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# Santa Claus came to town



Santa Claus paid a special pre-Christmas visit to North Brookfield this past Sunday, as he made his way around town on a fire truck, before greeting children at the little park downtown. A long line of people were eager to share their Christmas wishes with the jolly elf. *TURLEY PHOTOS BY PAULA OUIMETTE*



The North Brookfield Fire Department made sure that Santa Claus arrived in style.



Santa Claus posed for a photo with one of his many fans.

## Committee votes down amended regional agreement

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARREN – School Committee Chair Andrew Schwenker said the Regional Agreement Amendment Committee distributed a draft of the updated agreement to both the Quaboag Regional School Committee and the North Brookfield School Committee for review and discussion.

If both school committees vote to accept the draft, it would then go before each town at town meeting.

A motion was made at the Nov. 18 meeting to not move forward with the draft agree-

ment. The motion passed with six in favor, three opposed and two abstained.

Committee members cited concerns about the financial risk of adding another town to the school district and being responsible for more buildings. Schwenker said the financial feasibility study conducted several years ago to determine any costs benefits for both districts was “inconclusive.”

### Ecology School trip

Several sixth grade students from the district’s two elementary schools gave a presentation about their recent trip to the Ecology School in Maine.

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## WNECA doubles returns to Bogey Lanes

By Ryan Drago  
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EAST BROOKFIELD – The Western New England Candlepin Association returns to Bogey Lanes for their upcoming doubles tournament.

The WNECA is an organization that represents and promotes the game of candlepin bowling in the western region of New England. Bogey Lanes in East Brookfield has been one of the most common bowling centers to host tournaments and leagues in western and cen-

tral Massachusetts.

Last year Bogey Lanes hosted one of the doubles tournaments during the WNECA tournament series. The doubles tournament returns to Bogey once again for the month of

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## Library accepting donations this holiday season

By Ryan Drago  
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EAST BROOKFIELD – It’s a time of giving as the East Brookfield Public Library will continue its tradition of collecting new mittens, hats, gloves and scarves along with

non-perishable food and personal items.

Please bring in new unexpired items to the library during their regular hours.

Personal items can include items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, deodorant, bar-

rettes, hair ties, socks, reusable plastic containers for food, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, trash bags, dish soap and more. The collected items will be distributed to local families and individuals in need.

Also going on at the library,

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## QRSD celebrates Unified Basketball team's season

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

BARRE – Celebrate our students and their strengths with us!

The Quabbin Regional High School Unified Basketball Team has had a wonderful season where the stands have been filled with parents, families, teachers and staff, fellow student athletes, and friends. QRHS was recently awarded the following recognition:

“Congratulations to Quabbin Regional High School for receiving National Banner recognition from Special Olympics North America! Your school has been selected from a national certifying body for achieving standards of excellence in the areas of inclusion, advocacy and respect! The athletes, partners, students, coaches, volunteers, teachers, staff and administration at Quabbin Regional HS have all played key roles in creating a social climate where everyone feels included and respected for who they are. We are honored to have such a strong and fully inclusive school as yours recognized for the hard work and dedication you demonstrate daily to continuously grow and strengthen your program. Your school and leadership team are a model for other schools, and we look forward to new heights you will reach tomorrow and in years to come!”

You are 1 of only 19 schools in Massachusetts and among 202 schools nationwide to achieve this status for the 2023-24 school year. Well done, Quabbin Regional High School!”

The Quabbin Regional Unified Basketball team has 22 athletes all with a variety of strengths and skills that they bring to the team.



A basketball player prepares to take a shot at the hoop.



Fans cheer on Quabbin Regional High School's Unified Basketball team. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Players use teamwork to score points.

Some of the strengths of our players are as follows: Kylie has an insane outside shot, and Johnny has fierce defensive tactics. Chad has a fast pass and an eye for open players. Ryan is strong to the hoop and Emma is our anthem specialist. Hemily has a nose for the ball while Simon is a master of the underhand layup. Tyler has become a crowd favorite, and his shooting percentage is through the roof this year. Chris is always positive and comes to every game and practice with a giant smile on his face.

We can't say enough about our partners to the athletes. Most participate in other sports during the winter and spring seasons and are integral to the success of the program.

Their enthusiasm for the program is con-

tagious - both on and off the court.

Walter Nutter, Oakham School Committee member shared, “Watching these athletes compete, in their own joyful way, is entirely heartwarming. These kids have so much fun, and are filled with pride when they make a basket, raising their hands in the air and sporting a thousand megawatt smile. They are tuned into the crowd and look to see us cheering when they make a play. They happily share the ball with both their own teammates and opponents too. They don't get caught up on the score, they simply want to play. Their excitement is contagious.”

Our banner will be delivered to us soon and we plan to celebrate with our entire school community. We hope you will join us to recognize our inclusive athletic programming. Be on the lookout for more information from the district in the upcoming weeks.

We are proud of you Quabbin Regional Middle High School for your ability to truly see one another and celebrate each other's strengths. Stay Unified!



Players run down the court during a basketball game.



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## Library story time happens Dec. 16

NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree Public Library, 45 Memorial Drive, is offering a Story Time program for preschoolers on Monday, Dec. 16 beginning at 9 a.m.

The program's focus is on Christmas and will include a sing-along program with Rich Hennessy and his ukulele. The readings will include “Bear Stays up for Christmas” by Karma Wilson and “Mouse's First Christmas” by Lauren Thompson.

Parental supervision is required for this reading and craft program. People may call the library at 508-867-7650 during regular business hours for more information.

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# White Christmas celebration will be held Dec. 8

WEST BROOKFIELD – Please join the White Christmas Committee in the town of West Brookfield as they kick off the 32nd Annual White Christmas celebration on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

There will be fun for folks of all ages going on throughout the day at this event. The committee encourages everyone to come out and enjoy our town's annual kick-off of the holiday season by touring the historic town, strolling the downtown district, exploring local businesses and open houses, decorating gingerbread houses in the Great Hall,

meeting Santa for a quick picture, as well dropping off those letters headed directly to the North Pole.

There will be horse drawn carriage rides throughout the day as well as shopping with dozens of vendors set up throughout town. A puppet show, an elf hunt and ice carvings are sure to keep everyone's spirits high.

There will be plenty for the entire family to come and enjoy.

If you are lucky, you may just see Father Christmas strolling the streets and greeting visitors in town. Stick around to close the day with West Brookfield's

annual tradition of gathering around the largest evergreen in town (located on the town common) while it illuminates for the first time this holiday season.

The West Brookfield White Christmas Committee 2024 is excited to be able to share this fun-filled day with both residents and non-residents alike. This is a free event brought to you courtesy of local businesses and town supporters.

The committee encourages everyone from all walks of life to come and enjoy the town, and kick off the holiday season with lots of festive events throughout town to interest everyone.

Maps of town open houses and vendors can be picked up in various local business, by accessing the Facebook page ("32nd Annual White Christmas in West Brookfield") or by emailing whitechristmaswb@gmail.com.

The committee looks forward to seeing everyone explore West Brookfield and all the excitement the holiday season brings. Committee members remind folks to be mindful as the health and safety of all our guests is priority in West Brookfield.

Parking is available free throughout town.

# Country Bank partners with Wonderfund of Massachusetts

Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, partnered with the Wonderfund of Massachusetts, with a \$10,000 donation.

This collaboration will make a difference in the lives of kids and teens served by the Department of Children and Families, allowing them to experience the magic of childhood during the holiday season. The Wonderfund, an extraordinary group of people on a mission, is dedicated to bringing the joy and meaning of childhood to children who have been impacted by trauma, abuse, and neglect.

You, too, can be a part of this magical initiative. Join the Wonderfund and Country Bank in making this holiday season special for kids in foster care by donating a new, unwrapped gift at any of its banking centers until Dec. 14. Your contribution, no matter how small, will make a difference. Country Bank's team will shop for gifts to join in the efforts, and donations will be delivered to DCF Offices in Springfield and Worcester to be distributed throughout western and central Massachusetts.

