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## PB held hearing on health care zoning

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WARE – The Planning Board held a public hearing on Feb. 20 regarding the proposed zoning district, “Health Care Services” amendment.

The site of Mary Lane Hospital on 85 South St. is being discussed for consideration of being zoned as a health care zoning district. Not only the Mary Lane Hospital site, but also various adjacent parcels.

**“The townspeople desire to have that zoned as healthcare.”**

– Richard Starodaj

Attending the meeting was Baystate Health attorney Ryan Barry, who several days prior to the Feb. 20 meeting, submitted a letter to the Planning Board stating that Baystate Health opposes the proposal and that it is an “invalid exercise” to single out one property to only strictly be zoned as one use.

Planning Board Secretary Elizabeth Hitchcock read the letter aloud and then the board would let Barry comment during the public hearing. Barry mentioned early in the public hearing that he is having difficulty understanding the purpose of this zoning change and what the change is trying to accomplish.

Barry strongly believes that this proposal for a zoning change to strictly being for health care service limits the potential owner of the property to exploring other possible economic development and other beneficial uses. Barry also believes that Baystate Health doesn’t see a developer wanting to develop a health care facility off South Street since it is predominantly set in a residential area and not off any major roadways such as Main Street or West Street.

Barry thinks the purpose of this zoning change would eliminate a good portion of development opportunities. Barry also brought up that Baystate Health is not only looking at the Mary Lane Hospital site, but other areas in Ware for healthcare services.

Friends of Mary Lane Hospital shared that the intent of rezoning the property is to increase the healthcare services in the zone, considering that Cedarbrook Village is next door to the Mary Lane site and over the course of a century, it has always been a health care zone.

Barry feels the 100-year-old Gilbert will is not a proper exercise to determine the outcome of the zoning of the property, from a legal standpoint. According to Barry is the will restricts healthcare

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## Music at Trinity



The Jazz Bones is a trombone ensemble featuring members from across western Massachusetts and Connecticut.

### Trombone ensemble concert benefitted S.O.N.G., Inc.

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WARE – Trinity Episcopal Church continued its Music at Trinity ministry this past Sunday, featuring a free concert by The Jazz Bones, a trombone ensemble based in western Massachusetts.

“This music ministry at Trinity was started a year or two ago by a former minister,” Jane Sterndale said at the start of the concert.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

The trombone ensemble was backed by a strong rhythm section, including piano, bass and drums.

The church members have since continued the ministry, hosting a number of concerts with a free-will offering benefiting different local charities. This program is funded in part by a grant from the Ware Cultural Council, a local

agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

At this concert, the free-will offering went to aid the mission of S.O.N.G.,

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## Baystate CEO talks strategic planning at WBCA meeting



Baystate Health President and CEO Peter Banko was the featured speaker at the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond’s monthly meeting held at Hanna’s on Main in Ware.

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WARE – The Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond hosted its monthly meeting at the newly opened restaurant, Hanna’s on Main, last Wednesday morning.

At the start of the meeting, state Reps. Donnie Berthiaume and Todd Smola joined restaurant owners Dennis and Gail Craig, chef/owner Kim Craig and chef John Steinhilber for a ribbon-cutting celebrating the opening of the restaurant.

WBCA and Beyond

President Dan Flynn introduced the various town administrators present to have them each give an update about their respective towns.

“We have so much happening in our towns,” Flynn said. “It’s about regional impact.”

First to speak was Warren Town Administrator James Ferrera, who announced the opening of a new restaurant in West Warren, as well as an upcoming public meeting about the Wrights Mill Recovery Master Plan.

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## Department heads give quarterly reports

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WARE – The Selectboard heard reports from the heads of the Department of Public Works and the Parks Department at its Feb. 18 meeting.

### Department of Public Works

Department of Public Works Director Dennis Morton said the department has had a busy winter dealing with winter storms. He said the town has very little road salt remaining, which has been mixed with sand to

make it last longer.

“We did receive three trailer loads today, there’s still 14 on order, so 560 tons we’re waiting for,” Morton said.

Morton said the department has been working to patch potholes, trim trees and provide maintenance on department vehicles. He said he is still trying to fill a vacancy for an equipment operator/driver.

Morton said he is meeting with an engineering firm to discuss the update of the pavement management plan.

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## Selectmen appoint Baker to Housing Authority

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen met on Feb. 20 and heard from Travis Baker of the Cable Advisory Committee.

The first agenda item was a discussion and an anticipated vote to appoint Baker to the Housing Authority Board until the next annual town election, which will take place on May 6. Baker attended the meeting and shared his motivations behind wanting to join the Housing Authority Board.

Baker mentioned that the town’s Housing Authority could use some help as they are dropping in membership.

The Selectmen voted and approved Baker’s appointment to the Housing Authority until the upcoming annual town election.

### Snow and ice deficit

The Board of Selectmen had a discussion to authorize Highway Surveyor Jeremy Olson to deficit spend in the snow and ice account for fiscal year 2025. Olson spoke with the Selectmen and mentioned the winter was more intense this year with a lot of ice and snow.

Olson also pointed out that the cost of operations is high, and it is necessary to approve the deficit spending towards the safety of the public. The board agreed the funds are needed to help clear the roads.

**“I try to keep this deficit as small as possible.”**

– Jeremy Olson

“It’s a protocol,” Chairman Derick Veliz said.

Olson also commented, “I try to keep this deficit as small as possible.”

There has been a lot of roadwork done considering the busy winter, especially the last three weeks straight. The board voted to authorize Olson to deficit spend in the snow and ice account.

### Lease options for copiers/printers

The board heard from Town Administrator James Ferrera about lease end options with New England Business Machines for town copiers and printers. The lease with the company is set to expire in April and Ferrera wanted to remind the Selectmen that as part of the lease the company has been servicing and maintaining copiers and printers.

Ferrera said the town still must do its due diligence to find and get some quotes from other potential services

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## Teens and adults enjoy faux stained-glass workshop at library

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WARE – The reading room in the Ware Library was packed with guests creating their own faux stained-glass frames.

This workshop was for ages 13 and up and over 20 guests showed up to experience a workshop that the library offered for the very first time. The instructor for the workshop was Regina Diemand, who started at

the Ware Library back in September.

Periodically, Diemand was conversing with her fellow library comrades about wanting to provide more programs on a recurring basis. These programs would be for adults and teenagers.

Children’s Librarian Cathy Goulet and Diemand found an interesting art project online known as faux stained-glass. This style of art imitates the appearance of traditional stained-glass windows, typically using mate-



Heidi, center, alongside her two daughters, Brooke (right) and Eve, made beautiful faux stained-glass frames this past week at the Ware Library.

rials like acrylic paint, glue, and other readily available craft supplies to create a similar look.

The crafting tool being used for this faux stained-glass workshop were permanent markers. Both Goulet and Diemand were excited about picking this craft and decided to make it the first of many adult and teen workshops.

“This is a good first craft to do,” Diemand said.

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# Heart of New England Council welcomes new Scout Executive/CEO

RUTLAND – Heart of New England Council, Scouting America, is pleased to announce the appointment of Jason Pigg as the new Scout Executive and Chief Executive Officer, effective March 1.

Pigg is a lifelong Scout and Scouter, an Eagle Scout, and the proud father of two Eagle Scouts. With deep family connections to the Scouting movement, Pigg is passionate about the positive impact that Scouting can have on the youth in our communities.

Pigg's 19-year Scouting career began as summer camp staff and has included roles such as Camp Ranger, Properties Director, and Camping Director. Most recently, he served as Chief Financial Officer and Director of Support Services at the Pathway to Adventure Council in Chicago, Illinois. During his tenure there, his



Submitted Photo  
Jason Pigg has been named the new Scout Executive and CEO of the Heart of New England Council, Scouting America.

leadership contributed to significant membership growth, innovative community partnerships, and successful capital fundraising initiatives.

Heart of New England Council looks forward to Pigg applying his exten-

sive experience and passion for Scouting to support and enhance the Scouting programs in central Massachusetts.

Please join us in welcoming Pigg and his wife, Lindsey, to central Massachusetts.

About Heart of New England Council

Heart of New England Council is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves about 4,000 boys and girls in more than 60 communities in central Massachusetts. It provides the nation's foremost program that teaches young people character, leadership, and citizenship through fun and exciting adventures for the entire family.

The council fosters a culture of diversity and inclusion that makes it enriching to participate, volunteer and work in the Scouting program. Visit [www.hnescouting.org](http://www.hnescouting.org) for more information.

# Project 351 ambassadors list service sites for donation drive

Recently, five eighth graders from the Quabbin Regional School District towns were selected as ambassadors for Project 351, a nonprofit organization dedicated to community service and empowerment.

This honor allows them to play a vital role in uniting their communities and spreading hope throughout the year. The ambassadors will engage in various service projects, addressing local needs and supporting those facing economic hardships.

In Massachusetts, over one in three children aged 12 and younger live in low-income or homeless situations,

highlighting the urgent need for support. The ambassadors will lead the Spring Service campaign, the first of three statewide efforts coordinated by Project 351 for this year.

This campaign aims to support Cradles to Crayons, a nonprofit that has provided essential items to more than 3.4 million children since 2002. From March 31 to April 11, the ambassadors will set up donation bins at community locations, including Quabbin Regional Middle and High School, where a friendly competition will engage students in donating.

Other participating

sites include Oakham Center School, Hannaford Supermarket in North Brookfield, and Wholesome Farmers Market in Barre.

This initiative not only addresses immediate needs but also instills values of social responsibility and kindness in young people. By rallying their peers and local businesses, the ambassadors embody the idea that every small effort can lead to significant change.

Together, they aim to ensure that every child has access to the resources they need to thrive and realize their full potential.



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## Are You Old News?



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

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

*File Photo*  
Last week's photo from 1989 showed newly elected state Rep. Steve Brewer during a visit to Warren Elementary School to present a "Start Thinking Positive" program at the school. He is shown with students Robert Andrejczyk, Cathy Dyjak and Danielle Brodeur.

# 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, March 3**

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch

### Tuesday, March 4

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m. Movin' & Groovin to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch
- Birthday Party
- Entertainment provided

by the Friends of Ware Senior Inc.

- 1 p.m. Cornhole
- 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

### Wednesday, March 5

- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 1 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

### Thursday, March 6

- 9 a.m. Walking Club. Meet at Senior Center.
- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
- 10 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cornhole
- 2:30 p.m. Art Class

### Friday, March 7

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga

• 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

### LUNCHES

**DINE IN 11:30 a.m.**  
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### Monday, March 3

Hot Dogs with Sauerkraut, Baked Beans, Dessert of the Day

### Tuesday, March 4

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

### Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday, Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Salad, Dessert of the Day

### Thursday, March 6

Baked Lasagna, Chef Salad, Dessert of the Day

### Friday, March 7

Tuna Melt, Potato Chips, Clam Chowder, Dessert of the Day

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# FUN and fizz



Vincenzo, left, Tim and Skylar enjoyed some family time during the bath bomb making workshop at the Ware Library.



Kids got busy making their own bath bombs, with each participant making and taking three bath bombs home.

## Library hosted vacation week bath bomb workshop

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WARE – It was school vacation week as the Ware Library offered a bath bomb making workshop this past Thursday.

Children’s Librarian Cathy Goulet provided the tools and the instructions for all the guests who wanted to

make their own bath bombs. These bath bombs dissolve in water and release scents, colors, and glitter.

The library provided enough ingredients for each participant to make three bath bombs.

The ingredients feature baking soda, cornstarch, citric acid, Epsom salt, water, olive oil, and soap food coloring. All the amounts of each ingredient were already measured and ready to go.

The bath bomb workshop had a great turnout with every table in the children’s room filled up. Goulet read the instructions out loud and had printed sheets listing all



They may look like cupcakes, but these are bath bombs placed in cupcake liners for guests to take home afterwards.

the steps for bath bombs. The first step is to carefully pour the citric acid and cornstarch mixture into the baking soda.

The mixing tool was a popsicle stick.

“Pour and squish” was part of the process and said

often during the bath bomb workshop. Adding Epsom salt and pouring a small amount of water to an empty cup that had citric acid and cornstarch on it were the next steps.

The important step was adding a few drops of the wet ingredients at a time to the dry ingredients. According to the steps, you only need 1 to 1.5 teaspoons of the wet ingredients. Too much added could cause a reaction with the baking soda and the bath bomb will not work.

Guests are to mix with a popsicle stick until the bath bomb resembles wet sand. Next is to fill the cupcake

liners with the bath bomb mixture. Kids and adults were pushing down gently so the bath bomb is packed tightly.

