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Dog's name
13. Opposite of west
21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
23. Ocean
25. Cool!
26. Young woman about to enter society
27. One from central Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. A way to serve ice cream

32. Emaciation
33. Escort aircraft carrier
34. Italian city
36. Mythical settler of Kansas
37. Unhappy
38. High schoolers' test of pens
40. Measured in pace
41. Satisfies
43. Gullible person
44. Enclosed space
46. Substance used to color something
47. Shirt type
49. Discover by investigation
50. \_\_\_-Castell, makers of pens
51. Semitic Sun god
52. Grads wear one
53. French river
54. Part of a cap
57. Digestive fluid
58. Metrical foot
59. Body part
61. Very fast airplane
62. Supplement with difficulty

# public safety

## Police identify deceased male pulled from river

By Paula Ouimette  
Editor  
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WARE – Ware Police officers responded to a report of a deceased person in the Ware River off East Main Street Monday morning, around 7 a.m.

According to Police Chief Shawn Crevier, the deceased person was identified as Stephen A. Milanovich, age 45. Milanovich's last known address was 28 Burton St., Chicopee and his next of kin have been notified.

Crevier said the Medical Examiner's Office is conducting an autopsy, and at this point in the investigation, drowning is suspected to be the cause of death.

Crevier said no foul play is sus-

pected at this time.

Milanovich's death remains under investigation by the Ware Police Department's detective unit, Massachusetts State Police and Northwestern District Attorney's Office.

According to the Ware Police Department's call logs, officers responded to a motor vehicle accident call at 3:29 a.m. that same morning, in the area where Milanovich's body was later recovered.

Crevier said a damaged vehicle was located in the mill yard, but there were no occupants in it when officers responded. He credited the Holyoke Police Department with helping to identify the vehicle's owner.

## Firefighters host raffle for Bruins hockey tickets

WARE – Ware Firefighters Local 1851 is hosting a raffle of four tickets to see the Boston Bruins on Jan. 22, 2024 at TD Garden, plus a free parking pass.

The prize is valued at \$990. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on Christmas day.

Raffle tickets are a \$10 donation each with proceeds to support the Ware Firefighters Local 1851.

All members of Ware Fire Department have tickets, or people may call 413-967-9630.

## 'The Old Woman's Cat'

Author publishes children's book about adventurous cat

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BARRE – Ever since she was a child, Alice Lesak has had a love for animals, and from the day she was born, her house has always had at least a dog or cat in it.

She has also always had a love for writing and storytelling, often joining together with her best friend in grade school to pen a number of tales.

"I have written stories since I was a little girl," Lesak said.

Lesak has recently published her book, "The Old Woman's Cat", a children's book based on the adventures of her cat, Jake, and his animals friends.

Lesak got Jake and his brother Jet as kittens after the passing of her 20 year old cat. The nearly identical brothers will be turning 7 years old on New Year's Day.

"They were going to be house-cats," Lesak said of Jake and Jet. "But they were probably 3 months old when they figured out the dog door."

One day, Lesak was informed by her neighbor that her large black cat, Jake, was outside playing with a baby fox. She wrote to one of her friends about the strange budding friendship between Jake and the fox, and her friend encouraged her to make this the subject of a book.

"I took an afternoon to write it," Lesak said of the book, which was then illustrated by Stephanie Koller. Lesak is already thinking about writing her next book.

Jake and Jet are joined by Lesak's dogs, Katie and Max. Together, the group enjoys walks around Lesak's quiet neighborhood.

"These cats have been walking with us for four or five years," Lesak said.

It was during one of these walks this past spring that Lesak witnessed firsthand Jake's interactions with the fox.

"Jake ran into the woods one day, I heard yowling," she said. "Jake came out after the fox all fluffed up, chasing the fox."

Lesak said a lot of "The Old Woman's Cat" is fictional, but a few of the events that transpire in the book were inspired by things Jake actually did.

While this is her first published book, it is the second book she's



Jake enjoys looking outside from the comfort of his warm home.

written, with the first still in the process of being illustrated. That book was inspired by her friend who lives on a nearby farm and has a house cat and a barn cat.

