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Selectmen discuss distillery proposal

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen began their May 15 meeting with a discussion on a presentation from Deep Roots Distillery.

This company is currently looking at the property of 1212 Southbridge Road to relocate from their Sturbridge location. Co-owner of Deep Roots Distillery, Keith Devarenne, attended the meeting and wanted to know if the town would welcome a pouring permit on the site, in addition to the distillery.

Chairman Richard Eichacker said the area is zoned correctly and the company could have alcohol on site if food is available on site, and the owner did mention offering a small restaurant as well. If food is on the premises, they can serve alcohol.

Selectmen David Dufresne asked the owner about offering axe throwing. Devarenne said Deep Roots Distillery does offer axe throwing at their current location in Sturbridge and would want to offer axe throwing if they move to Warren, but on a smaller scale.

Another idea the owner had for the Warren property, if purchased by them, was

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PLAY BALL!



Ron Buelow threw out one of the first pitches during the ceremony.

Ware Youth Baseball celebrates season with parade

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WARE – For the first time since 2019, Ware Youth Baseball players collectively yelled “play ball” during the opening day parade and ceremony held at Grenville Park this past Sunday.

The teams and their coaches formed a line behind the color guard made up of the town’s veterans and paraded around the first diamond before making their way onto the ballfield for the opening

ceremony.

Over 160 youth signed up to join one of the 16 teams from T-ball up through a 12U travel team.

Ware Youth Baseball President Shawn Clark said these are some of the highest numbers the organization has seen in years. This year, registration for the recreational teams was free, and Clark thanked all of

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Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Regan Murphy accepted a home plate plaque in honor his late mother, Kristen Murphy, from Ware Youth Baseball President Shawn Clark. Clark is also the head coach of the 12U travel team and the 10-12 recreational team, Ware High School’s junior varsity baseball team and the assistant varsity coach.

Committee reviews concept designs for common

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WARREN – The Town Common Improvement Project Committee held a virtual meeting on May 19 to discuss concept design ideas.

The committee was joined by John O’Leary of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and consultants from Weston & Sampson. Farah Dukkak and Bichen Wang provided a concept based off answers from the public survey and from input during the first public meeting.

The consultants were able to clarify the exact area of where the property line is and helps expand the parking lot for the Town Common. Dukkak says there used to be a right of way that is town owned and helps put additional parking spots on either side of the right of way.

There will soon be a final design that will be presented at the town meeting. The consultants would briefly review the considerations and recommendations for the town common and have implemented those into the design they had presented at this recent public meeting.

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Adult learners celebrated at graduation ceremony

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WARE – This past Saturday, nine graduates were honored and celebrated for completing their high school equivalency degrees through The Literacy Project.

On May 17, a large crowd of family and friends gathered at the bandstand at Grenville Park to watch as each graduate was called up to receive their diplomas from Town Manager Stuart Beckley.

The graduates of the 2024-2025 class were Kaylee Couture, Deyanira Gonzalez, Aiden Harper, Misty Dawn Hittle, Nyari Holly, James Musick, Colin Powers, Marissa Lee Rathburn and Keith Wilbanks.

Master of ceremonies for the event was The Literacy Project’s Ware Site Director,



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Nyari Holly walked across the stage to accept her diploma at The Literacy Project’s graduation ceremony held in Grenville Park on May 17.

RJ Ferullo, who talked about the various reasons students seek support from the adult learning center, and how their life experiences led them on a different education journey than most.

Ferullo said many of the students reached a point in

their journey where they said they were done and not coming back to classes, but they all found a way to keep moving ahead.

“Continuing was an awesome feat,” he said.

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★ MILITARY ★ Day APPRECIATION

Race Cars for a Cause returns to Palmer track

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PALMER – For the eighth year, Race Cars for a Cause and Palmer Motorsports Park teamed up to provide an unforgettable way to give back to our nation’s veterans and their families with the annual

Military Appreciation Day.

This past Saturday, despite the threat of rain, close to 150 veterans were given the chance of a lifetime by getting to ride passenger side in a number of performance cars, including various Porsches, BMWs, Mazda Miatas, Ford Mustangs and more.

These impressive cars were driven by volunteer drivers, one of which traces her roots as a professional driver back to the Whiskey Hill track.

Mia Leroux traveled up

from Florida, where she is part of the competitive racing circuit, to visit her “home” track, and give veterans and their family members a fast-paced feel for the highly technical track, which was ranked “one of the top 10 road courses in North America” by Road & Track Magazine.

“This is a great event,” Leroux said. “It’s really inspiring. They really appreciate it.”

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Races Cars for a Cause and Palmer Motorsports Park joined together to offer Military Appreciation Day this past Saturday.



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Ware Senior Center news

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

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

ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 26

Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9 a.m. Movin & Groovin to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.

9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Cornhole
5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 28

9 a.m. Tai-Chi
10 a.m. Scat
10-11:30 a.m. Kirsten Krieger, Quabbin Region DPH Nurse office hours
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Chair Yoga

Thursday, May 29

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, May 30

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

LUNCHES

DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted

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

Monday, May 26

Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27

Chicken ala King over Toast, Dessert of the Day
Wednesday, May 28
Pizza Burger, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, May 29

Cold Plate
Ham-Turkey-Egg Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, May 30

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

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Are You Old News?



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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1989 showed 7-year-old Jessica Savage who landed the biggest fish at the 39th annual Aspen Street Rod & Gun Club's fishing derby. She is shown with Chris Guzik, club president.
If you recognize the folks in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@turley.com.

Ware Library hosts Book Sale May 12-24

WARE – As we welcome birds, flowers, and the month of Maying, you may be getting ready for your spring travels and summer reading.

If you are looking at your plethora of books thinking “I could use some new books,” you are in luck. The Ware Library, 37 Main St., is hosting a Book

Sale happening from May 12-24 during regular library hours in the Reading Room.

The sale will have a huge selection of books, DVDs, and CDs. And all items are \$1 or less – so bring those shopping bags to carry your many items. The Book Sale is open to the public; just drop in.

Library hours are Mondays-Thursdays from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Follow the library on Facebook for updates, visit www.warelibrary.org call 413-967-4858, or email warelibrary1881@gmail.com with any questions.

Paige Memorial Library lists events

HARDWICK – Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, announces vintage baseball on Saturday, June 7 at 1 p.m. at Roach Field, 2380 Barre Road.

The Westfield Wheelmen will oppose the Hardwick Haymen using old-fashioned rules. People may either join the Hardwick Haymen team to play ball or to cheer them on to victory. There will be popcorn, hot dogs and old-fashioned fun.

On Saturday, June 21 at noon there will be a program resented by young adult novelist Dennis Wise. The program, The Theft of Dignity, raises awareness of peer bullying in an absorbing presentation that draws on examples from popular culture, movies, TV shows, and novels such as his own book, “On Your Side” to encourage a respectful community and to offer solutions.

This is open to teens, educators, parents and any others to understand the challenges teens face in their everyday lives and to suggest practical tools for positive change. This program is funded in part by a grant from the Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

On Tuesday, June 24 there will be sign up for the summer reading program “LevelUp!” at the Paige Memorial Library. This summer reading program offers special programs and activities, prizes, and lots of good books to borrow.

On Saturday, June 28 at 1 p.m. at the Town House there will be a program on Birds of prey and Indigenous American artifacts. Wingmasters is a partnership between Julie Anne Collier and Jim Parks, licensed raptor rehabilitators and educators. This program is supported by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information or to register for any presentation, people may call 413-477-6704 or email Director. paigelibrary@gmail.com

Paige Memorial Library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Mars is a Nigerian dwarf goat from the Family Farm Education Cen



Hazel, left, learned to plant pumpkin seeds with Assistant Manager of the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, Lisa Coleman.

Pumpkins, Pop-ups and plants at the Co-Op

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HARDWICK – The Hardwick Farmers Co-Op hosted a fun day of activities featuring pumpkins, pop-ups and plants.

This event had many fun activities and information tied to pumpkins and plants. As guests entered the Co-Op, they would meet Mars the Nigerian dwarf goat. Mars lives at the Family Farm Education Center in Oakham.

The Family Farm Education Center is a non-profit farm supporting children, teens and adults with intellectual and developmental differences, mental health challenges and those on the autism spectrum. This organization offers herbs and spices at their store.

The center also offers employment training in farming, agriculture, animal care and homesteading skills. Other services include social skills groups, self-regulation skills groups and independent living skills groups.

The Family Farm

Education Center brought Mars to the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op to meet visitors who were shopping and enjoying the pop-up activities. Mars was having fun meeting the kids and adults.

The Co-Op was also offering a pumpkin seeding workshop for kids. Giving instructions to the kids was Assistant Manager of the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op Lisa Coleman. Over 15 kids showed up throughout the day to plant their own pumpkin seeds and will soon return to the Co-Op for a pumpkin contest in September.

To go kits were available for pickup and Coleman, along with several instructors, helped kids plant their pumpkin seeds with at home instructions provided. These instructions were fun and easy steps for kids to follow.

“Get as many people involved as possible,” Coleman said.

Hazel was one of many kids who is participating in pumpkin growing and got to planting her pumpkin seeds. Coleman helped Hazel and



The ice cream truck of Maddy's Ice Cream and More, LLC parked at the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op.

asked if she likes to plant; Hazel said she loves planting.

On the other side of the Co-Op, Rich Giordano showed a table of some of the native plants he grows. Visitors got to ask Giordano questions about the plants he grows and shared tips on how to care for them.

Outside was the ice cream truck, provided by Maddy's Ice Cream and More, LLC. This hard scoop ice cream

truck is based out of Gardner and made its way to the Co-Op to offer some tasty ice cream and hot dogs.

The Hardwick Farmers Co-Op is located at 444 Lower Road in Gilbertville. Visit www.hardwickfarmers.net to learn more about the Co-Op, which is a member-owned business that has been in the community since 1914.

Free jazz concert on the lawn is June 1

HARDWICK – Weir River Jazz will present Classical Jazz for Summer Daze, a big band concert, on the grounds of the Stone Church Cultural Center on Route 32 in Gilbertville on Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m.

Come join the musicians “under the tent” to hear the great sounds of a traditional Big Band. Bring

a blanket or lawn chair and relax to some great sounds.

This concert is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the sanctuary section of the church building.

This concert is sponsored in part by the Mass Cultural Council and Country Bank for Savings.

Wine and beer tasting fundraiser is May 30

WARE – The Friends of the Ware Senior Center will host a wine and beer tasting fundraiser on Friday, May 30 from 5-7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road.

Admission is \$5 per person and snacks will be

served. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a gift card raffle from It's Wine O'clock.

Five local craft beers and six wine samples will be provided by It's Wine O'clock.

Students into Phi Theta Kappa at HCC

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College announced that 87 students have been accepted for membership into the Alpha Xi Omega chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society for 2025.

Shelly Bowder of Ware, Brian Maraglia of Ware, and Gavin Sawabi of Ware were some of the inductees.

A campus celebration was held on May 5 for the inductees.


