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EQLT celebrated New Year on the rail trail

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – More than 30 people enjoyed a walk through the first snow on the first day of the New Year last week.

This annual walk was hosted by the East Quabbin Land Trust and this year, it was held on the Mass Central Rail Trail on Church Street, heading toward Grenville Park.

The walk, which was just under two and a half miles, first stopped for a group photo along the loop trail at the Ware River. The loop trail is located in a pitch pine grove; a species of tree that thrives in heat and was resistant to the fires caused by sparks from the trains using the former railroad tracks that the trail is built on.

From there, participants walked to another point of the river, adjacent to Grenville Park.

Last year, the town finalized a purchase of the Pelski

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ABOVE: The East Quabbin Land Trust celebrated the start of 2026 with its annual New Year's Day walk along the Mass Central Rail Trail. Participants trekked to the Ware River (bordering Grenville Park), starting from Church Street in Ware. INSET: This sign points to where an extension of the accessible trail will be connected to Grenville Park by the end of June.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Parks & Recreation Commission discuss restroom projects

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WARE – At its first meeting of the New Year, the Parks & Recreation Commissioners talked more about the bathroom projects at various locations.

One location is the bathroom at Grenville Park and involved its location and design.

Park Manager John Piechota reported to the commissioners saying that the bathroom is not set up for all four seasons use. To make it usable for all seasons, the building would have to be insulated and would require a heating source. Historically speaking, the restrooms have always been seasonal and

not year-round.

The main topic for the Grenville Park restroom is the location and the design. The Parks & Recreation Commissioners want to go over the materials and conduct an analysis of what it could cost to heat the space year-round.

For the septic system, Piechota said four companies put in a bid. The lowest bid came from a company based out of Monson.

The building was delivered, but Parks & Recreation want to go over the layout of where it can be placed and identify where to put handicapped accessible parking.

The commissioners want to start staging a building process. Piechota mentioned that the best time

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Celebrating 100



Submitted Photo
Eunice Sinnamon and her daughter Jean Sinnamon visited Tracie's Greenhouse just prior to Eunice's 100th birthday.

Resident looks back on a century of birthdays

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WARE – Ware resident, Eunice Sinnamon, celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 2, 2025 – an incredible milestone in her life.

Eunice and her husband Gerald moved to Ware back in 1983 after he retired. The move was good for both of them, as they wanted to live close to the Quabbin Reservoir as fishing was one of Gerald's favorite hobbies.

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Community garden task force continued planning

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WARE – Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council's Community Garden Task Force met for the first time in 2026 this past Tuesday.

At the Jan. 6 meeting, Coordinator of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council, Sawyer Blake, shared information about the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resource's 2026 grant round.

Blake said this year's grant funding objective is to support food policy councils that are focusing on Environmental Justice populations.

An Environmental Justice population is defined as having an annual median household income that is 65% less than the statewide median household income; having minorities make up 40% or more of the population; having 25% or more of households identify as speaking English less than "very well;" and having minorities make up 25% or more of the population and the annual median household income of the municipality in which the neighborhood is located does not exceed 150% of the statewide median household income.

Blake said the Town of Ware has three identifiable Environmental Justice populations, with one being where the community garden will be located on 80 Pleasant St.

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AMVETS presented \$1,000 scholarship to Alisyn Brusco



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Members of Ware AMVETS Post 2577 presented a scholarship check to Ware resident Alisyn Brusco. Standing from left to right are AMVETS State Commander Ed Wyzik, Brandy and Robert Brusco, Alisyn Brusco, Henry Deslauriers, Barbara Deslauriers and Steve Kutt.

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WARE – Earlier this week, members of the Ware AMVETS Post 2577 presented a \$1,000 scholarship.

This presentation was held at the American Legion hall, and the recipient of the Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship was Ware resident Alisyn Brusco. This scholarship has been awarded on annual basis for the last 16 years.

This scholarship is awarded to any high school senior who resides in the town of Ware, regardless of the school they attend. The scholarship committee considers grades, character, references, volunteer activity and other qualifications

when selecting a recipient.

This year, Brusco was selected to receive this scholarship.

Brusco graduated from Quabbin Regional Middle High School and first heard the news of receiving this scholarship during Senior Awards Night back in June 2025. Her initial reaction to the announcement was excitement and now she is currently expanding on her education.

"I plan to pursue a career in nursing," Brusco said.

Brusco had excellent grades while attending Quabbin and was also involved in her school's Navy ROTC program.

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community

Ware welcomes Peace, Joy, and Positivity

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WARE – A new business has arrived in Ware at the Stone Mill Marketplace off East Main Street.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new space of Peace, Joy & Positivity, which is owned and operated by Rebecca Crawley. This is a business that promotes all that is holistic, healthy, beautiful, loving, peaceful, positive and joyful.

Crawley is a Reiki Therapist & Angel Intuitive specializing in Angel Readings, Oracle Card Readings, Mediumship, Energy Work, Chakra Cleansing, and Personalized Zodiac Interpretations & Horoscopes. Crawley welcomes guests to her healing space and is ready to transform your negative energy into positive vibrations.

Crawley got into this line of work during a tough point in her life and found a positive source by going to a spiritual church. This church offered Reiki healing sessions, and this was the time Crawley first experienced Reiki.

A Reiki treatment is a holistic healing practice that involves the transfer of energy from the practitioner to the recipient. Through gentle touch or by hovering hands above the body, the practitioner aims to promote relaxation, reduce stress and enhance overall well-being.

Crawley learned more



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Shown from left are Kate Blackwell from Monson Savings Bank, Mark Crawley, Rebecca Crawley, Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond President Dan Flynn, and Chris Murphy of ColorBlindGuy. This was a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome the new business, Peace, Joy & Positivity to Ware.

about these sessions and was mentored by Gladys Ellen, the owner of Heavenly Hug in Rhode Island. Crawley, originally from Rhode Island, was also mentored by Bobbie Schaeffer, a Reiki Therapist.

During her studies, Crawley has taken four different certification courses and is now a Reiki Master Practitioner and Teacher. This gives her the opportunity to teach Reiki to others who may want to get involved in Reiki as well.

Crawley also has Angel Intuitive certification and offers angel intuitive readings as part of her services at Peace, Joy & Positivity.

An angel intuitive reading is a spiritual session where a practitioner connects with angelic energies to receive

guidance and insights. During the reading, the practitioner may use various tools such as cards or meditation, to tap into the messages from angels that are relevant to the seeker's life.

Each reading is unique and tailored to the individual's needs, fostering a deeper connection to the divine. This experience aims to provide clarity, support, and empowerment, helping individuals navigate personal challenges and enhance their spiritual journey.

Crawley began offering these services in 2017, and one of the biggest challenges she faced was finding a space to provide these services. Crawley left Rhode Island in 2018 and was aiming to open her practice in early 2020,

but it was not the best time to do it due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now in 2025, Crawley has found a new space for her practice and says, "everything feels right" to move forward.

Over the last eight years of offering these sessions and healings, Crawley has gained around 100 clients and is aiming to expand her services. Crawley plans to offer energy classes as well in addition to continuing her energy work services.

Another service Peace, Joy & Positivity offers is zodiac interpretations.

A zodiac interpretation session is a unique experience where individuals explore their astrological chart to gain insights into

their personality, relationships, and life path. During the session, an astrologer examines the positions of celestial bodies at the time of your birth, interpreting how these alignments influence your traits and tendencies.

Crawley shared that her Reiki business and other energy work is all about bringing people here for healing and is a fragrance-free facility. This new chapter for Crawley and her business is something to be excited about as she has now moved to a new building with a lot of historical character.

"A great vibe in the whole building," Crawley said.

A ceremonial ribbon cutting was held to officially welcome Peace, Joy & Positivity. Crawley and her husband Mark were joined by representatives of the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond, a business community that grows and gives back.

Joining the Crawleys for the ribbon cutting were Kate Blackwell of Monson Savings Bank, Chris Murphy of ColorBlindGuy, and WBCA & Beyond President Dan Flynn of Turley Publications. Crawley was presented with the ceremonial giant scissors to officially cut the ribbon inside her new space in Ware.

"We're all part of the community," Blackwell said. "We support one another and have fun at work."

The Crawleys are excited to be a part of the community and love their new space at

the Stone Mill Marketplace. Crawley found an advertisement for office space on Facebook back in October. Soon, she would get in contact with the building manager, who helped her with the process in getting a space for Peace, Joy & Positivity.

Crawley looks forward to offering her services and looks to pursue more opportunities. With an online presence, Crawley hopes to reach a larger audience and help educate those who are interested in Reiki.

"I hope to be able to expand my services," Crawley said.

Her husband Mark shared an inspiring story on how Reiki helped him. Mark said he believed in Reiki therapy as he took some Reiki sessions while going through cancer treatments.

Crawley is dedicated to supporting people's journeys toward healing and understanding.

Appointments can be made on the Peace, Joy & Positivity website, www.peacejoyandpositivity.com. Gift cards are also available on the website.

Experience this great energy at Peace, Joy & Positivity, located at The Stone Mill Marketplace, 44 E Main St, Suite 1B, Ware. More information from Peace, Joy & Positivity can be found on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and X.

Peace, Joy & Positivity can be contacted at by calling 413-247-4455 and emailing beccs1111@gmail.com.

Are You Old News?



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

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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 2023 showed mother/daughter duo Pearl Major (left) and Donna Major measuring their fabric before cutting during a quilting event at the Warren Senior Center.

Paige Memorial Library lists January activities

HARDWICK – 2026 at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, promises history, skill building, and enjoying the company of others.

Pam Hinckley returns to library with her popular workshops on the following mornings: Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28; and March 7 and 14.

Kids Can Sew will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. Children will learn basic sewing (and embroidery) skills and be introduced to using a sewing machine.

Class size is limited to six students ages 7 to 12. Pre-registration is required.

Knitting and Handcrafts for Adults will be held from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Open to any and all who want to knit, cro-

chet, quilt, bead, etc.

Bring your own project and drop in any time.

For more information, contact Pam by calling 413-477-6004 or emailing pahinckley@gmail.com.

Other activities offered at the Paige Memorial Library currently include the weekly Wednesday Story Hour with art and science activities, the Paige Book Club, the Cookbook Club, Celebrate Hardwick, the ongoing Friends of the Paige Memorial Library book sale, the Paige Writers, and the recently formed Movie Festival Committee.

Call or email the library for more information: 413-477-6704, or paigelibrary.hardwick@gmail.com.

Three Mile Bridge closed Jan. 12-15

WARE – Three Mile Bridge on Route 32 near Gibb's Crossing (Walmart) will be closed from Jan. 12 at 9 a.m. until Jan. 15 at 5 p.m.

Please seek alternate route. A detour map is available on the town's website, www.townof-ware.com.



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Ware Senior Center news

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

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

ACTIVITIES

Monday, Jan. 12

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch

Tuesday, Jan. 13

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Birthday Party Lunch. Call the front desk by noon on Monday, Jan. 12 to be put on the lunch list.
- 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class
- 6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Jan. 14

- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori

Thursday, Jan. 15

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m. Walking Club (weather permitting)
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
- 10 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Art Class

Friday, Jan. 16

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori
- 6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

LUNCHES

DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

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

Monday, Jan. 12

Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Birthday Party
BBQ Pork Loin, Oven Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day. Entertainment provided by the Friends of Ware Seniors, Inc.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Chili Dogs with Cheddar Cheese and Diced Onions, Coleslaw, Potato Chips, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Jan. 15

Beef Stew over Rice, Dessert of the Day

Friday, Jan. 16

Fish Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato, French Fries, Dessert of the Day

Ware Senior Center in 'Limelight'



The Ware Senior Center closed the year with a wreath making event.

WARE – The Ware Senior Center hosted a number of festive holiday events, including a wreath making class, a concert and a dance performance.

The wreath making class was offered by Otto Florist with stylist Brian Socha. The

Center is looking forward to doing more classes with Brian soon.

On the Monday before Christmas, the Ware Jr./Sr. High School band and third grade students from Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School entertained with a

concert of Christmas songs, which also featured a piano performance by a talented 9-year-old.

The students handed out Christmas cards to everyone in attendance. These cards were made by the school's kindergarten students.

The year ended with ringing in the New Year with the Diamond Dance Awards Ambassador performance by Limelight Dance Center in Ware, on Dec. 31.

The performers were, Bentli Atkins, Jae Anair, Haiden Chabot, Addyson

Garceau, Madi Henderson, Emma Little, Emmalynn Millet, Leedahvi Richer and Irelyn Venne.

Party hats and favors were handed out by the dance students to family and guest attendees.



Dancers included Bentli Atkins, Jae Anair, Haiden Chabot, Addyson Garceau, Madi Henderson, Emma Little, Emmalynn Millet, Leedahvi Richer and Irelyn Venne.