"I wondered if they ever talked," Lesak said of her friend's cats. "Would they ever want to trade places?"

Lesak herself thought about what it would be like to live a different life from the one she was living, and she has never shied away from taking chances and trying something new.

By the time she was 26, Lesak had become a minister, but she found herself wanting a change.

The "Star Wars" films were at their peak and Lesak decided she would follow in filmmaker George Lucas' footsteps and attend the University of Southern California. There she earned her master's degree in professional writing.

Having mostly worked on screenplays, Lesak always wanted to write books. She also felt a deep longing to leave the city, and return to the countryside, just like her home state of Pennsylvania.

"I wanted to move back here," Lesak said of the east coast. She sent letter after letter seeking work, but never got a response back.

At this time, she was working for the Los Angeles County Bar Association, handling complaints filed against attorneys. In the heart of south central during the Rodney King riots, Lesak remembers seeing helicopters fly-

ing around while people in the community struggled with the violence and chaos of the time.

"The morning when it started, I looked out the window and saw a boy holding pieces of ashes in his hand...my mother went out and hugged him," Lesak said. "At that point, we decided to move."

Having just officiated a funeral service for her colleague's life partner, Lesak realized a cross-country move would be easier through the church.

"By then I'm 36, still ordained," Lesak said.

Lesak began applying to churches located within a circle on map she drew between Worcester and Springfield. A church located within that circle received her application and reached out.

"I got a call from the Tri-Park Community Church, right there, dead center in my circle I drew," Lesak said.

Lesak started her 12-year journey with Tri-Parish Community Church on Veterans Day of 1992. "Massachusetts is home," Lesak said. "Being here in the woods, the Swift River is just a mile down the road...I'm done, I'm happy."

While leading the congregation at Tri-Parish Community Church, Lesak also worked on her therapy degree, eventually working for Valley Human Services, where she enjoyed connecting with people in the community until her retirement.

Now, when she isn't writing books, Lesak is enjoying her time with Jake, Jet, Katie and Max, and traveling with them by camper to her home state to visit with her brother.

"You are not alone when you're with animals," Lesak said. "This is the happiest time of my life."

"The Old Woman's Cat" can be purchased through Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Make sure to search for both the title and "By Alice Lesak," or "Illustrated by Stephanie Koller."

## Ware Police Log

During the week of Dec. 11-19, the Ware Police Department responded to 17 miscellaneous calls, 26 administrative calls, 21 traffic violations, 14 emergency 911 calls, three animal calls, three harassments, three thefts/larcenies, two structure fires, 16 motor vehicle accidents, one fraud/deception and 33 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Monday, Dec. 11**  
10:35 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Juniper Hill Road, Report Made  
11:22 a.m. Structure Fire, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered  
12:06 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Storrs Street, Dispatch Handled

4:43 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Fisherick Road, Assist Given  
8:32 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Church Street, Services Rendered  
9:14 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Babcock Tavern Road, Services Rendered

**Tuesday, Dec. 12**  
2:44 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Mattson Boulevard, Citation/Warning Issued  
3:53 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Oak Ridge Circle, Citation/Warning Issued  
4:10 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Eddy Street, Citation/Warning Issued

7:48 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Babcock Tavern Road, Services Rendered  
11:46 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Gould Road, Advised  
4:11 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

East Street, Investigated  
7:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
8:52 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered

**Wednesday, Dec. 13**  
8:20 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made  
10:58 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Robbins Road, Services Rendered  
12:41 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Advised  
7:23 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Oak Ridge Circle, Services Rendered

**Thursday, Dec. 14**  
12:25 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Services Rendered  
12:27 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Services Rendered  
5:21 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Main Street, Services Rendered

5:52 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Patient Refusal  
6:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Friday, Dec. 15**  
10:30 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Monson Turnpike Road, Services Rendered  
2:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
5:26 p.m. Structure Fire, Cummings Road, Investigated

**Saturday, Dec. 16**  
1:52 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Patient Refusal  
3:17 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered

