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## SB asked to hire an independent building inspector

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WARE – Friends of Mary Lane Hospital Chair Cindy Allen Bourcier presented two quotes to the Selectboard during the comments and concerns portion of the meeting.

At the Nov. 6 meeting, Bourcier said she received quotes for the town to hire an independent building inspector to oversee the Mary Lane Hospital site. Bourcier said one quote is for \$20,000 and the other is for \$3,000.

The purpose of hiring an independent buildings inspector is to “see if there’s any overlooked fees, possible fines and most importantly, to secure the buildings properly now that we have another nine month delay,” she said.

Bourcier said the lower quote starts with a base rate of \$3,000. This includes a full inspection of the buildings, review of complaints and an action plan to make sure the buildings are secured for the winter.

She recommended the Selectboard approve of up to \$5,000 to hire the independent building inspector.

“I think it would be a good step in the right direction to

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## Workshop13 welcomed Adrienne Lenker for benefit concert

By Ryan Drago  
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WARE – Workshop13 hosted a benefit concert featuring the talented guitarist and singer Adrienne Lenker.

As the lead singer and guitarist of the critically acclaimed band, Big Thief, Lenker’s solo work has touched hearts worldwide with its raw emotion, poetic lyrics, and hauntingly beautiful melodies.

Executive Director of Workshop13 Marie Lauderdale began the evening by thanking the packed crowd for their attendance and continuous support of the arts. All proceeds from this special event will directly support Workshop13’s art programming and help fund future events in the Grand Hall.

Well over 100 guests filled the Grand Hall as the stage was set for Lenker, who also had

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## Veterans Day



The color guard led the Veterans Day parade from the American Legion to Veterans Park this past Monday.

## Community gathers to honor and thank those who served



Chaplain Henry Deslauriers gave opening and closing prayers.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

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WARE – This past Monday, the community came together to honor and thank its veterans in recognition of Veterans Day.

A parade proceeded from the American Legion post on Maple Street to Veterans Park on Main Street, led by AMVETS Post 2577 Commander and Ware Veterans Council President John Pajak.

“We always have a good turnout from the people in town,” Pajak said to the large crowd gathered downtown. “It does not go unnoticed by any of us.”

Master of ceremonies for the event was AMVETS State Commander Robert Brusco, who introduced each speaker and dignitary.

Singers Jane Sterndale and Peggy Baxter performed the National Anthem and “America the Beautiful”, accompanied by the Weir River Concert Band under the direction of retired U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant John Sacco.

Sacco, who spent over 20 years in the military, talked about his time spent in Vietnam, and how the suffering didn’t end when servicemembers returned stateside.

“A lot of us did make it back,” he said. “The worst part of

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State Sen. Peter Durant said freedom has been paid for by our veterans.



AMVETS Post 2577 Commander and Ware Veterans Council President John Pajak spoke during the ceremony.



Retired U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant John Sacco spoke about his time in Vietnam.

## Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce held annual meeting

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STURBRIDGE – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting last week at the Publick House, featuring keynote speaker Colleen Campbell.

At the Nov. 7 meeting, newly elected President Renee Niedziela of J. Stolar Insurance Agency, said her family’s company has been a part of the chamber for over 20 years, and how this year has “been incredible” for the chamber.

“The chamber is back,” she said. “The chamber is an excellent

resource to talk to businesses, professionals...we build relationships and trust.”

Niedziela said this has been a rebuilding year for the chamber, with the hiring of CEO James Przypek, who has served in that role for seven months.

Przypek said he is “so impressed” with the chamber and its network of businesses.

In his role as CEO, Przypek has brought back the chamber’s annual golf outing, enhanced the business guide and produced a quarterly newsletter. He said 15 new members businesses have joined this year as well.

“The chamber is an excellent resource to talk to businesses, professionals ... we build relationships and trust.”

- Renee Niedziela  
Chamer President

Following the election of officers, Przypek introduced Campbell, a Sunderland resident

whose background in equine studies has allowed her to help people rediscover joy and power in the treatment of PTSD, trauma, grief and depression.

Campbell founded Heroes, Horses & Hounds, an organization that works with rescued horses and dogs that are retrained for service and animal assisted programs.

She spoke about ways you can achieve success in all areas of your life through finding a work/life balance.

Campbell said for 20 years, she “put herself through it,” pushing

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## Select Board accepts new Town Common project

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WARREN – The Board of Selectman voted to enter into a contract with Weston & Sampson for planning and design services for the Town Common improvement projects.

This project is supported by a Community Development Block Grant fund to help with improvements to the Town Common. Weston & Sampson provides interdisciplinary design, engineering, and environmental services for public and private entities along the East Coast.

The board of selectman are excited to have this project done as the Town Common does need a new look. Vice Chair David Dufresne is excited and looks forward to seeing this project commence.

“It’s coming forward and it’s getting done,” Dufresne said.

### Special Town Meeting

The board did a review of the 29 articles for this year’s special town meeting. Town Administrator James Ferrara said these 29 articles come from various departments and are for cleanup efforts that need to be addressed.

The select board approved and closed the final discussion of the special town meeting warrant.

### Emergency regional planning committee

The select board began a discussion on possibly joining an emergency regional planning committee with the towns of Spencer, Brookfield, West Brookfield, East Brookfield and North Brookfield.

Emergency Management Director James McKeon talked to the select board to explain what the regional planning committee would be. The committee would consist of a representative from each of the six towns and get department heads together for assessments on emergency assessments and hazard assessments.

The board members were concerned if this was a case of town’s sharing fire and EMS resources. The concern was that

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# Work begins on Town Hall window restoration

WARE – Friends of Ware Town Hall President Pat Skutnik announced that work has begun on restoring the smaller windows of the Town Hall building.

“We are just thrilled that another one of our goals is beginning,” she said in a press release. “The project includes reglazing, scraping, priming and painting all the smaller windows, which are in desperate need of attention.”

Skutnik went on to say that Zach Martowski, owner of ZM Painting of Ware, spoke with her recently about the project.

He told her scraping, priming and painting some of the wood windows had already begun. There are also several aluminum frames which will first be cleaned with a specific product used to remove years of accumulated grime and will then be repainted.

Martowski told Skutnik that it will not be possible to complete the project this year with the cold weather approaching.

“We don’t want to start what we won’t be able to complete before temperatures drop,” he said.

Reglazing the windows will begin next spring when temperatures are warm enough to allow for drying of the glazing compound. Completing the scraping, priming and painting of the remaining windows will also resume in the spring.

“We hope to raise enough money during our Giving Campaign and our Lotto Calendar Sales in February to be able to have the entire project completed next year,” Skutnik said.



Work has begun to restore the smaller windows of the Town Hall, thanks to the support of the Friends of Ware Town Hall.



ZM Painting of Ware is restoring the Town Hall’s smaller windows.

Anyone who has not received a Giving Campaign flyer in complimentary copies of the Ware River News and would like to make a donation may send a check to Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082.



ZM Painting has started work to restore both wooden and aluminum window frames.

# Are You Old News?



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

Email your answers by Monday at noon to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com).



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Last week’s photo from 1977 showed Harlane Radler (left) of the Ha Ha Puppet Theatre introducing “Dusty Doodledigs” to a delighted Remy Trela, Patty Gaudette, Kim Szczepanek and Lisa Podkowka during the Summer Reading Club party at the Ware Library. 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).

## Paige Memorial Library lists November events

HARDWICK – On Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m., create Thanksgiving characters sure to make you smile at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Jayne Foley and her mom will teach you how to make these decorations from old lightbulbs. For all ages but children must be accompanied by adults.

Please register so that there will be sufficient materials.

On Sunday, Nov. 17, celebrate Native American Heritage Month with Donald Duffy, author of “The Quaboag and Nipmuck Indians” and “Around Pottequadic”, who will share his research on the history of the local Native inhabitants.

Gail Anderson will display of artifacts important to Native Americans. Gail is descended from the Powhatans and shares the same lineage as Pocahontas.

This program is a group effort among the Paige Library, the Hardwick Historical Society, and the Ware Historical Society. Note: This program will be held at the Hardwick Town House.

On Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. join Megan McDonough, the founder of Wholebeing Institute, an innovative educational organization based in Hardwick, for “How Libraries Make Us Happy(er)”. Through her work, she empowers people to apply cutting-edge research, fostering greater happiness and well-being in their daily lives.

In this free talk, she shares five key pathways to greater engagement, fulfillment, and vitality in everyday life plus how your library can play a vital role in supporting your journey to more happiness.

Register and reserve a free book, “A Minute for Me” while supplies last.

December event

On Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m., come make Simmering Potpourri jars using natural ingredients to add scent and moisture to the air. These are perfect for holiday gift giving.

For ages 12 and up. Registration required.

For more information and to register (so that we have the correct number of materials): Call, 413-477-6704, or email, [director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:director.paigelibrary@gmail.com).



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## Holiday Craft Fair to be held Dec. 7

WARE – A Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ware Junior Senior High School gym.

Admission is free and food is available to purchase. There will be over 50 vendors, fundraising and raffles.

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# VETERANS DAY *remembered*



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From left to right, AMVETS members Dave Nicoson, Rene Cote, Past Commander Ed Wyzik, State 1st Vice Commander Robert Bruso, newly appointed Commander John Pajak, Robert Rucki, Dan Witt, Henry Garceau and Henry Deslauriers at their monthly meeting held at the American Legion in Ware.

## AMVETS appoints Pajak as new commander

WARE – At their monthly meeting in September, the AMVETS Post 2577 witnessed the passing of the gavel for an incoming commander.

Post #2577 Commander Ed Wyzik passed the gavel to newly incoming Commander John Pajak during the meeting at the American Legion, Post 123. Pajak will serve as new commander of AMVETS

Post 2577 and taking over as new leader of the Ware Veteran's Council.

Wyzik and Pajak also presented the 2023-2024 National ROTC Post Award during their meeting. This certificate was awarded to Post #2577 in August for recognizing and supporting the outstanding cadets who have characterized excellence in the reserve Officers

Training Corps in the community.

The AMVETS meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the American Legion. AMVETS is open to all veterans regardless of service.

The AMVETS and American Legion is currently seeking new members as well new members of the Sons of the American Legion.



Ed Wyzik, left, passes the gavel to incoming Commander John Pajak.



Ed Wyzik and John Pajak hold a certificate for the 2023-2024 National ROTC Post Award.



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## AMERICAN LEGION POST 123 ANNOUNCES OFFICERS

Members of the American Legion Post 123 are shown from left to right, Paul Beauregard, Finance Officer; Art Giard, Trustee; Peter Ligawiec, Commander; Bill Dugan, Chaplain; Dave Nicoson, 1st Vice Commander; Richard Rucki, Historian; Bruce Worden, Adjutant; Terry Martin, Trustee; and Mike Kutt, Trustee.



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## WARE VFW POST 2577 LISTS OFFICERS

Shown front row from left are Amy Morin, Adjutant; Ron Rucki, Chaplain; Phil Hamel, Junior Vice; Frank Bateman, Quartermaster/Judge Advocate; and Frank Johnson, Surgeon. Shown back row from left are Gary Sinclair, 3 Year Trustee; Dan Witt, Commander; Missy Douty, Senior Vice; William Cote, 1 Year Trustee; and Paul Pariseau (not elected to a position yet). Missing when the photo was taken was Michael Domey Sr., 2 Year Trustee.



Edward J. Miarecki  
U.S. Army  
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US Marine Corps  
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William Francis Seveney  
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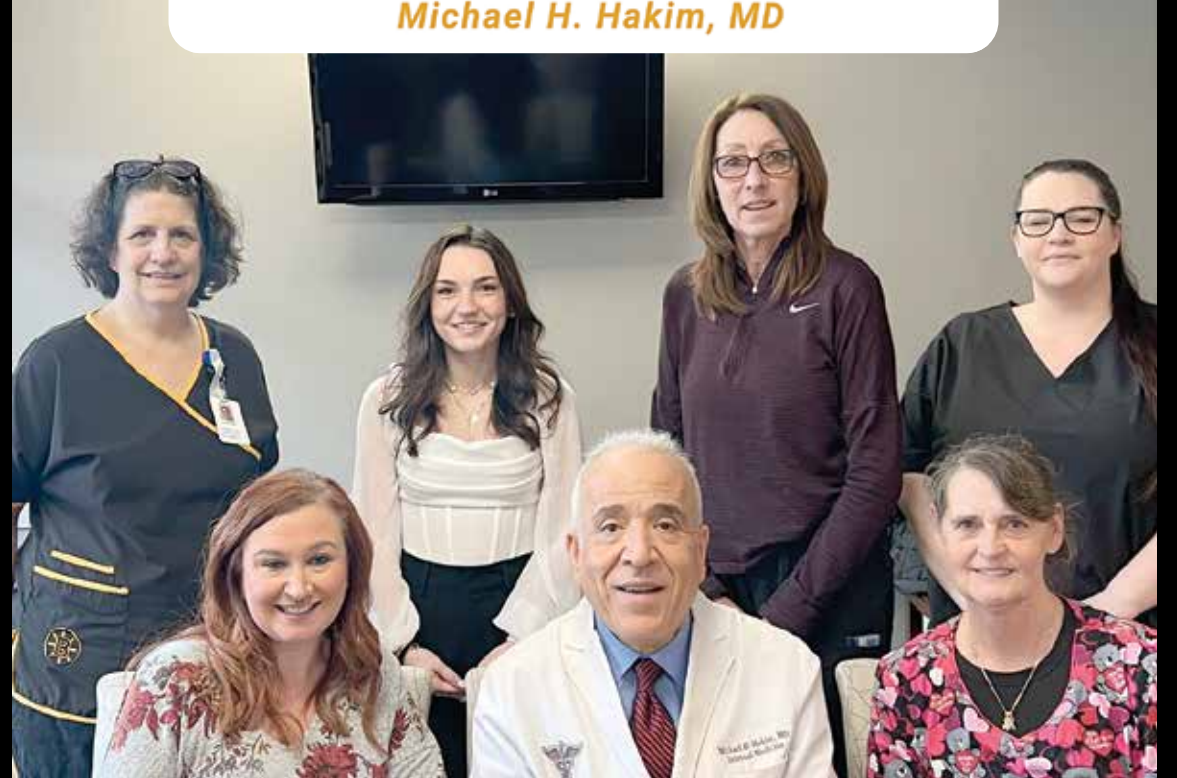


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# viewpoints



Turkey vulture

**A** Brimfield resident, who emails quite often noticed three turkey vultures on Sunday, Oct. 20

He said, "I went outside and I saw soon seven turkey vultures flying by along the ridge east of the house. The birds drifted off to the south east. A few minutes later a group of ten vultures drifted slowly south about a half a mile west of the first group. These birds flew around for awhile, circling and gaining altitude until they were quite high. The ten birds then drifted out of sight."

The turkey vulture is 26 inches tall and has black feathers. The trailing end of the wings are silver and the head has no feathers and is red. Immature turkey vultures have gray heads. They are often seen soaring with wings held in a V. They rock side to side, but rarely flap their wings.

Turkey vultures feed by scavenging on carrion, fresh or decayed. They find their food by both sight and smell. Sometimes, they are seen in roads feeding on road kill. They are often seen coming or going to nightly roosts. They use thermals of warm air and updrafts to stay in the air. When the thermals and updrafts end and they have to flap, they usually stop flying and land.

When perched, they will spread their wings. I saw one several years doing this against a high tension pole in Oakham.

The female lays one to three dull white eggs, occasionally with dark marks in a nest scraped on bare ground, in a hollow stump, cave, cliff edge or old building. Grunts and hisses are heard at the nest site often during competition over food.

### Pond tour

The Brimfield resident sent an email and reported he and his wife did a tour of some of the ponds in Brimfield, Holland and Warren on Sunday, Nov. 3. He said, "In Brimfield (Sherman Pond) and Holland (Holland Pond) we saw a few pairs of hooded mergansers and a belted kingfisher at the pond in Warren on South Street. Other ponds had lots of Canada geese and mallards."