Participants enjoyed wreath making with Otto Florist.

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Sharing some history and stories about Eunice was her daughter Jean Sinnamon.

Eunice is mother of four children: two sons and twin daughters. Prior to moving to Ware, Eunice lived in Bedford, and had a ceramic studio at her house. Firing clay products was one of Eunice's hobbies and she was also a teacher of art for a few years.

Eunice also loves to read, especially nature magazines and learning about nature, birds, and bird watching. When she was younger, Eunice loved going bowling.

According to her daughter, Eunice loved gardening and would always go to Tracie's Greenhouse in Ware and every spring she would go to get seedlings and plants.

Tracie Lukaskiewicz, the owner of Tracie's Greenhouse, shared that Eunice had been coming to her greenhouse for at least 10 years, maybe even longer, and was always a joy to see when she visited.

"We all look forward to seeing her," Lukaskiewicz said. "Year to year."

Jean described her mother as a very caring person and loves her fam-

ily.

Living through many historical events that happened during her lifetime, Eunice had told her daughter that she is very fortunate to have a long life.

"She is proud of her many opportunities she and her husband had," Jean said.

Eunice and Gerald got married during World War II, and Eunice shared that she is thankful to be able to build a life after the war ended. Eunice also expressed that she and her husband Gerald were fortunate to be able to travel to many countries together. They traveled more during their early retirement years.

Jean also shared that her mother had a happy childhood, playing with her other 10 brothers and sisters.

Eunice went onto high school after the eighth grade with the blessing of her parents, who arranged for her to live in town with another

family. With this opportunity, Eunice could continue her high school education and had a nearby place to stay and not have to travel several miles by way of walking to go back and forth to school.

Jean said both her parents were very active in their church, the United Church of Ware, after they moved to Ware. One of the things that her mother was very proud of was her volunteer work, which included coordinating and directing the Crop Walk.

Eunice coordinated and directed the Crop Walk for 15 consecutive years for the town of Ware and surrounding towns. She raised a significant amount of funds throughout those years that benefited the food banks of Ware and those surrounding towns that helped participate in the Crop Walk.

Eunice did this volunteer work until the care for her husband, Gerald, took pri-

ority.

Through the GI bill, Gerald went to college and found a job working as an electrical engineer.

"My father's most fond work was helping to design parts for the missile and early spacecraft programs," Jean shared.

Living to be 100 is an incredible milestone, and no one knows the exact secret of being able to live a long, happy life, but Jean said her mother is very grateful for all she had in her life.



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viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

My wife believes she can get a spouse benefit while I'm still alive; can she?

Dear Rusty:

A friend of my wife told her and she believes, she could receive a Social Security benefit based on my SS benefit that I'm currently receiving while I'm still alive. I told her she could only receive spouse survivor benefits. Is there any truth to what she now believes? Would you settle this issue for us please? Thank you.

Signed: Uncertain Husband

Dear Uncertain Husband:

Well, surely I don't want to get in the middle of your marital discussion, but I'll be happy to explain Social Security's rules about your wife's eligibility for spousal benefits while you are both still living. And just for awareness for both of you, the rules about spousal benefits are one of the most confusing areas of Social Security.

Per Social Security's rules, a spouse (e.g., your wife) can receive a "spousal boost" from you - while you are still living - if the SS retirement benefit she is personally entitled to at her Full Retirement Age is less than 50% of the SS retirement benefit you are (were) entitled to at your FRA; full retirement age amounts are used to calculate living spouse benefits, regardless of when each of you actually claimed your Social Security.

So, if your FRA entitlement benefit amount is more than twice your wife's FRA entitlement benefit amount, she can, indeed, get a "spousal boost" from your record while you are both still living. The spousal boost is added to her own SS retirement amount and will be based on the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement. Thus, in this discussion, your wife may be correct - she may be able to get a spousal boost from you while both of you are living, depending on how your personal FRA retirement amounts com-

pare. The best way for your wife to find out is to contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to inquire and if she's eligible, also make an appointment to apply for her spousal benefit.

And to clarify your wife's options as your possible widow, a surviving spouse can also get a survivor benefit if their marital partner passes away, but only if the deceased spouse's current benefit at death was more than the surviving spouse is already receiving. The surviving spouse receives the higher amount, instead of their own smaller Social Security retirement benefit.

But here is an important thing to know: Whenever any Social Security benefit (including a spousal or surviving spouse benefit) is claimed before the recipient's Full Retirement Age, the payment amount is permanently reduced, both spousal and survivor benefits do not reach maximum until the recipient's Full Retirement Age. And just to complete the picture for survivor benefits, a surviving spouse is also entitled to a one-time, lump-sum death benefit of \$255 if their marital partner dies, in addition to any other benefit they are entitled to.

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TLC for overwintering plants

Have you taken a good look at your tender plants lately? Maybe you have a Gerber daisy, coleus, fuchsia or geranium that you are attempting to overwinter because you loved it so much this past summer.

Perhaps the flower color or leaf shade was perfect in a patio planter and you thought if you could get through the winter you wouldn't have to buy it new this spring. Or maybe you intend to use your overwintered plants as stock plants.

Soon you'll be taking cuttings and making your own new plants. Likewise, maybe you brought in some tender herbs in hopes of growing your own seasoning year round.

Whatever the case may be, closer examination of each plant at this point in the winter might be a smart idea.

What I have noticed almost across the board, especially with my Gerber daisy, fuchsia and geraniums is that there are a lot of older leaves turning yellow or showing discoloration. To me, that indicates that fertilizer is needed.

The fact that this coincides with the lengthening of the daylight hours is no accident. And all three plants have continued to bloom inside, which certainly has taxed their nutrient reserves.

I will start watering with half strength fertilizer twice a month now through mid March. I sure bet that old foliage will start to perk up and new growth won't be too far behind.

Don't push growth by fertilizing more than what I recommended or growth could become lanky and weak - just what aphids are looking

up my plants using a mild dish detergent and hosed them off in the shower.

One pest in particular attacks the herb rosemary and is especially troublesome. I noticed stippling on the leaf tips and clear winged insects flying away when I brushed by the plants. After placing sticky yellow monitoring cards nearby I learned it was leaf hoppers!

As carefully as I could I carried the lighter plants outside and gave them a good shake to dislodge any eggs or nymphs (and to make me feel better) then I doused them to the point of run-off with insecticidal soap. I will have to be careful here, because tiny 3 mm size, wedge-shaped (adult) insects can transmit viruses from plant to plant.

I'll put out new monitoring cards near the rosemary plants to check if the population is decreasing. Regardless, I am glad I caught this situation early.

With the pests under control and a proper fertilization regiment, these plants will be in great shape come springtime, and ready for new adventures in the landscape.

Speaking of pests, if you notice distorted foliage, webbed areas or stippling on the leaves, take a closer look at your plants. There are many tiny bugs with mouthparts that suck plant juices. Even in your sunny window spider mite, mealy bugs, aphids or white fly might be becoming more active.

Spider mite cause webbing, and are usually indicative of hot, dry conditions. Dousing with cold water will really set them back.

Mealy bug show up as a cottony blob usually on growth tips or at the junction of leaves and stems. Rubbing alcohol on a swab applied directly to the blob will dissolve that protective layer and the insect underneath.

Aphids are usually green and congregate in clusters on stems or leaf ribs. White fly usually hang out on the underside of leaves. They fly around if disturbed.

Both insects are best stopped in their tracks by use of an insecticidal soap. Safer's Soap or M Pede as it's known commercially work well. I've even soaped



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Not all mountains we climb are the same

When life and mountains meet

By Julie Midura

With wind chills in the negative single digits, it was a blustery and viewless day on Mt. Pierce in the White Mountains of New Hampshire last Saturday.

But our hike wasn't about the views.

It was about rising to meet the mountain. Feeling our legs burn and our hearts race. Experiencing a rush of adrenaline as we fought the intense wind above tree line. Finding our way to the very top in a cloud so dense that the snowy ground and white sky seemed as one.

Last weekend was about

allowing ourselves a distraction in the face of unimaginable pain. Accepting the peace and strength that the mountains impart. Granting ourselves permission to feel joy...and not feel guilty for doing so.



It was a weekend of letting go. Allowing the mountain peaks to captivate us. Inspire us. Humble us.

After Saturday's adrenaline-racing adventure on Mt. Pierce, I was excited to see snow in the forecast for our hike on Sunday. For someone who will never stop believing that snow is magical, I felt like an excited 6-year old.

Which is why I was disappointed when we awoke on Sunday morning, looked out the window of the motel room, and saw rain rather than snow.

"Maybe it will stop rain-

ing by the time we get to the trailhead," I said hopefully.

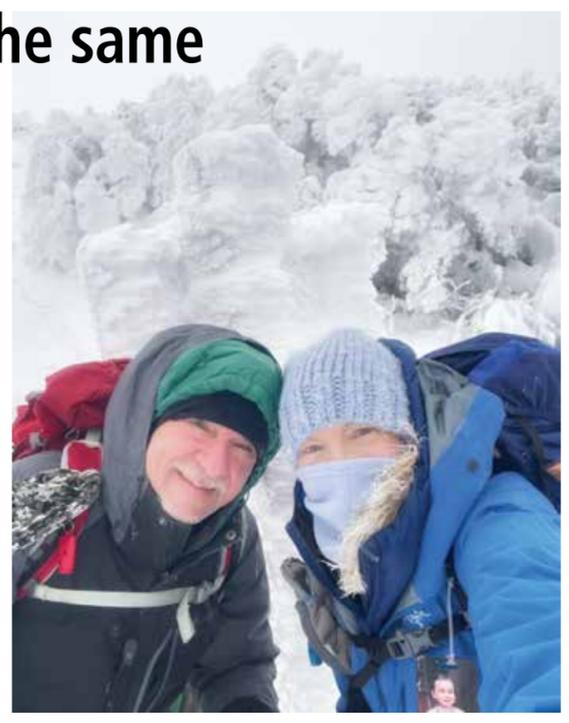
There was a heavy overcast when we arrived at the trailhead, but at least it had stopped raining. With no illusions that we'd get a view from the summit of Mt. Cube, upward we went. And as expected, the summit was encased in a cloud. No matter. At least it wasn't raining.

We had just started making our way down from the summit when Tom said, "Well it looks like you're getting your wish!"

I was so focused on foot placement as I carefully navigated the steep, ice-covered ledges, that I didn't notice it had started snowing! I stopped, looked up to the heavens, and felt the soft cold kisses of dozens of snowflakes landing on my upturned face.

Intent on lingering, Tom and I found a relatively flat ledge and laid out our sit pad.

For half an hour, we sat with our legs stretched out on the wet granite, sipping



steaming hot cider from our old green Stanley thermos. Staring at the snow and ice-covered trees against the backdrop of a ghostly sky.

Watching the snow swirl

and dance with each gust of wind. Feeling cold flakes lick our eyelashes. Hearing the faint whisper of flakes land-

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37th Annual Ice Fishing Derby is Jan. 31

BROOKFIELD – The Brookfields Lions Club will host its 37th Annual Ice Fishing Derby on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Quaboag Pond in Brookfield.

The event remains the largest single-day ice fishing derby in Massachusetts, attracting anglers and families from across the region.

A \$20 entry ticket qualifies participants for more than \$15,000 in cash prizes, including the \$5,000 Grand Prize, \$5,640 in “every five minutes” cash drawings, and \$4,375 in fish categories. Every ticket holder is automatically entered into the major cash drawings whether they choose to fish or not.

Derby headquarters will be located at the Quaboag Pond boat ramp in Brookfield. Weigh-ins will take place from 7 a.m. until the derby closes at 3:30 p.m., with the children’s division ending at 2 p.m. and youth prizes awarded at 2:30 p.m. The \$5,000 cash drawing for all ticket holders will take place at 4 p.m., and a

complete announcement of all derby winners will air on The Valley’s Classic Hits 97.7 FM and 1250 AM (WARE Radio) at 5 p.m.

In the event that no safe ice exists by Thursday, Jan. 29, the derby itself will be cancelled, and all drawings will be held at the North Brookfield Legion Post 41, located below Subway in North Brookfield. No fish prizes will be awarded, but all tickets will still be valid for the five-minute cash drawings and the \$5,000 Grand Prize drawing.

As is customary for this derby, there is a “one fish per category per ticket” rule that helps ensure broader distribution of prizes and encourages a fair, community-minded competition. All qualifying fish must be caught within the Central Wildlife District.

Children up to age 12 compete separately using state minimum lengths, while young anglers who meet the adult minimum lengths may also qualify for

the main leaderboard.