"We are excited to partner with the Wonderfund again this year and the opportunity for our team and the communities we serve help us make a difference for children by putting a smile on so many faces this holiday season," said Shelley Regin, Chief Marketing and Community Relations Officer at Country Bank. "Last year, we had such overwhelming support and

collectively, we donated over a thousand toys to local DCF offices who shared with us, without your donations most children would have only received one toy."

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## in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

### Live tabletop Christmas trees become year-round houseplants

Norfolk Island pines are nearly as popular as poinsettias this time of year, gracing chain store and supermarket shelves just after the Thanksgiving holiday, or perhaps soon after Halloween, these days! Not sure exactly what they look like? Think mini Christmas tree.

These cute conifers come table top ready, predecorated with tiny little ornaments and a festive foil sleeve. Most stand less than a foot tall, yet the amount of holiday cheer they bring to someone who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas tree is immeasurable.

Unlike cut Christmas trees, potted Norfolk Island Pines need not be discarded once the holidays have passed. Simply take their decorations off and they become an easy to maintain houseplant.

Although they look as if they would be hardy to our area, they are not, so don't plan on giving them a spot outdoors come springtime, or you'll lose them with the first hard frost of fall. Norfolk Island, from which the plant hails, is situated in the southern Pacific Ocean, northeast of Sydney, Australia – a much warmer climate indeed!

The only locations within the United States that the Norfolk Island pine is hardy are Hawaii, and parts of Florida and California. Southern Florida is home to many commercial growers of the plant.

It is interesting to note that the Norfolk Island pine isn't a true pine at all. Rather it is an evergreen plant with needle-like leaves.

Side branches rise from the main stem at wide angles, giving it a symmetrical, triangular outline, especially when young. In the wild, heights can top off around 200 feet, with diameters between 9 and 10 feet. As a houseplant, it is very slow growing.

To keep your Norfolk Island pine looking its best for seasons to come, provide it with good quality light- a few feet from a south or west facing window is ideal. Give it a quarter turn at each watering and you will be rewarded with a nice straight stem.

If window space is out of the question, it will do okay in a well-lit room as well, providing the lights are on for most of the day. Temperatures should range between 60-70 degrees during the day; slightly cooler at night.

It is important that the Norfolk Island pine be kept from temps below 50 degrees for any length of time or injury may occur. Therefore, be sure it is in a bag or protective sleeve when you bring it home from the store in chilly winter weather.

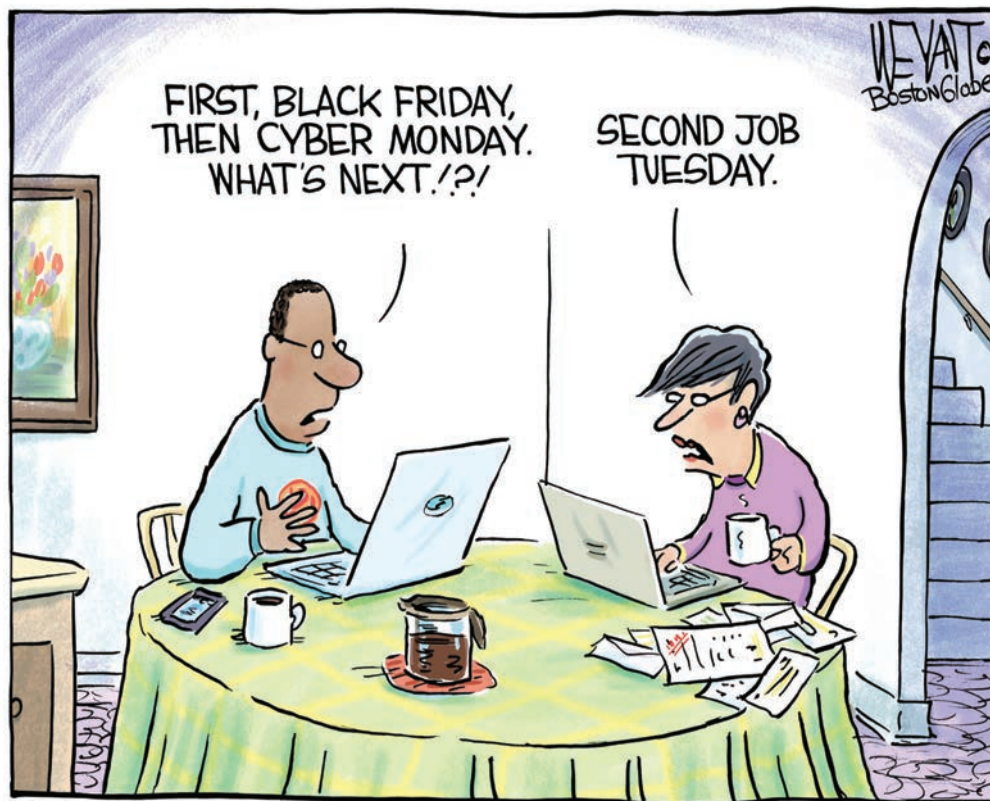
Keep its soil moist but not soaking wet.

Sometimes lower limbs may brown and then drop. Age, as well as erratic watering can cause this problem. Repot and check watering practices.

Fertilize in the spring, once active growth resumes.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*), the herb of remembrance. Its needle like leaves and fragrant foliage make it a wonderful candidate for use as a table top Christmas tree!

One of the more common questions when people toured Old Sturbridge Village's greenhouse in the off-season, was "How do you

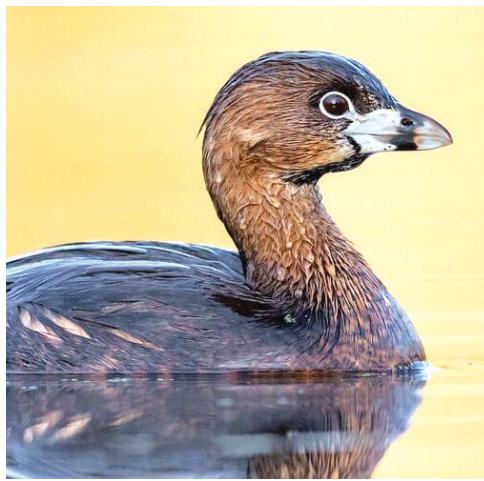


## in my BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

A Brimfield resident, who frequently emails about bird sighting saw a pied bill grebe in Warren on Nov. 6.

The pied-bill grebe is about 12 inches long. It is stocky and brown with a short stout bill. During the summer months, the grebe has a black ring around a white bill with a black chin. In winter the bill either shows a faint ring or no ring at all and the chin is light.



Pied-bill grebe

This grebe feeds by diving underwater and catching fish, aquatic insects, frogs and crayfish. The pied-bill grebe is one of the earliest migrant grebes to return and often arrives on ponds before the ice is all melted. They summer on lakes and ponds and winter in sheltered saltwater bays.

The female lays six to seven bluish green eggs in a platform nest of decaying vegetation, attached to growing vegetation in shallow water. In territorial skirmishes, males come together and tilt their heads up while calling. Parents may do a distraction display of flapping their wings between dives when their young are in danger. Their white rear feathers may be flashed when alarmed.

During breeding, calls are a "cow cow cow cow," a loud "keck keck" in alarm and a softer "cuk cuk cuk." The grebe generally remains quiet in winter.

### Wild turkeys

I continue to see either one to three Tom turkeys or larger flocks of hens in my travels

around Central Massachusetts. Although wild turkeys are now a common site, I never tire of spotting them.

### Low flying geese

A few days a low flying flock of geese flew over my yard just above tree top level. They honked as they went. I assume they landed in one of the beaver ponds near my home.

### Birds at feeders

I put out shelled peanuts and sunflower mix seeds in the morning in my tray feeders. I have black-capped chickadees, tufted titmice, white breasted nuthatches, an occasional downy woodpecker, mourning doves and squawking blue jays.

