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## Voters OK land purchase, water upgrades

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WARE – Just over 100 voters made decisions on the 15 article warrant for the special town meeting held in the Ware High School auditorium on Monday evening.

Six of these articles were dismissed and all others were passed, including Article 9, which asked voters to appropriate \$337,500 from the Stabilization Fund to purchase a 39.2 acre parcel of land known as the Pelski Lot, located alongside and at the end of Walter Drive.

### Purchase of Pelski Lot

The land will be used to continue the Mass Central Rail Trail into Greenville Park, and increase the park's acreage. Town Manager Stuart Beckley said 70% of the land's cost will be covered by a Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity grant the town was awarded.

"It's an opportunity to grow the park," he said.

Beckley said the Pelski Lot was an "outstanding piece of land along the river."

Walter Drive resident Amber Letendre said the town purchasing this land was "an unnecessary expenditure," and she encouraged residents to vote against the article.

Letendre said while the rail trail connection would be a positive thing for the town, she questioned what the town would do with the rest of the land. She referenced other open space properties in town, including Penny Brook, which she said are sitting "idle."

"I believe there are far better uses for our funds," she said, including the replacement of the Reed Municipal Pool.

Another Walter Drive resident asked why the town needed to purchase the entire lot, rather than just the land to extend the rail trail. She said she was worried about solar fields being built near her home.

Terrance Smith and Chris DiMarzio both spoke in favor of purchasing the land, which they agreed was a good investment for the town.

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## Getting into the holiday spirit



WARE – Volunteers joined the Ware Holiday Flair Committee this past Saturday to help decorate the Main Street area just in time to welcome Santa Claus to town.

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.

The celebration continues on Saturday Dec. 14 from 5-7 p.m., (or until

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Community members worked together this past Saturday morning to decorate along Main Street in preparation for the holiday season and the Holiday Flair. Shown front row from left are Jamie, Brayden, Jackson and Josh Kusnierz. Back row from left are Gary LaCoste and Chris Midura.



Josh Kusnierz hands a stake to Tom Clark.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette



The Subaru Solterra EV was one of the cars guests could test drive on the track.

## EV cars ride at Palmer Motorsports Park

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PALMER – Palmer Motorsports Park hosted the inaugural No Gas, All Glory Charge Ahead All-Electric Showcase.

This event was made possible thanks to the efforts of Mass Clean Energy Week. This organization showcases clean energy advancements with tours, talks and awards.

The industry leaders and innovators gathered to discuss sustainable solutions and promote greener futures.

This event is truly the first of its kind with an event combining the racing circuit with a diverse range of electric vehicles. Guests have the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of switching to an EV car by testing out a diverse range of vehicles from multiple brands.

Aman Patel described this showcase as a promotion of the future of the automotive world. There was a total of 18 test drive EV cars to try out with an additional ten cars for

display only.

Patel also described this inaugural showcase as a "celebration of new energy."

"We're here to bring life to all the technologies," Patel said.

The test drives were taken on the track of Palmer Motorsports Park, which is over two miles long with outstanding scenery.

There was a diverse lineup of EV cars to check out. There were sleek sports cars to family vehicles to try out and drive. The participation from top manufacturers, dealerships and private owners brought the EV cars for guests to test drive during the showcase.

There were also tents set up by industry experts who shared information on EV technology, charging infrastructure platforms and clean transportation. Several prestigious schools had their students present models of EV vehicles they designed themselves.

There was a vehicle from students from the University of

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## Hospital committee reviews draft letter to Baystate Health

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WARE – Hospital Review Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said a small working group has been meeting each week and has selected the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts as the town's best

option to partner with to oversee trusts associated with Mary Lane Hospital.

At the Nov. 13 meeting, he said Friends of Mary Lane Hospital Chair Cindy Allen Bourcier has been communicating with the foundation's contact person to determine how to make this happen.

"We want to kind of put together

a plan," Trietsch said, in the event the Attorney General determines that Baystate Health and Bank of America will no longer control the Lewis Gilbert trust.

"We have to have an alternative and this is the alternative we came up with," he said.

Trietsch said Bourcier drafted a letter requesting cooperation from Baystate Health to work with the

town's residents, Bank of America and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

"The leaders of Baystate and the foundation would hopefully work together to define the structure of this beneficiary foundation and that we would take this as a joint petition to the Attorney General's office," he said. "If we come up with an alternative that

everybody agrees with, then we don't have to go through the court system."

Trietsch said the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts will also help to create a beneficiary foundation, including the number of representatives from both Ware and

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The scoreboard in honor of Bobby Hoisington is inside the Ware Middle School gymnasium.

## Scoreboard dedicated to memory of Bobby Hoisington

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WARE – This past weekend hosted a moment of celebration and dedication at Ware Middle School.

The family of Bobby Hoisington organized a charity basketball tournament in the middle school gymnasium. Prior to the tournament,

the Hoisington family had a special presentation of the gymnasium scoreboard being dedicated in Bobby's memory.

This honor is to remember Bobby for his commitment and contributions to the Ware basketball community.

His daughter, Holly Hoisington, was organizing the charity tournament, which featured six teams

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## Quaboag students honor veterans

By Abby McCoy  
Correspondent

WARREN – On Nov. 8, Quaboag Regional Middle High School community gathered in the auditorium for a heartfelt Veterans Day ceremony, organized by the eighth grade honors English class.

The event featured a series of moving performances and reflections, paying tribute to the men and women who have served in the U.S. military.

The ceremony began with a warm welcome from Olivia

McAnuff, followed by Abigail Landine leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Max Sturges offered a history of the National Anthem, which was then performed by Madison Schrier, delivering a rendition that was described as both "beautifully haunting" and "solemn."

A highlight of the ceremony was a brief history of Armistice Day, which officially became Veterans Day in 1944 after its establishment in 1938. Attendees also learned about Francis Scott Key, the War of 1812, and how

his poem, "The Defense of Fort McHenry", became the National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner".

The audience was then treated to an emotional poem, read from the perspective of the American flag. The poem read in part:

"I have been silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hour comes when I am torn in strips to be used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the field of battle – when I fly

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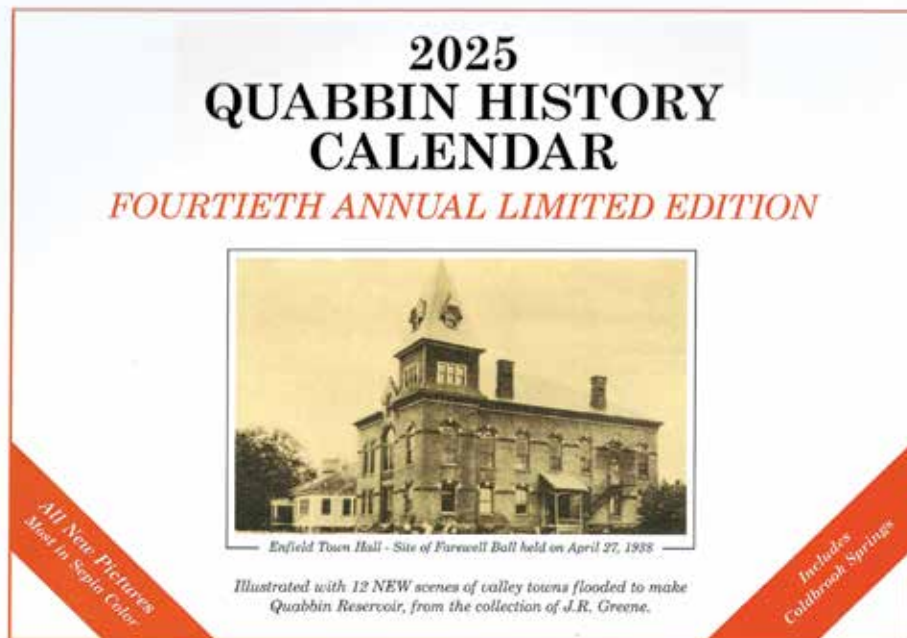
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Author and historian J.R. Greene will present his 40th Annual Limited Edition Quabbin History Calendar at the Ware Library on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

### J.R. Greene presents Quabbin History calendar

WARE – Local author and historian J.R. Greene will be at the Ware Library, 37 Main St. on Thursday, Dec. 5 to sell and sign his 40th Annual Limited Edition Quabbin History Calendar.

Greene will give a short presentation about the photographs in his calendar at 6 p.m., and will have calendars and a selection of his other local history books for sale before and after the pre-

sentation. The library also has calendars and a small selection of books available for sale for those unable to attend the program. A portion of the proceeds of all books and calendars sold at the library will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

Please contact the library by calling 413-967-5491 for more details.

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# Are You Old News?

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

File Photo  
Last week's photo from 1977 showed Dave Szkutak winning the five mile road race at the Hardwick Community Fair with a time of 29 minutes and 44 seconds. 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).

## MIGRATION MARVELS

### Ware Library provides educational program

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WARE – The Young Men's Library Association hosted an educational program known as Migration Marvels this past week.

Leading the presentation was Steve French, who shared various information and photographs of local bird and their migration habits.

Migration is when animals and birds move from one place to another to search for food, avoid extreme weather conditions or to breed. Birds mainly migrate for food and find suitable nesting grounds that maximize their species' survival.

French instructed the audience about how migration works and why it is essential to these species of animals and birds.

"The gateway to understanding the movement of different animals," French said.

French would then focus on migration and climate change. According to the presentation, what drives migration is reproduction. There are certain regulations to migration, available food sources, metabolic efficiency, competition for suitable nesting habitats, and favorable travel conditions.

According to French, knowing the migration habits of species gives folks a clue on identifying them.

French would then describe the four major migration routes or flyways. All of these flyways consist of birds migrating from North America to South America. The Pacific Flyway starts in the area of Alaska and goes to South America. The western sandpipers use this flyway for migration.

There is also the Central Flyway and the Mississippi Flyway. The flyway for birds in our area is the Atlantic Flyway.

For preparation, many birds could double their body weight prior to migration. Hyperphagia occurs when fat deposits need to be built up over the course of a few days or even weeks.

Migration techniques include landmarks, Earth's magnetic field, the position of the sun and pattern of stars.

Birds heavily rely on plentiful food in the fall. For the birds who are native to the northeastern region of the United States, the foods they rely on grow in our own yards.

"Your yards are going to be their stopping points," French said.

Many birds rely on dogwood,

bayberry, serviceberry, mountain ash, cotoneaster and buffaloberry. If these are in the gardens, they are good choices for the migrating birds.

One of the interesting topics during the Migration Marvels presentation was that French mentioned Canada geese don't migrate anymore. It is due to many flocks adapting to their local environment or because they're a subspecies that don't migrate at all.

One of the species of birds French talked about as an example of their migration status through the seasons is the yellow warbler. During the winter, the yellow warbler arrives in the areas of Mexico and the Bahamas as early as August. This species prefers habitats similar to those used in its breeding range.

The warbler is also territorial in the wintering grounds.

Migration Marvels was a fun education program to explain to readers how the migration process works for many local species. With winter around the corner these species are set to migrate by taking the Atlantic Flyway.

For more programming at the Young Men's Library Association, visit [warelibrary.org](http://warelibrary.org). Visit the Ware Library at 37 Main St.

### 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.

### CLASS OF 1977 REMEMBERS CLASSMATE, BOB GRIFFIN

Several members of the Quabbin Regional High School Class of 1977, who attended Bob "Choppy" Griffin's Memorial Celebration of Life held at the South Barre Rod & Gun Club on Sept. 14. Choppy was a member of the Quabbin Class of 1977 and proceeds from the days event will go toward establishing a golf scholarship in his name. Sown are the attending members of the Quabbin Class of 1977 from left to right kneeling are Orin Sisco, Shelly Wells and John Dymon; second row, Donald Martel, Beth Sisco, Richard St. George, Karen (Biatek) Gerulaitis, Diane Ouellet and Sandy Zelnia and back row, Kent Weinheimer, Ken Metcalf, Tom Gareau, Mike Brunelle, Tim Mara, Mark Kmiec and Phil Jurczyk.



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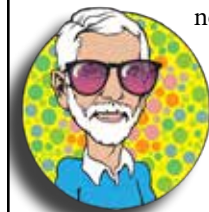
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Officer Bonnayer is always smiling and upbeat, not to mention she's colorblind.

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## Accounting students enjoy visit from auditor

WARREN – On Nov. 12, Mia McDonald, a 2022 graduate of Westfield State University and currently a Senior Auditor at Meyers Brothers Kalicka, P.C., visited Quaboag Regional High School teacher Jean DiRico's accounting class.

Her presentation was an incredible opportunity for students to learn directly from a professional in the field, gaining valuable insights into the world of accounting and auditing. The students found her visit engaging and inspiring—truly a memorable experience that deepened their appreciation and understanding of accounting in the real world.

## The Centered Place hosts food drive

### Fundraiser to help those facing food insecurity

WARREN – The Centered Place yoga studio in Warren is hosting a food drive and fundraiser to support The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry in West Brookfield as well as two Massachusetts food banks.

