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## Remembering Our Fallen on Memorial Day

### HARDWICK



The firing detail gave the salute at the World War II memorial in Wheelwright during Hardwick's Memorial Day observances held on Sunday.

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### WARE

Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Father Jeff Ballou, Lt. Col. in the U.S. Air Force, was the featured speaker at Ware's Memorial Day ceremony held at Veterans Park on Monday.

## Ware honors service and sacrifice

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red, white and blue.

The crowd followed the parade to gather at Veterans Park, where Master of Ceremonies Col. John Pajak began the ceremony to pay respect to those who have given their lives for their country.

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## Hometown heroes remembered

HARDWICK – On the Sunday before Memorial Day, residents of town gathered throughout each village to join their veterans, police, fire, EMS and town officials honor those who served our country.

Starting in Wheelwright,

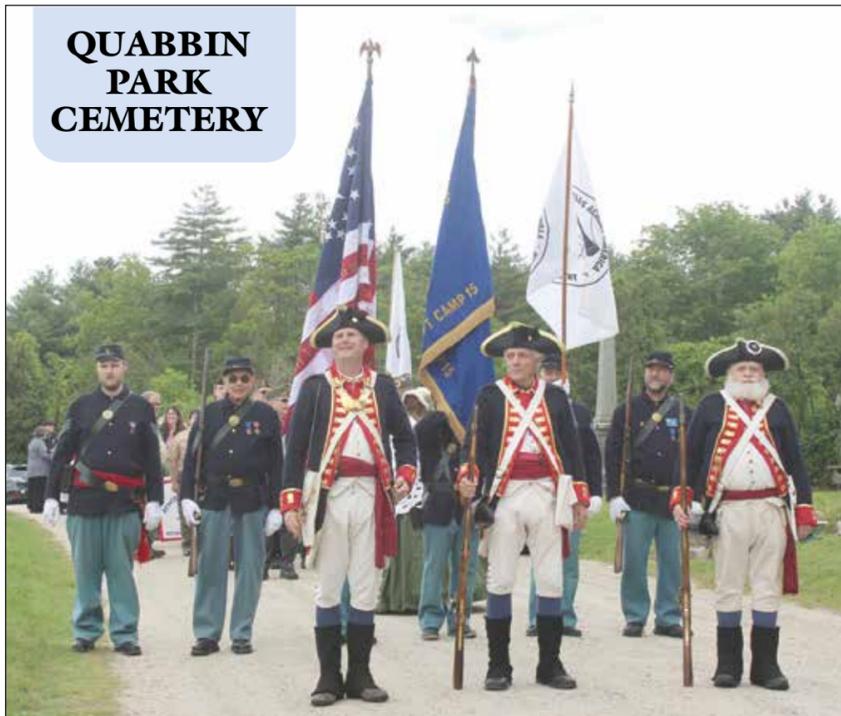
Parade Marshal Donald Martel led the assembly to the World War II memorial where Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos read the names of the deceased veterans. A wreath was positioned at each monument, and the veterans were

honored by a salute from the firing detail and the playing of "Taps".

The group then moved to the Civil War memorial on the common, before heading to the Revolutionary War cemetery adjacent to

the Town House, then on to the Hardwick Cemetery on Petersham Road.

From there, they reassembled in St. Aloysius Cemetery in Gilbertville, before concluding at the World War I memorial in Gilbertville.



### QUABBIN PARK CEMETERY

Turley Photo by Ryan Drago  
The Quabbin Park Cemetery Memorial Day program began with a parade and march.

## Memorial Day observed at Quabbin Park Cemetery

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our communities and our nation.

On May 25, Quabbin Park Cemetery hosted its annual Memorial Day program, which is conducted by the Veterans Council

of Belchertown with the support from the Friends of Quabbin, Inc., the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of

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WARE – Quabbin Park Cemetery is a special place to honor those who served



### WARREN

Shown from left to right are state Sen. Jacob Oliveira, Selectmen Derick Veliz, David Dufresne and Rich Eichacker and Town Administrator James Ferrera at Warren Veterans Memorial Park in West Warren after the Memorial Day parade.

## Warren holds Memorial Day parade

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town and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The parade began at St. Paul's Cemetery in Warren and would conclude in West Warren by the Fraternal Order of Eagles in West Warren.

WARREN – The town came together for the annual Memorial Day parade.

The roads were set for participants of the parade to march their way through the

During the parade, everyone stopped at the

common for the National Anthem, which was performed by the school band of Quaboag Regional Middle High School. Attending the parade was Town Administrator James Ferrera, the Board

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## Selectboard hear update on healthcare at Mary Lane Hospital

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WARE – Resident Cindy Allen Bourcier told the Selectboard the weekly working group to discuss the Mary Lane Hospital property

have been going well.

She expressed concern about the windows being removed from the Wetherby building.

"I know they're calling this abatement but there's different types of abatement. There's abatement for reno-

vation, there's abatement for demolition," she said at the May 20 meeting. "This looks more like pre-demolition abatement."

Bourcier said property owner Baystate Health has valid permits with the state, but they do not have local

permits.

"That seems to be our town's policy, if somebody has a demolition permit a year and a half in advance they don't need any local permits," she said.

Bourcier said she has not received any documents she

requested regarding Baystate Health from the town. She said she also hasn't received anything in writing from Attorney Patricia Davidson, who has been researching the Lewis Gilbert trust with Bank of America.

Bourcier said residents

are in support of healthcare in town and that doesn't just

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# PB has public hearing on Home Occupation SP

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WARE – The Planning Board held a public hearing regarding a special permit for a home occupation.

The petitioner, Maxwell LaBier, is looking to operate a home occupation based out of 120 Church St. and is the owner of several heavy equipment vehicles.

After briefly describing an outline of his daily operations, the board members wanted to know if the petitioner does work on the property. The petitioner has a tree company along with a bucket truck and chippers and has work on the road, not on the Church Street property.

The petitioner's proposal is to add a circular driveway extended along the north boundary to Church Street. This area will be used to neatly store truck, chip trucks, chipper and a small equipment trailer.

The area of which the petitioner is seeking a special permit for home occupancy is zoned as Downtown Residential.

The board reviewed some bylaws regarding the weight of work trucks. The owner has some vehicles that weigh over 10,000 pounds, and one of the bylaws may restrict certain vehicles to be at a

10,000 pound limit.

The Planning Board members wanted to find out more and ask the Building Inspector, Anna Marques, for more information on the limitations and bylaws regarding home occupation.

The board opened the hearing to the public for any comments about the special permit request. One resident of Highland Street, who is a close neighbor to the petitioner, said he has no issue whatsoever with the operation.

Other public comments were from workers who have worked with LaBier and spoke highly of his work and leadership. The public hearing for the home occupation special permit was continued and will resume at the next Planning Board meeting

## Condo project discussion

The Planning Board members had a discussion with Michael Harris to discuss possible plans for a new condominium project. Harris is looking at the property of 193 West St. as a potential spot for housing, or condominium space.

Harris gave a few plans for the Planning Board to review.

If all looks good to the board, Harris will move forward with the process. The applicant will be looking for

someone to do the design and possibly add more condos than what is currently shown in the plans.

Before any decision is made, the board members wanted a more concrete decision on what type of development this will be.

"What kind of unit development it is," said Vice-Chair Chris Dimarzio.

If approved for development, Harris predicts this complex will have a condo association in place. One of the potential markets for this possible condominium development may be marketed towards ages 55 and older.

According to the plans, each condo would have two bedrooms and 1.5 baths. If going towards a condo association run facility, Harris believes the association would take over the responsibility of the maintenance.

If all the condos are not sold, Harris said he might rent some out.

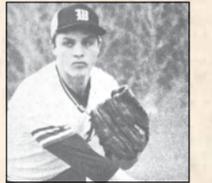
The board members wanted to know what the appropriate application Harris should go for, if the idea were to move forward. The two main applications are either a special permit or a subdivision application.

Harris will return to the Planning Board with more information and hopes to hear more input on the idea.

# 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 David Adams pitching during a game against North Brookfield. Adams had nine strikeouts and a perfect game, which was called after five innings due to rain. Adams also hit a home run in this game. Adams' sister, Becky Desjardins, correctly identified her brother.

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

# Flourishing as a community

HARDWICK – Join Megan McDonough, founder and CEO of Wholebeing Institute, for an evening of meaningful conversation about what it means to flourish as a community.

This free event will take place on Wednesday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main St., Gilbertville. A light supper will be served to open the evening in Boothman Hall.

In a time when loneliness and disconnection are on the rise – and even in small towns, lines are drawn and divisions deepen – the science is clear: our well-being is deeply linked to the strength of our relationships and sense of belonging.

Megan will guide a thoughtful, interactive discussion on how we can support one another in cultivating connection, resilience, and shared joy – right here in our local community.

There is no cost to attend and no tickets are required, but RSVPs are appreciated to help the center plan for food. Please email foscglbertville@gmail.com to let them know you're coming. Donations are welcome to support this and future community programs.

McDonough is a global leader in the field of human flourishing and the founder of Wholebeing Institute, an international educational organization dedicated to the science of well-being.

With decades of experience at the intersection of science and wisdom traditions, she has led programs and spoken on stages in Brazil, Latin America, Australia, and beyond. Yet her deepest roots remain in Hardwick, where she has lived for over 30 years on a small farm with her husband. Together, they run Hardwick Sugar Shack, crafting maple syrup from

the trees just outside their door.

This gathering is hosted by Friends of the Stone Church, a local nonprofit working to preserve and activate this historic landmark for the cultural and communal enrichment of our region. Since 2015, FOSC has been creating opportunities for connection, creativity, and conversation.

Let's come together – neighbors, friends, and fellow seekers – to explore what truly makes us thrive.

To support ongoing preservation and programs at the Stone Church, donations can be made online at www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org or mailed to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031. Friends of the Stone Church is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

## Farmers Market returns for 15th season on June 4

WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Farmers Market returns on Wednesday, June 4 on the beautiful West Brookfield Common for its 15th consecutive season.

The market is held on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m., rain or shine, throughout the spring, summer and early fall.

The 2025 season the market will feature 17 vendors with a wide array of locally grown and made goods including three new vendors sure to please the palate.

Roundtable Farm from Hardwick is bringing in a variety of farm made cheeses and cuts of goat meat from their farm. Deep Roots Distillery from Sturbridge will be offering artisan breads from their kitchen plus spirit tastings and bottle sales. Lastly, the market welcomes Wildberry Acres from Brookfield with their take and bake meals, soups and fresh fruit pies.

The West Brookfield Farmers Market is held every Wednesday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. on the common starting on June 4 through Oct. 8, rain or shine.

## 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, June 2

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.

10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch

#### Tuesday, June 3

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

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.

9:30 a.m. Quilting Club  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 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, June 4

9 a.m. Tai-Chi  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.