I have not put out suet cakes yet as I want to be sure the black bears are hibernating. Last year, I bought a new suet holder for this winter. I don't want to put it out too early in case a bear shows up and walks off with it. Somewhere in the woods around my home, there must be a large pile of suet feeders taken by bears. If I was lucky enough to find them, I think most would be smashed and unusable.

### Common raven

I continue to hear the common raven and sometimes see them flying overhead. They are much larger than the crow and make a low gronking sound.

### Mass Audubon bird sightings

Cape Cod weekly wildlife sightings are sponsored by the Bird Watchers General Store in Orleans and Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. The following sightings were reported between Nov. 13 and Nov. 19. Cape Cod's second-ever record of a spotted towhee was found at the Provincetown Airport on Nov. 16. A very rare pine grosbeak, two white-winged crossbills and a late prairie warbler were also seen there. A snowy owl was seen in Provincetown. Along Race Point Road a western tanager and two evening grosbeaks were seen.

Birds from Race Point in Provincetown this week included a pacific loon, 400 long-tailed ducks, 1,300 white-winged scoters, 1,500 red-breasted mergansers, 500 sand-erlings, 400 dunlin, five Pomarine jaegers, 1,080 razorbills, a common murre, two dovekies, 85 black-legged kittiwakes, 70 Cory's shearwater, 215 great shearwaters, four sooty shearwaters, two Manx shearwaters, 3,200 northern gannets, two Lapland longspurs and 24 snow buntings.

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.

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Shown from left are Ryleigh LaRocque, Mya Welch, Kayla Bingle, Trish Murdock, Mason Cardin, Evelyn Shilosky, Jameson Sterner and Darlene Henshaw, Art Teacher. Not pictured was Blair Shown. SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY OLIVIA FALCONE

## Emergency Department recognizes Pathfinder Tech students for mural

PALMER – There is a new mural greeting pediatric patients and their families in the Emergency Department at Baystate Wing Hospital.

It is a creation and gift from eight art students from Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School. The mural, which took the students three days to complete in the ED, was developed in phases over the past few months while working under the creative leadership of Darlene Henshaw, the studio art teacher at Pathfinder Tech.

“The request from the pediatric care

team in the ED first came to us in 2023 when our Pathfinder Tech Art Department was asked to create and paint murals on the walls of the treatment room dedicated to the care of pediatric patients,” said Henshaw in a press release. “The planning and painting of the mural was finally completed this October, following a lengthy pandemic-related delay.”

“Our students heard directly from the people working in the Emergency Department, which was very valuable for this learning experience,” said Hen-

shaw. “Following my meeting with the ED team, our students came together after school every Tuesday and Thursday to develop the concept, ‘Landscape with Hidden Creatures,’ sketch the images, then paint canvas panel prototypes to ensure that their visions would work on a much larger scale on the four walls of the room. I wanted their vision to come through, and I had faith in all of them. These eight students took the ball and ran with it.”

“Visiting the Emergency Department can be scary for children and parents alike,” said Dr. James Munger, associate chief of emergency medicine and pediatric emergency care coordinator. “Families bringing a child to the Emergency Department often face a mix of emotions including anxiety, and uncertainty, coupled with the stress of navigating an unfamiliar environment. The bright colors and friendly animal characters help to lift the mood of children and parents in a tough situation. We are grateful to the Pathfinder Tech students and teachers for sharing their talents with us.”

In addition to helping with supplies to paint the mural, a generous gift from the Baystate Health Foundation has also allowed the ED team to purchase items for a treasure box for children, so as they leave the ED, they can take home a prize from the BWH care team. The funds have also helped to purchase toys and games for children to use if they must wait for a procedure or test result.

“Life experiences are the best teachers – those three days painting the mural



Students spend three days painting the mural in the Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department.

in the Emergency Department and the creative work, collaboration, and student friendships developed that led up to completing this community project will be a memory cemented in the minds and hearts of these students forever,” said Henshaw.

“We are so incredibly honored and thankful to these special Pathfinder Tech student artists for sharing their talents, imagination, and most importantly for bringing comfort to our smallest patients and their families,” said Karli Barrett, president, and chief operating officer for Baystate Wing Hospital. “This healing environment will greatly enhance the care our ED team provides.”

### GARDEN | FROM PAGE 4

manage to overwinter your rosemaries? They are some of the biggest I’ve ever seen!”

In a controlled setting such as a greenhouse, it’s really not that difficult. Tender plants can be given as much sun as Mother Nature provides, but with the use of thermostats and vents, temperatures can be kept to a minimum.

We set the thermostat at 55 degree night temperatures, and vents opened when daytime heat reaches seventy. Low temperatures like these won’t push the plants into growth when winter day length and daylight can’t support it. Because of this the plants are stocky, not lanky.

We watered when the soil is dry to the touch – sometimes this might be as infrequently as twice a week during an overcast stretch, or as often as every day if the sun is out. For home culture, a sunny but cool locale is best.

For me, it’s my “mudroom!”

One treat that many gardeners don’t get to appreciate is the beautiful blue flowers that are borne on the plant in the short days of winter. Legend ties the plant to the Virgin Mary, saying that flowers that were originally white were turned to blue when she spread her cloak on its branches.

Yet another reason that makes it a great choice for a mini Christmas tree!

With any luck, a Norfolk Island pine and Rosemary can go from being great Christmas decorations to wonderful year round houseplants.

*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.*

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# Local nursing home workers receive scholarships

Two area direct care nursing home workers are among the 2024 scholarship recipients awarded by the Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation.

Anna Cruz is a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center nursing home in West Brookfield who is taking pre-requisite courses to pursue a Licensed Practical Nursing degree at Holyoke Community College.

Cruz was recognized for having “a gently and loving touch with the residents,” and someone who is “incredibly dedicated and hard-working, who greets everyone with a smile.” She also goes out of her way to be a mentor to others.

Alicia Decelle is a Staff Development Coordinator/Infection Preventionist at

Palmer Health Care Center who is pursuing an Associate Degree in Nursing at Quinsigamond Community College. Decelle was recognized for being “a great teacher, and a hard worker,” who is well respected by her peers.

“We commend the 2024 Mass Senior Care Foundation Scholars for their commitment to this profession and to the older adults and individuals with disabilities who consider our facilities their home,” said Bill Bogdanovich, chair of the Mass Senior Care Foundation Board of Directors and President and CEO of Broad Reach Healthcare. “The Foundation is proud to support these dedicated individuals in achieving their educational and professional goals.”

“We believe strongly that a well-supported and educated workforce is critical to promoting a positive resident experience,” said Tara Gregorio, president of the Mass Senior Care Association. “Working with Mass Senior Care Foundation, our affiliate organization, we are focusing our resources on expanding career ladder opportunities, attracting new dynamic talent into the profession, while we also continue to address our frontline workforce shortages by improving recruitment and retention strategies.”

About the Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation

The Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization founded in 1985

by visionary leaders of the long term care provider community to enhance the quality of care for older adults and people with disabilities.

Through partnerships with professional, government and academic organizations, the Foundation promotes innovative tools, services, programs and research to benefit workforce and clinical quality across the continuum of care.

In addition, since 1985, the Foundation’s highly regarded annual scholarship program, designed to build the skills of our long term care workforce, has awarded nearly \$3 million in scholarships to help more than 1,600 long term care staff to advance their educational and professional development in long term care.

## Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce announces 2025 officers and directors

PALMER – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, the non-profit organization that promotes business, development and tourism within surrounding communities of Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties, has announced the election of its Officers & Directors following the Chamber’s Annual Meeting conducted earlier this month.

“The Chamber is blessed to have a diverse group of business leaders who bring their wealth of experience, knowledge and dedication to our region,” said James Przypek, Chief Executive Officer of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. “Each of them has demonstrated their commitment in assisting our member businesses with the tools and resources they need to grow, and to promote the Quaboag Hills region to visitors and residents alike.”