North Brookfield's TOWN WIDE YARD SALE
Saturday, May 24, 2025
(Rain or Shine)



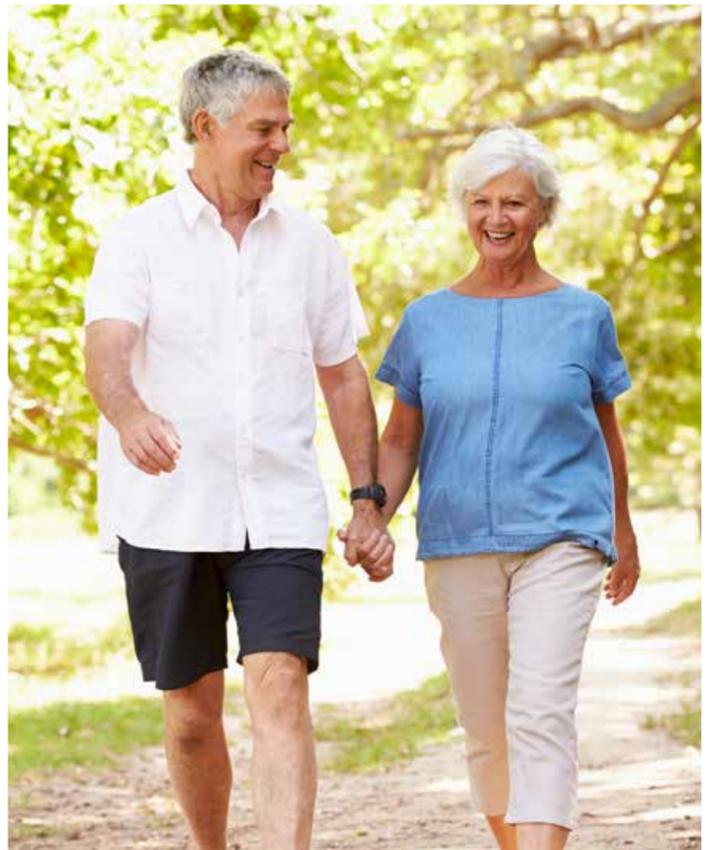
Maps of all yard sale locations will be available for \$2 on Sat. May 24th from 7AM-10AM in front of the Town House, 185 N. Main St., and across the street (Cash, Check, or PayPal)
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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Dear Rusty:

I am a new AMAC member and have an important question for you and your answer will be greatly appreciated.

My question is: Is the new DOGE effort going to help us, or hurt us, all those living on Social Security and receiving Medicare benefits? Please let us know soon.

Regards: Worried Senior

Dear Worried Senior:

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we offer free access to everyone, the public as well as AMAC members, for our acclaimed Social Security Advisory Service, at which we answer all inquiries from anyone with questions about Social Security and enrollment in Medicare.

As you can imagine, we very closely watch all action in Washington, D.C. which will affect Social Security and Medicare, especially any Congressional legislation being considered. The new Department of Government Efficiency organization is tasked with uncovering and eliminating fraud and waste in all areas of the Federal Government and that includes Social Security and Medicare. But the important thing to remember is that DOGE is seeking only to discover fraud and government waste.

Recently a great deal of visibility has been given to DOGE's efforts to discover potential fraud and waste in the Social Security Administration.

Everything we have seen thus far indicates that DOGE's efforts have identified opportunities for reducing fraud and waste at the Social Security Administration, so our expectation is that DOGE's efforts will tend to help the Social Security Administration become more efficient but not endanger anyone's Social Security benefits.

Indeed, President Trump and the DOGE team have repeatedly said that no cuts in Social Security benefits will occur as a result of DOGE's efforts. Reducing fraud and waste at the SSA would tend to improve the agen-

cy's financial posture and improve their ability to pay full benefits longer. The same is true for Medicare.

Actually, DOGE is very transparent and posts everything they find on this website: www.doge.gov. A quick look at this website reveals that none of what they have found at the SSA indicates any threat to SS or Medicare benefits.

I suggest that any negative news media and social media accounts of DOGE's activities be taken with a grain of salt. All such articles are largely meant to attract attention to unlikely "doomsday" scenarios. The reality is that our government is over \$36 trillion in debt, and that debt is growing, which is an unsustainable financial path for our country.

DOGE is specifically tasked with eliminating the deficit gap by reducing frivolous government spending and fraud. But reducing crucial benefits for seniors on Social Security and Medicare are not part of DOGE's efforts, nor their goal.

Rest assured that here at the AMAC Foundation we are watching all current DOGE efforts very closely and will vigorously oppose anything which will negatively affect Social Security and Medicare. Indeed, AMAC's stated goal is to strengthen and preserve Social Security for all future generations.

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Rhododendrons 101

I was never all that fond of rhododendrons. Indeed, they are pretty when in flower, but the other 11 and a half months of the year I find them a bit uninteresting.

As I write, however, I am staring out my window at pink rhododendron buds that before long will burst into bloom. The shrub is on the massive side, and each year a multitude of bees and our resident hummingbirds frequent the blossoms.

For this reason, I am rethinking my stand: when sited appropriately and cared for well, this shrub is deserved of a place in the average landscape, if just for its flowers alone.

Please enjoy a column from the archives that will give you some pointers to help you achieve just that!

Where in the yard should a rhododendron be placed? Most rhododendrons look better when grouped with other shrubs in a border or foundation planting.

Before doing so, however, consider the ultimate size of the variety you have chosen and position it the proper distance away from buildings and other plants. Petite two foot tall container plants may grow upwards of seven feet tall in just ten years!

In our locale, siting in partial shade is best; morning sun and afternoon shade make an ideal combination. Too much sun will result in rhodies with yellow leaves.

What kind of soil do rhododendrons prefer? Most of us know that rhododendrons are acid-loving. They require a soil pH of 5.5. Adjust your pH if necessary by adding agricultural sulfur or ferrous sulfate, not aluminum sulfate.

Soils that are light and well-drained and have a high

organic matter content are desirable, especially if the humus is acidic, say from oak leaves or pine needles.

flower cluster and bend it forward. Deadheading will keep your shrub looking tidy as well as prevent excessive seed formation.

Plants that spend energy making seeds have less energy for next year's flowers. If pruning is needed it can be accomplished at the same time as deadheading; any later and you may sacrifice flower buds.

Since flowers are the plant's main attribute, don't risk it.

How do I deal with large areas of winter kill? This spring has brought with it some seriously damaged rhododendrons. My guess would be that this came as a result of excessive wind and a few days of very chilly late winter weather.

Although I addressed this question over a month ago, readers are still concerned about their rhododendrons and other ericaceous plants such as azaleas and leucothoe, that also have large areas of brown leaves and dead branches. Oftentimes, dead stems that are cut back to well within the shrub, to a point of active growth, will respond with new growth that will rejuvenate the rest of the plant.

I am hopeful that this is the case for my readers.

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.



How should they be planted? Never sink a rhododendron too deeply – plant the root ball level with the ground or even an inch or two above it. Water the newly planted rhododendron well the entire first season.

Since they have very fine roots, it will take a while for the roots to grow from the existing root ball into the surrounding soil. If the root ball dries out during this period it will be hard to rewet and the plant may die. Should this happen, drip water from your hose for several hours until the root ball is rehydrated.

What else can be done to keep rhododendrons healthy? Since rhododendrons are shallow-rooted, keep cultivation at the base of the plant to a minimum. To prevent weeds and conserve soil moisture, consider using a coarse mulch.

If your soil is fertile, extra nutrients are rarely necessary.

Rhododendrons planted in less than ideal soil can benefit from a balanced fertilizer intended for acid-loving plants. Apply it in early spring; never add fertilizer past June or you will encourage succulent growth that is apt to be winter killed.

After large-flowered rhododendrons are done blooming, they can be deadheaded quite easily. Simply hold on to the center of the spent

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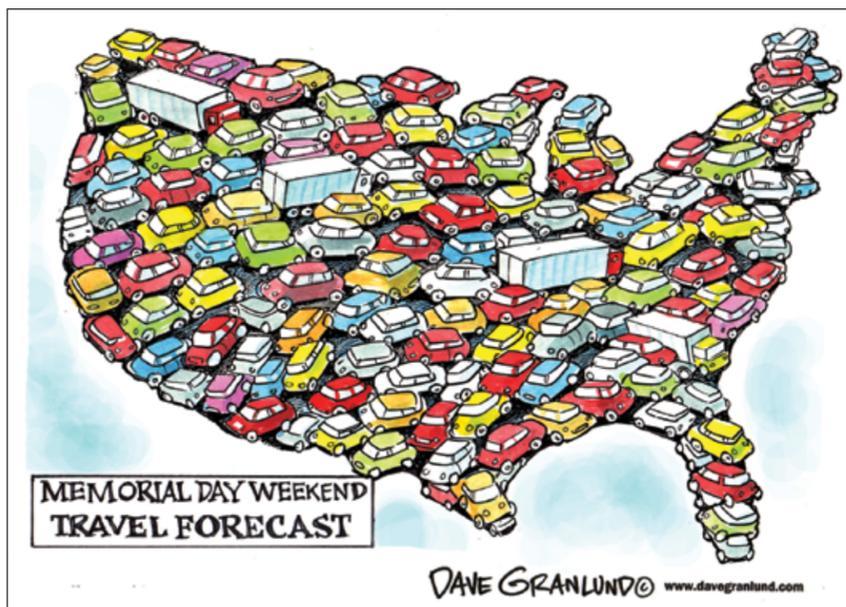
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Is community college the answer?

By Eric Goodhart

GUEST COLUMN

The cost of private four-year colleges and universities has steadily increased far beyond the means of all but a small percent of American households.

Now, in May 2025, a bill is moving through Congress to cap PLUS loans for parents at \$12,500 per year and eliminate the interest-free benefit of Stafford loans for students beginning with the Class of 2026. Colleges that did not adopt the principles and strategies as Grove City and Hillsdale College did in the 1980s will need to become independent or die. Below is the history that has led to this.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 marked the beginning with no end. President Lyndon Johnson signed the Higher Education Act on Nov. 8, 1965. The act aimed to strengthen the educational

resources of our non-profit colleges and universities in the U.S. and provide financial assistance to students in postsecondary and higher education. What first appeared to be a positive thing has become something entirely different.

There are three primary reasons for that. In 1971, President Richard Nixon broke the 1944 Bretton Woods Agreement and removed the dollar from the gold standard. During the 1960s, the Federal Reserve was printing dollars at an unprecedented rate, a period now known as the "Guns and Butter" decade. Nixon's move was the catalyst for inflation as the dollar lost value.

A year later, Nixon signed Title IX of the Civil Rights

Act into law. Many of the most expensive private colleges were beginning to admit women. Title IX prohibits gender-based discrimination in any college or other educational program that receives federal funding, also known as American taxpayer dollars.

In the fall of 1979, President Carter raised the Department of Education to a cabinet-level position. All colleges agreed with the principles of Title IX. However, a few questioned the long-term impact the law would have on academic freedom and the cost of college.

One of those was a highly regarded college in Pennsylvania, Grove City College. It did not agree to sign the Title IX agreement because it had already followed the ideals of Title IX since the co-ed colleges' founding in 1876. Upon close examination, the col-

lege's Board of Directors decided Title IX would increase families' college costs. Hillsdale College followed their lead.

Grove City College was 100% correct, but they had to go all the way to the Supreme Court to maintain their independence. Watch the video on their website at www.GCC.edu (Type "Supreme Court" in the search box.) That is proof enough to show how Title IX has been the key factor in why college is so expensive today.

The entire Cost of Attendance for a good four-year private college in 1962 averaged \$2,300 to \$3,000 per year. In 2025, those same colleges will cost \$77,000 to \$88,300 per year. State universities now cost up to \$40,000 per year.