Tickets for the derby are available from any Brookfields Lions Club member, and at many long-time partner locations including: K&S Bait Shop (Barre), Central Package (Brookfield), R&R Sport Shop (Belchertown), 308 Lakeside Restaurant (East Brookfield), Fred’s Variety & Package Store (Fiskdale), Granby Bait Shop (Granby), Ben’s Bait (Leicester), Red Ridge Bait & Tackle (Ludlow), Still Hart’s (North Brookfield), Nick’s Sport Shop (Palmer), Glenda’s and River Town Bait Shop (Warren), Mathieson Bait Shop (West Brookfield).

Following the derby, all winners will be posted at www.brookfieldslionsclub.org, and at all ticket vendor locations.

For additional information, please contact the Brookfields Lions Club at brookfieldslionsclub@gmail.com, or visit the Club’s Facebook page at [facebook.com/BrookfieldsLionsClub](https://www.facebook.com/BrookfieldsLionsClub).

St. Aloysius Catholic School to hold annual fund drive

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Catholic School in Gilbertville has launched its Annual Fund Drive with a pledge of \$40,000 in matching funds from an anonymous benefactor.

The fund drive runs through March 15, 2026.

Last year the fund drive raised just over \$95,000 including the match funds.

“To raise that amount of money was truly a miracle. Never in the history of our Annual Fund Drive or the Scholarship Drive that preceded it, did we ever exceed our goal to that extent,” said Roberta McQuaid, Finance Manager and Enrollment Coordinator for the school.

The School Board implemented the Annual Fund Drive in place of the Scholarship Drive in 2025 to be able to diversify the use of the money earned, and thereby keep tuition affordable for families.

“The cost of nearly everything it takes to run a school has increased, from utilities to insurance, to books and salaries. It is no small feat to make ends meet. We rely so heavily on those who support our mission; we couldn’t do the good work we do if it weren’t for our donors. While I hope and pray we will do well again this year, big gifts are not a given, and every donation, no matter the size, truly counts,” continued McQuaid. “Catholic Schools provide a foundation of faith for the students we serve, and their families benefit too. Our students work hard academically and contribute to the local community. It’s a well rounded education, and when they leave St. Aloysius for high school they are prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead. It’s a worthwhile

goal to try and keep our tuition prices stable so that families can continue to afford a private, Catholic education.”

Tuition assistance is also available through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester and from scholarships gifted by private foundations.

For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic School or to make a tax deductible donation that will be matched dollar for dollar to the Annual Fund please visit www.staloyuscs.com/support/. Donations can also be mailed to St. Aloysius Catholic School, P.O. Box 522, Gilbertville, MA 01031, noting “Annual Fund” on the memo line.

An Open House is planned for Monday, Jan. 26, 2026 from 3-5:30 p.m. Prospective families are encouraged to visit the school.

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to start is after the winter or when the frost is off ground.

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Ken Higney believes there is a lot to figure out, including what costs will look like depending on what route they want to take when addressing the bathrooms. The commissioners will discuss this further and hope to find out costs.

Restrooms at Grenville Park barn

The commissioners talked about the restroom at the Grenville Park barn and wanted to know if they can get water connected to the barn or near the barn. Design work would be needed to accomplish this project if the restroom were to be installed in the barn.

The Parks & Recreation Commissioners asked Town Manager Stuart Beckley if this project would fall under a park grant scenario. Beckley confirmed that it does but also mentioned there are similar ongoing projects that may help identify costs.

The discussion was tabled until the next meeting as the commissioners want to fig-

ure out the costs. Piechota also mentioned they need to figure out where the water is going to come in.

Memorial Field bathroom

Piechota shared that the town had received two quotes for the Memorial Field bathroom project. Both quotes came in over the set budget. The lowest of the two is approximately \$30,000 over the budget.

“We’re going to have to find more money to achieve this project,” Piechota said.

Wondering if there is a way to bring down the cost, Beckley is trying to get in contact with one contractor that may give the town some options. When it comes to these projects Piechota knows it is challenging to keep up with the estimate of inflation.

Updates from Park Manager

Piechota shared his update with the Parks & Recreation Commissioners. The town has moved into “snow and ice mode” as Piechota described it. In addition to probable snow, there is some tree work and brush work to be done.

Higney asked if there was room in the budget to

possibly hire a Recreation Director. Piechota’s only concern is he can’t guarantee that there will be leeway in April for the next fiscal budget.

“We need a Recreation Director,” Higney said.

Piechota also shared that the playground at Beauregard has been removed.

Reed pool funds

The commissioners discussed what to do with the Reed Municipal Pool funds. One idea was to see if they could use some of it towards the pool or the preliminary design for the pool.

Piechota recommended that Parks & Recreation should leave a buffer of \$4,000 or more when it comes to using these funds.

The commissioners voted to use \$30,000 out of the Reed funds to help fund an article at the next Special Town Meeting to fund the design plans for a new swimming pool. The vote was unanimous.

Concerns of citizens

During concerns of citizens agenda item, the commissioners heard from Amber Letendre, the head of Ware Softball league. Letendre had several ques-

tions and wanted Parks & Recreation’s input.

One of the topics was paying certified umpires for the games and if it was okay to use the Town’s Amazon account for materials to make uniforms.

Letendre has been able to get funds from donations and player enrollment fees. As for umpires, it would be great if the league could get volunteer umpires. Letendre reminded Parks & Rec. that the league is a traveling league. The league could reach out to clubs and local businesses that may be open to sponsoring teams.

Letendre does antici-

pate having a good number of kids for the league. Last year, 22 kids signed up. For umpires, \$590 was spent on umpire fees. Letendre will wait if the Parks & Rec. can give her the green light on the uniforms.

According to Piechota, a gift account can be used anytime, but “you have to have approval if its in the town account,” referring to funds. The Parks & Recreation Commission will look into this more.

A concerned citizen spoke to the Parks & Recreation Commissioners regarding who to call for help if someone’s vehicle was left

locked in at Grenville Park after the gates close around dusk. Piechota said this is a conversation the commission has talked about over the last couple meetings.

There are call numbers provided for the public and usually the police are called first. However, sometimes resources are sometimes tied up due to a call they’re answering. There are more discussions to have on this concern.

Piechota also mentioned there is a new gatekeeper in town who has taken up the responsibility. The Park Manager can also be contacted. ting will be on Jan. 26.

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ing on snow-laden branches.

This moment was in stark contrast to the adrenaline rush we had experienced on Mt. Pierce the previous day... when the wind raged angrily in ragged gusts and the cold was so harsh it stung.

This was softer. Calmer.

It was a reminder that, in life, we are handed both. The smooth and the rough. The quiet and the loud. The raging and the calm. And each one can hold sadness and joy at exactly the same time.

If I’m being honest, it feels wrong to find joy in these mountains when our 2-year-old granddaughter is in the fight of her life against the single deadliest form of pediatric brain cancer. But sometimes we need time to exhale. To physically distance ourselves from the pain... while still holding it in our hearts.

We’re living in a season of extremes. Of conflicting emotions that are confusing to process. From the highest of highs to the lowest of lows. And it’s hard to validate one, at what seems like the expense of the other.

But if this cancer journey is teaching me anything, it’s that a heart can hold deep despair – and equally-deep joy at precisely the same moment.

I can be crippled by sadness one minute and smiling with joy the next. I can be



consumed with fear one minute and filled with hope the next. And I’m learning that that’s okay.

I’m learning to accept that peace can exist in the middle of chaos. We just need to open our eyes wide enough to find it.

For those who have asked

about Charlotte, thank you. The monthly immunotherapy treatments are keeping her tumor stable. She is fighting like a warrior, and we are grateful for every precious moment that we get to be with her.

Onward.

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Quabbin Wire & Cable celebrates the retirement of Brian Page

'50.5 years' working

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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WARE – June 1, 1975, was the start of the incredible career of resident Brian Page, who has now retired from working at Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Inc.

Page had worked at Quabbin Wire & Cable since its first day of operation back in 1975.

He calculated that he had worked for the same company for 50 ½ years. During that time, Page has held various positions, starting with being a machine operator when he joined the company at the age of 19.

Prior to the birth of Quabbin Wire & Cable, Page had previous work experience in wire production, working for a company based out of Worcester. What brought him to this new workplace was having the founder and owner of Quabbin Wire & Cable, Paul Engel, being a close friend of the Page family.

Engel has known Page and his family for years and went to school with Page's brothers out in Athol. After connecting with Engel, Page would go on to work for the new company established in Ware.

His first day on the job was on June 1, 1975. Page finds this date significant knowing the events that have occurred around that time. Page recalls his first day at Quabbin Wire & Cable was shortly after the Vietnam War ended.

The company was born after Engel discovered the need for a devoted manufacturer to produce a cable



Brian Page recently retired from Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Inc. after 50 ½ years of service. Page is shown wearing his Quabbin Wire & Cable 50th anniversary sweatshirt.

product to meet the demands of the marketplace. Quabbin Wire & Cable celebrated its 50th birthday this past year. During the interview with Page, he was wearing his Quabbin Wire & Cable 50th Anniversary sweatshirt.

Being an employee from day one, Page has witnessed the amazing growth of the company that got its start in Ware.

Fast forward, 50.5 years later, Quabbin Wire & Cable is globally known. The company continues to grow and thrive in the communication cable industry as a worldwide leader in developing and manufacturing thermoplastic shielded and unshielded cables for high-speed data transmission and various electronic applications.

Early on in his tenure at Quabbin Wire & Cable, Page had experience and began operating one machine that developed simple wire.

At that time, Page said, "I just wanted to work", and felt he was qualified and felt he was in a stress-free environment.

Page feels the owner treat-



Brian Page took this sunrise photo over the river, a sight he enjoys seeing on his way to Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Inc.

ed everyone who worked for him well.

"I just kept going to work," Page shared as he continued to work for Quabbin Wire & Cable. Page comes from a working-class family and shared that his father, Elbert Page, worked as a machinist out of Worcester.

In his first year of work, Page put in a lot of hours and said he was one of four staff members at the time. Page said he usually worked six days a week.

Before computers, Page would have his hours filled out on a timesheet, and timecards were handwritten back in the 1970s. According to Page, computers began mak-

ing their way to the company around the late 1980s, and at the time the staff had to share one computer.

Page and his family moved to Ware in March 2006, and he was able to walk to work. During his walks to and from work, Page began taking a lot of pictures of the sunrise and sunset.

From this, Page got into photography and would begin taking pictures around town during his on-foot commute. Once he got a modern cellphone, Page began taking more pictures and enjoys taking nature related photos.

One of his passions is astronomy and has been reading more books on

astronomy and astro physics. Page is currently taking an online course on astro physics.

Page also enjoys wood-working and is looking to get equipment to do more wood projects now that he has the time.

When discussing the growth of the company and his career, Page mentioned Quabbin Wire & Cable went from a few staff to well over 100. As the company grew, more product was developed, which Page describes as "the best in the world." The manufacturing began and still happens in Ware, and now the company has expanded beyond Massachusetts and warehouses are across the United States.

To put it really simply, Page says the company has grown as did he and appreciates being brought aboard by Engel in the very beginning.

"The owner has a heart of gold," Page said.

As part of his own growth, Page took on various roles at Quabbin Wire & Cable. His roles included Machine Operator, Supervisor, Quality Assurance Supervisor, Plant Manager, and Compliance & Facilities Manager. What Page is very thankful for is the people he got to work with during his tenure.

"I've worked with so many people who inspired me to be a better person," Page said. "I enjoyed working with these people...and thankful I worked with such a great team."

One of the staff Page acknowledged was Vice President of Human Resources & Corporate Services, Stacy Gilmour, who retired a week later after Brian did.

The retirement date for Brian was Dec. 31, 2025, which to him reached the

50.5-year mark.

"After 50.5 years, it was time," Page said.

As part of his retirement years, Page wants to travel more and spend more time with his wife. His planned destinations include Florida, Hampton Beach, maybe go on a cruise, Lake George, and maybe the Grand Canyon.

In his 50 ½ years working at Quabbin Wire & Cable, Page has learned so much and said, "it's been a great ride. I never thought they'd put up with me this long."

Many of his fellow coworkers expressed gratitude for Page's leadership and for the next generation of workers, he leaves these words of wisdom: "Work hard and be safe, work safe."

Though he is retired, Page believes he will still go on his on-foot commute to the shop. Parties were held at Quabbin Wire & Cable and at Hanna's on Main to celebrate Page's retirement. All the parties were nice as Page was joined by family, friends, and coworkers, who he felt did an amazing job on his sendoff.

"It was a great time, a memorable time for me," Page said.

For fun, Page calculated some math and estimated he worked a total of 12,000 days at Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Inc. Talking to Engel, Page mentioned that if Engel had asked people to work for the company for 12,000 days, "you're not going to get many yesses."

Page received various certificates over the years while working at Quabbin Wire & Cable, and these serve as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and his over five decade-long career.