The Chamber has elected Palmer resident and the co-owner of J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Renee Niedziela, as President of the Chamber. Niedziela first joined the Chamber’s Board of Directors in 2016, and since 2018, has served on several Committees, and as both Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer during her tenure with the Chamber.

David Loos of Brimfield has been elected as the Chamber’s 1st President,

while Edward Fisher Jr. of Wales has been tapped as 2nd Vice President.

Loos, joined the Chamber’s Board in 2023 following a successful law enforcement career and has since be named an Associate Partner with Keller Williams Realty Pioneer Valley. Fisher is the owner of Fisher Tech Solutions, a digital marketing agency that specializes in custom web development, search engine and pay-per-click optimization.

New appointments to the Chamber’s Board of Directors include: Kaitlin Young of the Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, Michael Moore, owner of Silver Bell Farm in Monson, Rebecca Maurer, owner of Quabbin Valley Eye Care in Palmer, and Michael Harris, owner of multiple businesses and development properties in both Ware and Palmer.

Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce Officers and Directors are: President, Renee Niedziela, J. Stolar Insurance Agency; 1st Vice President, David Loos, Keller Williams Realty Pioneer Valley; 2nd Vice President, Edward Fisher Jr., Fisher Tech Solutions; Treasurer, Julie Quink, Burkhart, Pizzanelli, P.C.; Assistant Treasurer, Lena Buteau, Monson Savings Bank; and Clerk: Amy Scribner, River East School to Career.

Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are: Susan

Barbiasz, Westfield Bank; Eric Duda, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District; Tracey Giard, Country Bank; Teresa Grove, Baystate Health Foundation; Michael Harris, Canna Retreat & Dioguardi Jewelers; Rebecca Maurer, Quabbin Valley Eye Care; Michael Moore, Silver Bell Farm; Lorna Stone, Christopher Heights of Belchertown; and Kaitlin Young, Hardwick Vineyard & Winery.

About the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1978 and headquartered in Palmer, the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce’s purpose is to advance economic growth, interests and tourism for our members through policies, programs and development in the Quaboag Hills region, including the 15 towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren and West Brookfield.

### Light the Night holiday decorating contest Dec. 13-15

WARREN – Warren Parks & Recreation Department’s Light the Night holiday decorating contest will be held in Warren and West Warren on Dec. 13, 14 and 15 from 5-9 p.m.

Maps and voting information will be available for drive-thru pickup on Dec. 13 from 5-8 p.m. at the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High St., at the front entrance door. See Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy hot chocolate and some goodies provided by the Parks & Recreation Department.

On Dec. 14 and 15, maps and voting information will be available outside the Shepard Municipal Building (second entrance) and on the Parks Department’s Facebook page.

Voting will be open from Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. through Dec. 18 at 11:59 p.m.

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# - community - Candlepin League News

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### Bogey Doubles

**EAST BROOKFIELD** – The Bogey Doubles league on Monday nights had a night out of bowling prior to Thanksgiving.

The standings as of Nov. 25 have the doubles team of Tom Clauson and Gary Santora in first place with a total of 46 victories. In second place with 42 victories is the team of Erik Pellett and Jim Nester. Finishing in third place with 40 victories.

The league bowled the Monday night before Thanksgiving and will return to league play on the first Monday in December. One of the matches was between the team of Pellett & Nester bowled against Gauthier & Clough.

In game one, Gauthier & Clough defeated Pellett & Nester 265-245. The highest game in game one was bowled by Dan “Shoe” Gauthier with a 110. In game two, Pellett & Nester rebounded with a win of their own, 283-264. Jim Nester bowled a 121 and Pellett bowled a 111.

In game three, Gauthier & Clough won the last game 284-244. Gauthier ended the match with a 126 and a series of 347.

Total pinfall was won by Gauthier & Clough 813-772.

The team of Travis Sandman and Luke Marvin bowled against Jack Talamini and Bill Gravel. In game one, Sandman & Marvin defeated Talamini & Gravel 274-253. Sandman began the match by bowling a 122.

In game two, Talamini & Gravel won with a 303 combined score to Sandman & Marvin’s 255. Jack Talamini bowled a great game, 141.

In game three, Sandman & Marvin bowled a 311 to win the last game. Sandman finished with a 120 and a series of 333. Luke Marvin finished with a 139 and a series of 351. Sandman 7 Marvin won total pinfall with a final score of 840-815.

Mondor & Brayton bowled against Renaud & Ward. In game one, Mondor & Brayton won 267-260. Steve Renaud Sr. started off with a 120. In game two, Renaud & Ward won 282-246. Tina Ward bowled a 131 to get her team the victory.

In game three, Mondor & Bray-

ton won the last game 276-265. Ward bowled a 117 and a series of 344.

The total pinfall was won by Renaud & Ward 807-789.

The top seed Clauson & Santora bowled against Rando and MacDougall. In game one, Rando & MacDougall 283-267. Duncan MacDougall started off the match with a 113.

In game two, Rando & MacDougall won again 292-260. Dave Rando carried the team with a 116 in game two.

In game three, Rando & MacDougall won the last game to sweep the #1 seed, 269-253. The final score was 844-780 in favor of Rando 7 MacDougall.

The Aaron team, Halbedel & Fontaine, bowled against Murphy & Kenneson. In game one, The Aarons won the first game 277-244. Aaron Fontaine began the match by bowling a 139.

In game two, the Aarons won again 260-247. Fontaine bowled a 123 on his team’s way to another win.

In game three, Halbedel & Fontaine won for a three game sweep over Murphy & Kenneson, 259-236. Fontaine bowled another 123 for a series of 385. Total pinfall was won by the Aarons, 796-727.

**Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes**

### Tournament

**PALMER** – Saturday, Dec. 14, Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes in Palmer is hosting its first ever King of the Hill bowling tournament.

This tournament will be an in-house tournament, meaning those who can compete are league candlepin bowlers at Diamond Junction. Fellow league bowlers will battle it out over the course of three games to qualify in a stepladder final to determine the first king of the hill.

The tournament will be 100% handicapped based off the bowlers’ highest league average. Entry fee is \$35 and prize money will be awarded to the top five qualifiers in the stepladder.

Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes offers leagues during the week, Monday through Friday and many bowlers will experience a tournament format for the first time. The tournament is available for league bowlers at Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes only. The tournament will take place Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11am.

To sign up call the lanes at 413-289-0013. Diamond Junction Bowling Lanes is located at 1446 North Main St. =

## Circle of Song to sing ‘Requiem for the Living’ Dec. 14

**BARRE** – On Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m., the Circle of Song will be performing Dan Forrest’s “Requiem for the Living” in Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St., at 7 p.m.

“Requiem for the Living”, a choral composition in five movements, was completed in 2013. The Latin text that Forrest set combines sections from the Requiem with biblical texts from Ecclesiastes - (Vanity of Vanities, All is Meaningless) and the Book of Job (the problem of evil).

“Requiem for the Living” is an ex-

tended setting of the Requiem, a mass for the dead in the Catholic Church. Forrest took some parts from the Requiem mass, however arranged in different order, and added a movement, Vanitas Vanitatum, as the second movement. The five movements are Introit- Kyrie, Vanitas Vanitatum, Agnus Dei, Sanctus, and Lux Aeterna.

The first movement uses the traditional text Introit and Kyrie from the Requiem. The second movement deals with the transience of everything living. The third movement is Agnus Dei, nor-

mally found towards the end of a Requiem, and requesting the Lamb of God to grant mercy and eternal rest. The fourth movement is Sanctus. The text “Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua” (Heaven and Earth are full of your glory) is set to music inspired by images taken from the Hubble Space Telescope, and the imagination of a city full of life. The final movement, Lux Aeterna (Eternal light) also includes text from the Gospel of Matthew. “Come unto me, all ye that labour”

In the Circle of Song performance

of “Requiem for the Living”, solos will be performed by Karen Guertin, Marna Mucha, Anne Kneeland, Nancy Afonso, Mark Doyle and Jennifer Williams.

