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Hospital easement article fails at TM

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WARE – Over 120 voters attended the annual town meeting Monday evening to make decisions on 33 articles, including a citizens' petition to place a two-year easement on the Mary Lane Hospital property.

Mary Lane Hospital easement
Proponents of article 33, Cathy Buelow-Cascio and Cynthia Allen (also identified as Cynthia Allen Bourcier), said they put this article forward to grant the town more time to find a healthcare entity interested in the Mary Lane Hospital site, which is owned by Baystate Health.

"It's a temporary easement, not ownership," Buelow-Cascio said. The article asked voters to approve the use of \$30,000 from free cash and \$25,000 from taxation to appropriate the funds necessary to move forward with the temporary easement. Buelow-Cascio said "many are interested" in the

South Street property, and "there's lots of things we're working on" in terms of finding healthcare for the site, which Baystate Health has slated for demolition. Resident Neil Gage said he lives across the street from the hospital and even though he and his family members were all born there, it's time to let go of the idea of a hos-

pital on that site. "I understand what the facility meant to the town, but the truth is that it's gone," he said. "It's not coming back." Town counsel Attorney Nicole Costanzo said it is fairly common for municipalities to seek easements on properties for public purposes, but that an appraisal of

the property would need to be conducted and the town would have to pay the fair market value of the property. According to the article put forward by Buelow-Cascio and Allen, the purpose of the easement is to "occupy, test and evaluate all aspects of the buildings Please see **TM**, page 5

Select Board reviews changes to budget

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HARDWICK – Select Board Chair Eric W. Vollheim led discussion about the fiscal year 2026 budget.

At the May 27 meeting, Vollheim said there is a newer budget that has come before the town to be discussed. Some significant changes have been identified after the last budget discussion the Select Board had during a joint meeting with the Finance Committee.

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker spoke about reopening the budget and said the board already agreed on a budget. Tinker believes this discussion should be in new business because it is a new agenda item. It shouldn't be considered old business when that business was already discussed and agreed on.

Select Board Clerk Jeff Schaff wanted to know what the significant changes are that bring the budget back to the Select Board. Vollheim said it has to do with expenses and insurance accounts being reviewed and the figures brought the town to a different amount.

There was also an overlay account for surplus. The Assessors declared an overlay surplus and helped reduce the budget by approximately \$62,000. There is also money for stabilization as well.

Schaff did inform the rest of the board that when it comes to discussing and forming the budget, it can change and be looked at right up until the day of the Town Meeting.

"This can change," Schaff said even if it is discussed by the board again. "Even at the meeting it can be changed."

The Select Board members thought it would be best to reopen the budget at their next meeting and invite the Finance Committee for another joint meeting. Another topic regarding the changes to the budget is making

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The field of flags will be in place through the 4th of July.

Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Flag placement and ceremony honor the fallen

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HARDWICK – Just prior to Memorial Day, students at Hardwick Elementary School participated in a tra-

dition that is now in its second year, under the direction of retired Principal Sue Musnicki. Last year, Musnicki, who served as the acting principal at the school at that time, gathered the students to form a field of flags at the school's entrance, and she returned to do the same this year. Musnicki brought this tradition to the Quabbin

Regional School District a few years ago when she was Co-Principal of Ruggles Lane Elementary School in Barre. Like the one in Barre, Musnicki hopes that Hardwick's field of flags will continue to serve as a reminder of the solemnity of Memorial Day. "When we go home today, we can look at all the flags we put out," Musnicki said to the students. "The

flags represent veterans who fought in wars." Joining Musnicki at this year's field of flags ceremony was 31-year U.S. Army veteran and Sons of the American Revolution member Christopher Tourtellot. Tourtellot spoke to the students about the American Revolution and its

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FY 26 budget OK'd for town meeting

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HARDWICK – The Select Board met with members from the Finance Committee to further discuss the fiscal year 2026 budget.

At the June 2 meeting, the Select Board took a vote to reopen the full budget for further discussion and identify any possible revisions.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano had print-outs of the changes identified and reviewed them and read them to the Select Board. Changes include the debt numbers being cleaned up as well as finding inaccurate numbers for insurance. The debt principal and the principal interest was listed as well.

This year's budget, "is as accurate as the number has been in several years," Caggiano said.

Mark Korzec of the Finance Committee brought up the enterprise fund. Having this fund, according

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Scouting America Troop 281 Eagle Scout candidate Aaron Bateman worked with his crew of volunteers to install poles to secure a backstop net behind the soccer goal at the field behind Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School.

Eagle Scout project improves soccer field

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WARE – This past Saturday, a crew of volunteers worked to install a backstop net behind one of the goals at the soccer field located behind Stanley M. Koziol

Elementary School. Led by Aaron Bateman, a Scout in in Ware's Scouting America Troop 281 and a rising junior at Ware Jr./Sr. High School, the volunteers spent the morning clearing brush, digging holes for the poles,

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Relay for Life event embraces 'down on the farm' theme

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BELCHERTOWN – This past Saturday, the town common was the site for

the annual Quaboag Valley Relay for Life event. The opening ceremony began with Brian Meehan acknowledging all the individuals and organizations who have contributed so

much time and support to make this year's Relay for Life possible. Meehan reminded all who attended the event that

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

The Quaboag Valley Relay for Life took place on the Belchertown common this past Saturday. Cancer survivors in the community marched in the Survivor's Lap.



EQLT holds annual Hills of East Quabbin bike ride June 14

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust, a non-profit land trust caring for the land that sustains us, will host its second annual Hills of East Quabbin Ride on Saturday, June 14.

The Hills of East Quabbin Ride includes two options -- a 23.1-mile Short Loop and a 46.4-mile Long Loop, passing several EQLT preserves. Open to all ages, general registration is \$70 per rider.

Online registration is available through June 13 at www.eqlt.org/hills-of-east-quabbin-ride and in-person on the day of the event until 9 a.m. All proceeds will go to EQLT and support its mission to fostering the sustainable use and conservation of farmlands, woodlands and waters of Central Massachusetts.

The routes follow local roads with light traffic and include an unpaved (dirt) section of the Mass Central Rail Trail. Both routes include a rest stop at EQLT's headquarters located at 120 Ridge Road in Hardwick, offering bathroom facilities and snacks to refuel, along with sweeping views of the Ware River Valley.

The bike ride starts and ends at the Farmer Matt@

restaurant and farm store at 860 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree. Riders will receive a \$5-off coupon for a hamburger, hot dog or veggie burger with a choice of sides from Farmer Matt. Other locally sourced farm-to-table options will also be available for purchase.

For more information about the Hills of East Quabbin Ride, or to learn about EQLT, visit www.eqlt.org.

About the East Quabbin Land Trust

The East Quabbin Land Trust fosters a meaningful relationship with the natural world by conserving, connecting with and caring for the farmlands, woodlands and waters in the East Quabbin region of Massachusetts. EQLT works closely with community members to foster vibrant communities through engagement with the outdoors. EQLT's work is focused on the communities of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Petersham, Ware and West Brookfield.

EQLT began in 1994 motivated by concern for the loss of farmland and wildlife hab-

itat to unplanned sprawl. By working cooperatively with property owners, government agencies, conservation groups and other land trusts, EQLT has permanently protected 7,000 acres of land. EQLT also worked with members of the Petersham community to purchase and lease The Country Store, revitalizing the heart of the town.

Over the past two decades, EQLT has purchased and opened 6.5 miles of former railroad corridor as part of the Mass Central Rail Trail in Hardwick, New Braintree and Ware, with another 1.5-miles of rail trail slated for construction in 2025-26.

About Farmer Matt

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Are You Old News?



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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1989 showed Elizabeth O'Connor from Mrs. Jurczyk's second grade class at the Ware Elementary School. O'Connor was the second prize winner in a Newspapers in Education week contest and won a \$100 certificate.

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

Grange workshop on 'Succession Planting' is June 18

WARE – Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, "Succession Planting," will be held on Wednesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly "In the

Garden" column for Turley Publications.

By now, the garden is in, but do you still have the urge to sow more seed? Learn how to extend the harvest by sowing and planting in succession.

Participants will discuss easy re-sowers, such as bush

beans and lettuce, and also take a look at tomatoes, peas, broccoli and more which can also offer fresh picking into the fall months and less money spent at the grocery store.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

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the Town Clerk a full-time position. Currently, the Town Clerk is a part-time position. Tinker reminded the board that the town needs revenue and believes they don't have the revenue to make this a full-time position.

The budget discussion will be tabled until their next meeting on June 2 and will be talked with the Finance Committee.

Pole hearing

The Select Board held a public hearing regarding the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England.

The company is requesting permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across a public way, which is Charity Hill Road.

A representative from

National Grid/Verizon New England gave a brief presentation on what types of work will be done. The representative said most of the work will be done on Charity Hill Road. There were several homes identified on the road prior to this May 27 Select Board meeting.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano informed the Select Board that all the abutters were notified of this project and the petition. Telephone poles will be located as well as the necessary protecting fixtures along the public road.

The Select Board approved the petition from National Grid/Verizon New England.

Committee vacancies

The Select Board had a discussion on the current vacancies on the Master Plan Steering Committee. Caggiano brought to the

board's attention that two members of the committee are resigning.

The Select Board had suggested to possibly shorten the number of members that can be on the Master Plan Steering Committee. The possible total number the Select Board was looking to consider is 11 members.