10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
2:30 p.m. Knitting –

### Crochet Laugh

#### Thursday, June 5

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, June 6

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 you name on the lunch list.

#### Monday, June 2

Stuffed Peppers, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Tuesday, June 3

Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Wednesday, June 4

BBQ Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Dessert of the Day

#### Thursday, June 5

Lazy Golumbki, Pickled Beets, Dessert of the Day

#### Friday, June 6

Baked Cod, Rice Pilaf, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day



Quaboag Regional Middle School eighth grader Audrey Wilhelm helped place American Flags on graves.



Eighth grader Olivia McAnuff placed American Flags before Memorial Day.



Seventh grader Jariella Male placed American flags in West Brookfield and Warren cemeteries

## Quaboag students help place flags for Memorial Day

WARREN / WEST BROOKFIELD – Quaboag Regional Middle School students and eighth grade Civics Teacher, Joe Salvatore assisted Veterans Agent Michelle Durkee and the members of Post 244 in placing flags on the veteran's graves in the cemeteries in West Brookfield and Warren.

This is the 29th year that Quaboag students have helped with this special task to help honor the deceased veterans who have served our country during peace and war, and some who were killed in combat, like the two Adams brothers from West Brookfield killed during the Civil War.

William L. Adams died

of his wounds received at the Battle of Antietam, Maryland in 1862 and George E. Adams killed at New Market, Virginia, in 1864. They are buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield marked by a bluish colored cast aluminum obelisk monument in the center of the cemetery.



**Saturday, May 31 ~ 8pm-?**

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# Race benefited veterans organization

First ever Memorial Day 5K raised nearly \$4,000

**Staff Report**

WARE – Over 100 runners and walkers took to Grenville Park this past Saturday for the first ever Memorial Day 5K sponsored by Sculpt Well Co. in partnership with the One Call Away Foundation.

Event organizer and Sculpt Well Co. founder Karyn Petracone said the event raised nearly \$4,000 for the Run to Home Base organization.

“This generous contribution will significantly impact the lives of veterans and their families, providing them with essential resources and support. We couldn’t have achieved this milestone without everyone’s unwavering support,” she said.

Petracone thanked the event sponsors, Limelight Dance Center, Country Bank, Blu Roc, HZ Electric, and Rose 32 for their support. She also thanked the hardworking volunteers who made sure the event ran smoothly and for those how donated to the raffle.

She gave a special acknowledgment to Rolly Gratton and the entire One Call Away Foundation for their relentless efforts in supporting veterans.

“Your work is invaluable, and we are grateful for your partnership,” Petracone said.

Petracone also thanked the people and vendors who contributed to the event’s festivities including John Piechota and the Town of Ware, the Ware River News, APR, John Pajak and the Veteran’s Council, Above The Law Aerial Imagery, Josh Pelski with JP Visions, Brandon Horn, Uhlman’s Ice Cream, Pearl & Company, Kim Hatch, The Gain Train Complete Nutrition, KM Graphics Custom Printed & Embroidered Apparel, Presidential Timing, LLC and the Knights of Columbus.



Runners and walkers participated in the first ever Memorial Day 5K this past Saturday sponsored by Sculpt Well Co. in partnership with the One Call Away Foundation as a fundraiser for the Run to Home Base organization.



Winter Boyea of Barre finished with a time of 36:18:85.



Maria Negroni of Holyoke makes her way to the finish line.



Courtney Morin of Ware makes her way through the race course.



Dan Witt Jr., John Pajak and Grant Pelletier rucked the race course.



Kirsten Desjardins and Kyle Ragno of Ware cross the finish line together.

Braintree, 28:52; Damian Johnston, Cossackie, New York, 28:52; Courtney Morin, Ware, 28:54; Kimberly Lookner, Ware, 29:00; James Slaney, Wilbraham, 29:15; Sarah Harrison, Ware, 29:55; Callie Bouvier, Ware, 29:57; Laura M. Brown, Monson, 30:05; Matthew Gromosky, Ware, 30:30; Steve Perkins, Warren, 31:24; Hayley Sprague, Monson, 31:36; Brenda Howland, New Braintree, 31:46; Kimberly Pagnoni, Gilbertville, 31:59; Cayley Cousineau, Ware, 32:21; Jessie Sprague, Brimfield, 32:27; Caitlin Trzpit, Belchertown, 32:39; Molly Bouvier, Ware, 32:42; Alex Silverman, Northampton, 33:05; Brian Rheume, Ware, 33:39; Sophia Rheume, Ware, 33:39; Antonio Quinones, Holyoke, 34:01; Christina Allingham, Amherst, 34:16; Paula Ouimette, Gilbertville, 34:32; Murielle Boyea, Barre, 35:59; Winter Boyea, Barre, 36:18; Jacob Crevier, Ware, 37:41; Dannielle Crevier, Ware, 37:42; Shaina Curran, Springfield, 37:52; Sarah Buelow, Ludlow, 37:48; Breeanna Sheldon, Belchertown, 37:55; Kimberley Darling, Ware, 38:07; Ashlee Balicki, Ware, 38:09; Sean Flynn, Ware, 39:08; Anonymous Participant, 39:52; Dedrick Baublitz, Thompson, Connecticut, 40:02; Graciella Baublitz, Thompson, Connecticut, 40:02; Sarah Milton, Worcester, 40:04; Stuart Beckley, Sunderland, 41:23; Maria Negroni, Holyoke, 41:51; Samantha Squires, Ware, 42:20; Carrie Theriault, Ware, 43:24; Clarice Desjardins, Ware, 44:11; Olivia Arsenaull, Leominster, 47:53; Lizzie Niquette, Ware, 47:53; Stephen Wool, Chicopee, 53:13; Sabrina Wool, Chicopee, 53:21; Sondra Morin, Chicago, Illinois, 53:57; Jessica Daley, Monson, 55:34; Toni Stewart, Ware, 55:34; Eric Dane, Ware, 59:30; Gina Dane, Ware, 59:29; Damien King, Chicopee, 1:06; Sarah Morton, Chicopee, 1:06; Daniel Witt Jr., Ware, 1:09; and Grant Pelletier, Gilbertville, 1:09.

“You all helped in creating a wonderful experience for everyone,” she said.

Race results are as follows: Troy Jurczyk, Ware, 19:07; Thomas Rivers, Lee, 19:10; Zac Barbiasz, Ware, 19:57; Gavin Sawabi, Ware, 20:25; Shawn Clark, Ware, 21:11; Zack Boyea, Barre, 21:20; Ben Ferro, Holyoke, 21:35; Rick Hurst, Monson, 21:46; Brian Farmer, Ware, 22:02; Brandon Sawabi, Ware, 22:05; Michael Siok, Ware, 22:15; Hannah Dowd, Hubbardston, 23:12;

L. Jurczyk, Ware, 23:19; Abigayle Goudreau, Ware, 23:27; Tori Crevier, Ware, 23:37; Colby Morin, Ware, 24:08; Adam Harrison, Ware, 24:34; Dylan Sawabi, Ludlow, 24:52; Mary Langevin, Sturbridge, 25:28; Tiffany Richard, Wheelwright, 25:48; Remy Cahalan, Ware, 25:55; Bryan Maroney, Belchertown, 26:05; Brent Walton, Belchertown, 26:04; Cheri Chipman, Ware, 26:06; Dayne Stewkesbury, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, 26:10;

David Barton, Ware, 26:36; Kyle Gordon, Ware, 26:42; Chloe Cahalan, Ware, 26:46; Brian Shea, East Brookfield, 26:48; Nick Monahan, New Braintree, 27:04; Taylor Green, Ware, 27:07; Amanda Chartier, Hardwick, 27:07; Erin Walsh, Barre, 27:07; Kyle Ragno, Ware, 27:07; Kirsten Desjardins, Ware, 27:07; Sylvia Matraw Johnston, Cossackie, New York, 27:39; Matthew Sputnik, Ware, 28:09; Paul Skutnik, Ware, 28:16; Shannon Dowd, New



The Sculpt Well Co. team organized and participated in the Memorial Day 5K.



Sylvia Matraw Johnston led participants in a series of 23 pushups to represent the number of veterans who die by suicide each day.

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# viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### How do I apply for Social Security?

**Dear Rusty:**  
I just turned 65 years old in February 2025. I need to sign up for Social Security but don't even know where to start.  
*Signed: Seeking Assistance*

**Dear Seeking:**  
It is fairly easy to sign up for your Social Security benefits, by either calling the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or your local SS office, to make a telephone appointment to apply, or by completing your application for Social Security benefits online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply). However, to apply for benefits online you will need to first create your personal "my Social Security" account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Once you have your personal account set up, you can apply directly from that account and also see an estimate of your SS benefits at different ages.

You may already be aware that age 65 is not your Social Security Full Retirement Age. Your FRA is when you get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. By taking benefits at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced to about 87% of your FRA amount; a permanent reduction. Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, which means you will be taking your SS benefit about two years early and also means that if you are still working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test. The AET limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. For 2025, the annual earnings limit is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit they take benefits back by withholding future payments long enough to recover what you owe.

So, you can apply for your Social Security benefits, as indicated above,

either online or by calling SS for an appointment. Just be aware that by applying at age 65 your benefit will be permanently reduced, and you will be subject to Social Security's earnings limit. The earnings limit lasts until you reach your FRA, after which you can earn as much as you like without penalty.

Also, because you are 65, if you wish to enroll in Medicare, please be aware that you don't need to take your Social Security benefits to enroll in Medicare. You can enroll in Medicare (only) by calling Social Security as explained above or enrolling in Medicare online. Here is a link which explains how to enroll in only Medicare: <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up>

I hope this information is helpful, and please know that the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer your questions. If it's easier, you can also speak directly to one of our certified Social Security Advisors by calling us during normal EST business hours at 1-888-750-2622. We cannot submit your SS application for you, but we can answer all questions you have about applying.

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## More basil? Yes, please!

Regular readers of the column will remember just how much pleasure I get out of making and freezing my version of pesto. In other words, pesto without the expensive pine nuts.

We use this spread in the rue for butternut squash lasagna and on pizza in place of marinara sauce. Sadly, we ran out of our frozen "cubes" over a month ago and have had to resort to the store bought tubes of the paste.

They're okay, but certainly not as tasty as homegrown. I vow I will grow more basil this year. Alas, if only the weather would cooperate.

Read on to learn how to grow, harvest and ultimately turn these flavorful leaves into "summer in an ice cube."

Over the years I have found that there are just a few obstacles to growing great basil. Seeds should be planted indoors - rarely will they do well from an outdoor sowing.

Start basil about the same time that tomatoes are sown, in mid to late March. Basil is particularly cold sensitive, so be sure that all danger of frost has passed before transplanting it into the garden.