He also said, "In the yard recently the most exciting sighting was a Carolina wren that showed up briefly a couple of times. Then yesterday we had an immature accipiter was seen sitting on top of one of our feeding stations." He wrote, "The bird was either a female sharp-shinned hawk or a male Cooper's hawk based on size, it was a little bigger than a mourning dove, the bird's size was in the area where the sizes of the two species overlap. The tail shape is suppose to help differentiate the species but I'm not confident about the tail shape, I'm not sure which species we saw?"

Later in the day he saw a fox sparrow doing the sparrow feeding behavior, jumping back and forth to stir up ground looking for seeds. He said, "That was the first fox sparrow seen this fall. One or two are usually seen during fall migration."

### Moose

Although not bird related - no feathers on this critter - I saw a moose cross New Braintree Road in Oakham one evening. It was dark, but I did get a good view of its rear portion as it went over a stone wall and into the woods.

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



## Working septuagenarian asks about disability benefits

Dear Rusty:

I retired at my full retirement age, am now 79 and will be 80 in December.

I have been working consistently since. I get a meager Social Security benefit, only about \$800 due to my federal retirement offset. Most jobs I have held since filing and collecting SS have involved very labor-intensive work, to include my current position. This has taken a toll.

My question is there any provision in Social Security that permits re-evaluation of Social Security benefits for disability after one has collected and paid into the system for some 15 years? I suspect not but thought I would ask, since at my not so tender age, I

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## Surprise squash or is it a pumpkin?

I compost the lazy person's way - no thermometers, frequent turning or aerating is done at my house.

I simply pile my vegetable refuse, leaves, coffee grinds and plant parts in a pile with copious amounts of chicken bedding. Once in a blue moon I'll mix it all up with a pitchfork, but that is all I do.

I'm not saying it's the right way, but it's my preferred way. After a certain point in the fall, I start a new pile and let the old one sit until spring when I use the compost in the garden.

Often, I end up with some surprise plants growing in the pile from the previous year after I've taken what I need. I call them volunteers.

For the last two years I've grown my best tomatoes in the compost pile. No accolades need to come my way, I did nothing to earn the luxury of garden fresh tomatoes in

November.

Well, maybe covering the plants with layers of cloth on the few cold nights has helped some, I guess, otherwise they would be frosted like the rest of the tender plants.

But alas, once again I digress. I am not here to talk about the tomatoes that grew in the compost pile, but the squash that did. I may have mentioned these white pumpkin lookalikes in an earlier column, but as I sit here devouring a squash muffin, they deserve another mention.

While my hills of butternut were not very prolific, the white pumpkin lookalike squash were unbelievably so. Honestly, I am not sure how many plants sprouted. Maybe three at the most, and I easily ended up with maybe two dozen, so the average is seven or eight fruit per plant!

I bought the original at a local farm and as it turned to an imploded pile of mush, it got chucked into the compost pile last fall. After sprouting it took no time flat for the vines to cover the pile and adjoining fence and lawn, much to my husband's dismay.

After a quick internet search, the white pumpkin lookalike squash still doesn't have a name. It could be part acorn squash, or a variant of a white pumpkin.

All I know is that they made excellent fall decor!

Just for the fun of it I cooked one up, in the same manner I do butternuts, by slicing in half, removing the seeds and roasting cut side down in a 400 degree oven for about an hour.

The pale yellow flesh caramelized a little.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Wishing Well Charities thanks Fall Fundraiser supporters

Wishing Well Charities held our 4th Annual Fall Fundraiser on Nov. 2 at Teresa's Restaurant.

We had an incredible event, raising nearly \$10,000 that will propel us through the next year, helping us to grant small financial wishes for local individuals and families looking for assistance celebrating life's special days, such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and many other occasions.

We were only able to achieve such a successful event through the generosity of so many local individuals and businesses. We want to use this note to thank them publicly.

Thank you to our sponsors, whose contributions allowed us to offer ticket sales at a very low price. Premier sponsor Safelite Auto Glass, Country Bank, Pennington Painting, and B'Leaf Wellness, you are all repeat sponsors and we are so very grateful for your support.

Thank you to our hosts, Teresa's Restaurant. Once again, the food and service provided was exceptional.

Thank you to The Time Trippers, they provided another night of fantastic entertainment. Thank you, Roy Erickson, for all our flyers, which were provided free of charge.

Thank you to the Ware River News for publishing our event details on multiple weeks, and thank you to Ryan Drago for the wonderful article written about our special night.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, bought raffle tickets, and participated in our silent auction. We are well aware of all the incredible charities and groups out there you could donate your money to. We are beyond grateful you chose us.

Most importantly, we need to thank all the businesses and individuals who made donations of items we were able to use for our raffle/silent auction, these donations were the driving force behind our fundraising: Teresa's



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Perhaps I should have finished the cooking cut side up to attain more of that caramelization.

While not incredibly sweet, it didn't taste bad or bitter, so I whipped it up with the immersion blender and decided I'd try it in my favorite squash muffin recipe. Not bad, not bad at all.

My husband asked if I was going to raid the porch of it's decorations to process more of them, but I don't think I'll go that far. If November is mild, I'll certainly have a wind-fall once we switch over to a Christmas theme.

What do I learn from the compost pile? Although the garden is right next to the compost pile, the white squash pumpkins had virtually no damage from the squash vine borer.

The plants were so much healthier than those I planted in the garden. The leaves were large and deep green.

I've said it before and I'll say it again times three: Nitrogen, nitrogen, nitrogen. That's one thing my compost pile has that the garden needs. I will definitely not skimp on that nutrient come springtime so that maybe, just maybe, I can grow my beloved butternut squashes on purpose and healthily!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Starbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

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## Sheriff Cahillane reflects on Veterans Day

To the Editor:

Standing in the Great Hall of Flags at the State House Monday, Governor Maura Healey opened her Veterans Day Ceremony remarks by stating that "Every day should be Veterans Day."

Our Governor's comment struck a deep chord with me. Feeling humbled for being included in the invitation-only event, standing in the presence of such distinguished people as Major General Gary W. Keefe of Northampton, Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard, and western Mass. Air Force veteran Marvin Howard, who was presented the Captain Thomas Hudner Jr. Valor Award for his dedication to the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, I also felt uplifted by the Governor's words and the sense of promise that they carried.

I have had the privilege of serving the residents of Massachusetts for more than 40 years as a corrections professional, and now as Sheriff of Hampshire County. I also served as a National Guardsman for six years during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

I can recall when veterans returning from the war in Vietnam were met with disrespect, even open hostility, clear signs that many of our fellow citizens were unable or unwilling at the time to separate their feelings about the political leadership making unpopular decisions and those ordered to carry them out.

I believe we are growing as a nation,



Submitted Photos  
Major General Gary W. Keefe of Northampton is shown with Hampshire County Sheriff Patrick Cahillane.

expanding our awareness and understanding of the sacrifices veterans make on behalf of us all. The HERO Act, the largest investment in the health and well-being of our veterans in Massachusetts history, signed by the Governor in August, represents our widening embrace of veterans,



Governor Maura Healey gives an address on Veterans Day.

Restaurant, Mexicali, Hardwick Winery, Hardwick Co-op, Hardwick Crossing, Mimi's, Nat Falk, Nikos, It's Wine O'Clock, Safelite Auto Glass, Celtics Foundation, Patriots Foundation, Randalls Farm, Fitness Factory, Lisa Jacques, Cheryl Waugh, Sandy and Kevin Bechard, Betty and John Grout, Brian Hopkins, Mark and Cheryl DeSantis, Tonya Kalesnik, Denise Blodgett, Lisa Ouimette, John Giard, Dar and Pete Socha, Sandy and Jerry Podwowska, Kathy Deschamps, Kevin Kularski, Stan Ligawiec, the Deslauriers Family, Ted Balicki, Matt Rainey, Douglas Curtis Photography, Deb Juda, Diane Dumas, Irene and Henry Eskett. We also want to thank the individuals who made monetary dona-

tions in lieu of purchasing tickets: Deborah Deschamps, Shannon Pennington, Claire Brown, Louis Lariviere, Merle and Rich Allard, Barbara and Jim Croutou.

Finally, we want to thank our board of directors, who all worked hard behind the scenes helping to make this event such a success. Brandon Midura, Jenn and Adam Kettles, Deedra Dumas, Jeff Nicholas, Tonya Kalesnik, Denise Blodgett, thank you team. .

Thank you to all. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone at next year's event.

Chris and Belinda Midura  
Wishing Well Charities

their service and their struggles.

But there is so much still to be done. Suicide continues to be a disturbing trend among our veterans, especially among women and LGBTQ service members.

Sexual trauma is another scourge among our veteran population, as are homelessness, joblessness and post-traumatic stress disorder.

With the Healey Administration's leadership, the myriad programs services offered by the Executive Office of Veterans Services and the Office of the Veteran Advocate, and the cultural shift toward a more enlightened and compassionate view of veterans, of their contributions and their sacrifices, better solutions are within our grasp.

Many have sacrificed by becoming service members to give the rest of us the opportunity to live a free and fulfilling life. It is time to give back to our veterans.

That is going to take commitment, from all of us, to rally around our Governor and work as if every day is Veterans Day.

Patrick J. Cahillane  
Sheriff, Hampshire County



GUEST COLUMN

# Hurricane Helene in the Southern Appalachians

By Julie Midura  
Guest Column

After months of anticipation and weeks of planning, we were finally on our way to western North Carolina to begin our 200-mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail.

Our backcountry permits were safely stashed in our backpacks for the first 70 miles of trail that weave through the Great Smoky Mountains, and the resupply packages we had mailed to several trail towns would be waiting for us in some of the hostels and outfitters as we made our way north.

After the 800 mile drive from our home in Massachusetts, we dropped our car off at Mountain Harbour Hostel in Roan Mountain, Tennessee, where my sister met us so that she could shuttle us to Fontana Dam in North Carolina – the starting point of our 17-day backpacking trip. Our SUV would be waiting for us at the hostel.

At least, that was the plan. But on Thursday evening, Sept. 26, just a few hours after arriving in Tennessee, we received an urgent email from Great Smoky Mountain headquarters imploring us to postpone our hike.

The hurricane that barreled into Florida was continuing inland without breaking stride...and was heading straight for the Southern Appalachians. Tom and I would be hiking right smack in the middle of it.

We considered delaying the start of our hike to Sunday, but the Appalachian Trail Conservancy soon issued a statement that the trail should be considered closed to hiking from the southern terminus in Georgia all the way to Rockfish Gap, Virginia. 860 miles of trail. This closure was unprecedented.

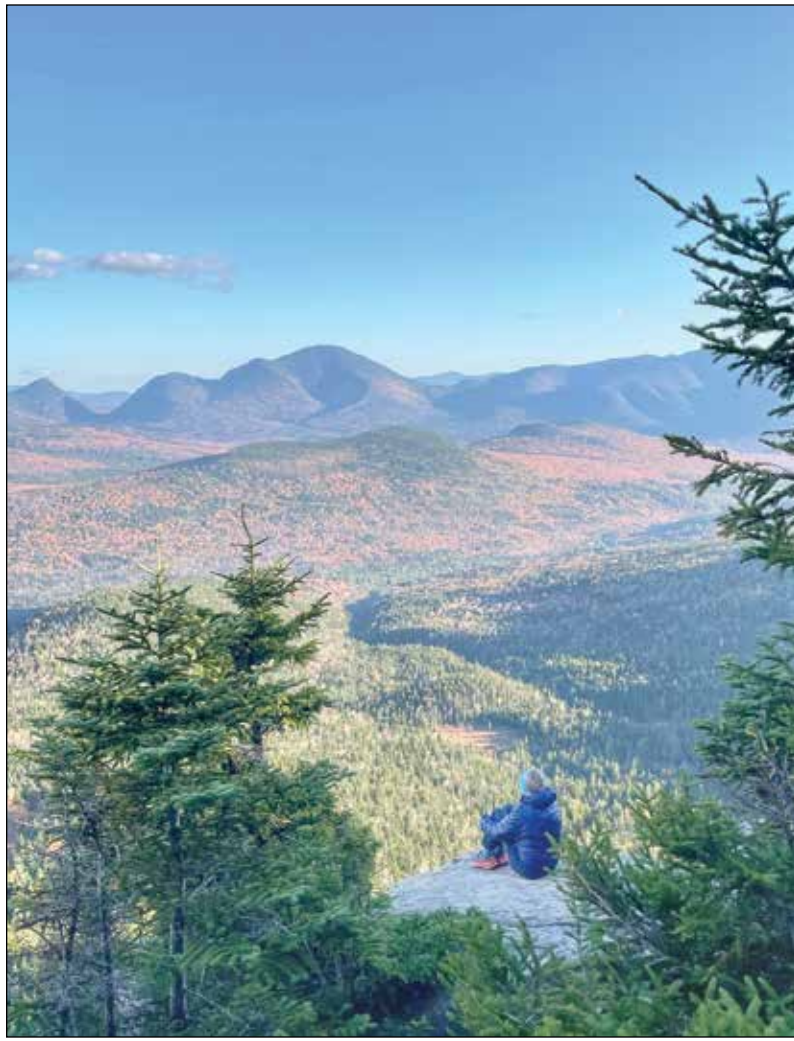
The unrelenting rain that fell – upwards of 30 inches in some areas – was creating perilous conditions in the mountains. Landslides were imminent and trees were falling like toothpicks.

As the mountains became overrun with moisture, historic amounts of water rushed down the creeks and into the rivers, which resulted in the highest river levels ever observed across the region.

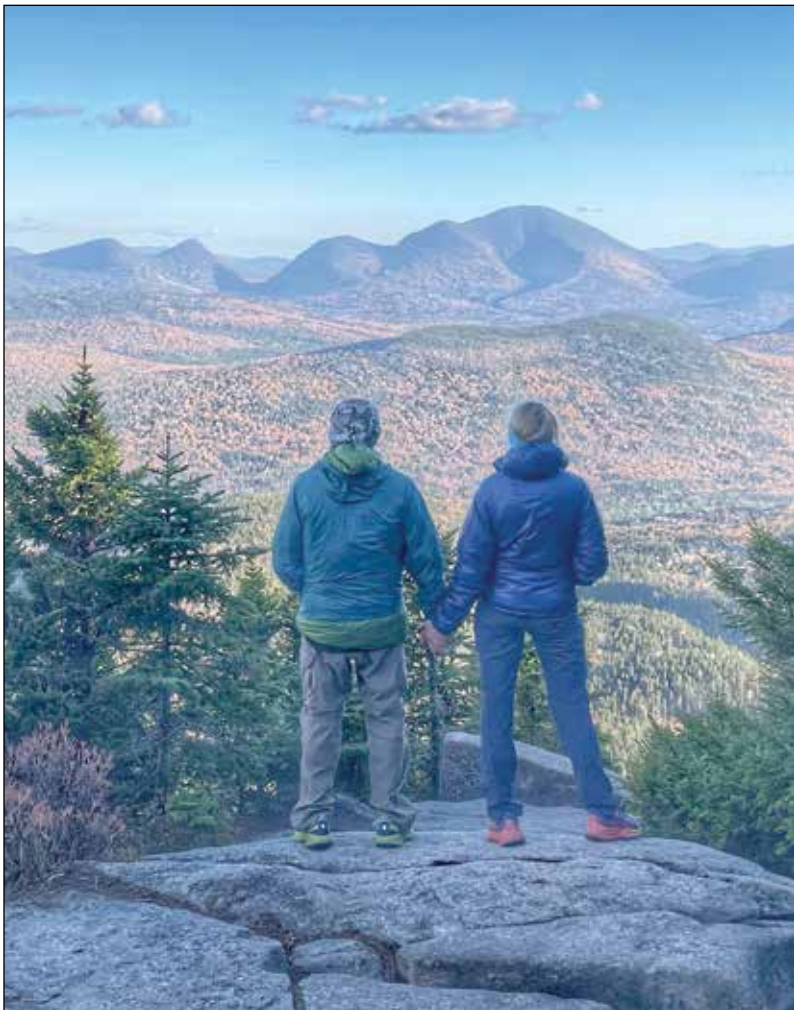
The monumental force of the flood waters widened the rivers beyond what the riverbanks could contain, rerouting the water directly into the towns. The angry water carved a path deeply into the earth and swallowed everything in its path, including trees, cars, homes and highways.