Though there are vacancies, the board and the town will put out postings soon to hopefully fill the positions on the Master Plan Steering Committee. The board did vote to accept the resignations of the two members who previously served on the committee.

Cemetery Commission mowing

The Select Board discussed the mowing contract for the Cemetery Commission. The commission reviewed several business-

es who could do the job for mowing services. Members of the Cemetery Commission said they have no concerns or issues and were satisfied with the bid from Lori Crevier. The amount is the same and the Cemetery Commission requests that the Select Board accepts the mowing contract.

The Select Board voted and approved the mowing contract.

Vintage baseball game

On Saturday, June 7 at 1 p.m., town will be hosting a vintage baseball game as the Hardwick Haymakers will play against the Westfield Wheelmen. The event is sponsored by the Paige Memorial Library and Hardwick Parks & Recreation.

Caggiano and other town employees will be participating in the baseball game.

Sewer Project Update
In old business, the Select

Board gave an update on the wastewater treatment upgrade project. The project has a contractor working across several locations in Hardwick, Gilbertville and Wheelwright. After going over each location and their completion rates, Tinker said the overall project is about 69% complete.

The Select Board believes this project is past the stage of any unforeseen conditions that would increase the cost of the project. The project is expected to be completed in December.

Purchase and sale for Calvin Paige Building

A discussion took place regarding the purchase and sale agreement for the Calvin Paige Building. The prospective buyers spoke about modifications they wish to present to the Select Board and have the desire to make the building a community source

building.

There is a Land Development Agreement that is required by the town to have and will govern the rehabilitation of the building and the redevelopment of the property. The prospective buyers said they're okay with having the historic preservation restriction for the property.

There was wording added as part of the modifications of the agreement that the buyers wish to share with the Select Board and have the parties propose what they feel the town really wants.

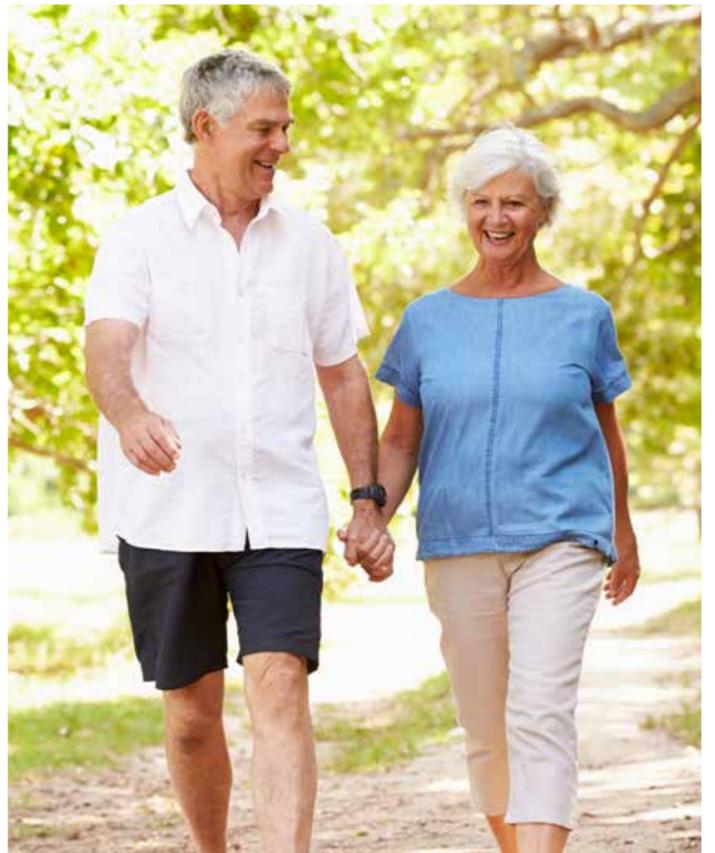
Legal counsel is reviewing the information now and will soon get back to the Select Board. After the closing of this agreement, the owners will be searching for contractors who could help with the development. This purchase and sale agreement for the Calvin Paige Building will be further discussed.

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Ware Senior Center news

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

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

ACTIVITIES

Monday, June 9
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 10
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing

9 a.m. Movin & Groovin to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.

9-10 a.m. Meet your state legislators – Ware Town Hall

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
Father's Day Party

Music by Jumpin' Juba. You must call the front desk by noon on Monday, June 9 to be put on the list. Appearance paid in part by a grant from the Ware Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

1 p.m. Cornhole
5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class

6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 11
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
10-11:30 a.m. Kirsten Krieger, Quabbin Region

DPH Nurse office hours

11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Chair Yoga
2:30 p.m. Knitting – Crochet Laugh

Thursday, June 12
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 13
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat

10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Food Bank of Western MA Brown Bag Program

11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Chair Yoga
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

LUNCHES DINE IN
11:30 a.m.

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Monday, June 9
Chicken Jambalaya,
Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, June 10
Father's Day Party
BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Veggie of the Day,
Dessert of the Day

Dessert and entertainment provided by The Friends of Ware Seniors Inc.

Wednesday, June 11
Brunch
Blueberry Pancakes,
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon,
Dessert of the Day

Thursday, June 12
Baked Ziti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, June 13
Baked Haddock, French Fries, Veggie of the Day,
Dessert of the Day

Supt. discusses action plan, graduation rates

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WARE – With the school year coming to a close, Superintendent Dr. Michael Lovato looked back at some of the changes that have taken place at Ware Public Schools, and highlighted the areas of growth.

Since his time in the school district, Lovato and Director of Student Services Dr. Ginger Coleman have made changes to the special education department, and are working to ensure that each student has the services and support they need.

A recent audit of the special education department showed that improvements have been made since 2022.

“What the audit did show is that little by little, we are taking steps forward,” Lovato said.

To continue this path forward and to address areas

of concern identified by the audit, Lovato and Coleman have formed a special education committee with parents and staff, to create a Special Education Action Plan.

One of the areas of concern found by the audit was the lack of evidence-based evaluations of students.

“An area where we’ve taken a lot of criticism is on the evaluation aspect,” Lovato said.

Lovato said the school district’s files showed that assessments were completed, including interviews with parents and student observations, as well as mandatory screenings for preschool students entering kindergarten, but this wasn’t followed up with evidence-based evaluations to determine a true need for special education services.

He said many of the students who were initially assessed as needing services, were later determined not

to require them and were deemed “fixed.”

“A disability is a disability; it doesn’t go away,” Lovato said.

Lovato said the audit showed that since January 2024, Coleman has moved ahead with evidence-based evaluations, and working with families to determine the needs of their students.

A recent meeting with the special education committee showed there is still work to be done, including making sure that parents are informed and feel empowered about their student’s education.

Lovato said many parents had questions about the difference between IEPs and 504 plans, and the school district will provide training to help parents become familiar with both of them.

“Many parents have acknowledged initial confusion about the differences between IEPs and 504 Plans,

and appreciated that this was directly addressed,” Lovato said. “Access to clear, consistent communication and more detailed explanations in helping families make educated decisions in support of their children.”

The timeline for evaluations was also discussed and explained during the committee meeting, and Coleman will delve deeper into it at the next meeting on May 29.

Lovato said since his time in the school district, he has pushed for special education students to be held to grade standards the same as their peers. He said previously in the high school, special education students weren’t getting grades, but were “pass/fail” for their courses.

He said special education students were also only offered the same classes over

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Mobile blood donation team coming to Palmer on June 11

PALMER – The community is invited to give the gift of life by donating blood at the Baystate Health blood drive held on Wednesday, June 11 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Baystate Wing Hospital, Snow Conference Room.

“There continues to be an urgent need for blood. When you donate blood to Baystate Health, your precious gift remains in our

local communities,” said Nicole VanZandt, supervisor of BRL Blood Donor Services. “Please help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available by donating blood with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program.”

“There is no substitute for human blood,” VanZandt added. “Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, includ-

ing the interview, donation, and refreshments. To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have a photo ID, be in good health (no colds or sore throat), and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks.”

In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a \$10 gift card. For more information or to book an appointment to donate blood, call



the Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600.

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to Korzec, is essential for helping the town to pick up any debt. This fund could be considered a relief fund and should be kept solid going forward.

Caggiano said this is the first year for the town to be doing some allocations for town expenses. For example, there could be \$10,000 to allocate the sewer for town expenses. Korzec described that amount as a conservative number.

The Select Board then discussed open positions on the Highway Department.

“We have positions that aren’t filled, but we have

them in the budget,” Select Board Clerk Jeffrey Schaff said.

One major discussion is about the position of Town Clerk. Select Board Vice Chair William Tinker said in the past, the best practice for the Town Clerk is to be a part-time position. In the town’s bylaws, the Town Clerk position is an elected position, not appointed and it is not described as a part-time or full-time position.

“Its always been part-time,” Tinker said.

Tinker brought up the idea of having a committee set up to assess the cost, salary, benefits and the actual duties of the Town Clerk to

appropriately determine if a shift to a full-time position is needed. This committee would be responsible for comparing numbers with other communities and then report to the Select Board and see the results.

Tinker made a motion to form a five-member advisory committee to analyze the Town Clerk position, which was not seconded.

The Select Board also discussed projections for revenue. As of now, there are a lot of unknowns with revenue and Korzec described projections of revenue as conservative.

Caggiano also brought up that the town has a lot of

overspent accounts and it is important to put money into the stabilization account and start applying money to capital projects. The Town Administrator said the town still has to properly fund the budget.

With the town’s student population decreasing slightly, the school budget only makes up around 46% of the town’s overall budget in FY 26.