Country Bank donations support local schools

Country Bank announces its recent donation of \$250 Visa gift cards to 44 local schools, totaling \$11,000.

These schools have been long-standing partners in financial literacy initiatives and this contribution aims to support teachers and students as they head into the new academic year.

"At Country Bank, we remain passionate about helping students build confidence in managing their money and their future," said Jodie Gerulaitis, First Vice President of Community Relations. "Through our Money School program and partnerships with local schools, we're proud to provide financial education that inspires lifelong learning and empowers the next generation to make informed financial choices."

As part of its continued commitment to financial literacy, Country Bank's

Money School program offers engaging, age-appropriate lessons and resources to help students learn the fundamentals of money management, budgeting, and saving. From classroom sessions to interactive fairs, the program provides real-world financial experiences that make learning fun and practical.

Students and families are encouraged to visit any Country Bank location to learn more about Money School and how to get involved. The program's goal is simple, to help young people develop the knowledge and confidence to make smart financial decisions throughout their lives.

For more information about Country Bank's Money School program or to inquire about their community initiatives, people may visit www.countrybank.com.

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Quabbin Regional students receive awards and recognition

From Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Colleen Mucha

BARRE – It is always a great time to celebrate students and recently Quabbin Regional School District students receive a number of awards and recognition.

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is a merit-based program that provides a credit toward tuition for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. For this scholarship, merit is based on student scores on the 10th grade Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests.

Recipients are Tyler Belden, Aaron Bodine, Owen Breuer, Tricia Bruso, Micah Cerezo, Annabella DiMartino, Kalina Dyer, Garrett Erickson, Aiden Fuller, Michael Geelan, Adelaide Harmon, Alex Holden, Emma Kahlau, Elizabeth Lambert, Anthony Landry, Jacob LaValley, Collin Lindley, Madelyn Malcolmson, Milo Malcolmson, Elizabeth Matheson, Hunter McQueston, Sam O'Brien, Parker Proulx, Aaron Rowell, Lindsay Ryan, Eric Serano, Madelyn Stauder, Cameran Vega, Andrew Warfield and Jin Xi Zou.

Also each year, one eighth grader from each of the five member towns is chosen to become a Project 351 Ambassador. These



Recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarships. They are front row from left, Hunter McQueston, Emma Kahlau, Adelaide Harmon, Kalina Dyer, Elizabeth Lambert and Micah Cerezo; middle row from left, Madalyn Malcolmson, Elizabeth Matheson, Tricia Bruso, Andrew Warfield, Alex Holden, Eric Serrano and Parker Proulx and back row from left, Anthony Landry, Sam O'Brien, Tyler Belden, Madelyn Stauder, Annabella DiMartino, Owen Breuer, Jin Xi Zou, Garrett Erickson, Aaron Rowell. Recipients not pictured are Aaron Bodine, Aiden Fuller, Michael Geelan, Jacob LaValley, Collin Lindley, Milo Malcolmson, Lindsey Ryan and Cameran Vega.

ambassadors are part of a youth-led service project. Students are selected for their strong leadership and passion for service. These 351 Ambassadors convene together in a statewide network where they receive leadership training and engage in teamwork.

This year Quabbin is proud to announce the following Project 351 Ambassadors: Sebastian Palomera-Espinoza - Gilbertville, Olivia Vanoudenhove - Oakham, Benjamin Fisher - Hardwick, Pele Johnson - Hubbardston, Winter Boyea - Barre and Lily Ryan - New Braintree.



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On Monday, Nov. 16, the National Honor Society Excelsior Chapter held its annual Induction Ceremony at Quabbin Regional High School. The NHS program helps students develop their knowledge and skills to become leaders within the school and community.

NHS recognizes excellence in four key areas: scholarship, leadership, service and character. The Chapter seeks to identify students, who are involved in their communities and those who have strong values and integrity.

National Honor Society advisor, Lauren Hirschkind, facilitated a special evening for the students and families. One they won't soon forget. Assistant Principal Jason Gilmartin was the keynote speaker for the event and he sent a unique and powerful message to the students. He spoke of the struggle to feel as if one may need to maintain perfection and then he challenged students to instead embrace the idea of valuing what is unique and at times "imperfect" about themselves.

New inductees were Jacob Bassett, Madeleine Boissell, Mackenzie Casey, Isabel Doty, Tess Dunphy, Brody Faucher, Anna Hautala, Sadie Kennan, Audrey Laursen, Anna Metcalf, Mia Miville, Ella Reeves, Grace Vanoudenhove, and Leanna Zou.

Current NHS members welcomed the new inductees

and their families. Current members include: Owen Breuer, Mia Ducos, Garrett Erickson, Emma Kahlau, Collin Lindley, Grace Hanna, Elizabeth Matheson, Hunter McQueston, Andrew Warfield, Bianca Wilder, Hannah Zereski and Jin Xi Zou.

Kalina Dyer, President, spoke about the pillar of scholarship and character. Micah Cerezo, Vice President, introduced the pillar of service and Secretary, Adelaide Harmon spoke about leadership.

A special moment during the ceremony was when the new inductees had the opportunity to recognize educators who have inspired them and always encouraged them to be the best they can be.

Receiving special appreciation were the following Quabbin educators: Brent Bolger, Captain Daniel Brennock, Mark DePasquale, Lieutenant Kathleen Frydel, Keara Hayes, Whitney Marshall, Diane McMorrow, Nicole Ricchiazzi Robbins, Matthew Sniffen, Molly Sczucka, Kelly Weiderman, James Wheeler, Josefina White and Ailey Wynne.

The evening ended with closing remarks from Principal Abigail Rigney who expressed her pride in the students. She acknowledged their hard work and dedication and conveyed "we can't wait to see where your journey takes you."

GARDEN from page 1

Blake said if the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council receives a grant award from MDAR, the funding would be available from February to June.

Blake said there are two main objectives for the grant, with the first being to establish an accessible community garden in the Environmental Justice zone and to have at least 75% of gardeners being residents of the Environmental Justice population. The second goal is to collaborate with community partners, such as the Ware Grange and Workshop13, to co-host five community garden workshops.

Blake said the council would also work with local businesses, including the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, which had previously com-

mitted to donating gardening supplies.

Blake sent the community garden's rules and regulations to residents who expressed interest in having a plot, and two people have already signed and committed to gardening.

Blake said this now leaves six available plots, with a seventh being reserved to grow produce that will be donated.

The task force will hold an outreach event around the beginning of March, offering activities and a chance for residents to apply for a plot. A groundbreaking for the community garden will be held in June.

"It's been a lot of planning, now it's time to start implementing," Blake said.

Upcoming events

Blake, who is also the

Project Coordinator for Community Health with the Town of Ware, announced there would be a Drinking Water Listening Session on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road. This event is open to all residents who will speak with various drinking water professionals.

Blake said the East Quabbin Land Trust is offering Farm Micro-Grant opportunities for farmers of the Quabbin region, including Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Petersham, Ware and West Brookfield.

The deadline application is Monday, Feb. 23. For more information, visit www.eqlt.org/east-quabbin-farm-micro-grants/.

Blake said the Quaboag Hills Community Health

Improvement Plan working groups are looking for community members to be involved. Community members will receive a \$25 per hour stipend for their participation.

The working groups are focusing on areas of high need for the region, including transportation, mental health, housing and access to health-care providers.

"Having community

members involved is a key aspect," Blake said.

For more information, people may email Arianna Palano at apalano@townof-ware.com

About QVFP

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is overseen by Healthy Quaboag, and is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partner-

ship with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

SCHOLARSHIP

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With her father being a veteran, Bruso heard of the application for this scholarship. Bruso has been involved in community service and supporting the AMVETS. One of her services is hosting bingo at the

Holyoke Soldier's Home.

Bruso is attending Merrimack College and is studying nursing. She is also an Austin Scholar and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha at Merrimack College.

Her parents Brandy and Robert expressed being extremely proud of her accomplishments and attend-

ed the presentation at the American Legion.

Serving as the Chairman for the AMVETS Post 2577 is Richard Rucki. Rucki was unable to attend the scholarship presentation but is a big contributor in the selection process of finding a recipient of this honorable scholarship.



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Open house celebrates library's 150th anniversary

WARREN – The Warren Public Library will be celebrating its 150th anniversary starting this month.

The celebration will begin with an open house held at the library, 934 Main St., on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 4-7 p.m. This was the day (Jan. 17) that the library was first incorporated 150 years ago.

Join the library as they offer an open house featuring music, refreshments, and guest speakers while celebrating the library's history.

For more information, call the library at 413-436-7690.

Free yoga program offered on Jan. 8

WARREN – Enjoy a slower-paced yoga practice with simple poses that are easy and work like magic with Yoga & Meditation for Vibrant Health and Peace of Mind on Thursday, Jan. 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join Phil Milgrom at The Centered Place for this free event that is appropriate for ages 14+. This program will be held in person at The Centered Place, 286 Bridge St., or online via Zoom.

To register, contact the Warren Public Library at 413-436-7690 or warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com. The Zoom link will be provided after registration.

This program is sponsored by the Warren Public Library with a grant from the Warren Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.



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New Year's Day walk participants gathered for a photo on the loop trail near the Ware River.



East Quabbin Land Trust Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw waved as she walked along the trail.



Freshly fallen snow covered the trail.



The walk's youngest participant enjoyed the view from her sled.

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property, which runs between the trail and the park. This purchase will allow the town to develop 1,500 feet of 10-foot wide, stone dust-packed accessible trail to connect the trail and the park.

East Quabbin Land Trust Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw said the project would be completed by the end of June, through the use of a grant. She said volunteer days would be held to build the trail, including a 20-foot bridge.

Henshaw said there would also be a study to construct another bridge, connecting the Robbins Road section of Mass Central Rail Trail to the area of South Street.

"We'll be able to connect to Grenville Park when that bridge is done," she said.

As the group of participants reached the end of the trail before turning around and returning to the parking lot, land trust volunteer Bud Pratt gave a quick history on winters in New England, and a glimpse into what they were like 250th years ago, in the midst of the Revolution.

"This winter is more like winters of long ago," Pratt said, with low temperatures, high winds, and frequent snowstorms.

Pratt said from the 1500s to the 1800s, there was a little ice age.

He said during this time, the rivers would freeze solid, and would be used to travel upon. He said when General George Washington was at Valley Forge; it was "one

of the harshest winters" on record.

"Back then, winter was winter," he said.

This New Year's Day walk was part of the East Quabbin Land Trust's series of Wellness Walks organized by Amy Trevvett, Program Coordinator. These walks are free and open to all.

Walks can range from one and a half up to three miles in length, and can take an hour to an hour and a half to complete. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcomed.

Upcoming walks in the series will be held on Friday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m., Prince River Preserve, Flaherty Road, Barre; Sunday, Feb. 1 at 4:30 p.m., Full Moon Walk at Mandell Hill Preserve, 660 Barre Road, Hardwick; Saturday, Feb. 14 at 9 a.m., Pynchon's Grist Mill Preserve, 165 Wickaboag Valley Road, West Brookfield; Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 11:45 a.m., Grenville Park to Church Street via Mass Central Rail Trail, 73 Church St., Ware; Sunday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m., Deer Park Preserve and Coxhall Kitchen Garden, 483 Barre Road, Hardwick; and Wednesday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m., Patrill Hollow Preserve, 1015 Hardwick Road, Hardwick.

For more information about these walks or if you would like to lead one, email atrevvett@eqlt.org.

For more information about the East Quabbin Land Trust, visit www.eqlt.org or follow on Facebook and Instagram.

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Ware girls score victory over rival



Madisyn Slattery pushes a pass away.



Gabrielle Kaczuwka tries to power around an opponent.



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Reese McKeever goes for the tip-off.

Lady Indians finish regular season undefeated

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The Ware Lady Indians completed the 2025 portion of their regular season schedule as one of the seven remaining undefeated girls' varsity basketball teams in Western Massachusetts.

The Lady Indians kicked off 2026 with a 53-40 road victory over archrival Palmer, last Friday night.

"We've been playing very well early in the season, especially defensively," said Ware head coach Dan Orszulak. "I thought we played very well offensively in tonight's game. The sign of a good team is when someone different plays well in each game."

Ware, who scored more than 50 points in a game for the second time this winter, made the short bus ride home from Palmer High School with a perfect 7-0 overall record and a 5-0 mark against Franklin West foes.

The other undefeated Western

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Cougars suffer loss to Orioles

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARREN — Sophomore forward Aubrey Klingensmith has enjoyed playing basketball games at the Belchertown High School gymnasium since she joined the Lady Orioles varsity team a year ago.

Klingensmith doesn't have a favorite road gym yet, but a leading candidate might just be the Quaboag Regional gymnasium.