Each guest should have enough bath bomb to fill three cupcake liners. After letting the bath bomb to dry for 24 hours at home, the bath bomb is ready to unmo-ld and be used.

The bath bombs appeared to look like colorful cupcakes and many kids and adults were pleased with the outcome of their project. For more fun activities at the library visit [warelibrary.org](http://warelibrary.org) or call the library at 413-967-5491.

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before making a concrete decision to renegotiate the lease. The board has time to make a decision and look over quotes from potential copier and printer vendors.

Ferrera said the current machines the town has now have been operating well and have a decent lifespan. As part of their lease, the town has a service contract for services such as repairs and toner.

### Selectmen’s budget FY 26

The board looked over some items for their Selectmen’s budget for fiscal year 2026. Ferrera said the town is working on getting some final numbers for liability insurance and workers comp. Ferrera is in contact with other agencies that may have quotes that are afford-

able for the town.

“The town could potentially save some money,” Ferrera said. “We’re investigating all these avenues.”

Ferrera thinks the budget this year for the town will be tight as the Selectmen vote to table their discussion about the Selectmen’s budget until their next meeting.

### Town Administrator Report

Ferrera shared his report with the Selectmen, starting with his attendance at the most recent Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond meeting. Baystate Health CEO Peter Banko spoke at the meeting and discussed the current conditions of Baystate Health. Ferrera said he got the chance to ask the CEO questions regarding the healthcare needs of residents in rural communities

such as Warren.

“There has to be some sort of attention given,” Ferrera said he stated at the meeting. “There is a need for these residents in rural communities.”

Budget meetings have been happening all week, according to the Town Administrator, and all the departments are nearly completed with those meetings. The Finance Committee will be having a meeting for the review of all the budgets.

Ferrera also wanted to share with the Board of Selectmen that the next public meeting for the Wrights Mill Master Recovery Plan will be taking place at the Warren Senior Center.

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# viewpoints

## Backyard sugaring a fond memory to revisit

It has been a few years since we tapped our maple trees and boiled down the sap.

My husband and I agreed that with the upcoming forecast of cold nights and warm days it was time to get out our supplies and give it another go 'round.

Our backyard syringing days go back to the dating phase of our relationship. Enjoying homesteading activities together made me certain that he was a "keeper."

I'm pulling this column straight from the archives and rereading it to be sure we get off to a good start.

Maybe you too will give sugaring a try!

Although the sap from most native species of maple can be used to make syrup, sugar maple sap is most desirable because it has a high sugar content. Sugar maples also bud out later than other species, a good feature considering sap from trees that have begun to break bud will produce syrup with an off-taste.

The trees you tap should be at least 10-12 inches in diameter at 4.5 feet off the ground. One tap is sufficient for healthy maples that size, three for those over 25" in diameter and two for those that fall in between.

Tapholes are usually made 3-4 feet

from the ground for ease of maintenance. You'll want to drill slightly upward 2.5-3 inches into healthy sapwood (not dark heartwood).

Space taps evenly around the tree. The metal spout or spile is inserted into the taphole and set in place with a gentle tap.

For small scale production, clean water or milk jugs with work great to collect the sap—simply cut a small hole to accommodate the spout. Over the years we have upgraded to plastic spiles that attach to tubing inserted into a hole in a five gallon food-safe plastic container.

Whatever containers you use, be sure to make sure they are covered to prevent rain and debris from getting inside.

When the weather is perfect, i.e. warm days and below freezing nights, sap will flow. On really good days I remember dumping the gallon jug mid-afternoon to make room for more!

With our new set-up we usually collect 3-4 gallons per tree on a good day. When my kids were little they would graph just how much each tree

produced!

Don't let too many days go by before you begin to boil down your sap, though, or it will spoil.

For our evaporator we rigged up a commercial stainless steel pan that fits over a stone outdoor barbecue that came with the property. It has worked out

quite well for us.

Whatever you decide to use, be wary of boiling indoors – I have heard horror stories of the sticky steam doing a great job of lifting kitchen wallpaper!

As I recall, my urban sister-in-law once boiled sap down on a gas camp stove out on her deck. We weren't talking hundreds of gallons here, but just enough to show my nephew how it's done!

I kept notes from the last time we tapped our trees. Once we had collected 21 gallons of sap to boil down. My husband started with about 15 gallons of sap in the pan and as the water evaporated he added more – there is a careful balance between scorching and adding too much, not easily explained unless you've had the

experience and monitored the candy thermometer.

Finish your syrup by no longer adding sap and waiting until the syrup is 7.1 degrees higher than boiling water. Then, syrup can be filtered and stored in sterile containers at 185 degrees or higher for proper seal.

Forty-three gallons of sap are needed to make 1 gallon of syrup. It takes about 7 hours of boiling to get that precious gallon if you use a rectangular pan 2 foot wide by 1 foot deep.

Let these statistics be your guide so that you won't get in over your head the first time you try it. Nothing is worse than having sap go to waste because you are too darn tired to boil into the late hours of the night.

Nothing is better, however, than the first bite of maple syrup drenched blueberry pancakes the following morning!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Wreaths Across America to retire wreaths March 8

To our Ware community:

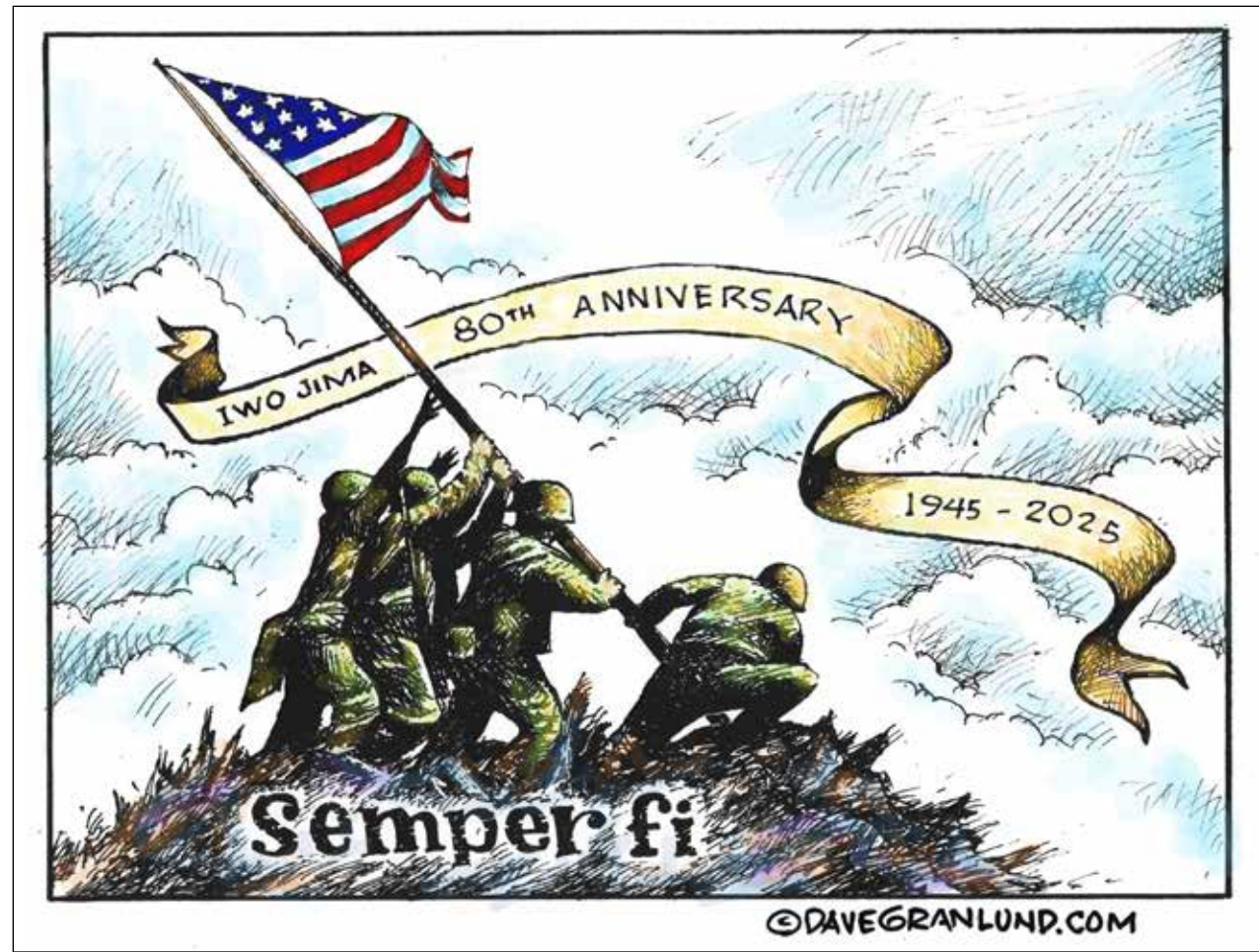
The Wreaths Across America 2024 season is coming to an end.

I want to personally thank everyone involved this year, from our generous sponsors to all of our volunteers. We are going to retire (collect) the Wreaths Across America wreaths that we laid on our veterans' graves on Saturday, March 8 beginning at 10 a.m., at Aspen Grove.

If you are willing to help, it may be beneficial to bring a broom, rake, or hockey stick to carry them. We will then move to our other cemeteries until the mission is complete.

Thanks again,

Frank and Kristin Bateman  
Ware



Snow bunting

I received an email from an Oakham resident who said he and a friend on Feb. 12 startled a flock of about eight snow buntings as they drove along Adams Road in New Braintree.

He said, "The buntings are seen here every winter."

On Feb. 18, I drove over Adams Road and saw the same flock of snow

buntings. Their white bellies will be visible as they flew up from the side of the road.

The snow bunting is seven inches long with a plumpish body. In winter, snow buntings are streaked with buff and black. The ear patch and the back is streaked with buff as well as the flanks and breast. The belly is white and the bill is yellow-orange. The male's crown is black and the female's buff.

The male in summer is a striking white and black. The head and breast are white and the back, tail and bill are black. The female in summer plumage is a more subdued version of the male with her head a gray color.

Snow buntings summer on the tundra and rocky shores, their breeding grounds. The female lays three to nine creamy blue or gray eggs in a nest of moss, grasses and earth placed on rocky ground. Their song is a musical warble and calls include "tew" and soft, buzzy notes.

In winter, they inhabit open fields, roadsides and beaches in the southern Canada and the United States.

#### Brown creeper

Last week, I saw a brown creeper moving up a tree near one of my bird feeders and suet cakes. When they get near the top of the tree, they fly down to the base and climb up the tree in a different spot on the tree.

#### Birds and more at my feeder

Sunday during the storm, I spotted an opossum under my feeder digging in the snow for seeds. At this point, it switched to rain and the opossum had wet fur. Besides the opossum, I had squirrels and the usual black-capped chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches, tufted titmice, downy woodpeckers, dark eyed juncos, bluejays and mourning doves.

#### Bald eagle

An Oakham resident saw a bald eagle land on the ice on Lake Dean. Late last month, fishing derby participants saw an eagle at Lake Dean.

#### Loon facts

The Loon Preservation Committee newsletter mentioned facts about the first migration and acquiring breeding territory. Each fall, juvenile loons undertake their first migration to their wintering grounds. The article said,

"First, they have to manage the energetic costs of migration—sadly, not all survive the trip from their lakes to their wintering grounds. Those that make it to the ocean encounter a new and unfamiliar world, filled with prey species that they have no experience catching and predator species like sharks and seals that they have no experience evading. Without their parents to show them the ropes, they have to quickly learn where to forage and how to evade these new predators. And carry-over effects resulting from the environmental conditions they experienced on their lakes during development can also influence their survival – those juvenile loons that were raised on lower quality territories may start off in worse shape than others, which can reduce their chance of survival. All of these factors combine to mean that there is a 53% chance that a loon will survive from hatch to adulthood (age three)."

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

## MassWildlife give advise on dealing with coyotes

Mass Wildlife reminds people now through early March is coyote mating season.

Coyotes are very active during the winter while courting mates and defending their territory. Coyotes are in every city and town in mainland Massachusetts, meaning the opportunity for human-coyote interaction is high.

The mere presence of a

coyote is not a cause for concern. MassWildlife officials are reminding the public to take these three simple steps to prevent conflict with coyotes during the mating season:

#### Protect pets

Pets should always be directly supervised on a leash when outdoors, especially during the coyote mating season. Coyotes can't differ-

entiate between their natural prey and small pets, so they will view unprotected outdoor cats and small dogs as a potential food source.

Coyotes can't distinguish a dog from an intruding coyote, causing the coyote to be more aggressive toward medium and large sized dogs as they will view them as potential competition for mates and territory.