The board voted 2-1 in favor of accepting the budget as amended. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 9 a.m. at Hardwick Elementary School, located at 76 School House Drive, Gilbertville.

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.



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The peony takes the stage in June

As I look out my living room window, I can see the chubby round buds of one of my favorite June-bloomers, the peony. No doubt, the plant will be in full flower just in time for my birthday, as it has for a number of decades.

Read on to learn all you need to know, straight from the archives!

Who doesn't love the peony? Its frilly flowers, fine fragrance and fit form make it a favorite in the June perennial border.

And although it only blooms for a short while, the plant itself is reliably hardy and notably long lived in our climate. In fact, the peony that grows in my garden is one my great grandmother grew in the 1930s!

Here are a few tips to keep your peonies thriving for the next seventy years.

Planting

Peonies are best planted in the fall, September or October in our area. This timing will give the plants an opportunity to develop a healthy stand of feeder roots before the ground freezes.

Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day. Don't skimp on the size of the planting hole; one that measures a foot and a half deep by two and a half feet wide will sustain the plant for many years.

If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Soils that are lean should be improved prior to planting by amending the hole with roughly equal parts good soil and aged compost or manure.

Peonies prefer a pH of 6.0-7.0, a wide enough range to accommodate most home garden situations. If your soil is more acidic than that, bring up your pH by adding lime.

Mail order plants usually

arrive bareroot. These can be soaked in a bucket of water overnight to rehydrate prior to planting.

When it comes time to



plant, remember this: eyes point up, roots point down! Eyes should end up no more than two inches below the soil surface; any deeper than that and flowers may be sacrificed. Get your plants off to a good start by watering occasionally until the ground freezes. Once it does, a light mulch can be applied over the peonies to prevent them from being heaved out of the ground during periods of freeze and thaw.

Fertilizing and Watering

Peonies fertilized at planting time require no additional food until the following fall. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. For that reason choose a fertilizer that is lower in nitrogen than the other nutrients.

After the third season fertilize after blooming, as well as in the fall. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

Staking

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless it makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished. Middle weight bam-

boo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go.

If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural. I have been using a three rung, large tomato cage with success for the last several years. The key is to get the cage in place early!

Diseases

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis.

Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don't compost.

If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well. Disinfect clippers in between cuts.

By next weekend, I am sure there will be peonies in a vase, perfuming the entire room, just like they have for a number of decades each June...

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

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

I'm a retired veteran; why must I pay for Medicare?

Dear Rusty:

I'm a retired Navy veteran, who is going to be turning 65 years old this year.

My question is concerning mandatory Medicare sign-up requirements. Why do I have to sign up for Medicare coverage at 65 when I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I turn 67? My Social Security benefits will not pay for my mandatory Medicare because I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I'm 67.

I currently pay for Tricare and utilize my local Veterans Administration medical facilities and referrals for my healthcare. With me turning 65 and having to wait until I'm 67 for my full Social Security benefits, it just seems unfair that I'll have to pay out of pocket Medicare monthly expenses for two years. Is there any way to avoid this unfair penalty?

Signed:

Retired Navy Vet

Dear Retired Navy Vet:

First, I want to thank you for your military service to our country. Please know that here at the AMAC Foundation we care a lot about our veterans and you may find the "For Veterans" section of our Foundation website interesting - visit www.amacfoundation.org.

Regarding your question, you should be aware that enrolling in Medicare is not mandatory, but there are consequences if you do not enroll when you become eligible, normally at age 65). For one thing, if you are a retired veteran on military TriCare, you will lose your TriCare benefits if you don't enroll in Medicare when you are eligible.

TriCare requires that you enroll in Medicare when eligible. And, since you are not yet collecting Social Security, you will be required to separately pay the Medicare Part B premium directly to Medicare; they will bill you when you enroll in Medicare. Another potential consequence is that if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B when you are first eligible, you may incur a lifetime late enrollment penalty for enrolling in Part B later.

Something else to keep in mind is that there are two "parts" to Medicare -

Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services and Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services - doctors, medical tests, etc. Medicare Part A is free to you, but there is a premium for Medicare Part B (\$185/month for 2025).

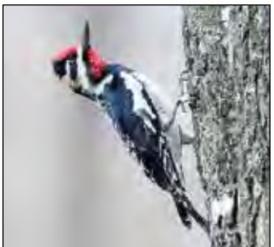
Note that you will need to pay a Part B premium as long as you are enrolled in Medicare Part B (it doesn't go away after you are collecting Social Security, but it is taken from your Social Security payment). And there is no way for you to avoid the Part B premium after enrolling and enrolling in Part B is necessary for you to continue your military TriCare-for-life benefits. Note that Medicare Part A and Part B do not include prescription drug coverage, but your TriCare coverage usually does.

It's important to note that Medicare and Social Security are two independent senior programs with different eligibility rules. As you may know, you can collect early (reduced) Social Security at age 65 (and have your Medicare Part B premium deducted from your SS payment). But you would be collecting Social Security early and, in addition to a reduced benefit, you would also be subject to Social Security's annual earnings test if you are still working. The SS earnings test limits how much you can earn before some of your SS benefits are taken away if you exceed the earning limit prior to your full retirement age.

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By Ellenor Downer



Yellow bellied sapsucker

A Brimfield resident reported a yellow bellied sapsucker pair in his yard.

He said in an email, "I began seeing a male yel-

low-bellied sapsucker at a dogwood tree in front of the house. The bird was there every day last week.

On Saturday, I saw a female on the same tree. I'll try to find a nest, I did find a sapsucker nest in the Brimfield State Forest a few years ago." He also has a mountain ash in his yard with lots of sapsucker holes.

Yellow-bellied sapsuckers lap up the leaking sap and any trapped insects with its specialized, brush-tipped tongue from holes they makes in a variety of trees especially birch and maples

Like many of the woodpecker family, it has barred

black and white feathers with a red cap. The male also has a red throat. They sit still on tree trunks for long intervals while feeding. To find one, listen for their loud mewing calls or stuttered drumming.

Sapsuckers inhabit young deciduous forests. To find a sapsucker's territory, people should keep an eye out for their distinctive, neatly organized rows of sap wells. They cling motionless to trees while calling, birders should look closely at the trees around the for their sharply contrasting black-and-white face stripes and the bright-red patches on their heads.

The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker makes two kinds of holes in trees to harvest sap. Round holes extend deep in the tree and are not enlarged. The sapsucker inserts its bill into the hole to probe for sap. Rectangular

holes are shallower and must be maintained continually for the sap to flow. The sapsucker licks the sap from these holes, and eats the cambium of the tree too. New holes usually are made in a line with old holes, or in a new line above the old.

The sap wells made by yellow-bellied sapsuckers attract hummingbirds, which also feed off the sap flowing from the tree. Other birds as well as bats and porcupines also visit sapsucker sap wells. Although a few individuals remain throughout much of the winter in the southern part of the breeding range, most head farther south, going as far south as Panama. Females tend to migrate farther south than do males.

Other birds

The Brimfield resident

Pothole cheerleaders...



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reports the return of the rose-breasted grosbeak, catbird and great crested flycatcher. His wife saw two great crested flycatcher near the nest box a pair used last year.

Eagle nests

The Brimfield resident also reported a tree with a bald eagle nest at the Stebbins Wildlife Refuge in Longmeadow fell down and the fire department rescued two chicks. They have been placed in the care of a local raptor rehabilitator. The chicks look to be fully grown, but unable to fly. He will care for the birds until they are old enough to release.

In Ludlow there is another eagle nest and there are two chicks in that nest also but

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Get ready to 'play ball' with the Paige Memorial Library

HARDWICK – Take the family out to the ball game at Roach Field, 2380 Barre Road, on Saturday June 7 at 1 p.m.

“Root, root, root for the home team” in a Vintage Baseball game between the Westfield Wheelmen and the Hardwick Haymen using Civil War era rules. Come hungry and enjoy hot dogs from Mimi’s, popcorn from Minute Man Kettle Corn, and water from Big Y and Kyle Ayres. Come cheer on the home team composed of friends and neighbors.

Author talk

“The Theft of Dignity,” presented by young adult novelist Dennis S. Wise, on Saturday, June 21 at 12 p.m., raises awareness of peer bullying in an absorbing presentation that draws on examples from popular culture, movies, TV shows, and novels such as his own book, “On Your Side”, to encourage a respectful community and to offer solutions.

Open to teens, educators, parents, and others to understand the challenges teens face every day and to suggest practical tools for positive

change, this program is funded in part by a grant from the Hardwick New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Summer Reading

School will soon be out, and the Paige Memorial Library Summer Reading program will begin registration on June 24. Sign up and “Level Up”.

Level Up at Your Library is an all ages summer reading program based around puzzles and games that reminds

us that libraries are not just a space for knowledge, they are a space for fun. Join library staff for special programs and activities, prizes, and lots of good books to borrow. Play is one of the ways we learn to relate to others, to think in new ways, and to foster friendships, new and old.

Drumming class

Jafar Manselle and the Wendell Warriors drumming ensemble will perform and teach a West African rhythms drumming class for teens and adults on Tuesday, June 24,

at 6:30 p.m. on the Common in Hardwick. Drums and percussion instruments to be provided, however if anyone has their own drum, feel free to bring it.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Birds of Prey

WINGMASTERS will present Birds of prey and Indigenous American artifacts at the Hardwick

Town House on Saturday, June 28 at 1 p.m. The WINGMASTERS is a partnership between Julie Anne Collier who has Native American ancestry and Jim Parks. They are licensed raptor rehabilitators and educators. This program is supported by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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

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and land and to conduct engineering, environmental, public necessity and all other feasibility studies, testing and exploration with respect to the suitability of said property for hospital, medical clinic or other mental or physical health clinic purposes and/or uses.”