When the Lady Orioles faced the Quaboag Lady Cougars for the first time in a non-league road game, it took Klingensmith and her teammates a couple of minutes to get used to their surroundings.

Klingensmith made three of her six 3-pointers during the opening quarter leading to a career-high 24 points, as the Lady Orioles closed out 2025 with a 56-24 victory on Dec. 29.

"The depth perception behind the baskets in this gym is different than we're used to," said Klingensmith, who scored 23 points in loss at East Longmeadow three days before Christmas. "Once I made my first 3-pointer, I got into a rhythm and my shots just kept going in. I do enjoy

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Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Bogey Doubles

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Bogey Doubles league on Monday nights is halfway through the 2025-2026 candlepin league season.

This league's season is split into three rounds, and the bowlers are currently in round two. In first place is the team of Jess Mondor & Tim Brayton with 32 wins in round two. In second place with 31 wins is the doubles team of Erik Pellett & Ryley Burdett.

During week 18, Pellett & Burdett bowled against Bromberg & Daley. In game one, Bromberg & Daley won by a score of 281-275. Erik Pellett scored 112 in a losing effort in game one.

In game two, Pellett & Burdett won by a score of 290-251. In game three, Bromberg & Daley won by a score of 283-272. Eric Bromberg finished the match with 115 and a three-game series of 315. Total pinfall was won by Pellett & Burdett with a final score of 837-815.

Talamini & Carden bowled against Rando & MacDougall in week 18. In game one, Rando & MacDougall won by a score of 265-240. In game two, Rando & MacDougall won again by a score of 275-222.

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Troy Jurczyk goes for the jump shot.



Brady Guimond attempts a layup.



Kaleb Kanozek shoots over a defender.



Alex Orszulak winds back to make a bounce pass.



Jack Gaudreau makes a pass on the run.

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Brodie Koczur changes sides of the court.

Ware boys fall on the road

BELCHERTOWN – Last Monday evening, Belchertown High School boys basketball defeated Ware 55-44. In the win, Brice Letendre led the Orioles with 18 points while Jake Pacunas scored 17 and Shea Maclean added 13 points. For Ware, Jack Gaudreau was the only player in double digits with 12 points. Troy Jurczyk had nine points. Ware had a good first half, before falling farther behind in the third quarter. The Indians fell to 1-4 on the season while Belchertown is 3-3.

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Tough start hurts Pioneers



Cayden Bousquet eyes a teammate closer to the hoop.

PALMER – Last Friday night, Pathfinder opened up the 2026 portion of its schedule with a 56-40 loss against Monson. Pathfinder managed just three points in the opening frame and trailed 30-11 at halftime. Monson, which improved to 2-3 on the season, had a strong second half as well. Pathfinder fell to 1-4 on the season. Cayden Bousquet was a bright spot with 19 points to lead all scorers with the Pioneers. Monson was led by Niko Mathieu with 14 points. Austin Meacham had 12 points.

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Maddox Baer holds the ball away from his opponent.



Aiden Girard tries to pass out of the corner.



Grayson Griswold launches a pass over his opponent's outstretched arms.



Treyne Senquiz tries to get a shot over a Monson blocker.



Cassian Kowalik tries to lift a shot over a Monson guard.



Alex Fors competes in a first-round match at 190 pounds.

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Panthers place 10th at Tomkiel Tournament

AGAWAM – Last Monday, Quabbin Regional High School wrestling traveled to Western Mass. to Agawam's Phil Tomkiel Holiday Tournament. The Panthers would finish 10th overall as a team in the boys tournament with 83.5 points. Abe Brown picked up a title win for the Panthers with

a victory in the 126-pound bracket. In the girls tournament, Quabbin placed seventh. The girls also crowned one champion. Kailynn Schuster won the 138-pound bracket for Quabbin. The Panthers are back in action on Saturday, Jan. 10 hosting several teams for multiple dual meets.



Charlotte Darcey competes in a 132-pound match.

Monadnock reflects on great 2025 season

Monadnock Speedway competitors and race teams gathered this past Saturday, Dec. 13 at Best Western in Keene, New Hampshire, to celebrate the achievements of the 2025 racing season. The annual awards banquet served as a night of recognition, appreciation, and reflection on a competitive and memorable year at the speedway, while also setting the tone for the upcoming 2026 season.

Champions from each division were on hand to collect their well-earned hardware, highlighting the dedication, hard work, and perseverance required throughout the season. The evening underscored not only championship success, but also the sportsmanship and camaraderie that define Monadnock Speedway.

The All-States Material Group 604 Modified Championship was claimed by Brian Robie, who also earned the Teddy Bear Pools and Spas Triple Crown

Championship Award. Robie addressed the crowd following his presentation, sharing his plans for the future. While he intends to compete in select events during the 2026 season, he emphasized his commitment to helping younger drivers in the division grow, learn, and achieve their racing goals.

Dylan Zullo, champion of the Twin State Truck Service Super Streets, also collected his championship hardware along with the Teddy Bear Pools and Spas Triple Crown Championship Award. In his remarks, Zullo noted that he plans to continue racing in certain events, while also exploring a new direction for 2026, leaving fans eager to see what changes may be ahead.

The Fabian Fuels Mini Stock Championship went to Jon Fultz, who stepped forward to accept his championship award along with the Teddy Bear Pools and Spas Triple Crown Award. Fultz took time to thank everyone

who supported his championship run, including his crew, family, sponsors, and fellow competitors, acknowledging the teamwork behind his successful season.

In the Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock Division, Kyle Kenny was honored as the 2025 champion. Kenny enthusiastically addressed the crowd while accepting his awards, revealing that he plans to move into a new division for the 2026 season at Monadnock Speedway, though he did not disclose specific details.

Also recognized was the champion of the Six Shooter Mini Series, Travis Hollins.

Carlos Grenier was in attendance to receive the Teddy Bear Pools and Spas Pure Stock Triple Crown Series Champion.

The Doug's Auto Body Young Gun Division was recognized collectively for its hard work and dedication throughout the 2025 race season. Several individual awards were also presented,

with Ella Grabowski earning the Sportsmanship Award, Hunter Duquette recognized for Most Wins, Maya Bell receiving the Best Appearing Award, and Sofia Rego honored with the Hard Luck Award.

Special awards were presented across the weekly divisions as well. In the 604 Modified Division, Tyler Leary was awarded Best Appearing, while Tyler Leclerc received the Sportsmanship Award. The Super Streets Division saw J.D. Stockwell earn Best Appearing, with Eric Smith taking home Sportsmanship honors. In the Mini Stock Division, Kevin Clayton received Best Appearing, and Chris Fultz was awarded Sportsmanship. Rounding out the awards, the Pure Stock Division honored Addison Brooks with Best Appearing, while Michaela Krafve received the Sportsmanship Award.



Andie St. Clair tries to work out of trouble.



Lucas Proctor locks up with Holyoke's Steven Santiago.



Hunter Mitus competes in a consolation bracket match.

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playing home games a little bit better because I'm used to playing in our gym."

The Lady Orioles, who only have two seniors, entered 2026 with a 3-2 overall record.

"I'm proud of the way my team played against a gritty Quaboag squad. They played us very tough," said Belchertown head coach Jason Woodcock. "Aubrey is one of the best shooters in Western Mass. this year. She was the difference maker in tonight's game."

Two other sophomores listed on the Lady Orioles varsity roster are forward Gabriella Slovack, who scored eight points, and guard Kina Roy, who chipped in with seven points. Junior guard Aubrey McCain made two 3-pointers in the second half for her six points.

The Lady Cougars, who like Belchertown only have two seniors, began the regular

season with five losses.

"We're a young team and we're playing a tough schedule. I thought we played well in a couple of quarters in tonight's game," said Quaboag head coach Bill Beauregard. "We were able to get some good looks offensively. We just need to keep improving."

The home team was led offensively by eighth grade guard Caitlyn Toomey with seven points. Seventh grade forward Evelyn Potvin made a pair of 3-pointers for her six points. Senior center Madeline Dufresne scored four of her five points before halftime.

While it was the first meeting between the two girls' basketball teams, Beauregard was the boys' varsity basketball coach at Belchertown High School 10 years ago. Woodcock was also coaching the girls' varsity team at that time.

"When I was coaching at Belchertown High School,

coach Woodcock and I would also talk about basketball," Beauregard said. "I wish the results were a little bit different, but it was fun coaching against him for the first time."

The contest was scoreless until Klingensmith hit her first 3-pointer from the right corner with 5:15 left in the opening quarter.

Klingensmith would make two more 3-pointers in the quarter and Slovack added a lay-up, as Belchertown entered the second quarter holding a slim 11-8 advantage.

The duo of Toomey and Dufresne each scored four points for Quaboag.

With 3:51 remaining in the first half, Klingensmith was fouled while making a 3-pointer from the right corner. She made the bonus foul shot completing the rare four point play, which gave the Lady Orioles a 20-8 lead.

Evelyn Potvin then hit a 3-pointer from the right side, which was Quaboag's only

points of the second quarter.

With 40 seconds left in the opening half, Belchertown junior point guard Morghan Litz knocked home a 3-pointer from the right side, which were her only points of the game.

Belchertown finished the first half with a 9-0 run. Klingensmith made her fifth 3-pointer during the final seconds which made the score 29-11 at halftime.

The Lady Cougars made three 3-pointers in the third quarter, but they were outscored, 20-13 and were trailing 49-24, entering the final eight minutes of the contest.

The trio of sophomore forward Cassidy MacLean (3points), sophomore guard Camilla Adamczyk (2 points), and Slovack made field goals for the Lady Orioles in the final quarter, while senior forward Madison Kapinos (1 point) added a free throw.

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Mass. girls' basketball teams on New Year's Day were Southwick, Mahar, Smith Vocational, McCann Tech, Pittsfield, and Minnechaug Regional.

The Lady Indians also won a game at the Palmer High School gymnasium for the first time since they celebrated a 60-38 victory over the Lady Panthers on December 21, 2016.

"This win feels great because this could've been my last time playing a game in this gym," said Ware senior Madi Slattery, who's been a member of the varsity squad since she was in the eighth grade. "We lost to Palmer by one point here in last year's Division 5 state tournament, which ended our season. This is a huge rivalry game."

Another Palmer-Ware girls' basketball game that Slattery will probably always remember was last year's 42-39 overtime home win in a non-playoff game.

"That's probably my favorite game of my entire varsity basketball career," Slattery said. "I can still recall every detail, and it was special winning the game in our gym."

Slattery, who's the Lady Indians point guard, is the only senior listed on her team's roster. She didn't score any points in the first meeting of the 2025-26 regular season between the two squads.

Sophomore Amelia Orszulak, freshman Naomi Torres, and freshman Gloria Cotaj combined to score 30 first half points, which helped the visiting team build a 19-point halftime lead.

Orszulak led the way offensively for the Lady Indians with 12 points, which she scored during the first 16 minutes of the contest with the help of three 3-pointers.

Cotaj netted all 10 of her points in the first half. Torres also reached double digits by scoring eight points in the opening half and adding two more in the second half for a total of 10 points.

Freshman Gabby Kaczuwka picked up the slack offensively for the Lady Indians during the second half by scoring seven of her nine points. Freshman Daisy Laverdiere also contributed offensively in the second half with six points.

The Lady Panthers (2-4, 2-3), who don't have any seniors listed on their roster, were led offensively by freshmen Anabelle and Evelyn Ladue, who are twins.

Anabelle Ladue scored 11 of her game-high 18 points during the second quarter, which kept the



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Gloria Cotaj eyes an open teammate in the paint.



Reaghan Jacobs sends a long jump shot away.

Cotaj made a pair of field goals at the end of the quarter making the score 24-5.

The Lady Panthers other two points came on foul shots by Evelyn Ladue and eighth grader Christina Reed (1 point).

The Lady Indians largest lead of the first half was 30-7 two minutes into the second quarter following Orszulak's third 3-pointer.

"Being able to build a large lead in the first half was fantastic," Slattery said. "We never really let them back into the game after that, which is something that coach Orszulak always talks about."

Anabelle Ladue did score nine unanswered points, which helped slice the Lady Panthers deficit to 30-16 with 2:20 left in the first half.

Ware held a 37-16 lead following a jumper from junior Reaghan Jacobs with 18 seconds left in the first half.

Then Anabelle Ladue ended the 7-0 spurt with an inside hoop just before the buzzer sounded.

The Lady Indians added four points to their lead during the third quarter, as they outscored the Lady Panthers, 15-11.

The only points scored by Ware during the final eight minutes of the contest was a free throw from Laverdiere.

Palmer scored the final nine points of the game, but they couldn't get any closer than 13 points.

The Lady Indians will be looking to sweep the season series when they host the Lady Panthers at Paul Orszulak Gymnasium on Friday night.

The Lady Indians scored the next 13 points.