Do not supervise a pet

from a distance on porch or at the backdoor. Most coyote attacks involve dogs that are unsupervised or being supervised from a distance in a backyard.

#### Remove human-associated food sources

As opportunistic omnivores, coyotes will utilize naturally available food, like small mammals and birds and human-associated foods,

like bird seed, garbage, compost, pet food left outdoors and backyard chickens.

Coyotes that find human-associated food sources will spend more time in yards and neighborhoods. It's essential for neighbors to work together to secure or remove all human-associated food sources in a community.

Please see **COYOTES**, page 5

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## Quabbin Regional High School announces John and Abigail Scholarship recipients

BARRE – These members of the Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2025 received John and Abigail Adams Scholarships.

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors based on their high academic achievement on their Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System exams. This is a four-year scholarship to a participating Massachusetts public institution of higher education, including the four undergraduate campuses of the UMass system, all nine state universities and all 15 community colleges.



Submitted photo

Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2025 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients are first row, from left, Hannah Shepard, Irene Stolgitis, Jahzara Tweedell and Alisyn Brusio; second row from left, Ava Conlee, Samantha Carlson, Summer Young, Kaylee Shaw, Sadie Sheldon, Sydney Slattery, Isabella Smith, Adam Fauhla, Vincent Marinelli, Eamon Arnold and Alexandra Pease and third row from left, Principal Purnima DeMoraes, Alexander Bedard, Richard Tucker, Matthew Erickson, Benjamin Metcalf, Kevin Boles, Quin Geary, Christiana Dunn, Ellie Frost, Samuel Guertin, Ethan Salvadore, Jack Fors and Assistant Principal Jason Gilmartin. Missing from photo were Isabel Coviello, Rachel Harrington, Nathen Pride, Julia Smith and Jaxon Warburton.

## Can I get extra Social Security for my military service?

Dear Rusty:

Please help, I served from 1964 to 1966 in the U.S. Army.

I have been trying to contact Social Security in order to request extra benefits for veterans. The telephone is a recording and you never get to speak to anyone. The web site at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) is useless to me. I went to the SS office and there was a huge line outdoors in the freezing cold. I am disabled and cannot stand on a line in this cold. Please advise me about my options. Financially, is it worth the trouble?

Signed: Disabled American Veteran

Dear Disabled Veteran:

My profound thanks for your service to our country.

FYI, the "special extra credit for military service" you refer to does not provide an incremental Social Security benefit amount for military veterans. Rather, it adds an additional amount to your recording earnings for the years you served, which may or may not affect your Social Security benefit. FYI, I've written numerous articles on this topic, one of which you can read at this link: [www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-older-veteran-asks-about-special-social-security-credit-for-military-service/](http://www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-older-veteran-asks-about-special-social-security-credit-for-military-service/).

In your case, serving between 1964 and 1966, if you told Social Security of your military service when you applied for benefits or gave them a copy of your DD-214, they would have added up to \$1,200 per year

to your recorded military pay record (FYI, those who served after 1967 were automatically given earnings credit for their military service years).

However, whether those special extra credits would affect your SS benefit depends on what your lifetime earnings record was when you later claimed SS. When you applied for benefits, Social Security reviewed your lifetime earnings record and used the highest earning 35 years of earnings over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" or "PIA," which is what you get if you claim benefits to start at your SS full retirement age.

If, after your military service, you had 35 or more years of earnings which were higher than what you earned while serving, Social Security would have used those later higher earnings to calculate your benefit, and your military earnings wouldn't affect your benefit. If, however, any of your military earnings including the "special extra credits" were among the highest over your lifetime, then those higher military earnings would be included when calculating your benefit.

Please see **SSI**, page 12

## Spaghetti supper benefits family of Kristen Murphy

WARE – A spaghetti supper in honor of Kristen Murphy will be held on Thursday, March 13 from 5-7 p.m. in the Ware Junior/Senior High School cafeteria.

The cost is \$15 per person and take-out is avail-

able. Take-out orders must be pre-ordered by March 12 by calling 413-967-5977.

All proceeds benefit Kristen's family. Venmo is available @Jeannine-Bonnayer-1.



## Beaver Lake Club Corp offers scholarship

WARE – Beaver Lake Club Corporation of Ware announces its annual Louis H. Healy Scholarship of up to \$1,000.

This scholarship will be presented to deserving high school seniors or current college students who are residents of the Town of Ware or who are a member of the Beaver Lake Club Community.

The scholarship is given in the memory of Louis Healy a long time and well-respected member of the Beaver Lake community and the town of Ware. Lou was an active leader and partici-

pant in both town and community matters and his family and friends continue to celebrate his thoughts, ideals, and memory by awarding this yearly academic scholarship.

The application deadline is April 14, and applications must be postmarked by that date. The selected recipient will be named and the scholarships will be awarded in early June.

Applications and information can be obtained by sending an email to [ctrietsch22@gmail.com](mailto:ctrietsch22@gmail.com) or by mailing a request to BLCC: P.O. Box 253, Ware, MA 01082.

## COYOTES from page 4

Coyotes that become dependent on human-associated food sources can start to exhibit bold behavior toward people. Never intentionally feed coyotes.

### Haze coyotes

While coyotes are naturally wary of people, this fear can lessen over time when they spend a lot of time around people or when they are fed, intentionally or unintentionally, by people.

When you see a coyote in your yard, you should aggressively haze it. Hazing is a safe technique used to deter an animal from an area or to change its behavior. The intent of hazing is to frighten, not injure, the animal.

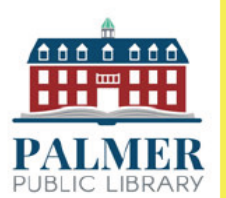
You can haze a coyote by creating loud noises by yelling or using a small air horn, waving a jacket overhead to look bigger, spraying a hose or throwing small objects in the coyote's direction, and physically chasing and driving the coyote off. Haze the animal until it has fully left the area.

Hazing will not be effective if it's done from inside a building, from behind a screen door, or from a car. Hazing is most effective when it's done repeatedly, when a variety of techniques are used and when many people participate.

Negative encounters with coyotes are rare and human-coyote attacks are exceptionally rare.

If people encounter a coyote that is exhibiting concerning behavior like approaching leashed pets, closely following people, or not running off when effectively hazed they should contact your local Animal Control Officer or local MassWildlife office for assistance. If there is an immediate threat to public safety, they should call local law enforcement.

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# WILDLIFE ON WHEELS



## Library hosts visit from mobile zoo

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WARE – Zoo animals arrived at the Ware Library as Wildlife on Wheels was featured this past week.

Wildlife on Wheels is an educational outreach program that brings animal ambassadors to schools, daycares, hospitals, retirement centers, camps, birthday parties, and other locations. This program is offered at the Zoo in Forest Park in Springfield and features information about the animals, including their special adaptations, habitats, behaviors, diets and status in the wild.

The library had a great turnout with dozens of kids sitting inside the reading room to meet the animal ambassadors. Presenting the animals was Patrick Gallagher, Director of Education at the Zoo in Forest Park & Education Center. Gallagher brought five animal ambassadors to the Wildlife on Wheels.

The first ambassador was

a Indonesian blue-tongue skink. Species of blue-tongued skinks live throughout Australia, New Guinea, and Indonesia. The next animal ambassador was a guinea pig. Gallagher would then walk around the reading room and let kids pet some of the animal ambassadors.

While introducing the animals, Gallagher would answer some questions from the kids about some of the animals. When Gallagher introduced the Russian tortoise Natasha, the kids had many good questions to ask. One of them was about the difference between a turtle and a tortoise. The biggest difference Gallagher mentioned was tortoises prefer living on land or live on dry-land and don't swim.

"If she were to go in the water, she'll most likely sink," Gallagher commented on what would happen if Natasha tried to go for a swim.

The next animal ambassadors were the smallest of the five who arrived at the Ware Library. These animal ambassadors were Madagascar hissing cockroaches. To show them better, Gallagher had the cockroaches hang on to his shirt



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Several kids got to pet Yzma as Patrick Gallagher walked around holding her.

The Ware Library hosted Wildlife on Wheels this past week. Patrick Gallagher from the Zoo in Forest Park brought five animal ambassadors and is shown holding Natasha the Russian Tortoise.



Patrick Gallagher presented Yzma, the red-tailed boa, who was very brave and liked to move around.

and he was able to get them to make their hissing noises inside the reading room.

Madagascar hissing cockroaches play a vital role in the ecosystem as decomposers. They break down decaying plant and animal matter and return important nutrients to the soil. When kids got to pet the cockroaches, they could only use one finger due to them being very

small. Males are distinguishable from females due to the presence of horns near their head, which appear as two small bumps.

The last animal ambassador Gallagher showed was Yzma the red-tailed boa constrictor. This species is found in South America and has a lifespan of 20-30 years. Some of the questions the kids asked about Yzma

were about what she likes to eat and how big her species of snake can get. Red-tailed boas prey on a variety of small and medium-sized mammals and birds.

Several kids got to pet Yzma before Wildlife on Wheels was complete. For more information about this fun educational program, visit [www.forestparkzoo.org](http://www.forestparkzoo.org).



Patrick Gallagher explained the natural traits of the Russian tortoise, Natasha, who is a dryland animal.



Patrick Gallagher took questions from children during Wildlife on Wheels while holding Yzma, the red-tailed boa.



Patrick Gallagher showed a guinea pig to the children during Wildlife on Wheels.

## Quaboag Historical Society seeks scholarship applicant

The Quaboag Historical Society is proud to announce its annual scholarship program, designed to support high school seniors

with a passion for history and a commitment to preserving the past.

This \$1,000 scholarship aims to assist students planning to pursue higher education in any historical related field.

The scholarship is only offered to a student who resides in one of the Quaboag Plantation towns of Brookfield, East

Brookfield, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Warren, or West Brookfield.

It is offered to a current high school senior planning to enroll in a college or university for the upcoming academic year who will pursue a degree in one of the following fields: education, history, museum studies, anthropology, women's studies, American studies,

or archaeology. Students wishing to study closely related fields are encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is May 2. For applications or more information, please contact Jeff Robbins by emailing [jeffrobbins@charter.net](mailto:jeffrobbins@charter.net) or calling 508-579-4786.

## Weir River Jazz to perform Mardi Gras celebration concert

WARE – Weir River Jazz will present "Speak Easy and Carry a Big Band," a celebration for Mardi Gras, in the Grand Hall of Workshop 13, 13 Church St. on Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m.

Come join the band to hear the great sounds of a traditional Big Band playing N'Orleans Jazz and Blues in

a speakeasy setting. Adult beverages and soft drinks as well as popcorn will be available for purchase.

This program is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. Donations to Workshop13 are appreciated to help them continue their support of the arts.

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NEWSBRIEFS

## Residents reminded to look for annual census forms

WARE – The Annual Census for Ware residents will be received in mailboxes within the next week.

Please take the time to review, make changes or additions as needed, sign, date and return in the enclosed envelope provided. Forms may also be dropped off in the Blue Drop box outside the lower level offices of Town Hall.

Please note – you cannot register to vote by filling out the census form, you cannot change your voter registration address on this census form either. Voter registration forms are available online at [www.ma.gov](http://www.ma.gov) under "Elections & Voting."

It is very important to complete and return your

census in a timely manner so that we may compile the information required by law. Your help is greatly appreciated.

This year there is a survey included for the Charter Review Committee which is working on editing and making minor changes to the current charter as allowed by law. Please complete the survey and enclose it with the census form.

If you wish to do the survey electronically simply follow the directions.

If you have questions, or if you failed to get a census, please do not hesitate to call Nancy Talbot, Town Clerk at 413-967-9648, extension 103.

## Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics moved to March 22

WARE

– The Ware Polar Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics will be held on Saturday, March 22 at West Beach – Beaver Lake.

This event was previously going to be held on March 8, but has been rescheduled due to the ice.

The gates will be open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and there will be food, warm beverages, water, snacks and music provided. Check-in for the plunge is at 11 a.m. and the plunge will take place at noon.

To register, scan the QR code or visit [www.polarplungema.org](http://www.polarplungema.org).



The reading room was packed with guests learning to craft their own faux stained-glass with Regina Diemand.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago



Heidi chose a flower to design on her faux stained-glass frame.

### GLASS from page 1

"People will like it, customize if they want to."

Using permanent markers, the guest artists at the workshop colored on the glass of these small frames that were provided by the library. According to Diemand, the texture of the glass will help "add the element of illusion."

Supplies for the faux stained-glass workshop include rulers, permanent markers, stencils, cotton swabs, frames and aluminum foil.