As mentioned, we are waiting for the weather to take a turn for the better. Plants will die in a frost, but will languish during rainy days with temperatures in the forties. Hopefully this trend is going to subside soon.

Basil foliage has also been known to burn if planted outdoors without a period of hardening off. For this reason, gradually get seed-

lings used to bright sun and wind over the course of a week before planting in the ground. Provide your trans-

mouth jar of soapy water positioned underneath.

Ideally, basil leaves should be harvested after the dew has dried in the morning but before the sun shines too brightly; at that particular time its oils are the most pungent.

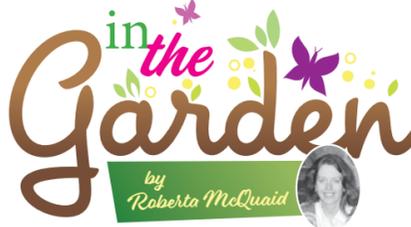
As mentioned, I like freezing basil in paste form. Simply take two cups of rinsed and blotted dry basil leaves and coarsely chop them in a food processor. While the motor is running drizzle in one-quarter to one-third of a cup of extra virgin olive oil. You can add parmesan cheese to taste or save that step for later.

Spoon the paste into containers, or as I like to do, into ice cube trays to be frozen for use later on. If you like garlic, go ahead and add that in. Fan of pine nuts? Go for it!

Pop the frozen cubes out of the tray and into freezer bags. Then you can grab what you need for a particular recipe.

All this talk of basil has got me itching to get my transplants into the ground. Soon enough, let's hope!

*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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*



plants with fertile, well-drained soil in a sunny spot.

If, over the course of the summer you notice that the leaves are no longer grass-green, but instead are pale or even turning brown, your plants may have a nitrogen deficiency. I usually have had to "top dress" my basil twice after planting, each time with a sprinkling of balanced organic fertilizer and some aged compost.

Usually they green up in a matter of days.

Basil has the insatiable desire to flower. We must "deadhead" or the plant will fulfill its earthly desire to reproduce by making and dropping seed, all at the expense of foliage production. Since we grow this plant for its leaves and not its seed, or its flowers for that matter, clip away the buds at the first sign of them.

Another challenge to basil growing has been the Japanese beetle. Basil leaves riddled with chew marks should best be removed.

Japanese beetles are relatively easy to hand pick in the morning and at night. A gentle tap on a leaf will easily knock beetles into a wide

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## Local poets recognized at National Baseball Poetry Festival

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WORCESTER – Polar Park in Worcester is the home of the National Baseball Poetry Festival.

This year marked the third time the festival arrived at the home of the Worcester Red

Sox as they recognized adult and youth poets across the U.S. and several countries across the world.

Every year the festival hosts a poetry contest for both youth and adults. Kids in grades four-12 could participate and submit a poem. This year, the National Baseball Poetry Festival

received submissions from 37 states and four countries.

Sharing some information about the festival was Pam Gemme of West Brookfield. Gemme is a big Red Sox fan and loves baseball, hence why she would soon become a baseball poet.

The annual festival has always taken place at Polar Park in Worcester and highlights not only the poets, but also the passion for both baseball and poetry.

Steven Biondolillo is the founder of the National Baseball Poetry Festival. The National Baseball Poetry Festival is a creation of Biondolillo Associates, since 1984 the nation's leading developer of branded special-event fundraising programs for nonprofit organizations.

The festival highlights include two WooSox games, a Polar Park tour, a sunset catch on the field for all, a Poet-to-Poet Reading at The Worcester Pop Up, a Youth Reading at the ballpark, and an Open-Mic Night at



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
CEO & President of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tim Murray, spoke during the opening reception of the National Baseball Poetry Festival at Polar Park in Worcester.



An umpire singing during the reception. Devon Kurtz, shown standing in the distance wearing a white baseball uniform, played Casey from "Casey at the Bat", which was written by a Worcester native.



A musical performance from Stephen Murray's "Casey at the Bat - A Contemporary Mini Opera" was featured in the opening reception.

Electric Haze in Worcester's famed Canal District.

Gemme has been involved in the festival for the last three years and is part of the executive committee.

"This is a chance to celebrate two things, baseball and the fine arts," Gemme

said.

According to Gemme, baseball is the biggest poetry sport. Not only is the city of Worcester the home of the Worcester Red Sox, aka "The WooSox", but it is also the

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# Staff and parents discuss special ed. action plan

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WARE – Director of Student Services Dr. Ginger Coleman was joined by staff members and parents to discuss the outcome of a recent meeting to create a special education action plan.

At the May 21 School Committee meeting, Coleman explained the purpose of the special education committee and the action plan meeting that was held with various stakeholders.

The parent of a third grade student with autism said she discovered that her child was pulled from his IEP and placed on a 504 plan instead. She said she also found out that evaluations she requested for her student were not provided to him.

The parent said her student is doing well academically, but is having challenges with behavior.

“Something’s failing him in school,” she said.

The parent said this change from an IEP to a 504 plan happened before Coleman came to the school district and after a lengthy discussion with Coleman and others, her student will be placed back on his IEP.

Coleman said a file review for this student was conducted, and she was able to determine which assessments had been conducted and which ones had not. She said not every evaluation for this student had been completed when required.

She encouraged families

with similar situations to reach out to her to discuss any concerns.

“That’s how we’ll address things as they come forward,” Coleman said. “We’ll monitor, we’ll meet, and we’ll reveal.”

Superintendent Dr. Michael Lovato said one of the biggest areas of concern identified in a recent special education audit was the number of students not being evaluated to be on an IEP.

“I have no doubt, that we probably have some other parents out there who have gone through the same challenges,” he said.

Occupational Therapist Andrea Adams said the meeting with parents and staff was a great start for the school district and it gave everyone a chance to have a voice.

Dave Greenberg, educational team leader for students in grades six through 12, spoke about the importance of the committee for all involved with the special education program.

“I just think that the committee is a great way for us to improve our practices,” he said.

One of the key recommendations that came out of the committee meeting was to provide training for parents in order to be informed about special education and feel empowered.

“Many of the parents in the meeting, we acknowledged initial confusion about the difference between the IEPs and the 504 plans,” one parent said.

The next meeting of the special education action committee will be held on May 29 and Coleman will provide an update on various timelines including initial evaluations, IEP development and reevaluation compliance and procedures. A training calendar will be shared as well.

Coleman said there is also a need for trauma-informed training and practices.

“We do have many, many students who have experienced trauma,” she said. “That is an area that we’re going to delve into for planning just to address more of our students.”

School Committee Vice-Chair Melissa Whitham said she also attended the meeting, and she hopes to hear more from families about their experiences with the special education program.

Independent investigation School Committee Chair Brian Winslow said the committee needed to vote to extend the contract for the independent investigation due to the timing of a key interview. He said the contract will need to be extended to June 30, but the final report will be completed before that date.

He said the scope of the investigation changed since the start and there was more involvement than originally anticipated.

Lovato said he requested the investigation to look at the complaints brought to the School Committee by the Ware Teachers Association. He said to date, he had not

received a complaint directly.

He said there are now three additional factors being looked at outside of the original scope of the investigation, including an alleged incident said to have occurred in March.

Lovato said the investigator rescheduled her interview with him until the end of this month.

School Committee member Aaron Sawabi said he still has not seen the scope of the investigation and said he did not feel comfortable voting to extend the contract because of this.

The committee voted in favor of extending the investigation with Sawabi and Julie Slattery opposed.

### Superintendent’s report

Lovato said according to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, graduation rates for this year were above 80%. He said previous graduation rates have traditionally been around 77-78%.

He said the biggest gain was students with disabilities, which increased by 26%. There were increases for high needs and low income students as well.

“Those are typically the areas that people struggle with to get those results,” Lovato said. “Obviously there’s a lot of good things happening in the high school if they’re able to get those results.”

Lovato said the only area that went down was the rate of females graduating.

Lovato said when com-

pared to other school districts, Ware Public Schools had a much higher increase for growth in the various subgroups. He congratulated the students and staff for this accomplishment.

“It’s pretty amazing when you look at some of those scores,” he said. “These numbers don’t just happen on accident.”

### Banner advertisement

Winslow said there is a need to update the banner advertisements that are displayed around the football field. He said it has been some time since prices have been updated.

“Definitely costs have gone up,” he said.

Winslow said there is about \$10,000 in the account from the banners, and he suggested using it to make improvements to fields or reduce athletic fees.

### Handbook updates

Lovato said updates to the student handbook and athletic handbook are due by the end of July. He said a special education handbook is being created as well.

### Field usages

The School Committee discussed the possibility of investing in the school’s athletic fields and maintaining them, pending the temporary closure of Memorial Field.

Lovato said he will look into the cost of upgrading the fields, which he said would be a capital project.

## 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.

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mean Baystate Health. She said Caring Health has been trying to get a site in town since 2017.

“There’s been people interested, it’s not just Baystate,” she said.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the Selectboard and himself are in full support of healthcare in town. He said having it would be a benefit to the town, regardless of the site it is located on.

Beckley explained that Caring Health is a federally funded health center, and they did not receive funding for such a project in the past.

Bourcier said she is also going to start reaching back out to Kennedy Community

Health Center, who had previously said they were not interested in the site.

“It’s a Health Care District now and we hope to keep healthcare over at that site, that should be the priority,” she said. “The Wetherby, it’s important to save that because it’s less expensive to renovate than it is to rebuild from scratch.”

### Sewer abatement continued

The Selectboard members reviewed a previous request to abate the sewer bill for property at 40 Church St. Beckley said it is the opinion of the Water Department that the abatement should not be approved.

The Selectboard voted against approval of the abate-

ment.

### Opioid settlement fund use

Drug Free Communities Grant Director Rebecca Edwards of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance said they are requesting approximately \$85,000 from the town’s opioid settlement funds.

She said the funds would be used as a stop-gap between grant funding periods in order to keep supports and the director’s position in place. She said QHSUA Director Emily Kirby is focused on harm reduction and funding the director’s position would have a strong impact on the community.

“Using these funds to sustain a position is going to

really maximize the impact by keeping this work going,” she said.

### Shady Path complaints

Beckley said he received complaints that Shady Path’s road surface was sticky during a warm day. He said the Highway Director said it may need more sand, but the surface was acting as it was supposed to.

Complaints about the road’s surface began after it was chip sealed last year. Other roads with the same treatment have not had the same issue.

Kusnierz asked if the town could hold the company that applied the surface accountable when the town has to go out and apply sand.

### Town Manager’s report

Beckley said the Three Mile Bridge is closed from May 28 until approximately June 6. He said Old Belchertown Road will not be available in order to access Route 32.

He said Gilbertville Road paving is continuing and milling will begin on Greenwich Road with paving expected to begin May 27.

Beckley said the town is looking to hire a part-time interim Department of Public Works director to help the departments and evaluate the department’s practices. He said the administrative assistant at the Fire Station gave her notice and that the position will be posted soon.