Financial aid has not made the colleges affordable. In fact, in most cases, it has

made them more expensive and put more students and their parents into debt. The formulas used to determine "need" penalize families that save for college. The Asset Protection Allowance in 1990 has been steadily reduced to Zero in 2024. Read what follows carefully.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 included Stafford loans to students at an increased annual amount over five years. However, by 1980, colleges began to increase their yearly costs as the DOE expanded the grant and loan amounts to students with need. All kinds of adjustments to benefit colleges more than students began to appear to astute observers. None of which could be forgiven in bankruptcy.

As families became alarmed by higher costs,

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in my
BACKYARD
By Ellenor Downer



Photo by Sean Blood
Baltimore oriole

An Oakham couple saw their first Baltimore Oriole at their feeder on Monday, May 5.

I saw the first Baltimore Oriole for this year on Tuesday, May 13. I heard it singing on two occasions, but I could not locate it. The male Oriole's whistling song is often heard while the bright orange and black bird is perched in a tree top. They prefer tall trees in open areas.

The Baltimore Oriole is a medium sized icterid black-bird common in eastern North America as a migratory breeding bird. It received its name from the resemblance of the male's colors to those on the coat-of-arms of 17th-century Lord Baltimore. The female weaves a hanging basket nest. As a child, Orioles nested in an elm tree in our yard and my family and I

enjoyed watching the Orioles from our porch.

Young male Orioles don't molt into the bright orange of the adult until the fall of their second year. Until that time they resemble the drab, female plumage. However, females become deeper orange with every molt and some older females are almost as bright orange as males.

Orioles have a long pointed beak with a thick base. The male has a black head with black wings and tail. The wings also have white marks.

The Oakham couple also had a Bald Eagle in their yard. The eagle was eating a fish while perched on a tree limb.

Worthington birds

I received an email from a Worthington resident. He said, "For years the red breasted grosbeak has returned to my feeder in the first week of May. I was thinking he was late this year, but yesterday afternoon (on May 7) one arrived."

He also said, "About a week ago I heard a wood thrush, but not since..I am nervous about bird populations. I know scholars say they are declining, and this year I am seeing very few robins, making for a silent spring." He also commented he hoped there were plenty of robins my way. Yes, there are.

The Worthington resident also saw a bear. He said, "A bear reached up 7.5 feet and got the bottom of my feeder. I saw him in the dim light of a motion light, full height as he was doing it. A real monster that my 40 lb dog chased off."

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield resident said, "Last week in the yard the first ruby-throated hummingbird (male), phoebe and a house wren were seen."

He said, "In Warren it looks like the ospreys are incubating eggs." He also said, "I have several black swallow-tailed butterfly chrysalises in my garage that I need to get into the daylight now that the weather seems to be more spring like. Last year, he and his wife overwintered three and they all emerged and flew away."

Peregrine falcon cameras

Peregrine falcons are the fastest birds on Earth. They live throughout the world, including right here in Massachusetts! Several web cameras allow the public to witness falcons during breeding season.

Some sites in Massachusetts with web cameras: Clock Tower of the Custom House, Boston nesting for over 20 years <https://marriott.ozolio.com/mwcpulse-boston/>

Fox Hall Dorm UMass Lowell nesting since 2007 <https://www.umass.edu/falcons/>

DuBois Library UMass Amherst since 2003 years <https://www.library.umass.edu/falcons/>

Bird experience

The Brimfield resident sent the following email. "I had an interesting experience earlier today, May 12. We have a love seat that is tucked under a which hazel shrub and behind a winterberry holly. There are other small trees and shrubs nearby and there is a feeding station

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Hartman's Herb Farm was at the Barre Farmers Market on Saturday, May 2.

Farmers market
opens for the 2025 season

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – The Barre Farmers Market opened for another season on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the Barre Common in the center of town.

The weather was perfect for the opening of another year for people to purchase farm fresh vegetables and fruits in season, plants, local milk and other dairy products from Barre, eggs, baked goods, crafts, soaps, jams and jellies and more.

Last Saturday, there was musical entertainment with a singer and guitar player featuring John Denver tunes. Once again Hancock Dairy owners were there with milk, cheese, ice cream and cream from their herd of Ayrshires. Ayrshires, a Scottish dairy breed, are known for their efficient grazing, vigor and milk



Turley photos by Ellenor Downer

The Young family from Hubbardston, a mother and daughter team, had plenty of house plants to sell.

production. The milk is also well suited for cheese and butter production. Hartman's Herb Farm, also from Barre had a great selection of annuals and hanging baskets just in time for Mother's Day.

This past Saturday, the Barre Lions Club conducted a "Fill the Boot" campaign to raise funds for their many charitable projects.

Fidelity Bank located on 56 Common St., across from the town Common has Saturday morning hours from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Farmers market patron can stop in to get some money, walk across the street to the common to purchase the many items offered there.

Fresh fruits and veg-

etables not only taste better, but they contain more nutrients than produce in grocery stores, which is often shipped from long distances and even imported from other countries. With eggs often hard to find and expensive to boot, farm fresh eggs at the market are the next best thing to having one's backyard flock of hens. Holloway Farm offers fresh eggs and plants as well.

People could even visit a bright pink tent with side panels for a palm reading. This is just one of many fun happenings taking place on Saturday mornings at the Barre Farmers Market now through October.

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the effective lobbyists that colleges paid influenced lawmakers in Congress by making adjustments to "help" families afford college. The DOE made it even less affordable. In 1980, the Parent Loan to Undergraduate Students (PLUS) was introduced as a "generous" funding source for parents. Only one parent needed to sign, and no serious credit check was required. The borrowing limit was \$4000 per year. However, as colleges increased their costs, their lobbyists went to work.

In 1993, the \$4,000 annual cap was removed, allowing parents to borrow up to the full cost of attendance, less any other financial aid received by the student. That soon put parents in debt more than the students with their Stafford loans. That should never have been done.

It gets worse. Now, Congress does not even believe that a family of four, for example, with the oldest parent at 48, needs an emergency fund of about \$49,000.

Such budget planning was once sacrosanct and basic to sound family financial planning. It does not say much about either Congress or non-profit tax-exempt colleges' understanding of basic economics. Now, three to six months of household expenses are considered an asset to pay for college.

Additionally, Congress continued to yield to the pressure of paid college lobbyists not to increase the financial need when a fami-

ly has more than one student in college. In other words, if the Student Aid Index, formerly known as the Expected Family Contribution, were \$40,000 with one student in college, it would remain the same if two students were in college, rather than \$20,000 per student.

The Trump administration's proposed changes, as outlined at the top of this article, will affect the high school class of 2026 and younger. Therefore, parents

should be aware of what is coming for planning purposes. If a family with more than one child is not debt-free by the time the first child applies to college, the family income is less than \$400,000, and the family is living below its means, significant challenges will lie ahead.

Remember and celebrate the life of Margaret Henrichon

Margaret passed away on January 22nd one day after her 94th birthday. For all those who knew Margaret and benefited from her open arms and welcoming home, a graveside service will be held at St. William New Cemetery in Ware, Massachusetts beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7th.

Margaret wanted everyone whose life she touched to celebrate her



life, so a gathering will be held at the home of David and Barbara Henrichon located at 49 Lyon Road in West Brookfield immediately following the graveside service. Family, friends and children of all ages are invited to attend for food, refreshments and the sharing of stories and memories.

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Lisa Barr received a hug and a carnation from Rockies player Brayden Kosla at Ware Youth Baseball's opening day parade and ceremony held on Sunday.



This year's Ware Youth Baseball season was dedicated to the memory of Kristen Murphy who passed away from cancer earlier this year at the age of 45. Her son, Regan, is shown holding the home plate plaque he received.



Dave Moriarty (left), hugs Randy Gratton after throwing the first pitch.

PLAY BALL!

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the generous sponsors who helped make this possible.

This year's baseball season was dedicated to Kristen Murphy, who passed away earlier this year from cancer at the age of 45.

Kristen and her family have been an integral part of Ware Youth Baseball, with Kristen helping in any way she could and serving on the board of directors, her husband Lonny stepping in as coach, and their sons adding to the team rosters.

"We're dedicating this to somebody that we lost,"

Clark said. "We're going to dedicate this season to her fight against cancer."

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said he was so happy to see so many youth enjoying the game of baseball in town.

"It's a great American tradition," he said.

State Rep. Todd Smola said that many programs such as this one never returned after the pandemic, and it was impressive to see Ware's back bigger and better than ever.

Three people threw out first pitches at the opening ceremony, Ron Buelow, Dave

Moriarty and Regan Murphy.

Coach Randy Gratton introduced Moriarty, who was his baseball coach when he was growing up.

"He holds a special place in my heart. This is someone who cares deeply for the kids he's coached," Gratton said. "He is someone who has made our town a better place to live in."

Coach Brian Guimond then spoke about his former coach, Buelow, who inspired him to be a coach himself. Guimond said he still runs the same drills with his team that Buelow taught him as a kid.

Clark, who also had Buelow as his coach alongside Guimond, recalled a time that the two told their coach that they weren't trying out for the varsity baseball team because they didn't think they would make the cut. Buelow encouraged them both to try out, even if they had doubts.

"Don't ever shortchange yourself," he said," Clark said.

These words stuck with Clark and both he and Guimond tried out for the varsity team that year and both of them made it.

The final first pitch was thrown by Kristen Murphy's youngest son Regan and caught by his father, Lonny Murphy. Following the pitch, Clark presented Regan with a home plate plaque that was inscribed: "In memory of all our angels watching from the outfield."



The Braves were eager to join the parade.



Chase Shunaman looked for his family in order to bring them a carnation flower.



The Color Guard stands on the infield.



Ware High School's varsity baseball team joined in the celebration.



The 10U travel team is shown with Coach Jeremy Boulrice.



A successful at bat for Brody Cutler of the 10U travel team led to a single.



This year, the Ware Softball teams joined in the celebration with coaches Amber Letendre and Jeremy Wheeler. Shown are Letendre's 5th/6th grade team.



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T-ballers check the conditions of the field during the opening ceremony.



Coach Randy Gratton leads the Red Sox onto the field.

PLAY BALL!

A T-ball player rounds second base in an attempt to earn a triple.



The Braves and the Orioles listened to the ceremony speakers.



This Orioles player is shown at bat.



Dignitaries at the event included (from left) Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz, Officer Jeannine Bonnayer, Town Manager Stuart Beckley and state Rep. Todd Smola. Ware Youth Baseball's T-ball coordinator and executive administrator Melanie Slattery is shown in the background.



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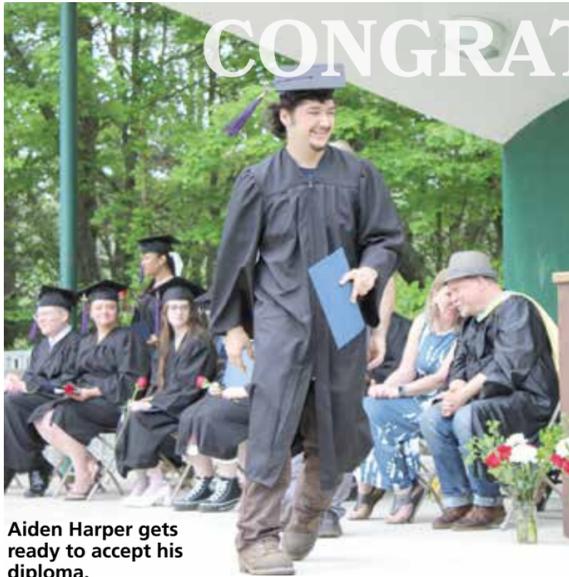
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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Aiden Harper gets ready to accept his diploma.