**Sunday, Dec. 17**  
3:34 p.m. Miscellaneous, Old Belchertown Road, Advised  
Summons: Jodi L. Dufresne, 53, Belchertown  
Trash, Litter  
Summons: Kendrick J. Rozicer, 46, Chicopee  
Trash, Litter  
5 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Report Made

8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Criminal Complaint Request  
Summons: Yadira Forbes, 37, Bloomfield, Connecticut  
Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Number Plate Violation

**Monday, Dec. 18**  
3:29 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, East Main Street, Services Rendered  
6:46 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered  
6:59 a.m. Deceased Person, East Main Street, Report Made  
4:44 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Report Made  
6:10 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered

## Warren Police Log

During the week of Nov. 26-Dec. 2, the Warren Police Department responded to 262 building/property checks, 68 community policing, 18 traffic enforcements, seven radar assignments, 15 emergency 911 calls, one threat, one vandalism, one illegal dumping, one property damage, one complaint, one larceny/theft, one motor vehicle accident, one motor vehicle pursuit, one brush/wildland fire, two animal calls and 34 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, Nov. 26**  
7:14 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, Nov. 27**  
8:29 a.m. Threats, Chapel Street, Officer Took Call  
12:29 p.m. Property Damage, Moore Avenue, Report Filed  
4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Ediberto Ortiz, 26, Springfield  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
7:43 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Reed Street, Report Filed  
8:59 p.m. Infection, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**  
12:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:57 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Moore Avenue, Written Warning  
12:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed  
Arrest; James W. Hasselman Jr., 35, Palmer  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Marked Lanes Violation;

Stop for Police, Fail  
8:54 a.m. Vandalism, School Street, Report Filed  
9:08 a.m. Traffic Safety, Southbridge Road, Report Filed  
1:55 p.m. Pandemic, Brimfield Road, Mutual Aid  
3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit, Old West Warren Road, Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Bismark J. Abban, 26, Warren  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Stop for Police, Fail; Number Plate Violation

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**  
6:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
6:50 a.m. Vomiting, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:07 a.m. Complaint, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party  
1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
1:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Written Warning  
2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning

**Thursday, Nov. 30**  
1:19 a.m. Bylaw Violation, North Street, Citation Issued  
7:54 a.m. Falls, Cottage Street, Transported to Hospital  
10 a.m. Brush and Wildland

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

Fires, Main Street, Fire Extinguished  
11:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Southbridge Road, Report Filed  
1:03 p.m. Illegal Dumping, East Road, Investigated  
2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Reed Street, Written Warning  
4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:56 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Brimfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, Dec. 1**  
12:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brook Road, Report Filed  
5:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning  
7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
8:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Coy Hill Road, Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Bobby M. Grant, 48, West Warren  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle

**Saturday, Dec. 2**  
7:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

## BOOK REVIEW:

## 'Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World Shell by Shattered Shell' by Sy Montgomery

By Richard Murphy  
Correspondent

On Sep. 30, the Southbridge Community Center hosted an evening event of the Turtle Rescue League with featured speaker, author Sy Montgomery.

Montgomery spoke passionately about turtles and their place in the world as well as the role of organizations such as Turtle Rescue League.

It is a subject she knows about as evidenced by the book she wrote that was on sale that evening, "Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World Shell by Shattered Shell". Included in the book were illustrations by artist Matt Patterson.

For children, there is "The Book of Turtles" by Montgomery and also with Patterson's illustrations.

Montgomery is a prolific author with titles that suggest an interest in subjects related to the natural world. She may be most known for her book, "The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness". The author was able to connect with this surprisingly intelligent cephalopod.

The cover of "Of Time and Turtles" has a Patterson illustration that speaks to the subtitle of the book, "Mending the World Shell by Shattered Shell". It's a handsome turtle that has what looks like tape holding together its wounded shell.

It is a fair introduction to what is coming in the book, but it is not all that the book is about.

The modern world is a difficult environment for turtles. Doing what they have been doing for millennia in the age of the automo-

bile means crossing roads where even conscientious motorists might crush a terrapin.