Many individuals and families in the area are experiencing food insecurity. With recent discontinuation of several government support programs that were implemented during the pandemic, their needs have increased.

The Centered Place hopes that the food drive and fundraiser can give a boost to those facing food

insecurity and help them make it through the holidays with good food to eat and more to celebrate.

Donations of food and household items for The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry can be brought to The Centered Place at 286 Bridge St.

The most needed food items include non-perishable food such as regular sized canned proteins (meats or beans), dried beans, grains, peanut butter or other nut butters, cookies, crackers, breakfast cereals, coffee or decaf, and canned or packaged soups. Household items that are most needed include paper towels and toilet paper, soap and other cleaning supplies.

Alternatively, food and donations can be brought directly to the Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry

on Wednesday mornings between 10-11:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings between 7-8 p.m.

Note that on the week of Thanksgiving, the pantry will be open Tuesday morning instead of Wednesday morning, and will be closed on Thanksgiving. The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry is located at 36 North Main St., in the back of the First Congregational Church in West Brookfield.

Donations can also be mailed to: The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield, MA 01585.

Each month The Centered Place hosts a fundraiser for a different charitable organization. The fundraiser for both November and December supports the Worcester County Food Bank, a non-profit

organization that provides donated food to those who need it. Last year, the WCFB and its network of 115 community meal programs and local food pantries (including The Sharing Cupboard Food Pantry) helped distribute nearly 6.1 million pounds of donated food (enough for 5.1 million meals) to 75,000 people from all 60 cities and towns in Worcester County.

The Centered Place has a Facebook fundraiser where you can donate to the WCFB: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/1116376256580110/>.

Donations can also be made directly to the Worcester County Food Bank website at <https://foodbank.org/>.

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## Sewer Commission looks to fill plant position

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WARREN – The Sewer Commissioners met with Town Administrator James Ferrera to discuss a staffing vacancy at the wastewater treatment plant.

After reviewing applications to fill the vacancy, Ferrera said none of the candidates had the required licensing. He said the commission should try to find someone who can attain a license in a short period of time.

"The commission needs to staff the plant with people who have licenses," Ferrera said.

There is an online test available for applicants to get a license or it can be taken at a testing center. Members of the commission said there is a potential applicant based out of West Warren who might be interested in the plant position.

Ferrera also addressed the commission that there are positions posted throughout town. It might not be a decision they want to make, but the sewer commission might have to downgrade the plant crew as an alternative decision.

Ferrera said the sewer department is "not at the level they need to be." The sewer department has to comply with the staffing requirements.

The commission members asked if they could create a training program for people who might want to be licensed and work in the sewer department. It was briefly mentioned during the sewer commission meeting that Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School offers a training program for students and apprenticeships.

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### VETERANS from page 1

at half mast to honor my Soldiers, my Airman, my Sailors, my Marines, and – when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother, at the graveside of her fallen son or daughter. I am proud. My name is 'Old Glory.' Long may I wave, dear God, long may I wave."

Each student who participated in the flag folding ceremony spoke a line about what the colors and symbols of the flag represent. The ceremony included a skit demonstrating how to properly fold the flag into its signature triangular shape, signifying respect and reverence.

Veteran Agent Michelle Durkee, who served 25 years in the military, 10 years with the U.S. Navy and 15 years with the Army Reserves, took the stage to accept the retired flag. Tearfully, she spoke about the flag's significance, saying it represents "courage, respect, and sacrifice for all people."

Durkee also expressed gratitude toward both those who share their stories of service and those who



Quaboag Regional Middle High School students and staff recognized and honored veterans. Two new veterans were inducted to the Alumni Wall; Andrew Michalski, a 2010 graduate and Michael Deremien, a 1969 graduate.

keep their experiences private due to the pain they still carry.

"It's not just honoring the people who serve, but the people who wait behind for them," she said before stepping off the stage.

Derick Veliz, Warren Selectman and supporter of veterans, gave a heartfelt thank you to all military members and their families.

"Saying 'thank you' goes a long way," he said, adding that appreciation is a universal language. "All we have here is because of them."

The Quaboag High School

Marching Band then performed a stirring piece in tribute to John F. Kennedy, accompanied by a speech recounting the life and legacy of the late president. The speaker, whose calm and steady voice narrated Kennedy's life and death, spoke of his military service in the Navy and his Purple Heart, while music from the band highlighted different chapters of Kennedy's presidency.

The speech concluded with the famous quote, "God's work must truly be our own."





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## GUEST COLUMN

### Veteran's Day

By Phil Syriac, patrol officer  
Security, Baystate Wing Hospital  
Afghanistan and Persian Gulf War  
Combat Veteran

After graduating high school at the age of 18 in the town of Ware, I had a strong interest in serving in the military and serving my country.



Phil Syriac, security patrol officer at Baystate Wing Hospital.

After four years of serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, I reenlisted seven years later in the U.S. Air Force serving 16 years in the U.S. States Air Force Reserve with the 439th Security Forces Squadron at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee. I retired from the military in 2007.

I am an Afghanistan and Persian Gulf War combat veteran with deployments for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Southern Watch in Kuwait. The mission of the U.S. Air Force Security Forces is to protect and defend forward-operating air bases in a combat theatre of operations to ensure continuous 24/7 air missions.

When a family member leaves to go on a combat deployment for an extended amount of time, it puts a burden on the family left at home. I am forever grateful to my wife, Linda, who took on the responsibility of managing our household alone and taking care of our daughters, Alicyn and Lauren, during my deployments, and dealing with the uncertainty of about the dangers we faced, of how long I would be gone, and if I would actually return home again.

Many Americans have given their lives, paying the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedoms and liberties as Americans, and deserve our gratitude forever more.

I also served 33 years with the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department as a correctional officer at the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction in Northampton. After retiring from the Sheriff's Department in 2018, I joined the Baystate Health Security Department, serving full-time first at Baystate Mary Lane Hospital and now at Baystate Wing Hospital.

My job is to protect staff, patients, and visitors from any potential harm and to ensure everyone has a safe experience at our hospital.

I am proud and honored to be among the many deeply patriotic veterans who protect, defend, and serve our country.



Submitted Photos

Phil Syriac is shown during Operation Southern Watch in Kuwait.

## in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

### Wrap it up!

I spent this past weekend trying to wrap things up. Before we know it the holidays will be upon us and there will be little time to spend in the garden.

I had, and sadly still have, areas yet to clean up, last minute bulbs to plant and statuary and tools to put into storage. One major concern is how dry it is.

Read on to learn about some chores that should be tackled before the ground freezes.

Honestly, in all my years of gardening I have never felt the need to water in spring bulbs after planting them. This year is the exception.

What about our newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs? Just to be safe, get out the hose and give them a good soaking.

If weather permits, move a slow running hose from shrub to shrub over the course of a few hours. This is especially critical for our broad leaf evergreens such as rhododendrons, azaleas, and Pieris.

Remember the damage on older rhododendrons a few winters back? Some large specimens lost a third or more of their overall size!

Much of that was caused by excessive cold and winter winds that desiccated (removed moisture from) the foliage and left it susceptible to injury. Antidesiccant sprays are avail-

able from nurseries and garden centers. These products leave a waxy layer of film over the leaf, locking in its moisture.

Did you purchase any shrubs, roses or otherwise that were so beautiful you couldn't resist, even though they were only marginally hardy in our area (zones 6 or higher)? These need special attention.

Pound some stakes into the ground just outside the drip line of the plant. Wrap the stakes with burlap and stuff it full of straw, salt marsh hay, or shredded leaves, anything that will insulate yet not pack down and cause rot.

Never use plastic; this material creates a greenhouse of fluctuating temperatures that will surely kill the plant. Climbing plants such as roses or clematis can be removed from their trellises, tied in loose bundles and wrapped in a similar fashion as above.

Many of our evergreen shrubs suffer under the weight of ice and snow. Smaller specimens can be protected by making "A-frame" tents out of plywood and placing them over the susceptible plant. Use hinges rather than nails to construct them; storage during the off-season will be a breeze.

These types of enclosures also provide a great deal of wind protection. Paint them to blend in with the landscape.

Other articles have covered the importance of winter mulch to protect strawberries, fall mums, garlic, and spring flowering bulbs among others. Large evergreen branches do well to cover bigger areas. I have used them successfully to weigh down other light mulches such as straw or chopped leaves for twice the protection.

Remember, this task is best accomplished after the ground freezes, with our goal being to keep it frozen, thereby avoiding thawing spells that heave plants from the ground.

During the winter voles and field mice can wreak havoc on young fruit trees by tunneling through the snow to the bark in search of food. Their gnawing will girdle the tree and if excessive enough will eventually kill it.

Remember, the layer of tissue just below the bark is the tree's "plumbing"! Protect the trunk by wrapping it with one-quarter inch hardware cloth or commercially made trunk protectors. Remove the protectors in the spring.

Unfortunately, I neglected to protect young trees one fall and that was all it took. A poor tree was gnawed almost completely around the trunk. I was surprised it had enough energy to leaf out the following spring, but less surprised to see it wither and die not a month later.

In case you were wondering, yes, my bulbs for Old Sturbridge Village did finally come in. I wish they could talk. What a story they would tell.

I think they have honestly traveled more in the last six weeks than I have in my entire life. Holland to New York to Alabama to the Bahamas to New Jersey and then to a shoe store in New York City. Yes, a shoe store.

A good Samaritan saw my name on the packing slip and called to say she received them. Regardless, I am happy they finally arrived in Sturbridge. I am hopeful that they will all be planted (and watered in) within the next couple of days!

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 Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### Older Veteran asks about Special Social Security credit for military service

Dear Rusty:  
I served in the U.S. Army from January 1958 to February 1961.

What increase should I receive for those years and who do I call and at what phone number?

Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran:  
First, thank you for your military service. I expect you are referring to the "special extra credits for military service," which are available to some who served in the U.S. military in earlier years. It is important to note that these "extra credits" take the form of an adjustment to your military pay record while serving and are not an incremental amount added to your monthly Social Security benefit because you served.

Military pay has been subject to deductions for Social Security since 1957. Thus, while serving between 1958 and 1961 you paid SS tax on your military earnings.

But, for purposes of determining your Social Security benefit, your military earnings record would be increased by \$300 for each quarter you served on active duty, up to a maximum of \$1,200 increase per year of service.

That means for 1958-1960, when calculating your SS benefit, \$1,200 would be added to your military earnings record for each year you served.

FYI, for those who served after 1967, this adjustment was automatically made by Social Security. But for service years prior to 1967, as in your case, you would need to inform Social Security of your service when you claimed SS and provide a copy of your military form DD-214, your discharge papers. SS would then make the appropriate adjustment to your military earnings record prior to calculating your benefit amount. And, for clarity, additional cred-



its for military service are not available to those who served after 2001.

A key point to understand is that this adjustment to your military pay may or may not affect the amount of your Social Security benefit. Social Security determines your benefit amount based on your highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime, adjusted for inflation.

If, after you served in the military, you had at least 35 years of civilian employment where you earned more than your military pay, it is probable that your military pay is not included when calculating your Social Security benefit. If that is the case, it is likely that the "special extra credits for military service" would have no effect on your Social Security payment.

If, however, your military pay including those special extra credits for any year is more than you earned in civilian life, then you can contact Social Security (1-800-772-1213), provide them with a copy of your DD-214, and ask that they recalculate your Social Security benefit to include the extra credits for your

years of military service.

Again, thank you for your service to our country, and please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions. FYI, you may also find the "For Veterans" section of our AMAC Foundation website by visiting [www.amacfoundation.org](http://www.amacfoundation.org).

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## Better Business Bureau offers ways to avoid delivery scams

For years now, some consumers have been getting text messages stating that a major delivery carrier needs them to "update delivery preferences" on a package by clicking a link.

The problem? The texts are scams, and the links result in the theft of personal information, money, or both.

According to the Better Business Bureau, most consumers love the convenience of making purchases online and having them shipped straight to their doorstep. But with millions of packages delivered each year, con artists and thieves have developed many ways to steal from shoppers.

Fortunately, there are also many ways to protect yourself from their shady tactics.

### How this scam works

Delivery scams and theft are particularly prevalent during the holidays when more packages are shipped, but they can happen year-round. Scammers are hoping shoppers are busy or distracted and will act without thinking.

The first scams to look out for are phishing texts or emails that pose as official notices from delivery companies. These either contain

a "tracking link," a message that the shipper is having difficulty delivering a package to you, or a link to update delivery preferences.

Clicking the link either takes you to a form that asks for personally identifying information or to a site that downloads malware onto your computer.

Another delivery scam involves fake "missed delivery" tags. Scammers place a note on your door that claims they are having challenges delivering a package to you. They ask you to call a phone number to reschedule your delivery, but it's a ruse to get your personal information.

A different delivery scam includes a text stating, "The USPS package has arrived at the warehouse and cannot be delivered due to incomplete address information. Please confirm your address in the link: [url]" (Please reply to 1, then exit the SMS, open the SMS activation link again, or copy the link to a Safari browser and open it). The US Postal team wishes you a wonderful day."