This article comes after new zoning for the site was approved at an earlier special town meeting, designating the 21-acre property as a Health Care Services District.

Historical Commission Chair Lynn Lak said a nine-month demolition delay was placed on the property last year, and how the commission reached out to 78 health-care entities by phone, email and letter without any success.

“Not one of them was interested in those buildings,” she said. “We worked really hard for almost a year. Nobody wanted them.”

Buelow-Cascio and Allen said there were interested entities, but that they were pushed away by Baystate Health. They said the easement would allow the town to have anyone interested tour the property without Baystate Health officials being present.

Allen said that Caring Health Center had expressed interested in the hospital years ago, but had not been contacted by the Selectboard. She noted that Caring Health Center was “tickled” when she reached out to them recently about the site.

At a prior Selectboard meeting, Town Manager Stuart Beckley explained that Caring Health Center is federally funded, and that the reason they had not proceeded with a site in Ware in the past was due to lack of funding.

During the annual town meeting, Beckley said that Baystate Health officials have always allowed access to the property, and that it didn’t need to cost the town \$55,000 to continue to have access. He also noted that this cost doesn’t pay for the engineering or testing outlined in the article.

“This money doesn’t address the other costs,” he said.

Jack Cascio said having the easement “is going to give us a lot more freedom,” adding that what Baystate Health has done to the buildings since the hospital closed, was “no mistake.”

The town’s Hospital Review Committee had hired HKT Architects through use of a grant to present potential uses for the site, including mixed use with medical and office spaces, single and multi-family housing, athletic fields, and more. The firm presented three design concepts using information gathered from residents, which were reviewed at several meetings last year.

Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said its members worked really hard to find use for the buildings of Mary Lane Hospital, and that environmental, engineering and feasibility studies were already conducted at no cost to taxpayers.

He said the cost to reuse just the Wetherby building was estimated to cost between \$9-12 million.

“I would strongly advise you not to vote for this motion,” Trietsch said. “We’re not getting a hospital back to the site.”

Resident Dave Moriarty agreed with those who were against the article, and said the buildings were no longer in usable condition and should be taken down.

The article failed to reach a two-thirds majority vote required to pass, with 74 voters opposed and 38 in favor.

Town budget discussion

Article 17 asked voters to approve the town’s budget for fiscal year 2026, which saw an overall increase of 4.2% (including capital items) for a total of \$38,613,619.

During discussion, resident Ken Higney motioned to amend the Parks Capital Expenditures line item, increasing it by \$4.2 million through use of financing. He explained that his motion, if passed, would allow the town to replace the pool which has been closed for several years.

Resident Liz Cygan seconded his motion, and said, “it’s sad driving by the pool seeing it unused...it’s just a really nice part of town.”

Beckley said that a 20-year bond would cost about \$360,000 a year, if Higney’s motion was approved by voters.

“The town budget has to absorb that cost,” he said. “It just challenges the budget going forward.”

Beckley said he fully supports the need for the pool, but he didn’t believe this was the right time to make this request.

Higney said he would withdraw his motion, but Cygan requested to move it forward to voters. The motion to amend the budget failed to pass with 65 opposed and 31 in favor.

The budget passed as presented with one change after Moderator Kathleen Coulombe got approval from voters to defer her \$250 salary to the Parks Department budget.

Town charter amendments

Article 29 presented voters with proposed amendments to the town’s charter, which hasn’t been updated in decades according to the Charter Review Committee’s Vice-Chair Melissa Whitham.

The committee met over the past year to review proposed changes to the charter, and held a forum to review these changes with the public.

She said the amendments did not change the intent of the charter, but provided updates in the form of adopting gender neutral language, removing job descriptions, adding an introduction and definitions key, adding electronic voting information and changing “Board of Selectmen” to “Selectboard” and “Finance Committee” to “Advisory Committee.”

One of the amendments was to reduce the town meeting quorum from 100 to 80 voters, as the town has faced challenges with reaching its current quorum.

Whitham said another amendment was to change the “Parks Commission” to the “Parks and Recreation Commission,” and to have the Parks Manager be appointed by the Town Manager, instead of the commission.

Residents Higney and Denis Ouimette spoke out against this change of appointing authority, as it has always been the responsibility of the Parks Commissioners.

Resident SK Robinson moved to dismiss the article, so that more review could be done of the charter, and the amendments could be presented at a later town meeting. This motion passed with 72 in favor and 26 opposed

and the article was dismissed.

OPEB payment

Resident Gregory Giles made a motion to reduce the almost \$430,000 allocated from free cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund by half, and use that amount to pay for trash services to help clean up the town.

Beckley said there is currently about \$2.5 million in the fund and Finance Committee Chair Ken Willette explained how the town’s financial policy outlines that 15% of free cash goes to this fund to ensure the town’s retirees are provided for.

Giles said \$214,990 could remain in free cash and that the Town Manager could appoint a committee to look at ways to spend that money to benefit the residents of the town.

“I think it’s a good thing for the town,” Giles said.

Giles’ motion failed to pass, with 107 opposed and 13 in favor. Voters then approved the original motion on article 3, transferring the full amount to the OPEB trust fund.

Building demolition

Both articles 23 and 24 asked voters to transfer funds to pay for the demolition of vacant buildings.

Article 23 sought \$180,000 from free cash to remove buildings located at 92-104 Main St., which have been vacant since a fire occurred in 2016. Beckley said approval of the funds would give the town more leverage in trying to get the property owner to pay for the demolition, as the town must pay the prevailing wage for the removal, which could

then be placed as a lien on the property.

Article 24 asked voters to transfer \$40,000 from the Water Reserve Fund to demolish a house at 116 Pleasant St., near the entrance of Kubinski field.

Both articles were approved by voters.

Firearms in municipal buildings

Article 31 asked voters to exclude municipal administrative buildings from being defined as “prohibited areas” to carry firearms. The recently passed Act Modernizing Firearms Law prohibits the carrying of firearms generally within defined public buildings, such as the Town Hall, Senior Center and departmental buildings.

Police Chief Shawn Crevier said the carrying of firearms by licensed individuals has always been permitted in these buildings, and he asked for the support of voters to allow this practice to continue.

The motion on the articles passed with 79 in favor and 30 opposed.

Revolving fund

Voters approved article 14, which established the creation of a revolving fund account for inspection fees for gas, electrical and plumbing services. These fees will go into the revolving fund to pay each inspector’s salary.

“This will avoid having to move money at town meeting to pay for overages,” Willette said.

Other articles

All other articles on the town meeting warrant passed, with the exception of articles 18 and 22 which were dismissed.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Police, Fire host bicycle safety event June 14

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

UMass Bike Police Officers will be on hand to assist with bicycle safety and proper riding skills. Walmart staff will be on scene handing out free bike helmets to all participants.

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

West Brookfield Farmers Market is held on Wednesdays

WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Farmers Market has returned 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. 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.

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and pouring concrete footings. By the early afternoon, the poles had been installed, and the net was ready to be hung.

The installation of the backstop net is the Eagle Scout project for Bateman, who joined Scouting America as soon as he was old enough and has been an active member for five years. His love of soccer inspired him to plan a project that would help others enjoy the sport for years to come.

“I wanted to do something that was going to get used and I wanted to do something that would help people,” Bateman said.

Bateman has played soccer since he was about 4 years old, and has only missed one season since that time. He also serves as a student coach during Ware Soccer Club’s summer soccer camp.

Having played on the soccer field regularly, Bateman knew the challenges athletes faced when they had to retrieve a ball that had been kicked into the woods. Dense vegetation and poison ivy being two of them.

The backstop net blocks any balls from traveling beyond the field, making it easier for players to get and continue playing.

“It’s nice to see the Boy



Volunteers worked to stand up a pole for the backstop net.

Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette

Scouts doing stuff like this,” Ware Soccer Club coach and board member Herb Foley said.

Bateman had fundraised to spend last summer on a grueling backpacking trek through Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico with other Scouts and adult leaders, and he had enough money left over to pay for the materials for his Eagle Scout project.

He said the only donation he received specifically for his Eagle Scout project came

from his grandmother in the form of pizza to feed the hungry volunteers.

Bateman said that day he had three fellow Scouts and nine adults helping to install the backstop net, as well as friends who showed up to lend a hand and community members who came to show their support.

Outside of Scouts, school and soccer, Bateman stays busy working five days a week at his afterschool job and preparing for his driving test.



Volunteer Cam held a rope to balance the pole.



Aaron Bateman tied a knot to secure a pole as the concrete footing sets.



Volunteers made sure the pole was level before pouring the concrete footing.

Is your retirement at risk?

It’s important to save for retirement, but only half of Americans have calculated how much money they’ll need, according to the 2024 Retirement Confidence Survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. Yet without knowing how much you’ll need, it’s hard to know if you’re on track to reach your goals for retirement.

Here are a few considerations to help shape your retirement savings strategy.

Calculate how much you’ll need. You may dream of retiring “comfortably,” but how do you define “comfortable” in terms of actual money? Take the time to outline how much you spend now, and how much you think you’ll spend in retirement. That will help you understand how much you need to save now to afford the retirement lifestyle you want later. A financial advisor can help with resources and knowledge for building and managing your retirement strategy.