Tractor trailers were picked up by the catastrophic flooding and crushed like matchbox cars. Highways were washed away, concrete bridges collapsed and entire towns were underwater. Hundreds of lives were lost.

What remained were towns,



Julie Midura enjoys the views of the Great Smoky Mountains.



Julie and Tom embarked on a 200-mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail prior to the arrival of Hurricane Helene.

homes and businesses buried in mud and looking more like war zones. The magnitude of the storm has made Hurricane Helene one of the most impactful weather events

the Appalachians has ever seen. Thankfully, Tom and I were taken in by family members who live in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, which was spared significant dam-

age. While there, we learned that all roads into Roan Mountain – where we had left our SUV – were inaccessible.

Power and cell service were nonexistent. We looked on the hostel's Facebook page to see if there were any updates on how they had fared, and were shocked to see a video taken by the owners during the height of the storm.

The entire property we had dropped our car off just three days prior had become unrecognizable. What was once a gravel parking lot was now a raging river. We watched the video as our SUV was inundated by the flood waters.

But we are the lucky ones. Had we already been on the trail when the storm hit, it could have easily been our lives we lost and not simply our car.

A few days later, we rented a car and began the long drive home, feeling heartbroken. Our heartbreak had nothing to do with our flooded SUV.

Little to do with the lost backpacking trip that we had been looking forward to for so long. Rather, it had everything to do with the devastation we witnessed and the people who had lost homes, livelihoods and loved ones.

We arrived back home two weeks earlier than we planned to, and went through the motions of unpacking, doing laundry and going through the mail, all while feeling as though we were in a fog.

Tom shared that it felt strange to be back home so soon. Like we weren't supposed to be there.

Both of us were experiencing the kind of sadness that creeps into your bones and settles there.

So we took a day to regroup, then crammed our overnight backpacks and hiking gear into our tiny 2010 Honda Fit with 200,000 miles on the odometer, and headed to the White Mountains of NH. We prayed that our beat up old car would make it through the rough and rutted dirt roads that lead to some of the trailheads.

When we reached the trailhead at 5 p.m., we threw our heavy packs over our shoulders and headed into the woods to find a place to set up our tent for the night. It was our hope that spending a few days away from it all would allow us to process the devastation we saw in Tennessee and North Carolina.

We spent the next few days walking the trails, climbing the mountains and inhaling serenity in the wild places of New Hampshire. As we gazed out at the vast Pemigewasset Wilderness from a rock ledge on Zeacliff while waiting for the sun to set, it truly felt like a balm for our souls.

See you in the wild places, my friends!

# Selectboard, FinCom review STM warrant

Staff Report

WARE – As part of last week's Selectboard meeting, the board met with the Finance Committee to review the 15 articles on the warrant and make recommendations on each for the upcoming Special Town Meeting on Monday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ware High School auditorium.

The Selectboard, in coordination with Town Moderator Kathleen Coulombe, voted in a separate meeting to reduce the quorum for town meeting to 50 residents.

At the Nov. 6 meeting, Finance Committee Chairman Kenneth Willette was present to summarize the committee's recommendations.

Three articles were recommended for dismissal: Article 1, funding for old bills; Article 6, for a zoning map change; and Article 8, a request to authorize tax payments for a solar project. The reason the articles were recommended for dismissal was they are not necessary or not ready to proceed.

The remaining 12 articles were recommended by the Selectboard and the Finance Committee. Articles involving expenditures for facilities were also recommended by the Capital Planning Committee.

Article 2 moves that the town amend the following line items increases for the fiscal year 2025 town budget. This article provides funding to budgets that are anticipated to have a shortfall for the current fiscal year: \$60,000 for non-union salary increases and Fire Department staffing, \$2,000

for the U.S. 250th Celebration Committee for events and marketing; \$16,000 assistance/training for the Accountant Department; \$5,200 to repair the light at the intersection of Pleasant and Church streets; \$7,914 for the town's share of flooring at the Animal Control Shelter; \$6,310 for improvements to the Parks Department building; and \$5,200 for election workers pay.

Articles 3, 4, and 5 are annual requests for funding to support the town's reserve funds. Appropriations are sought for the Other Post Employment Benefits reserve, the Stabilization Fund and the Capital Stabilization Fund.

The Town is waiting on the certification of its available free cash to set the amounts for these articles.

Article 7 is a proposed zoning bylaw amendment put forward and recommended by the Planning Board. The recent housing bill adopted by the Governor and Legislature provides for accessory dwelling units to be constructed by right in residential neighborhoods.

The bylaw amends Ware's bylaw to reflect the changes required by the State zoning act.

Article 9 asks voters to appropriate \$337,500 for the acquisition of a 39-acre parcel of land at the southerly end of Walter Drive. This land will be permanently protected for passive recreational use and will become an extension of Grenville Park.

The property will connect the

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# Ware Holiday Flair gets ready for holiday season

WARE – This Saturday, Nov. 16 the Ware Holiday Flair Committee is looking for volunteers to help decorate Main Street and Veterans Park, starting at 8 a.m., to get ready for a visit from Santa Claus.

The day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 29, Santa will arrive on the fire truck to light up the big tree in Veterans Park.

The festivities will begin with a performance by dancers from Dance Unlimited in front of the Town Hall at 5:45 p.m., followed by the arrival of Santa around 6 p.m. After the tree lighting, children and families can visit with Santa in the Town Hall.

On Saturday Dec. 14 from 5-7 p.m., (or until the last car goes through), visit Grenville Park for the Ware Holiday Flair Festive Drive-Thru event. Vehicles will enter through the Upper Church Street exit, travel around the first baseball diamond, and exit through

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

The Quaboag Connector will provide free rides for those without vehicles, staging in front of the old Church Street school, across from the park entrance.

Donations will be accepted at the drive-thru, but are not necessary for this free, community event.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the morning of the event, starting at 9 a.m. If anyone would like to volunteer, they can contact Kathy Deschamps 413-519-9815.

If anyone would like to donate to help support the event, checks made to "Ware Holiday Flair" can be mailed to the Town Hall, c/o Stuart Beckley, 126 Main St., Ware, MA 01082.

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Workshop13 welcomed guitarist Adrienne Lenker to perform during their benefit concert this past weekend.



Mary Remington joined Adrienne Lenker in a duet that brought a lot of cheer to the Grand Hall of Workshop13.

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merchandise available from shirts, stickers, posters and albums. Zach Harris was the artist behind the posters for the Evening with Adrienne Lenker. Lauderdale wanted to thank all of the amazing volunteers who helped support this event throughout the evening.

Once Lenker took the stage she brought solo music in a whole new light. Predominately playing acoustic guitar, Lenker brought a lot of harmony to this cozy atmosphere.

Lenker admitted to being nervous prior to the show, but soon felt welcomed and loved and described Workshop13 as "a space so encouraging."

Throughout the show, Lenker was adjusting the tune of her guitar as she prefers playing with different tunings. Lenker's music certainly won the crowd over as her instrumental introductions to songs got their attention.

Lenker even brought a guitar she has been playing since she was 14 years old. Afterwards, Lenker would introduce and welcomed Mary Remington to the stage for a duet performance. Remington is a program director at Workshop13 and is a talented singer and songwriter as well.

"One of my favorite songwriters of all time," Lenker said on stage.

The duo did amazing singing a couple songs together that made the audience clap cheerfully. Workshop13 is proud to bring Lenker to the stage of Workshop13. Hosting an artist who has graced the world's biggest stages and played to sold-out crowds is a testament to the caliber of performances they strive to offer in the community.

It was truly an unforgettable night of music as Workshop13 continues to thrive in the community of Ware. Lenker loved her time during Workshop13, and the audience loved her performance.

For more about Lenker, visit [www.adrianelenker.com](http://www.adrianelenker.com). Lenker's music is available on multiple listening platforms.

More events at Workshop13 can be found at [workshop13.org](http://workshop13.org).

**About Workshop13**

Workshop13 Cultural Arts and Learning Center is a rural non-profit arts innovator devoted to increasing the appreciation and accessibility of the arts, strengthening the creative life of the community through instruction, collaborations and arts-based initiatives.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

The Grand Hall had a sensational crowd as Workshop13 was prepared to welcome Adrienne Lenker on the stage.



Adrienne Lenker had merchandise from hats, shirts, stickers and posters were available in the grand hall during the benefit concert.



Workshop13 Executive Director Marie Lauderdale welcomed guests to the grand hall prior to an evening with Adrienne Lenker.

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help the residents feel more comfortable that the violations are taken more seriously," Bourcier said.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the money would need to be appropriated by the Finance Committee or town meeting, or come from the town's Facilities account.

He said hiring an independent building inspector could be helpful to close up the building for winter, or to assist the town if Baystate Health moves forward with demolition after the nine months have passed.

"Those are big projects...and certainly help could be warranted at that time," Beckley said.

Selectboard member Terrance Smith said it was important that this decision is brought to a town

meeting for the voters to appropriate the money. He said there is also a need to follow a request for proposal process for such professional services.

Bourcier said hiring the independent building inspector was one way the town could address violation complaints that have not been taken care of at the hospital. She said there are windows that are still open, the lawn hasn't been mowed and more.

"We keep saying and saying these things," Bourcier said.

Smith said there is due process to follow, and under the state building code there are requirements for the property owner to secure the buildings. He said Baystate Health representatives have indicated that they are working with their engineers to complete this task.

Bourcier said since April, the Friends of Mary Lane Hospital

have asked for the open windows to be secured and it hasn't been done.

"It is a plea from the residents once again, to do something," Bourcier said.

Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot said Beckley will be working with the various departments involved to determine how the town should move forward with this request.

**Removal of GPS units**

The Selectboard reviewed a list of town vehicles that have GPS tracking units in them. After speaking with department heads, Police vehicles were recommended to keep all of their units, and the Department of Public Works vehicles and the Fire Department's ambulances were considered for removal.

Beckley said the main reason for bringing this topic up is to save

the town money.

Smith made a motion to keep the GPS units in all of the vehicles. He said the cost savings would be minimal.

"They're in there, why change it?" he said. "This was a decision that was important to a previous board at a certain time."

Smith said the town should be utilizing the units for fleet management, in addition to tracking where the vehicles are.

"It's there...it has braking information, it has acceleration information, it has stuff to that could help the town if there was ever an accident with employees," he said.

Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz said he believed that keeping the GPS units would be a "waste of money" since the town does not have a fleet manager to review the data collected from the system.

The Selectboard will continue this discussion with department heads, and revisit a vote in three weeks. Smith rescinded his motion.

Opioid settlement fund match Beckley said Rebecca Edwards, the town's Drug Free Communities director, along with Kirsten Krieger, Public Health Nurse and the rest of the prevention committee have proposed using some of the opioid settlement funds for a harm reduction project. He said there is a grant available that could match those funds.

"We were trying to brainstorm a project in order to be able to use this grant and we know that the grant really likes harm reduction projects," she said.

The team came up with the idea to create a mobile harm reduction unit that can be part of the needle exchange program and also do wound care, other harm reduction, distribute naloxone (Narcan), make referrals and give resources.

"That would be a mobile unit so it would break down the barrier of transportation," she said.

Edwards said this project would require a van, and possibly include other towns, which would also

contribute to the van's costs and upkeep.

Edwards said they are seeking the maximum amount of the grant, which is \$50,000. She said they were requesting a \$50,000 match from the town.

The Selectboard approved the request.

**Town Manager's report**

Beckley said the town is moving forward with transitioning to a paperless payroll system. He said it would save the town some money, and would make payroll information more readily available to employees.

"Instead of getting a piece of paper every other week, it will be available on your computer or your phone," he said. "The employees can see it at any point and print it out."

Beckley said a computer station and printer will be available to employees to print out their payroll information.

He said the Massachusetts Department of Transportation expects the Three Mile Bridge to be closed during construction hours through Nov. 15.

Beckley said the town did not receive the large Environmental Protection Agency grant for the replacement of the pool and electric vehicles. He said himself and grant writer Jay Mooney met with the EPA to review the application in order to resubmit it in two and a half weeks.

"It was very good feedback," he said.

Beckley said the Parks Department roof was replaced last week and he thanked the department and the Facilities Manager for moving that project forward.

He said the Charter Review Committee has begun meeting, and Kusnierz was appointed as the committee's chair.

**Hardwick Pond dam**

Beckley said the town received a letter from the Department of Conservation and Recreation

regarding the ownership of the lower Hardwick Pond dam.

"It is the property of the town of Ware," Beckley said. "We'll need to at some point...start setting aside funds to design repairs to that dam and then implementing it."

He said the dam has debris that needs removing, as well as some seepage and cracks.

**Appointments**

Michael Hinkley was appointed to fill a full-time police officer position on the Police Department effective Dec. 9. Police Chief Shawn Crevier said Hinkley has a spot secured at the police academy already.

Patrick St. Pierre was also appointed to serve as the department's acting sergeant effective Nov. 11 and Tod Bertini was appointed to the position of special part-time police officer, effective immediately.

The Selectboard appointed Chris Swett to the Community Development Authority for a three-year term and Jay Pasternack to the Cultural Council until October 2027.

**Firearms law opt-out**

Crevier said after reviewing regulations in the new law, "An Act Modernizing Firearms," with town counsel and the Mass Chief's attorney, it was determined that the decision to "opt-out" of restricting concealed firearms in Town Hall will need to go before voters at town meeting.

**Toll road discussion**

The Selectboard voted to limit the number of voluntary toll road fundraisers to 10 events a year. Town-based organizations will have priority to hold such events over outside organizations.

**Public hearing**

A public hearing for Snow's Surf Shack, 136 Pleasant St., for liquor and common victualler licenses has been rescheduled to Nov. 19 at 6:50 p.m.

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# Planning Board reviews draft zoning diagnostic presentation

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Planning Board met with Project Manager Jane Wyrick from Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission to discuss draft zoning diagnostics.

The purpose of the presentation was to compare notes with previous planning studies. Wyrick went over why it is important to complete a zoning diagnostic.

Zoning diagnostics help accommodate desired growth patterns, identify amendments needed due to changes in Massachusetts General Laws. There is also new topics in land use planning for which new bylaws may be needed.

Wyrick mentioned previous efforts the Town of Warren has

made to identify the best zoning diagnostics in previous years. One of them is the 2006 Master Plan. The town has also had an economic development plan done as well as a hazard mitigation plan.

Currently, the town of Warren is working on a new master plan.

In the presentation, Wyrick shared several recommendations the planning board may consider if their looking to improve areas in town as far housing, zoning and economic development. One of them is having a central business district, an area strictly designed for the purpose of businesses being placed.

Business development could increase off main highways including State Route 67 and 19.

Another heavy topic was access to town. For years, the Town of Warren has had the idea of install-

ing a Massachusetts Turnpike Exit off Interstate 90.

For housing, there is an opportunity for units and housing types. There are some changes that could open the door to allow greater diversity of housing.

Wyrick would then transition to discussing open space and recreation planning. As part of the current master plan in production, Wyrick mentioned the Town of Warren is looking to do something with the Wrights Mill complex.

There is an opportunity for growth in different sectors, including economic development and housing.

Wyrick commended Warren for a job well done in keeping and organizing their amendments and bylaws.

“You’ve really kept up with a lot of amendments over the years,” Wyrick said. “This is an exciting

time to explore new opportunities.”

Some of the recommendations Wyrick listed to the planning board include stormwater requirements, open space residential development and limited development on steep slopes. Considerations listed include updated to state model floodplain bylaw, stormwater LID bylaw, cottage/flexible housing, and short term rentals.

In conclusion, Wyrick talked about future steps the town can take into considering new bylaws and new opportunities to expand growth in several sectors. Review recommended strategies, amendments and new bylaws.

For open space, consider best practices to balance growth with open space protection. Earlier in the presentation Wyrick believes some areas can have more lots open in open space residential

developments.

Wyrick will have a document finalized next month for the planning board. As of now, the board will read and digest this information that came from the draft zoning diagnostic presentation.

## ANR

The Planning Board reviewed an ANR for 1212 Southbridge Road, for storm field capital funding. A representative from Chappell Engineering discussed the plan being used to define the property line of the parcels on the property. The map of the parcels was presented on zoom for the planning board to review.