There are other environmental threats to turtles, some evidencing human cruelty.

That is a tragedy of the world we live in, but it is not the whole story. Montgomery was in Southbridge on the last day of September and not somewhere else because two town residents have taken on the task of rescuing turtles and have educated themselves and others and have made their town in western central Massachusetts a regional center of rescue and rehabilitation.

Montgomery has even equated it to a religious shrine.

"Last year, we attended a turtle summit, a symposium for turtle rehabilitators, here at the league. We came away stunned as if we'd visited Lourdes," she said.

The description of Turtle Rescue League prior to the quote above read a bit more utilitarian as the author described a headquarters where security measures such as closed-circuit TV are necessary as even sick or injured turtles are valuable on the black market and are subject to abduction.

Compassion is serious business. "Of Time and Turtles" is about many facets of turtles and their existence today, but the story cannot be told without the people who seem to have put heart and soul into saving and rehabilitating these animals.

The two women behind the Turtle Rescue League, Alexia Bell and Natasha Nowick are most featured in the book, though there are others elsewhere.

Montgomery relates how Nowick and Bell became turtle rescuers. On a spring day, headed for a hike, they came across a crushed, mortally wounded turtle. Obviously suffering, it was euthanized by running over it.

Soon, hiking was out and rescuing turtles was in.

The two sought to learn from institutions and individuals with knowledge to impart. One of them was Kathy Mitchell of the New York Center for Turtle Rehabilitation.

"Mitchell had herself survived cancer, multiple sclerosis, and then a cancer relapse. With a survival prognosis of six months—which turned into a year, and then two, and then five years and counting. She imparted tenacity," Nowick said. "She taught us not to give up."

And "Never give up on a Turtle" is a Turtle Rescue League motto.

Bell and Nowick are not the whole show when it comes to Turtle Rescue League, but there are others who have found their way such as Michaela Conder.

Conder is from far away Kansas and moved to Rhode Island, living with her grandmother and commuting to Turtle Rescue League. Her devotion is evidenced by the quote, "When I look into the eyes of a turtle...It almost feels to me as if the entire universe is held within them. They have so much understanding and knowledge."

There are others, and Montgomery and Patterson should not be left out as throughout the book they are, heart and hand, part of the team.

# public notices

**Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board**

**LEGAL NOTICE SPR-2023-02**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Site Plan Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, January 18, 2023 at 7:05 PM** on the application of Palm Coast Capital LLC, for a Major Site Plan Permit for the construction of a commercial business, Tractor Supply Co., under section 4.1.1. of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION: 256 West St., Ware, MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 13093, Page 124 & 125. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 10-0-129. Zoned: Residential Business (RB) and Suburban Residential (SR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk's office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

**WARE PLANNING BOARD**  
Ed Murphy, Chairman  
12/21, 12/28/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court**  
15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060  
(413)586-8500  
Docket No. HS23D0138DR

**Tracylee S Banks vs. Domingo Banks-Burgos DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE

**Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Krista Ellis, Esq. Community Legal Aid One Monarch Place Suite 400 Springfield, MA 01144**

your answer, if any, on or before **01/22/2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

**WITNESS, Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 12, 2023  
**Michael J. Carey**  
Register of Probate  
12/21/2023

**NOTICE OF CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC HEARING**

Please take notice that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Warren, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority for a cable television license under M.G.L. c.166A, will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, January 4, 2023, at 6:00p.m.** The public hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at 48 High Street, the Shepard Building. The purpose of the public hearing will be to determine whether to issue a cable television license to Comcast. All applications, reports, statements, and license drafts to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on the topic: (a) whether the current cable operator is in full compliance with its currently existing cable license; and (b) what are the Town's future community cable-related needs.  
12/21, 12/28/2023

**TOWN OF WARREN OPEN ELECTED POSTION**

Town of Warren is accepting letters of interest for a Warren Resident to fill an open elected position on the Warren Housing Authority due to the passing of a board member. This appointment will be valid until the May 2025 Town Election. Letters of interest may be sent to [Selectmen@warren-ma.gov](mailto:Selectmen@warren-ma.gov) or mail it to Selectmen PO Box 609 Warren, MA 01083.  
12/14, 12/21/2023