The first step is to take the frame apart and remove the glass. Diemand used a sample on a poster board to describe the steps and the background design for the chosen symbol that will be in the center of the glass.

Diemand said "the point is to have fun" during this workshop as guest got to look at stencils to trace their symbol that would be the center of their faux stained-glass frame. There were multiple symbols such as animals, birds, flowers and many guests researched symbols on their phones to put as their stained-glass symbol.

When it came to the final step, the faux stained-glass

artists would use the aluminum foil to help set the background. When completed many of the faux stained-glass frames came out beautifully as the foil brought out a shiny, silver background for the center symbols to stand out more in the frame.

The guests had a lot of fun during this faux stained-glass workshop and took their projects home. Diemand said the library will provide this project again and maybe have faux stained-glass done on a bigger glass piece.

For more information on workshops for teens and adults, contact the Ware Library by calling 413-967-5491. Check out [warelibrary.org](http://warelibrary.org) for any posted events for future workshops.



The bird is the centerpiece of the faux stained-glass, but the lines in the background are added to apply the stained-glass illusion. Those lines were drawn in with permanent marker.



A faux stained-glass design of a tree made by the workshop instructor, Regina Diemand.



A cute little cat was traced on a glass frame as one of the early steps of designing your own faux stained-glass.



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### REPORTS from page 1

Selectboard member John Desmond asked Morton if he was utilizing the GPS monitoring system in the DPW's fleet of vehicles, to which he said no. Desmond made a motion to terminate the use of GPS monitoring in DPW vehicles, which was not seconded.

Morton said the Sewer Department has been working on quarterly reports and monthly sampling. He said the screen project is on schedule and should be completed by the end of the summer.

"Rags still seem to be a major problem down there," he said.

Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz said flushable wipes are damaging to the sewer system and pumps, and pose a major safety hazard to the town's sewer department personnel.

"This is raising havoc on every community throughout the state," Kusnierz said.

The Selectboard discussed ways to prevent people putting flushable wipes down toilets, from prohibiting the sale of these wipes in town, providing education to residents and issuing fines.

Morton said the two wet wells at the wastewater treatment plant have been cleaned out and the influent pump should be shipped by the end of this month.

He said the department addressed water leaks on Church Street and Robbins Road. He said they have also repaired 12 curb stops to get them operational.

Morton said there was a major breakdown of one of the cistern pumps, with the

replacement pump expected to arrive in up to two weeks.

He said the department has also completed the replacement of 200 water meters, with about 175-200 remaining. He said the new meters can be read through the radio frequency drive-by system.

"The first time we read it took us probably almost two weeks, now we're down to about four days to read the entire town," Morton said. "It's definitely a positive."

Morton said the hydrant replacement project has gone out to bid to replace approximately 30 hydrants, depending on the cost of the bids received. He said the Church Street and Anderson Road tank cleaning project is also going out to bid.

### Parks Department

Parks Manager John Piechota said the Parks Department will be shutting down use of Memorial Field following the end of the high school baseball season.

"It's really become a problem since we lost the lights at Kubinski Field...the only two lighted facilities are Memorial Field and the main field at the high school," Piechota said. "I don't think we really knew the impact of it at the time when the light poles failed and fell at Kubinski Field."

Piechota said Kubinski Field is also located within the drinking water buffer zone.

Piechota said there will be new seating installed around the new basketball court, as well as a memorial bench.

He said a contract was awarded to a vendor to install Americans with Disabilities

Act accessibility improvements including parking near the playground, access throughout the playground and a new playground apparatus. An open-air wooden post and beam pavilion will also be constructed between the basketball court and playground.

"It's going to be a real show piece," Piechota said.

Piechota said the department has been focusing on hazard tree removal throughout the fall and winter.

"These were all dead trees. These were trees that were deemed to be hazardous. They could fall and potentially hurt someone," he said.

Piechota said the tree removal was done in-house, and a contractor came in to remove the wood.

Piechota said the cost of replacing the bathrooms at Grenville Park is higher than expected.

He said a group of residents is trying to work with the town to make repairs to Beauregard Memorial Playground.

"They really wanted to try to find a way to see if we could salvage what's there, to see if it's beneficial to restore it," he said.

Piechota said some of the wood looks fine outwardly, but the inside could be rotted.

"They're way past their prime," he said of the playground structures.

He said the town will need to pursue grants to replace the playground, in addition to replacement of the pool and installation of a splash pad.

"We're continuing to look for any way that we possibly can to find funding for it, or different options," Piechota said.

## In this month's issue:

### Upcoming Events and happenings in and around the Quabbin Health District!



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A heartfelt thank you to all who donated to the blood drives held in Belchertown on February 24th, 2025, and Ware on February 26, 2025! These drives provide needed blood to those in our communities! Please watch for the announcement of a blood drive in Pelham, MA for April 2025!



## March 2025 Quabbin Health District Public Health Nurse Newsletter

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"Chagnon" by Bruce Arnold.



"Shore Road" by Bruce Arnold.

## 'Infrared Obsessions' by Bruce Arnold opens March 1

WARE – ArtWorks Gallery announces the March 1 opening of "Infrared Obsessions," an exhibition of infrared photography by Bruce Arnold of North Brookfield.

This exhibition will be on display from March 1-31 at ArtWorks Gallery, located at 69 Main St, Ware, MA. It will open with a reception on Saturday, March 1 from 1-4 p.m. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from

1-4 p.m. "Infrared Obsessions" presents the unique view of the everyday world when seen in the invisible infrared spectrum. This exhibition showcases the creative applications of infrared photography, featuring landscapes and architectural scenes.

The body of work in this exhibition represents the culmination of years of Arnold's exploration and experimentation using digital infrared

photography. The exhibition highlights how this unique photographic technique is used in fine art, and the overall effect illustrates the expressive potential within this little-known but powerful artistic medium.

### About ArtWorks Gallery and Workshop13

ArtWorks Gallery is Workshop13's gallery on Main Street. This space features numerous art exhibi-

tions each year and is also available to rent for individual or group shows.

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

## AMVETS Post 2577 announces Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship

WARE – The Ware AMVETS Post 2577 will award the annual Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship to a graduating senior residing in Ware regardless of the school district they attend.

Michael was a devoted musician sharing his talents with the town of Ware. He represented the town at the Quabbin Music Festival, Western District Festival and was a member of the Ware Community Band.

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of the town by playing Taps at their burial ceremony and also at all patriotic and Memorial events.

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Please mail to: Ware AMVETS Post 2577, c/o Richard Rucki, 8 First Ave., Ware, MA 01082.

## Aromatherapy 101 program to be held March 1

WARREN – Learn the history and health benefits of essential oils and healing botanicals at the Warren Senior Center on Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m.

This free program is sponsored by Warren Public Library with a grant

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# SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

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they need to feel confident taking the next step in their outdoor journey.

No matter which camp you choose or whether the stay is a few days, a week, or longer, your camper will have a ton of fun making new friends, trying new things, practicing new-found skills, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Financial assistance is available.

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## Indians reach semifinals of tourney



Brodie Koczur starts a play on offense for the Indians.



Jason Mumper drives toward the hoop.



Jack Gaudreau goes for the basket from the side.



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Justin Grout flies for a shot.



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Zeke Santoro sends a pass toward midcourt.

## Season on line in final game for Quabbin boys

BARRE – Last week, Quabbin Regional High School boys basketball was in nonplayoff action after not making the Central Mass. Tournament. The Panthers, which had a tough stretch of losses near the end of the regular season, needed a win to make the state tournament. The Panthers would lose their first nonplayoff game against Nashoba last Monday 86-60. The Panthers then had their postseason hopes on the line last Tuesday night against Groton-Dunstable. Highlights from that game will be in next week's edition.



Owen McKeever pushes a pass inside.

WARE – Last Tuesday night, Ware High School basketball defeated Lee 66-30 in the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Class C Tournament. Jack Gaudreau had 18 points to lead all scorers. Brady Guimond added 12 points and Justin Grout sank 11 points in the win. In the semifinals held last Thursday evening, the Indians made the long journey to Drury High School. The Indians were defeated 56-44. With the split in the tournament, the Indians are 15-5 going into the state playoffs. The Indians are scheduled for a Round of 32 matchup on Friday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m.



Brady Guimond sends a pass along the perimeter.

## Top-seeded Hurricanes upset in semifinals by Taconic

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD—It's very difficult to defeat the same team three times in one season.

During the regular season, Amherst squeaked out a pair of 3-2 and 3-1 victories against Fay-Wright Division rival Taconic.

The two hockey teams met for the third time in the Western Mass. Class B semifinal match.

After falling behind 2-0 at the end of the first period, the top-seeded Hurricanes battled back in the second and third periods to tie the score at 2-2.

The fourth-seeded Thunder, who are the defending Class B champions, ended the match with an overtime goal which gave them a 3-2 upset victory at the Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield, last Thursday night.

"One of the hardest things to do in sports is beat the same team three times in a season," said Amherst hockey coach Michael Rousseau.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Noah Latulippe, a Pathfinder member of Amherst hockey, works away from the wall.

"The two teams know each other very well."

Prior to 2020, Amherst's (11-6-1) season would've been over following a loss in the Western Mass. tournament. Under the new MIAA playoff system, the

Hurricanes will be one of the teams competing in the Division 3 state tournament, which starts this week.

"What we did this season is special. I would have been pleased with a .500 record."

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Jaxon Warburton sends a pass toward the corner of the court.



Mia Ducos heads down the court during recent action.



Abby Rogowski makes a rebound on offense.

## Tough finish leaves Panthers out of state tournament

BARRE – Two weeks ago, losses against Hudson and Littleton along with a Central Mass. Tournament defeat against Auburn left the Panthers with a sub-.500 record. As a result, the Panthers will not make

the state tournament after making it the past two seasons. Quabbin closed out its season with a non-playoff game with Nipmuc. Highlights of that matchup will be in next week's edition.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Lianna Leger sends a pass away.



Christiana Dunn holds the ball outside the arc.

## Pioneers fall in tournament quarterfinals

LEE – Last Tuesday night, the 15-3 Pathfinder girls basketball team participated in its first Western Mass. Class D Tournament since the tournament changed formats. The Pioneers, however, had their offense shut down in a tough

matchup at Lee High School, losing 59-21 in the matchup. Greenly Lagimoniere was limited to just eight points in the game. The Pioneers then went to nonplayoff action for their final game before the state playoffs.

Pioneers would suffer another defeat, losing 53-25 against Mahar Regional.

The Pioneers were scheduled to enter the state tournament and had a preliminary round matchup with Boston United earlier this week.



Quinn Geary considers his next move.



# sports

## Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
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### Tuesday Night Commercial Elks League

PALMER – It is now week two of the final round of the season for the Commercial Elks League.

After week one, the Daft Kings, Team BK and Gutter Mouths began the round with a record of 3-1. Daft Kings and Gutter Mouths are the two teams who already qualified for the championship roll off by winning a round. The Mailmen, Compression and Last in Line have a record of 1-3 to begin round three.

In week two, Last in Line defeated the Mailmen in all three games and receive four points. The winners of round one, Gutter Mouths, bowled against Team BK in week two.

In game one, Gutter Mouths defeated Team BK by a score of 403-395. Stephen Manolakis of Gutter Mouths lead his team to a win with a 115. Mark Fitzpatrick of BK bowled a 117 in a losing effort.

In game two, it was another close match as Gutter Mouths won the second game 372-368. In game three, Team BK came up with a big win by a score of 389-355. The substitute bowler for Team BK finished with a 122 to go with his scores of 118 and 113.

With the 34-point victory in game three, Team BK manage to win total pinfall by a final score of 1152-1130. Both Gutter Mouths and Team BK won two points and advanced their records to 5-3.

Daft Kings, the winning team of round two, bowled against Compression. In game one, Compression defeated Daft Kings by a score of 391-376. David Bowman of Compression had a score of 105 to help his team take the first game.

In game two, Compression defeated Daft Kings again by a score of 379-352. Compression does not have a playoff berth and are trying to win the final round. In game three, Compression won for a three-game sweep over Daft Kings, 379-348.

With a sweep and total pinfall, Compression win four big points to better their chances at making the championship roll off at the end of the season. The final score was 1149-1076 in favor of Compression.



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### TOUGH FINISH FOR PANTHERS

Bella Smith drives toward the hoop.

## Thunderbirds get big win in shootout

BRIDGEPORT — The Springfield Thunderbirds (26-19-2-3) walked a tightrope and escaped with a 3-2 shootout win over the Bridgeport Islanders (12-33-3-3) on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena.