The Planning Board approved to endorse the ANR.

# ‘Leaving Coy’s Hill’ author comes to Warren Nov. 21

WARREN – The Warren Public Library is excited to host author Katherine Sherbrooke on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Sherbrooke will be discussing her historical novel “Leaving Coy’s Hill” and signing copies of her books. “Leaving Coy’s Hill” covers the incredible life of local suffragist and abolitionist Lucy Stone, who was a driving force in paving the way for women’s rights in the 1800s.

The library is currently hosting a Community Read and copies of the book are available to check out for all patrons that are interested in reading the story before meeting the author. For more information, please contact the library by calling 413-436-7690 or emailing warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

## WARE SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

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

### ACTIVITIES

- Monday, Nov. 18**  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Tuesday, Nov. 19**  
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9 a.m. Movin & Grooving to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.  
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Cornhole  
5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking (\$3 per class)  
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

- Wednesday, Nov. 20**  
9 a.m. Tai-Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
1-2 p.m. Food Bank of Western MA Mobile Pantry at Grenville Park  
2:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

- Thursday, Nov. 21**  
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9 a.m. Senior Walk. Meet at Senior Center.  
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners  
10 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Cornhole  
2:30 p.m. Art Class

- Friday, Nov. 22**  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5

- p.m.)
- LUNCHES DINE IN 11:30 a.m.**  
All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted  
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- Monday, Nov. 18**  
Waldorf Salad Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day
- Tuesday, Nov. 19**  
Pepperoni Pizza Burger, French Fries, Cucumber Salad, Dessert of the Day
- Wednesday, Nov. 20**  
Chicken Jambalaya, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day
- Thursday, Nov. 21**  
Grille Ham & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day
- Friday, Nov. 22**  
Meat Lasagna, Green & Gold Salad, Dessert of Day

### WARREN BOS from page 1

In the past Warren is involved in a regional committee, they feel as if they are contributing more assistance and there is no mutual aid from other towns.

Dufresne said he just doesn’t want the town to fall into a situation where they’re sharing their resources and other towns take advantage of that resource.

“It’s great if everyone puts into that regional agreement,” Dufresne said.

However, Dufresne and the board members don’t want Warren to fall into a situation where they are always the ones providing the assistance and help.

Another resident spoke on the subject and says the regional agreement is more of a steering committee. It will have all six communities working together and meeting continuously on finding studies on hazard assessment. Throughout these towns, the railway has had chemical incidents in the past as

well as truck traffic.

The Selectmen suggested that all parties involved make sure that everything is equal when entering a regional committee.

### Weatherization improvements

The board had several discussion topics on weatherization projects for several buildings in town. The town is looking to enter into a contract with Energy Conservation, Inc for weatherization projects in the Senior Center and the Shepard Building.

The company is also looking to install heat pumps with a gas backup for the Senior Center.

Ferrera described it as a complete weatherization of the entire buildings. This project is supported by a green communities grant.

The heating project should start as soon as possible and the additional weatherization project should start after the holidays. The selectboard accepted the agreement with Energy Conservation, Inc.

### Police Chief’s report

Chief Gerald Millette was excited to share the fun residents had during Halloween. The parade from the West Warren Fire station to the Warren Fire station was a great success. The Chief also had fun participating as a judge for the costume contest.

The chief also shared the no on street parking rule that is in effect.

Millette also participated in a Homeland Security meeting and helped the schools with their bus evacuation drills.

### Town Administrator

The Select Board took a vote to give authorization for the Town Administrator to attend the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Managers Fall Conference in Northampton on Nov. 21 and also attend the 2025 Connect 351 annual conference in Boston in January of 2025. The board looks forward to hearing what Ferrera has learned during these conferences.

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# Warren special town meeting will be held Nov. 21

## Staff Report

WARREN – A special town meeting will be held in the auditorium of Quaboag Regional Middle High School, 284 Old West Brookfield Road, on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. to take action on 29 articles.

### Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$425,000 to Stabilization or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Town Administrator)

### Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$275,000 to Capital Stabilization or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Town Administrator)

### Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,500 to Selectmen Matching Grant line for the purpose of covering matching funds for two recently awarded State grants or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Town Administrator)

### Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,200 to Vocational Education Transportation line for an increase in transportation costs for an out of district student or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Town Administrator)

### Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,000 to pay for staff training/employee professional development or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Town Administrator)

### Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Wage Classification and Compensation Study article, originally voted at the Annual Town Meeting on June 13, 2024, article 21, the sum of \$20,000 to pay for updating and modernizing the Town's website or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Town Administrator)

### Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000 to the Workman's Comp Insurance line to cover any potential costs associated with the Town's annual workman's comp audit or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Town Administrator)

### Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV Section 2 B., Capital Planning Committee, of the Town of Warren General bylaws by making the following changes to the second line with the amendment as follows: "...All Town officers, boards and committees, including

Selectmen and School Committee, shall by [remove September 1st and replace with December 1st] of each year, give to the Committee, on forms prepared by it, information concerning all anticipated projects requiring Town Meeting action during the ensuing five years...or to take any action relative thereto." (Town Administrator)

### Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 53, Section 18B, which pertains to how public information for local ballot questions, including proposition 2 1/2 tax overrides and debt exclusions may be provided, or to take any action relative thereto. (Town Administrator)

### Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 to pay for the costs associated with a new roof at the Senior Center or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Town Administrator)

### Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,000 to Shepard Purchased Service line to cover the additional monthly costs associated with the new phone system and increased internet speed at the Shepard Building or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Board of Selectmen)

### Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 to Liability Insurance line to cover the cost of a deductible claim for the police department or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Board of Selectmen)

### Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to place a question on the Town's Annual Town Election Ballot in May to see if the Town will vote to change the Board of Assessors from being elected to appointed by the Board of Selectmen or to take any action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

### Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$19,000 to pay for a new Town hall chime system, upgrades to the electrical wiring, and the disposal of the old system or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee does not recommend. (Board of Selectmen)

### Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into or ratify an agreement for Payments-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes ("PILOT"), pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 45th, as amended by Section 61 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021, on such terms and conditions and for a term of years as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interest of the Town for taxes attribut-

able to a solar facility owned and operated by Cronin Road Solar 1, LLC or its affiliates, successors or assigns, on land located at 355 Cronin Road, Warren, Assessor's Map 10, Block 0, Lot 74; and further, to authorize the Board of Assessors to take any such action as may be necessary or convenient to carry out the vote taken hereunder, and/or take any action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

### Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,000 from Medical Insurance line to Retiree Medical Insurance line or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Treasurer)

### Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,250 from Assessors Salary line to Assessors Mapping line for additional fiscal year 2025 expenses in mapping services or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends (Board of Assessors)

### Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,959 from Assistant Assessor Salary line to Assessor Purchase Service line to cover the additional costs for postage \$841, office supplies \$750, access to the Multiple Listing Service \$348, employment advertising \$300 and pre-employment physicals \$720 or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends (Board of Assessors)

### Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,500 from Assistant Assessor Salary line to cover the costs associated with the following services: Revaluation Purchased Services line \$3,500 and \$2,000 to Assessors Appraisal Service line or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Board of Assessors)

### Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$8,374 from Assistant Assessor Salary line to Assessors Purchase Service line for the following additional trainings; Vadar \$799, CAI Technologies Mapping Software \$1,500, and Catalis AP05 \$6,075 or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Board of Assessors)

### Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$15,000 from the following Assessor lines; Assistant Assessor Salary line \$7,712, Assessor Clerk Salary line \$3,538 and Assessors Salaries line \$3,750 to Assessors Purchased Services line for the following unanticipated fiscal year 2025 expenses for Assessing Consulting Services and Support Services or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Board of Assessors)

### Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Maintenance & OP Supplies line the sum of \$232.73 to pay the following Sewer Department prior

fiscal year bills from Sherwin-Williams, \$174.81 and \$57.92 or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. Requires a 9/10 vote to pass. (Board of Sewer Commissioners)

### Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$28,000 to pay for engineering services for an investigation for areas previously identified as surcharging per the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Administrative Consent Order. The scope of this proposal includes the closed-circuit television inspections of approximately 6,125 linear feet of 12-inch diameter sewer pipe or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Board of Sewer Commissioners)

### Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000 to the Ambulance Overtime line to cover many shifts due to staffing shortages or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Fire Department)

### Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 to the Advanced Life Support line to cover the anticipated additional ALS calls or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Fire Department)

### Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,340.75 from Council on Aging Custodian/Van Driver Salary line to pay for an unexpected repair to the generator at the Senior Center or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Senior Center Director)

### Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Senior Center Basement Bulkhead and Rear Exterior Door replacement article, originally voted at the Annual Town Meeting on June 13, 2024, article 26, the sum of \$11,000 to the Council on Aging expense line to assist with paying for the Senior Center Kitchen upgrade project or to take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Senior Center Director)

### Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Highway Equipment fund to the Highway Surplus and Auction Items line or take any action relative thereto. Finance Committee recommends. (Highway Surveyor)

### Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 41, Section 110A: any public office in Town may remain closed on any or all Saturdays may be determined from time to time or take any action relative thereto. (Town Clerk)



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am faced with having to cease employment that generates needed income.

Signed: Working Still at 79

### Dear Still Working:

I'm afraid that Social Security Disability Insurance benefits are no longer available once you reach your SS "full retirement age" or "FRA," which for you was age 66.

Indeed, anyone collecting SSDI at full retirement age is automatically converted to their regular SS retirement benefits at the same amount they were previously receiving on SSDI. That's because SSDI benefits are intended to sustain workers up to their SS full retirement age, but SSDI goes away once FRA is attained.

Thus, the provision to apply for SS disability allows only those who have not yet reached their full retirement age to seek disability benefits. Once FRA is reached, SSDI benefits are no longer available. Simply for your awareness, there would be no financial advantage for you to receive SS disability benefits anyway, because the most you can get on SSDI is your full retirement age amount.

Thus, since you retired and claimed SS at your full retirement age, no additional disability amount would be available anyway.

FYI, I admire, at your "tender age," that you are still actively working, but I'm afraid you cannot claim more now on Social Security disability because you've already reached your FRA. However,

written, your SS retirement benefit has been affected by the so-called Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which affects those with a separate pension earned without contributing to Social Security.

If you've been separately working and contributing to Social Security since you left government service and you now have more than 20 years contributing to SS from other non-government "substantial earnings," it's possible that you can request a reevaluation of your WEP penalty.

WEP provides relief for those, who have more than 20 years contributing to Social Security. So, if you have more than that over your lifetime, you could ask that your WEP reduction be reevaluated to consider your additional years contributing to Social Security. If that is the case, your monthly amount would be increased to

consider those additional years contributing to SS since you first claimed.

I suggest, if you now have more than 20 years of contributions to Social Security from your non-government work over your lifetime, that you call Social Security to request reevaluation of your WEP retirement amount. FYI, you can see exactly how many years of SS-covered work you have by requesting an "Earnings Statement" from Social Security.

You can get this Statement by calling 1-800-772-1213 or you can also get it at your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Social Security will also be able to tell you this directly when you call. In any case, I wish you good fortune, and hope that reevaluating the WEP reduction to your SS benefit may offer some small

financial relief as you go forward.

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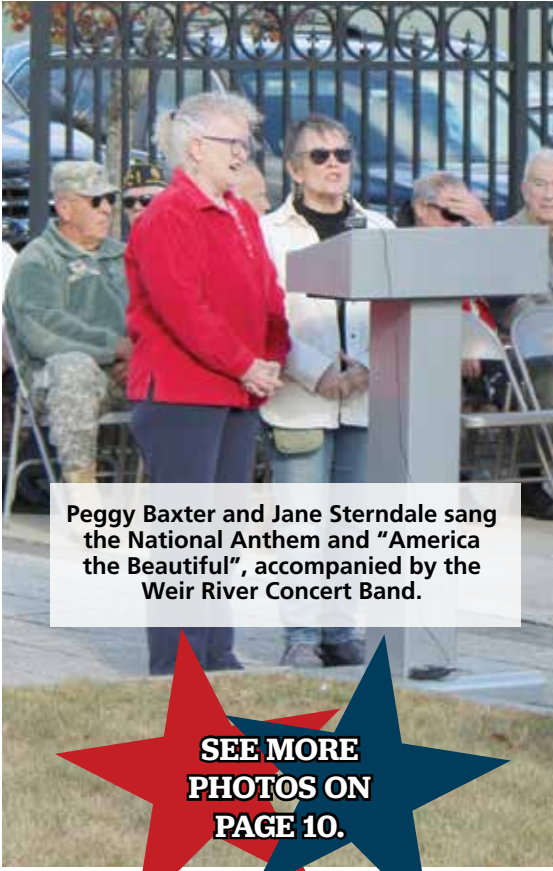


Musicians performed a medley of military songs and veterans stood as their respective branch's song was played.



The Ware River Concert Band performed a number of patriotic songs throughout the ceremony.

# Veterans Day



Peggy Baxter and Jane Sterndale sang the National Anthem and "America the Beautiful", accompanied by the Ware River Concert Band.

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## VETERANS from page 1

Vietnam was coming home." Sacco said for himself and others, the reception from the country he bravely served and sacrificed for was anything but welcoming. "I'd like to ask you to honor our service by greeting us and just saying 'welcome home,'" he said. Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies and Daisies all joined together to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Henry Deslauriers provided opening and closing prayers, focusing on the price that each veteran has paid to ensure our nation's freedom. "We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them," Deslauriers said. "Let us remember all of the veterans who sacrificed so much." State Sen. Peter Durant said Veterans Day is a day to remember that freedom isn't free. "It's paid for by our veterans," he said. "The work that our veterans have done, we owe our whole country to, and for that, we thank you." Town Manager Stuart Beckley read a proclamation from Governor Maura Healey, and Brusio recognized all Gold Star families present. Brusio also recognized all of those who participated in the parade and ceremony, including the leaders of the various military organizations. Following the ceremony, all participants were invited back to the American Legion to enjoy a meal served by the American Legion Auxiliary.



Ware High School's football team and cheerleaders took part in the day's events.



State and local officials included state Sen. Peter Durant, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Selectboard Clerk John Desmond.



The American Legion Auxiliary marched in the parade.



Shown from left are Police Chief Shawn Crevier, Lieutenant Diana Gliniecki and Town Manager Stuart Beckley.

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Ware Council 183 Knights of Columbus joined the parade and ceremony.



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# Veterans Day



Young parade participants waved from the back of Engine 2.

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Members of the Fire Department marched toward Main Street.



Girls Scouts and Cub Scouts joined the Veterans Day parade.



Judy Fair and Jeannie Odiorne of the Ware Lions Club marched with their mascot.

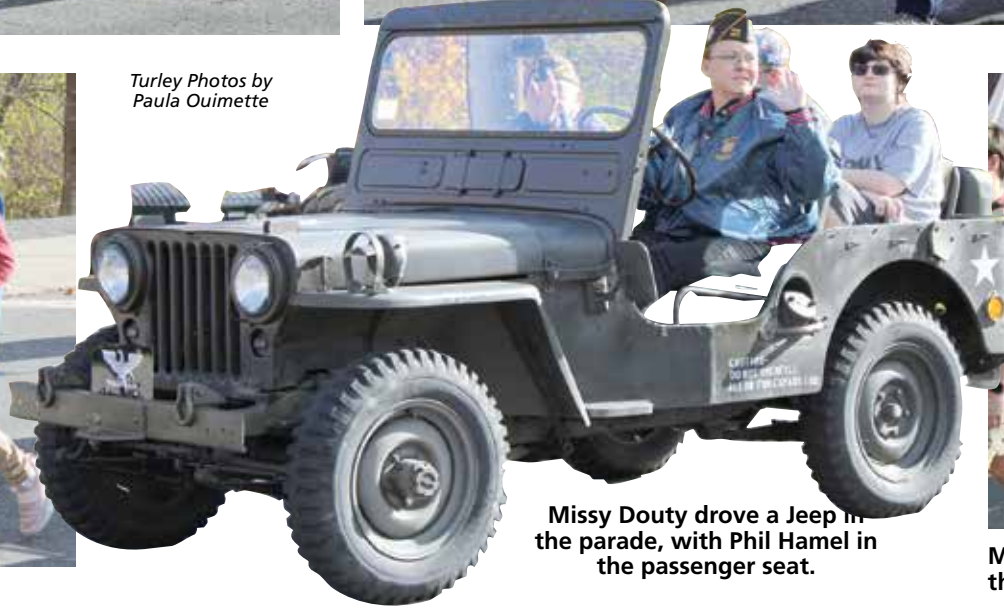


Members from local Scouts BSA troops marched in the parade.