Beckley said the pump at Buckley Court was leaking and being addressed by the project’s contractor.

### Special election

Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz said a special election to fill a vacancy on the board would be held either in late July or early August.

“We really owe it to the people of this town to fulfill the board entirely,” Kusnierz said.

### Annual town meeting

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ware High School gymnasium to accommodate the anticipated large turnout of voters.



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# Remembering Our Fallen on Memorial Day



Phil Hamel rode in the parade alongside Missy Douty.



Steve Kutt and Frank Bateman read the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Peggy Baxter and Carol Zins sang the National Anthem.

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John Slattery waved to parade-goers. He is shown with Shawn Clark and Scott Slattery.

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Singers Carol Zins and Peggy Baxter performed the National Anthem with the accompaniment of the Ware River Concert Band. Henry Deslauriers said a prayer to remember the town's deceased veterans.

"To those who fell in battle, we will never forget your sacrifice," Deslauriers said.

Pajak recognized state Sen. Peter Durant, state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, state Rep. Todd Smola, Selectboard members Nancy Talbot, John Desmond and Jack Cascio, Town Manager Stuart Beckley, Veterans

Agent Mark Avis and Parade Marshal Robert Brusco.

Brusco is also the 1st Vice Commander for the AMVETS of Massachusetts. He was joined by Ed Wyzik, State Commander of the AMVETS.

As Pajak recognized the Gold Star families in attendance at the ceremony, the Melha Highlanders of Springfield performed "Amazing Grace".

"We thank you for your sacrifice to the country," Pajak said to the Gold Star families.

Pajak then introduced the featured speaker for the ceremony, Father Jeff Ballou, Lt. Col. in the U.S. Air Force

Ballou has served in the U.S. Air Force for over 24 years. He has been a military chaplain and is pastor of St. Catherine of Siena in Springfield.

Ballou spoke about visiting the U.K. and seeing the large plot of land given by Cambridge University to bury those killed during World War II. On the beaches of Normandy, France, he envisioned what the scene must have looked like on D-Day during the largest seaborne invasion in history.

"As we bent down to touch the sand, we saw it as tan, but on D-Day, it was red," Ballou said.

Ballou said while he was in France, he was approached



Col. John Pajak, master of ceremonies for the Memorial Day ceremony, stood by as Henry Deslauriers said a prayer.

by children who had been taught to thank Americans in perfect English, whenever they could.

Ballou said the American cemetery in Normandy was filled with beautiful sculptures and monuments. He said the French families take responsibility for the markers in that cemetery and maintain it each year.

Ballou said Memorial Day is a day for remembrance.

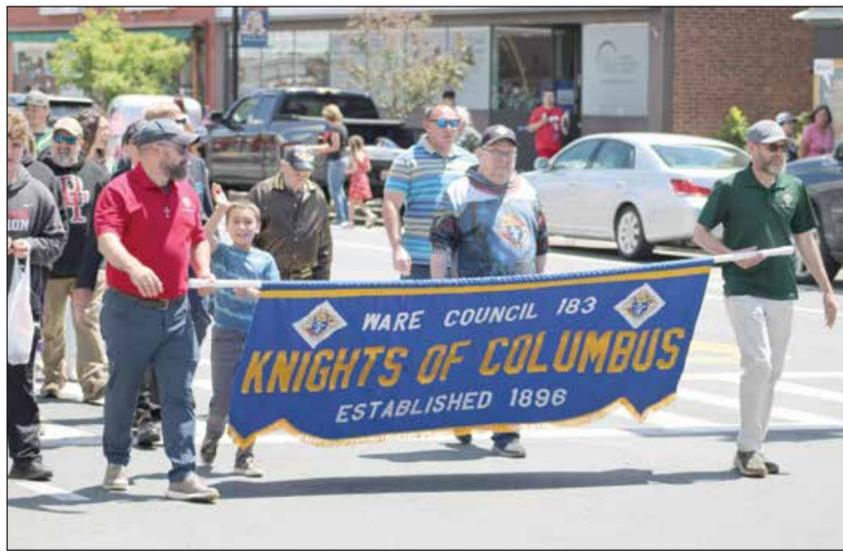
"They gave their lives, they gave their future, they gave time with their spouses and their children," he said.

Talbot then read the

Governor's Memorial Day proclamation and Pajak read the Gettysburg Address. This was a tradition that has been missing from the Memorial Day ceremony for some time, he said.

"That's what Memorial Day is about," he said.

Steve Kutt and Frank Bateman read the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve freedom. After the lowering and raising of the American Flag, the firing detail gave its salute and Dave Deslauriers performed "Taps".



The Knights of Columbus marched in the parade.



The Fire Department had several of its apparatus in the parade.



This military vehicle was part of the parade.



The Ware River Concert Band performed a number of patriotic songs throughout the ceremony.



The American Legion Auxiliary carried a banner in the parade.



A young girl waved from a firetruck.



Parade Marshal Robert Brusco was followed by the Melha Highlanders of Springfield.

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# Selectmen have open discussion on public safety complex

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen had an open discussion regarding the proposed public safety complex on May 22.

This was an opportunity for the public to speak and share comments regarding the proposed public safety complex that was talked about after a study was done by Tecton Architects. Many residents spoke during this open discussion, and many asked what the alternative plans in place were if the town voted not to have a public safety complex.

The concerns addressed about having a new building were the cost of its construction and how much taxes will be raised. Many of the residents feel the town should focus on what is needed the most. Many residents spoke on the police station being renovated as it is currently housed in the Town Hall building.

The board mentioned they have heard about the ideas of renovating the Town Hall, and feel it is too expensive to do. The board also said they explored other buildings in town and said they're either not ADA compliant, need additional renovation work and are only set to be temporary homes.

The town also is limited due to the strict building codes it has to follow.

One of the buildings looked at was the former Cornerstone Bank building across the street from the Town Hall. The board feels that building has to have much needed improvements. The train station was looked at as well, but is too small.

The board thinks the town needs a building that is a category four building and can withstand heavy storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes.

Selectmen David Dufresne reminded the public that the subject of the public safety complex is only informational and there are no decisions being made.

"This is an informational thing," Dufresne said.

Tecton Architects conducted a study and had identified three possible locations for a public safety complex that could house both the Fire and Police departments.

The board believes having this study done gives them an opportunity to look for grants. The town received a grant to do the Tecton study and there was no cost to the town.

One resident asked the board if they can look into companies that do renovations on old buildings. Selectmen Chair Richard Eichacker asked the public if they got copies of the presentation from the informational meeting on the complex back in April. If they didn't see the printed copy, the video is available to view.

The board encouraged the public to attend the next meeting in June. The presentation is also on the town website.

Ray Kopacko came up to speak and wanted to inform the board that the open discussion is about presenting the facts. The board is aware that a lot of misinformation and misunderstandings have been posted online, and the board should have that corrected.

"What facts are being corrected," Kopacko said.

Eichacker reminded the public that a study was only done for this proposed public safety complex and it will be brought to a town meeting.

"The big push for this not a public safety complex for the next couple of years, but something that is going to last 50 years," Eichacker said.

The chair explained that

this is part of the process, and it is a process that can't be done quickly. The renovation of the Town Hall has been talked about in the past and many parties agree it is not a good fit for the police station.

The public also expressed the idea of the fire station will soon need to be renovated or possibly relocated into a bigger space.

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie spoke on the topic and brought up the fire department having to order trucks that meet certain standards. The doors of the fire station are 10 feet and at some point, there will be trucks too big for those doors.

Lavoie mentioned there is a capital planning project to replace the existing trucks the department has. Lavoie is well aware on how high costs have gotten for equipment.

"Prices have increased dramatically," Lavoie said.

Lavoie knows that other communities are leasing trucks due to the high costs for newer trucks.

If the police were to move out of the Town Hall, the board wants to know what the town ultimately wants to do with the building. The board estimated that it would cost \$15,000,000 or more to renovate the building.

For an explanation on the tax rate, the Selectmen did remind the public that the study for the public safety complex did list out six different options on how to pay for the project. It is clear to

all parties that taxes will go up, it's just a matter of how much.

The town is always looking for grants but believe there is no grant that could help pay for a public safety complex meeting.

"There are no grants for public safety buildings," Dufresne stated.

Considering the rising costs, the board believes this is a project that has to be done close to now or sometime in the next five years.

Being on the town's Finance Committee, Kopacko had some input on how much taxes would go up. The most favorable one for the town is going up about 20%.

It is still heavily encouraged by the public that the board should consider a "Plan B" if the town decides not to vote for a new public safety complex. It would require a two-thirds majority vote to pass, but many residents and town officials are not convinced a public safety complex project would pass.

Resident Jim Fountain spoke next and said the town is not living within its means. With high taxes, Fountain believes that will prevent businesses from wanting to locate in Warren. He also feels a lot of properties in town are left boarded up after they are vacated.

Many residents believe a new building is not affordable for a town having many residents on fixed incomes. Many still expressed belief

that the Police Station needs a new location and want to know if grants are available for refurbishing the Town Hall.

The board reminded the public that depending on how much money is invested in the building, that is when ADA compliance factors in.

Jim Dusty spoke next and has been involved with working inside the Town Hall.

"It is a big problem," Dusty said referring to the current state of the building.

The building is considered condemned and he worries that someone working in it now could get hurt. "It is a condemned building," he said and the Board should take time on the subject. It doesn't appear fair to the police is they continue to stay in the building they're in now.

Tecton could do a study for a police station, and have provided three possible locations for the public safety complex and are all listed with possible costs. The most expensive option is around \$30 million.

Eichacker commented, "It is good to see other people and have this discussion," due to seeing more residents participate in this open discussion. It would be a lot to invest if the Town Hall could be renovated. However, many residents find it important to still maintain what is still in town.

Derick Veliz spoke and reminded the residents that a study is being presented to the residents and "just show-

ing the results of the study." Theboard can make suggestions but is not ultimately deciding what is going to be built in town.

The next informational meeting for the public safety complex will be on June 26 at 6 p.m. at Quaboag Regional Middle High School.

### CivicPlus website presentation

The Board of Selectmen watched a presentation by Aleeda Crawley, Account Manager at CivicPlus about options for new town website. CivicPlus provided website services for the town of Warren. There are changes coming to the sites and Crawley would explain some of them to the Board.

Crawley provided a PowerPoint of what CivicPlus is doing to improve website services. The Account Manager feels the town will get better value from the subscription.

The current town website is on Drupal 7, which is what CivicPlus is getting rid of. The company is building another version of central content management systems. According to the presentation, CivicPlus has a 95% satisfaction rate.

"We're listening to our customers to make it better," Crawley said.

With modern templates being introduced, it is going to be easier for staff and residents to use. The current issue Warren is having with

their website is it is not easy for residents to find information.