Start saving now. It’s easy to procrastinate, especially if you are younger and further away from retirement. But the earlier you start, the less you may need to save from each paycheck to build your funds over time. If you’re closer to retirement, you can take advantage of catch-up contributions to most 401(k), 403(b), governmental 457 plans and the federal government’s Thrift Savings Plan. If you’re 50 or older, you can save pretax an extra \$7,500 to your retirement account beyond the standard total limit of \$23,500 allowed in 2025. Those 60-63 years old can contribute to these plans an extra \$11,250 above the standard total limit. That’s an annual total of \$31,000 for people ages 50 and older; or \$34,750 for those 60-63 years old in pretax retirement plan contributions.

Take the right amount of risk. You may think it’s risky to put money away for retirement instead of keeping it handy for discretionary spending. But the biggest risk of all is not reaching your retirement goal. For example, a portfolio that’s all in cash will have little increasing value over time and won’t provide any growth potential even to keep up with inflation. It’s as if you’re losing money every year. Then again, if your investments are only keeping up with inflation, your money is not growing. Consider growth investments to help build the funds you’ll need in retirement. The key is ensuring you have the appropriate amount of risk — not too much, but not too little — to achieve your growth goals.

Save separately for emergencies. To protect your hard-earned retirement savings, build an emergency fund separate from your long-term investments. It can help ensure you have what you need to cover surprises like a large auto repair, unexpected medical bills, temporary loss of income from changing jobs or early retirement caused by health issues. For most people, three to six months’ worth of total expenses is an appropriate amount for an emergency fund. And you’ll want to keep it in an accessible, low-risk account that holds cash and equivalents. Above all, try to avoid taking money from your long-term retirement investments. Doing so could result in taxes, penalties and reductions to your overall principal investment, all of which could affect your retirement savings.

Retirement should be an exciting time to enjoy what you’ve worked so hard to earn. Planning for what you’ll need and protecting those savings can help ensure a comfortable future.

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Ware Police Log

During the week of May 25-June 3, the Ware Police Department responded to 28 miscellaneous calls, 18 administrative calls, nine traffic violations, 20 emergency 911 calls, 10 motor vehicle accidents, four harassments, two damage/vandalisms, two frauds, one safety hazard, two thefts/larcenies, two fraud/deceptions, one breaking and entering, five animal calls and 65 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Sunday, May 25
 5:47 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
 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

2:52 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 2:55 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered
 9:22 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, May 28
 10:10 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
 1:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 3:55 p.m. Drugs, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered
 5:12 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Bacon Road, Services Rendered
 Arrest: Thomas Richter, 18, Monson
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Electronic Device, Use While Operating Motor

Vehicle, 1st Offense c90 s13B
 5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Babcock Tavern Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 5:29 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered
 8:06 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, River Road, Report Made

Thursday, May 29
 10:31 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 4:54 p.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered
 5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Beaver Lake Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Malboeuf Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 8:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Babcock Tavern Road, Citation/Warning Issued

Friday, May 30
 9:32 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Gilbertville Road, Report Made
 11:08 a.m. Brush Fire, Greenwich Plains Road, Services Rendered
 12:18 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Could not Locate
 1:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Beaver Lake Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 5:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Babcock Tavern Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 8:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 10:15 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Morse Avenue, Dispatch Handled

Saturday, May 31
 12:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 11:40 a.m. Fraud/Deception, Coffey Hill Road, Services Rendered
 3:08 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Fisherdick Road, Services Rendered
 3:33 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Canal Street, Arrest Made
 5:58 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, River Road, Services Rendered

Sunday, June 1
 8:10 a.m. Drugs, Cherry Street, Services Rendered
 8:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Arrest
 Arrest: Jose L. Gonzalez Vazquez, 36, Ware
 Crosswalk Violation; Speeding in Violation Special Regulation; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Stop for Police, Fail; Marked Lanes Violation; License Suspended, Operate Motor

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Vehicle With
 7:16 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, South Street, Investigated
 7:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Monday, June 2
 1:39 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Juniper Hill Road, Services Rendered
 7:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 7:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 9:10 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Dale Street, Services Rendered
 2:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 2:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Warren Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 3:12 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
 5:14 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised
 5:27 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised
 6:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Monson Turnpike Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 7:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bacon Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 7:52 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, South Street, Report Made
 9:51 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Hillside Village, Advised

Tuesday, June 3
 3:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Dainton J. Foster, 47, Methuen
 WMS Warrant
 5:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 7:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued

Warren Police Log

During the week of May 18-24, the Warren Police Department responded to 116 building/property checks, 12 community policings, 12 emergency 911 calls, one fire/illegal burn, one complaint, three parking issues, one property damage, one burglary, one fraud/forgery, three motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and 47 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, May 18
 5:10 a.m. Stroke, Highland Street, Transported to Hospital
 9:56 a.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Liberty Street, Investigated
 2:03 p.m. Power Lines Down, Miller Drive, Removed Hazard

Monday, May 19
 7:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 8:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written

Warning
 11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 12:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 12:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 1:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

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Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of May 19-June 2, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 148 building/property checks, 78 directed/area patrols, 14 radar assignments, four traffic controls, 14 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, six assist other agencies, two investigations, five complaints, three safety hazards, two harassments, one scam, one trespass, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, four animal calls and 18 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, May 19
 11:42 a.m. Lost/Stolen Plate, Church Lane, Officer Handled
 1:08 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital
 3:26 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Peace Restored

Tuesday, May 20
 5:52 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

Wednesday, May 21
 6:42 a.m. Complaint, Taylor Street, Officer Handled
 1:30 p.m. Assist Citizen,

Hardwick-New Braintree Police, Officer Handled
 5:29 p.m. Assist Other Agency, School Street, Served in Hand
 5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 9:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, May 22
 8:07 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Dispatch Handled
 2:22 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 9:16 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered

Friday, May 23
 8:43 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Services Rendered
 11:04 a.m. 911 Lockout, Church Lane, Call Canceled
 3:01 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Road, Officer Handled
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 3:40 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled
 5:33 p.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer

Handled
 11:36 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Saturday, May 24
 9:56 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital
 11:20 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Ware Police, Officer Handled

Sunday, May 25
 9:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:18 p.m. Complaint, Ware, Spoken To
 9:57 p.m. Complaint, Church Lane, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Monday, May 26
 9:38 a.m. Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:41 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 12:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle

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 Dr. Williamson, a New England native, has always dreamed of practicing veterinary medicine in the area where she grew up and raised her family. Initially a mixed-animal practitioner for two years, she soon discovered her passion for small-animal medicine, which she has practiced full-time for the past 19 years.
 Throughout her career, Dr. Williamson has gained experience in various aspects of veterinary care, but her true calling lies in fostering the human-animal bond and extending the lives of her patients. She has a particular expertise in geriatric medicine and is deeply committed to educating pet owners on the importance of preventative care and addressing the special needs of senior pets. Dr. Williamson's approach emphasizes compassionate care with a strong focus on improving the quality of life for aging animals.
 At home she lives with her husband Seth, daughters Zoe and Grace, two dogs, two cats, and two cute guinea pigs. Outside of work she routinely goes horseback riding with her daughters and loves the outdoors.



Blessing and dedication of Jubilee Ministries this Sunday

Bishop Fisher to lead service during annual visit

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WARE – This Sunday, the Jubilee Ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church will celebrate the two major milestones, coinciding with the annual visit from the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, the Right Rev. Dr. Douglas John Fisher.

This year, the Jubilee Ministries is celebrating 40 years since it was started by the wife of the priest serving at that time and other women from the church to meet the foods needs of people in the community. It is also marking its move to a new location in the former Masonic hall at 80 Pleasant St.

Senior Warden at Trinity Episcopal Church, Suzanne Chagnon, said the church purchased the hall earlier this year, after selling the Davis House (where the ministries were formerly housed) years ago.

“It literally started in the cupboard in the church hall,” Chagnon said of what was then called the Jubilee Cupboard.

A parishioner had left funds for the church to expand the Jubilee Cupboard, and that money was used to purchase the Davis House where it served the community for decades.

Chagnon said in the past eight years or so, the Jubilee Cupboard volunteers came up with other ways to serve those in need, which formed the clothing closet and diaper ministry.

The diaper ministry was created after people visiting the food pantry expressed a great need. Now, there is an annual diaper drive and donations are received from people in the community and through the United Way’s diaper drive.

“It was the need in the community that started it, and it just continued,” Chagnon said.

Now, all of these efforts will be combined under one name, the Jubilee Ministries, into a larger space with ample parking and room to grow.

“It gives us much more space to not only be able to serve the community in those same three ways now, but to offer more,” Chagnon said.

Chagnon said the church members have been busy preparing the new location, and also brainstorming new ways the Jubilee Ministries can help people in need.

“All of our imaginations are kicking in,” she said.

Last year, Jubilee Ministries served 3,900 people in Ware and surrounding towns, and saw an increase of 100 households needing assistance. Over 61,000 pounds of food was distributed.

This outreach is made possible by dedicated volunteers who make sure that people get the help they need.

“It’s an all-volunteer staff at the cupboard,” Chagnon said. “We’re grateful for those people that come out.”

Chagnon said all are welcome and invited to attend the church service at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Park and Pleasant streets, on Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m. as well as the blessing to follow.

Fisher will lead the worship service at the church, before heading to the former Masonic hall at 80 Pleasant St., for a blessing of the building and fellowship. The blessing is expected to start at 11:15 a.m.