From the game's onset, T-Birds starting netminder Vadim Zherenko was dialed in, as he fended off a ferocious first-period barrage as the Isles launched 15 shots at the Springfield net. Despite managing only five attempts at the opposite end, the T-Birds kept the game even heading into the second.

For a second straight day, the T-Birds offense came to life in the back end of the middle frame, beginning with Otto Stenberg cashing in for the game's opening marker at 11:05. Hugh McGing gathered the puck behind the goal line and slipped it into the left circle for a pinching Anton Malmstrom. The Springfield defenseman's shot glanced off Henrik Tikkanen before coming to rest in the crease for Stenberg, who tapped it into the yawning net to give Springfield the 1-0 lead.

Both teams exchanged unsuccessful power plays during second-period action, but a strange sequence of events at 5-on-5 resulted in the next key moment in the game. It began at the

17:27 mark when Matthew Peca one-timed a pass from MacKenzie MacEachern from the right-wing circle. The captain immediately celebrated what he believed to be a goal, but referees deemed it hit the crossbar, and play continued. Just seconds later, Brian Pinho beat Zherenko on a breakaway at the opposite end of the rink, and the Isles believed they had tied the game, 1-1.

After a replay review, the officials determined that Peca's shot did, indeed, find the back of the net, and as a result, the Pinho goal was wiped away, and Springfield had the 2-0 lead heading into the third.

Despite what has been a difficult season, the last-place Islanders refused to waver in the third. Eetu Liukas finally solved Zherenko with a perfectly placed wrist shot from the left side at 10:13 of the final period, setting the stage for a chaotic finish to regulation in a 2-1 game.

After Springfield killed off one Islander power play, Tikkanen raced to the bench in the final minute, and with a cavalcade of bodies around the slot, Sam Bolduc found a home for a point wrist shot at 19:07, and the game was tied heading into overtime, 2-2.

The Islanders had most of the high-danger chances in the 3-on-3 period, but Zherenko locked back in and answered the bell on three Bridgeport attempts while getting a break as Bolduc rang a shot off the post.

Peca got the T-Birds off on the right foot in the shootout, beating Tikkanen through the right armpit to give Springfield the edge. Zherenko took care of matters there, stopping Matt Maggio and William Dufour before getting an assist from the post on Chris Terry's attempt to push the shootout into a fourth round. The shootout triumph was Springfield's first away from home since Dec. 31, 2022.

Winners of three straight, the T-Birds continue their five-game road swing on Friday night when they visit the Hartford Wolf Pack for a 7:00 p.m. puck drop at the XL Center.



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## Athlete of the Month

### Jack Gaudreau Ware High School

In a quarterfinal win for Ware boys basketball, Gaudreau led the team with 18 points.

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## Hodgdon looks for big impact in NAPA Duel qualifying race

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT – Since beginning his racing career at Stafford Speedway in the Legend Cars division in 2014, Danbury, CT native Teddy Hodgdon has enjoyed more than just a small amount of success. Hodgdon won 5 races in the Legend Cars division before moving into the SK Light division, where he won 6 races in 2 seasons along with the 2019 track championship. Hodgdon began racing his family owned #55 Montanari Fuel open modified car in 2022 and in 17 starts at Stafford, Hodgdon has 8 top-5 and 10 top-10 finishes. But with finishes of 16th, 16th, and 24th in his 3 career NAPA Spring Sizzler® starts, he has yet to taste success in “The Greatest Race in the History of Spring.”

“It’s really just how things have played out for us,” said Hodgdon. “The first year we raced the Sizzler® it was one of our first races with the open style car so you can chalk that up to beginner’s luck and then the last couple races have just been wrong place, wrong time for us with incidents or we had a bad pit stop. The cards have definitely not fallen our way the last couple years so hopefully we can get that turned around this season.”

Hodgdon appeared to have his Sizzler® luck turn for the better in the 2024 edition of the race by winning his 40-lap NAPA Duel qualifying race that put him on pole position for the 100-lap main event. A mid-race incident that collected Hodgdon relegated him to a 24th place effort after running in the top-10 for the first half of the race.

“It definitely stinks not having a good showing at the Sizzler®, especially last season when we won the Duel race,” said Hodgdon. “We thought we were going to have a good shot at winning the race last season, but for whatever reason we can’t seem to capitalize on the big races at Stafford like we can with the races in the summer months. We have a little different game plan on what we’re going to do this year and with the Sizzler® format changed from the last couple years, the race will be more like a standard show and we’re better at those.”

The 2025 edition of the NAPA Spring Sizzler® will see the race format go back to being a one-day event with qualifying heat races setting the starting grid. Hodgdon thinks going back to the one-day format will be a benefit for him and his team as well as other drivers who will make up the starting field as well as the fact that he and his team skipped out on traveling to New Smyrna in Florida to concentrate on their northern racing efforts.

“With the old race format, you had to focus on the Duel race one day and then the Sizzler® on the second day where this new format is just one day with standard heat races and then go feature racing,” said Hodgdon. “I think the newer format works a lot better for a lot of the drivers, myself included. I think this year by not going to Speedweeks and focusing on the northern part of our schedule, we won’t be rushing anything and we’ll be able to pinpoint some details in order for us to have success at the start of the season.”

Like much of the field, Hodgdon has an extensive background at Stafford that he can lean on in terms of putting the correct setup in his #55 car. While Hodgdon and the #55 team have showed that their car is quick at Stafford, they’re still searching for ways to make their car even faster while trying to eliminate an issue they had with long run speed.

“Everyone is striving to be better and we certainly are hoping we can make the car better,” said Hodgdon. “It seems like our long run speed last year didn’t seem quite as right as it had the last couple seasons at Stafford, so that’s what we’re working on. If we can have a good long run car, then we should be right there at the end of the race. We were great in time trials and in heat races, but it would seem like always right around lap-40 the car would start to fall on its face. Stafford has been my home track forever and I have a million laps there and I love the place, it’s just getting there and executing on all fronts. We need to make sure the setup and the tires on the car are good and our pit stops are where they need to be. Hopefully everything can come together for us and we can knock one out this year.”

The 53rd Annual NAPA Spring Sizzler® is set for April 26-27. The NAPA Spring Sizzler® kicks off on Saturday, April 26, with feature events for the Late Model, Limited Late Model, and Street Stock divisions, along with SK Light qualifying duel races that will set the field for an extra-distance 30-lap feature event on Sunday, April 27.

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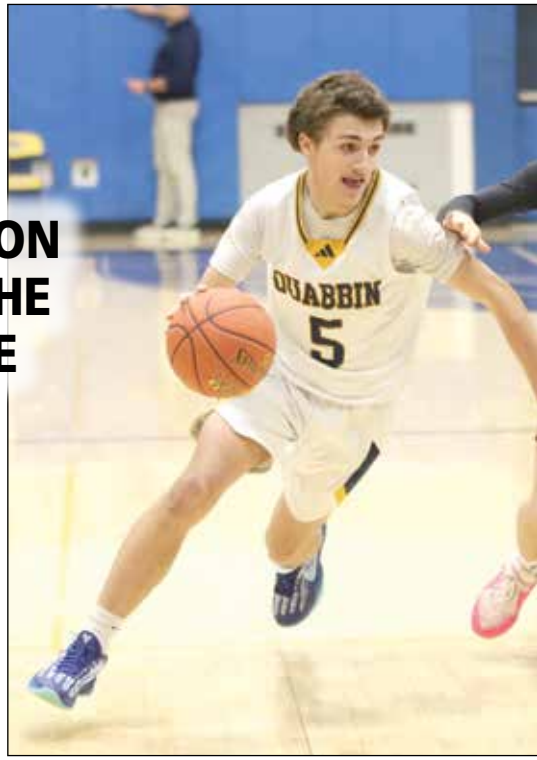
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Brady Patchen goes up to catch a high pass.



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Jacob Dilling drives down the court.

**Worcester Railers get shutout win in road finale**

CHARLESTON, SC – The Worcester Railers HC (24-23-2-4 54pts) lost to the South Carolina Stingrays (33-13-3-2, 71pts) on Sunday afternoon by a final score of 3-0 in front of a crowd of 4,503 at the North Charleston Coliseum.

The Railers are back on the ice next at the DCU Center taking on the Bloomington Bison on Friday, February 28th, at 7:05 p.m. for Monkey Wrenches weekend.

Jamie Engelbert (1-0-1) opened the scoring with a goal for the Stingrays early in the second period. 8:35 into the third period Alexander Suzdalev(1-0-1)

netted another goal for the Stingrays increasing their lead to 2-0. The Stingrays kept their momentum going with a goal late in the third period by Tyler Weiss (1-0-1) which would be the final goal of the game to give the Stingrays a 3-0 win over Worcester.

Neither team was able to get the puck in the net in the first period. Hugo Ollas had 11 saves on 11 shots while Garin Bjorklund had 7 saves on 7 shots. The score was 0-0 going into the second period.

The Stingrays struck first with a goal from Jamie Engelbert (14th) just 2:18 into the second period, placing a shot perfectly over the

glove hand of Ollas to score what would eventually be the game-winner. This was the only action in the second period, while South Carolina out shot the Railers 15-4 in the second.

Alexander Suzdalev (10th) gave the Stingrays a 2-0 lead over the Railers in the third period. The Stingrays continued their scoring with a goal by Tyler Weiss (14th) who finished off a rebound along the far side on a wide open net. Weiss' goal was the final goal of the game giving the Stingrays a 3-0 victory over the Railers. The Railers outshot the Stingrays 12-11 in the third period.

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Rousseau said. "We also finished as league champions with a 10-1-1 record."

Amherst's only league loss was to Agawam, who was scheduled to face the Thunder (8-6-2) in the Class B finals, last Saturday afternoon. They also tied Chicopee, 2-2, in the second game of the regular season.

The Hurricanes, who co-op with Pathfinder Tech and Hopkins Academy, play their home matches at Orr Rink located on the Amherst College campus. They lost all three times that they played at the Olympia Ice Center this winter.

The four players from Pathfinder Tech listed on the Amherst roster are freshman Landon Lukasik, freshman Nolan MacTavish, freshman Noah Latulippe, and junior Ethan Mooney, who's an assistant captain.

A couple of minutes into the opening period, a Mooney shot attempt deflected off the stick of Taconic senior goalie Hunter Shepardson (21 saves).

The Thunder took a 1-0 lead at the 3:29 mark of the first period when junior Eric Harrington fired a low line-drive shot from the blue line that snuck into the net past Amherst senior goalie Spencer McDonald (21 saves).

Another goal by sophomore Owen Odermatt, who assisted on Taconic's first goal, made the score 2-0 with 11.2 seconds left in the opening period.

"We didn't play very well in the first period," Rousseau said. "I don't care what the team's record is, you give a playoff hockey team a 2-0 lead, that's a tough hill to climb."

Ten minutes into the second period, Amherst senior Brach Applegate blasted a shot into the net, which sliced their deficit in half. The assist was given to senior Stephen Rich.

The Hurricanes had several shots on goal during a 5-on-3 power-play, but the score remained the same entering the final 15 minutes of the contest.

Amherst, who also lost to Belchertown in the Class B semifinals two years ago, netted the game tying goal with 2:31 remaining in regulation.

The play began with a shot from senior Nate Ziornik. The puck deflected in the air off the Thunder goalie. Applegate was in the right spot to knock home the rebound shot for his second goal of the match.

"Brach showed up in tonight's game and that's what a senior does," Rousseau said. "His game was spot-on, spot-on tonight. He gave us a chance to win."

A little more than a minute into the overtime session, a slap shot by Harrington



Benjamin Remesnyder heads up the ice.

found its way into the net for the game winning goal.

The Hurricanes were hoping to capture the Western Mass. title for the first time since 2016 when they defeated Chicopee Comp, 3-2, in overtime in the Division 3 A finals. They're now hoping to make a run in the Division 3 state tournament.

The Blue Devils, who defeated Greenfield, 58-45, in the 2023 Class C title, game took a 47-37 lead against the Rams with 3:06 left in regulation when sophomore Jorge Bond (17 points) made a pair of free throws.

A little more than a minute later, Colon, who scored all his points after halftime, buried his second 3-pointer of the fourth quarter, closing the gap to 49-43.

With 1:08 on the scoreboard clock, the Blue Devils held a 54-47 advantage after sophomore Zane Kaley made two more free throws.

At that point, Drury had made 15 of their 16 foul shots in the fourth quarter. They would only make one of their eight shots from the line during the final five minutes of regulation, which enabled the Rams to make a comeback.

Fernandez made a lay-up and a pair of free throws slicing the Rams deficit to 55-53 with 24.4 seconds remaining in regulation.