The migration project manager is responsible to communicating with the Town and decide what design works best for the website. While exploring options, the Town can choose a design template, a software starter and choose add-on options. CivicPlus can add accessibility to the website.

The summary of the proposal was presented and would take about 9-12 weeks to build the website. The town would choose one of five templates and a group training will take place to train staff on how to use the website.

Crawley provided an example of the website design that is being recommended for Warren. The example was the website design for Essex.

The board was wondering what the cost would be. As of now, the cost is \$3,680.61 and will increase to \$4,000 the next time they renew. There are ways to train the staff during and after the website is built.

"We don't leave you alone," Crawley said.

The town is having another company present at the next Selectmen's meeting. Crawley encourages the Board to email her if they have any additional ques-

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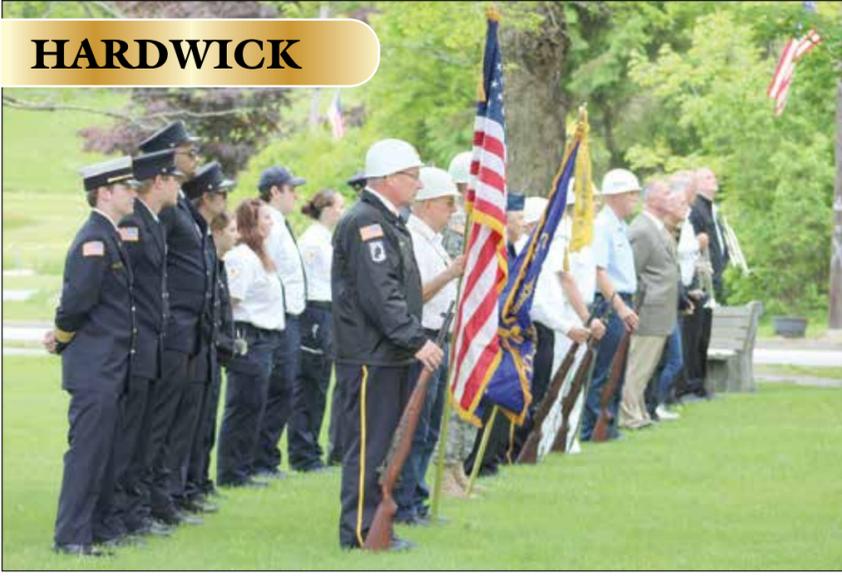
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**HARDWICK**



Parade participants stood for the reading of the names.



West Brookfield Rescue Squad joined the Fire and Police departments.



Members of the Hardwick Fire Department marched led by Deputy Chief Nicholas Gaumond.



Jeff Nahkala (right) performs "Taps" while Joe Orszulak prepares to give the response.



Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos reads the names of the military dead at the Civil War memorial alongside Parade Marshal Donald Martel.



Hardwick Fire Department rests during a stop in the Memorial Day observances.



Joe Szczepanek places the wreath on the memorial.



Veterans, fire, EMS and police personnel and town officials marched toward the World War II memorial.



Veteran Mike Kubaska, Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos and Select Board members William Tinker and Jeff Schaaf honor the fallen.



Joe Szczepanek gives a salute.



Police Chief James Ayotte led the Hardick-New Braintree Police Department.

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# SPORTS

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## Indians fall to Hopkins in WMass playoffs

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE—It has been more than a year since a visiting baseball team had celebrated a victory against Ware at Memorial Field.

The third-seeded Hopkins Academy Golden Hawks ended the Indians home winning streak with a 7-4 win in

the semifinals of the Western Mass. Class D tournament on May 24.

“Hopkins was the better team in tonight’s game,” said Ware head coach Scott Slattery. “They out hit us and played better defense. We’ll need to play much better if we’re going to make a run in the state tournament.”

The Indians, who had cap-

tered the Class D title the past two seasons, was the second seed in this year’s Class D tournament. They advanced into the semifinals by defeating seventh-seeded Turners Falls, 8-1, at home in the quarterfinals.

Ware entered the Division 3 state tournament with an 18-2 overall record. The state tournament pairings were

scheduled to be announced on May 28.

The last team to defeat Ware on their home field, which will be redone this summer, was the Southwick Rams, who posted a 7-1 non-league victory on May 4, 2024.

Since defeating the Indians in the 2021 Western Mass. Division 5 champi-

onship game, the Golden Hawks (12-8) have lost in the Class D semifinals during the past three years, including twice to Ware.

Hopkins, who faced top-seeded Pioneer Valley Regional in the finals, also made a visit to the ballpark located next to the Ware



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Jack Gaudreau fires one during the early innings.

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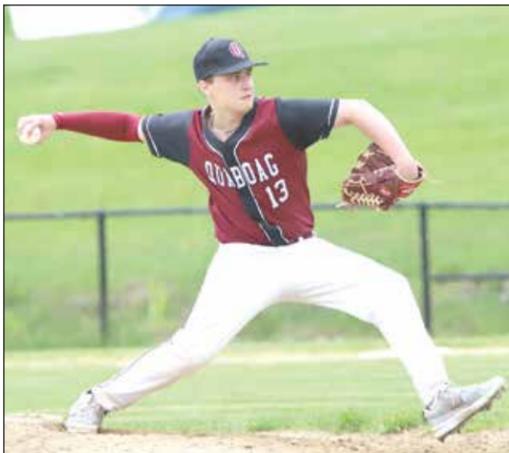
Troy Dufresne cracks this shot to left center.



Brady Guimond makes a great tag out at second.



Owen McKeever’s ball hugs the third base line.



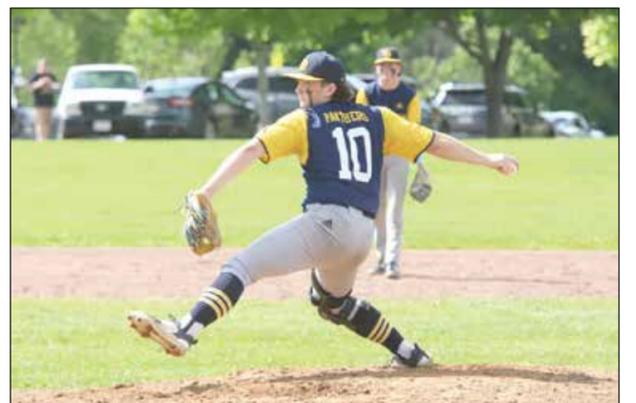
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Braiden Bradley fires a pitch off the mound.



Everette Tellerico comes up throwing in left.

## Panthers finish outside of playoff picture

BARRE – Heading into the final week of the regular season, the Quabbin Regional High School baseball team was looking to squeeze into the top 32 of Division 4 to qualify for the state tournament. But the Panthers were defeated in two games last week. First it was a 5-4 loss against Narragansett, then a 6-2 defeat against South High Community. The Panthers had one final matchup scheduled against Gardner on Memorial Day.



Adam Adams sends a pitch home.

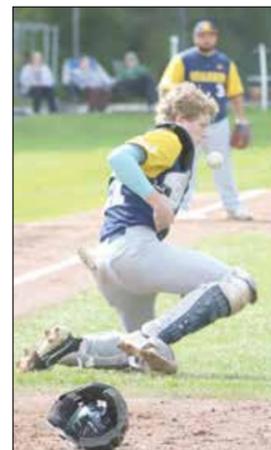
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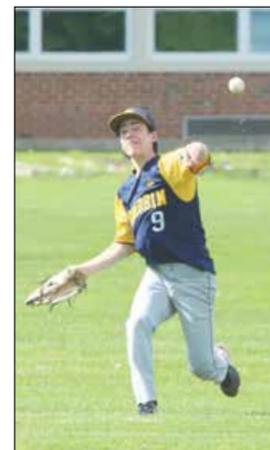
Connor Burgess jumps up to grab a cutoff throw.



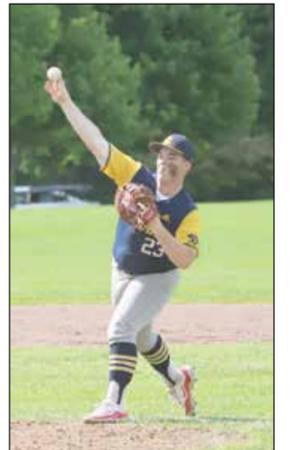
Zachary Deremian cuts a throw off and throws it on home.



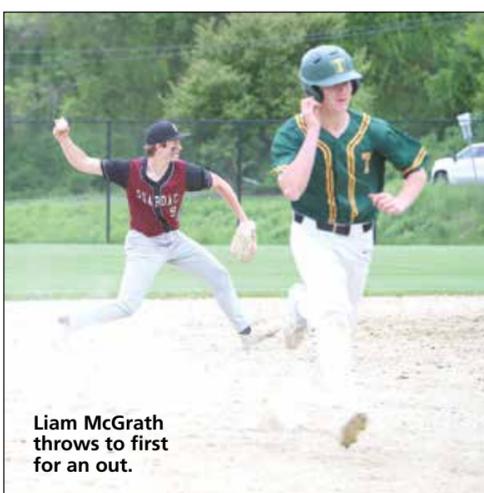
Alijah Flint blocks a throw home.



Chase Talbot sends a throw home.



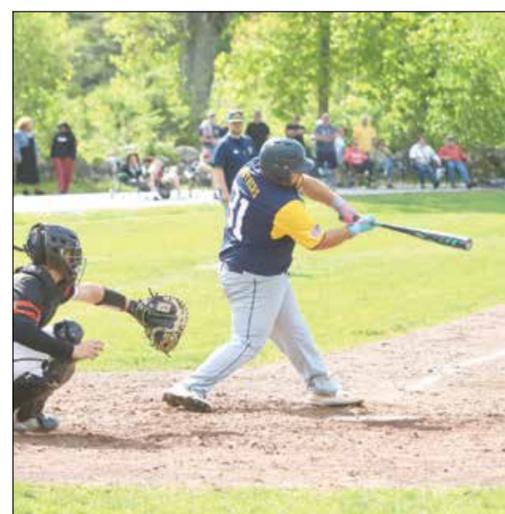
Finn Leander cuts off a throw and sends it home.



Liam McGrath throws to first for an out.

## Cougars fall at home to Tantasqua

WARREN – Last Monday afternoon, Tantasqua picked up a 17-0 win over host Quaboag. The season has ended for Quaboag at 0-18. Tantasqua is 12-6 and holds the No. 24 spot in the power rankings heading into the final week of the season. The Warriors will head for the Division 3 State Tournament.



Travis Laroche fouls off a pitch.



Sam Morgan hustles down the line.