The graduates of the The Literacy Project's 2024-2025 class.



James Musick walked to accept his diploma.

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He applauded the graduates for the hard work they put in to reach their goals.

Executive Director Colleen Kucinski said each of the graduates had "juggled so many things" to complete their degrees, including having families, work and more.

"Your lives are only going to get better," she told them. "I'm sure you're going to do wonderful things for the world around us."

Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz addressed the graduates on behalf of the town, and he commended them for overcoming the challenges they faced with resolve and dedication.

"It's a monumental day," Kusnierz said. "Today, you stand as a testament to that dedication."

Kusnierz said there is not a one-size, fits all approach to education, and that today, each graduate became the author of their own life story.

"Today marks a chapter that is full of surprise and promise," he said. "The world is full of opportunities waiting for you to seize them."

Classroom Instructor Andrew Roberts jokingly said that he had written a lengthy speech, but that it took too long to get to the funny part, so he decided to give his usual talk about love.

"I love that you just did it your way," he told the graduates. "Whether it took you three weeks or three years... you couldn't be here without love. Your love for yourself helped get you here; your love for your family."

Roberts said the graduation ceremony had love "in spades," which was made apparent by the filled seats in the audience.

"I love you all," he said. "Keep love in your heart and pass it on."

Online Instructor Colette Lefebvre-Davis said it was an honor to stand with the students receiving their diplomas that day.

"This is more than a graduation, this is a victory," she said.

She told the graduates that their diplomas were keys that could unlock many doors in life.

"Hold your head high because you've earned this the hard way and I couldn't be prouder of you," Lefebvre-Davis said.

Gonzalez was the first graduate to take to the podium to deliver a speech about her experience as an adult learner.

"The road to obtaining my degree wasn't easy," Gonzalez said. "While it was a challenging journey, I wanted to stay in the program because completing my Hi-SET is so important to me. It's been a goal of mine for some time. The teachers gave me the confidence to keep going. When I passed my test, I felt such a sense of relief and accomplishment."

Gonzalez now has her sights set on attending college, where she plans to study information technology.

"Above all else, I want to be a good role model for my kids, and to show them how important an education is for their future," she said.

The next graduate to speak was Holly, who thanked all of the amazing teachers at The Literacy Project and all of the people who believed in her and her fellow graduates.

"Look at us now," Holly said. "We're here and we made it."

Graduate Rathburn said each of the students were "living proof of the power of perseverance."

"We chose to keep moving forward," she said.

Rathburn talked about how hard she worked in the eight years after she left high school at age 17, and how she was welcomed into The Literacy Project with open arms. She soon found confidence in her abilities, and discovered that learning could be fun.

"And now, here we are... celebrating the completion of a journey that once felt out of reach," Rathburn said. "This diploma is more than just a piece of paper, it's a symbol of our hard work, our sacrifices, and our dreams. Let's carry it forward with pride and step boldly into the future with courage, hope and enthusiasm."

This graduation ceremony was made possible by support from Monson Savings Bank, Greenfield Savings Bank, Greenfield/Northampton Cooperative Bank, Country Bank, Health New England, Town of Ware and United Way of Franklin & Hampshire Counties.

For more information about The Literacy Project and learning opportunities, visit www.literacyproject.org.



Instructor Colette Lefebvre-Davis said she was proud of the graduates.



Colin Powers shook hands with Town Manager Stuart Beckley.



Keith Wilbanks was the first graduate to receive their diploma.



Kaylee Couture looked at her diploma.



Misty Dawn Hittle gets ready to receive her diploma.



Deyanira "Dee" Gonzalez gave her speech.



Marissa Rathburn spoke about her education journey.

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★MILITARY★ Day APPRECIATION

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Leroux honed all of her skills on the Palmer Motorsports Park track, and she developed a love for racing that has boosted her promising career at just 20 years old.

Leroux was one of 18 drivers at the Military Appreciation Day event, which has fast become one of the most popular events at the track thanks to Race Cars for a Cause.

"This is just our way of giving back," Jeff Archambeault, Race Cars for a Cause founder, said.

Archambeault founded the nonprofit organization 10 years ago to help veterans and active military, and he was thrilled with the number of veterans who signed up to ride along with the drivers this year.

"Today went off without a hitch, which was great," he said. "It ended up being a great day."

Archambeault thanked all of the volunteers and staff who helped make the event possible, as well as event sponsor Tracy Volkswagen Inc., whose generous donation provided free meals for all of the veterans who attended the event.

"We can't thank them enough for that," he said.

Joining Archambeault from Race Cars for a Cause were Steve Richard and James Ryll.

Richard said he has been part of this event for seven years and he has even volunteered as one of the drivers. He said the mission of this organization has a place close to his heart.

"I grew up with a dad that would cross the street and shake the hand of anyone in uniform," Richard said. "This marries two of my loves, which is veterans and driving fast. It's a really cool thing."

Richard said getting the veterans out on the track



A veteran takes to the track in a Porsche 911 Targa convertible.



This Porsche is ready to roll.



Porsche vehicles were popular rides for the veterans at Military Appreciation Day.



Driver Mia Leroux gets ready to take a veteran for a lap on the track.

has a positive effect, especially for those who are still dealing with the trauma of the military experience. He said the adrenaline rush is a familiar place for veterans.

"It's about taking them out of their bad space," he said. "Everybody gets out of their car with a big smile on their face. It's a lot of fun."

Ryll said he has been part of Race Cars for a Cause from its start, having been a lifelong friend of Archambeault.

"It's about the veterans,"

he said. "We think outside the box and do something fun like this."

Upcoming events

Palmer Motorsports Park, located at 58 West Ware Road, has a full lineup of

events for the 2025 track season.

Cars & Coffee events are scheduled on select Sundays from 9 a.m.-noon with a BMW vehicles only event on June 8 and Porsche vehicles only event on June 22. To

Turley Photos by Paula Quimette

register for these events, visit palmermsp.com/carsandcoffee.

On Saturday, July 5, the first ever Great All American Muscle Car Show will be held from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per show car which includes finale laps and group photo at 3 p.m.; and \$20 per spectator vehicle.

For more information, visit palmermsp.com/event/great-american-muscle-car-show/.

entry is \$35 (preregistration required) and \$10 general admission.

Proceeds from this event benefit Homes For Our Troops. For more information and to register, visit www.porscheonthemountain.com.

The annual Trunk or Treat Car Show to benefit food pantries in Palmer and Ware will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26 and the popular Mustangs on the Mountain event is also set to take place in October to benefit the Central New England Equine Rescue.

For more information about Palmer Motorsports Park, visit palmermsp.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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Memorial Day 5K Walk/Run to be held May 24

WARE – A Memorial Day 5K Walk/Run will be hosted by Sculpt Well Co. in partnership with the One Call Away Foundation on Saturday, May 24 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in Grenville Park, 73 Church St.

This inspiring event aims to honor and support our veterans, especially those affected by post-traumatic stress disorder.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Run To Home Base organization and help the Sculpt Well Co. team prepare for their upcoming Run To Home Base 5K/9K at Fenway Park in July. Your participation will directly contribute to vital resources and support for veterans in need.

The Memorial Day 5K will take place at Grenville Park in Ware, ensuring a wonderful experience for participants of all ages and fitness levels. Whether you choose to walk or run, every step you take will help make a difference in the lives of those who have served our country.

Registration link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Ware/SWCMemorialDay5K>



Memorial Day CEREMONIES AND EVENTS

Saturday, May 24

WARREN

Warren will observe Memorial Day with a parade and ceremony in both Warren and West Warren. The town will note this day of reflection beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Cemetery.

A cookout will be held after the ceremony at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 25

HARDWICK

The town will observe Memorial Day throughout the various villages. Please note after Wheelwright, the times are approximate and may be 15-30 minutes earlier than stated.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the World War II memorial in Wheelwright, Barre Road.

At approximately 11 a.m., the ceremony will continue near the Civil War memorial on the Common. After services there and at the Revolutionary War cemetery adjacent to the old Town Hall, reassembly will be at the Hardwick Cemetery across from the Highway barn on Petersham Road.

The ceremony will then continue to Gilbertville, meeting at St. Aloysius cemetery, Upper Church Street at

approximately noon, ending at the World War I memorial, Route 32, Main Street around 12:30 p.m.

WARE

A Memorial Day Ceremony at Quabbin Park Cemetery will be held from 10 a.m.-noon. Refreshments will be offered at 10 a.m. and the parade and services begin at 11 a.m.

No registration required.

In 1868, Major General John A. Logan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named May 30 as a special day for honoring the soldiers that had died in the Civil War. Like communities across the United States, the towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war dead each year on Memorial Day until the towns' demise in 1938.

Since 1947, Quabbin Park Cemetery has been the center of Memorial Day services for the four towns.

Please join the Friends of Quabbin, the Swift River Historical Society, the Veterans Council of Belchertown, Chauncey D. Walker Post #239, American Legion and the staff of the DCR Quabbin Reservoir for our annual Memorial Day Service at Quabbin Park Cemetery. The public is welcome but please no dogs.

The Ware Historical Society is presenting the 15th Annual Ware Remembers Ceremony at 6 p.m. in front of the Ware Center Meetinghouse and Museum, on what was the original town common. Please come and bring a lawn chair.

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Monday, May 26

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The parade will line-up at 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion hall, 45 Maple St., and step-off at 1 p.m. The parade will proceed to Veterans Park on Main Street for a ceremony.

Following the ceremony, parade participants are invited to return to the American Legion for a luncheon.

Ware Remembers to be held on May 25

Flag sponsorship forms available online and at businesses

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People are invited to dedicate a flag to a loved one. Forms are available online on Facebook, at the Ware River News, 80 Main St., the U.S. Post Office Lobby Bulletin Board, Ware Library, and the Ware Senior Center.

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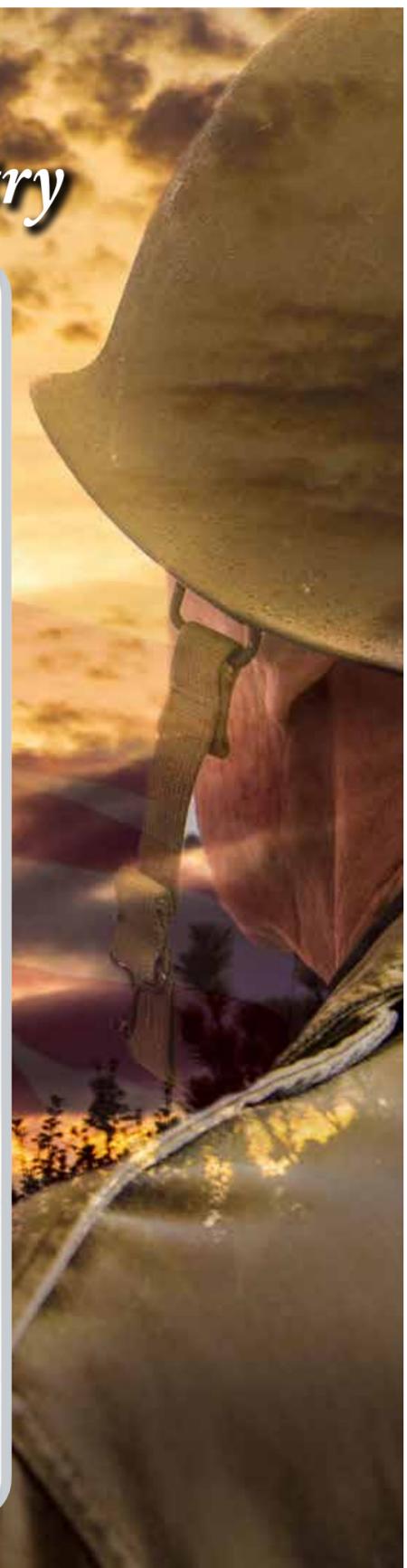
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Indians tip Lions in extra innings

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Nate and Kyle Kaczuwka have been teammates on the Ware varsity baseball team since the start of the 2023 regular season.