**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 1/8/2024 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 keeper's lien there-

on for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.  
Vehicle description: 2016 Nissan Versa  
Registration#/State: 4WWG59/MA  
VIN: 3NICE2CP8GL391000  
Name and address of owner: Sarah J Aiken  
97 Summer St.  
North Brookfield MA 01535

1997 Homemade Trailer  
Registration#/State: NONE/MA  
VIN: MATR268040352  
Name and address of owner: Scott Mallozzi  
470 Main St.  
Fitchburg MA 01420  
By: James M. Regin  
Dated: 12/15/2023  
12/21, 12/28/2023, 01/04/2024

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Darin M. Snow, Sr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc. dated November 1, 2018, recorded at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13118, Page 103; said mortgage was then assigned to Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency by virtue of an assignment dated January 11, 2023, and recorded in Book 14785, Page 225, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at **10:00 AM on January 11, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 123 Glendale Circle, Ware, MA 01082. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Ware, Hampshire, County, Massachusetts shown as Lot 21 on a plan entitled "Subdivision plan for Earl Roy," dated November 28, 1972, made by recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 84, Page 10. Containing (according to the Plan) 15,000 square feet of land, more or less. Together with the right to use all streets and ways shown on the Plan in common with all others having the right to use the same. SUBJECT TO utility easement as set forth in instrument recorded with said Registry in Book 2673, Page 329. SUBJECT TO restrictions as set forth in instrument recorded with said Registry in Book 3082, Page 258. Please see DEED recorded in Book 13118, Page 100.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal

description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

**Terms of Sale:** Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: October 24, 2023  
Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency

By its Attorney  
**DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC,**  
100 Cummings Center,  
Suite 303C,  
Beverly, MA 01915  
(978) 921-2670  
[www.dgandl.com](http://www.dgandl.com)  
57134 (SNOW, SR.)  
12/07, 12/14, 12/21/2023

**(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 23 SM 003439 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Sherry A Starrett**  
And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq):  
**AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 38 W Main Street, given by Sherry A Starrett to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Movement Mortgage, LLC., dated February 1, 2019, and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13193, Page 137, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance

and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 15, 2024** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on December 11, 2023.

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
12/21/2023

**Hardwick Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority for the Town of Hardwick, will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:45PM** at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01301.

Pursuant to Hardwick Zoning Bylaw Sections 1.5.2.3 and 4.0, this Hearing is regarding the application by the Whistle Stop for a Special Permit to add an addition to extend kitchen and storage area at 248 Main Street, Gilbertville. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties can also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>  
Hardwick Planning Board  
Jenna Garvey, Chair  
12/21, 12/28/2023

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**TURTLE** from page 12

Turtle Rescue League in Massachusetts is hugely significant in conserving turtles, but there are other places and entities involved in the struggle, such as the aforementioned New York Center for Turtle Rehabilitation, and New England Aquarium among others, but down south, the Turtle Survival Alliance outside of Charleston, South Carolina, is home to one of the "largest and most important breeding colonies for the world's most critically endangered turtles."

Cris Hagen is in charge of animal management at the South Carolina organization, and his bio seems evidence that he was born for the job. After a problem filled childhood and youth, he reformed himself and found his métier.

Hagen manages the center's collection, but has 500 turtles at home. Kind of says it all.

In "Of Time And Turtles", you go with Bell and Nowick and Montgomery and Patterson and others to find, care for and interact with turtles. All the turtles have names associated with how they came to Turtle Rescue League, such as Fire Chief, a subject with an interesting biography.

Fire Chief inhabited a pond next to a fire house in summer and was well

known to the firemen. He would hibernate in a different pond in winter, but to get there he had to pass over a road and a truck caught him in one crossing. The Chief was left with a wounded shell and broken spine.

Thus, after a water rescue by Bell, the huge snapper came to Turtle Rescue League.