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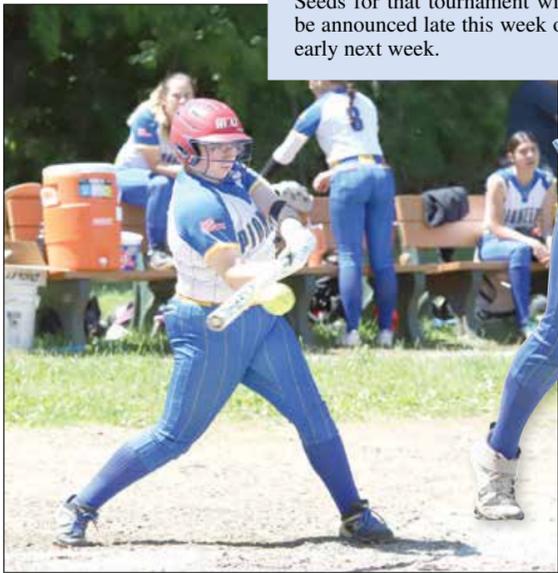
## Pioneers win consolation game



Greenly Lagimoniere makes the catch in center.



Kendra Burke fires to the plate.



Taylor Thorton connects on a base hit.



Sam Prouty hustles for first base.

PALMER – Last week, Pathfinder softball suffered a tough loss in the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Class D Tournament 18-0. The Pioneers would then play a pair of consolation non-playoff games, concluding on Monday with SICS. The Pioneers defeated the Bulldogs 7-3 to finish the season 12-5 and increase their standing in the Division 5 State Tournament. Seeds for that tournament will be announced late this week or early next week.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## Mutiny opens up regular season with victory

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Just like they did a year ago, the New England Mutiny didn't have very much trouble dispatching the Maine Footy in the season opener.

Led by Avery Klingensmith, who scored a pair of second half goals, the Mutiny began the 2025 campaign with a 4-1 victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Saturday, May 17. The match came to an end during the 73rd minute due to a severe thunderstorm.

"We had a very successful season last year and we're looking forward to picking up right where we left off," said Avery Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School in 2022. "We do have a lot of returners and several new players this season. We always play very well in front of our home fans."

The Mutiny, who finished the 2024 regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, began last season with a 3-1 win versus the Footy. Their only loss came last July against the Santa Clarita Blue Heat, 3-2, in a penalty shootout in the U.W.S. National Finals in Buffalo, New York.

Klingensmith, who was an All-American soccer player in high school, will be wrapping up her collegiate soccer career at American University, which is in Washington D.C., in the fall. She was selected to the Patriot League Women's Soccer Academic All-League Team in 2024.

"Being a member of a quality soccer team like this one helps me prepare for my college season," Klingensmith said. "My college soccer team finished with a .500 record last season and we're hoping to make the NCAA Division 1 Tournament this year. American University is also a very good school academically."

Klingensmith was one of the Mutiny starting midfielders in the season opener. There are four other players from Western Massachusetts listed on this year's Mutiny roster.

"It's always great to



Abbey Jones guides a pass by an opponent.

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Laci Lewis makes her way up the field.

Bodak, who's a forward, was listed on the Mutiny roster a year ago, but she didn't play in any matches.

"It's an honor to be a member of this soccer team," Bodak said. "It's also fun being teammates with the other players from Western Mass."

One of Bodak's teammates at Monson High School was Tennessee Murphy, who currently attends The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut. Murphy was also selected as an All-American soccer player last fall. She entered the season opening match for the first time as a defender at the start of the second half.

Another local player on the Mutiny roster is Olivia Crespo, who graduated from Ludlow High School. She'll be entering her senior season at Franklin Pierce University.

For the first time since the Mutiny started playing home games in Ludlow, Hope Santaniello wasn't listed on the opening day roster.

Santaniello, who was an All-American soccer player at Agawam High School, is currently playing for a professional women's soccer team in Iceland.

Alexis Legowski, who was another member of last year's Mutiny squad from South Hadley, is playing for a professional soccer team in Poland.

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## HoopHall announces college series

PHOENIX – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, announced the field for the 2025 Hall of Fame Series Baltimore at the CFG Bank Arena on Monday, Nov. 3. This marks the Hall of Fame's return to Charm City following last year's successful debut event.

The Baltimore double-header will feature compelling local matchups that celebrate the region's rich basketball heritage. Headlining the night, Maryland will face Coppin State—located 30 and 3 miles from CFG Bank Arena, respectively—while Towson takes on Loyola Maryland, situated just 10 and 6 miles away. These regional matchups promise an electric atmosphere and a can't-miss night of college basketball.

"Returning to Baltimore for a second year demonstrates the growing excitement around the Hall of Fame Series and the region's passion for college basketball," said Melissa Meacham-Grossman, President of Position Sports. "With Maryland headlining alongside respected local programs like Coppin State, Towson, and Loyola, this event highlights the incredible basketball tradition in and around Baltimore. It's an honor to partner with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame to bring these

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## Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
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### Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes is two weeks into the season.

The Rolling Stones bowled against Sophia's Raiders in week two. In game one, Rolling Stones prevailed with a win by a score 425-410. In game two, Rolling Stones won again by a score of 441-423.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 450-436. Phil Clough had the high game of 113 to help his team get the win. Total pinfall was won by Rolling Stones with a final score of 1302-1283. The highest game by the Rolling Stones was from Cindy Finney with a 99.

Gutter Fingers bowled against Kristen's Squad. In game one, Kristen's Squad were victorious by a score of 431-429. Teammate Bob Button and Emily Black each bowled 101 to start the match.

In game two, Kristen's Squad won again by a score of 435-419. The last game was won by Gutter Fingers by a score of 432-414. Both teams tied for total pinfall at 1280.

## Pioneers up regular season with pair of wins

LUDLOW – Ahead of their home opener on Friday, May 23, the Western Mass. Pioneers played their first two regular season games in the USL-2 League. On Thursday, May 15, the Pioneers defeated Boston City 9-0, then defeated Albany Rush on Monday, May 19 6-0. There was no

Straight Shooters bowled against Gutter Dolls. In game one, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 437-432. Alan Nason of Straight Shooters started the match with 112.

In game two, Gutter Dolls won again by a score of 451-448. The last game was won by Gutter Dolls for a three-game sweep over Straight Shooters. Final score was 1326-1300 in favor of Gutter Dolls.

Gutter Snipes bowled against Clock Barn in week two of the summer league. In game one, Gutter Snipes won the first game by a score of 441-438. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes began with a 107 game.

In game two, Gutter Snipes won again by a score of 447-423. Vinciulla bested his first game by bowling 111 in game two.

In game three, Gutter Snipes salvaged a three-game sweep over Clock Barn by winning game three, 453-437. Vinciulla finished with 110 and a series of 328. Bob Davenport of Clock Barn finished the match with 109.

Final score was 1341-1298 in favor of Gutter Snipes.

The Wednesday Mixed Summer League welcomed another team to the league. The Swistaks (Dawn, Kathy, Pete and Steve) will be bowling this summer at Bogey Lanes.

shortage of offense for the Pioneers as they geared up for their home opener against Seacoast United Phantoms. Following that matchup, the Pioneers are headed for Boston to play the Bolts on Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. Their next home game is Friday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Luistano Stadium.

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River on April 28. The Indians pulled out a 3-1 win in that contest.

"We made a couple of costly mistakes late in the game when we played here at the beginning of the regular season," said Hopkins Academy head coach Daniel Vreeland. "We just executed very well in tonight's game. We also took advantage of their mistakes."

With the help of two fielding errors made by the Indians defense, the Golden Hawks loaded the bases with one out in the top of the first inning.

The visitors from Hadley took a 1-0 lead when junior first baseman JJ Scanlon hit a groundball single up the middle into centerfield against senior right-hander Nate Kaczuwka.

Scanlon had three of his team's 13 base hits in the semifinals.

Kaczuwka was the winning pitcher in the regular season game against Hopkins. He pitched the first five innings in the semifinals before trading places with junior first baseman Jack Gaudreau before the start of the sixth inning.

Ware senior centerfielder

Jason Mumper made a perfect throw to junior catcher Kyle Kaczuwka, who tagged out another Hopkins runner trying to score on Scanlon's base hit.

The Indians, who only had six hits against sophomore righty Tucker Russell, tied the score in the bottom of the first inning.

With one-out, Nate Kaczuwka beat out a ground ball to the shortstop for an infield hit. After stealing second base, senior third baseman Trevor Millet drove him home by hitting a line-drive single to the gap in right center.

Gaudreau, who hit a flyball single, scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch with two outs in the second inning.

The Indians had an opportunity to score a few more runs in that frame but wound up leaving the bases loaded. They didn't hold onto the slim 2-1 lead for very long.

The Golden Hawks retook the lead in the third when junior catcher Matt Vassallo blasted a two-run triple to deep left field. Scanlon followed with a run scoring double to center. Another run crossed the plate following a throwing

error giving the Golden Hawks a 5-2 advantage.

Between the third and sixth innings, the Indians only managed one infield hit against Russell.

"I can't say enough good things about Tucker's performance on the mound," Vreeland said. "He's been our number two pitcher all season long. He pitched very well in his first tournament start."

The Golden Hawks ace is Chace Earle, who hurled a 9-0 shutout victory against Monson in the quarterfinals.

Hopkins built a 7-2 lead after scoring singles runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Ware junior second baseman Brodie Koczur drew a walk leading off the bottom of the sixth inning. Then junior left fielder Troy Dufresne, who had half of the Indians hits, singled to center. Both runners moved into scoring position following a wild pitch. Koczur scored on a sacrifice fly by Gaudreau and Dufresne scored on another wild pitch, which closed the gap to 7-4.

Russell retired the side in order in the seventh inning before celebrating the road victory with his teammates.

# CDAC reviews land use chapter of Master Plan

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Community Development Advisory Committee reviewed the Land Use Chapter of their Master Plan.

Sarah O'Brien of Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission attended the CDAC meeting on May 21 and gave a brief presentation about the land use chapter. The first subject brought up by O'Brien was brownfield assessments. This process is used to identify environmental contamination on a property to determine if it can be safely redeveloped or reused.

O'Brien wanted to know if there are any underutilized properties in Warren to look into that may be included for land use. When reviewing these properties for contaminants, and if they're found they need to be taken care of. Owners of the property would have to take care of any possible contaminants.

The Wrights Mill is included in the land use chapter and is being looked at as a potential spot for development in town. Zoning is mentioned as well in the land use chapter. O'Brien described it as in-depth zoning and will also include short-term recommendations for zoning.

The CDAC talked about the Right to Farm Act as an important subject for the land use chapter. With Warren having a lot of farms in the community, having a right to farm act would be good to include.

Warren is in the initial phases of getting the Right to Farm Act involved within the community. The plan is written already and reviewed by the Board of Health. The next steps for the Right to Farm Act will be to go through town counsel, followed by the approval from the Board of

Selectmen and then go to town meeting.

The Right to Farm Act is helpful and protects farmers, who follow guidelines to avoid any nuisance claims. The surrounding communities near Warren are already Right to Farm communities and it may be good to have in Warren.