Under the direction of the COS pianist, Cailan McClure, “Aint a That Good News” and Ave Maria will also be sung.

If you are interested in joining Circle of Song, contact Julie Rawson, director, at julie@mhof.net, 978-257-1192, or show up at the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St., Barre, on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. You can learn more about Circle of Song at <https://circleofsong.net/>.

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# SPORTS

## Extra point makes difference on Thanksgiving

WARE – While the extra point in college and professional football is almost automatic, it definitely is not in high school. The second extra point kicked by Brady Dyer was the difference maker

on a soaked, raw Thanksgiving morning as Ware defeated Quaboag 14-13. Ware's season finishes with a 7-3 record overall while Quaboag's season ends at 4-7 overall.



Jacob Cacace drags an Indian player down the sideline on this yardage run. TURLEY PHOTOS BY JACK CASCIO NEAP. SMUGMUG.COM



Brasen Sauriol displayed an impressive arsenal of his running talents.



Gavin Williams follows his blockers through the fray.



Cougars defensive pursuits continued throughout the battle.



Cameron Evans plows through this Indian defensive duo.

## Touchdown makes difference in Panthers Turkey Day loss

BARRE – Quabbin High School football was looking to score its eighth win of the season last Thursday morning on Thanksgiving morning. Unfortunately, for the second

time this season, Gardner prevailed and the Panthers suffered a 12-6 loss on a rain-soaked matchup on Gardner's turf field. The Panthers season ends at 7-4 overall.



Jamyeson Pina attempts to make a tackle.



Noah Miett makes a block on the line.



Luke Salvatore tries to take off on a run. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Bryce Venne pounces on a fumble.



Bryce Venne kicks off for the Panthers during action in 2024.

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# Late touchdown lifts Pioneers



Quarterback Anthony Arventos sends a throw up the middle.

PALMER – Last Thursday morning, Pathfinder and Belchertown were knotted 14-14. But a touchdown in the second half sealed the win for Pathfinder, giving the Pioneers its 10th win in the all-time series against the Orioles. The two teams were able to play the game on Palmer High's Legion field with the Panthers on the road at Ludlow. Pathfinder's win on Thanksgiving was its third for 2024.



Anthony Arventos sends a kick away. TURLEY PHOTOS BY SOFIA DIGRANDE



The Pioneers huddle up before a play.



Nicholas Pfister looks to avoid tacklers as he makes a run for the sideline.



Jake Mastej looks to make a tackle.

## All-Star soccer action

SPRINGFIELD – Last Monday night on the turf of Pope Francis High School, high school soccer held all-star games. Class C and D played in one match while A and B clashed in another. Lucas Alvan and Thomas Wadas were among the all-stars, representing Ludlow High School in the match.



Justin Davis and Evan Costa represented Pathfinder in this year's boys all-star game. TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Evan Costa represents Pathfinder in the Class C and D game.



Justin Davis moves up the field.

## T-Birds climb back above .500 with win over Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (10-9-1-0) got off to a quick start en route to a 3-2 win over the Providence Bruins (8-10-2-0) on Sunday afternoon at Amica Mutual Pavilion on a day when the two teams sported throwback jerseys. Springfield donned the Indians jerseys circa 1979, while the Bruins wore their late 1990s gold "Pooh Bear" logo jerseys.

The T-Birds jumped ahead on the scoreboard for a sixth consecutive game, this time just 3:51 into the contest. Scott Harrington settled a puck at the right point and fired it toward the net mouth with two teammates setting up screens. Aleksanteri Kaskimaki showed terrific hand-eye coordination, successfully spiking it down to the ice between the legs of Bruins goalie Michael DiPietro, giving the T-Birds a 1-0 lead. Harrington picked up his first point as a T-Bird, and Dalibor Dvorsky earned the secondary assist to extend his point streak to five games.

Colten Ellis drew the net for a second consecutive start, looking to extend a five-game streak without a regulation loss, making nine stops in the opening period. The Bruins' first and only power play of the period, though, got the game evened when Patrick Brown cleaned up his own rebound following a splendid Ellis save at 13:49, evening the slate, 1-1.

Springfield failed to connect on its first power play, but the T-Birds took advantage with 1:56 of man-up time

to begin the second. Samuel Johanneson got the play started from the right point, whipping a pass in the left circle to Marcus Sylvegard. The winger uncorked a shot that DiPietro deflected but could not cover. The rebound sat in the blue paint, where Matt Luff swooped in to backhand the puck across the goal line to give the T-Birds the 2-1 lead just 38 seconds into the middle period.

The Bruins attack could not get anything going in the T-Birds end, registering just four shots on Ellis for the duration of the second. Springfield's offense remained opportunistic and extended the lead at 13:04 when Dylan Peterson flipped a puck toward the net, allowing Reece Newkirk to slip it into the blue paint and Drew Callin to bury the loose change to make it a 3-1 score.

Providence did not go down easily as defenseman Mason Millman connected for his first goal as a Bruin with a slap shot just 1:36 into the final period to make it a 3-2 game. The Bruins had the bulk of the offensive chances in the final period, but Ellis and the Springfield defense did enough to prevent the home side from finding an equalizer. Ellis, who is now 5-0-1 in his last six starts, had 25 saves in the victory.

The T-Birds, who now sit above the .500 plateau for the first time since they won their season opener, rest up before welcoming the Bridgeport Islanders on Friday night at the MassMutual Center, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m.

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# Hall of Fame hosting pair of college matchups

SPRINGFIELD – The MGM Springfield Basketball Hall of Fame Classic, presented by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, takes place on “World Basketball Day,” Saturday, Dec. 21, at the MassMutual Center and will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

“We are proud to work with local stakeholders to bring local businesses in as sponsors of the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “Thank you to MGM Springfield and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism for supporting the Hall of Fame Classic and helping us fulfill our mission of celebrating and promoting basketball’s history and bringing four great teams to the ‘Birthplace of Basketball.’”

“This iconic event in the birthplace of basketball is a hoop dream realized for many of the sports’ up and coming stars,” said Louis Therios,

MGM Springfield President and COO. “MGM Springfield is incredibly proud to support and celebrate the Classic, honoring basketball’s rich legacy, inspiring future generations, bringing visitors to downtown, and shining a light on the City of Firsts.”

“The Basketball Hall of Fame Classic is a slam dunk for Massachusetts tourism,” said Kate Fox, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. “By celebrating World Basketball Day in the sport’s birthplace, we’re inviting visitors from across the country to experience the excitement of the game and explore our state’s diverse offerings.”

Tickets for the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Classic are on sale now via massmutualcenter.com and the MassMutual Center Box Office. For more information, please visit hoophall.com. Group ticket pricing and hospitality opportunities are also available.

# Railers takes two of three on the road

WITCHITA, KS – The Worcester Railers HC (8-10-0-1 17pts) fell to the Wichita Thunder (10-9-1-0, 21pts), on Saturday night by the final score of 6-2 in front of a crowd of 4,009 at the INTRUST Bank Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at the Cool Insuring Arena taking on the Adirondack Thunder on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. EST.