With 5:28 left in the first quarter, Orszulak was fouled while making a 3-pointer from the right corner. She made the free throw completing the rare four point play giving the Lady Indians a 12-3 lead.

Orszulak hit another 3-pointer from the right corner two minutes later, pushing the lead into double digits for the first time (15-3).

one, Wooden & Clough won total pinfall with a final score of 787-778.

Clauson & Santora bowled against Johnson & Derie. In game one, Johnson & Derie won by a score of 260-234.

In game two, Clauson & Santora won by a score of 266-249. Gary Santora responded well with a 121 game to get his team back in the match.

In game three, Johnson & Derie won by a score of 278-254. Craig Johnson finished the match with a 120 game during his team's victory. The final score was 787-754 in favor of Johnson & Derie.

Halbedel & Fontaine bowled against Wooden & Janton in week 18. In game

one, Wooden & Janton won by a score of 301-262. Peter Janton started off strong with an opening game of 141.

In game two, Halbedel & Fontaine won by a score of 272-259. Aaron Fontaine bowled 131 to help his team get the win.

In game three, Halbedel & Fontaine won again by a score of 285-255. Janton finished with a 102 and a three-game series of 348. Fontaine finished with 140 to go with his previous scores of 121 and 131 for a series of 392. Fontaine's teammate, Aaron Halbedel, finished with 118 and a series of 346.

The final score was 819-815 in favor of Halbedel & Fontaine.

Anthony Bousquet, 75

WARE – Anthony Bousquet, 75, of Ware, passed away on Monday, Dec. 29, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves behind his daughter, Kim M. Trzpit and her husband, David, of Ware; his daughter, Heather L. Orszulak and her husband, Michael, of Ware; his beloved grandchildren, Nathan Trzpit, Alex and Amelia Orszulak; as well as his sister, Loretta King and her husband, George, of Ware and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Anthony Bousquet, Jr.; by his long-time girlfriend of 30 years, Nancy Kent; and by his brother, George Bousquet.

He was born in Ware, son of the late Raymond and Celia (Czaja) Bousquet. Anthony worked for and served for many years as a

Firefighter for the Town of Ware.

He was a longtime member of the Weir River Social Club, and in his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching his grandson play football. However, the time he could spend with his family and friends was that which he cherished most of all.

Those wishing to honor his life in remembrance may do so through a memorial contribution to: Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary at Smudge@here-todaysanctuary.org.

Services for Anthony will be held privately. Charbonneau Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bousquet family.

An online tribute page is available at charbonneauafh.com.

John D. Daniele, 60

WARE – John Daniele, a devoted father, son, and brother, passed away peacefully on Dec. 31, 2025, at the age of 60.

Above all, John was a proud and loving father to his daughter, Gabriella Daniele of Northboro. He was the cherished son of John and Carolyn Daniele of Ware, a devoted brother to Michael and Shelly Daniele of Medway, and Philip and Danielle Daniele of Auburn, New Hampshire, and a loving uncle to Grace Daniele of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Philip Daniele of Boston. He is also survived by Gabriella's mother, Cheryl Daniele, whose kindness and support in his final months were deeply appreciated.

He loved the freedom of riding motorcycles down open roads, tinkering with cars, exploring the outdoors, and spending mean-

ingful time with his daughter and his beloved dogs.

With his wry smile and quick sense of humor, he embraced both adventure and the quiet moments shared with family.

He will be remembered for his deep appreciation of life and for the meaningful moments he shared with those he cared about most.

A memorial service for John will be held at a later date. Those wishing to honor his life in remembrance may do so through a memorial contribution to the AKC Humane Fund at akchumane-fund.org/donate in lieu of flowers.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting his family with his care and arrangements. An online tribute page is available at charbonneauafh.com.



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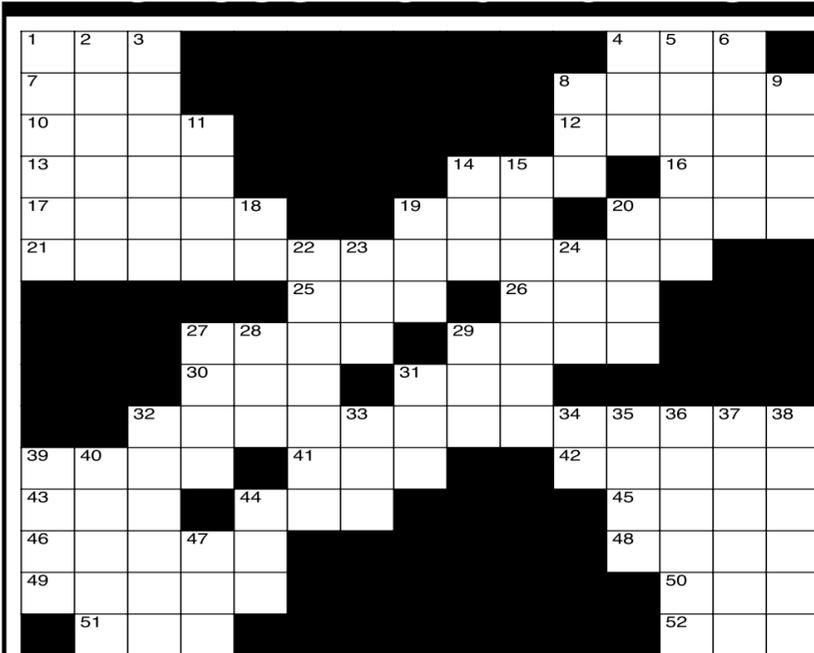
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- 1. Former CIA
- 4. Language
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Demand
- 10. Rich man
- 12. Short-tailed marten
- 13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 14. Superconducting super collider
- 16. International group of countries within the Americas
- 17. Sacred state for Muslims
- 19. Shock therapy
- 20. Engrave
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Periodical
- 27. Dishonestly gained money
- 29. Gain possession of
- 30. Actor DiCaprio
- 31. High schoolers' test
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Sign of healing
- 41. One's grandmother
- 42. Entrap
- 43. One who simultaneously buys and sells
- 44. ___ Francisco
- 45. Web-based data provider of marine life
- 46. Type of snake
- 48. Dark mark or stain
- 49. Member of the Salii

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Acquire
- 2. Console
- 3. Hunting expedition
- 4. Pie ___ mode
- 5. Simple shoes for peasants
- 6. Eurasian shrub
- 8. Reciprocal of a sine
- 9. Work together in harmony
- 11. Grenade
- 14. File extension
- 15. Minute pores in a plant
- 18. Medal of Honor
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Advance slowly, as if by inches
- 22. Sandwich meat
- 23. An awkward stupid person
- 24. Strong tree
- 27. Commoner
- 28. Electro-encephalograph
- 29. ___ Mahal
- 31. Congressman
- 32. Disorderly crowd
- 33. 007's creator Fleming
- 34. Atomic #55
- 35. Part of a door
- 36. Short-tail martens
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Gang in "The Outsiders"
- 40. Of Croatia
- 44. Body cavity
- 47. Get free of

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Duncan MacDougall bowled 110 in game two.

In game three, Rando & MacDougall won with a three-game sweep over Talamini & Carden, 245-230. The final score was 785-692 in favor of Rando & MacDougall.

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In game three, Mondor & Brayton won by just one point, 271-270. Mondor bowled 107 to close out the

public safety

Ware Police Log

During the weeks of Dec. 21-Jan. 6, the Ware Police Department responded to 51 miscellaneous calls, 54 administrative calls, 18 traffic violations, 21 emergency 911 calls, five thefts/larcenies, two trespasses, three harassments/stalks/threats, one damage/vandalism, one outside fire, five motor vehicle accidents, one breaking and entering, one fraud/forgery, two safety hazards, three animal calls and 45 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Sunday, Dec. 21
6:33 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Otis Avenue, Citation/Warning Issued
4:48 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Could Not Locate
4:59 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Main Street, Report Made
5:07 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Advised
10:55 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Park Street, Investigated

Monday, Dec. 22
12:21 a.m. Assist Other Agency, West Street, Assist Given
5:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
5:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
10:24 a.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Investigated
4:19 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Arrest Made
11:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Otis Avenue, Investigated

Tuesday, Dec. 23
9:29 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pine Street, Investigated
9:55 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Mountain View Drive, Advised
8:51 p.m. Outside Fire, North Street, Extinguished

Wednesday, Dec. 24
9:37 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate
12:30 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Vigeant Street, Services Rendered
6:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued
11:45 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Church Street, Services Rendered

Thursday, Dec. 25
12:58 a.m. Assist Other Agency, West Main Street, Services Rendered
1:07 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Otis Avenue, Advised
5:42 p.m. Safety Hazard, Shady Path, Advised

Friday, Dec. 26
2:44 p.m. Abandoned 911

Call, Howard Road, Dispatch Handled
6:34 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Indian Hill Road, Dispatch Handled
9:01 p.m. Traffic Collision, Cherry Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Dec. 27
9:56 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Babcock Tavern Road, Dispatch Handled

Sunday, Dec. 28
1:31 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Otis Avenue, Citation/Warning Issued
1:51 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Pulaski Street, Citation/Warning Issued
2:29 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
10:16 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Palmer Road, Advised
7:54 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Main Street, Report Made

Monday, Dec. 29
7:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
10:06 a.m. Theft/Larceny, East Street, Assist Given
12:24 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Dec. 30
12:13 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Highland Street, Services Rendered
9:56 a.m. Weapons/Firearms, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered
11:47 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Glendale Circle, Investigated
5:31 p.m. Warrant Service, Otis Avenue, Arrest Made

Wednesday, Dec. 31
2:38 a.m. Bylaw Violation, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued
5:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
6:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued

Thursday, Jan. 1
2:56 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Mattson Boulevard, Investigated
12:30 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, East Street, Investigated
9:07 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Monson Turnpike Road, Arrest Made

Friday, Jan. 2
3:13 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Indian Hill Road, Dispatch Handled
9:52 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Advised

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Saturday, Jan. 3
2:01 a.m. Administrative, West Main Street, Parking Ticket Issued
3:11 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Park Street, Arrest Made
7:27 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Coldbrook Drive, Dispatch Handled
8:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Unfounded

Sunday, Jan. 4
3:34 a.m. Administrative, Church Street, Parking Ticket Issued
3:45 a.m. Administrative, North Street, Parking Ticket Issued
3:53 a.m. Administrative, North Street, Parking Ticket Issued
4:04 a.m. Administrative, Sherwin Street, Parking Ticket Issued
4:09 a.m. Administrative, Park Street, Parking Ticket Issued
4:20 a.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard, East Street, Vehicle Towed
4:33 a.m. Administrative, South Street, Parking Ticket Issued
8:49 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Highland Village, Investigated

Monday, Jan. 5
3:35 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Could Not Locate
5:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
10:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Eddy Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, Jan. 6
2:02 a.m. Bylaw Violation, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued
2:04 a.m. Bylaw Violation, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued
5:28 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Walnut Street, Services Rendered
7:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasant Street, Citation/Warning Issued
7:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Warren Police Log

During the week of Dec. 14-20, the Warren Police Department responded to 125 building/property checks, 13 community policings, 11 emergency 911 calls, one larceny/theft, one parking issue, one fraud/forgery, two safety concerns, two motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, Dec. 14
2:35 a.m. Parking Issues, School Street, Citation Issued
12:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Jones Street, Report Filed
7:47 p.m. Safety Concern, Reed Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Monday, Dec. 15
8:27 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital
10:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
9:27 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old West Brookfield Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Tuesday, Dec. 16
9:50 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, School Street, Mutual Aid Transport
10:19 a.m. Falls, Lombard Street, Mutual Aid Transport
9:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Reed Street, Arrest(s) Made

Wednesday, Dec. 17
4:28 p.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:16 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
11:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Thursday, Dec. 18
8:41 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

1:06 p.m. Falls, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital
1:07 p.m. Complaint, Bacon Street, Information Given
3:33 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Comins Pond Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:19 p.m. Noise Complaint, Richardson Street, Report Filed
9:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:29 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Report Filed

Friday, Dec. 19
1:09 p.m. Bleeding, Spring Street, Transported to Hospital
6:53 p.m. Gas Leak, Main Street, Investigated

Saturday, Dec. 20
2:14 a.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Constitution Avenue, Party Departed Without Incident
9:17 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Crescent Street, Referred to Other Agency

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of Dec. 22-Jan. 5 the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 97 building/property checks, 74 directed/area patrols, 20 radar assignments, 14 traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, six assist other agencies, five complaints, two safety hazards, two motor vehicle accidents, five animal calls and 21 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Dec. 22
2:15 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Officer Handled
2:58 p.m. Complaint, Collins Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Dec. 23
2:24 a.m. Parking Complaint, Prospect Street, Citation Issued
10:11 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, No Action Required
12:59 p.m. Assist Citizen, Highland Terrace, Spoken To
4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Friday, Dec. 26
10:33 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Dec. 27
12 p.m. Complaint, Prouty Road, Referred to Other Agency
9:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Sunday, Dec. 28
12:56 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Joslyn Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Dec. 29
4:09 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Officer Handled
4:43 a.m. 911 Safety Hazard, Thresher Road, Referred to Other Agency
5:38 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Barre Road, Merge
5:42 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed
7:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
7:50 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Referred to Other Agency
12:41 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
12:47 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
2:16 p.m. Assist Citizen, High Street, Services Rendered
3:44 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital
5:03 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Dec. 30
2:06 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Jan. 1
2:58 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Jan. 2
12:51 p.m. 911 Assist

Other Agency, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
4:39 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Lower Road, Spoken To
5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Written Warning

Saturday, Jan. 3
8:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
8:57 a.m. Assist Citizen, High Street, Officer Handled
1:57 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Negative Contact
5:39 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
6:44 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Negative Contact

Sunday, Jan. 4
11:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
12:27 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
3:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
9:06 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, Jan. 5
5:48 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ruggles Street, Transported to Hospital

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ed in restorative justice work, both online and in person, in Hampshire and Franklin Counties. Volunteers receive training to prepare them to work within restorative justice principles and the C4RJ process.