The CDAC also discussed implementation matrix with O'Brien. This a structured tool used to plan and track the steps involved in bringing a strategy, policy, or project into action.

The town wants to bring a format to help them decide on proper steps when working on certain projects in the future. In other words, some sort of priority list.

The CDAC thanked O'Brien for her help and update and will talk more about the Master Plan at their next meeting in June.

"We're getting it done," CDAC Chair Jeremy Olson said.

## Green Communities/One Stop for Growth

Town Administrator James Ferrera discussed the One Stop for Growth and Green Communities grants. Ferrera has been working with CMRPC to submit a One Stop housing production plan, before June 4.

This application focuses on low to moderate income residents and seniors. Ferrera mentioned the process of this application has been possible with the support of state Rep. Todd Smola. The application will be sent in soon.

Ferrera also shared that the town's Green Communities project is now finalized. Heat pumps are going through their final inspection. The town is currently compiling a final report for Green Communities and will soon be looking for projects in the fall.

The town is also looking at projects for Otis Street and School Street.

## Annual/special town meetings to be held June 12

WARREN – The annual town meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in the Quaboag Regional Middle High School auditorium, 284 Old West Brookfield Road.

A special town meeting will precede the annual town meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The last day to register to vote for the meetings will be Monday, June 2 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



State Sen. Peter Durant shared some comments about the 250th anniversary of Lexington and Concord this year and those who laid down their lives for the birth of our nation.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
Belchertown Veterans Agent Charly Roque spoke during the Memorial Day program.

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Water Supply Protection in the Quabbin/Ware Region.

This Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery is the result of the cooperative efforts of many organizations and individuals. The following organizations include the Veterans Council of Belchertown, Ware AMVETS #2577, the Belchertown Community Band, Friend of Quabbin, Inc, Swift River Valley Historical Society, Inc and DCR Office of Watershed Management.

The four towns of the Swift River Valley commemorated their war heroes each year on Memorial Day until the towns were disestablished in 1938 prior to the construction of the Quabbin Reservoir. The tradition of honoring veterans around Memorial Day began at Quabbin Park Cemetery back in 1947.

Guests for the Memorial Day program got to enjoy some refreshments provided by the Friends of Quabbin. A special thanks went to Belchertown Veteran's Agent Charly Roque for her invaluable assistance in setting up the program.

The celebration began with a parade. The order of march featured the SAR Colonel Henry Knox Regimental Honor Guard, L.A. Tift Camp 15, Belchertown Veteran's Council, Ware AMVETS #2577, Marine Corps League Detachment, NSDAR Betty Allen and Duxbury Chapters, Quabbin Regional High School NJROTC Cadets, Ware Scouts BSA Troop 281, historical societies, former residents and descendants, the buglers and drummers and state representatives and senators.

The first to speak was Dan Clark, Regional Director of DCR Quabbin/Ware Region. Clark talked about how there are over 7,000 graves at Quabbin Park Cemetery and many who rest in peace on these grounds were service members and community members.

"We recognize their sacrifice and service," Clark said.

State Rep. Todd Smola spoke during the ceremony and wanted to thank all who attended, including the talents of the Belchertown Community Band, who provided the patriotic music.

Smola wanted to remind everyone of the importance of what Memorial Day is all about and is more than just being celebrated on one day. It is also a way to remember we are all teachers, so future generations understand why we celebrate Memorial Day every year.

"Remember as we all leave, we are also teachers," Smola said. "The importance

of what Memorial Day is all about."

State Rep. Aaron Saunders spoke at Quabbin Park Cemetery and sees the day as a day to recognize the ultimate sacrifices made by those who live in the region.

State Sen. Peter Durant spoke next and acknowledged 2025 being the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Durant mentioned that those who fought in the revolution were "patriots by choice" and their efforts leaving their family farms and homes to go fight for independence would give birth to the first Americans and would lay down their lives for the birth of a nation.

State Sen. Joanne Comerford talked about how this region recognizes the four towns that were disincorporated for the purpose of building the Quabbin Reservoir. Those who lived in the four towns are forever remembered at the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

For this year's Memorial Day program, there was a special tribute for retired Air Force Major Keith Poulin, Belchertown's 2024 Hometown Hero. For many years, Poulin was the mainstay at the Quabbin Park Cemetery during the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Poulin was awarded a plaque as well as citations from the House of Representatives and the Senate. All who attended this year's Memorial Day program thanked and applauded Poulin for his many years of service.

The Gettysburg Address was read by Nathaniel Knight from L.A. Tift Camp 15.

After the address and music provided by the Belchertown Community Band, the placing of the wreaths took place. Family members of those community members and veterans of the four towns; Dana, Enfield, Prescott and Greenwich were in attendance to place the wreaths at Quabbin Park Cemetery.

For Dana, it was Alice Adams-the Dorow Family; for Enfield, Helen Towne-the Boyko Family; Greenwich, Wayne Thresher-the Thresher Family; Prescott, Deborah Smith-the Smith/Penny Family. For the Schmidt Bench, Todd Griswold-the Griswold Family.

Poulin returned to the podium to give a recitation of the poem "In Flanders Field". After a toast to the flag and the benediction by Steve Kutt, Veterans Agent Charly Roque thanked everyone for putting the event together and reminded everyone that Memorial Day is a solemn holiday that is meant for all to enjoy and it is thanks to those who served, past and present.



Ware AMVETS #2577 marched in the parade at Quabbin Park Cemetery.



The Friends of Quabbin participated in the march.



The Ware Historical Commission is shown with their banner with the saying "The Town That Can't Be Licked".

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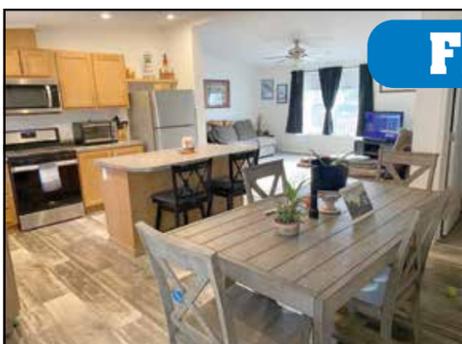
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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of May 18-27, the Ware Police Department responded to 17 miscellaneous calls, 18 administrative calls, 11 traffic violations, 17 emergency 911 calls, four motor vehicle accidents, four harassments, two damage/vandalisms, three frauds, one trespass, one safety hazard, four motor vehicle accidents, five animal calls and 25 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

### Sunday, May 18

3:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
2:47 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled  
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  
12:45 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Investigated  
1:52 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Services Rendered  
2:07 p.m. Harassment/

Stalk/Threat, West Street, Services Rendered  
2:17 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Services Rendered  
8:08 p.m. Trespass, West Street, Services Rendered

### Wednesday, May 21

10:43 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Appears Secure After Check  
6:03 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Park Avenue, Investigated

### Thursday, May 22

1:55 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Greenwich Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
10:15 a.m. Drugs, West Street, Investigated  
6:13 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Hillside Village, Advised

### Friday, May 23

9:18 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, West Street, Report Made

### Saturday, May 24

3:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:14 a.m. Damage/Vandalism, Berkshire Circle, Services Rendered  
9:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
9:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pleasant Street, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Erik L. Daigle, 44, Hardwick  
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Lights Violation

### Sunday, May 25

5:47 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

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1:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:38 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, East Main Street, Report Made  
8:53 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Church Street, Services Rendered

### Monday, May 26

2:13 p.m. Safety Hazard, Upper Church Street, Investigated  
2:25 p.m. Smoke Investigation, Palmer Road, Extinguished  
3:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Anderson Road, Citation/Warning Issued

### Tuesday, May 27

3:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Warren Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
10:08 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
10:36 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Could not Locate

## Warren Police Log

During the week of May 11-17, the Warren Police Department responded to 137 building/property checks, eight community policings, 19 emergency 911 calls, one safety concern, two fires, two complaints, one stolen vehicle, one larceny/theft, one fraud/forgery, one motor vehicle accident, four animal calls and 34 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

### Sunday, May 11

5:49 a.m. Fire Alarm Activation, Main Street, Investigated  
12:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
5:18 p.m. Lawnmower Fire, Brookfield Road, Fire Extinguished

### Monday, May 12

9:10 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Mutual Aid Assist  
4:06 p.m. Vehicle Fires, Brookfield Road, Fire Extinguished  
4:36 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, Main Street, Report Filed  
5:58 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
7:29 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Heritage Drive, Transported to Hospital

### Tuesday, May 13

12:31 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Liberty Street, Transported to Hospital  
10:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Boston Post Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:49 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Reed Street, Report Filed  
4:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Cronin Road, Report Filed  
7:54 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Dean Street, Officer Spoke to Party

### Wednesday, May 14

8:19 a.m. Animal Bites, Old West Warren Road, Call Transferred  
8:55 a.m. Safety Concern, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Took Call

10:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed  
1:50 p.m. Complaint, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
2:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
3:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed  
4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
10:38 p.m. Diabetic, Chapel Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal

### Thursday, May 15

12:32 p.m. Falls, Reed Street, Transported to Hospital  
4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:04 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washington Street, Written Warning

Friday, May 16  
7:21 a.m. Falls, Old West Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning  
8:38 a.m. Serve Warrant, Yankee Drummer Drive, Removed to Court/Lockup  
Arrest: Robert P. Whigham, 46, Warren  
Warrant  
2:26 p.m. Fire Investigation, Milton O. Fountain Way, Investigated  
4:37 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:47 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Winthrop Terrace, Mutual Aid Transport  
5:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:54 p.m. Fire Alarm Activation, Otis Street, Investigated  
9:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
10:07 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital

### Saturday, May 17

1:03 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:06 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Bemis Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bridge Street, Written Warning  
10:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
10:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
10:59 a.m. Suspicious Person, Main Street, Investigation  
12:20 p.m. Larceny/Theft, Yankee Drummer Drive, Report Filed  
2:42 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised

## MUTINY from page 10

The Mutiny head coach is Federico Molinari, who also coaches the Western Mass. Pioneers.

"It's always nice to start the season with a win," Molinari said. "I thought we played much better in the second half than we did in the first half."

The Mutiny pretty much dominated the first half, but the match remained scoreless until the 43rd minute.

That's when Laci Lewis sent a crossing pass from the right side into the middle of the box where the ball was headed into the back of the net by Taylor Jenkins giving the Mutiny a 1-0 lead.

Lewis and Jenkins were teammates on the UConn women's soccer team last year.

There are a total of six UConn women's soccer players listed on this year's Mutiny roster.

UConn head coach Margaret Rodriguez is a former Mutiny player.

Klingensmith netted her first goal of the season during the 56th minute.

It was assisted by Kate Howarth, who played in her first match for the Mutiny since 2019.