The church’s former priest, the Right Rev. Alan Gates, recently retired bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, will also attend the service and blessing. Gates served at the church in the 1990s.

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it helps support research to defeat cancer. Numerous local businesses in the community and surrounding communities sponsored this year’s Relay for Life in the Quaboag Valley.

“These businesses help push us in the right direction,” Meehan said.

Several banks were supporting sponsors such as North Brookfield Savings Bank, Country Bank and Easthampton Savings Bank. There were about 20 sponsors in total that supported this year’s Quaboag Valley Relay for Life.

Town departments also participated in the Relay for Life including the Police and Fire departments and the Department of Public Works. These departments brought vehicles to the common for a Touch a Truck event.

Over by the parked vehicles, Tall Tree Landscape LLC of Belchertown provided one of its trucks to display the American Flag.

The Belchertown Lions Club ran the food concession for the event, cooking up hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken tenders and French fries. All the proceeds from food sales went to support Relay for Life.

Boy Scout Troop 507 participated in the opening ceremony and raised the American Flag during the National Anthem. The troop also participated in the Survivor’s Lap, leading the way as dozens of cancer survivors lined up.

Vicki McAndrew is part of the leadership for the Quaboag Valley Relay for



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Announcements and the opening ceremony were presented by Brian Meehan.

Life. This event is about being together in your local community to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against every cancer.

The Relay for Life started 40 years ago in 1985 and the Quaboag Valley Relay for Life started about 20 years ago. Many survivors and supporters were wearing purple shirts that said “40 Years of Impact”.

Multiple tents were set up and had community teams who participate in their community relays. When signing up, folks choose to lead a team in their community, join an existing team, or participate solo. Many tents were on the common and had teams named after people who are cancer survivors and those who fought against cancer.

McAndrew says there

is fundraising throughout the year from September to August and all proceeds goes towards research. McAndrew has been cancer free for nine years and expresses much gratitude from all the support the Relay has gotten in the community. Donations are always appreciated.

“We appreciate all their donations,” McAndrew said.

The Hampden County Sheriff’s Department horses arrived on the common for a visit after the Survivor’s Lap ended.

The community came together supporting a great cause as the American Cancer Society.

For more information, visit relayforlife.org/quaboagvalley. The Relay for Life for Quaboag Valley can also be followed and found on Facebook.

Ham radio operators take to the field in West Brookfield on June 28

WEST BROOKFIELD – On Saturday, June 28, from 2-6 p.m., the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club will participate in the annual American Radio Relay League Field Day on the town common.

Field Day is the largest emergency communication exercise in North America, sponsored by the ARR, and it brings together over 35,000 licensed amateur radio operators across the U.S. and Canada. The goal is to set up

temporary stations using off-grid power to demonstrate ham radio’s ability to provide vital communications during natural disasters, power outages, and other emergencies.

The public is invited to stop by and learn about amateur radio, see it in action, and even try making a radio contact. Club members will be on hand to explain how amateur radio supports emergency preparedness, provides public service communications, and how anyone can

get started and earn a license.

This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in technology, communication, or community service to see firsthand how ham radio can connect people when it matters most.

For more information about the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club, visit www.qvarc.com. Come join them on the town common and discover the power and fun of amateur radio.



Horses from the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department visited the Quaboag Valley Relay for Life.

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Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
1:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
2:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
2:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 27
4:10 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Creamery Road, Unfounded
10:16 a.m. Complaint, Church Street, Spoken To
11:03 a.m. Trespass, Breen Road, Services Rendered
11:48 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Hardwick Road, Unfounded
2:42 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Street, Transported to Hospital

4:02 p.m. Harassment, Pine Street, Spoken To
5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:52 p.m. Investigation, Bridge Street, Investigated

Wednesday, May 28
3:49 p.m. Scam, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
4:18 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, May 29
5:40 p.m. Safety Hazard, Thresher Road, Services Rendered

Friday, May 30
2:20 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick-New Braintree Police, Officer Handled
3:20 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street,

Services Rendered
Saturday, May 31
1:05 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Lower Road, Officer Handled
1:53 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
2:42 p.m. 911 Misdial, Main Street, Spoken To
7:13 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Pine Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, June 1
2:19 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital
3:50 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Street, Officer Handled
5:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

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1:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
1:33 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
1:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
1:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:55 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Main Street, Negative Contact
8:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Coy Hill Road, Report Filed

Tuesday, May 20
7:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Brimfield Road, Report Filed
3:37 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital
5:32 p.m. Suspicious

Person, Forest Avenue, Report Filed
9:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Criminal Complaint

Wednesday, May 21
8:06 a.m. Parking Issues, Nelson Street, Officer Spoke to Party
8:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued
9:33 a.m. Parking Issues, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
11:51 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital
7:57 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, West Brookfield, Mutual Aid Assist

Thursday, May 22

4:55 p.m. Property Damage, Cottage Street, Report Filed

Friday, May 23
8:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Arrest(s) Made

Arrest: Aaron R. Bell, 45, Thompson, Connecticut
Warrant; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
9:59 a.m. Parking Issues, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
2:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Old West Warren Road, Report Filed
4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
6:20 p.m. Burglary, Milton O. Fountain Way, Building Checked/Secured
7:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Saturday, May 24
3:52 a.m. Noise Complaint, Moore Avenue, Officer Spoke to Party
6:43 a.m. Power Lines Down, Dunham Road, Investigated

1:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Citation Issued
5:25 p.m. Fumes/Odor/Gas Leak, Bemis Road, Unfounded
6:08 p.m. Propane Incident, Hillside Avenue, Investigated
11:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Road, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Scott D. Murray, 56, West Brookfield
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Inspection/Sticker, No; Marked Lanes Violation

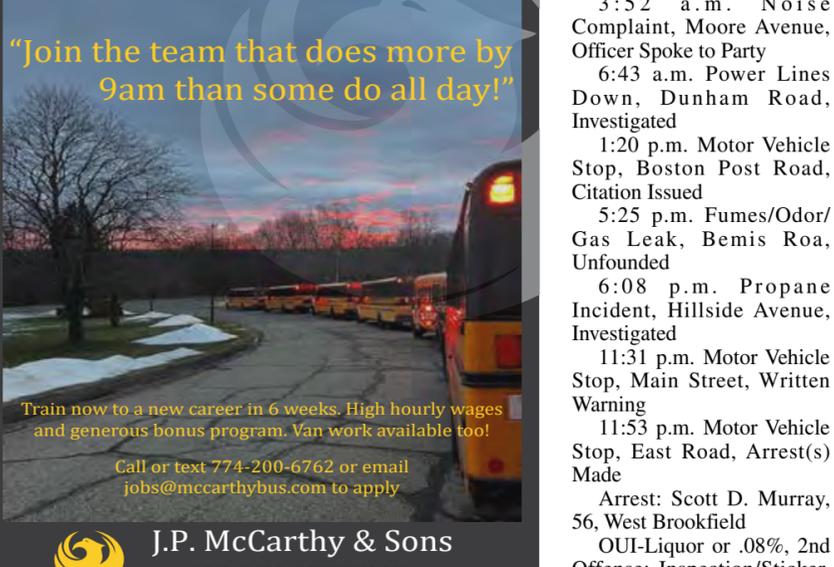


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William Patrick McCrystal, 86

WARE – William Patrick “Billy” McCrystal, age 86 passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at his home with his loving wife and family by his side.



Billy was born in Springfield on April 9, 1939, son of the late William Patrick McCrystal, Sr. and Katherine C. (O’Connor) McCrystal. He was raised and educated in Ware, and was a proud lifelong resident.

Billy enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1960 and served proudly until his honorable discharge in January of 1965 with the rank of CS2. Billy was a proud American, proud of his country and the flag that represented it.

Billy was also a faithful communicant of All Saints Church in Ware.

On June 9, 1962, in St. Mary’s Church in Ware, Billy entered into Holy Matrimony with Apolonia “Polli” Tworek, through good times and bad, sickness and health, they have lovingly been together for 63 years. Sadly, Billy and Polli were predeceased by their four beloved sons: Baby John, William Patrick McCrystal, III, Timothy Michael McCrystal and James Brian McCrystal, who were called to heaven too soon. What the heart has

known and loved, it cannot lose.

For many years, Billy was the Flag Caretaker for the local Ware cemeteries, where he was responsible for raising and lowering the flag and replacing it when necessary. He was a lifetime member of the Ware American Legion Post 123, and was part of its color guard for parades and funerals.

Billy was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Weir River Club and Aspen Street Rod and Gun Club. He was the proud owner of a Model-A Ford and belonged to the Model-A Club, attending many car meets.

Billy’s family established Crystal Park in Bondsville, and Billy worked there as a teenager. Later, Billy worked at Mary Lane Hospital as a cook and then was employed by Pierson Industries for many years prior to his retirement.

Billy was a creative person, building numerous items around his home with his woodworking skills. Billy will also be remembered for being the host and grillmaster for many 4th of July pool parties at his beautiful King Street home.

In addition to his wife Polli, Billy leaves behind

his sister, Kathleen “Pat” Peritz, his brother-in-laws, Robert Peritz Sr. and Ted Tworek, his loving nieces and nephews: Kathleen Soltys, Gaylyn Reilly, Jackie Hermann, Lisa McCrystal-Moulton, Colleen McCrystal, Robert “Bob” Peritz Jr, Ivy Peritz-Smith, Holly Leland and Joe Lavallee, and many great-nieces and nephews.