There was hope for his recovery. It would take tenacity, but that is a quality turtles seem to have and the team at Turtle Rescue League has it as well.

Fire Chief would have a long rehabilitation and as his getting around was a problem, the team developed a wheelchair, to aid mobility.

After the long recovery, he would be able to move out, sans wheelchair, but where? Certainly not to an environment where he could be injured as before.

A pond was dug with a backhoe at the new home of Matt and his wife Erin in New Hampshire and Fire Chief will be in residence, with friends, and one might even suggest, family. It's a lovely triumph.

"Of Time and Turtles" is many things, an adventure, a story, and even almost an introductory text book for us uninitiated. It would be difficult to read this book and not come away with a sense of wonder about the world of turtles.

**PLAN** from page 1

There are many benefits to hazard mitigation planning. The plan can provide cost effective actions, build partnerships, increase awareness of hazardous risks, communication and more importantly save lives and money.

The planning process begins around September and ends around April of the following year and must be submitted to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for approval. During the public hearing, there was a lot of community engagement to help Jamie Caplan Consulting to look back and gather information and review other plans currently in place for the town of Hardwick.

Other plans to bring into consideration include a state hazard plan, municipal vulnerability preparedness plan, economic development plan, a housing plan, and a master plan.

When asked, attendees of the public hearing addressed current concerns in the community of Hardwick. The most concerned risks in Hardwick are storms, power outages, windstorms, flooding, fallen trees, winter storms and water contamination.

Jamie Caplan Consulting mentioned other hazardous risks that are very common throughout the year. Extreme temperatures, drought, earthquakes, tropical storms, invasive species, landslides, tornadoes, wildfires and brush fires.

To protect the community and res-

idents of these risks, the emergency service asked residents of Hardwick what some of their critical facilities are. These are structures of communities to respond and recover in emergency situations.

These critical facilities include fire stations, police stations, schools, utilities departments and water treatment plants. For Hardwick, the residents rely on their municipal office building, fire station, police station and elementary school as an emergency shelter.

According to the public, there are greater impacts to worry about when it comes to risk and how to resolve them.

Residents of Hardwick addressed flooding as a hazard with great impact. Floods cause damage to buildings, roads, and property. Mitigation actions are essential to have and reduce current and future vulnerabilities.

Discussing how to mitigate risk, the Hardwick residents shared some opinions on how to handle certain risks. Tree removal was one mitigation mentioned for any potential tree damage that may cause destruction to residences with high population of surrounding trees.

Run off systems were mentioned to avoid any mass flooding that can cause damage to residences, roads and other buildings.

A public meeting will be held sometime in March of 2024 and will address more about the hazard mitigation plan. The plan will then be reviewed for approval in April.

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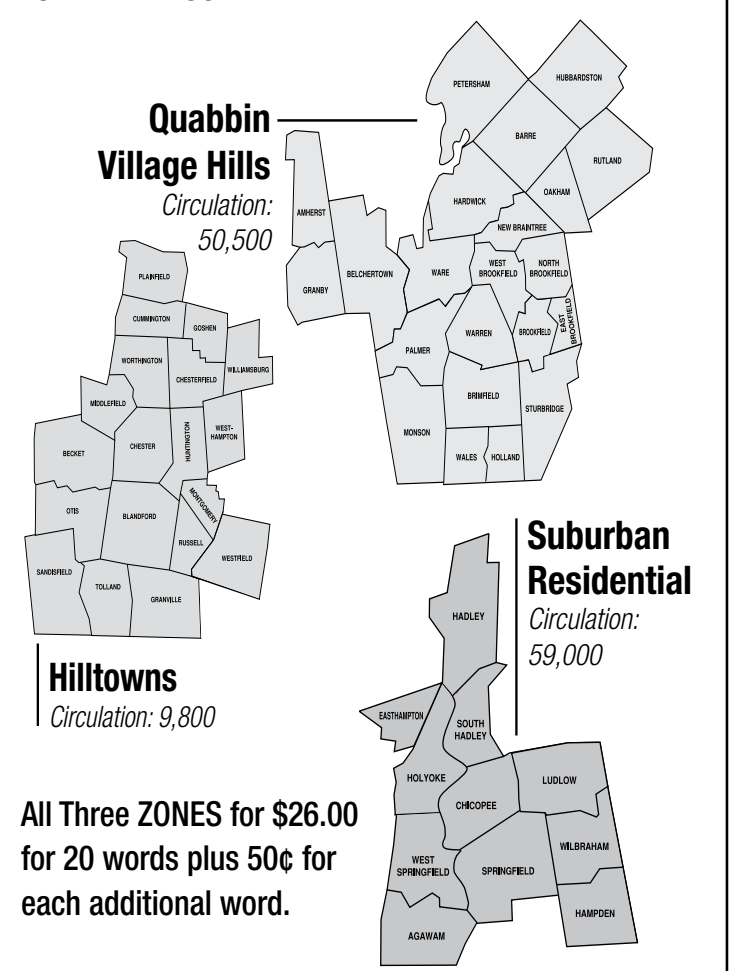