After Drury missed two shots from the line, Colon pulled down the rebound leading to a Goodhind layup tying the score at 55-55 with ten seconds left in regulation.

Then Colon stole the ball at midcourt, but Fernandez missed a 3-pointer from the top of the key at the buzzer, sending the contest into overtime.

The Rams took their first lead since the second quarter at 57-55 when Clarke hit a jumper with 2:55 left in OT.

Twenty seconds later, Goodhind made a foul shot pushing the Rams lead to three points.

Drury answered back with a pair of inside hoops from junior Connor Hinkell



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Sawyer Ferro sets to pass up the ice.

(8 points). Senior Sam Moorman (14 points) also made a foul shot, and the Rams found themselves trailing 60-58 with 15 seconds left.

Colon was fouled while making an off balance baseline lay-up. He made the bonus free throw completing the old fashion three point play giving his team a 61-60 lead with 5.8 seconds remaining.

Fernandez sealed the deal by making a foul shot with two seconds left before his younger brother, Zavien, who's a junior, stole the inbounds pass at the buzzer sending the Rams players and their fans into a frenzy.

The Rams held a 15-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Drury outscored Granby, 17-11, during the second quarter and headed into the locker room with a 29-26 advantage.

The third quarter was a defensive battle as both teams only scored five points.

Holding a ten point lead with three minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils players probably thought they would be taking the championship trophy for the second time in the past three years.

The Rams players never gave up and they wound up taking it home for the first time in twenty years.

Granby will now be looking to make another successful run in the Division 5 state tournament.

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Eric Shen recovers the puck on defense.



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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of Feb. 16-25, the Ware Police Department responded to 30 miscellaneous calls, 14 administrative calls, 20 traffic violations, 19 emergency 911 calls, one motor vehicle accident, two safety hazards, nine harassments, two thefts/larcenies, one trespass, 12 animal calls and 32 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

### Sunday, Feb. 16

2:51 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Vigeant Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
3:01 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Sherwin Street, Citation/Warning Issued

### Monday, Feb. 17

12:09 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered  
12:12 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Vigeant Street, Unfounded  
1:10 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled  
2:36 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised

### Tuesday, Feb. 18

2:35 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Aspen Street, Investigated  
10:31 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Union Street, Advised  
4:18 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Services Rendered  
11:26 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sorel Road, Dispatch Handled  
11:51 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sorel Road, Investigated

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

1:47 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Aspen Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
8:06 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Barnes Street, Advised

5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Willow Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
5:45 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
8:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
9:18 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Barnes Street, Services Rendered  
9:52 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

### Thursday, Feb. 20

1:47 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, East Street, Advised  
2:35 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Main Street, Dispatch Handled

### Friday, Feb. 21

2:47 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Park Avenue, Citation/Warning Issued  
2:51 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Eddy Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
8:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
8:57 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered

### Saturday, Feb. 22

3:17 a.m. Bylaw Violation, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
4:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
2:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Advised  
4:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Investigated  
6:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Street, Could Not Locate

### Sunday, Feb. 23

3:36 a.m. Bylaw Violation, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
10:30 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, South Street,

Street, Extinguished

### Tuesday, Feb. 18

8:47 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

10:26 a.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Officer Handled

### Thursday, Feb. 20

9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
3:23 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine Street, Services Rendered  
4:19 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Parker Court, Officer Handled  
5:40 p.m. Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital

### Friday, Feb. 21

11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:37 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Removed

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Services Rendered  
11:24 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Fisherdick Road, No Action Required  
12:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, River Road, Unfounded  
12:49 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Coffey Hill Road, Dispatch Handled  
2:57 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered  
5:07 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Barnes Street, Services Rendered  
5:38 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Services Rendered  
8:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Report Made

### Monday, Feb. 24

2:44 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Otis Avenue, Citation/Warning Issued  
10:14 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Could Not Locate  
5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

### Tuesday, Feb. 25

3 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Vigeant Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Hazard  
4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Arrest(s) Made

### Saturday, Feb. 22

9:09 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ruggles Hill Road, Services Rendered  
9:50 a.m. Assist Citizen, Czesky Road, Dispatch Handled  
11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
3:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
7:41 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Grove Street, Services Rendered

### Sunday, Feb. 23

5:05 p.m. Investigation, Broad Street, Officer Handled  
9:38 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Services Rendered

## Warren Police Log

During the weeks of Feb. 8-22, the Warren Police Department responded to 279 building/property checks, 65 community policings, 46 emergency 911 calls, four parking issues, two safety concerns, one missing person, one vandalism, one threat, two harassments, two fire/smoke investigations, eight motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and 25 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

### Saturday, Feb. 8

5:16 p.m. Trauma, Quaboag Street, Transported to Hospital

### Sunday, Feb. 9

3:06 a.m. Parking Issues, Ramsdell Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
3:18 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Negative Contract  
8:48 a.m. Falls, Little Rest Road, Transported to Hospital  
5:04 p.m. Missing Person, Bemis Road, Report Filed  
6:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

### Monday, Feb. 10

6:41 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital  
7:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Old West Warren Road, Report Filed  
8:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Warren Road, Criminal Complaint  
11:43 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, North Street, Transported to Hospital  
10:08 p.m. Welfare Check, Prospect Street, Public Assist

### Tuesday, Feb. 11

5:53 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Comins Pond Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:55 a.m. Alarm Activation, Prospect Street, Fire Extinguished  
1:17 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital  
7:27 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Moore Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8:48 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Hillside Avenue, Ambulance Signed Refusal

### Wednesday, Feb. 12

8:50 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Pine Grove Drive, Transported to Hospital  
1:49 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine Grove Drive,

Report Filed  
2:28 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Heritage Drive, No Action Required

### Thursday, Feb. 13

12:56 p.m. Parking Issues, Quaboag Street, Vehicle Removed  
1:35 p.m. Fire Investigation, Keys Road, Investigated  
3:10 p.m. Alarm Activation, Bemis Road, Investigated

### Friday, Feb. 14

12:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Old Douglas Road, Report Filed  
10:34 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Pine Grove Drive, Transported to Hospital

### Saturday, Feb. 15

1:17 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Constitution Avenue, Transported to Hospital  
1:42 a.m. Diabetic, Quaboag Street, Mutual Aid Assist  
2:07 a.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, No Fire Services Necessary  
11:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:21 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Old West Warren Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:42 p.m. Disturbance/Disorderly, Main Street, Investigated  
11:56 p.m. Bleeding, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital

### Sunday, Feb. 16

11:05 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Bemis Road, Vehicle Towed  
12:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Citation Issued  
2:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Southbridge Road, Criminal Complaint  
3:19 p.m. Falls, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:21 p.m. Parking Issues, North Street, Vehicle Removed  
8:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Southbridge Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

10:23 p.m. Power Lines Down, Town Farm Drive, Referred to Other Agency

### Monday, Feb. 17

7:13 a.m. Harassment, Comins Pond Road, Report Filed  
7:45 a.m. Unattended Death, Keyes Street, Referred to Other Agency  
8:04 a.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
10:14 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital  
3:30 p.m. Medical Alarm, Mechanic Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
4:57 p.m. Falls, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital

### Tuesday, Feb. 18

10:49 a.m. Suspicious Person, Crescent Street, Report Filed  
11:42 a.m. Alarm Activation, Winthrop Terrace, Investigated  
3:41 p.m. Diabetic, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:30 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Cottage Street, Transported to Hospital

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

7:58 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Took Call  
11:39 a.m. Vandalism, Main Street, Report Filed  
1:58 p.m. Threats, River Street, Report Filed

### Thursday, Feb. 20

5:11 a.m. Trauma, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
7:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Brook Road, Vehicle Towed  
8:11 a.m. Falls, Bragg Road, Transported to Hospital  
5:37 p.m. Structure Fire, School Street, Investigated  
11:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Criminal Complaint

### Friday, Feb. 21

9:26 a.m. Welfare Check, Elm Street, Negative Contact  
6:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Old West Brookfield Road, Vehicle Towed

### Saturday, Feb. 22

9:14 a.m. Harassment, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party  
10:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Report Filed

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Feb. 17-24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 53 building/property checks, 32 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, four traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one complaint, three safety hazards, two investigations, two fires, one motor vehicle accident, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, two animal calls and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

### Monday, Feb. 17

10:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
11:36 a.m. Safety Hazard, Czesky Road, Dispatch Handled  
12:59 p.m. Safety Hazard, Ruggles Hill Road, Officer Handled  
2:56 p.m. 911 Structure Fire, High Street, Extinguished  
6:39 p.m. Safety Hazard, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered  
9:05 p.m. 911 Fire, Main

Street, Extinguished

### Tuesday, Feb. 18

8:47 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Officer Handled

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

10:26 a.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Officer Handled

### Thursday, Feb. 20

9:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
3:23 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Pine Street, Services Rendered  
4:19 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Parker Court, Officer Handled  
5:40 p.m. Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital

### Friday, Feb. 21

11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:37 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Removed

Hazard  
4:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Arrest(s) Made

### Saturday, Feb. 22

9:09 a.m. Medical Emergency, Ruggles Hill Road, Services Rendered  
9:50 a.m. Assist Citizen, Czesky Road, Dispatch Handled  
11:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning  
3:03 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
7:41 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Grove Street, Services Rendered

### Sunday, Feb. 23

5:05 p.m. Investigation, Broad Street, Officer Handled  
9:38 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Services Rendered

## Open burning season now open through May 1

WARE – Open burning season is now open by permit and runs through May 1. Permits will be available online only at [ware.firepermits.com](http://ware.firepermits.com). If you are already registered for the site from last year's open burning season, you only need to log in and apply for a 2025 burn permit. Please make sure you

link your bank account for UniPay for a smoother process. The bank requires time to process your payment and your permit will be inactive until payment is approved. Cash will not be accepted at the fire station for a burn permit. All processing fees are required through the online website.



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So, whether you will benefit from these "special extra credits for military service" depends largely on your post-service earnings history. If your military earnings were among the highest earning years over your lifetime, and you provided SSA with a copy of your DD-214 when you applied for Social Security, then your current SS benefit already includes consideration of your mili-

tary service. Social Security should have asked about your military service when you applied. If you didn't advise SS of your military service when you applied for Social Security, or if you aren't sure, you should contact the SSA at 1-800-772-1213 and ask if you were given those "special extra credits for military service" when you applied. However, if you had at least 35 years of higher earnings after you left mili-

itary service, your current SS benefit is already based on those later higher earning years, and you will not get anything additional from those "special extra credits" for your military service years. FYI, we know it is often difficult to contact the Social Security Administration by phone, as well as trying to visit SSA offices without an appointment, which is why our AMAC Foundation provides this free service).

SSA is now allowing in-person visits "by appointment only" and you can call the above number to schedule an in-person appointment at your local SSA office. But before you do, please consider what I've said above. And remember that your SS benefit is based on the highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime and each year represents only 1/35th of your benefit amount. So, is it worth the trouble? That depends on whether your

military earnings, including the "special extra credits for military service," are among the highest over your entire lifetime. If the answer is "yes" then it is likely worth it; if "no" then perhaps not.

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Ferrera said the town departments are working on the budget for fiscal year 2026, which he said is "going to be very tight."

Theresa Cofske, West Brookfield's new Town Administrator, introduced herself and agreed that towns are facing financial challenges for the next budget year.

"It's going to be a tough one," she said, adding that West Brookfield will be strategizing and focusing on economic development.

Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the new owners of Janine's Frostee have received approval for their licenses from the Selectboard and are expected to open mid-March.

For the FY 26 budget, the town, like others, is facing an increase in insurance costs, which will have an impact on the budget overall.

Hardwick Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said the town is working to budget for the insurance increase also, as well as planning for solutions for several vacant town-owned properties.

The featured speaker for the meeting was Baystate Health President and CEO Peter Banko, who joined the healthcare organization last year.

Since he took the position in June, Banko has embarked on a 100-day listening tour, hearing from various stakeholders and community members, about ways to improve Baystate Health and meet the healthcare needs of the region.

He said there is intense pride and loyalty within the organization, and how it has a great network of physicians.

Despite these strengths, the organization has faced challenges over the years, including over \$300 million in losses and the closure of Mary Lane Hospital in Ware.

"We've been losing more money than we've been taking in," Banko said.

A "D" rating on Leapfrog also reflects a need to make improvements, he said.

Banko said a strategic plan has recently been endorsed



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

**Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond members Blair Robidoux (left) and Dustin Pennington (right) hold the ribbon to celebrate the opening of Hanna's on Main along with Gail Craig, John Steinhilber, Kim Craig, Dennis Craig, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and state Rep. Todd Smola**

by the Baystate Health board and it will address healthcare access issues, something that he encountered himself when he moved here. Due to lengthy waits to see physicians, a lot of patients are seeking care elsewhere, with 80% going to Boston and 20% going to Hartford, Connecticut.