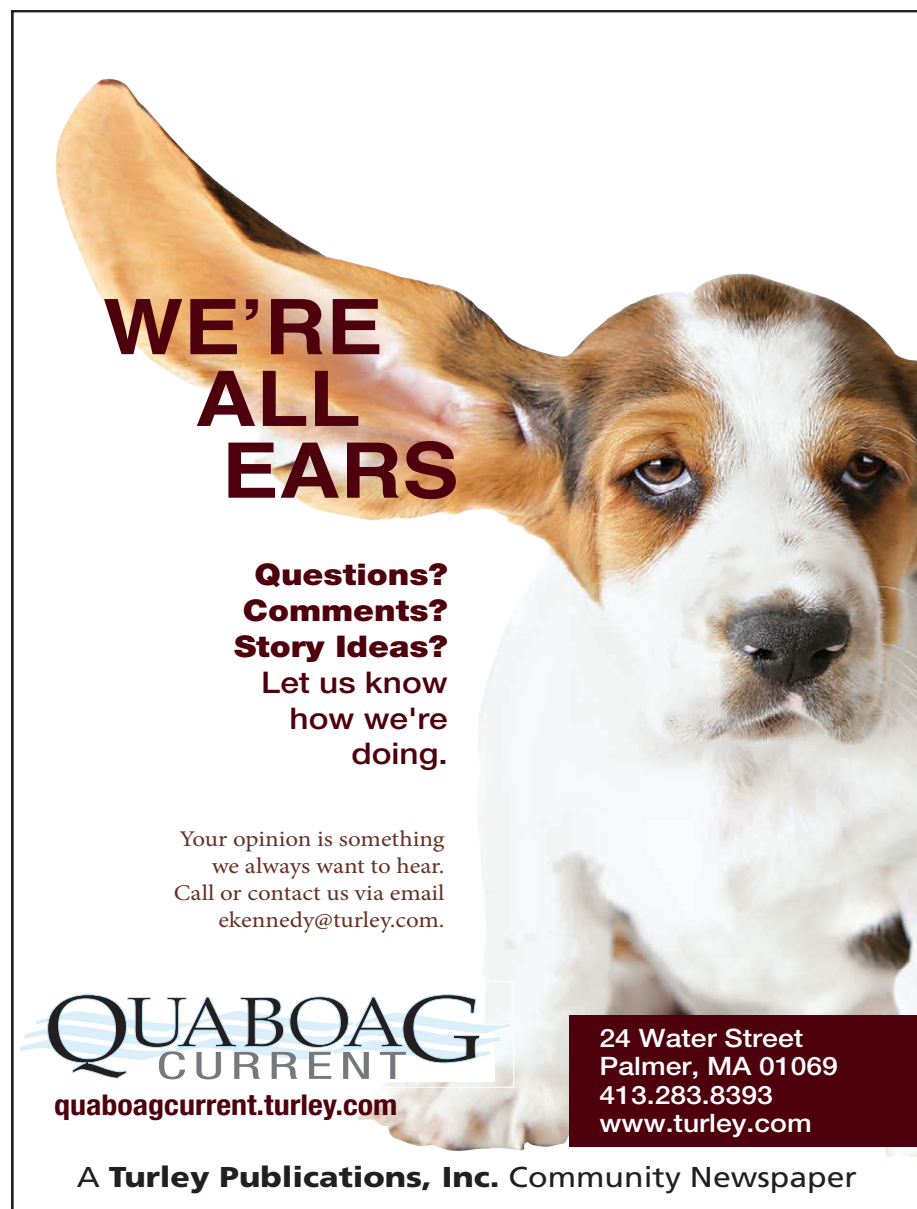
It was Wichita who tallied the first goal on the board as they took an early 1-0 lead 1:08 into the first period, with a goal from Jeremie Bucheler (1-1-2). Joe Carroll (1-0-1) extended the lead to 2-0 6:01 into the first. Colin Jacobs (1-0-1) then netted one for Worcester making it a 2-1 game. Wichita then scored two unanswered to finish the first period coming from Nolan Kneen (1-0-1) and Nolan Burke (1-0-1) making it a 4-1 Wichita lead headed into the second period. Anthony Repaci (1-0-1) scored the only second period goal with his power play goal with under a second remaining in the period. Wichita closed the game out with two third period goals, the first coming from Michal Stinil (1-1-2) on the power play while Braden Hache (1-1-2) was able to score on the empty net to close out the scoring, leaving the game with a 6-2 final score.

The scoring came early from Wichita through the first 20 minutes of play.

Wichita got started with a goal from Jeremie Bucheler (4th) just 1:08 into the game. Joe Carrol (7th) extended the Wichita lead to 2-0 6:01 into the first. The Railers answered back with a goal from Colin Jacobs (2nd) with just over eight minutes to go in the first. Wichita finished the period by pushing their lead to 4-1 with goals from Nolan Kneen (1st) and Nolan Burke (3rd). Shots favored Worcester in the first 22-12.

Despite the five total goals in the first both teams scoring slowed down in the second period. It looked as if the second period would go without a score until Anthony Repaci (14th) scored a power play goal with under a second to go in the period making it a 4-2 game heading into the third period. Shots Favored Worcester 12-8 in the second.

The third period was another low scoring period on both ends. The stalemate was broken when the Thunder got on the power play and cashed in with a goal from Michal Stinil (10th) 16:15 into the third period. The Railers went with an empty net late in the third trying to make the comeback, but the Braden Hache (1st) of the Thunder was able to get the puck all the way down the ice and score on the empty net making the final score 6-2. Shots favored Worcester 16-12 in the third and 50-32 in the game.



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# Volleyball Hall mourns loss

HOLYOKE – The International Volleyball Hall of Fame announced the passing of Board of Directors member Charlie Diener on Oct. 29. He was a dedicated and long-time member of the IVHF Board of Directors. Charlie’s passion for volleyball and his unwavering commitment to the Hall of Fame were exemplified through his leadership as past Chair of the Events Committee and his many years of service to our mission. “Charlie’s legacy will live on in every event that we host, in every inductee that we honor, and in the many lives that he influenced while on the IVHF Board,” said IVHF

President Steve Bishop. “Back in 2017 we honored Charlie (and Rick Barry) with the inaugural IVHF President’s Award for their long-time service. They set the standard for future recipients of this award.” “Charlie’s contributions went far beyond the planning and execution of events,” said George Mulry, IVHF Executive Director. “He brought energy, creativity, and a collaborative spirit that inspired those around him. His tireless work and genuine love for the sport have left an indelible mark on our organization, and his efforts have played a significant role in shaping the IVHF’s legacy.”

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Happy New Year!

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## Annual Stuff a Cruiser toy drive is Dec. 8

HARDWICK – The South Barre Rod and Gun Club, 2626 Barre Road (Route 32), will host the annual Stuff a Cruiser event to benefit the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department's

Christmas for Kids Program on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

This event helps give kids in the Hardwick and New Braintree communities a wonderful Christmas holiday.

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the story time friends would like you to come on in and purchase your "stuff your own bear/animal". The kit includes a stuffed animal, stuffing and house for \$12. A portion of the proceeds will go to the library's playground fund. Cash or check only.

The library will also be getting a visit from jolly old St. Nick. Santa Clause will be paying a visit to the library on his way to the North Pole on Thursday,

Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Please drop by and have a picture taken with your own camera. Well-behaved pets are welcome as well.

While you are visiting the library, feel free to drop off any donations to their Mitten Tree or if you need anything, look and see what the Mitten Tree or food shelf has.

The East Brookfield Public Library is located at 122 Connie Mack Drive.

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The students spent Oct. 15-18 at the Ecology School, which is an annual trip the school district holds to help integrate the students from both schools before they attend middle school together. Time at the Ecology School is spent enjoying lessons, games and activities.

"We learned a lot about erosion, plate tectonics and the ABCs of ecology," one of the students said. "It was very fun."

Students also enjoyed the food at the Ecology School, which was described as "very good," especially the chicken tacos. Students competed for "The Golden Spoon," a prize awarded to the cleanest meal table.

Sixth graders took a bus from the Ecology School to explore tide pools, getting a close up view of crabs and snails.

"It was fun because you could kind of just go explore with your group in different areas," another student said.

#### Changes in athletic league

Athletic Director David Bouchard said the school district is currently part of the 12-school district known as the Southern Worcester County League.

He said the league is diverse, with larger regional schools like Tantasqua, matched with smaller districts like Quaboag.

"That discrepancy in size often leads to competitions between schools that really don't make a whole lot of sense," Bouchard said. "It's typically not a very competitive situation. Those situations aren't good for either school, and they're situations that are very challenging to manage."

Bouchard said there have been conversations amongst the 35 school districts in District 2 about creating more equitable competition. He said it was decided that these school districts would all merge into one league.