Other delivery-related issues shoppers face involve package theft. Many consumers have had their packages stolen before they arrive

home from work. Thieves snatch packages from doorsteps or lobbies of apartment or condo complexes.

Criminals even follow delivery and postal trucks. When the truck leaves, the crooks move in and grab the parcels.

### How to avoid similar scams

Take precautions to ensure a safe delivery. If you have a valuable or fragile item delivered to your home, purchase shipping insurance. In addition, always get tracking numbers for your purchases and check the shipping progress periodically.

Watch out for texts, calls, or emails about a missed delivery. Legitimate delivery services usually leave a "missed delivery" notice on your door.

If you receive a missed delivery notice, examine the form carefully to make sure it is authentic, and only then follow their instructions. Keep track of what you've ordered to better understand what is coming and when.

Don't click on links; go to the delivery carrier's website directly or log in and use the retailer's tracking tools.

Request a signature when ordering. Chances are this feature may come with a price tag, but it may be worth the extra fee, depending on the level of package theft in your area. Requesting a signature means that a delivery service won't be able to drop a package on your doorstep unless someone is around to sign for it.

Don't leave packages sitting on your doorstep. Packages left sitting outside are particularly vulnerable to theft.

To ensure safe delivery, have your package delivered to your workplace or a trusted friend or neighbor who will be home to accept delivery. Some delivery companies now have lockers where your packages can securely wait for you to pick them up using a one-time code to open the locker.

For more tips to avoid scams, visit [BBB.org](http://BBB.org).

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## 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.

### FOOD DRIVE from page 3

Another food bank that you can support is the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, which serves Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin and Berkshire counties. You can donate to this food bank online at <https://www.foodbank-wma.org/>.

The Centered Place yoga studio has served the local area since 1988. It was founded by Nancy A Nowak, who co-directs and teaches along with her husband, Phil Milgrom. The studio was voted Best in Yoga by readers of the former Sturbridge Times.

The physical address of the studio is 286 Bridge St. in Warren. The web address is [www.thecenteredplace.com](http://www.thecenteredplace.com).

### SEWER from page 3

The sewer commission is hoping to find a reputable person to get a program off the ground or possibly partner with the high school and see if students want to pursue a line of work in wastewater treatment.

#### Sewer report

The commissioners received a written report from sewer operator Ralph Zebrowski.

Sewer Commission Secretary Lisa Digris read through the report at the commission's Nov. 13 meeting, which mentioned that sewer connections were done on East Road. The sewer connections for Mechanic Street were completed back in October, according to the report by Zebrowski.

Digris told Ferrera that Zebrowski has several quotes for the scum pump replacements.

## 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. 25

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Lunch. Reservations must be made by noon on Friday, Nov. 22.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 26

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. 27

9 a.m. Tai-Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
10-11:30 a.m. Kirsten Krieger,

Quabbin Region DPH Nurse office hours

11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
2:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

#### Thursday, Nov. 28

Closed for Thanksgiving Day  
**Friday, Nov. 29**  
Closed for Recovery Day

### LUNCHES DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted

Required: call 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put you name on the lunch list.

#### Monday, Nov. 25

Thanksgiving Lunch  
Turkey with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day and Entertainment Courtesy of the Friends of Ware Seniors Inc.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 26

Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Dessert of the Day

#### Wednesday, Nov. 27

Spaghetti with Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Thursday, Nov. 28

Closed for Thanksgiving  
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Closed for Recovery Day

## Hardwick Co-Op hosts food, 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 nonperishable 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.

### LETTER from page 1

Hardwick, term limits, etc.

"It's going to be something that is independent of both towns but it's going to have representation of both towns," he said.

A copy of the letter has been sent to the town's Attorney Patricia Davidson to review. The committee members approved the draft letter, pending Davidson's review.

#### Legal update

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the town has asked Davidson for a list of things, including written confirmation of the nine month demolition delay extension offered

by Baystate Health.

"She was to approach Baystate's attorney to get that in writing," Beckley said.

Previously, Baystate Health's CEO Peter Banko had offered to extend the delay by that amount of time.

Beckley said Davidson will also be gathering account balances from the other trusts and information about how those trusts have been expended over the years.

"You can see what the balances are and what might be available for a foundation," he said.

Davidson will also review a proposed agreement for use

## Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – On Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, 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" by McDonough, while supplies last.

#### Annual Cookie Walk

On Sunday, Dec. 1, from 3-5:30 p.m. come to the Town House for the Friends of the Paige

Memorial Library Annual Cookie Walk. Buy cookies for your holiday celebrations.

All the collected funds go to the Christmas for Kids gift program by the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department.

#### Simmering potpourri workshop

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.

This workshop is for ages 12 and up. Registration required.

#### Christmas tree making for kids

On Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. Jayne Foley returns to guide participants in making a Christmas tree. This is a fun activity appropriate for children.

Please register so that there will be sufficient materials for all. Bring buttons if you have some. Ongoing activities

Ongoing activities include a weekly Children's Hour on Wednesdays at 11 a.m., which features art and science activities. Toys, puzzles, and LEGOS are also available.

The Paige Book Club meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 2 p.m.; The Paige Writers group meets on alternating Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; and The Cookbook Club meets monthly on the last Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The Fundamentals of ART a studio workshop for creating art and improving skills is open for all levels of expertise and a variety of art media and materials, or bring your own project. Register for Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. once a month.

Register for Family Game Night or "Away for a Day" Travel Club.

For more information and to register, call, 413-477-6704, or email, [director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:director.paigelibrary@gmail.com).

## 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.

## 'A Country Christmas' fair will be held Nov. 23

WEST BROOKFIELD – The George Whitefield United Methodist Church will host its annual Church Fair "A Country Christmas" on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 33 West Main St.

Featured will be a bake sale, knit and handcrafted items, a Christmas shop of gifts and décor, fudge, jams and jellies, Gramma's Attic Thrift Store and lunch room. Come kick off the holiday season with the church.

### STM from page 1

The vote passed by two-thirds majority vote, with 74 in favor and 28 opposed.

#### Water improvements

Article 12 asked voters to borrow \$2,190,000 for the construction and refurbishment of the Church Street and Anderson Road water tanks, including engineering and incidental costs. This cost will be added to the \$2.1 million that was approved at the annual town meeting this past spring.

Based on reports completed by the town's engineers, the additional funds will be necessary to update both tanks and these funds would be borrowed and repaid with receipts from the Water Enterprise.

Voters approved Article 12 with 87 in favor and 13 opposed.

Article 13 asked voters to borrow \$467,000 for the design and cost of the water main underground lines on East Main Street and under the canal bridge. The money would fund a survey and design of the street and create a cost estimate for the water line replacement prior to paving.

This article passed 80-19.

#### Telecommunications/safety upgrades

Article 15 asked voters to transfer \$176,700 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for telecommunications and safety systems and equipment for the School Department. This includes 911 safety upgrades, alarm system

upgrades, door video intercom for the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School, security cameras at Ware Middle School and door replacements and lock upgrades at Ware Junior Senior High School.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Lovato said these needs were identified a couple of months ago and the School Department has been working with the town to address them.

Article 15 passed with 88 in favor and 15 opposed.

#### Senior Center heating/cooling system

Voters approved Article 14 with a vote of 80-14 to transfer \$98,000 from the Stabilization Fund to purchase and install a heating/cooling system for the Ware Senior Center.

Currently the center has an oil-based HVAC system.

This article will provide matching funds for a Green Communities Grant to replace the system with an electric system.

#### Memorial Field improvements

Residents voted 93-4 in favor of Article 11, which will transfer \$85,000 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of planning, designing, improving and renovating walkways, parking and the bathrooms at Memorial Field.

Seventy percent of the funds for this accessibility project will be covered by a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant from the state.

#### Accessory dwelling units bylaw

Article 7 asked voters to amend the town's zoning bylaws to allow the construction of accessory dwelling units in accordance with a new state zoning act to allow attached and detached units to be built "by right" in zoning districts where single family housing is permitted.

ADUs are described as small, secondary units on the same property as a primary residence.

DiMarzio, vice-chair of the Planning Board, said this change is a requirement of the state, and that his board has taken steps to ensure the bylaw is beneficial to all.

The vote passed with 94 in favor and four opposed.



# Glenda's

Saturday, November 23rd  
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## Deadline to order Thanksgiving dinner rolls is Nov. 22

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

You can reserve your rolls by calling 413-967-5248 between 10-11 a.m. Deadline for orders is Friday, Nov. 22.

The cost will be \$8 for a pan of 16 rolls. All proceeds to benefit Ware's Christmas for Kids.

You may pick up the rolls on Wednesday, Nov. 27 between 9 a.m.-noon at the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School cafeteria.

## 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.

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



Members of the Hoisington family are shown under the scoreboard that was dedicated to the late Bobby Hoisington, who was known for his contributions to the Ware basketball community.

### HOISINGTON from page 1

who signed up. The family is determined to continue Bobby's legacy as they continue to provide basketball leagues and tournaments in Ware.

"Make an impact like he did," Holly said.

Bobby was a coach for 15 years and was a basketball player prior to coaching. For years, he hosted basketball games and leagues for youth and adults and was beloved by many in the town of Ware and its basketball community.

The players who signed up for the tournament played for a total of four hours before a winner was determined with the winning team earning a trophy. Outside the gymnasium there were T-shirts for the basketball players to highlight the 2024 Hois' Hoops Tournament.



T-shirts highlighted the Hois' Hoops 2024 Tournament, which many of the players who participated wore.

The Hoisington family's goal is to have this charity tournament



All the basketball players who participated in the 2024 Hois' Hoops Basketball Charity Tournament.

Bobby Hoisington Memorial Fund awards scholarships to graduating high school students every spring. With this new charity tournament, the fund is also looking to get a youth event started.

Prior to the tournament, all the players gathered as the Hoisington family unveiled the new scoreboard dedication inside the Ware Middle School gym. The sign proudly reads, "In Honor of Bobby Hoisington" on the lower part of the scoreboard.

The Hoisington family was

proud to have Bobby's name recognized for all of his time and effort to continuously support the basketball community in Ware.

Every time a basketball game takes place in the Ware Middle School gym and the scoreboard is being viewed, everyone will remember Bobby Hoisington as the gymnasium was the place where he coached kids of all ages. He would rent the space out and give many kids opportunities to play in leagues and be a part of a fun community.



Eric Swett connects the lights for the Christmas tree at Veterans Park.

### SPIRIT from page 1

the last car goes through), with the Ware Holiday Flair Festive Drive-Thru event at Grenville Park. 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 drive-thru 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



Officer Jeanine Bonnayer struck a pose after volunteers finished hanging decorations.

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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James Penfold of Revision Energy is shown alongside a charging station that is beneficial for owners of electric vehicles.

**EV CARS** from page 1

Connecticut, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Tufts University.

One of the drivers and representatives of one of the EV cars available for test driving was Michelle Bourget. The EV Bourget had for test drives was the Subaru Solterra EV courtesy of Patrick Subara in Shrewsbury.

Bourget said she has been on a lot of test drives on the racetrack throughout the day and has had an exciting experience meeting new people in the industry and guests who might consider going electric with their automobiles. Bourget enjoyed the scenery of the track which is what many drivers and racers get to experience when visiting the Palmer Motorsports Park.

Other brands of cars that provided test drive vehicles for the showcase include Hummer, Toyota, Lexus, Honda, Tesla, Chevrolet and many more.

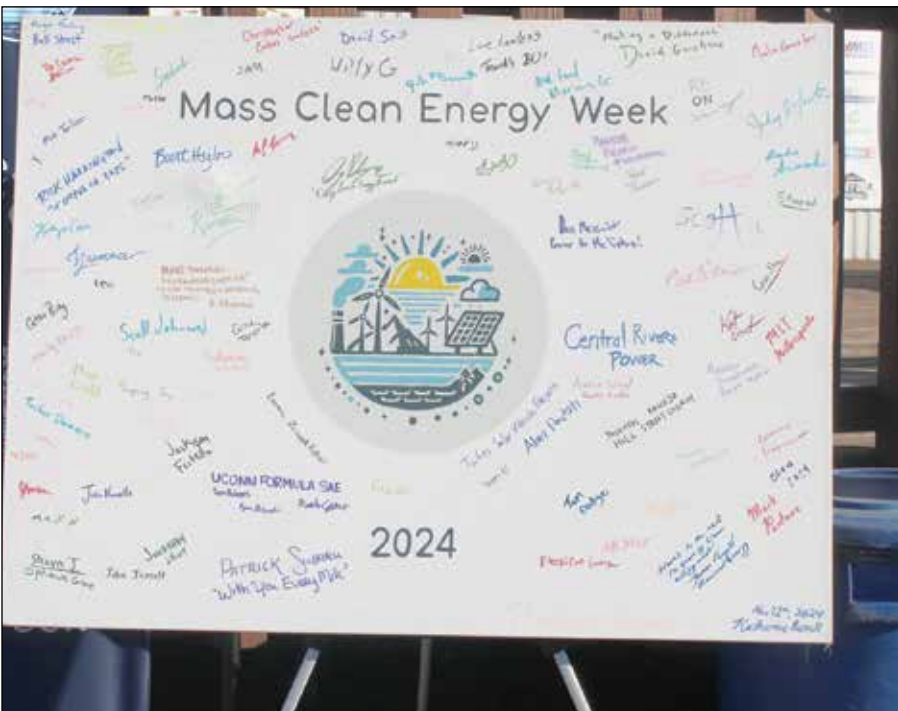
James Penfold, Director of E-Mobility Solutions at Revision Energy was excited to visit the Palmer Motorsports Park and talk about the company's charging stations. According to Penfold, the EV car is the future of the automotive industry. When it comes to driving electric vehicles, the motors are more connected to the wheels.