Upcoming volunteer training will consist of four Zoom sessions held on Saturday, Jan. 25, and Sunday, Jan. 26, with sessions running from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. each day.

Individuals interested in learning more about C4RJ and what volunteering involves are encouraged to visit C4RJ's volunteer page at <https://www.c4rj.org/join-us/volunteers>.

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NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING



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EFSB 25-01/D.P.U. 25-16 –

New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (Central to Western Massachusetts Energy Replacement Project)

Project Summary and Public Comment Hearing Overview

New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or the “Company”) has asked the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) to approve its proposal to replace two existing overhead 69 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission lines, three associated tap lines, and their supporting structures (“Existing Lines”) with new overhead 115 kV transmission lines, tap lines, and structures (“Rebuilt Lines”) in an existing transmission corridor through Millbury, Auburn, Leicester, Spencer, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Pelham, Shutesbury, Leverett, Sunderland, Deerfield, Conway, Shelburne, and Buckland, Massachusetts (the “Project”). The Project would be capable of operating at 115 kV, although it would initially operate at 69 kV, as does the existing line.

The Siting Board will conduct three hybrid public comment hearings with both in-person and remote participation options, as follows:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
 Leicester Town Hall Gym
 3 Washburn Square
 Leicester, MA 01524

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.
 Deerfield Town Hall
 Main Meeting Room
 8 Conway St
 South Deerfield, MA 01373

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
 Belchertown Town Hall Auditorium
 2 Jabish St
 Belchertown, MA 01007

Remote attendees: join by using this link – <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87391827695> from a computer, tablet, or smart device. For audio-only participation attendees can dial in at (646) 558-8656 (not a toll-free number) and then enter the **Webinar ID: 873-9182-7695**.

See additional comment instructions and Severe Weather Notification below.

To provide oral comments at a public comment hearing (in person, on Zoom, or by telephone), notify Yonathan Mengesha at Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov or (617) 305-3544. Provide your name, email address, mailing address, and docket number (“EFSB 25-01”) by 5:00 p.m. **the day before the meeting**. You can also sign up in person the day of the hearing beginning an hour before the hearing. Pre-registered commenters will speak first, and others will speak next.

The Siting Board also invites written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by **January 28, 2026**. Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding (beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or in writing) may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Any petition to intervene or participate must likewise be filed no later than January 28, 2026, and must follow the instructions below.

Severe Weather Notification and Alternative Dates

In the event of severe weather, the Siting Board may postpone the public comment hearing(s). Any postponement will be announced on the Siting Board’s Project website (accessible via the URL link or QR code at the top of this notice’s first page) and the Zoom link for the public comment hearing. If any of the hearings is postponed, it will be rescheduled at the location and on the planned alternate date indicated below, and the deadlines for submitting public comments and filing for intervention or limited participant status will be extended as indicated below.

Important Dates:

Leicester Public Comment Hearing:
 Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
 Alternate: January 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (Belchertown)

Deerfield Public Comment Hearing:
 Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.
 Alternate: January 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (in Belchertown)

Belchertown Public Comment Hearing:
 Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
 Alternate: January 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (in Belchertown)

Written Public Comment Deadline:
 Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. if any of the public comment hearings is postponed)

Deadline to file for intervention or limited participant status:
 Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. if any of the public comment hearings is postponed)

Public Review of the Company’s Petitions

A description of the Project, links to the Company’s petitions, attachments and analysis, and periodic updates are electronically available on the Siting Board’s webpage for the [Project at Central-Western MA Energy Project | Mass.gov](https://www.cmatowmaenergy.com/). The Company also maintains a webpage for the Project at <https://www.cmatowmaenergy.com/>. Hard copies of the Company’s petitions and attachments are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Millbury**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 127 Elm St., Millbury, MA 01527
 - Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm St., Millbury, MA 01527
- Auburn**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 104 Central St., Auburn, MA 01501
 - Auburn Public Library, 369 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA 01501
- Leicester**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 3 Washburn Sq., Leicester, MA 01524
 - Leicester Public Library, 1136 Main St., Leicester, MA 01524
- Spencer**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 157 Main St., Spencer, MA 01562
 - Richard Sugden Library, 8 Pleasant St., Spencer, MA 01562
- East Brookfield**
 - Town Clerk, Memorial Town Complex, 122 Connie Mack Dr., East Brookfield, MA 01515
 - East Brookfield Public Library, 122 Connie Mack Dr., East Brookfield, MA 01515
- North Brookfield**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 215 N Main St., North Brookfield, MA 01535
 - Haston Free Public Library, 161 N Main St., North Brookfield, MA 01535
- West Brookfield**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 2 E Main St., West Brookfield, MA 01585
 - Merriam-Gilbert Public Library, 3 W Main St., West Brookfield, MA 01585

- Ware**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 126 Main Street, Suite F, Ware, MA 01082
 - Ware Library, 37 Main St., Ware, MA 01082
- Belchertown**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 2 Jabish St., Belchertown, MA 01007
 - Clapp Memorial Library, 19 S Main St., Belchertown, MA 01007
- Pelham**
 - Pelham Town Office Building, 351 Amherst Rd., Pelham, MA 01002
 - Pelham Public Library, 2 S Valley Rd., Pelham, MA 01002
- Shutesbury**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 1 Cooleyville Rd., Shutesbury, MA 01072
 - M.N. Spear Memorial Library, 10 Cooleyville Rd., Shutesbury, MA 01072
- Leverett**
 - Leverett Town Hall, 9 Montague Rd., Leverett, MA 01054
 - Leverett Public Library, 75 Montague Rd., Leverett, MA 01054
- Sunderland**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 12 School St., Sunderland, MA 01375
 - Sunderland Public Library, 20 School St., Sunderland, MA 01375
- Deerfield**
 - Deerfield Town Hall, 8 Conway St., South Deerfield, MA 01373
 - Tilton Public Library, 71 N Main St., South Deerfield, MA 01373
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 - Conway Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Rd., Conway, MA 01341
 - Field Memorial Library, 1 Elm St., Conway, MA 01341
- Shelburne**
 - Town Clerk’s Office, 51 Bridge St., Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
 - Shelburne Free Public Library, 233 Shelburne Center Rd., Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
- Buckland**
 - Buckland Town Hall, 17 State St., Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
 - Buckland Public Library, 30 Upper St., Buckland, MA 01338

Public Comment Hearings

At each public comment hearing, National Grid will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the Project. The public comment hearings will be transcribed by a court reporter. A recording of each public comment hearing will be posted to the Siting Board’s YouTube channel after that hearing, at https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU_hearing.

The public comment hearings mark the beginning of a formal, state-level decision-making process in which the Siting Board will: (1) review National Grid’s proposed Project to ensure that it will provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J; and (2) determine whether the proposed Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to participate in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearings or submitting written comments, may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant.

“Intervenor” or “Party” Status: An **intervenor** can participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including participating in discovery (information gathering), participating in the evidentiary hearing, filing a brief, presenting comments to the Siting Board on the Tentative Decision, and appealing the Final Decision.

“Limited Participant” Status: A **limited participant** receives documents during the proceeding and may file a brief and present comments regarding the Tentative Decision to the Siting Board.

Instructions for Filing Written Comments and Requesting to Participate in the Proceeding

Any written comments on the Project and any petition to intervene or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must be sent to the following four email addresses: dpu.efiling@mass.gov; Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov; ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com; and cbaine@keeganwerlin.com. The filing deadline is **January 28, 2026** (unless one of the public comment hearings is postponed, in which case the filing deadline will be February 11, 2026).

The e-mail accompanying the written comment or petition must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 25-01/D.P.U. 25-16); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the request; (3) a brief description of the document; and (4) the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact with questions about the filing. Any petition for intervention must state and explain the way or ways in which the requester may be specifically and substantially affected by the Project. Any petition for limited participation must describe the manner in which the petitioner is interested and the purpose for which participation is requested.

For more information on the Siting Board’s procedural rules, please see the following link:
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-105/download>.

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 Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Human Resources, 9th Floor
 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114,
eediversity@mass.gov, 617-626-1282.

In your communication, state the accommodation you need and why you need it. Provide contact information in case the Coordinator needs more information. Provide one week’s advance notice. The Coordinator will consider but may not be able to fulfill late requests.

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If you have any questions about this notice or any of the Siting Board’s non-discrimination programs, policies, or procedures or believe the Siting Board has discriminated against you, you may contact Melixza Esenyie (see above for contact information) for more information.

Contact

For further information about the proceeding, please contact the Presiding Officer at the address or telephone number below:

Daniel Keleher, Co-Presiding Officer
 Energy Facilities Siting Board
 One South Station Boston, MA 02110
Daniel.W.Keleher@mass.gov
 (617) 305-3623

For periodic updates, please visit the Siting Board’s webpage for this proceeding (accessible via the URL link or QR code at the top of this notice’s first page).

Project Description

National Grid asserts that the Project, with projected costs of \$896.9 million, is needed to ensure reliable electric service to approximately 24,000 customers across twelve municipalities in Massachusetts. National Grid states that the Existing Lines were constructed in 1900, reconducted in 2001, and insulated in 2020 and that they are among the oldest transmission lines in New England. National Grid contends that the Existing Lines are also among the Company’s worst performing transmission lines, due in large part to the lattice design of the transmission line supporting structures. The Existing Lines, each approximately 67 miles long, pass through the towns of Millbury, Auburn, Leicester, Spencer, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Pelham, Shutesbury, Leverett, Sunderland, Deerfield, Conway, Shelburne, and Buckland. The Company expects to start constructing the Project in April of 2029 and conclude in April of 2035.

The Project consists of: (1) removing existing 69 kV transmission lines and rebuilding them to a 115 kV design within the existing electric transmission right-of-way between the Millbury #305 Substation and the Deerfield #4 Substation; (2) reconstructing the Quabbin Switch Tap Line, the Shutesbury Tap Line, and the Deerfield #3 Tap Lines; and (3) improving, establishing, and constructing access roads. Future operation of the Rebuilt Lines at 115 kV would require substation upgrades that are not part of the Project. An interactive map of the Project is available at the following link: [New England Power Company - National Grid Central to Western Mass.](https://www.newenglandpower.com/national-grid-central-to-western-mass)

Route Descriptions

Millbury: The Rebuilt Lines would begin near Branch River at the Millbury Station in Millbury, run along Providence Street, cross the Blackstone River Bikeway intersecting the Providence and Worcester Railroad, and continue along South Main Street (intersecting Woodland Street, Sycamore Street, and Singletary Brook). The Rebuilt Lines would continue north through Elm Street, where they would intersect Worcester-Providence Turnpike (State Route 146) before passing through Elmwood Street, Shaw Schools Recreational Fields, and Witter Lane. From there, the Rebuilt Lines would pass Greenwood Street and intersect Dwinell Road before entering Auburn.

Auburn: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Auburn and cross Washington Street to connect with the Pondville Substation before proceeding west, where they would intersect Ramshorn Brook, the Penn Central Railroad/Norwich, and Worcester Railroad. The Rebuilt Lines would continue west, passing through Hillside Cemetery and intersecting Central Street and Saratoga Road before crossing Interstate 90. The Rebuilt Lines would then cross Interstate 290 and pass through Auburn Recreation Complex (also known as Oxford Street Recreation Area), which is adjacent to Bayman Street. From there, the Rebuilt Lines would intersect Oxford Street, continue past Bryn Mawr Avenue, cross Dark Brook and run west, intersecting Leicester Street, Chapin Brook, Rochdale Street, Penn Central Railroad, and Drake Court. The Rebuilt Lines would cross Chapin Brook and Leicester Street before entering Leicester.