"The metrics for determining who we're going to play...will be based on the same metrics that are used for deciding tournaments," he said, including using power rankings and a competitive equity multiplier.

These are measuring standards that the state is already using, Bouchard said.

Bouchard said the benefits will be better competition and more equal playing fields, as well as more junior varsity opportunities, primarily for female athletes.

"This would broaden our pool of people that we could go out and get JV soccer games with, JV field hockey games, as we need them," he said.

Bouchard said this change is expected to start for the fall 2025 athletic season.

#### Cheerleader recognition

Bouchard and the School Committee

recognized the fall cheerleading team for its long and successful season.

"Congratulations on a wonderful season that is still in progress," Bouchard said. "You are officially, along with football, the longest season of the entire fall. You've managed to do that because you've been very successful."

Bouchard credited the team's coaches and the student athletes' dedication and work ethic.

Duff talked about the growth of the cheerleading program and the number of hours spent training for competition.

"It's a great group of girls, very hard-working," Coach Jennifer Gagnon said.

She thanked the school district's administration for supporting the program.

#### MCAS scores and student growth

Superintendent Stephen Duff said the school district received Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System results, which showed that the school district was "not in need of service."

He said this is determined by the progress that students are making through grades three through six at the elementary school level, as well as grades seven, eight and 10 at the middle/high school.

West Brookfield Elementary School Principal Melissa Provost said third grade students at her school were recognized by the commonwealth for their high achievements in English Language Arts and math.

Fifty percent of the third grade students met or exceeded the state average in ELA and 8% surpassed it. In math, 62% of the students met or exceeded and 17% surpassed the state average.

Provost said the impact of COVID-19 is still evident for fourth grade students, who have not shown the same amount of growth as the third graders.

"Our third graders are the first group of students that have had some pre-school and kindergarten, full, all the way through," she said. "It does have an impact overall."

Provost said even though fourth grade students didn't score as high, there was 47% student growth in ELA and 51% in math.

Fifth grade students, who experienced remote and hybrid learning in their first two years of school, have shown a "fairly high" percentage increase for student growth.

She said there was another big jump in ELA scores for sixth grade students with a median student growth percentage of 70% compared to the state average of 50%.

Warren Community Elementary School Principal Eugene Rich said while there are still challenges for third grade

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December and has had an outstanding reception so far.

The tournament will consist of a total of four shifts, two on Saturday and two on Sunday. Shift times on both days are noon and 2 p.m. Each doubles team will bowl a total of three games with their handicap added afterwards. Prizes will be based on the number of entries the tournament will draw.

As of Dec. 1 the entries have grown and now have 40 teams signed up, which totals up to 80 bowlers. The tournament will take place on the weekend of Dec. 7 and 8. Many of the bowlers who compete in these tournaments come from all over western and even central Massachusetts.

During the tournament series bowlers will earn points to help determine the top 24 bowlers who compete in the sea-

son championship playoff. Last year's winner was Paul Green out of Agawam Bowl. Green is competing again in this year's WNECA tournament series and is seeking to defend the championship.

For any bowlers new to this tournament series, you must provide proof of your highest league average from last year. The average will help WNECA tournament directors determine the handicap for each bowler.

More information regarding the Western New England Candlepin Association can be found on their Facebook page. Point standings for this year's tournament series are listed on the WNECA Facebook page as well.

Cheer the bowlers on during the Doubles Tournament at Bogey Lanes, 199 North Brookfield Road.

students, about 83% are at least partially meeting expectations or better in ELA.

"Looking at that percentage growth, we want to see which students we can get them to move to that next level and make sure that we're targeted for that," Rich said.

In math, the third grade students are comparable to the state average, Rich said.

In grade four, ELA scores show students in the "partially meeting expectations" category being very close to "meeting expectations."

Rich said grade four math scores remain consistent compared to last year's data.

Rich said the grade five curriculum is challenging, and that all of the educators are dedicated to improving instruction and working with students.

The sixth grade average for ELA is almost the same as the state average, and the majority of students were able to land in the "meeting expectations" and "partially meeting expectations" categories for math.

In the middle school, Duff said 81% of grade seven students are making progress toward their goals in ELA, with 45% student growth. He said with math, 93% are making progress with the student growth at 41%.

Grade eight ELA had 31% student growth and math is also trending in the right direction. For science and technology, students are at 87% making progress toward meeting expectations.

In the high school, Duff said grade 10 students continue to do "a spectacular job" with ELA, as well as math. A large percentage of students are exceeding or meeting expectations in ELA.

In terms of Advanced Placement courses, Duff said Quaboag Regional High School continues to be ranked as a silver school, and was one point short of earning a gold school rating.

"Our students have a very well rounded education here at Quaboag," Duff said.

Duff said as of Dec. 5, the MCAS will no longer be a requirement for graduation. He said the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship will still be awarded based on MCAS results for graduating seniors attending state colleges and universities.

#### Student Advisory Council update

Student Advisory Council representatives Katelynn Swistak and Nora Pennington-Russell gave an update about upcoming activities and fundraisers.

For the senior class, a Krispy Kreme fundraiser will be held after Christmas, and class dues will be collected around the same time. Pennington-Russell said the class is also working on prom details. Swistak said the 11th grade is meet-

ing every Wednesday to plan a "The Great Gatsby" themed junior dinner dance. She said the class is also offering a gift card calendar fundraiser.

The 10th grade finished a successful pie fundraiser, and will assist the Parks & Recreation Department during the "Light the Night" townwide event.

The ninth grade will be holding Penny Wars soon, and a basketball night later in the school year.

The National Honor Society, Junior Honor Society and National Arts Honor Society have been organizing Oh So Strong fundraisers to benefit student Olivia Hebert, who was diagnosed with a rare form of ovarian cancer. Events included a movie night, trivia night and a spaghetti dinner.

"The community wants to support her family," Pennington-Russell said.

Juniors and seniors were invited to attend a financial aid night presented by Richard O'Connor from Elms College.

"It was a very informative presentation about the upcoming steps...especially for seniors planning on attending college next fall," Swistak said.

Students continue to offer fall yard cleanups for senior citizens and community members with health issues.

Fall sports are coming to a close, and the winter sports season is ready to begin.

The Theater Department will perform "Beauty and the Beast" on Dec. 13, 14 and 15. Tickets will be available online.

Duff recognized Swistak for being named in the "Best of 60 Seniors" in the commonwealth for field hockey. During the game which featured student athletes from across the state, Swistak scored a goal for her team.

"It was a great experience," she said.

#### Food Services update

Duff said WCES needed a new dishwasher which cost \$47,000 and was paid for out of the Food Services revolving account. Reimbursements from school lunches go into this account and do not have an impact on the department's operating budget or town assessment.

#### Utility costs

The cost of electricity will be 11 cents per kilowatt hour; a reduction from last year's rate of 17 center per kilowatt hour. Duff said the school district entered into a three-year contract for a reduced rate on the utility.

Duff said the cost of natural gas for cooking at two of the schools in the district increased by two cents per therm.

He said the cost of heating oil has not been determined yet. He said the school district is part of the French River Collaborative, purchasing heating oil at a bulk rate.

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## Nativities From Around the World displayed Dec. 5-8

**NORTH BROOKFIELD** – The 15th annual Nativities From Around the World held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 108 New Braintree Road (Route 67) will be displayed for four days, Dec. 5-8.

Dates and times include Friday, Dec. 6 from 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 8 from noon-2 p.m.

There will be over 500 nativities displayed this year and all will be in settings of various Christmas themes. Some are

old, some are new, some are classic and others modern.

It is always amazing how many ways the human spirit and artistry can portray the central theme of Christmas, the birth of Christ.

There is never a charge of any kind, nor any donation or solicitation for any event at the Church, including the Nativities display. All are warmly welcomed.

The Church is located 2.2 miles north of the North Brookfield town center.

## Federated Church hosts Holly Berry Fair on Dec. 7

**STURBRIDGE** – The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale will hold its annual Holly Berry Fair on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall at 8 Maple St.