Penfold had a model of Revision Energy's charging station that would benefit owners of EVs. With this charging station, Penfold says an electric vehicle can be charged and get up to 200 miles in 20 minutes.

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Palmer Motorsports Park hosted the inaugural No Gas, All Glory Charge Ahead All Electric Showcase.



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A Lexus R2 450e was one of 18 electric vehicles to test drive on the Palmer Motorsports Park track.



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The lads from Deep Roots Distillery and Kitchen.

By Richard Murphy  
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – It was a Wednesday, and the temperature was that of a summer's day.

In shirtsleeves and sans jacket, it was time for a farmers market, yet there were no vendors set up on the town common on this lovely afternoon.

Whatever the climate, the calendar disagreed. It was the first Wednesday in November and the West Brookfield Farmer's Market had been over for a few weeks.

There was no reason to go into mourning. All one had to do was cross the street from the common and enter the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield at 36 North Main St. to encounter where the Market had migrated.

Of course, The West Brookfield Winter Farmer's Market did not just show up at the church. This event has been operating in the town for a number of years, beginning in late fall

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Rich Laba and Farm46 bring Berkshire Breed pork products to market.



Robyn Scott with her Blair House Blooms' bulbs. *Turley Photos by Richard Murphy*



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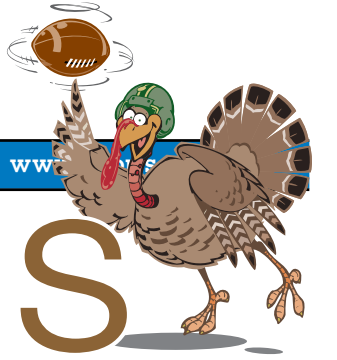
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## Thanksgiving TRADITIONS

### Cougars, Indians set for Turkey Day tilt

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE— A total of 24 players will be playing in their final high school football game when Quaboag Regional and Ware renew acquaintances at Veterans' Field in Ware on Thanksgiving morning.

Kickoff for the 15th meeting between the two neighboring high schools is scheduled to take place at 10 a.m.

Ware, who squeaked out a 20-14 victory on Thanksgiving Eve a year

ago, currently holds a slim 8-6 lead in the rivalry series, which began in 2009. The Indians defeated the Cougars for the first time since they posted an 8-0 shutout victory in 2019. That game also marked the first time that the two rivals played each other on Thanksgiving morning.

Ware, who's guided by head coach Mike Fazio, didn't qualify for the Division 8 state tournament this fall despite finishing the regular season with a 6-2 record. The Indians lost a non-league home game to Narragansett Regional, 41-7, on September 20 with a couple of key starters sidelined with injuries. They also lost to Athol, 40-24 on the road.

In their final regular season game, the Indians pulled out an exciting 7-6 victory against archrival Palmer at historic Legion Field.

Ware also defeated the Springfield International Charter School, 21-14, in a non-play-off game at AIC before losing to Amherst, 40-0 in another non-play-off home game.

The twelve Ware seniors who'll be putting on the football uniform at the high school level for the final time are Thomas Richter, Brady Dryer, Julis Marquis, Jayden Kern, Gavin Sawabi, Ayden Mulcalhy, Nathan Luxon, Matt Gambino, Edric Oriz, Nathon Harmon, Dominic Montalbon, and Ben Torres.

Dyer, who's the Indians starting quarterback, started in the rivalry game for the first time a year ago. He took over the starting duties from Jack Autcher, who's currently a sophomore member of the W.P.I. football team.



Quarterback Jacob Cacace makes a screen pass to the right side during last year's matchup.



Quarterback Jacob Cacace holds onto the ball after not being able to find an open receiver.



Jadrien Berthiaume tries to follow the blocks while on a carry.



Gavin Sawabi and Kyle Gordon work together on a tackle during last year's Thanksgiving Eve game.



Brady Dwyer drops back and makes a handoff.



Benjamin Torres is tackled near the sideline just after making a reception.



Talan Molina works through a couple of crowded areas.

#### WARE VS QUABOAG

Ware leads series 8-6

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

#### QUABOAG FOOTBALL (4-6)

- Friday, Sept. 13 - Quaboag 37, Ludlow 6
- Friday, Sept. 20 - Palmer 27, Quaboag 26
- Friday, Sept. 27 - Quabbin 34, Quaboag 0
- Friday, Oct. 4 - Quaboag 30, North 18
- Saturday, Oct. 12 - Oxford 20, Quaboag 18
- Friday, Oct. 18 - Quaboag 20, Southbridge 0
- Saturday, Oct. 26 - Quaboag 54, David Prouty 42
- Friday, Nov. 1 - Bartlett 28, Quaboag 0
- Friday, Nov. 8 - D8 Round of 16 - No. 1 Randolph 67, No. 16 Quaboag 6
- Friday, Nov. 15 - Littleton 38, Quaboag 14
- Thanksgiving Game: Thursday, Nov. 28 - at Ware 10 a.m.

#### WARE FOOTBALL (7-3)

- Friday, Sept. 13 - Ware 14, Easthampton 12
- Friday, Sept. 20 - Narragansett 41, Ware 7
- Friday, Sept. 27 - Ware 28, Drury 0
- Friday, Oct. 4 - Ware 21, Greenfield 14
- Friday, Oct. 11 - Athol 40, Ware 24
- Friday, Oct. 18 - Ware 12, Mahar 6
- Friday, Oct. 25 - Ware 20, Franklin Tech 6
- Saturday, Nov. 2 - Ware 7, Palmer 6
- Thursday, Nov. 7 - Ware 21, SICS 14
- Friday, Nov. 15 - Amherst 40, Ware 0
- Thanksgiving Game: Thursday, Nov. 28 - vs. Quaboag 10 a.m.

### Pathfinder looks to rebound from last Turkey Day

PALMER - Once again, the Pathfinder and Belchertown football teams will participate in a Thanksgiving morning football game. The unique part of this matchup is the teams begin play earlier than others, with kick off set for 9 a.m. instead of the traditional 10 a.m. other games start at on the holiday. The game time

was changed a few years ago. Last year, Belchertown raised its Turkey Day record to 13-9 against Pathfinder with a 61-14 blowout. But it's not a winning streak yet as Pathfinder got a win in 2022 47-22. Both teams have had a tough 2024 with Belchertown going 1-8 while Pathfinder went just 2-8.



#### BELCHERTOWN FOOTBALL (1-8)

- Friday, Sept. 13 - Northampton 16, Belchertown 13
- Thursday, Sept. 19 - Pittsfield 42, Belchertown 14
- Friday, Sept. 27 - Ludlow 40, Belchertown 18
- Friday, Oct. 4 - Hoosac 43, Belchertown 8
- Thursday, Oct. 10 - Easthampton 20, Belchertown 19
- Friday, Oct. 18 - Lee 46, Belchertown 0
- Friday, Oct. 25 - Frontier 20, Belchertown 0
- Friday, Nov. 1 - Commerce 28, Belchertown 6
- Friday, Nov. 8 - Belchertown 46, Greenfield 13
- Thursday, Nov. 14 - Bye
- Thanksgiving Game - Thursday, Nov. 28 - at Pathfinder 9 a.m.

#### PATHFINDER FOOTBALL (2-8)

- Friday, Sept. 13 - Palmer 40, Pathfinder 7
- Friday, Sept. 20 - Athol 40, Pathfinder 0
- Friday, Sept. 27 - Franklin Tech 46, Pathfinder 6
- Saturday, Oct. 5 - SICS 40, Pathfinder 30
- Friday, Oct. 11 - Monument Mountain 40, Pathfinder 34
- Saturday, Oct. 19 - Pathfinder 28, Drury 12
- Saturday, Oct. 26 - Pathfinder 42, McCann Tech 12
- Friday, Nov. 1 - Smith Vocational 40, Pathfinder 8
- Friday, Nov. 8 - Frontier 38, Pathfinder 12
- Friday, Nov. 15 - South Hadley 27, Pathfinder 9
- Thanksgiving Game - Thursday, Nov. 28 - vs. Belchertown 9 a.m.



#### BELCHERTOWN VS. PATHFINDER

Belchertown leads series 13-9

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



# sports

## Panthers fall in holiday matchup

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—As a member the Quabbin football team from 2012-2015, Dan Salvatore broke the school record for single-game and single-season rushing yards. The most games that the Panthers won in a season during those four years was five.

Dan's younger brother, Luke, is one of the seniors on this year's Panthers football team, which has had a very memorable season.

The Panthers will be looking to break the school record for wins in a season when they travel to Gardner High School on Thanksgiving morning.

It'll be the second meeting of the season between the Panthers and the Wildcats.

Back on Sept. 12, the Wildcats defeated the Panthers, 26-14, in the season opener at Alumni Field.

The Panthers did win their final four home games.

In the final game of the season played at Alumni Field, Luke Salvatore scored two rushing touchdowns and senior quarterback Jaxon Warburton also scored a pair of rushing touchdowns leading Quabbin to a 48-20 non-playoff victory over the North Middlesex Patriots, last Thursday night.

It was the Panthers seventh win of the season, which ties them with the 2016 squad for the most victories in the program's history.

"When I was driving to school this morning, it hit me that this would be my final home football game," Salvatore said. "My older brother was also a running back and he's the main reason why I began playing football. I'm very grateful for the career that I've had here and the great moments that we've made as a team on this field."

Luke Salvatore is hoping to continue playing football at the collegiate level next year just like his older brother, who played football at Stonehill College.

When the seniors listed on this year's football roster were freshmen, the Panthers only won four games.

"Everything has come full circle," Salvatore said. "When I was a freshman, we struggled to win games, but we've worked very hard during the past couple of years. All our hard work has paid off for us this season. We really want to beat Gardner on Thanksgiving and break the school record for wins in a season. We don't want to share it."

The other Panthers seniors are Ryan Wreschinsky, Bryce Venne, Jake Thao, Cole Wilson, Adam Faulha, Zach Zajak, Zeke Santoro, Travis Wells, and Jack Fors.

"The majority of the seniors have been playing football together since we were in the fifth grade," Salvatore added. "A lot of us played different positions at the youth level. I've always been an outside linebacker, but I didn't play offense back then."

Salvatore is a senior captain, along with Warburton, Venne, Faulha, Wilson, and Wells.

"I became the head coach when the seniors were freshmen," said



File photos

Offensive MVP Luke Salvatore and Defensive MVP Jaxon Kelley with the team behind them.



Luke Salvatore works his way around Gardner defenders during last year's Thanksgiving Eve matchup.



Chase Talbot snatches a pass.

Quabbin head coach Wayne Page. "It hasn't hit me yet that the football season is almost over, but I do care about the seniors and all the other players on the football team a lot. These guys have worked very hard to turn this program around during the past couple of years. All of them are great kids."

The Panthers, who have scored 40 or more points in four games this season, will enter the final game of the season with a 7-3 overall record.

One of the reasons why the home football game against North Middlesex was held last Thursday night was because the members of the Quabbin performing arts performed Disney's Beauty and the Beast inside the school's auditorium last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Salvatore became a member of the Quabbin performing arts for the first time at the beginning of the school year.

"I decided to join the performing arts club because it was my senior year," he said. "I do like movies, and I always thought I would like to become an actor someday. I'm Gaston in the Beauty and the Beast play. It's a perfect role for me. I'll be singing five songs. Being on the stage is very similar to being on a football field. It takes a lot of hard work to be successful."

The play rehearsals took place at the high school from 6-9 pm every Monday and Wednesday night since



Jaxon Kelley scores the two-point conversion on a center sneak.

August.

"It has really been a lot of fun doing something new in my life. It's a very welcoming community," Salvatore said. "My older brother, Ben, was a member of the theater group when he was in high school. I'm also following in his footsteps."

Page and his coaching staff were looking forward to watching Salvatore perform in the play on opening night.

"I can't wait to go watch Luke perform in the play tomorrow night," said Page following the win against North Middlesex. "Luke is an outstanding young man, and he does a lot of different things. The whole

team will be there supporting him."

In a couple of weeks, Salvatore, who's also a member of the NJROTC, will be beginning his final season as a member of the boys' basketball team. Longtime Quabbin boys' varsity coach Dennis Dextradeur doesn't remember any of his former players ever having a leading role in a school play before.

Luke Salvatore might not have broken any of his older brother's rushing records, but he and his teammates are hoping to celebrate one more victory on the gridiron before the curtains close at around noon-time at Watkins Field in Gardner on Thanksgiving.

## Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
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### Commercial Elks League

PALMER – The second round of the league for the Commercial Elks League began this past Tuesday night.

Gutter Mounds were the winners of the first round and will compete in the championship roll off at the end of the year. The other five teams will attempt to join Gutter Mounds by securing a good record to win round two.

In one match, The Daft Kings bowled against Last in Line in week one of round two. In game one, Daft Kings were victorious 377-374. Ken Trudel of Daft Kings began the match with a 107. His teammate Dave Cobleigh bowled a 103.

In game two, Last in Line bounced back with a dominate victory over Daft Kings, 430-333. Three of the four members of Last in Line broke the century mark with Rich Chambers having the high game of 112.

In game three, Daft Kings won the last game 363-358. However, Last in Line won total pinfall, 1162-1113. Each team started the new round by winning two points each.

First round winner Gutter Mounds bowled against Compression. In game one, Compression defeated Gutter Mounds 330-325. Jay Dominick of Compression started with a 106. In game two, Gutter Mounds won 370-354.

In game three, Gutter Mounds won the last game 380-349. Gutter Mounds start the new round strong by winning three out of four points. Final score

was 1075-1033, in favor of Gutter Mounds.

The Mailmen team bowled against Team BK. In game one, Team BK was victorious 357-353. In game two, BK was victorious again by a score of 352-312. In game three, Team BK won a close last game, 367-365, to win all three games and total pinfall.

The final score was 1076-1030 in favor of Team BK. The team started off round two with a record of 4-0.

### Bogey Doubles

EAST BROOKFIELD – The results of the second round of this past week's Bogey Doubles League.

The team of Renaud & Ward won two out of three games against Murphy & Kenneson. The final score was 778-725 in favor of Steve Renaud and Tina Ward.

The Gauthier & Clough team won all three games against Rando & MacDougall with the final score being 824-784.

The doubles team of Clauson & Santora won all three games against Halbedel & Fontaine. The final score was 860-755 in favor of Clauson & Santora.

Talamini & Gravel won two out of three games against Mondor & Brayton. The final score was 785-765 in favor of Talamini & Gravel.

Pellet & Nester won all three games against Sandman & Marvin. The final score was 861-748 in favor of Pellet & Nester.

The high single and high series in this session was bowled by Jim Nester. His high single was a 156 to go along with a 407 series. Phil Clough had the second highest single and series with a 141 and a 390.

## Late goals get T-Birds much-needed win

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-8-1-0) got a clutch late-game goal from their captain en route to a 4-2 win over the Charlotte Checkers (7-4-0-1) on Saturday night at the MassMutual Center. Springfield picked up its first set of back-to-back wins this season in the process.

The T-Birds played a stout defensive opening period against the AHL's most potent offense, keeping the Checkers to just nine shot attempts and one unsuccessful power play opportunity. Vadim Zherenko has a stable start to his night, denying each Charlotte shot that reached the blue paint.

At the other end, former T-Birds head coach Geordie Kinnear also had his team locked in defensively. The Checkers also killed off one Springfield power play, and Ken Appleby had answers for each of the T-Birds' seven first-period shots.

2:30 into the second, one of the newcomers to North America got Springfield the night's first tally. Leo Loof brilliantly maneuvered himself down the right wing into the slot, moving the puck to his forehand and rattling a shot off the post. While Loof did not have luck on his side, his fellow Swede Simon Robertsson did, as the rookie arrived in the slot, found the loose puck, and snapped it past a fallen Appleby to give Springfield the 1-0 lead. It was Robertsson's first AHL goal, and it marked the first time in three games that Springfield tallied the first marker.

The Springfield power play, which had not scored since Nov. 2, got into the

action next at 5:57, as Aleksanteri Kaskimaki uncorked a one-timer from the right circle off a setup from Samuel Johannesson. Marcus Sylvegard parked himself in front of the net and deftly tipped the shot past Appleby for his second man-advantage goal of the season, and the T-Birds lead moved to 2-0.

A late penalty and subsequent sportsmanlike conduct call put Charlotte on the power play for four minutes at the tail end of the middle stanza. With just 1.8 seconds left in the frame, Trevor Carrick held a clearing attempt in and snapped a shot past Zherenko to bring the Checkers to within a goal heading into the third.

The visitors built off that goal at the 2:23 mark of the third when Marek Alschner moved up from the blue line to find a loose puck in a scramble and score his first AHL goal to tie the game, 2-2.

The stalemate carried into the back half of the final frame, and a pair of matching minors set the teams up at 4-on-4 hockey with less than six minutes to play. Almost immediately, the T-Birds rose to the occasion. Hunter Skinner raced to the right point to hold a puck at the blue line. With no hesitation, he whipped a pass diagonally to a streaking Matthew Peca on the left-wing side. Appleby denied Peca's first attempt with the pad, but the captain corralled the rebound and swept it into an empty net, restoring the T-Birds lead, 3-2, with 5:29 to go.

With Appleby pulled in the closing minutes, Charlotte kept pressing the issue, but Zherenko and the T-Birds defense stiffened. Dylan Peterson blocked a last-ditch effort, cleared the defensive zone, and tapped the puck into the empty cage to wrap up Springfield's win.

Zherenko earned his first win since Oct. 12 with 25 stops on the night, while Appleby had 22 saves for Charlotte.

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## Railers notch road win in Canada

TROIS-RIVIÈRES, QC— The Worcester Railers HC (6-6-0-0 12pts) beat the Trois-Rivières Lions (5-3-2-0, 12pts), on Saturday by a final score of 5-4 in front of a crowd of 1,936 at the Colisée Videotron. The Railers are back on the ice next at the Colisée Videotron taking on the Trois-Rivières Lions on Sunday, November 17th at 3:00 p.m. EST.

It was Trois-Rivières who scored first when Jakov Novak (2-1-3) scored on the power play at 15:30 in the first making it a 1-0 score going into the second. Jakov Novak found the back of the net for a second time in the second period 12:03 into the frame. The Railers then made it 2-1 with a power play goal from Matthew Kopperud (1-1-2). Under a minute into the third Riley Piercey (2-0-2) scored on the power play to tie the game up at 2-2. The Lions took the lead 3-2 9:41 into the third with a goal from Logan Nijhoff (1-0-1). Jonathan Yantsis (1-0-1) then added another on making it 4-2. Anthony Repaci then got one through (2-2-4) 13:02 into the third. Anthony Repaci struck again making it a tie game at 4-4 17:44 into the third. Riley Piercey got the game winner with 22 sec-

onds remaining in overtime making the final score 5-4.

Trois-Rivières scored a power play goal for the lone first period goal. Jakov Novak (6th) got one by John Muse of Worcester to make it a 1-0 game. The Lions would go back on the power play later in the period following a hooking call on Connor Welsh, but the Railers penalty kill was able to successfully kill the penalty off. Shots favored Trois-Rivières 11-7 in the first period.

The Railers had to start the second period off on the penalty kill following a slashing call on Griffin Loughran late in the first. Although the Railers successfully killed this penalty off to start the second, the Lions extended their lead to 2-0. It was Jakov Novak (7th) scoring again for the Lions as he ripped one through from the right circle. Matthew Kopperud (4th) cut into the Trois-Rivières lead with his power play goal making it 2-1 Trois-Rivières. Neither team would score through the rest of the second leaving the score at 2-1 headed into the third. Shots favored Worcester 11-9 in the second.

The Railers got another power play opportunity in the second and were able to tie it up at 2-2

as Riley Piercey (5th) tapped in a rebounded shot just 52 seconds into the third. The Lions went on to take the 3-2 lead with a goal from Logan Nijhoff (2nd). Jonathan Yantsis (1st) went on to make it 4-2 Trois-Rivières with his goal 11:21 into the third. The Railers cut the Lion lead to one with a goal from Anthony Repaci (8th) 13:02 into the third period. Anthony Repaci (9th) was not done there as he scored again on the power play to tie the game at 4-4 with 2:16 remaining in the third. With his goal, Anthony Repaci passed Barry Almeida at 150 for the franchise record in points scored with 151 (74G, 77A). Repaci's goal would be the final score of the third, forcing overtime. Shots were even at 17 for both teams.

It took almost the entire overtime period for a team to win this one. Matthew Kopperud had an opportunity late into the overtime period but his shot hit off the left post. Riley Piercey (6th) then took the puck down all alone and scored the game winner, giving the Railers the 5-4 overtime win. Worcester outshot Trois-Rivières in overtime, and Trois-Rivières outshot Worcester 40-39 in the game.

## Owls finish football season with .500 record

WESTFIELD – Westfield State senior running back Dylan Disabella (Granby, Conn.) punctuated the Owls' senior day with 241 yards rushing and three TD's to power Westfield to a 22-7 win over Fitchburg State.

Westfield closes the season 4-6 overall and 4-5 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference under first-year head coach Lou Conte, Jr. Fitchburg ends its first season under coach Izzy Abraham at 2-8, 1-8 in the MASCAC.

Disabella and the Owls methodically ground out the win, as he finished with 35 carries, and scored on a 7-yard run in the first quarter, and a 21-yard run in the second quarter to grab a 14-0 lead at the half. He added a seven-yard TD run in the third quarter. He finishes the year as the Owls leading rusher with 763 yards and 7 rushing TD's on 143 carries, switching into the primary ball-carrier role for Westfield after a mid-season injury to Sean Willis (450 yards). Disabella also led the Owls in receiving for the season with 14 catches for 240 yards and two more TD's.

The Owls tacked on a 28-yard Cooper Harvey (Niskayuna, NY) field goal to take a 22-0 lead in the fourth quarter, before Fitchburg finally got on the board with 31 seconds left in the contest on a 50-yard Devin Lebron (Ledyard,

Conn.) to Jeremy Allik (Natick, Mass.) completion.

Westfield dominated in time of possession, 42:42-17:18, and had 342 yards of total offense compared to 216 for the Falcons. The game also featured eight fumbles and two interceptions between the two teams, and a combined 26 flags for 227 yards in penalties.

Ryan Scott (Dalton, Mass./Wahconah) started at QB and finished 4-10 for 72 yards passing. He was relieved by Lucas Pickard (Dalton, Mass./Wahconah) in the second half, who was just 1-1, but that was a 38-yarder to Jordan Lanoue (Belchertown, Mass.).

Jacob Swinehart (Holyoke, Mass.) finished with three catches for 63 yards.

Fitchburg's offense was led by 55 yard rushing from Matthew Aguirre (Laredo, Tex.). Emilo Cabey (Boston, Mass./Dover Sherborn) caught three balls for 48 yards. Starter Rocky Marchitelli (Gunnison, Colo.) was 6-12 for 58 yards passing, but had to leave the game after receiving a second unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Lebron relieved him and completed 3 of 10 passes for 50 yards and a td.

Westfield's Eric Lovell (Barnstable, Mass.) picked off a pair of Lebron's passes, including a 24-yard return to the Falcons' 7-yard line in the third quarter that set up Disabella's third score of

the day. Senior DT Cade Nelson (Shrewsbury, Mass.) led the Owls with seven tackles with 1.5 TFL, and Justyn Gardener (East Hartford, Conn.) added six stops and half a sack. Dylan Zuerblis (Wethersfield, Conn.) netted 1.5 sacks.

The Falcons defense was led by 13 tackles and a sack from Sebastian Burmester (Germantown, NY), ith John McGarry (Highland Lake, NY) adding eight stops.

Westfield State honored its 27 seniors before the game, and all who were healthy for the game played with the big lead late in the fourth quarter.

Jacob Applebee, Gavin Bullock, Dylan Clark, Curtis Dion, Dylan Disabella, Sean Ferguson, Gabriel Fernandez, Justyn Gardner, Nikolas Giotsas, Chris Greene, Jordan Lanoue, Adam Legere, Max Margeson, Anthony Messoro, Cade Nelson, Tim O'Connor, Gilberto Rodriguez, Ethan Russell, Connor Schlitter, Blake Simpson, Jake Swinehart, Casey Tang, Matthew Varteresian, Nate Walton, Noah Will, Malachi Wright, and Alvin Yvon comprised the Owls senior class recognized in the pregame ceremonies.

Westfield finished with four wins, one more than the 2023 campaign, and their best total since the fall of 2018 when the Owls finished 5-5.

### WARE from page 9

One of Autcher's teammates at WPI is Brendan Burke, who finished his outstanding high school football career as the Cougars all-time leading rusher.

Even though they finished the 2024 regular season with a 4-4 record, Quaboag still qualified for the Division 8 state tournament as the 16th seed. The tournament seedings in most high schoolsports are determined by a power ranking system.

The Cougars suffered a 67-6 loss at top-seeded Randolph High School in the round of 16 on Nov.8. They also lost a non-playoff game, 36-14, at Littleton High School the following week.

The Cougars four victories were against Ludlow (37-6), Worcester North (30-18), Southbridge (20-0) and David Prouty (54-42). The combined record of those four teams is 9-28.

Prior to beginning the football program at Quaboag Regional, Dave Shepherd was the varsity football coach at Ware High School.