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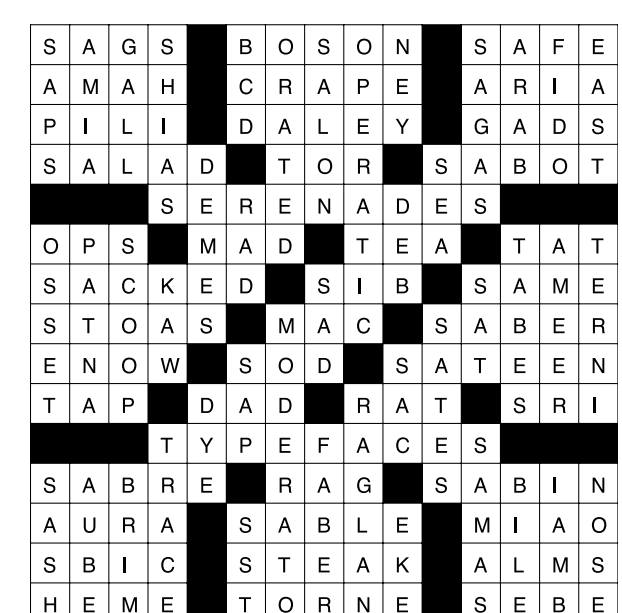
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# WREATHS *across* AMERICA



Paul Bousquet reads the name of a veteran before laying a wreath on Wreaths Across America Day held last Saturday throughout cemeteries in Ware.

WARE from page 9

"The United States of America was founded on the ideals of freedom, justice, and equality. Our Nation stands as a shining beacon of liberty and freedom to the world," Bateman said. "We thank those who gave their lives to keep us free, and we shall not forget you. We shall remember."

Bateman said the U.S. has always been the first to stand up.

"For this, we thank you," he said. Bateman said many attending the service that day, came from all branches of the military, and some were represented by their families, including John Arthur Boronski, a Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army, who served in Vietnam.

Boronski was assigned to the Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Operations Group of the 5th Special Forces Group. The MAC-V was one of the most elite military units operating in Vietnam.

Boronski and his unit had been in Vietnam since Oct. 25, 1969, operating 40 miles north of Pleiku out of Kontum.

"It was an elite team that operated on their own behind enemy lines, his group specifically had daily operations into Laos and Cambodia. The group staged out of Dak To," Bateman said.

On March 24, 1970, helicopters from the 170th Assault Helicopter company were sent to extract a long-range reconnaissance patrol from 14 miles inside Cambodia. The team members were 1st Lt. Jerry L. Pool, Boronski, Sgt. Gary A. Harned and five Montagnard tribesmen.

"The team had been in contact with the Vietcong all night and could not continue. No landing zone was nearby; the team could not be extracted until it could move to a more suitable location," Bateman said.

After the two extraction attempts, the helicopters returned from refueling, and Pool radioed that the team was running out of time.