The brothers, who'll be playing in their final varsity game together sometime during the next couple of weeks, helped the Indians defeat Suburban Central Division rival Ludlow, 2-1, in extra innings, last Tuesday afternoon.

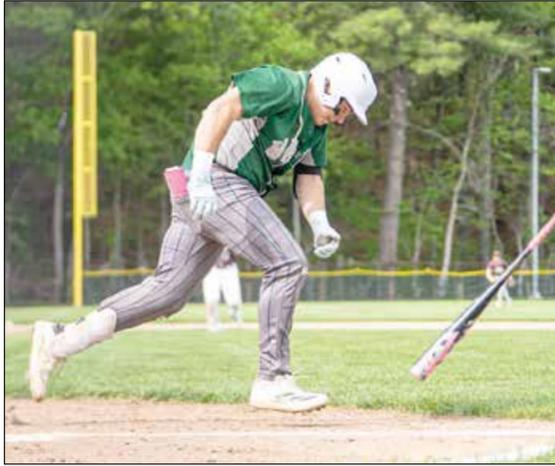
Nate Kaczuwka, who's a senior righthander, was the winning pitcher in the second meeting of the regular season against the Lions.

Kyle Kaczuwka, who's a junior catcher, delivered what turned out to be the game-winning hit with two outs in the top of the eighth inning.

"I've loved playing on the varsity baseball team with my older brother. I've been catching him since I was a freshman," Kyle Kaczuwka said. "We have a very good connection on the field."

The elder Kaczuwka allowed one run, which was unearned, on four base hits with six strikeouts and four walks in 7 2/3 innings. He reached the 115 pitch limit and was replaced on the mound by freshman righty Logan Millet with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning.

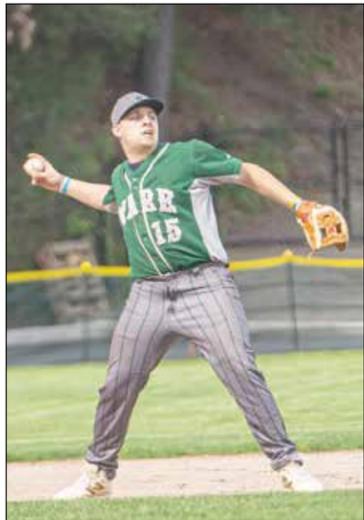
"I thought it was a gritty performance by Nate," said Ware head coach Scott Slattery. "He didn't have his best stuff, but he got the job done against a very good



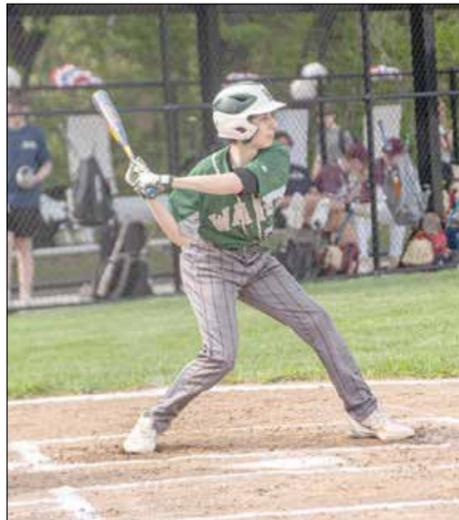
Kyle Kaczuwka sprints for first base.



Nathan Kaczuwka fires from the mound.



Trevor Millet comes up throwing to first.



Brodie Koczur is ready at the plate.

Ludlow team."

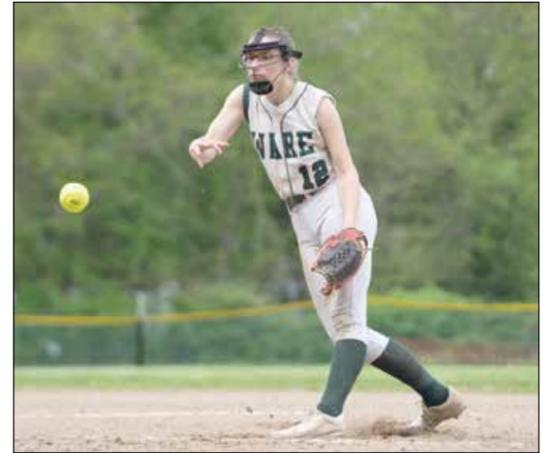
Following the road victory, the Indians had a 16-1 overall record. They also wrapped up league play with

a perfect 10-0 record.

Back on April 22, the Indians celebrated a 5-4 walk off win against the Lions at Memorial Field in Ware.

Nate Kaczuwka was hit-by-a-pitch with the bases loaded

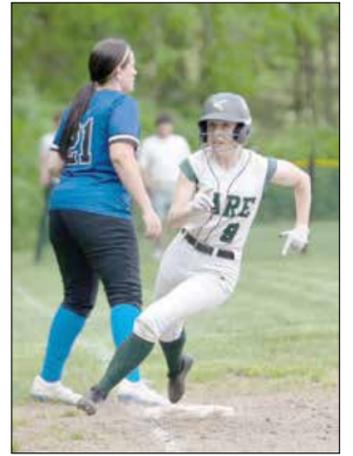
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Abigale McQuaid delivers a pitch for Ware.

Ware softball defeats Palmer

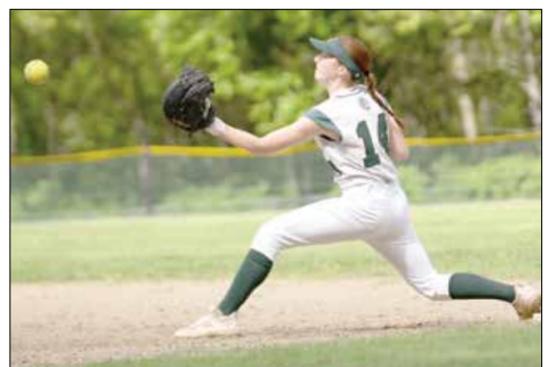
PALMER – Last Wednesday afternoon, the Ware softball team defeated Palmer thanks to 11 runs in the late innings to overcome an early deficit. The Indians scored five in the sixth and six more runs in the seventh inning for a 15-5 win. Shelby Hogan had four hits and four runs scored for the Indians while Jill Holbrook had two hits and an RBI for the Panthers. Ware is 11-5 while Palmer is 8-11.



Shelby Hogan rounds third and heads home.



Reese McKeever fields a grounder.



Olivia DiRienzo catches a throw to first.



Abigale McQuaid makes contact on a pitch.

Girls tennis squeezes out win against Groton-Dunstable

BARRE – All it takes is a small cell to wreck the day for high school sports. But Quabbin girls tennis would not let that happen last Thursday as they squeezed the court clean after a passing thunderstorm and then defeated Groton-Dunstable 4-1 to improve to 14-1 on the regular season. The Panthers figure to get a high seed in the upcoming state tournament.



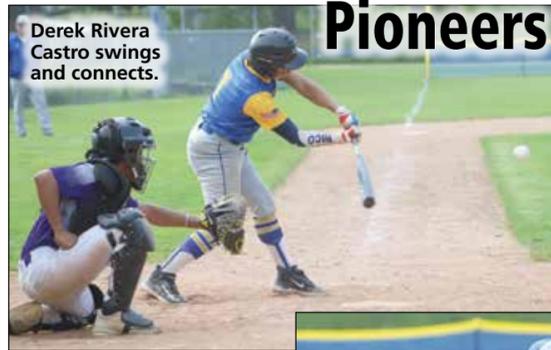
Elizabeth Matheson tests out the drying court.



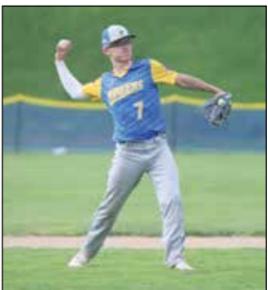
Madelyn Stauder makes a forehand hit as she readies for action.

Pioneers suffer shutout

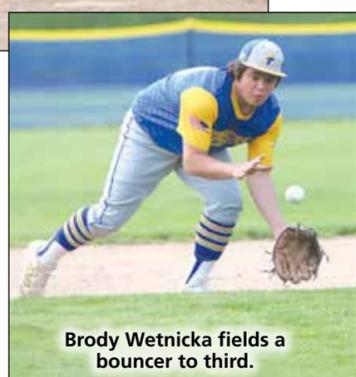
PALMER – Pathfinder baseball suffered an 11-0 shutout against Westfield Tech last Tuesday afternoon. The game ended after just five innings due to the mercy-rule. Pathfinder is now 8-5 heading into the final week of the regular season.



Derek Rivera Castro swings and connects.



Brayden Mega throws to first.



Brody Wetnicka fields a bouncer to third.



ABOVE: Dayne Shanley shuffles off first base.

LEFT: Tim Russell makes a catch on a pop-up.

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Candlepin League News

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Summer League Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – Summer Leagues have officially begun at Bogey Lanes and Thursdays is one of the nights to host league candlepin bowling.

The league consists of eight teams, and the first match was between The Furs and Second Place. In game one, The Furs defeated Second Place in a close game, 433-429. Johnathon Hitchcock started with a 104 in a losing effort.

In game two, Second Place won a close game by a score of 431-429. In game three, The Furs won the last game by a score of 461-432. The highest game bowled was by Patrick Capri with 111. The Furs won total pin-

fall by a final score of 1321-1292.

The Busters bowled against the Glen Echo Rollers in week one of the season. In game one, the Busters won by a score of 433-404. In game two, Zo Nowak of Glen Echo Rollers bowled a 124 to help his team win, 511-452.

In game three, Glen Echo Rollers won the last game by a score of 424-422. The final score was 1339-1307 in favor of Glen Echo Rollers.

Team Five bowled against Team Six. In game one, Team Five was the victor by a score of 476-451. Aaron Halbedel of Team Five bowled a 131 to start the summer league.

Team Five won again in game two by a score of 457-430. Halbedel calmed down in game two with a 105, but his team still got the win.

Team Six won the last game by a score of 437-426. The final score was 1359-

1318 in favor of Team Five.

The Kolb Krew bowled against Team Seven, consisting of Karen Olszta, Jackson Loomer, Nate Fontaine and Aaron Fontaine. In game one, the Kolb Krew won by a score of 446-430. Aaron Fontaine began with 121 and Jackson Loomer began with 120.

In game two, The Kolb Krew won again by a score of 429-424. Aaron Fontaine had the high game with a 119, but still fell short to the Kolb Krew.

In game three, The Kolb Krew won again, 483-429, for a three-game sweep to start the summer league. Drew Kolb finished with 111 and his daughter Grace bowled a 107. The high series bowled by Aaron Fontaine, who had a 358.