The twelve seniors listed on the Quaboag football roster are Evan Pollier, Giovanni Twomey, Jack Morgan, Reilly Comptois, Cameron Evans, Jarrett Dupre, Manuel Flores, Brasen Sauriol, Trenton Benson, Izaiah Flores, Logan Corder, and Samuel Carrasco.

Junior Jacob Cacace is the Cougars quarterback. He was the starter in last year's game against



The offensive line does their blocking on a play.



Tyler Withers tries to fight through a Ware tackler.



Kyle Safford tries to avoid being tackled.

The 15th meeting on the gridiron between the two rivals should be a very interesting affair.

# education



Submitted photos  
Haley Ayer also did an internship with the school nurse and taught Hardwick Elementary School students a lesson on hand washing.  
LEFT: Sydney Slattery did an internship with the school nurse and taught Hardwick Elementary School students a lesson on dental hygiene.

## QRSD offers internship opportunities

**From the desk of Colleen Mucha, Superintendent of Quabbin Regional School District**

This fall, 39 of the Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2024 seniors are completing internships.

The guidance department strives to find opportunities that align with student's future goals whether it be to join the workforce, military or to attend college. Internships for high school students offer many positive benefits such as the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a real world setting.

Additionally, internships can help students build important skills like time management, self advocacy and effective communication.

Recently, I was at the Hardwick Elementary School when I happened across two of our seniors, Sydney Slattery and Haley Ayer, who are completing an internship with the school nurse. Both students have an interest in the medical field.

In this case, it has allowed them to "try on" nursing.

One of the tasks that they have been responsible for includes

implementing health lessons with our learners. In order to prepare for this, they had to research and learn about their topics. These included dental hygiene and hand washing.

The interns created lesson plans and delivered them in multiple classrooms. Slattery found when teaching a lesson to the students that she had to make the projects interesting and creative. She also stated the connection between her internship to nursing in general.

"This will help me as a nurse. It helps me understand effective teaching and helping others, that is what nurses do. I've learned to express myself in ways that others will understand."

Ayer expressed that she is hopeful having had this internship that colleges will look favorably on the internship experience when considering her college application. She has found working with the students to be very rewarding and fun.

Ayer presented lessons on hand washing.

Students would wash their hands and then place them under lighting that shows where they may still have germs on their hands. Students then are taught proper

hand washing and have the opportunity to put their hands under the light again.

Students could immediately see the difference that proper hand washing made as their hands did not "light up" with germs. Their excitement and enthusiasm were contagious as they were very proud of themselves.

The nursing internships have included learning about the importance of patient confidentiality and promoting healthy lifestyles and activities. Slattery and Ayer have assisted with health screenings and even made "healthy" bulletin boards.

One thing our interns have realized about the medical field is that there is a lot of paperwork. But rather than deter our seniors from pursuing a career in the medical field, it has inspired them and made their commitment even stronger.

As Slattery and Ayer pursue their dreams of entering the medical field, their real world experience will benefit them. It is equally certain that the medical field will gain valuable assets with both students.

## Quaboag wins third place in Junior Achievement of Springfield Stock Market Competition

WARREN – On Nov. 7, Quaboag Regional High School Business Teacher Jean DiRico took 50 students from her Personal Finance classes on a field trip to participate in the Junior Achievement of Springfield's annual Stock Market Competition.

This marked the 19th annual Stock Market Competition hosted by the Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts which took place at the Cedars Banquet Facility in Springfield.

The event began with each team having a fictitious one million dol-

lars to invest in an artificial market that simulated the New York Stock Exchange. There were a total of 60 rounds which were labeled as days that lasted exactly one minute each.

Out of the 14 schools and 66 teams that participated in the event.

One of Quaboag's teams, "The Stock Stars" from Quaboag won third place. The students in this team were: Isabelle Aberle, Chloe

Smith, Toby Chaplin and Erin McGrath.

The team finished the game with an impressive net worth of \$1,614,103.38 and an outstanding ROI of 61.41%-achievements that earned them both a trophy and well-deserved recognition.

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# public safety

## Warren Police Log

During the week of Nov. 3-9, the Warren Police Department responded to 221 building/property checks, 26 community policings, 23 emergency 911 calls, two fires/illegal burns, one smoke investigation, three motor vehicle accidents, three animal calls and 26 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, Nov. 3**  
6:32 a.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:18 Recovered/Confiscate Property, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party  
5:40 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Main Street, Fire Extinguished

**Monday, Nov. 4**  
10:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Cronin Road, Transported to Hospital  
3:09 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Mutual Aid Assist  
4:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Brimfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Tuesday, Nov. 5**  
5:32 a.m. Falls, Comins Pond Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:22 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Quaboag Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
10:24 a.m. Sick/Unknown,

South Street, Canceled  
10:52 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Brimfield Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
1:29 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Old West Brookfield Road, Information Taken  
2:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
5:18 p.m. Smoke Investigation, Keys Road, Fire Extinguished

**Wednesday, Nov. 6**  
8:14 a.m. Power Lines Down, Dunham Road, Referred to Other Agency  
9:52 a.m. Welfare Check, Mechanic Street, Report Filed  
2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Criminal Complaint

**Thursday, Nov. 7**  
12:43 a.m. Falls, Maple Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, Nov. 8**  
7:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Written Warning  
8:47 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, School House Drive, Officer Spoke to Party  
11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

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Main Street, Written Warning  
3:41 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, A Street, Fire Extinguished  
3:56 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Milton O. Fountain Way, Transported to Hospital  
6:39 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Ware Road, Information Taken

**Saturday, Nov. 9**  
6:42 a.m. Mutual Aid Ambulance, Ware, Canceled  
1:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
1:57 p.m. Stroke (CVA), Bay Path Road, Mutual Aid Transport

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Nov. 11-18, the Hardwick/Now Braintree Police Department responded to 33 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, four radar assignments, 12 emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, four assist other agencies, two safety hazards, three complaints, seven fires, one fraud, one burglary, one scam, two investigations, one harassment, five animal calls and six motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, Nov. 11**  
12:37 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:45 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**  
12:39 a.m. Fire/Other, Grove Street, Investigated  
11:29 a.m. Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Services Rendered  
11:34 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Rad, Officer Handled  
1:49 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Charity Hill Road, Extinguished  
2:19 p.m. Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
4:10 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered  
4:48 p.m. Fire/Other, Barre Road, Unfounded  
5:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Negative Contact

8:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
10:50 p.m. Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:52 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine Street, Served in Hand

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**  
10:50 a.m. Complaint, North Street, Officer Handled  
3:20 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Extinguished  
9:09 p.m. 911 Fire/Other, Shunpike Road, Investigated

**Thursday, Nov. 14**  
7 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
9:01 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
11:58 a.m. Fraud, Barre Road, Spoken To  
3:26 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Hardwick Road, Report Taken  
7:05 p.m. Medical Emergency, Broad Street, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Nov. 15**  
9:31 a.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
1:53 p.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated

2:21 p.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Voice Message Left  
3:21 p.m. Harassment, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
6:10 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered  
11:46 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Barre Road, Officer Handled

**Saturday, Nov. 16**  
8:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
8:49 a.m. Scam, Main Street, Officer Handled  
9:41 a.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
11:28 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled  
3:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered  
5:35 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, High Street, Citation Issued  
5:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered  
7:17 p.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered

**Sunday, Nov. 17**  
8:48 a.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Hardwick Road, Extinguished  
2:03 p.m. Fire Alarm, Old Petersham Road, Investigated  
6:03 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Bridge Street, Officer Handled

## NFPA offers safety tips for preparing Thanksgiving feast

The National Fire Protection Association urges added caution when cooking on Thanksgiving Day, by far the leading day of the year for home cooking fires.

In 2022, an estimated 1,610 home cooking fires were reported to U.S. fire departments on Thanksgiving Day, reflecting a 399% increase over the daily average. Between 2018 and 2022, there was an annual average of three and half times more cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day than on a typical day of the year.

"Thanksgiving is a hectic holiday with multiple dishes cooking and baking at the same time, along with guests, entertaining, and other distractions that can make it easy to lose sight of what's on the stove or in the oven," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA in a press release. "With all these factors at play, it's no surprise that the number of cooking fires spikes so dramatically on Thanksgiving."

Overall, cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries, and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.

"Keeping a close eye on what's cooking and minimizing the likelihood of getting distracted can greatly reduce the risk of cooking fires," said Carli. "As simple as these preventative measures may sound, they truly can help ensure that everyone enjoys a festive, fire-free holiday."

Following are additional tips and recommendations from NFPA to help everyone cook safely on Thanksgiving:

- Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop. Some types of cooking, especially



those that involve frying or sautéing with oil, need continuous attention.

- When cooking a turkey, remain at home and check it regularly.
- Make use of timers to keep track of cooking times, particularly for foods that require longer cook times.
- Keep things that can catch fire like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, and towels at least three feet away from the cooking area.
- Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that can come in contact with a heat source.
- Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If a small grease fire starts, smother the flames by sliding the lid over the pan, then turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again. Let the pan cool for a long time.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Only open the door once you're confident the fire is completely out, standing to the side as you do. If you have any doubts or concerns, contact the fire department for assistance.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove

and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. Hot foods and liquids should be placed away from table and counter edges.

In addition, NFPA strongly discourages the use of turkey fryers that use cooking oil, which can cause devastating burns. For a safe alternative, NFPA recommends purchasing a fried turkey from a grocery store or restaurant or buying a fryer that does not use oil.

### About the NFPA

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, self-funded, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission.

For more information, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org). All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at [www.nfpa.org/freemembers](http://www.nfpa.org/freemembers).

## Historical Society presents program on 18th century potter

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 Public 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 Public House.

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## 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 sup-

plies 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.

## Baystate Wing Auxiliary selling 2025 Lotto Calendars

PALMER – The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary is currently selling their January 2025 Lotto Calendars.

The one-month calendar, which costs \$5 each or three for \$10, has a daily winning amount of \$100 with special drawings on Jan. 1-31.

For over 65 years the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has been actively supporting local healthcare through its sponsorship of special events and sales from the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop located on the first floor of the hospital.

Whether you are looking for something special for a patient, a gift for a special occasion, or an item for the home, the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop offers many unique, hand-selected items. For more information about the Lotto Calendar visit the gift shop located on the first floor of the hospital or call 413-370-8169.

The calendars are on sale at

# obituaries

## Gramps Dodge, 67

BELCHERTOWN – Gramps Dodge, born on Sept. 4, 1957, in Ware, passed away peacefully on Nov. 15, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.



Gramps' deep connection to the great outdoors was the cornerstone of his life. Blessed with a spirit for adventure and a passion for nature, he was never more at peace than when he was surrounded by the beauty of the wild.

Whether it was hunting, fishing, or simply bird watching, Gramps found joy in every aspect of the outdoor world. He also spoke of joys in his exhilarating

pursuit of rattlesnake hunting in Arizona.

Throughout these adventures, he was often known to relax by popping open a cold Miller, a small pleasure that brought a smile to his face.

A dedicated father, Gramps devoted himself to raising his children, for whom he showed immense pride and deep love. His legacy lives on in the fond memories and cherished moments shared with family and friends.

Gramps is predeceased by his father, John V. Dodge; sister, Tiny; and his dear friend Alan.

He will be dearly missed by his wife, Michele (Newton) Dodge, with whom he shared 36 memorable years. He also leaves his daughters, Kari Dodge and her husband Shane, and Melanie Dodge and her husband Conner; grandson, Maverick Dodge Ryan; mother, Joan (Mundell) Dodge; brother, Chuck Dodge and his wife Debbie; sister, Debra Earle and her husband Phil; as well as nieces, nephews and good friends, Barry and Steve.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. Burial will immediately follow in South Cemetery.

## Ruth M. Pulchtopek, 91

WARE – Ruth M. (Frigon) Pulchtopek, age 91, passed away on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at Vantage at Hampden Nursing Home in Hampden.



Ruth leaves behind her daughter, Karen Curylo and her husband Paul of Ware, a grandson, Zachary Curylo and his wife, Elizabeth, and one great-grandchild, Ivy of South Hadley. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Francis Pulchtopek, who passed away on Dec. 18, 1985, her five brothers: Albert, Henry, Paul, Donat "Bobby", Delano "Del" Frigon and her six sisters: Blanche Johnson, Evelyn Salvatore, Irene Higgins, Doris Cournoyer, Theresa Frigon and Mabel Pulchtopek (her fraternal twin).

Ruth was born in Spencer; she was the daughter of the late Charles and Sadie (Terroy) Frigon. She was

## Death notices

**Dodge, Gramps**  
Died Nov. 15, 2024  
Services Nov. 23, 2024

**McHugh, James Francis**  
Died Nov. 5, 2024

**Pulchtopek, Ruth M.**  
Died Nov. 15, 2024  
Services Nov. 22, 2024

employed by several of the former Ware Mills before being employed by Wilton's Children's Store as a cashier for many years prior to her retirement.

Ruth was a faithful Catholic and was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Ware.