"We need to be an 'A' in everything," Banko said. "We've got to work on quality and safety. We've got to be an economic and health pillar in western Massachusetts."

Being financially resilient is a main focus of the strategic plan, helping Baystate Health to achieve a "healthy bottom line."

Banko said there was too much management within the organization, which was reduced this past November. The corporate office was also downsized.

"We're literally turning over every stone in the organization to get good processes and systems in place," Banko said.

In order to address local healthcare needs, Banko and his team have been meeting with representatives from the town of Ware.

"We definitely didn't communicate transparently about what was happening at Mary Lane," Banko said the hospital's closure prior to his arrival. "You can't cut something and expect it to miraculously

improve over time."

Banko said his team is working on finding a site to open a Convenient Care location in Ware, to help bring healthcare back.

"Healthcare services are needed here," Banko said. "Losing a hospital is devastating not just from a healthcare standpoint, but from an economic."

Banko said the new location would be highly visible, in a preexisting building. He said he likes the Wetherby Building at the Mary Lane Hospital site, but it will take time to figure out how to make that space work and it would not meet short term goals.

Banko addressed a recent zoning amendment proposal to limit the Mary Lane Hospital property to healthcare services only.

"Healthcare's not coming back to that site," Banko said. "That site doesn't support it. To zone that for healthcare would be one of the worst economic things the town could do. If it's just healthcare, it's going to narrow the box for economic development."

Banko also spoke about shifting services from Baystate Medical Center to Wing, Noble and Franklin hospitals.

"We're going to decant the big hospital," he said.

Banko said Baystate

Health will be working to build up healthcare in rural communities and improve its geographic presence.

"We've got to expand our boundaries beyond just Springfield," he said.

Banko said Baystate Health is also going to reinvest in Health New England, improving the processes and making it more competitive on commercial rates.

"It looks like a viable opportunity for us," he said of the insurance provider.

Banko said he is dedicated to leading Baystate Health toward a path of profitability.

"I wouldn't have come here if there wasn't a path forward," he said.

**About WBCA and Beyond**

The WBCA and Beyond membership consists of businesses and organizations from Ware, Palmer, Belchertown, Hardwick, Warren and West Brookfield. The monthly meetings are open to any business or organization within those towns interested in joining the association.

For information about joining the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond, visit [ware-bca.com](http://ware-bca.com), email [ware-bca@gmail.com](mailto:ware-bca@gmail.com) or call Flynn at 413-297-5886.

**CONCERT** from page 1

Inc. (Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc.), a Brookfield-based organization with a satellite office in downtown Ware.

Founded by Wally and Michele Connor, S.O.N.G., Inc. has been in existence for 26 years, having first started as Socks for Siberia in 1999.

Wally Connor said the organization is currently working in South Africa, and is continuing its efforts in Ukraine and Russia. He said S.O.N.G., Inc.'s mission in Pakistan has been suspended due to violence against volunteers.

S.O.N.G., Inc. has been able to establish partnerships with orphanages and shelters in these countries, as well as the Philippines. The organization has also partnered with local agencies to provide support to children in foster care and children with special needs.

"I want to thank Trinity Episcopal Church for inviting us to this great concert and choosing us as the non-profit," Connor said.

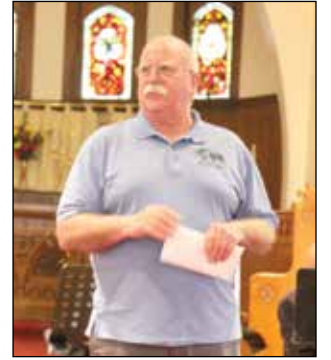
For more information about S.O.N.G., Inc., people may visit [www.supportingorphans.org](http://www.supportingorphans.org) or follow on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Donations to help S.O.N.G., Inc. continue its mission, can be sent through the website, Venmo, or mail to S.O.N.G., Inc., P.O. Box 426, Brookfield, MA 01506.

David Neill of Springfield is the leader of The Jazz Bones, and one of its five trombonists. He introduced the ensemble's members and gave a brief history of each song they performed.

The first song was called "Just Friends", which was written in 1931, followed by "Bye Bye Blues" from the 1960s.

Neill said the ensemble plays "a little bit of everything," from jazz to swing, blues to Big Band, and even popular music and TV show themes.

The Jazz Bones then performed a lively rendition of The Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby" followed by the theme to the cartoon TV show "Family Guy". The



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

**Wally Connor of S.O.N.G., Inc. (Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally, Inc.) talks about the organization's efforts to help children in need around the world.**

ensemble then took it back to a 1800s with the African American spiritual song "Jericho", which told the biblical story of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho.

After performing "Back Country Landscape", The Jazz Bones shifted gears to a polka tune, inviting all in attendance to get up and dance. Next up was "Indiana", a song well known for being performed by actor Jim Nabors at the start of the Indianapolis 500 from 1972 up until 2014.

The second half of the concert featured an arrangement of "Danny Boy", a bossa nova called "Carnival", "America the Beautiful", "Miss Missouri" and "Kansas City".

Following the concert, all in attendance enjoyed refreshments downstairs in the church.

**About Trinity Episcopal Church**

Worship services are held on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the church located at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, and also streamed on Facebook live through "Trinity Episcopal Church." All are welcome to attend.

Trinity Episcopal Church is also the home of the Jubilee Cupboard Food Pantry and Jubilee Diaper Ministry, which are open on Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon at 20 Park St.

For more information and upcoming events, visit the Facebook page or website [www.trinityware.org](http://www.trinityware.org), call 413-967-6100 or email [secretary@trinityware.org](mailto:secretary@trinityware.org).

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uses the "proposal is inconsistent with the will."

Planning Board Chair Ken Crosby reminded Barry and the public that the Planning Board is not creating the zoning change and their goal is to hear the public's thoughts and move to the next step and get the zoning amendment to a town meeting for a vote.

It has certainly been an emotional topic for the town, especially for the residents who have expressed a need for healthcare services in their community. Many residents are lead to the believe that Baystate is now being viewed as an entity that doesn't seem to want healthcare on the site anymore.

In recent years since the closure of Mary Lane Hospital, the Planning Board understands why residents have little to no trust in Baystate Health. Barry doesn't believe that Baystate Health is trying to make it more difficult for the town to try and maintain or regain the essential healthcare services it needs.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley shared his comments to the Planning Board and some of them are tied to the zoning proposal.

"You have to consider how this proposal affects the health and welfare of the community," Beckley said.

Beckley's other comment involves dimensional standards such as heights of the building and setbacks. These standards are closely tied to the industrial district. The board briefly brought up grandfathering of buildings while Beckley was presenting these paragraphs from the zoning bylaw.

With healthcare being

a use for a century on site, many residents and the Planning Board believe that the use and the buildings on site would be grandfathered in. According to the Building Commissioner Anna Marques, uses are already allowed and not grandfathered in and renovation work can be done.

Beckley's last point involved items presented as potential uses in the zoning amendment has a list of what is and isn't allowed. For the economic use in the future, "it will be limiting more than what is being proposed," Beckley stated.

Board member Richard Starodoj suggested the board should look at this zoning proposal from a point of it doesn't matter who the owner of the property is. Starodoj mentioned this subject is not uncommon in the rezoning process.

"The townspeople desire to have that zoned as healthcare," Starodoj said.

Though any proposal or zone change may happen for a particular land owner, Starodoj made it clear in the public hearing that no matter what the final decision or change is, you're not going to make everyone happy about the decision, it is essential for the residents to think about the proposal.

"We're not restricting that parcel to just one use," Starodoj said.

Barry believes no developer is going to put a hospital on the property. Barry stated that "Baystate is trying to do a good thing here."

Vice Chair Chris Dimarzio believes when considering about preserving the healthcare needs within the town, is it possible to identify other adequate properties in

Ware that may be better to fit the healthcare zoning.

Terrance Smith of the Selectboard was at the hearing and commented that "it is important for residents to understand the process with the zoning bylaw change." Hitchcock reminded Smith of a comment he made about walking the Mary Lane Hospital site and described the property as a "gold level site".

The Planning Board knows that Smith and the rest of the Selectboard will be reviewing this proposal soon, but there are several possibilities, including the proposal not going forward.

Barry stated that Baystate Health has no intention of wanting to get into a lawsuit with the town, but also feels that the proposal is "handcuffing" economic development potential by limiting the uses on the site.

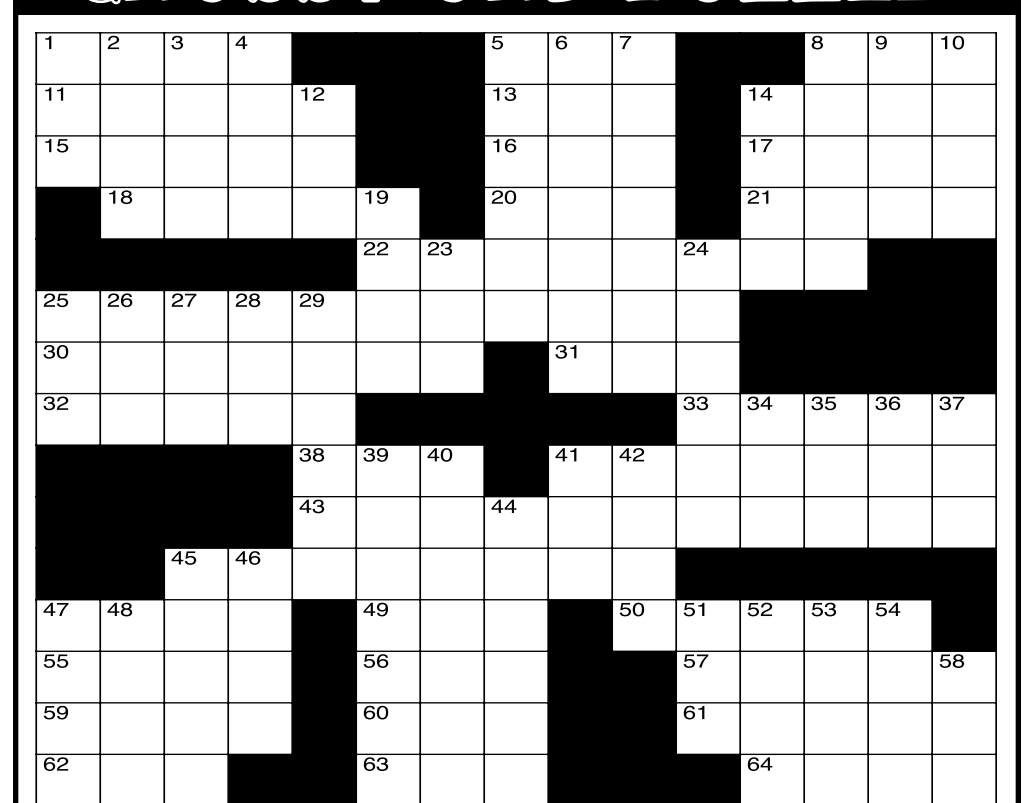
Dimarzio commented on the litigation and legal challenges this topic might bring up. Dimarzio mentioned any lawsuit can be caused just because someone isn't satisfied with a certain decision.

"The priority is healthcare," Dimarzio said. "We're doing our jobs to protect resources in the community that are going to be needed."

Dimarzio would like to know what other "A rated" properties are in Ware that may be also considered for healthcare uses besides Mary Lane Hospital, which has served as a medical use related facility for over a century.