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These Daisies held the Girl Scout banner.



Missy Douty drove a Jeep in the parade, with Phil Hamel in the passenger seat.



Members of the town's various veterans organizations marched in the parade.

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## Indians win in non-playoff action



Brady Dyer scrambles around, looking for an opening to run.

Gavin Sawabi dives for a tackle.

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Dalton Marquis tries to get away from the opposing defense.



Nathan Harmon gets the tackle for the Indians.

SPRINGFIELD – Despite an excellent 6-2 record in the regular season, Ware did not rank in the top 16 in Division 8 to qualify for the state tournament. The Indians instead were in nonplayoff action matched up with a new team from Springfield International Charter School on the turf of American International College, where the Indians prevailed in the match-up. The Indians will host Amherst Regional in Week 10 and then take on Quaboag on Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving.

RIGHT: Nathan Luxon goes for a takedown of an opposing ball carrier.



## Quaboag Cougars fall to top-seeded Randolph



Jacob Cacace scrambles around during action this season.

The Cougars huddle before the play.

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RANDOLPH – The Quaboag Regional High School football team was in action last Friday evening in the Round of 16 in the Division 8 State Tournament.

They faced top-seeded Randolph and were overwhelmed 67-6. The Cougars dropped to 4-5 on the season and were placed in nonplayoff action for Week 10

against Littleton High School on Friday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. They will then face Ware on the road on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28 at 10 a.m..



Trenton Benson gets ready to snap the ball.



Brason Sauriol makes a catch.



Reilly Comptois makes a move up the field.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Justin Davis gets ready to make a goal kick.

## Greylock edge's Pathfinder WMass final

SPRINGFIELD – In the Western Mass. Class D finals on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Central High School, Pathfinder's Adonis Dupre and Evan Costa scored goals to help the Pioneers come back in the game. But an overtime goal by Mt. Greylock would give the Mounties the Western Mass. title. Pathfinder would move on to the state tournament, facing Mystic Valley Regional Charter on the road to open the tournament.



Zander Auffrey turns to corral a loose ball.

SEE MORE PATHFINDER SOCCER PHOTOS ON PAGE 12.



Goalie Aiden Santiago punts the ball away.



Ethan DeBettencourt fights to keep the ball.

## Field hockey defeats Nantucket, moves to quarterfinals

BARRE – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quabbin field hockey defeated Nantucket High School 2-1. The Panthers moved into the quarterfinals of the Division 4 State Tournament where they were scheduled to face off against the three-time defending state champion Uxbridge. Highlights from that game will be in next week's edition.



Kailynn Schuster makes a block.



Makenzie Casey looks to control the ball in the middle of the field.



Violet Kelley tries to play a bouncing ball.



Abby Rogowski sends the ball into the circle.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli Farrah Wojcik makes an insert pass on a penalty corner.

# sports



Tyler Rondeau looks for a path through the crowd.

Jarrett Skowyra hustles after making a catch.

## Pioneers fall in nonplayoff action

PALMER – Last Friday night, Pathfinder football was in non-playoff action for Week 9, facing off against Frontier Regional of South Deerfield. While the Pioneers were able to put some points on the board, Frontier's attack was too much for them in a 38-12 loss at home. The Pioneers will continue nonplayoff action at South Hadley High School for Week 10 on Friday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. Then, the Pioneers will face Belchertown on Thanksgiving morning.



Francis Meade tries to avoid a tackle as he gets near a blocker.



Anthony Arventos emerges from the pack on a run.



Emerson Boronski, Kyle Moore, and Donald Charron work together to make a tackle.

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## Owls field hockey wins conference title

WESTFIELD – Westfield State junior forward Kaleigh Murphy (Pembroke, Mass.) scored the game winning goal with 4:20 left in regulation to lift the Owls to the 2024 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference title with a 2-1 win over Bridgewater State on Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

With the win, the Owls improve to 13-8 and set a school record for wins, and earn the MASCAC's automatic bid to the 2024 NCAA Division III Tournament. Tied 1-1 throughout the second half, Murphy had several golden-opportunity chances in front of the net before eventually tallying the game winner. Murphy found the back of the net, stepping in to ball from Sadie Stauffer (Suffield, Conn.) about three yards in front of the goal as the ball was batted around the critical scoring area. "We've been a team that's been resilient and been able to change the narrative of a game throughout the season," said Westfield State second-year head coach Carden Brown. "Going into the third and fourth quarter we were really focused on staying tough and knowing we'd get another goal if we just kept shooting." Second-seeded Westfield survived one final flurry from the fifth-seeded Bears, as Bridgewater

mustered a pair of penalty corners in the final four minutes, and Owls goalkeeper Emma Gnaidek (Worcester, Mass.) came up with the save on Kallie Rose's (Dartmouth, Mass.) shot with 1:52 left that represented the Bears best chance to equalize.

Westfield finished the game with a 25-7 advantage in total shots and a 13-3 margin in shots on goal, but the game was tightly played throughout as the Bears made the most of their opportunities and penalty corners were even at 8 each.

Westfield State jumped out to a 1-0 lead 2:20 into the contest, with Erin Lane (Canton, Mass.) pushing a shot through traffic about 10 yards out, from the left side to the back post. The goal came off of a penalty corner, as Lane's initial foray was parried by a Bridgewater defender. Murphy gathered the loose ball and fed it back out to Lane, and her shot worked its way through several players and past BSU goalkeeper Brianna Gagnon (Tewksbury, Mass.) for the 1-0 lead.

"It was really even, I thought Bridgewater played really well," said Brown. "We knew they were going to be a tough opponent. We wanted to have a fast start and sustain it throughout the game." Bridgewater tied the game late

in the first half, capitalizing on a penalty corner, with give and go passing at the top of the circle before Abbie Zuber's (Westport, Mass./Dartmouth) shot from the top of the circle was tipped in at the right post by Lexi James (Ipswich, Mass.).

Westfield State midfielder Abby Clark (Uxbridge, Mass.) was named the Tournament MVP.

"She's been a key player for us, she gets things done, and above all else elevates the energy level of the team, said Brown of Clark's performance. "When she's out there she's our biggest hustler, she works really hard. It was a very fitting award for her."

Gagnon finished with 11 saves for the Bears, while Gnaidek made two saves for the Owls.

Bridgewater finishes its season at 10-9.

Westfield will make its first NCAA Tournament appearance since the Owls hosted the inaugural NCAA Division III Tournament final four in 1981. The Owls will learn their destination and opponent on Sunday night at 9:30 p.m. on a livestream shot on NCAA.com.

"We want to be a team that's not only just strong in the MASCAC but strong in the region," said Brown. "And I think in order to do that you have to compete in the NCAA tournament and keep improving each and every season. I'm really excited and excited to see how we'll do."

## Candlepin League News

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### Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The Commercial Elks League reached the final week in round one of their league this season.

The winner of the round will receive a playoff berth in their championship roll off. The final league night of round one was bowled on Nov. 5. One of the matchups was between Compression and Team BK.

In game one, Compression defeated BK by a score of 342-336. Jay Dominick of Compression carried his team to victory with a 101 in game one. In game two, Team BK was the winner by scoring 352 to Compression's 329.

In game three, Compression was the winner by a score of 365-356. However, Team BK was the winner of total pinfall 1044-1036. Each team received two points to wrap up the first round of league.

Another match consisted of Daft Kings bowling against The Mailmen. In game one, The Mailmen were victorious over Daft Kings, 389-361. Bryan Surprise of Mailmen started off the night with a 133.

In game two, Mailmen delivered another strong game and won 419-391. Surprise stayed consistent and bowled well over is 108 average with a 119. Dave Cobleigh of Daft Kings had a good second game with a 125.

In game three, Mailmen won for a three-game sweep over Daft Kings, 403-383. Surprise fin-

ished with a 118 and a series of 370, his best series this season. Cobleigh finished with a 108 and a series of 333.

Total pinfall was won in favor of Mailmen, 1211-1135.

Gutter Mouths bowled against Last in Line and were the top seeds going into the final week of round one. In game one, Gutter Mouths got the win, 376-326. In game two, Gutter Mouths won again by a score of 380-375, Stephen Manolakis of Gutter Mouths bowled a 113 and Vinny Navarro of Last in Line bowled a 107.

In game three, Last in Line won 356-349. Total pinfall was won by Gutter Mouths, 1105-1057. The Gutter Mouths have successfully won the first round of the season and will compete in the championship roll off at the end of the season.

### Bogey Doubles

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Monday Bogey Doubles league reached the month of November.

Hanging on to a slim lead in first place is the team of Tom Clauson and Gary Santora with 46 wins. The Team of Pellett & Nester are in second place with 42 wins. Mondor & Brayton are in third place with 40 wins.

Pellett & Nester bowled against the team of Dave Rando and Duncan MacDougall. In game one, Pellett & Nester won the first game 255-244. In game two, Pellett & Nester won again 266-255. Nester bowled a 134 in game two.

In game three, Pellett & Nester won again for a three-game sweep, 267-266. Nester finished with a 121 and a series of 350. Total pinfall was in favor of Pellett & Nester, 788-765.

## Worcester Railers score big overtime win

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers HC (5-3-0-0 10pts) beat the Norfolk Admirals (6-2-3-0, 15pts), on Sunday by a final score of 4-3 in front of a crowd of 2,539 at the DCU Center.

It was Norfolk who scored first tonight when Carson Musser (1-2-3) scored just under three minutes into the game. The Railers then scored back-to-back goals, coming from Ryan Verrier (1-0-1) and Griffin Loughran (1-0-1). Norfolk finished the first period scoring when Connor Fedorek (1-0-1) tied the game at 2-2. Norfolk retook the lead in the second with a goal from Josh McDougall (1-1-2). The Railers tied it back up less than a minute later when Anthony Repaci (2-0-2) cashed in. The third period was scoreless ending regulation tied up at 3-3. It was Repaci who scored the game winner 38 seconds into overtime sealing the 4-3 win for Worcester.

Norfolk jumped out to an early 1-0 lead tonight. Carson Musser (3rd) squared up and ripped one by the glove of Worcester's John Muse just 2:43 into the first. Later in the first Ryan Verrier (1st) found the back of the net to tie the game 1-1 7:30 into the first. Griffin Loughran (2nd) later made it 2-1 Worcester when he scored

just after their power play expired. Norfolk tied it up at 2-2 just under three minutes left in the first with a goal from Connor Fedorek (2nd). Worcester outshot Norfolk 15-12.

Norfolk took back the lead to start the scoring in the second period. They made the score 3-2 in the second when Josh McDougall (2nd) scored on the powerplay 8:09 into the period. Not even a minute later Anthony Repaci (6th) got free on a breakaway and cashed in to tie the game back up at 3-3. Shots favored Worcester 11-8.

The Admirals had a chance to regain the lead midway through the third when they had a 5-on-3 powerplay, but the Railers penalty kill held strong. The Railers killed 35 seconds of 5-on-3, and then successfully killed the remaining 1:25 of Norfolk power play time. Neither team would find the back of the net before the end of regulation. Worcester outshot Norfolk 10-7.

It took less than a minute for Anthony Repaci (7th) to seal this one in overtime. As he skated in on the net and buried the overtime winner just 38 seconds into overtime. Shots were even 1-1 in overtime and favored Worcester 37-28 overall.

## T-Birds pick up point in OT defeat

HERSHEY, PA - The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-8-1-0) incredibly erased a two-goal deficit in the final minute of the third, but the Hershey Bears (9-3-1-0) survived to pick up a 3-2 overtime win at the Giant Center on Sunday.

Like the opening 20 minutes on Saturday, the home-standing Bears were ferocious in getting shots at the Springfield net, this time on Colten Ellis. However, like the night before, the T-Birds got a sensational first period from their goaltender, as Ellis had a response to all 20 shots the Hershey attack unleashed, including chances that came from two power plays. The 20 stops were the most in a single period this season by a Springfield netminder.

At the other end, Clay Stevenson was starting his first start in nearly a month after missing six games with an upper-body injury, and the Hershey goaltender had a distinctly quieter workload, turning aside seven Springfield offerings and helping the Bears' penalty kill fend off one T-Birds power play.

Shots on goal did not come as easily for Hershey in the middle period. Still, the fourth line did get the Bears on the board first at the 10:14 mark when Matt Strome retrieved a loose puck below the goal line and fired a pass into the blue paint to a crashing Riley Sutter, who chipped it over Ellis on the glove side to make it 1-0.

The Bears' defense proved to be an impenetrable force in the second, as Springfield managed just four shots on goal in the entire period, and the Hershey penalty kill dispatched two more Thunderbirds man-advantage opportunities.

Stevenson and the Hershey defense corps showed no signs of relenting anything to the T-Birds, and when Spencer Smallman tucked a puck into an empty net with 2:06 remaining, the Bears' 2-0 lead seemed secure.

However, the never-say-die T-Birds refused to go down. Samuel Johannesson scored his first AHL goal with 40.5 seconds remaining, squeezing a wrist shot between Stevenson's legs to end the shutout bid.

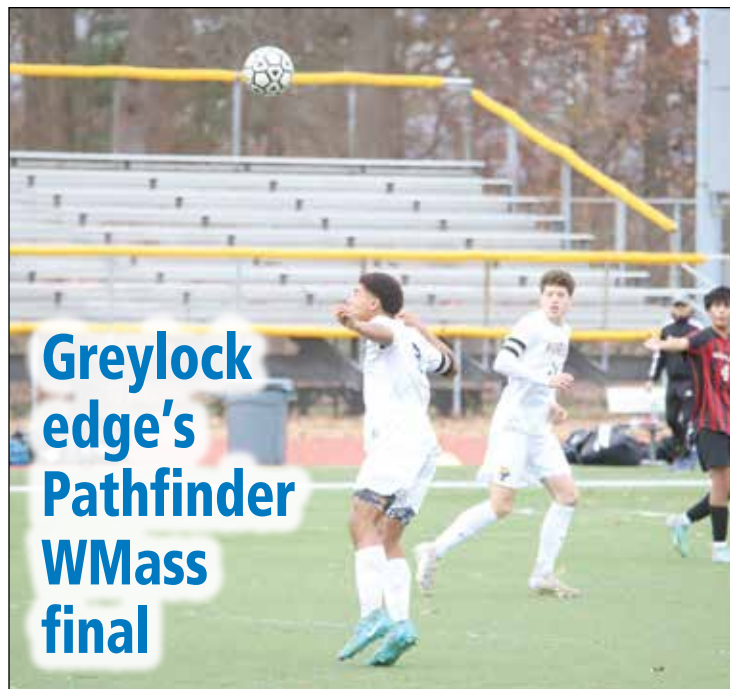
Just 27 seconds later, with Ellis at the bench for an extra skater, Nikita Alexandrov beared in on the right wing side and backhanded the puck into the paint. With Matthew Peca crashing the net, the shot attempt slipped under Stevenson's legs, and the game was tied 2-2 heading into overtime.

With momentum on their side, the T-Birds could not quite complete the miraculous comeback attempt. Ellis denied his 40th shot of the night to stop Pierrick Dube in the opening minute of overtime. Unfortunately for the T-Birds netminder, the loose rebound went right on the stick of Mike Vecchione, who pushed it across the line to give Hershey the 3-2 victory.

The T-Birds return to home ice for five of the next six games, beginning on Friday, Nov. 15 when they host the Lehigh Valley Phantoms.



Evan Costa looks to play the loose ball.



Jaleel Nevue-Roman gets ready to head the ball.

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Greylock edge's Pathfinder WMass final

# School Committee members review article for STM

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WARE – The School Committee reviewed and discuss its special town meeting article, Article 15, that will go to a town vote on Monday, Nov. 18.

Members of the School Committee reviewed the description of the article with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Lovato. The purpose of the article is to request the town to approve the sum of \$176,500 from the capital stabilization fund for supplies for the school department.