Calling Hours will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, from 4-6 p.m. in the Cebula Funeral Home, 66 South St., Ware. A Funeral Mass will be offered for Ruth on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, 57 South St., Ware. Everyone will meet directly in the church Friday morning. Burial will follow the funeral mass in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ware.

For more information and an online guest book, please visit: [www.cebulafuneralhome.com](http://www.cebulafuneralhome.com).

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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.*

## James Francis McHugh, 74

PALMER – James (Jim) Francis McHugh, 74, of Palmer passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 5 surrounded by his loving family.



Jim was born on Sept. 9, 1950, in Ware to Bernard Joseph Sr. and Marie-Rose "Angelina" McHugh (Berthiaume.) He was a long time resident of Ware, graduating from Ware High School in 1968.

In 1969, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps where he courageously fought in the Vietnam War obtaining the rank of Corporal and the National Defense Service Medal before being honorably discharged in 1972.

Jim went on to meet and marry the love of his life, Irene C. McHugh (Day), on May 21, 1988. Although they were not a likely match with the most opposite of personalities, they valued an identical set of morals which solidified

their commitment to each other until Irene preceded him in death just 329 days prior.

They most enjoyed their earlier years taking on any adventure they felt fit for the day whether that meant a hike through the Quabbin, tag-saling for antiques, a trip to Hinsdale to bet on the dogs or a simple road trip to explore somewhere new. Jim was most proud in life of his fulfillment of his vows to Irene and his service to his country.

Jim worked for Big Y (Palmer and Ware) from 1989-2002 as an Assistant Night Chief before moving on and retiring from the U.S. Postal Service as a mail handler in 2017. He was a true gentleman known for his baby blues, luscious blonde locks (not one gray) and gift of gab.

In his free time he could be found being the best husband/dad/grandpa anybody could ask for,

reelin' 'em in at a local fishing spot, rooting on the Red Sox and any other New England teams, cashing in a big winner at the lottery office or running errands just to chat it up with endless friends made along the way.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter Sally Day, granddaughter who he endearingly referred to as "the light of his life" Jacquelyn Gerry, grandson Michael Day, siblings Janet Harrison (Bob Charpentier), Ronald McHugh (Paul Sielawa) and Kathleen McHugh along with a host of nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughters Kelly Giguere (Day), Holli Day and brother Bernard Joseph McHugh Jr.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Baystate Hospice for their unwavering support, compassion and guidance. There will be no services by request and Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. Welcome Home, Grandpa.

## Monson Savings Bank hosts annual toy drive to benefit local children

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank, a local community bank known for their commitment to giving back, is once again hosting their annual Toy Drive.

The bank has proudly partnered with multiple local toy collection programs to help bring joy to children this holiday season.

From now through Friday, Dec. 6, new and unwrapped toys for children ages 0-12 can be dropped off at any Monson Savings Bank branch, including Monson Branch, 146 Main St., Monson, MA 01057; Hampden Branch, 15 Somers Road, Hampden, MA 01036; Wilbraham Branch, 100 Post Office Park, Wilbraham, MA 01095; Ware Branch, 136 West St., Ware, MA 01082; and East Longmeadow Branch, 61 North Main St., East Longmeadow, MA 01028

"The holidays are all about spreading love, joy, and happiness. The Toy Drive allows us all to come together to make that possible for children in

our communities by collecting gifts for them to open. We have such generous communities, and we believe this year will be no different. We hope everyone will consider donating an item," said Dan Moriarty, president & CEO in a press release. "It goes without saying that we are extremely thankful for our partnering organizations who host the toy programs that ensure all children have a bright and cheerful holiday. We are thrilled to support them in their toy collection efforts."

Monson Savings Bank is proud to partner with toy drive programs held by the Hampden Police Association, East Longmeadow Police Association, Wilbraham Police Department, Ware Police Department, and The Car Club of New England.

To learn more about Monson Savings Bank's commitment to our community, please visit: <https://www.monson-savings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html>.

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## Town to hold public event for Hazard Mitigation Plan

WARE – Residents, businesses, and surrounding community members are invited to provide input on the Town of Ware Hazard Mitigation Plan at a public meeting on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road.

Attendees will learn about what the Town is doing to prepare for natural hazards and the impacts of climate change and have the opportunity to share ideas and concerns.

The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to assess Ware's risks from natural hazards and climate change impacts, and provide an action plan to reduce the Town's vulnerabilities. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is being completed by the Town with assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and is funded by the Federal Emergency

Management Agency.

Upon completion, the plan will be submitted to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and FEMA for review and approval. A FEMA-approved HMP makes the community eligible for federal and state mitigation grant funding.

The meeting will include a discussion of natural hazards and climate impacts in Ware, and the hazard mitigation planning process. Municipal officials and PVPC staff will be available to answer questions and respond to input about this project.

The meeting provides an opportunity for community members to share feedback that will be incorporated into the plan. All members of the public, representatives from surrounding communities, and other interested parties

are invited to attend the event.

For more information about this event, please contact PVPC's Mimi Kaplan at [mkaplan@pvpc.org](mailto:mkaplan@pvpc.org) or call 413-781-6045.

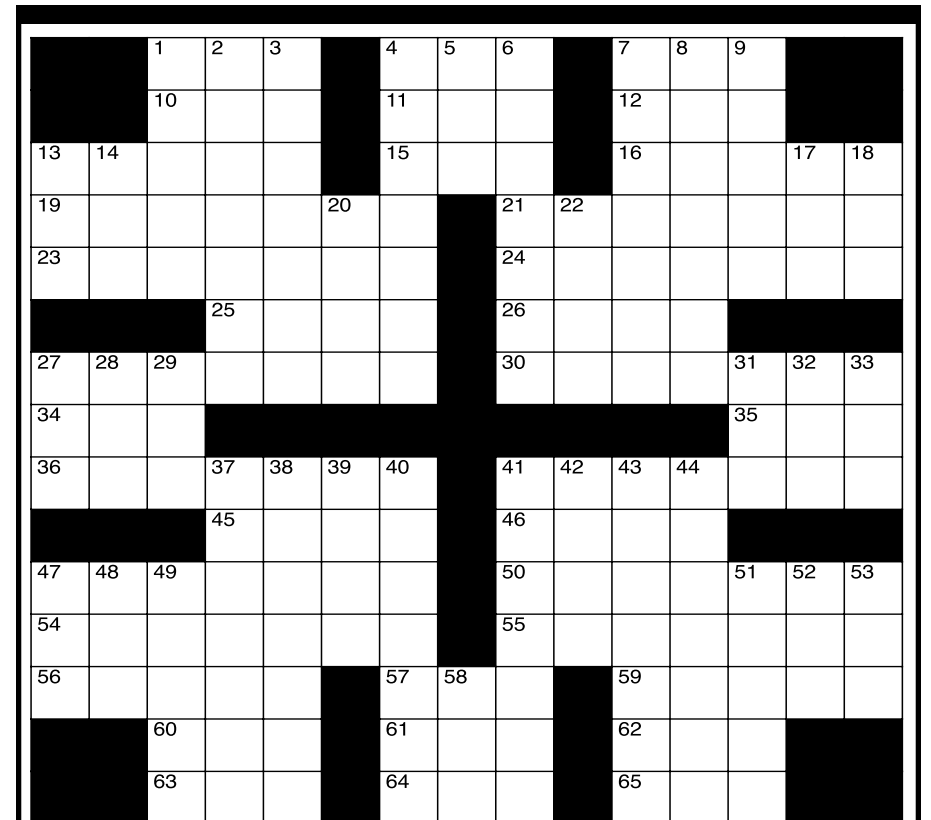
### About the PVPC

Since 1962, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has been the designated regional planning body for the Pioneer Valley region, which encompasses 43 cities and towns in Hampden and Hampshire Counties.

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- One's mother
- Upper side of an organism
- United is one
- Extraction process
- A being with lesser divine status
- People living together in a community
- Luxury automaker
- This (Spanish)
- Semitic language
- Period for a defined purpose
- Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure

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- Heat unit
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- Guatemalan town
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- Actress de Armas
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- Habitual drunkard
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- Complications
- Fail to win
- Before the present
- Musical genre
- Flurry
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- Indiana Pacer Toppin
- Midway between north and northeast
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- Mottled citrus fruit
- Beauty product
- They man first, second and third
- Harness
- Herb
- Expressed concern
- Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
- Consumed
- Nostrils
- Gathered fallen leaves
- Express good wishes
- Monetary unit of Brunei
- Japanese Buddhist festival

## MARKET from page 8

and running until early spring.

If you have never been, it is a warm and welcoming spot, even when the weather turns frosty, if it does this winter. The temps do not seem to want to follow older patterns.

Most of the vendors have been regulars, but there are new entrants.

As one walks through the door, first on the right is Robyn Scott and her Blair House Blooms. As the market season progresses, we can expect her table to be covered with beautiful colored tulips, but on this first day, Robyn had tulip and daffodil bulbs that one could plant at home.

Passing Blair House, there is Elzire's Acre. Elzire's Acre, famed for its goat milk soap, has been coming to the Winter Market for some years now. Usually represented by Chad or Terri, the husband-and-wife entrepreneurs, this Wednesday, Chloe was staffing the table and she had with her a couple of special holiday soaps, Angel's Kiss, and Angel's Hug.

After Elzire's Acre is Linda Fuchs' Flourish Farm. Flourish, a longtime summer market farm, has been with the winter market since the beginning. On this day she had fresh ginger and will have micro greens, both cut and living.

Cut greens are cut the day of the market. Linda will miss some

markets during a trip to Utah to visit grandkids.

Making a left after Flourish, there is Kelly Homestead Apiary from Charlton, presided over by Ginger. On the colorful table was a display of bee products from honey to hand dipped candles. Kelly Homestead also brings eggs from their hens as well.

New this year is chicken on sale.

As we approach Thanksgiving, Kelly Homestead has the bird, that is, Pasture Raised Organically Produced Turkeys. Orders are being taken now at 508-784-1014 and <https://www.kellyhomesteadapiary.com/>.

Moving on from Kelly Homestead is the table of Lucky Me Farm & Kitchen, new to the market this year.

Sara Doubleday brought Lucky Me Farm & Kitchen down from New Braintree to be part of the market. She grew up making relishes and got going doing the pandemic. The table is chock full of jams made from locally sourced ingredients such that it would be difficult not to find what you want.

After Sara is Farm46, back at the market for the 2024/25 season. Farm46 is the family affair of Rich Laba, his wife Amy and daughters Madison and Charlotte. They raise Berkshire pigs and bring to the market beautiful cuts of pork and bacon, as well as eggs.

Turning left is a huge departure for the market, a distillery.

It goes by the name, Deep Roots Distillery, and why not as it is deeply rooted in the community by being as locally sourced as possible.

The bottles on display and for sale all looked lovely, but the enterprise is more than beverages.

There is a from scratch kitchen as well that is in keeping with the spirit of the distillery. The two gentlemen at the table spoke with enthusiasm about their business. So, you could go down to their shop at the Mill Building in Fiskdale, but you can as well come to the market on Wednesday.

Also new at the market and up from Monson is Girlie's Cakes. Alysse, the impresario, bakes gluten free and vegan specialties. This is also a departure for the market.

Alysse started with her great grandmother, and pursued baking as a hobby before going into business. She brought a lot of product to the market, all of it looked scrumptious.

Turning left, there is John Thompson of Thompson's Maple Farm. John has been bringing the farm to the market since the beginning. With their many taps, the syrup keeps on flowing, but that is not all. They make delicious ice cream and purvey that at the market as well.

The last vendor along the wall is also the linchpin. Joy Hinton is in charge of the winter market, but that is not what she is

most known for. The specialty coffees of Her Joy Of Beans are purchased at the markets summer and winter and at her main street downtown shop.

As usual, at the first winter market, she was a ball of energy with no lack of plans. At the shop, there will be the coffee based Italian dessert, Affogato. Though not going out of the coffee business, Mem Tea will be served, probably by the new Barista, Mora. First Fridays will see mocktails.

Joy is a chess aficionado and is planning a chess club. Joy of Beans would be a perfect spot.

There is one vendor not up against a wall. Still Life Farm takes up the center of the room and well it should. As the weather gets colder, the farm's winter greenhouses supply the market with fresh vegetables. This year, two new greenhouses have come online.

The Hardwick based operation is also a longtime winter market vendor.

There will be more vendors in the coming weeks and the market will be returning every Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. through March 12, 2025.

Leave the cold outside and come into the warmth of a winter farmer's market.

Please note the market will be closed on Nov. 27 except for special Thanksgiving pre-order pickups. Also, the market is closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

# public notices

See more PUBLIC NOTICES on page 15.