The final score was 1358-1283 in favor of the Kolb Krew.

Zullo picks up win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Dylan Zullo won his first career Super Street victory Saturday, May 10, at Monadnock Speedway, topping the season opener at the high banked quarter-mile.

Jimmy Zellman made the move of the night to snatch victory in the Pure Stock main event, while Kyle Templeton had his way in the Mini Stocks. Fourteen-year-old Sofia Rego won the night's Young Guns feature, while Adam Lovejoy topped a spirited field of Pro V8 Sportsmen.

After rain forced postponement of the oval's scheduled 2025 season opener two weeks ago, a large field of competitors filled the pits Saturday, as the popular NASCAR sanctioned speedplant began its 55th season of competition.

Moisture still present at the top of the track and the dew coming in prevented the scheduled All State Materials Group 604 Modified feature from being run safely, but a stout field of 19 open-wheelers were on hand to time trial in preparation for next Saturday's twin features. Second generation hot shoe Andrew Brousseau was fastest on the clock Saturday, blistering the high banks with a lap of 12.343 seconds, after fast-timing in practice at 12.288.

Firing from the pole, teen star JD Stockwell led the first 14 laps of the Twin State Truck Services Super Street main event Saturday. Dylan Zullo, though, was on a rail

The second-generation Claremont pilot moved up to second on lap nine, quickly pulling up to Stockwell's bumper and riding there until low-lining out of turn two to take command on lap 14. Zullo would then shoot ahead to score his first career Monadnock Super Street victory four lengths ahead of Stockwell.

Strong all night, Zach Zilinski came home third, with Hillary Renaud winning a hard-fought battle over Erik Smith for fourth.

Jimmy Zellman came up just a handful of points shy of last summer's Pure Stock championship. Bidding to improve on that finish this time around, the Bay State blaster won a thriller Saturday with a masterful move as the Brattleboro Towing & Recovery Pure Stocks restarted lap 22.

Carlos Grenier, who'd taken the lead from Colton Hull on lap three, seemed to have the field covered, including Zellman, who'd followed him to the front on the same go-round. But a Carter Chamberlin looper in turn two brought Zellman to Grenier's side, and potent

Kyle Kenny to his back bumper.

With Zellman refiring from the top of the track, Kenny was poised to low-line his way to second. But Zellman wasn't buying it.

Firing like a missile at the drop of the green, Zellman beat Grenier into turn one and held him in his shadow to win a thriller. Kenny was strong in third, with Hull fourth and Markus O'Neil impressing in fifth.

Kyle Templeton, who entered Saturday's Fabian Fuels Mini Stock main event with two Claremont feature wins already to his credit this season, kept that dominant streak intact, taking the lead from John Fultz on lap six and then soaring off to win with ease.

Behind Templeton, the action was fast and furious. Former track champ Louie Maher rocketed into second when Fultz slowed on lap 19, and Young Gun alum-nus Zach Zilinski, made a late-race charge through the field to earn opening night's bronze medal finish.

Adam Lovejoy took charge on lap four of the Pro V8 Sportsman feature and never looked back. If he had, he'd have seen Jimmy Renfrew Sr. charging through the pack. Renfrew got up

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in that contest forcing home the game-winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning.

"It's tough losing two games to the same team in extra innings," said Ludlow head coach Cam Rivest. "We hit the ball well and played well defensively in today's game."

Prior to the start of last Tuesday's game, Ludlow seniors Lucas Ricardi, Marcus Sanchez, and Jacob Sternowski were honored during a senior day ceremony.

"All three seniors are very good kids," Rivest said. "They're also very good leaders for the younger players on the team. I'm very proud of them."

Ricardi, who was the designated hitter on senior day, suffered a preseason injury and hasn't played in very many games this season.

Sanchez started the game in right field

Sternowski, who's a righty, made his final regular season start against the Indians. He went the distance allowing two runs (one earned) on only two base hits with six strikeouts and three walks.



Jack Gaudreau flips the bat after drawing a walk.

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Athlete of the Month

Shelby Hogan

WARE HIGH SCHOOL

In a win over Palmer last week, Hogan socked four hits for the Indians.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Massachusetts Golf Hall to have new inductees

BOSTON – In celebration of Mass Golf's 125th anniversary, the Massachusetts Golf Hall of Fame is inducting its largest class to date, including seven individuals who are being recognized for their outstanding contributions to the game.

For the first time, the Hall of Fame will also introduce a select group of 10 inductees as "Pioneers," a newly established category recognizing early trailblazers who helped lay the foundation of golf in Massachusetts. These Pioneers include the founders of both the Women's Golf Association of Boston/Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Golf Association.

"This is a truly special moment for Mass Golf," said Thomas F. Bagley III, Committee Chairman of the Massachusetts Golf Hall of Fame. "As we celebrate 125 years of our organization's history, it's only fitting that we honor a class this expansive and diverse. Their contributions have helped shape the wide-reaching legacy of golf in Massachusetts, and each of them has rightfully earned their place among the legends enshrined in the Hall of Fame."

The official induction ceremony will take place as part of the Mass Golf Annual Meeting, featuring an early afternoon ceremony and luncheon on Oct. 16 at Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton. More details will be released at a later date.

MIAA holds annual meeting

FRANKLIN – More than 250 principals, assistant principals and athletic directors from throughout the Commonwealth attended the MIAA 46th Annual Meeting – "A Celebration of Leadership and Service in Support of Educational Athletics" – held Wednesday, April 2 at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough.

Highlighting the event was a performance by the Mighty Singing Falcons from Foxborough Regional Charter School, under the direction of Evelyn D. Lee.

The day began with the annual MIAA busi-

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Morace was thrown out trying to steal second base by Kyle Kaczuwka, but Kochanek scored on the play.

The Lions had another scoring chance in the third.

Junior second baseman Drayden Keirse reached first base on an infield hit with one out. Then junior centerfielder Alex Spurlock doubled to left field, putting runners at second and third.

Nate Kaczuwka got himself out of that jam with a couple of ground ball outs. He would then retire

15 of the next 17 Lions batters that he faced.

Sternowski also retired seven batters in a row.

"After five innings, their pitcher had thrown only 43 pitches," Slattery said. "We just didn't hit the ball very hard."

Ware junior leftfielder Troy Dufresne swung at a strike three pitch leading off the top of the sixth. The ball ricocheted off the catcher's shin guards, and Dufresne was safe at first base. Senior centerfielder Jason Mumper followed with a walk. Both baserunners moved into scoring position following a sacrifice bunt from senior right fielder Owen McKeever. The Indians tied the score at 1-1

when Kyle Kaczuwka hit a sacrifice fly to center.

With two outs in the seventh inning, Ware junior second baseman Brodie Koczur hit a flyball that was dropped by the right fielder. He stole second base, but Sternowski struck out the next batter.

McKeever drew a walk with two outs in the eighth inning. After stealing second base, McKeever scored the go-ahead run when Kyle Kaczuwka belted a double to left field.

"I just put a good swing on the ball and drove in the go-ahead run," Kaczuwka said. "We didn't do very much offensively, but my brother kept us in the game."

There was a little bit of drama in the bottom of the eighth inning.

The trio of Spurlock, Kochanek, and sophomore first baseman Nicholas Dion walked, which loaded the bases with two outs. That's when Millet took over for Kaczuwka on the mound. He got junior pinch hitter Connor Kokosas to hit a one hopper to junior shortstop Brady Guimond, who tossed the ball over to junior Koczur for the final out of the ballgame.

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to remove the current house on site place a new building that fits under 100 people. Devarenne said the company is looking for a farm-style atmosphere. The food Deep Roots offered is farm to table menu items.

Deep Roots Distillery is looking to start using local grain and provide a family-focus space if they were to move to 1212 Southbridge Road. An outdoor space, such as a pavilion, was another idea to add on as well as offering ice cream.

When the owners of Deep Roots Distillery talked about their ideas during an informal discussion with Warren's Planning Board, the members talked about signage. The town doesn't want neon signs on the premises.

For hours of operation, Deep Roots Distillery is looking to keep the same hours they have now in Sturbridge. The distillery closes at 9 p.m., and no later hours after 9 p.m. For entertainment, the distillery wants to have solo music performances and no bands.

Selectmen Derick Veliz commented during the discussion and said this is "a great opportunity for the town to grow."

Devarenne addressed the board that before making any offer or investment in the property on Southbridge Road, he wants to make sure the town is okay with having the distillery.

"Make sure the town is okay with us first," Devarenne said.

The distillery owner also addressed the board about wanting to submit everything through the correct boards in town that address any concerns, such as wetlands as an example. If the distillery buys the property, they want to put the new building where the house is currently located and wants to have a one floor operation and provide a place that is inviting.

Wanting to know if Warren residents were open to the idea of a distillery being brought to town, the Selectmen allowed the public to make comments and get some input. There were several residents from Forest Avenue, which is off

Southbridge Road, who had concerns to address.

The first Forest Avenue resident talked about the concern of traffic and how the road is not designed to handle heavy traffic flow. There was also the concern of kids living in the neighborhood of Forest Avenue and how traffic could be an impact.

The resident was opposed to having an access point on Forest Avenue. The resident believes Southbridge Road may be built to handle the sort of traffic the distillery may attract, but believes Forest Avenue is not fit to handle the sort of traffic.

Another Forest Avenue resident, Tim Russell, brought up the concern of hazardous material that builds up from the distilling process. The smell from the operation of distilling was another concern as well.

Devarenne addressed the concern after Russell's address and talked about how Deep Roots Distillery wants to keep the same size they have now in their operation.

The batch size of Deep Roots Distillery is 250 gallons, and the owner said they

produce under 100 gallons of spirits. At their Sturbridge location, the owner feels the smell doesn't expand and also addressed that their operations are well monitored and follow all licenses and protocols.

Russell left with one final comment about how manufacturing alcohol is an industry and is not the appropriate fit for the rural area that is where Forest Avenue is.

Other concerns addressed by Forest Avenue residents were overserving of alcohol, noise control, water usage, septic and wetlands. Several residents said there are wetlands in the area as well as wetland plants.

Forest Avenue resident Kris Richardson talked about the concern of water usage as residents of the street are on well systems. Richardson also addressed parking and traffic and feels the traffic and parking situation could bring into that rural area is not appropriate.

"Not appropriate for the area at all," Richardson said.

For noise, the residents don't feel it is appropriate to hear music in their neigh-

borhood, especially if a place hosts a music event every weekend. The Selectmen did inform the public that as part of the special permit process, if Deep Roots Distillery had applied for a special permit and received a special permit, there would be a list of conditions for the applicant and noise could fall into those conditions.

Another resident spoke on being opposed to Deep Roots Distillery using Forest Avenue as an access point or exit point. Residents were also wondering how big outside events would be during the summer months.

The Selectmen would remind the public that this topic is only a discussion and to see if the town would be receptive to it. The owner has not put an offer on the property yet off Southbridge Road and the presentation is an inquiry. Veliz commented and said there has to be an open public process before allowing a new business to be brought to town.

The board would then discuss other possible property options in Warren that may be better to house the distill-

ery. Thinking about the concerns that were addressed, the board asked the Deep Roots Distillery owner to talk more with Town Administrator, James Ferrara about other properties in town that are available.

"Maybe there is a better spot that would be more suitable," Eichacker said.