The board voted to continue the public hearing until their next meeting on March 6 with written public comments to be accepted until Feb. 27.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Greek mythological figure
- 5. Small amount
- 8. Play a role
- 11. River in Georgia and Alabama
- 13. Water in the solid state
- 14. Ancient Greek sophist
- 15. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- 16. Fleece
- 17. Writer/actress Dunham
- 18. Behave in a way that belittles
- 20. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 21. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 22. Conceits
- 25. Slowed down
- 30. Nourishment
- 31. Midway between east and southeast
- 32. Fights
- 33. Comedienne Tyler
- 38. Standing operating procedure
- 41. Locks
- 43. Old
- 45. Song sung to one's lover
- 47. Whale ship captain
- 49. Moved quickly on foot
- 50. Volcanic craters
- 55. Large musical instrument
- 56. Liquefied natural gas
- 57. Ethiopian town
- 59. Not closed
- 60. A team's best pitcher
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Disfigure
- 63. Prefix denoting "in a"
- 64. Sleep
- 2. Soul and calypso song
- 3. Fruit of the service tree
- 4. Continent
- 5. Albania's capital
- 6. Poisonous plant
- 7. Argues
- 8. Assists
- 9. Town in Galilee
- 10. Russian leader
- 12. Promotional materials
- 14. Wings
- 19. Not odd
- 23. Expression of creativity
- 24. Conceptualize
- 25. A digital tape recording of sound
- 26. Peyton's little brother
- 27. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 28. Difference in potential
- 29. Owner
- 34. I (German)
- 35. Chinese conception of poetry
- 36. The world of the dead
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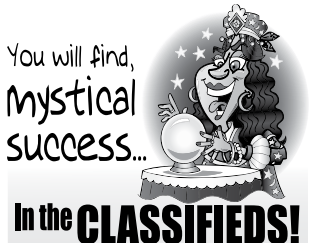
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The **Town of Russell Sewer/Water Department** is accepting resumes for the full time position of **SEWER/ WALTER OPERATOR** at **Town of Russell WWTP, 200 Main Street, Russell, MA 01071-0131** or email [russellwand@townofrussell.us](mailto:russellwand@townofrussell.us). Applicants will need a Grade 4 Wastewater, 1T Water, and a 1D Water licenses or the ability to acquire them. Inquire at office or thru email.

### Worthington Police Department Full-time Police Officer

The Worthington Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for **Full-time Police Officer**. Applicants must be a minimum of 21 years of age or older, a U.S. Citizen and possess a valid driver's license. They should also have a high school diploma/GED, license to carry and be certified by Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee and be POST certified.

This is a benefited position with a salary range of: \$52,000.00 - \$75,733.00. The successful candidate shall be highly motivated, self-disciplined, possess a community policing philosophy and live in or near Worthington. This position has the potential to be elevated to Police Chief.

Send letter of interest, resume and three references with relevant contact information to:  
**Worthington Police Department P.O. Box 247 Worthington, MA 01098**  
Or via email to: [sboard@worthington-ma.us](mailto:sboard@worthington-ma.us)  
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**WARREN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
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, March 10, 2025 at 7:15 PM** on the application of 727 Brimfield Road LLC. The Hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Shepard Municipal Building located at 48 High Street in Warren and via digital platform Zoom Meeting.

The Applicant, 727 Brimfield Road LLC is requesting a Special Permit (#315) under Section 3.28, Earth Removal (pursuant to Section 8) of the zoning by-laws to allow earth removal and crushing operations at 727 Brimfield Road (Map 09, Lot 81) 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. All interested parties are invited to attend via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 869 2706 4530  
Passcode: 784772  
Phone: 646-558-8656  
Warren Planning Board  
02/20, 02/27/2025

**TOWN OF WARE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WARE, MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **"Church Street and Anderson Road Water Storage Tanks Rehabilitation Project"** will be received by the Town Manager's Office, Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 until **2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, March 27, 2025** at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as **"Church Street and Anderson Road Water Storage Tanks Rehabilitation Project"**.

The work consists of restoration of the interior and exterior coating systems of the Church Street Water Storage Tank (WST), which is a 1.5 million gallon (MG) welded steel tank with a diameter of 100 feet and a height of 24 feet, and the Anderson Road WST, which is a 1 MG welded steel tank with a diameter of 52 feet and a height of 65 feet. The work also includes installation of active mixing systems, structural and safety improvements at each WST, installation and removal of temporary tanks, rehabilitation of the altitude valve vault internal components at each WST, installation of sampling stations, 12-inch gate valves and 12-inch insertion valves and fittings, tying in to existing asbestos concrete water mains. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, as

indicated in the Bid Form. All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: [http://www.tighebond.com/Projects\\_Out\\_to\\_Bid.php](http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php) Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project. Bidders will be added to the "planholders" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project.

A bid deposit shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

A non-mandatory pre-Bid conference will be on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 10:00 AM. The pre-bid conference will begin at the Anderson Road Water Storage Tank, which is located at 122 Anderson Road in Ware, MA. The conference will continue at the Church Street Water Storage Tank, which is located at the intersection of Church Street and Old Gilbertville Road in Ware, MA.

TOWN OF WARE, MASSACHUSETTS  
Consulting Engineer:  
Tighe & Bond, Inc.  
120 Front Street, Suite 700  
Worcester, MA 01608  
508-754-2201  
02/27/2025

**TOWNS OF WARREN AND MILLBURY Public Hearing Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:00 PM Warren Town Hall 48 High Street, Warren MA FY 2025 Joint CDBG Application**

The Warren Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing during their meeting on **March 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM** at the Warren Town Hall, located at 48 High Street, Warren, MA. The public is encouraged to attend this hearing to discuss a joint FY 2025 application by the towns of Warren and Millbury for up to \$1,050,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. If the meeting is canceled, the hearing will be rescheduled to the next Board of Selectmen meeting on March 27th at 6 PM.

The towns seek public input on potential grant-funded projects. Potential projects under development for the application currently include 1) Hillside Avenue Improvement Project, 2) Washington Street Neighborhood Infrastructure Planning Study, 3) Summer Street Design Improvement Project; and 4) the Millbury Senior Center Parking Improvement Project. These projects were identified as priorities that are consistent with community planning in both towns.

All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. If awarded, the Town of Warren will be responsible for administration of the grant program with assistance from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC). Those unable to attend the hearing may mail written comments to the Warren Board of Selectmen, 48 High Street, Warren, Ma 01083, or comments may be emailed to CMRPC at [joleary@cmrpc.org](mailto:joleary@cmrpc.org). Comments must be received no later than March 19th, 2025.

The Warren Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Persons who require special accommodations to attend the public meeting should contact the Town Administrator's office at (413) 436-5701 x. 107 at least two business days prior to the hearing. For further information, please contact John O'Leary at CMRPC at (508) 459-3331 or at [joleary@cmrpc.org](mailto:joleary@cmrpc.org).

Warren Board of Selectmen  
February 27, 2025  
02/27/2025

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 25 SM 000377 ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: **Douglas J. Mayo** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 0.50 §3901 (*et seq*):  
**Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in 21 Smith Avenue, Ware, MA 01082, given by Douglas J. Mayo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Everett Financial, Inc. d/b/a Supreme Lending, dated October 31, 2017, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12792 at Page 1, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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

attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **03/24/2025** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER  
Chief Justice of this Court on 2/10/2025

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson,**  
Recorder  
02/27/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS25P0063EA Estate of: Caroline M. Mucha Date of Death: October 02, 2024 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carol A. Soltys of Ware, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Carol A. Soltys of Ware, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
02/27/2025

**TOWN OF HARDWICK PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions or amendments thereto; please be advised that at their meeting on **Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**, the Hardwick Select Board will consider a request to give permission to Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:  
**Hardwick Pond Road**- National Grid to install 1 SO pole beginning at a point approximately

200 feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Ware Greenwich Road. National Grid proposes to install pole #1-50, Hardwick MA.

**Taylor Hill Road**- National Grid to relocate 2 JO poles beginning at a point approximately 465 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Taylor Hill Road and Delargy Road and continuing approximately 13 feet in the north direction. National Grid proposes to relocate poll 11 twenty feet west and pole 7 forty feet west, Hardwick MA.  
02/27, 03/06/2025

**Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle under G.L. c. 255., Section 39A**

Notice is hereby given by REGIN'S REPAIR 19 CHURCH ST GILBERTVILLE, MA 01031. Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on 3/10/2025 at 10:00AM at: Regin's Repair 19 Church St Gilbertville, MA 01031 by private sale, the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

Vehicle description:  
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Registration#/State: 4HLF12/MA  
VIN: IHGCM56116A042504  
Name and address of owner:  
Branden Vega  
755 Worthington St.  
Springfield, MA 01105

By: James M. Regin  
Dated: 2/12/2025  
02/20, 02/27, 03/06/2025

**The Town of Warren Senior Center Roof Replacement Project 2252 Main Street West Warren**

The Town of Warren is seeking sealed bids for its Senior Center Asphalt Shingle Roof Replacement Project which will be received at the Office of the Town Administrator, Attn: Jim Ferrera, 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA, 01083-0609, until the time specified below at which the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Office of the Town Administrator, 48 High Street, second floor, Warren, MA 01083, Monday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or by emailing Jim Ferrera, Town Administrator at [townadministrator@warren-ma.gov](mailto:townadministrator@warren-ma.gov).

All Work must be completed by no later than Friday, May 30, 2025.

**Bids will be due / opened in the Office of the Town Administrator on March 25, 2025, at 2:00p.m.** Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a **BID BOND, CASH,**

or **CERTIFIED CHECK** issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c. 149, §§44A-44H, as amended.

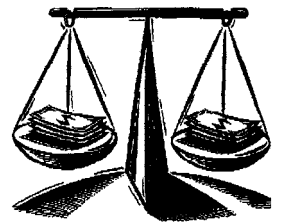
Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Warren  
James J. Ferrera,  
Town Administrator  
02/27, 03/06/2025



**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

## Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming programs

**HARDWICK** – The Paige Memorial Library is celebrating Hardwick and there is much to celebrate.

Hardwick is 286 years old and the Paige Memorial Library building is 120 years old, but the libraries in Hardwick were organized before 1905. Library staff will tell the story of Hardwick's love of libraries, the generosity of those who provided for the libraries, and lots of fun history of what life was like in the past through activities, programs, and stories online.

There are so many interesting tales to be told.

Do you have a family story or an idea for a program? Will you join our baseball team to oppose the Westfield Wheelmen on June 7 in a game using vintage rules?

Please share your ideas and perhaps your energy. Be part of the planning and the fun. Call 413-477-6704 or email [director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:director.paigelibrary@gmail.com) or stop in at 87 Petersham Road.

Have you experienced the Paige Library MakerSpace?

The library offers weekly art workshops or workspace for your creative activities.

Registration is welcome so we can plan, but feel free to drop-in on Tuesday at 6 p.m. On any Tuesday you might bring your own art project or craft or try drawing, painting, printmaking, or collage, or ask for assistance in a particular medium.

Come try Calligraphy on March 4 and 11 and Pysanky on April 1 and 8, but please register for these. Call 413-477-6704 or email director.

[paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:paigelibrary@gmail.com) or stop in.

Ongoing activities offered at the Paige currently include the Paige Book Club, the weekly Story Hour with art and science activities, the monthly Cookbook Club, the bi-monthly Paige Writers, and knitting for adults with Pam Hinckley March 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 11 a.m.-noon.

Bring your own project. For more information, contact Pam by calling 413-477-6004 or email [pahinckley@gmail.com](mailto:pahinckley@gmail.com).

## Friends of Ware Town Hall offer spring 2025 lotto calendars

**WARE** – The Friends of Ware Town Hall announced their annual Lotto Calendar campaign is beginning.

Calendars are \$10 each, with drawings beginning April 1 and ending April 30 and prizes range from \$25-\$500.

Calendars are being sold locally at the following locations: Changes Hair Salon, Crystal Springs Dairy Bar, It's Wine O'clock, Moulton Insurance Agency, Nat Falk,

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Anyone from out of town wishing to purchase a calendar may do so by mailing a check for \$10 for each calendar to: Friends of Ware Town Hall, P.O. Box 692, Ware, MA 01082.

*Ware River News*  
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## Blood drive to take place at QRHS Feb. 27

BARRE – A blood drive will take place on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Quabbin Regional Middle High School, 800 South St., in the high school gymnasium.

Ellie Frost, a senior at Quabbin Regional High School, is putting on a

blood drive at the high school in partnership with the Rhode Island Blood Center.

Walk-ins are welcome if space permits, but they ask people to sign up at ribc.org/drives and use sponsor code M102.

Sixteen year old donors

need parent/guardian permission. Permission slips are available at ribc.org/permission.

Donors should eat, drink and bring ID with their name and photo. Blood donation takes about an hour. People may also call 800-283-8385.

## DCR hosts program on Quabbin Reservoir and watershed

BELCHERTOWN – The Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, 100 Winsor Dam Road, will host a hybrid presentation, “Quabbin Reservoir and Watershed Protection” on Sunday, March 2 from 2-3 p.m.

Engineering, forestry, wildlife and aquatic biology, carpentry, mowing and

snowplowing...how do all of these things combine to protect the water supply of over three million people in Massachusetts? How does they benefit the region around the reservoir?

This presentation from the Visitor Center staff explores how the many different goals of DCR staff all support one

goal, Quabbin watershed protection.

In person seating is limited to 45 people.

In case of bad weather, the programs will only be held virtually. Please register for any of these events by visiting <https://www.mass.gov/locations/quabbin-reservoir/> events.

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