Capt. Michael O'Donnell was the commander of one of the two "cover" aircraft. His crew members were Warrant Officer John C. Hoskins, pilot; Specialist 4 Rudy M. Beccera, crew chief; and Specialist 4 Berman Ganoec, gunner.

O'Donnell decided to try and pick the team up. The helicopter was on the ground for four minutes, and then transmitted that the entire eight member team was onboard.

"As it was ascending, the helicopter was hit by enemy fire. An explosion was witnessed. It continued flying for approximately 300 meters before another explosion was witnessed and it crashed into the jungle," Bateman said. "Aerial search and rescue operations began immediately. Although no signs of life were detected, search teams

could not land due to enemy activity."

Bateman said search and rescue efforts were discontinued on April 18, 1970.

In 1994, a joint search team interviewed a local Cambodian resident, who reported finding a crash site in the area. A 1995 search was unsuccessful.

In January 1998, another search team located the aircraft and the remains with dog tags and personal effects. In April 1998 the remains were returned to the U.S., but positive identification took until June 2001.

Bateman said Boronski has a memorial at the Ware Center Meeting House that was placed there while he was missing in action and his remains were laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Boronski's family attended the Wreaths Across America Day service, and laid the wreath to remember all prisoners of war or missing in action.

Laying the wreaths for the U.S. Army was Superintendent of Ware Public Schools Michael Lovato; U.S. Marine Corps, Fire Chief Jim Martinez; U.S. Navy, Donnie Berthiaume; U.S. Air Force, the Witt family; U.S. Coast Guard, Jeannie Odiorne; and the Bonilla family, U.S. Merchant Marines.

"Each wreath is a gift of appreciation," Bateman said, and a reminder that the freedoms we enjoy today, have not been free.

Bateman said it's important to say each name of the veterans in the cemeteries, and thank them for their service and sacrifice.

"A soldier dies twice: once when he takes his last breath, and once again when they are forgotten," he said.

After the wreaths were in place to honor the military branches at Veterans Park, David Deslauriers played "Taps".

Bateman thanked those whose donations made the town's first year with Wreaths Across America successful, including all of those that sponsored a wreath and generous benefactors such as Country Bank, B'Leaf Wellness Centre and Cluett's Furniture and Appliance.

Bateman also thanked the community, Parks and Recreation, the Police, Fire and Highway departments, Scouts BSA Troop 281, Ware Middle School PTO, Ware Lions Club, Ware Junior/Senior High School cheerleaders, Knights of Columbus, numerous veterans organizations, and more.

"This year we had enough wreaths to cover 532 graves at the four Ware municipal cemeteries with the donations made, and with a last minute additional delivery we could add Holy Cross and Quabbin cemeteries," Bateman said. "We could not have done it without each and every one of you and we are so grateful."



Volunteers from Country Bank helped place wreaths throughout the town's cemeteries.



Steve Kutt carries a box of wreaths through Aspen Grove Cemetery.



Jeannie Odiorne prepares to lay a wreath to honor all members of the U.S. Coast Guard.



Laurie Desjardins lays a wreath on a veteran's headstone.

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Bill Munsell helps Kristin Bateman gather wreaths.



The Boronski family laid a wreath to honor all missing in action/prisoners of war.



Kristin Bateman explains how to prepare the wreaths for placement.



Ware Junior/Senior High School's cheerleaders volunteered their time and service for Wreaths Across America Day.



The Witt family prepares to lay a wreath to honor U.S. Air Force veterans.



The Skutnik family worked together to honor the town's veterans.



Fire Chief Jim Martinez lays a wreath for U.S. Marine Corps veterans.



Marretje Chartier and Marjolijn VanDijk carry wreaths.



Ware's Wreath Across America Coordinator Frank Bateman talks about the importance of teaching the next generation about the cost of freedom.



Volunteers bring wreaths through the cemetery.



Community members joined together to place wreaths at four cemeteries



Tyler and Alex Bonilla prepare to lay a wreath for the U.S. Merchant Marines.



Aubrey Bateman helps to place a wreath.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Lovato brings to wreath to honors U.S. Army veterans.

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