Howarth began playing for the Mutiny in 2012. After playing for the Boston Breakers in 2013, Howarth returned to the Mutiny side as the team captain in 2014.

Following the 2019 sea-



Taylor Jenkins is tripped up as she tries to clear the ball.

son, Howarth, who's the Mutiny's all-time leading goal scorer and points leader, signed with the Orlando Pride, who's a member of the National Women's Soccer League.

Howarth has been sidelined with a leg injury during the past couple of years, but is healthy again this year.

"It felt very nice to put this jersey on again," Howarth said. "The environment here is outstanding and I love playing for this team. It's a lot of fun."

Joe Ferrara, who's the owner and Managing Director of the Mutiny, was glad to see Howarth back on the field again.

"It's very special hav-

ing Kate play for us again," Ferrara said. "She's one of the best players in the history of this club."

The duo of Howarth and Klingensmith hooked up again eight minutes later.

The Footy got on the scoreboard following a goal from Ava Feeley during the 70th minute.

Just before the referee stopped the match, Bodak netted her first goal in a Mutiny uniform.

Abbey Jones was credited with the assist.

The Mutiny will have a week off before hosting Ole' Eagles, who are a new U.W.S. squad at 7 p.m. on May 31.

## HOOPHALL from page 10

matchups back to the world-class CFG Bank Arena."

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The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a premier collection of multi-game, singular events that feature top collegiate basketball programs in high-profile non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. Past stops have included the following cities: Baltimore (2024), Charlotte

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## POETRY from page 4

hometown of Ernest Thayer, the author of "Casey at the Bat".

Thayer wrote the famous poem back in 1888 and it was done in the city of Worcester.

The festival featured authors of baseball and notable poets in attendance sharing their stories and how both writing and baseball would enter their lives. This event is all about bringing literature and sports together.

"It's a very innovative thing to do" Gemme said. During this weekend event, over 70 kids and 20 adults were invited to read their poems at Polar Park.

Gemme has been writing poetry for 15 years and her first manuscript was called "Making my Madonna". Gemme loves baseball and poetry and runs poetry workshops as well.

Biondolillo is the founder of the festival and has remained in the lead role of organizer. There are 45 people across three committees that work on producing this. There is an organizing committee, a poets committee, and an executive committee that volunteer their time to put this amazing festival together.

The festival began with an opening reception at Polar Park, inside the DCU Club. President & CEO of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tim Murray, spoke during the reception and complimented on the growing

participation the National Baseball Poetry Festival has had in recent years.

"We are here with growing participation," Murray said. "Bringing baseball and the arts together and a focus on poetry."

The Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce is the fiscal sponsor of the National Baseball Poetry Festival and members of the festival greatly appreciate their support.

Bill Ballou of Whitinsville also spoke at the reception and shared many baseball related stories. Ballou is a veteran sportswriter who covered the Boston Red Sox for 32 years.

Ballou is a strong believer in baseball having many ties to a lot of writing. Thayer's "Casey at the Bat" is just one of many examples as to why baseball and writing are well connected. Ballou wrapped up his presentation by stating that "the best baseball writing comes from New England."

The next to speak was Bill Littlefield, a radio personality and sportswriter. Littlefield shared a great story about how Willie Mays would read his poems. From the very first story he shared with the baseball legend, Littlefield would send a poem to Mays every year on his birthday.

The reception also included a musical performance based off Thayer's poem "Casey at the Bat". Stephen Murray wrote a musical based off the historical baseball poem and

called it "Casey at the Bat - A Contemporary Mini Opera". A few musical numbers from this play were performed during the reception and every singer/actor had a costume to fit the time period of when Casey at the Bat was first told. One musical number had the lyrics, "A great big slugger in the little leagues."

Devon Kurtz played Casey and was sporting a 19th-century themed baseball uniform. Kurtz has been a part of the National Baseball Poetry Festival since its inaugural year and returned for the third annual festival at Polar Park in his popular "Casey at the Bat" baseball uniform, with bat in hand.

Ethelbert Miller spoke during the festival and Biondolillo describes him as the most prolific baseball poet in America. Miller is the author of over 150 poems and shared many great stories tied to the history of baseball.

Biondolillo was the last to speak during the reception and wanted to thank all the poets and the people who made this event possible. Biondolillo recited a poem he wrote back in 2001 called "In Centerfield".

Biondolillo would then talk about how the festival helps unite sports and the arts.

"We're a true sports and arts festival," Biondolillo said.

For more about the National Baseball Poetry Festival, visit baseballpoetryfest.org.



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tions. The town is taking time to look through proposals.

Wrights Mill Master Recovery Plan

The board heard from members of Weston & Sampson regarding the Wrights Mill Master Recovery Plan. Presenting on Zoom was Susan Mara and Jim Riordan and went over exiting conditions of the mill, concepts, recommendations and next steps.

This project was funded through a grant the town received. The purpose of this project is to identify opportunities for job creation, business attraction, and historic preservation.

Throughout the project, there was a website launch,

public meetings at the Senior Center, an online survey and 10 stakeholder meetings. The website, wrightsmillmasterplan.com is still active.

"This is a legacy site," Riordan said as the town and this mill is very steeped in history. At one point, the Wrights Mill had parachutes produced during World War II. It is a site that represents industrial heritage.

The idea is to maintain the mill's historic character while developing a reuse approach. Reuse is highly encouraged.

The two Weston & Sampson representatives went over the conditions of the site such as environmental and water supply. There are some improvements needed, but many of the buildings are still in good

condition.

Mara went over the three concepts that could be used to redevelop the site. There is community stitch, campus quad, and neighborhood expansion. The targeted next steps include additional environmental assessments, a nomination to the national register, work on pre-permitting desired uses, and Mass One Stop funding for design of public improvements.

It is encouraged by Weston & Sampson that the town can work more closely with the owner of the mill and see how this project can get noticed and put more promotion into it. It could be helpful to work with the owner and continue to work in a phased perspective.

**DCR lists upcoming spring/summer programs**

**BELCHERTOWN** – The Department of Conservation and Reservation's Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, 100 Winsor Dam Road, announces the schedule for upcoming programs.

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**Exploring the Road to Dana Common**

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4-mile out/back hike on Quabbin's north side of the watershed. Participants will be walking down to the water on a dirt road through the forest.

Walking to the water, the hike covers 2-miles and drops 180 feet in elevation. Participants will then back-track uphill and head back uphill the way they came in. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks.

Hike begins at Quabbin Reservoir's Gate 22. The parking area for Gate 22 is located at the end of Shutesbury Road in the town of Shutesbury. Dogs are not allowed.

**public notices**

**Town of Ware  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning Board  
LEGAL NOTICE**

SP-2025-06 & SPR-2025-01

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting and Site Plan Review Authority, will hold a Public Hearing during the scheduled meeting on **THURSDAY, June 26, 2025 at 7:00pm**, on the application of Jamil Jean-Jacques., for a Special Permit and Minor Site Plan Review to operate as a Marijuana Cultivation Site under Section 4.8.8, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION: 0 Green-wich Plains Road, Ware MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 8050, Page 115. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel 34-4-4. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk's office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

WARE PLANNING BOARD  
05/29, 06/05/2025

**Ware**

**Conservation Commission  
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM** 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 Patricia Goudreau, for removal of 1 dead tree and 1 diseased tree located at 142 Shoreline Dr., Ware. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen'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>. 05/29/2025

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Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413)586-8500  
Docket No.  
HS22P0315EA  
Estate of:  
George R. Gaudette  
Date of Death: 04/16/2020  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
ORDER OF COMPLETE  
SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Michael G. Gaudette of Montgomery, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final Account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/18/2025.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 23, 2025

**Mark S Ames**  
Register of Probate  
05/29/2025

**MORTGAGEE'S  
NOTICE OF**

**SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of 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 Regis-

try 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, Massachusetts, 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,  
**ORLANS LAW GROUP PLLC**  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
23-007958  
05/22, 05/29, 06/05/2025

**NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S**

**SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of 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 Southeasterly corner of land formerly of Phillis 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 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.

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.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Monson Savings Bank,  
Present Holder of said Mortgage

By:  
David A. Lavenburg,  
Its Attorney  
BACON WILSON, P.C.  
33 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
413-781-0560  
05/15, 05/22, 05/29/2025

**Town of Warren  
Notice of FY2026 Sewer Rate  
Public Hearing**

The Warren Board of Sewer Commissioners will be having a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**, for the purpose of discussing the Fiscal Year 2026 proposed sewer rates for both residential and commercial users. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting room on the first floor of the Charles E. Shepard Municipal Building, located at 48 High Street in Warren, MA 01083. Residents and property owners are encouraged to participate. Comments can be mailed to the **Warren Board of Sewer Commissioners at P.O. Box 1537, Warren, MA 01083**, or emailed to [Lisa.Digris@warren-ma.gov](mailto:Lisa.Digris@warren-ma.gov) before the hearing.

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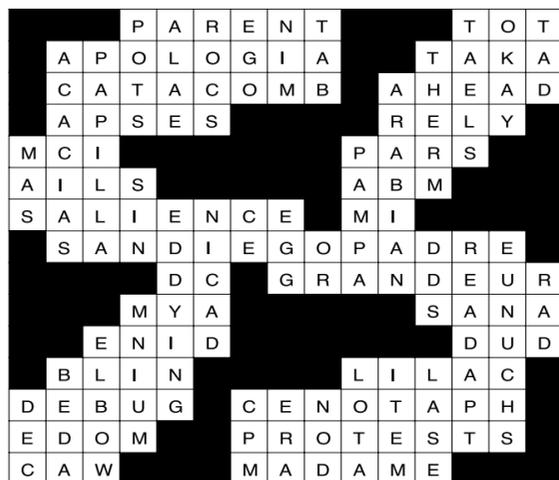
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# Departed Scouts/Scouters to be remembered at annual Memorial Service

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Heart of New England Council will hold its annual Scout/Scouter Memorial Service at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening, May 31 at the Walker Scout Memorial in Walnut Grove Cemetery. The general public is welcome to attend.

Scouting units from throughout the Council gather on the Saturday after Memorial Day each year to honor departed members of the Scouting community, according to Walker Memorial Committee chair, John Ebersold. This year's ceremony will honor 25 area

Scouts and Scouters.

Participating units will be led into the Memorial Garden by bagpiper, Edie Simpson, from Troop 163, Sturbridge, and a color guard made up of Scouts from Troop 238, East Brookfield, and Troop 163.

The evening's program

will include a reading of this year's Memorial Roll Call with brief individual reminders of the Scouting involvement of each Scout and Scouter on the list, remarks from Scouting officials, laying of a memorial wreath, a reading of Scouting founder Baden Powell's farewell

message, and presentation of streamers to participating units.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the dedication of the Ronald E. Walker Scouting Memorial and Walker Memorial Garden by Norman Walker to honor the memory of his son, Ron,

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