Dufresne said the town does need the business but also does sympathize for the residents. There are other areas Deep Roots Distillery can investigate, such as the Wrights Mill Complex, or the bank building, but based off the input they got from the public, the location at Southbridge Road may not be the right fit for the distillery.

"I think the area you're looking at might not be the best area for you," Dufresne said.

It was a good discussion that came before the Selectmen, and they thanked the residents for voicing their opinions and concerns. The co-owner of Deep Roots Distillery thanked the board and the residents for their input as well.

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The input from the first public meeting included the fact that the existing gazebo is well liked, but accessibility improvements are needed. If there were any expansion on the gazebo, it should match the style. Another suggestion was seat walls being added to increase seating and add gathering areas. There is also a high interest in incorporating gardens and buffer plants in the common.

The biggest topic the committee discussed with the Weston & Sampson consultants is what the savings would be for the town if it purchased the train depot, which is privately owned. The committee feels there are a lot more opportunities for growth in the town common and the train depot could add on to having additional uses.

One of the survey questions was reviewed by Dukkak and read, "How do you typically use Town Common?" This was one of five survey questions, and the survey is still available for residents to take.

As of May 19, the survey had 19 responses.

For the final design development, the consultants shared a map of the possible final plan for the town common. One of the biggest updates featured in this proposed plan is the addition-

al parking spots, totaling up to 13 near the entrance way. There is also a gravel roadway with seven reinforced grass parking spots.

The consultant talked about the comment of the common not having a centralized gathering spot and asked what certain events the common would want to host in the future. Farmers markets were a popular answer as well as having live music.

The site amenities for this proposed plan also feature

a seat wall, a prefabricated restroom building, and shade structure or pavilion. Site materials include a main path that takes visitors through the common and seating areas such as benches.

After the presentation, the consultants would hear feedback from the committee and the public who attended this virtual public meeting. One of the Selectmen, Richard Eichacker, commented on how much better the parking is for this proposed plan.

Eichacker also wanted to

know what sort of "gathering plaza" would be on the plan since an amphitheater was removed. Dukkak explained that the consultants were just testing out other options that are fit for the town common.

Members of Parks & Recreation talked about having more space on the gazebo for bands and music. Jim McKeon also talked about the flag on the common and doesn't want it to get buried out of site with new trees being planted as part of this proposed plan. McKeon also

brought up the idea of having a brick walkway that could lead to the water fountain.

The committee likes the idea of keeping the look of the town common traditional. The consultants were asked if they could provide a cost comparison and list what the town could gain if they purchased the train station.

There will be another public meeting about the Town Common Improvement Project sometime in the month of June.

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for second on lap seven, but could never find the fast path past Lovejoy.

The visiting rear-wheel drive competitors raced three-across and nose-to-tail for all 25 laps without drawing a caution flag. At the checkers, Scott Riggleman, who'd hauled in from 300 miles away, finished the race in third.

In the youth division Doug's Auto Body Young Guns 15-lapper, second-year driver Sofia Rego led all the way to score her first career victory. Hunter Duquette rode in her shadow until wobbling on lap 11, but then recovered to come home second. Maya Bell was third on the night.

MIAA from page 12

ness meeting, presided over by outgoing MIAA president Stephanie Sibley, who was presented with a rocking chair in appreciation of her service to the association and the Board of Directors.

In his Executive Director Report, Dr. Bob Baldwin reviewed the accomplishments of the Board and the association over the previous year, and also presented several "What's Next" potential initiatives:

Standardized Annual Calendar for Interscholastic Athletics

An objective process to adopt and/or remove an MIAA sponsored sport

Power ranked sports standards for Number of Championship Divisions

Establish a Division 1A component of the statewide tournament

The Board also recognized several retiring athletic directors and officials for their dedication and service to the MIAA




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public safety

Ware Police Log

During the weeks of May 4-20, the Ware Police Department responded to 42 miscellaneous calls, 40 administrative calls, 28 traffic violations, 41 emergency 911 calls, 13 motor vehicle accidents, three harassments, two thefts/larcenies, four damage/vandalisms, two frauds, two breaking and enterings, 10 safety hazards, one trespass, 10 animal calls and 29 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Sunday, May 4
 1:22 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Warren, Taken/ Referred to Other Agency
 6:14 a.m. Safety Hazard, Palmer Road, Advised
 7:49 a.m. Electrical Hazard, Church Street, Services Rendered
 10:16 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Howard Road, Assist Given
 11:17 a.m. Safety Hazard, Ragged Hill Road, Assist Given
 2:47 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sczygiel Road, Dispatch Handled
 6:42 p.m. Safety Hazard, Coffey Hill Road, Services Rendered
 7:06 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, River Road, Advised
 10:01 p.m. Safety Hazard, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Monday, May 5
 7:57 a.m. Breaking and Entering, Valley View, Appears Secure After Check
 7:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/ Warning Issued
 9:41 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 6
 4:08 p.m. Safety Hazard, North Street, Services Rendered

Wednesday, May 7
 4:06 a.m. Assault, Walnut Street, Advised
 4:21 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Dunham Avenue, Dispatch Handled
 Thursday, May 8
 9:05 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Vigeant Street, Assist Given
 10:50 a.m. Breaking and Entering, Otis Avenue, Investigated

12 p.m. Trespass/ Unwanted, Valley View, Could not Locate
 8:44 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Cummings Road, Investigated
 10:30 p.m. Safety Hazard, Old Belchertown Road, Services Rendered

Friday, May 9
 1:46 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled
 4:26 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Main Street, Services Rendered
 4:36 p.m. Harassment/ Stalk/Threat, High Street, Advised
 5:43 p.m. Safety Hazard, Osborne Road, Taken/ Referred to Other Agency
 6:39 p.m. Damage/ Vandalism, Meadow Road, Report Made
 6:50 p.m. Safety Hazard,

Gilbertville Road, Services Rendered
 8:32 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bacon Road, Services Rendered
 8:39 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Park Street, Assist Given
 10 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Could not Locate

Saturday, May 10
 3:02 p.m. Well Being Check, Main Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Harry T. McDonough, 77, Ware
 OUI-Liquor or 08%, 2nd Offense
 7:14 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated
 7:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/ Warning Issued
 9:42 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, West Main Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, May 11
 5:01 a.m. Bylaw Violation, Pine Street, Parking Ticket Issued
 9:43 a.m. Traffic Violation, Pine Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 11:53 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Main Street, Investigated
 8:51 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Main Street, Report Made

Monday, May 12
 2:17 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Highland Village, Investigated
 12:54 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
 3:35 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Belchertown Road, Investigated
 10:06 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Longview Avenue, Unfounded

Tuesday, May 13
 9:10 a.m. Weapons/ Firearms, Gould Road, Report Made
 1:17 p.m. Weapons/ Firearms, West Street, Investigated
 3:55 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, South Street, Assist Given
 10:19 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 10:22 p.m. Damage/ Vandalism, Otis Avenue, Report Made

Wednesday, May 14
 9:37 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, High Street, Assist Given
 12:43 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Services Rendered
 1:40 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Could not Locate

Thursday, May 15
 10:04 a.m. Assault, West Street, Investigated
 4:20 p.m. Safety Hazard, Anderson Road, Services Rendered
 8:09 p.m. Theft/Larceny, East Street, Services Rendered
 Friday, May 16
 2:26 a.m. Electrical Hazard, East Street, Services Rendered

Editor's Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the information you read on this page as public record information. If you or any suspect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court's final disposition.

11:11 a.m. Traffic Violation, Main Street, Investigated
 1:25 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered
 2:08 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
 5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued

Saturday, May 17
 7:33 a.m. Damage/ Vandalism, West Street, Services Rendered
 2:42 p.m. Assault, Otis Street, Arrest Made
 3:01 p.m. Weapons/ Firearms, Osborne Street, Could not Locate
 3:28 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Could not Locate
 4:38 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 5:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Osborne Road, Could not Locate
 10:14 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, May 18
 6:08 a.m. Service of Summons, North Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Christina M. Beauchemin, 32, Ware
 WMS Warrant
 2:37 p.m. Warrant Service, North Street, Served in Hand
 Arrest: Kyle M. Evans, 28, Ware
 WMS Warrant
 2:47 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
 3:40 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard, Main Street, Removed Hazard
 11:23 p.m. Harassment/ Stalk/Threat, Convent Hill Road, Investigated

Monday, May 19
 9:35 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, High Street, Patient Refusal
 11:36 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Services Rendered
 2:20 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Greenwich Road, Dispatch Handled
 4:39 p.m. Harassment/ Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Services Rendered
 7:02 p.m. Fraud/ Deception, North Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, May 20
 7:48 a.m. Fraud/ Deception, North Street, Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

During the week of May 3-10, the Warren Police Department responded to 126 building/property checks, seven community policings, 17 emergency 911 calls, one safety concern, one fire/illegal burn, one structure fire, four complaints, one property damage, two threats, one larceny/theft, one trespasser, one motor vehicle accident, one animal call and 29 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Saturday, May 3
 7:52 a.m. Unwanted Party, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:47 a.m. Threats, Main Street, Report Filed
 3:52 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Ware Road, Mutual Aid Assist
 4:32 p.m. Power Lines Down, Town Farm Road, Removed Hazard
 8:53 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdeal/Abandoned, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party

Sunday, May 4
 12:19 a.m. Noise Complaint, Chapel Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 8:06 a.m. Property Damage, Old West Warren Road, Report Filed
 9:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
 2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Prisoner Bailed
 Arrest: Joshua J. Brodeur, 27, Southbridge
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Stop for Police, Fail; Stop/ Yield, Fail To

Monday, May 5
 8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Criminal Complaint
 10:36 a.m. Sick/ Unknown, Cronin Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 12:58 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdeal/Abandoned, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed
 2:49 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Highland Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:04 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital
 8:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 6
 4:49 a.m. Overdose/ Poisoning, Pulaski Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:18 a.m. Structure Fires, High Street, Investigated
 10:51 a.m. Trespasser, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 10:59 a.m. Complaint, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party
 11:26 a.m. Parking Issues, North Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:19 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Coy Hill Road, Report Filed
 2:55 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer/ Chief Advised
 3:09 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Presidential Circle, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, May 7
 12:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Removed to Court/Lockup
 Arrest: Jessica L. Chartier, 38, Palmer
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
 6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road,

Written Warning
 6:54 p.m. Complaint, Brimfield Road, Investigated
 7:22 p.m. Complaint, East Road, Negative Contract

Thursday, May 8
 9:56 a.m. Safety Concern, Chapel Street, Officer Spoke to Party
 2:59 p.m. 911 Hang-up/ Misdeal/Abandoned, Otis Street, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:31 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Bacon Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, May 9
 5:35 p.m. Trauma, South Street, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, May 10
 12:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Christian M. Benoit, 47, Worcester
 License Suspended for OUI, Operating Motor Vehicle With
 4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 6:57 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Central Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 8:07 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Comins Pond Road, Fire Extinguished
 9:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning
 10:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Veronica A. Tucker, 48, Warren
 OUI-Liquor or .08%



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Ware

Conservation Commission

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** by Lori and Russ Mooney, for removal of one dead tree located in the front yard of **304 Beaver Lake Road** and located within 100 feet of Beaver Lake. Said hearing will be held at the Selectman's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org> 05/22/2025

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TOWN OF WARE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT 13 CHURCH STREET

The Town of Ware invites sealed Bids for the Façade Improvement Project at 13 Church Street. The Façade Improvement Project includes the furnishing of all labor, equipment and materials required to complete the removal of the wooden entrance ramp and restoration of existing stone steps, replacement of a small wooden ramp with a concrete ramp, and installation of exterior lighting.