Leicester: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Leicester, transect Stafford Street and Henshaw Street, cross Grindstone Brook and Bunker Hill Road, and continue to Peter Salem Road, connecting with the Leicester Substation. The Rebuilt Lines would continue west and then transect Peter Salem Road, Pleasant Street and Memorial Drive. The Rebuilt Lines would continue southwest and cross Town Meadow Brook and Burncoat Brook, continue west, and then cross Pine Street and Charles Street before continuing northwest to pass through Burncoat Brook again as they enter Spencer.

Spencer: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Spencer and continue northwest, crossing Greenville Street, R Jones Road, Spencer State Forest and Midstate Trail (an unpaved road). The Rebuilt Lines would continue northwest and intersect Ash Street, continue to Ashview Drive connecting to Maple Street, cross Charlton Road and continue past Pleasant View Road and Bixby Road Circle and continue northwest towards the intersection of West Main Street and Bixby Road. The Rebuilt Lines would cross the intersection of Olde Main Street and Meadow Road before connecting to the Meadow Street Substation. From there, they would continue west over the Seven Mile River, crossing Smithville Road before they enter East Brookfield.

East Brookfield: The Rebuilt Lines would enter East Brookfield, continue northwest to connect to the Harrington Switchyard, and then cross over Lake Lashway before entering North Brookfield.

North Brookfield: Crossing over Lake Lashway, the Rebuilt Lines would enter North Brookfield, cross Shore Road and the Five Mile River. From there, they would transect Old East Brookfield Road, continue through a wooded area and cross over the Penn Central Railroad before crossing Dunn Brook. The Rebuilt Lines would pass through the intersection of East Brookfield Road and Donovan Road, then over the Forget-Me-Not-Brook before connecting with the Lashway Substation. From the substation, the Rebuilt Lines would continue northwest through the Donovan Road Conservation Area where they transect Fullman Road near Fullam Hill Road Conservation Area, Brookfield Road, and West Brookfield Road. The Rebuilt Lines would enter the North Brookfield Town Forest, intersecting McCarthy Road before crossing Coys Brook and continue northwest, crossing Old West Brookfield Road, Coys Brook, and Tucker Cross Road. The Rebuilt Lines then would cross Smith and Hanson Road before entering West Brookfield.

West Brookfield: The Rebuilt Lines would enter West Brookfield, cross Wigwam Road, New Braintree Road, and Birch Hill Road, enter the West Brookfield State Forest, cross Sucker Brook and Shea Road. The Rebuilt Lines would continue west and cross Madden Road, Mill Brook, Wickaboag Valley Road, Ragged Hill Road, John Gilbert Road, Lamberton Brook, Cedar Drive, and Peirce Road before passing through Rock House Reservation and Corydon W Kibbe Agricultural Preservation Restriction Area as they enter Ware.

Ware: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Ware and cross Gilbertville Road (Route 32) before connecting to the Ware Substation. From there, they would continue past the CSX Transportation Railroad, cross the Ware River, Church Street, Old Gilbertville Road, Sheehy Road, the Muddy Brook, Greenwich Road, Sorel Road, Osborne Road, and finally the Flat Brook. The Rebuilt Lines then would cross Old Poor Farm Road, King George Drive, Greenwich Plains Road, and Fisherdick Road, the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed, Beaver Brook, Peppers Mill Pond, Old-Ware Enfield Road, Belchertown Road, Webster Road, and Belchertown Road again. The Rebuilt Lines would continue through the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed and cross the Swift River into Belchertown.

Belchertown: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Belchertown and continue through the Quabbin Watershed Reservoir, cross Winsor Dam Road, and then run between Blue Meadow Road and the Quabbin Reservoir, where they would connect to the Quabbin Switch Substation. The Rebuilt Lines would continue northwest, transect Cold Spring Road, then continue through the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed, crossing Warner Street, Earley Street, and Old Enfield Road before continuing north along the Quabbin Reservoir to enter Pelham.

Pelham: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Pelham and continue northwest into the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed to cross Packardville Road, Cadwell Creek, and the Daniel Shays Highway. The Rebuilt Lines would continue into the Cadwell Memorial Forest and cross Dunlop Brook and Amherst Road. They would continue northwest and cross over the Amethyst Brook and North Valley Road before continuing through the Buffam Brook Road Conservation Area and then crossing Buffam Road to enter Shutesbury.

Shutesbury: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Shutesbury, pass through the Amherst Watershed, and then cross Dean Brook, Sand Hill Road, Nurse Brook, and Pratt Corner Road before connecting to

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the Shutesbury Substation. The Rebuilt Lines are then proposed to cross over Nurse Brook again before entering Leverett.

Leverett: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Leverett and continue northwest, crossing Roaring Brook and Cushman Road. They would then cross Doolittle Brook in the Beaver Pond Conservation Area, Depot Road, Amherst Road, Long Plain Road, and the New England Central Railroad before entering Sunderland.

Sunderland: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Sunderland through the Mount Toby State Forest and Mount Toby Wildlife Management Area before crossing Montague Road, Chard Pond, and Falls Road. The Rebuilt Lines would then run along Gunn Brook and cross over the Connecticut River into Deerfield.

Deerfield: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Deerfield, cross River Road, and then continue to the west, crossing Clapp Brook, Steam Mill Road, the Boston and Maine Railroad, and Massachusetts Route 10. The Rebuilt Lines would then cross the Fuller Swamp Brook and Mill Village Road adjacent to farmland to continue through woods and farmland and ultimately cross Interstate 91. The Rebuilt Lines would then run parallel to Sand Gully Road, cross Stillwater Road, Hoosac Road, and the Deerfield River to enter Conway.

Conway: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Conway adjacent to the Deerfield River and Mohawk Trail, cross over the South River, Bardwells Ferry Road, and the Boston and Maine Railroad before entering Shelburne.

Shelburne: The Rebuilt Lines would enter Shelburne and cross the Deerfield River near Dragon Brook and Orchard Road. They would continue northwest before crossing Barnard Road. The Rebuilt Lines would then run parallel to the Deerfield River before connecting to the Deerfield #2 Substation. They would then run parallel to the Boston and Maine Railroad, cross over the Deerfield River again and then the Mohawk Trail. From there, the Rebuilt Lines would proceed north where a tap line connects to the Deerfield #3 Substation across the Deerfield River. The remainder of the Rebuilt Lines would continue northwest before terminating at Deerfield #4 Station near Main Street.

Descriptions of Tap Line Replacements

Quabbin Switching Tap: The Project includes replacing the two tap lines in Belchertown that would connect with the Rebuilt Lines at the Quabbin Switching Tap and Tower near Blue Meadow Road. Quabbin Switching Tap extends approximately 0.1 miles to Quabbin Switching Tower in Belchertown.

Deerfield #3 Taps: The Company also proposes replacing the two tap lines that would connect to the Rebuilt Lines at the Deerfield Generating Station north of the Deerfield River in Shelburne. The Deerfield #3 Taps extend approximately 0.5 miles to the Deerfield #3 Generating Station in Buckland.

Shutesbury #704 Tap: The Company proposes replacing the two tap lines that would connect to the Rebuilt Lines at the Shutesbury #704 Substation near the Pratt Corner Road. The Shutesbury #704 Taps extend approximately 0.02 miles to the Shutesbury #704 Substation in Shutesbury.
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
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To: **Elizabeth A. Colon, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Paul Muise, Sr.; Elizabeth A. Colon; Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Paul Muise, Jr.; Brittny Muise a/k/a Brittny Dufresne, as Guardian of Mad-dison Muise**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 79 Pleasant Street, given by Paul Muise, Sr., to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated April 15, 2016, and registered at the Hampshire County Registry District of the Land Court as document number 19333, and noted on certificate of title number 2395, as modified by a certain modification agreement registered on November 8, 2021, and registered with the Hampshire County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 21243 as noted on Certificate of Title No. 2395 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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Witness, **Gordon H. Piper**, Chief Justice of this Court on December 29, 2025.

Attest:
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Recorder
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01/08/2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lily M. Lunani to Bank of America, N.A., dated January 4, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9363, Page 302, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Bank of America, N.A. to ABS Loan Trust V, recorded on December 24, 2018, in Book No.

13166, at Page 244 ABS Loan Trust V to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-JR2 Trust, recorded on March 21, 2024, in Book No. 15093, at Page 133 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-JR2 Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee on behalf of and for the benefit of BP-JR 2 Loan Trust, recorded on June 24, 2025, in Book No. 15456, at Page 90 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 PM on February 3, 2026**, on the mortgaged premises located at 76 Aspen Street, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: A certain parcel of land situated on the Westerly side of Aspen Street in said Ware and bounded as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin driven in the ground at the northeast corner of lot conveyed on West line of street;

Thence Southerly on said street seventy-five (75) feet to an iron pin;

Thence Westerly on land formerly of Samuel H. Giguere ninety-five (95) feet to an iron pin;

Thence Northerly seventy-five (75) feet to land formerly of J.H. Storrs, at an iron pin; and, Thence Easterly ninety-five and one half (95-1/2) feet to place of beginning, containing more or less.

Parcel 2
The land in said Ware off the Westerly side of Aspen Street, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin at the Northwesterly corner of other land now or formerly of Wdowiak, said iron pin being set North 66° 16' 52" West ninety-six and 04/100 (96.04) feet from the iron pin in the Westerly line of Aspen Street marking the Northeasterly corner of said other land;

THENCE North 66° 16' 52" West along remaining land now or formerly of Laurette C. Smith one hundred sixteen and 87/100 (116.87) feet to an iron pin at Aspen Grove Cemetery;

THENCE South 19° 11' 20" West fourteen and 34/100 (14.34) feet to a stone bound;

THENCE South 18° 47' 29" West fifty-five and 96/100 (55.96) feet to an iron pin at the Northwesterly corner of land to be conveyed by Laurette C. Smith to Laura Demers; the last two (2) courses being along land of Aspen Grove Cemetery;

THENCE South 63° 46' 18" East along said land now or formerly of Laura Demers one hundred twelve and 72/100 (112.72) feet to an iron pin at the Southwesterly corner of other land of Wdowiak;

THENCE North 22° 25' 55" East along said land of Wdowiak seventy-five (75) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 8,314 square feet and being Parcel "B" on a Plan of Land in Ware, Mass., surveyed for Lauretta C. Smith by Robert H. LeMaitre dated September 15, 1979 and recorded in Hampshire County Deeds, Plan Book 112, Page 74.

SUBJECT TO rights reserved by Laurette C. Smith a/k/a Lauretta C. Smith in a deed given by her to Louis G. and Marguerite Wdowiak recorded at Hampshire County Deeds, Book 2128 Page 107, if still in force and effect.

BOTH PARCELS are the same as were conveyed to us by deed of Louis C. and Marguerite Wdowiak dated Sept. 23, 2004

and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 7997 Page 307. Subject to a first mortgage dated January 4, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 9363, Page 285 in the original principal amount of \$110,400.00. For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9363, Page 281.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kwasi Sarpong to Resource Capital, LLC, dated January 10, 2022, and recorded with the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66929 at Page 69, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 P.M. on the 23rd day of January 2026**, at 29 Bacon Street, Warren, MA 01083, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
The land in Warren, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

The land in the Center Village of said Warren situated on the westerly side of Bacon Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northerly corner of land now or formerly of William Lincoln;

Thence N. 28-3/4° E., 134 feet and 10 inches to land now or formerly of Danforth Keyes;

Thence by land of said Keyes S. 70 1/2 E. 94 feet to Bacon

Street;
Thence by said Street S. 19° W. 132 feet and 5 inches to a corner of land formerly of said Lincoln and being the southerly corner of said tract;

Thence by the land of said Lincoln N. 70-3/4° W. 117 feet to the place of beginning.

Said premises are conveyed subject to the condition relative to building and fence and recited in a deed from Mary A. Ramsdell et al to Danforth Keyes dated January 1, 1866 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 732, Page 112, if now in force and effect.

Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Kenneth J. Buck and Russell D. Buck, Executors of the Estate of Robert A. Buck, dated October 17, 2016, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 56155, Page 170.

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WARREN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Maple Lane Development - Rivers Bend Road
Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, notice is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a **Public Hearing on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Maple Lane Development Corp. The Hearing will be held at the Warren Senior Center located at 2252 Main Street in West Warren.

The Applicant, Maple Lane Development Corp., is requesting a Special Permit (No. 316) under Section 3.28, Earth Removal (pursuant to Section 8) of the zoning by-laws to allow earth removal at Rivers Bend Road (Map 04, Lots 54 and 55) in the Rural district.

A complete copy of the application may be inspected in the Office of the Planning Board or the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

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