Lovato mentioned this article, if approved, would help benefit all the school buildings with improvements including security and safety improvements. Some of the systems in the school that are out of date include the 911 system.

There is also a need for new cameras for some of the schools as well as an additional phone access system for the school teachers.

Lovato said as their meeting commences the Selectboard is reviewing the articles during their meeting as the special town meeting approaches.

“We request the town to support what we’re looking for,” Lovato said.

The School Committee approved of the article.

six years old and coverage for replacing the firewall is possible.

According to Brown, E-rate will pay 80% of the primary firewall.

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the school will look into getting an E-rate project. For the 2027-2028 fiscal year, the school will look into a switch replacement. The edge switches are 10 years old and need updating as well.

The schools are currently budgeting and pricing out each project. The Chrome books are added to the local budget and the canvas license renews next year in FY 26. Brown also shared a school wish list. On their list was a mounted projection system for the auditoriums. There are also new systems for student information and financial systems.

### Buildings and Grounds report

The School Committee heard from Director Buildings and Grounds William Alderman to talk about walk-throughs of the buildings. Alderman mentioned all the mechanics and electric in the buildings will be checked.

As part of the fall clean up, the athletic fields will be closing up.

Lovato said the main focus for this year’s clean up is to have the roofs of the elementary school and middle school checked.

### Donations

The School accepted the donation of a preowned refrigerator for the 21st Century after school program, as well as a stove for the Special Education Department.

Lovato said the students at the high school who are in the program need a fridge to help maintain snacks. He said the stove was donated for the life skills department “to do their own cooking and learn to use their own kitchen equipment.”

Director of Student Services Dr. Ginger Coleman commented during the new business discussion and says the students love the new equipment.

# DA’s office hosts 10th Safe and Healthy School Summit

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GREENFIELD – Educators from more than two dozen schools or districts will be participated in the 10th Safe and Healthy School Summit on Oct. 30, hosted this year by the Office of the Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan and the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Franklin County/North Quabbin and Hampshire County.

According to Jeffrey, Trant, the Executive Director for the Children’s Advocacy Center of Franklin County/North Quabbin, the summit has always been an event to bring school leadership and law enforcement together to “build connections” throughout the community and hear the needs of those professions and provide feedback.

Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Suhl welcomed all guests to the school summit and said the focus on this year’s presentation is belonging, empowerment, connection and learning.

“We want to promote a sense of belonging in all students,” Suhl said.

The Children’s Advocacy Center is a welcoming and warm place where children who have experienced abuse, assault, and exploitation can receive all the services they need under one roof. Their mission is to prevent and end child abuse by providing safety, healing, and justice.

The CAC offers many trainings and resources and can be found on [www.cachampshire.org](http://www.cachampshire.org).

For this School Summit, many school leaders and law enforcement from Franklin and Hampshire County arrived to come together and hear a presentation that could help them inspire the students in their respective schools and communities.

The CAC was excited to welcome their keynote speaker for this year’s School Summit, Gaelin Elmore, a former NFL player who spent 10 years in foster care, was homeless and survived abuse. He now educates about the topics of adversity and resilience, trauma responsive strategies and how schools can cultivate feelings of belonging to enhance the potential of all youth.

Elmore is a speaker, trainer and thought leader who works with organizations to become what he refers to as “belonging-informed” to help children and youth overcome trauma and unleash their full potential.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
The School Climate and Culture Panel featured Beth Fraster, Stephen Sullivan, Donald Casella, Brian Cameron, Sheryl Stanton, and Rhonda Soto

To Elmore, “Life is a game of chess, not checkers.”

The actual game of chess played a profound role in Elmore’s life. The game of chess was a game Elmore played with his dad a lot and he used the tactics of chess as examples to describe his life growing up in the foster care system.

For many people, especially children and youth, they process a decision before making yet, much like making a move in chess. For Elmore, it was real learning experience growing in foster care and trying to adapt and navigate the game in life.

According to Elmore, there are a lot of kids who “fall victim to circumstance” and did not have the successful support they need to find their potential. Elmore wanted to address the sense of belonging as much as possible for many school leaders and educators in attendance who may have students who may experience what Elmore experienced in his childhood.

Belonging helps kids transfer from surviving to thriving.

One of the first stories Elmore shared was when his mom showed him a sense of belonging based off a response she gave when he had a negative experience at day-care.

“Belonging helps us as we go through stressful things,” Elmore said. “We need people to catch us when we’re on a down-fall.”

Elmore would transition into talking about champions of care. For Elmore expressing care is when people need to be people to help other people.



Gaelin Elmore was the keynote speaker during the 10th Safe and Healthy School summit at Greenfield Community College.

The first piece to care is compassion. Another story from Elmore was missing the school bus and using his bus route to walk to school. When he arrived, many teachers there were incredibly concerned about his wellbeing.

One of his teachers addressed concern and spoke up about his absence and showed

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# Christmas for Kids begins, donations requested

WARE – The Ware Police Department and the Ware Fire Department have started their 21st annual Ware Christmas For Kids program for the 2024 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.

# Grenville Park food bank distribution is Nov. 19

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# 8th annual Small Works Show opens Nov. 15

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WEST BROOKFIELD – This Friday evening, get a head start on your holiday gift giving while putting the “small” in shopping small and local.

West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery will be hosting its 8th annual “Small Works Show” featuring a number of local artists, including Jennifer Geldard, Karen Bullock, Vanessa Varjian, Abigail Rorer, Cruger Johnson Phillips, Cheryl O’Donnell, Susan Pecora, Carole Bentley, Joanne Quinn, Lisa Cohen and gallery owner Rebecca Fay.

An artists’ reception will be held Friday, Nov. 15 from 5-7 p.m. at the gallery at 10 East Main St., and includes wine and cheese, as well as pleasant conversation with art-loving community members.

For your caffeine fix, make sure to stop by the gallery’s neighbor, The Joy of Beans, owned and operated by Joy Hinton.

“We’ve got two amazing women-owned small businesses right next to each other,” Fay said.

The Small Works Show is the final monthly exhibit of the year at the gallery, and it aims to share the enjoyment of art with everyone, event those with a limited budget.

“The reason we do a Small Works Show, is that small works generally mean less expensive works for gift giving,” Fay said. “Small pieces also make easier art gifts.”

Each of the gallery’s artists bring their own special talents to the “Small Works Show,” making these small pieces of art a one-of-a-kind gift to give to your loved one.

West Brookfield artist Geldard is known for her love of birds, which she displays through her whimsical watercolor paintings. Geldard has also been making jewelry for over



“Ready for the Races” is a silver point drawing by Abigail Rorer.

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30, specializing in lampwork glass beads.

Geldard was recently one of three jewelry makers featured in a sold-out show at the gallery last month.

Bullock, who is also from West Brookfield, started with leatherwork at a saddlery before turning her talents to bookbinding. Bullock and her husband Ron restore books through their business Old Working Books & Bindery.

Her handbound journals and cards are popular items for sale at the gallery.

Brookfield artist Varjian enjoys the beauty of the natural world and often makes small, filtered areas of sunlight the focal point of her paintings.

Wood engraver and Petersham resident, Rorer, has a degree in printmaking and has done everything from teaching art to creating pen and

ink illustrations for major publishers. She is the founder and sole proprietor of The Lone Oak Press.

Phillips, who is also from Brookfield, has created thousands of bold, colorful paintings in her journey as an artist after retiring as a hospice chaplain.

O’Donnell is known for her stunning landscape scenes, in addition to being a decorative painter and illustrator.

Pecora paints everything from quintessential New England scenes and landmarks to her beloved animal friends, using watercolor, egg tempera and oil paint.

Bentley’s paintings range from landscapes and seascapes to flowers, birds and abstracts. Her attention to light and shadow makes her subjects come alive on the canvas.

Princeton artist Quinn uses her surroundings as inspiration for her

paintings, from the local natural preserves of Massachusetts to the sandy beaches of Cape Cod.

Cohen will have small pieces of her hand thrown pottery featured in the show.

Fay will be offering giclee prints of her Christmas lights paintings, inspired by local holiday lighting displays; some that are carefully planned put and placed around a home, and others that are more free-spirited and somewhat lackadaisical.

In addition to the pieces featured in the small works shows, the gallery’s jewelry displays have been fully restocked, and West Brookfield wood turner Frank White will have a number of his unique and detailed bowls, vases and more available for purchase.

Following the reception, the Small Works Show will remain displayed at the gallery until the end of December. The gallery will also be open for the town’s White Christmas celebration, held on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Fay invited everyone to stop by anytime during the artists’ reception to get a chance to meet with the creators behind these small, but powerful works of art.

“It’s always a great turnout,” she said of the Small Works Show.

### About West Brookfield Art & Frame

Gallery hours at West Brookfield Art & Frame are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information about West Brookfield Art & Frame, or upcoming shows, follow them on Facebook, visit [www.westbrookfieldartandframe.com](http://www.westbrookfieldartandframe.com), email [yafacceber@hotmail.com](mailto:yafacceber@hotmail.com), call 508-753-8604 or stop by during open hours.



West Brookfield Art & Frame Gallery owner and artist Rebecca Fay will be selling giclee prints of her Christmas lights paintings, including “Christmas Lights 3” during the 8th annual Small Works Show, opening on Friday, Nov. 15 from 5-7 p.m.



“Dusk in Brookfield” is a watercolor by Vanessa Varjian.

## Friends of Ware Town Hall host holiday wreath fundraiser

WARE – Friends of Ware Town Hall announce they are hosting one of their Bemis Farms fundraising events on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road.

This year’s workshop project will be a beautiful holiday wreath suitable for outdoor decoration and will last well beyond the holiday season. The workshop will last about an hour.

The fee for the workshop is \$45 and includes all supplies and instruction on

how to make a beautiful mixed greens holiday wreath with embellishments. Payment must be made in advance and the reservation deadline for the workshop is Nov. 25.

To make your reservation simply mail a check made payable to Friends of Ware Town Hall for \$45 for each person attending along with your name and phone number to: Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082.

## Knights kick off annual Coats for Kids drive

WARE – The Knight of Columbus has also kicked off the annual Coats for Kids drive!

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

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

For more information about donating, please call 413-537-3422 or 413-277-5000.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Bruce Marshall of 97.7 FM will be hosting a live broadcast for Coats for Kids from Nat Falk, and anyone that donates during that time will receive 10% off their purchase at the store. The radio show is sponsored by Monson Savings Bank.



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

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

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## Ware Police Log

During the week of Nov. 3-12, the Ware Police Department responded to 13 miscellaneous calls, 24 administrative calls, five traffic violations, 21 emergency 911 calls, seven harassments, 11 motor vehicle accidents, four thefts/larcenies, two fires, one trespass, three damage/vandalisms, five animal calls and 23 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Sunday, Nov. 3**  
12:52 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled  
12:56 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised  
4:48 p.m. Smoke Investigation, Moriarty Road, Extinguished  
5:20 p.m. Outside Fire, Bank Street, Extinguished  
5:50 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Unfounded  
7:52 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered

**Monday, Nov. 4**  
12:02 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Dispatch Handled  
6:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
8:14 a.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, North Street, Services Rendered  
11:21 a.m. Safety Hazard, South Street, Complaint Taken Care Of  
12:26 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised  
7:11 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Gould Road, Services Rendered  
10:59 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered  
Arrest: Frances Stewart, 77, Ware

Assault with Dangerous Weapon  
**Tuesday, Nov. 5**  
6:59 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Investigated  
11:06 a.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Pulaski Street, Investigated  
3:31 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Webb Court, Dispatch Handled  
5:12 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Patient Refusal

**Wednesday, Nov. 6**  
8:03 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Dispatch Handled  
9:59 a.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Advised  
7:56 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Pulaski Street, Report Made

**Thursday, Nov. 7**  
1:55 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Osborne Road, Services Rendered  
1:14 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, South Street, Report Made  
1:50 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Webb Court, Services Rendered  
3:01 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Gareau Avenue, Advised  
5:26 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Belchertown Road, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Nicholas G. Axton, 31, Belchertown  
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle  
5:48 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made  
6 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Advised  
9 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised

**Friday, Nov. 8**  
10:50 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Church Street, Arrest Made

Arrest: Frances Stewart, 77, Ware  
Harassment Prevention Order, Violate; Threat to Commit Crime (Murder); Disturbing the Peace  
7:39 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Investigated  
2:15 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Report Made  
7:15 p.m. Traffic Violation, Palmer Road, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Robert Edwards, 35, Three Rivers  
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Posses Open Container of

**Sunday, Nov. 10**  
2:25 a.m. Damage/Vandalism, West Main Street, Investigated  
6:25 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Services Rendered

**Monday, Nov. 11**  
10:48 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
1:48 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered  
1:53 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Greenwich Road, Investigated  
4:31 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Dale Street, Services Rendered  
8:21 p.m. Harassment/Stalk, Eagle Street, Services Rendered  
9:05 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Pleasant Street, Services Rendered  
Arrest: Benjamin A. Lamica, 24, Belchertown  
OUI-Liquor or .08%

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**  
7:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued

## Warren Police Log

During the week of Oct. 26-Nov. 2, the Warren Police Department responded to 129 building/property checks, 34 community policings, 19 emergency 911 calls, one harassment, three safety hazards, one fraud/forgery, one theft/larceny, one illegal dumping, one fire/illegal burn, one animal bite, four animal calls and 24 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Saturday, Oct. 26**  
11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup  
Arrest: Zack T. Mazzocca, 34, Palmer  
License Suspended for OUI, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; License not in Possession; Drug, Possess Class A; Drug, Possess to Distribute Class B, Subsequent Offense, c94C §32A(b); Reckless Endangerment of Child; Drug, Possess Class B  
5:51 p.m. Harassment, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party

**Sunday, Oct. 27**  
8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
12:39 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, No Fire Service Necessary  
1:19 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Carl Street, Report Filed  
1:49 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, West Brookfield, Mutual Aid Transport

**Monday, Oct. 28**  
12:26 a.m. Suspicious Person, Removed to Court/Lockup

Arrest: Steven Delisle, 65, South Barre  
Warrant  
9:34 a.m. Assist Other Police Department, Main Street, Dispatch Handled  
10:45 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:52 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Main Street, Report Filed  
3:44 p.m. Safety Concern, East Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:40 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Main Street, Report Filed

**Tuesday, Oct. 29**  
7:39 a.m. Follow-up Investigation, Pulaski Street, Investigated

**Wednesday, Oct. 30**  
4:05 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Milton O. Fountain Way, Transported to Hospital  
4:15 p.m. Animal Bites, Bacon Street, Information Given  
7:06 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Main Street, Report Filed  
7:47 p.m. Welfare Check, Pulaski Street, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, Oct. 31**  
4:07 p.m. Vehicle Fires, South Street, No Fire Services Necessary  
5:16 p.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, West Brookfield, Transported to Hospital  
6:22 p.m. Welfare Check, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, Nov. 1**  
10:41 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:47 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Crouch Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:12 p.m. Sick/Unknown,

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Brimfield Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
2:01 p.m. Safety Concern, Old West Warren Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Road, Removed to Court/Lockup  
Arrest: Daniel Carter, 25, Ludlow  
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle; Stop for Police, Fail; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; Marked Lanes Violation; Passing Violation; Unregistered Motor Vehicle  
6:04 p.m. Safety Concern, East Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, Nov. 2**  
12:18 p.m. Fire/Smoke Investigation, Little Rest Road, Fire Extinguished  
2:45 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, South Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:49 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Main Street, Investigated  
6:09 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Southbridge Road, Mutual Aid Transport

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Nov. 4-11, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 33 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, three radar assignments, two traffic controls, 14 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, one assist other agency, one safety hazard, one illegal dumping, two complaints, three fires, two missing persons, three investigations, two motor vehicle investigations, two animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, Nov. 4**  
9:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Citation Issued

**Tuesday, Nov. 5**  
7:43 a.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
10:56 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ridge Road, Transported to Hospital  
2:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Voice Message Left  
3:24 p.m. Investigation, Lyman Road, Officer Handled  
4:17 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Spoken To  
4:35 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
5:27 p.m. Investigation, Broad

Street, Services Rendered  
6:20 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Service Rendered  
7:06 p.m. 911 Fire/Illegal Burn, Broad Street, Extinguished  
7:09 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered  
7:24 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Broad Street, Dispatch Handled

**Wednesday, Nov. 6**  
7:43 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ridge Road, Dispatch Handled  
9:05 a.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
5:31 p.m. Missing Person, Hardwick Road, Dispatch Handled  
6:21 p.m. Missing Person, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled

**Thursday, Nov. 7**  
8:06 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
1:28 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled  
6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Spoken To  
7:06 p.m. Fire/Other, North Street, Extinguished  
11:40 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street,

Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Nov. 8**  
8:31 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
1:08 p.m. Assist Citizen, Collins Road, Voice Message Left  
6:57 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Services Rendered

**Saturday, Nov. 9**  
1:22 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:45 a.m. Illegal Dumping, Simpson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
12:04 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Officer Handled  
5:06 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:49 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Patrill Hollow Road, Officer Handled

**Sunday, Nov. 10**  
2:23 p.m. 911 Fire/Illegal Burn, Main Street, Investigated  
3:43 p.m. 911 Complaint, Collins Road, Spoken To  
4:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Goddard Road, Transported to Hospital

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park to the Mass Central Rail Trail. The Town has been awarded a LAND grant, so the cost to the Town is \$101,250.