### 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.

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### Town of Warren Tax Classification Public Hearing

In accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 56, the Board of Selectmen will hold a tax classification hearing on **Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 6:00p.m.** at the Shepard Municipal Building, First Floor, Selectmen's Meeting Room located at 48 High Street, Warren. The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Board of Assessors to hold a public hearing to consider the tax allocation options available to the Town under property tax classification. The Board will determine to have a single or split tax rate and whether to adopt an open space discount, a residential exemption, and small commercial exemption. Taxpayers are invited to pres-

ent oral or written testimony at the hearing. Any written testimony should be emailed to selectmen@warren-ma.gov or mailed to the Board of Selectmen, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083 by no later than 4:00pm on the day of the hearing. 11/21, 11/28/2024

### Town of Hardwick Board of Health Notice of Public Hearing

The Board of Health of the Town of Hardwick will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed updates to the town's Well Regulations. **Date: December 12, 2024**

**Time: 6:45 PM**  
**Location: Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA**

Purpose: The purpose of this hearing is to gather public input on the proposed changes to the well regulations, which include new requirements for well construction, maintenance, water quality testing, and the permitting process. A copy of the Draft

Regulations is available upon request to boh@townofhardwick.com

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide their input. Written comments may also be submitted to the Board of Health office at the Myron E. Richardson Municipal Building or via email at boh@townofhardwick.com

For more information, please contact the Board of Health Administrative Clerk at (413) 477-6197 x 108.

By Order of Board of Health Town of Hardwick, MA 11/21, 11/28/2024

### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by ADCC100, LLC to Crowd Lending Fund One, LLC, dated June 14, 2024 and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds on June 17, 2024, in Book No. 15159, at Page 318, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder Crowd Lending Fund One, LLC, for breach of the

conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at public auction at **2:00 PM, on December 17, 2024** on the mortgaged premises being known as 32-34 South Street, Ware, MA, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land, with building(s) located thereon, situated on the easterly side of South Street in said Ware, in the County of Hampshire, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northwesterly corner of land formerly of Willard Gage;

thence Northerly on said South Street seventy-four (74) feet, more or less, to the Southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Samuel Walker;

thence East twenty-four (24) degrees South one hundred (100) feet;

thence South eighteen (18) degrees forty (40) minutes West seventy four (74) feet and to the land now or formerly of Gage;

thence West eighteen (18) degrees North to land now or

formerly of said Gage one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises as conveyed to the mortgagor by deed of Depina & Sainit investment LLC, dated May 24, 2024, recorded on June 17, 2024 at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book No. 15159, at Page 313.

The above described premises will be sold **SUBJECT TO** and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, building and zoning laws, to any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, water and sewer charges, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, if any.

### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of \$7,500.00 DOLLARS shall be required to be made to the mortgagee in cash, by certified or by cashier's check at the time and place of the sale as a deposit. The successful bidder will be required to execute an Auction Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase

price shall be paid in cash, by certified check, by cashier's check, or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney within thirty (30) days thereafter at the offices of BARS AND COHEN, P.C., Attorneys for the Mortgagee, 500 Turnpike Street Suite 201, Canton, MA 02021, in exchange for which and at such time and place, the deed shall be delivered to the purchaser for recording.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to amend the foregoing terms of sale by written or oral announcement made before the auction sale, during the sale thereof or at the commencement of or during any postponed sale, the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, and to postpone the sale up until the time the property is declared sold by the auctioneer.

The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in the Notice of Mortgagee's Sale or its publication.

OTHER TERMS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SALE. Dated: November 17, 2024

(signed:) Crowd Lending Fund One, LLC Present Holder of said Mortgage By its Attorneys, Barsh and Cohen, P.C. Neil Cohen, Esquire Attorney for the Mortgagee 500 Turnpike Street Suite 201, Canton, MA 02021 (617) 332-4700 11/21, 11/28, 12/05/2024

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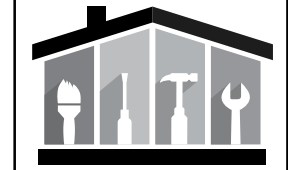
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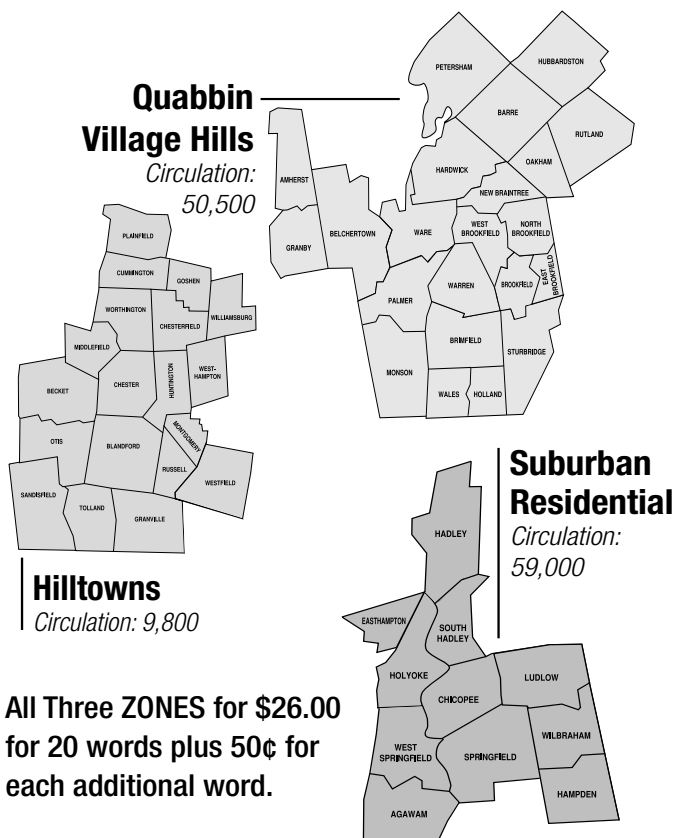
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*115.00 feet; EASTERLY by Warebrook Drive as shown on said Plan, 22.00 feet.*

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

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*NORTHERLY by Lot 20 as shown on said Plan,*

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# Quabbin Regional Middle Schools lists first quarter honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional Middle School announced the first quarter honor roll.

**Grade 7, High Honors**  
Saylor Bissonnette, Julia Blanchard, Winter Boyea, Eliza Brown, Joyce Brown, Emily DeMalia, Brody Despres, Maria Hamm, Nolan Herrick, Pele Johnson, Chiara Manna, Madeline Omasta, Sebastian Palomera-Espinoza, Owen Pears, Madeleine Proulx, Katy Twarog and Elizabeth Welch.

**Grade 7, Honors**  
Albert Afonso, Harrison Ashton, Addyson Barringer, Owen Black, Amelia Breault, Cameron Bruley, Ashlynn Casey, Jack Castell, Henry Corbett, Christopher Dallair, Sophia Dittami, Lane Fagnoli, Addison Ford, Lucas Gaspar, Meaghan Glidden, Gabriel Houle, Aimee Ickler, Evelyn Johnson, Noah Kelter, Amy Landrin, Theodore Langer, Mathieu LeBlanc, Jack Leclair, Mackenzie Levesque, Ava Maxim, Bree May, Cameron McDonald, Valerie Metterville, Brayden Nadeau, Calleb Oliveira, Ashtan Pride, Evelyn Priestley, Autumn Rector, Lily Ryan, Thomas Schoonmaker, Andrew Scott, Hannah

Shotwell, Madalyn Simons, Bella Spring, Emma Stauder, Fiona Stevens, Arina Timofeev, Kailyn Traynham, Maggie Ward, Charlie White, Lila Wilson, Skylar Wisniewski and Raegyn Wnek.

**Grade 8, High Honors**  
Kalina Bassett, Hazel Carter, Lauren Colleton, Caleb Conway-Dias, Adalyn Cranston, Madison Cyr, Kalypso DeCologero, Jeremy DeMoranville, Fiona Derr, Brynn Dunphy, Xavier Fjeld, Silas Flint, Nathan Gringras, Olivia Gregory, Hayston Hay, Madisyn Hill, Reese Jamieson, Sarah Jean-Francois, Gemma Mullins, Greyson Mullins, Olivia O'Connor, Whitney Reeves, Chloe Richardson, Ava Rogowski, Jacob Rosario, Zoey Salvadore, Dimas Santos Jr., Madisyn Shotwell, Annabelle Silver, Addison Surprenant, Michael Tabares, Robert Tobin, Launa Tran, John Tyler, Robyn Waltz and Jack Wynne.

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Oliva Abbas-Peck, Emma Ackert, Adeelya Andrade, Alison Baptiste, Joseph Cook, Natalia Cordero-Martel, Gabriel DelGiudice, Landon Devine, Aryanna

Donofrio, Eli Doolittle, Jasmine Ewing, Maya Faucher, Finian Fauteux, Lindsay Fors, Tsadiku Fox, Juliana Guilderson, Madison Haley, Sawyer Harmon, Jace Jones, Aubrey Lawson, Weston Letendre, Allie Lipiec, Sage McQuestion, Annalycce Miller, Morgan Montague, Lunabelle Moore, Layla Nally, Sarah Neal, William O'Neill, Dante Orcutt, Quinn Ouimette, Joseph Perrone, Nathaniel Perry, Lukas Potter, Kimberly Riendeau, Sophia Rogers, Connor Roohan, Alexis Savary, Madison Scanlon, Deven Skinner, Rosalie Stark, Tucker Talbot, Mackenzie Toupin, Halee Vasquez, Maxwell Wade, Isabelle Wentworth, Gareth White and Sarai Zhindon.

# Quabbin Regional High School list honor roll

BARRE – Quabbin Regional High School lists the first quarter honor roll for grades nine through 12.

**Grade 9, High Honors**  
Brent Benoit, Abraham Brown, Nicholas Carroll, Michael Condry, Maya Edouard, Chloe Howarth, Ellie Poulin and Erin Trotter.

**Grade 9, Honors**  
Nicholas Antonio, Mary Asiedu, Anyiah Bergeron, Josephine Buck, Carlmorisia Campbell, Eleanor Carroll, Brian Colleton, Aiden Crane, Kayla Curran, Adrien Cyr, Oliver Davis, Aliyah Edouard, Andrew Erickson, Audrey Faucher, Samuel Feldman, Alaina Flynn, Maya Fontaine, Daniella Gaudreault, Callahan Hardy, Jadin Harnois, Samuel Jamieson, Matthew Labrousse, Alison LaRoche, Emma Lindsey, Kingston McKenzie, Lynn Diarra Michel, Niki Nikakhlagh, John Orsini, Aubrie Phelps, Moira Powers, Juliet Priestley, Lealani Prunesti-Thomas, Veanna Salvadore, Kristen Schur, Ava Sobol, Haley Stoll, Silas Stukuls Barrieau, Benjamin Thompson and Catherine Tucker.

**Grade 10, High Honors**  
Jacob Bassett, Madeleine Boisselle, Tess Dunphy, Kathryn Ford, Ella Reeves and Ellary White.

**Grade 10, Honors**  
Klavdiya Antonian, Skyler Bard, Halo Bissonnette, Samantha Breault, Makenzie Casey, Benjamin Darcey, Kherington Deschenes, Oliver Doane, Isabel Doty, Leah Doucette, Brody Faucher, Grace Flamand, Lilian Hinckley, Kaylie Howland, Kirk Kaelin II, Emma Keddy, Violet Kelley, Sadie Kennan, Nathaniel

Korandanis, Sierra Lambert, Audrey Laursen, Ailey Majoy, Anna Metcalf, Mia Miville, Jesse Newton, Samantha O'Connor, Sadie Ouimette, Maya Putnam, Julia Quintal, Camren Robertson, Abigail Rogowski, Emma Ryan, Sienna Shaw, Aubrey Thorpe, Owen Twarog, Grace Vanoudenhove, Brendan Welch, Carlo Zolla and Leanna Zou.

**Grade 11, Honors**  
Owura Ankoma-Mensah, Aaron Bodine, Owen Breuer, Micah Cerezo, Annabella DiMartino, Mia Ducos, Kalina Dyer, Garrett Erickson, Ava Gilman, Adelaide Harmon, Emma Kahlau, Anthony Landry, Logan Loomer, Grace Manna, Elizabeth Matheson, Hunter McQuestion, Jayne O'Brien, Madelyn Stauder, Andrew Warfield, Farrah Wojcik and Jin Xi Zou.

**Grade 12, High Honors**  
Ava Conlee, Teaghan Earle, Matthew Erickson, Quinn Geary, Samuel Guertin, Isabel LaBelle, Julia Smith and Jaxon Warburton.

**Grade 12, Honors**  
Shimie Ankoma-Mensah, Eamon Arnold, Haley Ayer, Jordan Blanchard, Kevin Boles, Alisyn Bruso, Kyle Clark, Abigail Crawford, Christiana Dunn, Adam Faulha, Ruby Gatulis, Rachel Harrington, Rylee-Anne Harty, Hunter LaBier, Travis LaRoche, Kun Liu, Veronika Mendrek, Adelynn Prochnow, Ethan Salvadore, Amanda Samaha, Ezequiel Santoro, Sadie Sheldon, Hannah Shepard, Sydney Slattery, Isabella Smith, Irene Stolgitis, Kevin Thompson, Richard Tucker, Abigail Ure and Ryan Wreschinsky.

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- **Date:** November 26, 2024
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Higgins Powersports Building, 140 Worcester Road, Barre, MA, 01005
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