Billy was predeceased by his brother, John J. “Jack” McCrystal, his sister, Maureen “Mickey” Hogan, his niece, Michelle McCrystal-Provost and nephews David Peritz and John LaVallee.

Calling Hours will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025, from 4-7 p.m. at Cebula Funeral Home, 66 South St., Ware. A Funeral Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2025, in All Saints Church (everyone will meet directly in the church). Military Honors will be rendered following the funeral mass in the garden area of Cebula Funeral Home.

In lieu of floral offerings, please make memorial donations to the Ware American Legion Post 123, Maple Street, Ware, MA 01082. Funeral Services are under the direction of Cebula Funeral Home. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Maeve Leslie Rohan O’Brien, 66

WARE – It is with deep sorrow and love that we announce the passing of Maeve Leslie Rohan O’Brien, who passed peacefully surrounded by family and friends on May 25, 2025, after a courageous battle with colon cancer. She was 66 years old.



Born in Wareham, Maeve was a loving mother, daughter, sister, nana/norna, and a true friend to so many. She lived her life with fierce passion, a big heart, and an unwavering strength that touched everyone around her.

She is survived by her daughter Ashlinn Ellis and her husband Dustin Ellis, her daughter Annie Dobbins and her husband Jeremy Dobbins, and their children, Keegan and Tucker. Her mother Martha Rohan.

Her brothers Sean and Cullen Rohan. She is survived by her loving partner Richard Durepo. His daughter Germain Durepo Koczur and her husband Doug Koczur and their children Drew, Kurtis, Zackary and Brodie; his son Josh Durepo and his wife Colleen Durepo and their children Alex, Evelyn and RYANNE, his son Derrick Durepo and his wife Kourtney Durepo and their children Griffin and Tommy; and daughter Anne Pearce and her husband Eric Pearce and their children Brynn, Delaney and Callum.

Maeve was preceded in death by her beloved son, Andrew O’Brien, and her cherished father, Richard Rohan. We take comfort in knowing they are reunited now, surrounded by peace and love.

She lived a vibrant and

active life filled with joy-sorrow and love that we announce the passing of up a talented two-sport athlete, excelling in both basketball and field hockey, and continued her athletic career at Mitchell College in Connecticut, where she proudly played both sports.

An avid skier and lifelong lover of the outdoors, she found peace and happiness in Wellfleet, especially during beach parties with family and friends. She adored animals – particularly dogs and horses – and shared a special bond with her beloved Labrador, Mack.

Maeve worked for many years in the Ware Public Schools as a dedicated paraprofessional, where she touched the lives of countless students with her warmth, patience, and genuine care.

A passionate fan of all things New England, she could often be found cheering on the Patriots, Celtics, Red Sox, and Bruins, and was also a loyal supporter of the South Carolina Gamecocks. Her adventurous spirit took her around the world, and she treasured every opportunity to travel, explore, and connect with others.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, June 14 at 10 a.m. at the United Church of Ware at 49 Church St., Ware. An hour for offering condolences will take place prior to the service, from 9-10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Mass General Cancer Center. Contributions can be made online at: <https://giving.massgeneral.org/cancer/donate>

Death notices

McCrystal, William Patrick
Died May 31, 2025
Services June 7, 2025

O’Brien, Maeve Leslie Rohan
Died May 25, 2025
Services June 14, 2025



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Giant community band concert scheduled for June 14 in Amherst

AMHERST – As many as 150 musicians from throughout western Massachusetts and beyond will come together for a performance in one giant concert band on Saturday, June 14 at 3 p.m. at the Randolph W. Bromery Center for the Arts at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Titled the Pioneer Valley Community Band Festival, the concert is being hosted by the Amherst, Florence and South Hadley Community Bands and will bring together amateur and professional musicians of all ages and abilities from throughout the region to celebrate and perform live instrumental music. The schedule for the day includes a morning rehearsal, catered lunch with time for musicians to mingle, and afternoon performance.

According to Festival Coordinator Ira Brezinsky, “With the inspiration of our

guest conductor and guest soloist, band members will have the opportunity to share their musical skills, learn from their fellow musicians, and bring the joy of live music making to our audience. We have a goal of 150 musicians performing together. We will see if we get there!”

As of May 20, approximately 125 musicians, representing 60 different community music organizations, are already registered to participate. Additional musicians of all abilities who would like to participate can email pioneervalleycommunitybandfest@gmail.com.

Dr. Karen LaVoie, Professor of Music and Director of the Wind Symphony at Westfield State University in Westfield, will lead a festival band composed of community music enthusiasts of all ages and abilities in a day of joyous music-making.

In addition, acclaimed clarinetist and teacher Dr.

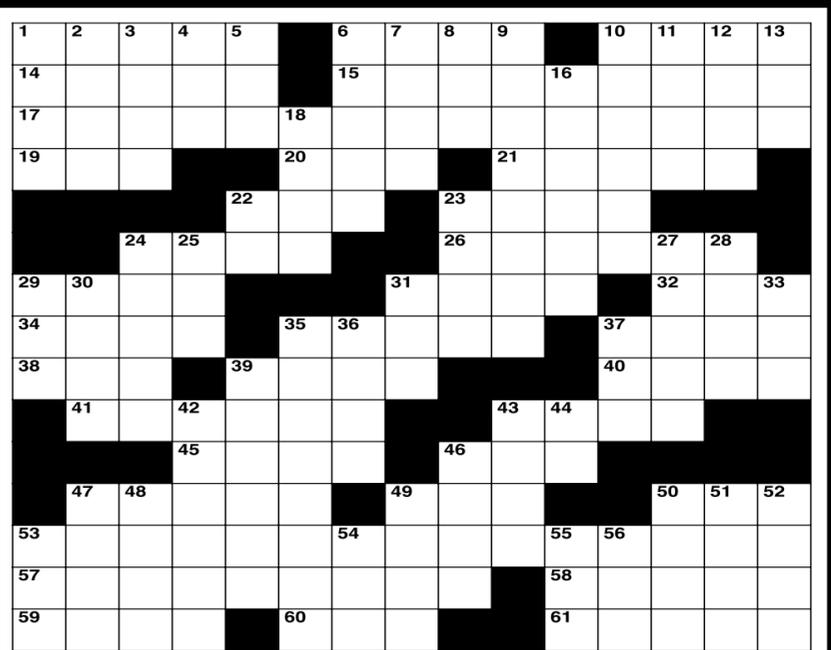
Timothy Skinner, will be guest soloist. He currently teaches at Westfield State University, the Campus School of Smith College, the Nashua Community Music School, and the Community Music School of Springfield.

The 90-minute concert will include a wide variety of music, from Leonard Bernstein to John Williams, among several others. A highlight of the concert will be the “Concerto for Clarinet” by Artie Shaw, performed by Skinner.

The free concert is made possible thanks to grants from the Amherst, East Longmeadow, Hadley and South Hadley Cultural Councils, and a Festivals Grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Donations will also be accepted at the door.

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Sue Musnicki showed students where to place American Flags in the field of flags in front of Hardwick Elementary School.



Students made American Flags to hold during a Memorial Day ceremony.

HES STUDENTS from page 1 approaching 250th anniversary.

"Events are happening all around the U.S. and especially in Massachusetts, where it all began," he said.

He explained the details of his uniform, and demonstrated how his Brown Bess musket operated. His uniform is based off of the

one worn by military officer Henry Knox, who was ordered by George Washington to bring cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston and place on a hill to push the British out on what is now known as Evacuation Day.

"It's based off of the officer's uniform," Tourtellot said. "They didn't have the uniforms we have now..."

they wore lots of layers and a lot of them didn't even have shoes."

Tourtellot then explained how the Brown Bess musket worked, from pouring the black powder cartridges down the barrel, to loading the lead ball with a ramrod. He said once the black powder and lead ball are loaded, the flintlock is struck to produce a spark.

The long and heavy musket was challenging to use in battle, and prone to misfiring.

Tourtellot fired a salute with the musket using just black powder, before reciting a poem to honor the American Flag.

The following day, students at Hardwick Elementary School invited their families to participate in a Memorial Day ceremony, complete with patriotic poems, readings and songs.

With the help of Principal Emily Soltysik, several stu-

dents led the ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance from the podium and recognized military servicemembers in attendance.



Music teacher Eric Blumenthal performed "Taps".



Students each placed two American Flags in the field of flags.



Students recited patriotic poems and songs to a full audience in recognition of Memorial Day.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette U.S. Army veteran Christopher Tourtellot, who is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, talked about his uniform and his Brown Bess musket.

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they are still very young, their heads are just visible above the rim of the nest.

Solitary sandpiper

The Brimfield resident reported seeing a solitary sandpiper at one of the ponds in Warren. He said he has seen spotted sandpipers there, but this was the first time he saw a solitary sandpiper at that location.

Black bear

Saturday, May 24 I saw a black bear walking down the side of my road about 4:30 p.m. I slowly followed him in my car. He left the road and went up a steep path leading into some woods. At the top of the hill, he turned and looked toward the road. He had a healthy, dark black coat of fur.

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Reese McKeever looks for contact.



Ollivia DiRienzo looks to pick the ball.



Shelby Hogan makes a throw to first.



Naomi Torres goes for the base hit.

Abigale McQuaid fires to the plate.

Ware softball wins finale

WARE – On Thursday, May 20, Ware softball picked up a win over Quaboag 18-3 to finish off the regular season. Abigale McQuaid went six innings for the win. Naomi Torres led the offense with three hits and five RBI. Madisyn Slattery had two hits and two RBI in the win.