Featured local artisans include Penny Adams (Violet Hummingbird), Charles Batterby (Sunset Leatherworks), Benjamin Brigham (Brigham Crafting), Nancy Castendyk (The Penny Wooden Doll), Bonnie Fancy (Fancy Knits), Collette Gage (Emma's Acres Alpacas), and Kimberly Hachey (Simply Soaps).

The fair will also feature Roger Hall (My Shop), Gary Jesz (G&J Wood-

working), Koinonia (Handicrafts), Nartarsha Lester (Beads by Tea), Barbara L'heureux (Pen & Ink Drawings), Janet Rae-Sinianian (T & Roses), Debra Rooney (Making Memories), Shree Weaver (Shree's Handmade Pottery), and Dee Wilson (Handmade by Dee).

For additional information about the Holly Berry Fair or other upcoming events, please visit the Church website at [sturfed.org](http://sturfed.org), visit the Church's Facebook page @FederatedChurchSturbridge-Fiskdale, or contact the Church office by calling 774-304-1021 or emailing [churchoffice@sturfed.org](mailto:churchoffice@sturfed.org).

## Warren's annual tree lighting to be held Dec. 6

**WARREN** – The annual tree lighting will be held on the common on Friday, Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m. with a bad weather date of Dec. 7.

Bring a letter with a return address to Santa Claus and place it in the special mail box to get a reply from the North Pole. Don't forget your camera to take a photo with the jolly old elf.

The Quaboag High School Cheer team will perform at 5:30 p.m. and the tree lighting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

A tree decorating contest will be held this year. For a \$5 donation, decorate your provided tree from 4:30-6 p.m. with tree judging from 6-7 p.m. and the winner announced at 7:15 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners.

A shuttle will be provided by Lizak Bus Service from Quaboag Regional Middle High School to the Warren Public Library.

Events and activities will be held at various locations around the common. Mason's Grille will be open to serve beef stew and clam chowder (for purchase) and offer free refreshments; Warren Water Department will have free refreshments and a story time offered by the West Warren Library; Warren One Stop Market will have free coffee and Warren Package Store will have free hot cocoa and Glenda's

will have face painting and a craft.

Warren WIC will have an open house with games and prizes and Warren Public Library will have cookies. Dunkin Donuts will have coupons and the Donut Man.

Diva Dance School will host a number of vendors and also offer refreshments. The Lost Arts will have an open house with items for sale, and a chance to visit with the Grinch and Cindy Lou, as well as free make and take craft activities for the first 100 participants.

WWBFYC will have popcorn and hats for sale, in addition to 2025 season sign-ups and cheerleader performance.

There will be musical entertainment provided throughout the night by the Quaboag Chorus, horsedrawn carriage rides, s'mores making over fires provided by Parks & Recreation, apple cider donated by Breezeland Orchards, hot dog kits (\$5) and candy bars sold by Boy Scout Troop 142, jewelry for sale by Tam O'Shanter Farm, New England Rustic Shop and hot chocolate sold by Dance Factory.

The Warren Fire Department will be selling wreaths, and the Warren Police Department will stuff a cruiser to benefit the Jingle Fund (toy donations welcomed). The CERT team will be handing out safety information.



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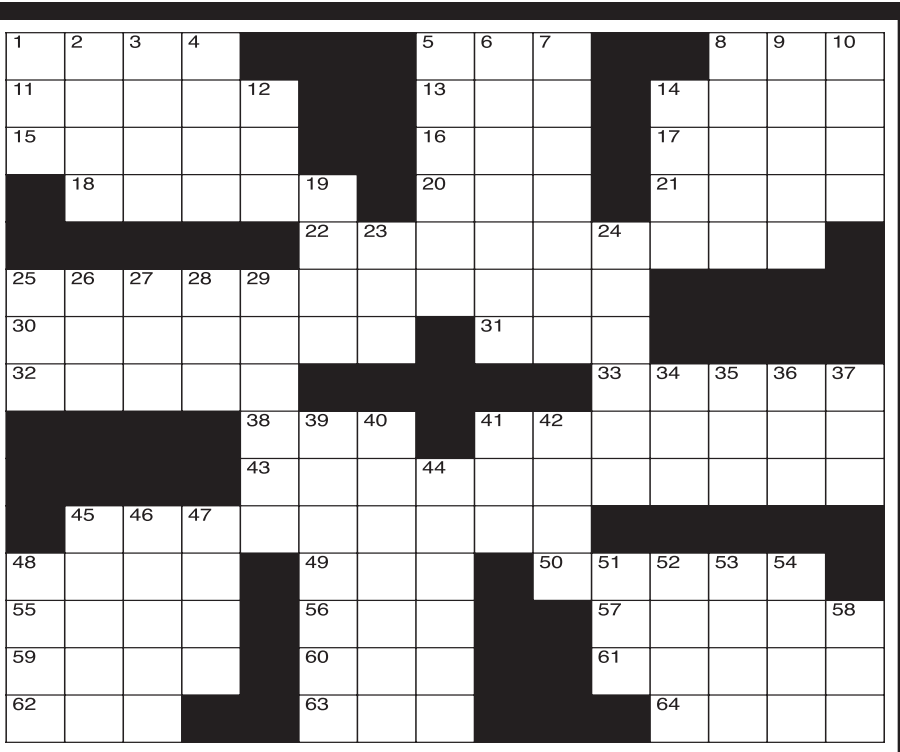
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### Monday, Oct. 28

8:20 a.m. Medical Emergency, Connie Mack Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 8:38 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, East Main Street, Investigated  
 10:07 a.m. Burglary, Baker Hill Road, Report Taken  
 4:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Connie Mack Drive, Spoken To  
 5:09 p.m. Medical Emergency, Podunk Road, Transported to Hospital  
 5:27 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
 8:17 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, East Main Street, Arrest(s) Made

### Tuesday, Oct. 29

10:04 a.m. Assist Citizen, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled  
 2:50 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Sturbridge Road, Transported to Hospital

### Wednesday, Oct. 30

8:58 a.m. Medical Emergency, East Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 5:12 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Flag Road, Extinguished  
 8:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued  
 8:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued

### Thursday, Oct. 31

3:34 a.m. 911 Fire/Structure, West Main Street, Death/Unattended  
 7:46 a.m. Complaint, West Main Street, Dispatch Handled  
 1:36 p.m. Complaint, Red Gable Road, Report Taken  
 8:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued  
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### Friday, Nov. 1

6:53 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, West Main Street, Unfounded  
 5 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, Park Street, Extinguished

### Saturday, Nov. 2

12:02 p.m. Medical Emergency, Knox Trail Road, Transported to Hospital  
 3 p.m. 911 Fire/Brush, East Main Street, Extinguished  
 7:13 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Podunk Road, Services Rendered

9:49 p.m. Medical Emergency, Cove Street, Transported to Hospital  
 11:18 p.m. Complaint, North Brookfield Road, Spoken To

### Sunday, Nov. 3

9:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Podunk Road, Citation Issued

10:06 a.m. Trespass, Stevens Road, Spoken To  
 11:13 a.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Podunk Road, Extinguished  
 11:40 a.m. 911 Trespass, Dunn Brook Road, Report Taken  
 4:29 p.m. 911 Disturbance, East Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 10:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Criminal Complaint

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### Tuesday, Nov. 26

7:35 p.m. Safety Hazard, Ware Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

### Wednesday, Nov. 27

5:13 a.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
 8:15 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Oakham Road, Negative Contact

### Thursday, Nov. 28

9:45 a.m. Assist Citizen, Bernard Whitney Road, Spoken To  
 12:05 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Barre Cut Off Road, Officer Handled  
 9:31 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

### Friday, Nov. 29

7:53 a.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
 8:03 a.m. Safety Hazard, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 3:08 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ravine Road, Dispatch Handled

### Saturday, Nov. 30

4:02 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, West Road, Vehicle Towed

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