Article 10 seeks funding to address dying and dangerous trees in the town's cemeteries and parks. A total appropriation of \$80,000 will be used to hire a tree company to remove the trees as recommended by the Parks and Cemetery Commissions.

Article 11 is another grant matching request. The article seeks \$85,000 for accessibility and building improvements to the Memorial Field fieldhouse.

The grant will fund improvements to doors, bathrooms and changing room areas. The Town's share of the project is \$25,500.

Articles 12 and 13 were placed and recommended by the Infrastructure Assets Committee. Article 12 seeks an additional

\$2.19 million for the refurbishment of the Anderson Road and Church Street Water Tanks. In June, voters appropriated \$2.1 million for this project.

Based on the Town's engineers, Tighe and Bond, substantially completed project design and updated cost estimate, the additional funds are needed to update both tanks. Funds for the tank project would be borrowed and repaid with receipts from the Water Enterprise

Article 13 seeks design funds for updating the water main along East Main Street and under the canal bridge. \$467,000 would fund a survey and design of the street and create a cost estimate for the water line replacement prior to paving. The funds would be borrowed.

Article 14 is a request for matching funds for a Green Communities Grant to replace the heating and cooling system at the

Ware Senior Center with an electric system, replacing the current oil-based system. The Town is seeking a \$225,000 grant which would require a match of \$98,000.

Article 15 was put forward by the Ware School Department for telecommunications and safety improvements on the school district campus. The largest single part of the funding request is to upgrade the phone systems in each building to support E-911 regulations.

Phone systems would have caller ID for the specific room in the building as well as have the ability for the 911 operator to call back the specific phone in case of disconnect.

Other parts of the school request is to replace/upgrade the alarm systems at both Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School and the Ware Middle School, improve security camera coverage, and replace the intercom system.

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herself professionally until she reached burnout and knew she needed to make a change.

"It's been a very good journey now, but going through it was awful," she said.

Campbell shared how some of the things we do to help us be productive and organized, such as creating "to-do" lists, can actually cause additional stress and hold us back.

"Why does a traditional to-do list fail?" Campbell asked. "It doesn't get organized by priority." Campbell said another factor is discipline, which she said is something that all people are capable of harnessing.

"Discipline is not a personality trait, it's something that we all have," she said. "Each day we have a certain amount."

Campbell said one way to make the to-do list work for you is to prioritize one task in each of these three areas: personal, physical and professional. She said there are going to be days where the focus needs to be on one area over the other, and that is okay.

"Life is not a balance, a perfect even keel all the time...think balancing, not balance," she said. "The important part is what works for you."

Campbell encouraged people to make themselves the most valuable asset in their professional lives in order to achieve work/life balance.

She said one way she does this, is to ask herself the question "Why am I doing what I am doing?" seven to nine times, or until she feels an emotional reaction.

"This is the core piece that is going to get me up and going," she said. "That's what's going to help you clarify what you want to do."

Another tip she suggested was to envision your perfect day; from start to finish.

"By having this perfect day in mind, find what works for your business and your life," she said. "Look at your day, what did I do well in? Is there something I want to change, or did I rock it today?"

Establishing time blocks is another way to keep your day productive while avoiding burnout, working one to two hours at a time and taking a 30 minute break before getting back to work. She said people start looking for distractions from work when their brains are tired.

"It's a great way to stay productive longer throughout the day," Campbell said.

Campbell said it's also important to give yourself rewards to keep momentum going.

"Give yourself little prizes and celebrations," she said. Campbell encouraged attendees to delegate works that could be completed by someone else, or with the help of artificial intelligence or automation. She said to follow the 80/20 rule, spending 80% of your day doing what sets you apart and delegating the other 20%.

Campbell explained the physical impact that burnout can have on the brain and how it causes "functional freeze." Burnout can be both mental and physical.

"Burnout is 'I want to, I need to, but I can't,'" Campbell said.

Campbell said studies have shown that burnout floods the body with cortisol and adrenaline, which creates inflammation in both the body and the brain. She said it starts to kill cells and physically shrinks the brain.

This shrinking can impact memory, decision making and learning.

"You start to feel like you are losing it, because you are," she said.

The good news, Campbell said, is that the brain can heal and that 1,200 new cells are made every day. She said the new cells go where they are used, and that new synapses can be created through movement and play.

"Exercise and play are so important," Campbell said. "By putting play into your day...it allows you to learn better."

Healing the brain after burnout can be achieved through meditation, exercise, craniosacral therapy, sound healing, grounding, time spent in nature and time spent with supportive friends and fam-

ilies.

"The science of laughter is amazing," Campbell said. "It brings you back to wellness... make sure you're having fun."

Campbell said spending 20 minutes outside just listening to the birds sing is another way to help heal the brain, as it brings us back to our primal roots, when birds singing represented safety.

"It triggers the safety signal in our bodies," Campbell said. "Birds don't sing unless it's safe." Campbell demonstrated three exercises that can be accomplished right from your chair, that will help signal safety in our bodies.

The first one was curling your upper body forward over your legs while sitting; the second was running in place (either standing or sitting down) and the third was placing one hand over your stomach and the other over your chest and taking deep breaths.

For more information about Campbell's work and Heroes, Horses & Hounds, visit [www.heroeshh.org](http://www.heroeshh.org).

**About QHMA**  
The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce was established in 1978 to assist businesses in the Quaboag Hills Region, serving the towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield.

Its mission is to advance economic growth and tourism in the region, to be an advocate for policies that achieve the development goals of the communities, and to advance the interests of its members.

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce offers more than just networking opportunities. It helps the business community from the smallest entrepreneurs to the largest corporations; through trainings, seminars, and more.

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce is located at 4 Springfield St., Suite 525, Three Rivers. For more information, visit [qhma.com](http://qhma.com), call 413-283-2418 or email [info@qhma.com](mailto:info@qhma.com).



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# obituary

## NBSB announces return of Toy Drive

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – North Brookfield Savings Bank is excited to announce the start of their Annual Toy Drive, running through Nov. 29, with a focus on ensuring a joyful holiday season for children in the communities they serve.

This year's Toy Drive continues North Brookfield Savings Bank's commitment to bring holiday cheer to those in need. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be collected at all branch locations, where every contribution will support local toy programs that make a difference in the lives of children.

"Our Annual Toy Drive is a testament to the generosity and compassion of our community members and employees. As a local community bank, we are proud to help brighten the holidays for children within our community," said Audrey Moulton, Marketing Manager at North Brookfield Savings Bank in a press release. "Through the kindness of our employees and community members, we can make sure that every child experiences the magic of the holiday season. We are so grateful for the continued support that helps us spread joy to local fam-

lies during the Season of Giving."

In addition to toys, monetary donations will be accepted at NBSB Branch locations. NBSB will match every dollar donated, along with contributing \$1 for each toy collected, up to \$250 per Branch location.

The Bank's Ware Branch will focus on collecting monetary donations to benefit the Ware Police and Fire Department's Christmas for Kids Program.

Donations will be accepted at these North Brookfield Savings Bank branches: North Brookfield Branch, 9 Gilbert St., partnering with the North Brookfield Police Association's Toys for Joys Program; East Brookfield Branch, 100 West Main St., Route 9, partnering with the East Brookfield Toys for Joy Program; West Brookfield Branch, 128 West Main St., Route 9, partnering with the West Brookfield Police Association Holiday Toy Program; Ware Branch, 40 Main St., Route 9, partnering with the Ware Police and Fire Department Christmas for Kids Program (only accepting monetary donations for 2024); Belchertown Branch, 4 Daniel Shays Highway, Routes 9 and 202, partnering

with the Belchertown Firefighters Association Adopt-a-Family Program; and the Three Rivers Branch, 2060 Main St., partnering with the Palmer Lions Club Holiday Toy Program.

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's Community giving efforts and the convenient banking products and services offered, visit [www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com](http://www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com).

### About NBSB

North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, and the Three Rivers Village of Palmer. NBSB offers a wide variety of deposit and loan products for individuals and businesses throughout central and western Massachusetts and has been a steadfast supporter of the communities it serves since 1854.

All deposits are insured by the FDIC and the Depositors Insurance Fund. For additional information, please call 1-866-711-6272 or visit [www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com](http://www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com).

## Roger John McCarthy, 82

**WARE** – Roger John McCarthy, of Ware, died on Nov. 2, 2024, at the age of 82.

Roger was born in Ware on May 9, 1942, to Jeanne and Leslie McCarthy. He was the second eldest of four children.

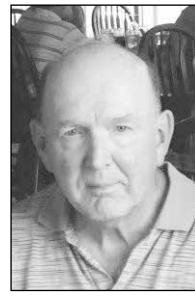
He spent his childhood in Ware, where he graduated from Ware High School in 1960.

Much of Roger's life was dedicated to education; he enjoyed learning and teaching others. In 1964, he earned a Bachelors in Education from Keene State College in New Hampshire. He earned his Masters of Education from the University of Massachusetts in 1971. Years later in 1985, he earned his realtor license in Massachusetts.

Beginning in 1964, Roger worked as a teacher in Dover, Vermont. In 1965, he began working as a teacher with the Wilbraham school system at Stonyhill and Memorial Elementary Schools where he remained for 30 years, until his retirement in 1995.

Roger lived in both Ware and Springfield for most of his life. He spent summers at his home in Lubeck, Maine, where he enjoyed long walks along the ocean and having tea and visiting friends on Campobello Island in Canada.

Roger also enjoyed multiple trips to Europe with his brother, reading, real estate, and staying abreast of world and community news. Roger spent his later



## Death notice

**McCarthy, Roger John**  
Died Nov. 2, 2024  
Services Nov. 16, 2024

years in Wilbraham, and Westmoreland, New Hampshire.

Roger is survived by his two sisters and their spouses; Louise and Robert Anderson, of Walpole, New Hampshire, and Jane and Gerard St. Amand, of Derry, New Hampshire; his nephew and wife, Todd and Hilary Anderson, his nephew Jon Anderson and wife Vida Johnson, his niece and husband, Christina and Casey Conry; his niece and husband, Alyson St. Amand Alabi and Timothy Alabi, and his niece Kaitlyn St. Amand and fiancé Miles Hanson. He also leaves behind his Aunt Eva of Ware, close friends, Hannah West, and her daughters Ann Louise and Mary of New Hampshire, as well as several cousins and grand nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Jeanne and Leslie McCarthy and his brother, Robert McCarthy.

Family and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Charbonneau Varnum Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware. A mass of Christian Burial will be held at All Saints Church, 17 North St. in Ware. Burial will be in New St. William Cemetery on Belchertown Road in Ware.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson Research Foundation at 5969 Parklidge Blvd., Suite 100 in Sarasota, Florida 34232 or [parkinsonhope.org](http://parkinsonhope.org).

An online tribute book is available at [charbonneauafh.com](http://charbonneauafh.com).

## OBITUARY POLICY

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**Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

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

## Rotary Club and Planet Aid donate to coat drive

**BROOKFIELD** – The Rotary Club of the Brookfields and Planet Aid partnered together to donate 100 coats for the Clam Box Coat Drive in Brookfield on Nov. 3.

The owners of the Clam Box have been running the Coat Drive for the past 26 years and have collected over 15,000 coats to help those in need during that time. Providing the patrons with a delicious free fish dinner for their donation of coats.

The coats will be going to the Friendly House in Worcester where they will be given out on Thanksgiving day.

It is through the generosity of the people in the communities that make this Coat Drive so successful.



Submitted Photo  
**The Rotary Club of the Brookfields partnered with Planet Aid to donate 100 coats for the Clam Box Coat Drive this past Sunday.**

## Sturbridge Historical Society presents program on 18th century potter on Nov. 21

**STURBRIDGE** – The Sturbridge Historical Society presents "John Hinds: An 18th-Century Potter in Holland, MA", on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Publick House.

Doug Lyon and Mike Forand are excited to present their research and discovery of the John Hinds Pottery/Kiln Site in Holland, and 18th-century pottery/kiln site they found about 40 years ago.

Hinds is a previously undocumented 18th-century New England redware potter (ca. 1714 to ca. 1793), who lived and worked in South Woodstock, Connecticut (ca 1740-1750) and in Holland/South Brimfield (1750-1793). He is mentioned several times in Lovering's History of the

Town of Holland as a potter.

His last mention as potter was in 1789. He was consistently documented as a potter in land deeds for some 39 years.

Lyon and Forand worked with Old Sturbridge Village for about four seasons at the Hinds site during which they recovered an abundance of artifacts, and uncovered the kiln base. OSV has generously made their documentation and artifacts available for the presentation. Hinds' work was typical of other potters' wares in and around Boston, consisting of pots, mugs, (milk) pans, plates, jugs, etc.

Also included in the samples are several examples of slip ware, kiln furniture, and unique pieces of thin black incised sherds.

Several samples of sherds are available for display. Photos of the Hinds Site and samples of his work are available on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1654329772055488/>.

No other contemporary potter living in Hinds' locale has yet been identified. The earliest nearby potters are the well-known Thomas Bugbee, born 1793 in South Woodstock Connecticut; Hervy Brooks b. 1779 in Goshen and who's pottery and kiln are represented at OSV; and James Moore d. 1829 in Brimfield/Holland.

The program, which starts at 7 p.m., is free and open to the public, and generously hosted by Publick House.

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that compassion. To Elmore, compassion means taking action and getting involved.

Another component to care is authenticity; real connection and focusing on the present. Another inspiring person in Elmore's life was a school custodian named Ms. Peanut.

Throughout his speech, Elmore mentioned he hated broccoli. One time at lunch, Ms. Peanut walked by and surprised Elmore with a different lunch for him.

Elmore shared the story about how Ms. Peanut's last day on the job the kids put on a parade for her. This was a way of showing their appreciation for someone who was authentic in showing support.

Another inspirational person in Elmore's life was his high school coach. Talking about his coach gave Elmore the last two components to care; resilience and empowerment.

His coach offered Elmore to live with him while he finished high school.

Soon, Elmore's life had changed and part of the empowerment came from his coach reaching out to Elmore's father.

"Care for the people they care about," Elmore said.

His coach took a chance on his father and the empowerment grew when Elmore's father stood nearby and wanted to put his son over himself to let him experience the success he

worked hard for.

Elmore thanked the audience for letting him share his story and highlighting the four words that equal care. For more about Elmore, visit [www.gaelinspeaks.com](http://www.gaelinspeaks.com).

The next segment of the School Summit was the School Climate and Culture Panel. The panel consisted of Donald Casella, moderator, educational consultant, Team TMS; Superintendent of Belchertown Public School, Brian Cameron; Beth Fraster, Chief Program Officer for Mass Mentoring Partnership; Rhonda Soto, a consultant for Envisioning Uniting Inspiring Change; Superintendent for Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional Schools, Sheryl Stanton; and Assistant Superintendent of Greenfield Schools, Stephen Sullivan.