This project is being administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), FY21 Ware Community Development Block Grant Program.

Contract documents including detailed specifications will be available electronically beginning May 21, 2025 from 9:00 AM through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Electronic copies may be obtained by contacting Erica Johnson at ejohnson@pvpc.org or 413-781-6045.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates required by M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §§26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

The Awarding Authority encourages, to the extent feasible, the use of minority-, women- and disadvantaged-owned businesses for work under this contract and likewise encourages, to the greatest extent possible, that all bidders take affirmative steps to ensure training and employment for lower-income project area residents and award of subcontracts to HUD-defined Section 3 businesses. Bidders on the work shall make a good faith effort to achieve the goals of the Federal Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) policy regarding utilization of MBEs and WBEs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder.

Bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified or cashier's check, payable to the Town of Ware, is required in a dollar

amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. A performance bond and labor and materials bond for 50% of the total contract price, issued by a satisfactory surety company shall be required by the successful bidder.

The Town of Ware reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to accept proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the Town, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received. Bids may not be withdrawn within 30 days of the bid opening.

The Town of Ware, through its Selectboard, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town.

The Town of Ware will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

The Town of Ware Selectboard is the Awarding and Contracting Authority.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (60) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Façade Improvement Project at 13 Church Street, Ware.

The submission and review of bids must comply with 2 CFR Part 200, MGL Chapter 30, Section 39M, Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities/Community Development Fund Program (EOHLC/CDF) policies and other laws and regulations of the Commonwealth. Acceptance of any bid is subject to the continued availability of funds through the EOHLC/CDF grant awarded to the Town of Ware.

Questions regarding this procurement directed to Erica Johnson at PVPC, at ejohnson@pvpc.org.

Hard copy bids for the Façade Improvement Project at 13 Church Street for the Town of Ware, Massachusetts, must be received by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104 by 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025. 05/22/2025

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TOWN OF WARE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT 89-91 MAIN STREET

The Town of Ware invites sealed Bids for the Façade Improvement Project at 89-91 Main Street. The Façade Improvement Project includes the furnishing of all labor, equipment and materials required to complete the replacement of brownstone column bases, replace selected windows, remove deteriorated awnings and repair trim, and replace exterior lighting fixtures.

This project is being administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), FY21 Ware Community Development Block Grant Program.

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Mark S. Majka to Bank of America, N.A., dated December 28, 2007 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 9359, Page 212, subsequently assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC by Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 11343, Page 309, subsequently assigned to New Residential Mortgage LLC by Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 13532, Page 62, subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by New Residential Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded in said Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 14443, Page 26, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-RP5, by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded in said Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 15231, Page 156 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 AM on June 12, 2025** at 8 -10 Aspen Street, a/k/a 8 Aspen Street, Ware, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land or parcel of land situate in Ware, Hampshire County, Massachu-

setts, with the buildings thereon, on the westerly side of Aspen Street in said Ware, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of land now or formerly of Greenleaf heirs on the west line of said Aspen Street;

Thence westerly on line of land now or formerly of said Greenleaf heirs 70 feet to Aspen Grove Cemetery;

Thence northerly on east line of said Cemetery 65 feet to land formerly of Philibert Renaud;

Thence easterly on line of land formerly of said Renaud to said Aspen Street 70 feet;

Thence southerly on west line of said Aspen Street 65 feet to the place of beginning.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed of Mark St. Laurent and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds herewith.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-RP5. Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,
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Waltham, MA 02454
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23-007958
05/22, 05/29, 06/05/2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mandolyn M. Piscioneri to Monson Savings Bank, said mortgage being dated May 18, 2022, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14560, Page 30, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025**, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely 4 School Street, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of land formerly of Philis H. Provencal on the Northerly side of School Street in said Ware;

Thence Northerly on land formerly of said Provencal about seventy-five (75) feet to a corner land to land formerly of said Provencal;

Thence Easterly on line of land formerly of said Provencal and on land formerly of Joseph Dumas, Jr., in line parallel with the brick foundation wall of a barn now or formerly standing, partly on land formerly of said Provencal and partly on land formerly of said Dumas and two (2)

feet southerly from said wall, fifty (50) feet;

Thence Southerly on other land formerly of said Dumas about seventy-five (75) feet to a point in the Northerly line of said School Street;

Thence westerly on said School Street, fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning containing more or less.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed dated June 6, 2016 and recorded at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 12343, Page 70.

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

No representations, express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises which will be sold "as is".

The successful high bidder will be responsible for paying the Massachusetts State Documentary Tax Stamps, all closing costs and all recording fees.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder in the sale shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check or certified check in the amount of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)** at the time and the place of the sale of the premises to qualify as a bidder (the present holder of the mortgage is exempt from this requirement) to be held by the Mortgagee. The successful bidder will also be required to deposit an additional sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid less the \$10,000.00 deposit (but no less than \$10,000) with the Mortgagee's auctioneer, Aaron Posnik & Co., Inc., 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089 or the Mortgagee's attorney as may be directed within five (5) days of the date of the sale to be held by the Mortgagee, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank treasurer's check at the closing which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its election, to sell the property to the second highest bidder at the public auction provided that Mortgagee, in its discretion, may require (1) said second highest bidder to deposit the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder, (2) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (3) the closing to occur within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless the Mortgagee agrees otherwise. The Mortgagee reserves the right to sell any parcel or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgagee may choose and/or to postpone this sale to a later time

or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

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Monson Savings Bank, Present Holder of said Mortgage

By:
David A. Lavenburg,
Its Attorney
BACON WILSON, P.C.
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Springfield, MA 01103
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05/15, 05/22, 05/29/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS25P0271EA Estate of: William J. Quink, Jr. Also Known As: William J. Quink Date of Death: March 6, 2025

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John M. Delargy of Ware, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John M. Delargy of Ware, MA

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05/22/2025

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BACKYARD
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about 15' away. While sitting very still I began to hear bird's wings flapping close by, then I could feel the air moving near my head."

He continued, "Then the bird landed briefly on the top of my head. Of course I couldn't see the bird. As soon as it left my head I turned my head slowly but couldn't see any birds behind me. I have a very healthy hearing of hair for an old coot and I think the bird might have been looking for nesting material.

I suspect it was a titmouse because several had been back and forth to the feeder before this happened."

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.

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 12-19, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 59 building/property checks, 33 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, one traffic control, 19 emergency 911 calls, eight citizen assists, one assist other agency, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, three complaints, three safety hazards, one harassment, two motor vehicle accidents and five motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, May 12
8:16 a.m. Fire Inspections, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
8:54 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick-New Braintree Police, Officer Handled
9:24 a.m. Assist Citizen, Greenwich Road, Dispatch Handled
10:22 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
11:47 a.m. Assist Citizen, North Street, Officer Handled
1:15 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick-New Braintree Police, Officer Handled
1:54 p.m. 911 Neighbor Dispute, Church Lane, Services Rendered
3:43 p.m. Complaint, Church Lane, Services Rendered
5:24 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital
7:18 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Petersham Road, Officer Handled
10:42 p.m. Complaint/

Motor Vehicle Operations, Church Street, Spoken To
Tuesday, May 13
8:54 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Services Rendered
2:57 p.m. Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
5:13 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Spoken To
6:36 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Services Rendered
8:59 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, May 14
2:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
3:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
4:19 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Ruggles Street, Services Rendered
11:07 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed

Thursday, May 15
7:16 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Street, Transported to Hospital
3:02 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled
7:35 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
9:37 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Officer Handled
10:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Friday, May 16
2:27 a.m. Fire Alarm, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered
8:54 a.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
8:58 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital
12 p.m. Harassment, Church Street, Spoken To
12:57 p.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, No Action Required
4:35 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Prospect Street, Unfounded
9:08 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, May 17
12:34 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
10:17 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, May 18
12:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled
8:37 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
12:05 p.m. 911 Disabled Motor Vehicle, Petersham Road, Negative Contact
6:46 p.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, No Action Required

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Monday, June 9, 2025
6:30 PM

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Ware FY21 CDBG Proposed Program & Budget Amendment
The Ware Community Development Authority (CDA) will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 9th, 2025 starting at 6:30 PM.** The hearing will be conducted in a hybrid format and interested parties may attend in person at the Ware Town Hall or join via the Zoom link or phone number provided above.

The purpose of the Hearing is to present a proposed program and budget amendment to the Town's FY2021 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program award.

The proposed amendment will increase the amount of funding provided to a single eligible and approved Façade Improvement Program project from a maximum of \$40,000 to a maximum of \$80,000. This increase is for projects eligible for deferred payment loans. The maximum limit for projects eligible for grant funding will not change. The proposed amendment also seeks to transfer up to \$14,600 in uncommitted and available funds from the Cottage Street Infrastructure Design Project and up to \$93,478 in uncommitted and available funds from the Housing Rehabilitation Program to the Façade Improvement Program. Both the Infrastructure Design and the Housing Rehabilitation programs have met their respective grant program goals. This budget transfer will allow the Façade Improvement Program to meet its grant program goals.

Any person or organization with questions or comments will have an opportunity to be heard. The Ware Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Written comments will be received by the Town through June 9th at 3:00 PM. Written comments will be read aloud during the hearing. For further information contact Paralee Smith, Director of Planning and Community Development at (413) 967-9648 x118 or psmith@townofware.com. 05/22/2025

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The work consists of removal of the existing two scum pumps and replacement with two new progressive cavity scum pumps with new electric drives and associated piping. **Bids shall be on a lump sum 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.

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Town of Warren Full-Time Police Officer Vacancy

The Warren Police Department is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the vacant position of FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER. The Warren Police Department is a non-civil service department that is seeking individuals who are motivated, proactive and community oriented. All candidates must be at least 21 years of age, be a U.S. Citizen, have a minimum of a high school diploma, possess a valid driver's license, and currently have, or have the ability to obtain a Class A license to carry firearms in the state of Massachusetts. Candidates must have successfully completed a Massachusetts full-time police academy or the equivalent to be considered for the position.

All applicants who move forward in the hiring process will be subject to a background investigation as well as a medical, physical, and psychological examination. All candidates will also be required to meet all requirements set forth by the Peace Officer and Standards Commission (POST). It is preferred that applicants currently hold an unrestricted certification from POST at the time of applying.

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All interested applicants are asked to please submit a cover letter and resume to: Lieutenant Kyle P. Whitcomb, 1 Milton O. Fountain Way, P.O. Box 606, Warren, MA 01083 or E-mail to Whitcomb@warren-ma.gov

The deadline for applications is **Friday, May 30, 2025**. Therefore, it is required that the Warren Police Department be in receipt of the candidates resume and cover letter no later than this date to be considered. The Town of Warren is an equal opportunity employer (EOE).

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WARE – Kids ages 5-18 are invited to join the Ware Police and Fire Departments at the Ware High School track on Saturday, June 14 from 9-11 a.m.

UMass Bike Police Officers will be on hand to assist with bicycle safety and

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Snacks, water, and juice will be available for the entire family to enjoy as the kids learn riding safety



Senior Center Thrift Store offers BOGO sale for May

WARE – The Ware Senior Center Thrift Store, 1 Robbins Road, will have a Buy One Get One Sale for the month of May on all summer clothes, shoes and jeans.

The price that is charged

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