During the panel, many guests could ask and share their experiences, and the panel could exchange feedback and suggestions to help connect with the useful resources they have or have come across in

their experience in the field of education. After the panel spoke, the guests at the School Summit would have a breakout sessions.

Gaelin Elmore ran a session called The Belonging Need: Understanding belonging to go from surviving to thriving. The other breakout sessions took place throughout the GCC campus. There was a session on problematic sexual behavior in youth, Hampshire County Handle with Care panel discussion, moving from trauma to healing, tech at our fingertips: how it impacts the developing brain, Bringing SEL and Restorative Justice, Title IX and Accessibility and Tools for a Trauma Responsive Classroom.

The Safe and Healthy School Summit provided many professional development topics that can help educators throughout their school communities.

## public notices

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

19 Warebrook Village, Ware, MA 01082

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by George R. Tower, Sr. and Michele A. Tower to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation, and now held by **Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC**, said mortgage dated December 10, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9659, Page 280, as affected by a Loan Modification dated December 1, 2017 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 3089, Page 277.

Inc. as nominee for Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment dated April 3, 2013 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 11285, Page 340; said mortgage was assigned from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment dated January 29, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 13191, Page 176; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on December 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

*The land with buildings thereon located in Ware, Massachusetts, shown as Parcel 19 on a plan entitled "DEFINITIVE PLAN WAREBROOK VILLAGE,*

*WARE, MASSACHUSETTS", dated May 9, 1972 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 83, Page 50, bounded and described as follows:*

*SOUTHERLY by Lot 18 as shown on said Plan, 115.00 feet;*

*WESTERLY by the "Common Area" as shown on said Plan, 22.00 feet;*

*NORTHERLY by Lot 20 as shown on said Plan, 115.00 feet;*

*EASTERLY by Warebrook Drive as shown on said Plan, 22.00 feet.*

*SUBJECT TO and TOGETHER WITH rights and assessments of record, and being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by deed of BEVERLY A. MACNINTCH, RICHARD J. CORSI, and DIANE M. CORSI dated November 10, 1987 and recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 3089, Page 0129.*

*BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by deed of Scott K. Sumner dated December 11, 2008 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds herewith.*

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated December 11, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9659, Page 277.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

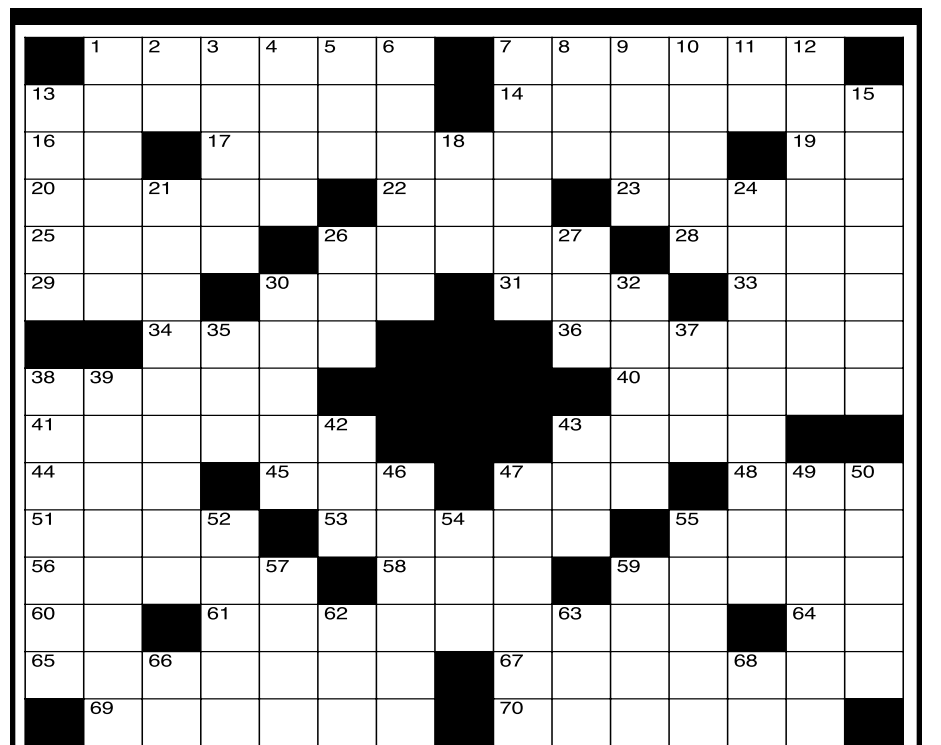
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at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC  
23 Messenger Street  
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Plainville, MA 02762  
Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(401) 217-8701  
11/07, 11/14, 11/21/2024

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Schoolhouse tool
7. Martens
13. Slags
14. One who scrapes
16. Centiliter
17. White wine
19. Of I
20. Former Syracuse great Warrick
22. Relating to the ear
23. Sandwich shops
25. Victories
26. Unit of (French)
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. Genus of parrots
30. Unhappy
31. Talk incessantly
33. Type of Squad
34. Unit of perceived loudness
36. Violent seizure of property
38. Agave
40. Sound units

### CLUES DOWN

1. Cream puff
2. Road open
3. Stressed syllable
4. Thailand's former name
5. Cologne
6. Recounted
7. Garment of cloth
8. Airborne (abbr.)
9. Reproduced
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. "Westworld" actor Harris
12. Smallest interval in Western music
13. Unstressed central vowel
15. Lives in
18. When you expect to get somewhere
21. Storage bags
24. One who covers with plastic
26. Cast out

27. Automobile
30. Repaired shoe
32. Belonging to the bottom layer
35. Possesses
37. Soda
38. Programs
39. In an unexpected way
42. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
43. For each
46. Unbelief
47. Seized or impaled
49. Arrive on the scene
50. Especially happy
52. Classic western film
54. Split pulses
55. Frida \_\_; Painter
57. Start again
59. Employee stock ownership plan
62. Young women's association
63. Frozen water
66. "The First State"
68. Computers need one

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This Position is part time at 18 hours weekly at an hourly rate of \$20.00. Please submit cover letter and resume to Kenneth R. Martin, Consulting at [kenmartin1208@gmail.com](mailto:kenmartin1208@gmail.com). The position is open until filled.

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### Town of Ware PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Ware Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:40 p.m.**, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear **two** Petitions by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New

England, Inc for Joint or Identical Pole Locations. **Petition #30962398**, located on West Main Street is to install one JO Pole **AND** **Petition #30963759**, located on Church Street is also to install one JO Pole. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. 11/14/2024

### 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 **11/25/24 at 10:00 AM** at: Regin's Repair, 19 Church St., Gilbertville, MA 01031 by private sale, the following Motor Vehicles will

be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

Vehicle description: 2005 Hyundai Elantra Registration#/State: none VIN: KMHDN46D05U154269 Name and address of owner(s): Aileen Santiago 59 Fox Hill Rd. Springfield, MA 01118 Ismael Serrano 17 Brunswick Pl Springfield MA 01109

Vehicle description: 2015 SUBARU IMPREZA Registration#/State: 5SAX59 VIN: JF1GPAA67F8200991 Name and address of owner: Baraq Jasim 19 Aspen St Ware, MA 01082/PO Box 3390 Worcester MA 01613 By: James M. Regin Dated: 10/29/2024 11/07, 11/14, 11/21/2024

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In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of Noelle Maloney and Krystal Dupont will be auctioned off at **Secure Storage 31 Southbridge Rd. Warren, MA at 9 a.m. 11/30/2024.**

The contents of Terry Griffin and Caroline Garcia will be auctioned off at **70 Boston Post Road Warren, MA at 9:30 a.m. 11/30/2024.**

The contents of Micheala Monette and Tracy Dube will be auctioned off at **Secure Storage 167 West St., Ware, MA at 10:00 a.m. on 11/30/2024.**

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### HELP WANTED

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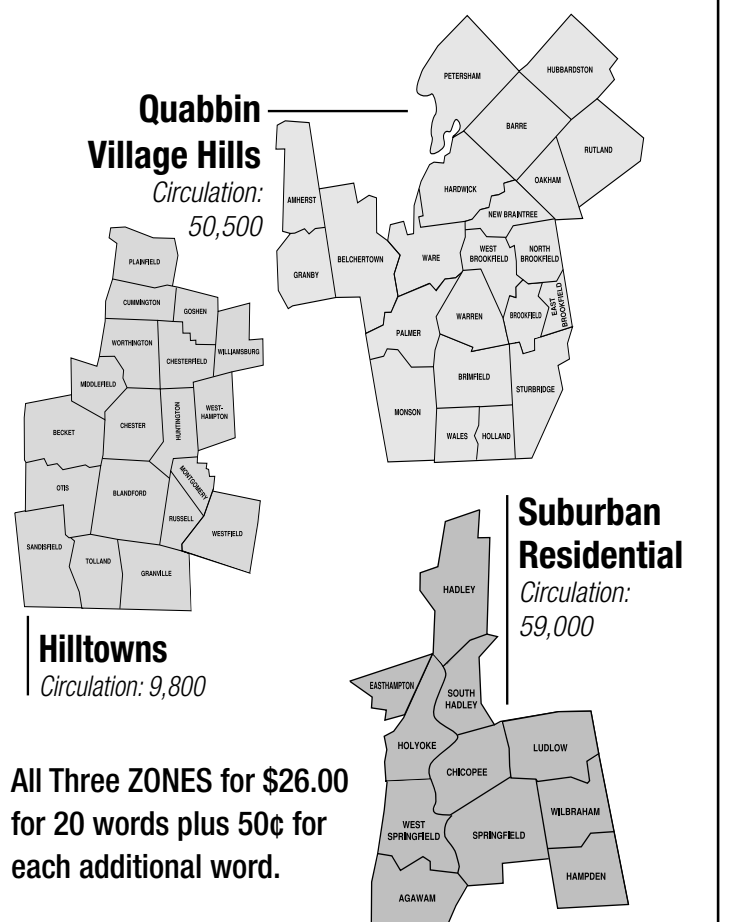
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## Hois' Hoops Basketball Tournament and scoreboard dedication Nov. 16

WARE – Registration is open for Hois' Hoops Basketball Tournament to be held on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Ware Middle School gymnasium.

Prior to the tournament, a dedication of the new scoreboard will be held from 9:30-9:45 a.m. in Bobby Hoisington's memory.

The adult division play is five on five players.

The cost is \$200 for a team (over five players – roster limit is seven players) or \$40 per player in teams of five. Play to 11 and win by two.

Please send completed registration forms to Holly Hoisington, 3 Hardwick Pond Road, Ware, MA 01082, email hollyhoisington17@gmail.com or text 413-207-7226.

Payments methods include Venmo (@BobbyHoisingtonMemorial), PayPal (@BobbyHoisington), check (made payable to Bobby Hoisington Memorial Fund) or cash the day of the event.

Donations can also be made to the Bobby Hoisington Memorial Fund at Country Bank.

## Hardwick Co-Op hosts food and sock drives

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, 444 Lower Road, will be collection food donations for the Tri-Parish Food Pantry and new socks to benefit veterans through HomeFront Strong, now through Dec. 15.

People who bring in five non-perishable food items during this time will receive 5% off their purchase that day.

For every two pairs of socks that you buy from Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, the Co-Op will donate a pair to HomeFront Strong. People may also bring in new men's, women's and children's sized socks to be donated to HomeFront Strong.



The Student Council at Tantasqua Regional High School partnered with the Rotary Club of the Brookfields and Planet Aid to hold a shoe drive.

## Student Council and Rotary Club host shoe drive

STURBRIDGE – The Student Council members of Tantasqua Regional High School, led by the Shoe Drive Committee Chair person Paige Rosen, worked hard during their Homecoming weeks from Oct. 14 through Oct. 28 collecting a total of 397 pairs of sneakers and other footwear for

their Environmental Sneaker/Shoe Drive Project to help the World event.

This is the fourth year that the Student Council has partnered with the Rotary Club of the Brookfields and Planet Aid to do this Community Service initiative and it has gotten bigger every year.

The sneakers/footwear will be refurbished if they can by Planet Aid and given to people in need or recycled into other usable products such as insulation, car mats and more. Thank you to all who donated their unwanted footwear to the project.

## Ferrante and Gusev to perform at Stone Church Nov. 17

HARDWICK – Maria Ferrante, soprano, and Ivan Gusev, pianist, will perform a program featuring "Poem of Love and of the Sea" [Poème de l'amour et de la mer] by French composer Ernest Chausson (1855-1893); four Impromptus D 935 by Franz Schubert; and "Music for A While" by Henry Purcell, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville.

Tickets are \$25 at the door or online at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthestonechurch/1256705>

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the 1924 Boothman Steinway piano, donated by Kaye Boothman and family to the Friends of the Stone Church.

For both artists, it will be the

fourth appearance at the Stone Church. The concert is sponsored by Monson Savings Bank. Partial support for this series has been committed from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

### About FOSSC

Friends of the Stone Church, Inc. is a public charitable corporation and community group organized in 2015 and open to all. Its mission is to preserve and protect the Gilbertville Stone Church Cultural Center and to make it available as a place of community enrichment.

The friends welcome donations toward the ongoing preservation project online at [www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org](http://www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org) or by mail to FOSSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

## Annual free Thanksgiving Dinner to be held Nov. 28

WARE – The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., will provide a free community meal on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28.

This meal features a traditional turkey dinner with stuffing and all of the fixings, plus dessert. Meals will be delivered between 11:30 a.m.-noon and meals will be available for pick-up from noon-1 p.m.

Meals must be requested in advance. To request your meal for takeout or delivery, call United Church of Ware at 413-967-9981.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with the meal.

## Friends of Ware Town Hall announces 7th annual Giving Campaign

WARE – The Friends of Ware Town Hall has announced the group is beginning their seventh annual Giving Campaign in November.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may send their checks to: Friends of Ware Town Hall,

P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082. Giving Campaign flyers will be included in the Nov. 14 complimentary issue of the Ware River News with information about the group and a donation sheet with a mailing address on the reverse side.

## Baystate Wing Aux. offers Tree of Love

PALMER – As the holiday season approaches, the Baystate Wing Auxiliary has set up the annual Tree of Love.

This special tree has been created to honor and remember loved ones and features ornaments that can be purchased and personalized with names in memory of family and friends to be placed on the tree.

The ornaments may be purchased for \$5 for a single name and \$10 for a family. The Tree of Love will be displayed in the lobby located on the first floor of the hospital by the gift shop.

All proceeds benefit the Baystate Wing Auxiliary, which in turn donates needed equip-

ment and other items to the hospital for the benefit of patients. For over 70 years, the Auxiliary has supported Baystate Wing Hospital through its sponsorship of special events and gift shop sales.

This diverse group of women and men includes teachers, nurses, business owners, and retirees, who live in many different communities and are united by a shared commitment to support the mission of the hospital.

To purchase an ornament, visit the gift shop located on the first floor, open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Travel to Antarctica with Ware Library

WARE – The Ware Library, 37 Main St., will host Armchair Travel to Antarctica on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Take a virtual cruise with stops on the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands, South Georgia Island, Elephant Island, and the Antarctic Peninsula. Enjoy stunning photographs of the abundant wildlife (e.g., Gentoo and Adelie penguins, Southern Giant-Petrels, Leopard Seals), as well as the many places made famous by Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition.

Led by Bill Gette, Founding Director of Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats Education Center in Newburyport, who has over 30 years of experience leading groups to exciting local, domestic, and international destinations.

Inquire with the library for watch-at-home options. As a reminder, all programs are free to the public and there is

no registration required, unless otherwise noted; just drop in.

Follow the library on Facebook for updates, visit [warelibrary.org](http://warelibrary.org) or you can grab an event calendar at the library. Or email [warelibrary1881@gmail.com](mailto:warelibrary1881@gmail.com) with any questions.

Lotto Calendars  
The Friends of the Library will be selling Lotto Calendars through the end of the year. Tickets are \$10 each and drawings will take place every day in January.

1,000 max tickets will be sold and you can win an unlimited number of times. Visit the library or participating stores to purchase a ticket - they make great stocking stuffers.

### Book Club

Book Club is held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For more information or for the December book selection, please visit the library.

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