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Pioneers make quick work first tourney opponent

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Just like they did a year ago, the Pathfinder Tech softball team didn't have very much trouble defeating a charter school from Boston in a Division 5 state tournament home game.

The 25th-seeded Lady Pioneers exploded for 13 runs in the second inning enroute to a 22-0 victory over the 40th-seeded Neighborhood House Charter School in a preliminary round game, last Friday afternoon.

The contest ended after 4 ½ innings due to 12-run mercy rule.

"The girls have worked very hard all season long and they deserve to celebrate a post-season victory," said Pathfinder Tech first-year head coach Phil Gallo. "We didn't know very much about our opponent, and they probably didn't know anything about us either."

The victory improved the Lady Pioneers overall record to 13-5. They beat Boston Collegiate Charter School, 19-4, in last year's preliminary round home game.

During the regular season, the Lady Pioneers scored ten or more runs in nine games. The 22 runs is a new season high. They posted a 21-0 home win against the Renaissance School in the middle of May.

The Neighborhood House Charter School, which is in



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Kendra Burke sends a pitch to the plate.



Taylor Thorton hustles for first base.

Dorchester, opened its doors seven years ago. The school is nicknamed the Legends and the softball team qualified for the Division 5 state tournament for the first time. The Legends didn't appear like they were ready to compete at the state level yet. The MIAA should think about having the charter schools play in their own state tournament in the future.

While the Lady Pioneers offense pounded out 13 base hits, which included a couple of home runs, senior right-hander Kendra Burke struck

out the first twelve batters that she faced.

"When Kendra is hitting her spots, I wouldn't want to have anyone else standing in the circle for us," Gallo said. "She pitched very well in today's game."

It was the final home softball game for Burke, along with her classmates Greenly Lagimoniere, Lianna Carrasquillo, and Isabella Nompoggi.

Carrasquillo, who started at third base, knocked home the game's first run with a flyball single to right field with no outs in the bottom of the first inning. Junior left fielder Addison Doktor capped off the opening frame with a 3-run homer to left. Doktor also had an RBI single in the third.

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Kelsey Allen hits the ball on the ground.



Kai Schuster tries to get back to first.

Panthers fall at home to Gardner

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School softball team had a non-playoff game on Monday, May 26.

With all the rain this spring, Memorial Day was used to make up games prior to the state tournament. Quabbin

was defeated by visiting Gardner 12-1 in the holiday matchup.



The Panthers were in action on Memorial Day last week.



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Jordan Blanchard makes the throw to first.



Lianna Leger makes a phenomenal play and throw to first from her knees.

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Zachard Thompson, Kayla Curren, and Trinity Los compete in the 100 meter dash.



Brady Williams completes an attempt in the long jump.

Unified track league meet

BARRE – Once again, Quabbin Regional High School had the privilege of competing in the Mid-Wach League meet with multiple other schools. Quabbin was the host school for the league meet, the third time the school has been able to hold the meet. Unified track has been a very successful program since it began at Quabbin.



Christopher Howes, Colby Hill, and Samantha Breault race.



Submitted photos by Brianna Whitelaw
Bailey Burke goes for a throw in the shotput.

Emma Thompson and Madeline Oliver compete in a heat of the 100 meter dash.

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“This was Addison’s best game of the season,” Gallo said. “We just kept hitting the ball hard from start to finish, which was good to see.”

Junior right fielder Emily Prouty led the way offensively with three base hits.

Lagimoniere (2-for-3), who started in centerfield, hit a two run home run in the second inning. It was her second home run of the season.

The Lady Pioneers sent 18 batters to the plate during that frame. Nompoggi (shortstop) contributed with a pair of singles. Pathfinder also drew five walks in the second.

Junior catcher Emily McNeaney had a two run double in the third inning, as the Lady Pioneers scored four more runs.

Burke’s perfect game bid came to an end after allowing a leadoff groundball single in the fifth inning. The base runner was thrown out trying to steal second base by McNeaney. Burke struck out the final two batters of the game.

During the regular season, Burke, who’s from Ware, hurled a perfect game and three no-hitters. She also struck out 21 batters in another game.

“It feels amazing winning my final home game,” Burke said. “I loved being a member of this softball team. I’m looking forward to coming back and watching them play next year.”

Burke is planning to play college softball at Worcester State University next year.

The Lady Pioneers played eighth-seeded Hopkins Academy in a round of 32 game two days later.



ABOVE: Emily Forcier sizes up a hit.

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AT LEFT: Claire Maschi fouls off a pitch.



Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer
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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – It is the third week of the summer league on Thursday nights at Bogey Lanes.

After the third week, there is a tie for first place between Team Five and The Furs; each team is 20-4. In week three, Team Five bowled against Glen Echo Rollers.

In game one, Team Five won 430-403. Aaron Halbedel of Team Five bowled 123 for the victory. In game two, Team Five won again by a score of 438-417. The final game was won by Team Five for a three-game sweep over Glen Echo Rollers, 452-423.

Halbedel bowled a 120 in the final game for a series of 338. The final score was 1320-1243 in favor of Team Five.

The Furs bowled against the Kolb Krew in week three. In game one, The Furs defeated Kolb Krew by a score of 443-423. In game two, Furs won again by a score of 468-421.

In game three, The Furs managed to win the final game by just five points, 457-452. Drew Kolb of Kolb Krew finished the match with a 127 in a losing

effort. The final score was 1368-1296 in favor of Furs.

Team Seven bowled against Team Three. In game one, Team Seven were victorious by a score of 470-408. The Fontaine brothers (Nathan & Aaron) of Team Seven put up scores of 119 and 126 to start the match.

In game two, Team Seven dominated again over Team Three by a score of 500-429. Aaron Fontaine bested his first score (126) by bowling a 163 in game two.

In game three, Team Seven swept Team Three by winning the last game by a score of 461-422. Fontaine finished a 134 and a series of 423. The final score was 1431-1259.

The Mix-ups bowled against the Polar Rollers in week three. In game one, The Polar Rollers won by a score of 457-424. Michael McWhorter of Polar Rollers, an 86 average bowler, bowled well over his average in game one with a 99.

In game two, Mix-ups were the winners by a score of 438-423. Patrick Capri of Mix-ups bowled a 109 in game two.

In game three, Polar Rollers won the last game by a score of 447-435. The final score was 1327-1297 in favor of Polar Rollers.

Hall series coming to TD Garden

BOSTON – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, announced that projected preseason Top 10 teams UConn and BYU will meet in the Hall of Fame Series Boston event on Saturday, Nov. 15, at TD Garden. This marks just the second meeting between the programs, with the Huskies defeating the Cougars in the first match-up during the opening round of the 2003 NCAA Tournament.

“We’re thrilled to establish TD Garden as our newest Hall of Fame Series event, creating a basketball showcase in the heart of New England, just a short journey from our home in Springfield,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “The match-up between UConn and BYU brings together one of the sport’s premier programs and one of its most exciting up-and-coming teams, led by a local talent in AJ Dybansta. This event not only highlights elite college basketball but also reinforces our ongoing relationship with the Boston Celtics and our shared commitment to celebrating the game’s rich history in the region.”

This will be UConn’s second appearance in the Hall of Fame Series, following a win over Gonzaga at Madison Square Garden last December. The Huskies are led by two-time National Champion Alex Karaban, who hails from Southborough, Mass. BYU, featuring Brockton, Mass., 1 incoming recruit A.J.

Dybansta, is also set to participate in the Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas event on Opening Night, Nov. 3.

“Bringing the Hall of Fame Series to Boston for the first time is an exciting milestone, especially just down the road from the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield,” said Melissa Meacham-Grossman, President of Position Sports. “UConn’s championship legacy and BYU’s emerging star power—highlighted by Massachusetts’ own A.J. Dybansta—set the stage for a memorable night at TD Garden, in a city where the game’s history runs deep, thanks to the tradition of the Boston Celtics and the legacy of their many Hall of Famers.”

Further details regarding ticketing, game times, broadcast details, and media credentials for the event will be shared at a later date.

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 (2023), Las Vegas (2023-24), New York (2024), Phoenix (2023-24), San Antonio (2023), and Toronto (2023).

For more Hall of Fame Series information and updates, please visit HOFSeries.com or follow @HOFSeries on all social platforms.

Thunderbirds announce home opener for 10th season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced six guaranteed home game dates at the MassMutual Center for the 2025-26 season.

The franchise will kick off

its 10th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, Oct. 11 for Opening Night. Additionally, the following dates will be on the home ice schedule next season:

- Friday, Nov. 7

- Saturday, Dec. 6
- Saturday, Jan. 10
- Saturday, Feb. 21
- Saturday, March 7

Promotional information and opponents for these nights, as well as the rest of

the 2025-26 season schedule, will be unveiled later this summer. Stay tuned for more information on what promises to be a historic 10th year for the Thunderbirds franchise.

The 2024-25 regular sea-

son may be over, but the Thunderbirds’ front office staff and Boomer will remain as active as ever in the Springfield community throughout the late Spring and Summer. For

more information on upcoming events, stay tuned to the T-Birds on social media @ThunderbirdsAHL, or visit the Community Tab on www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.



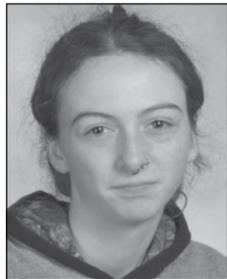
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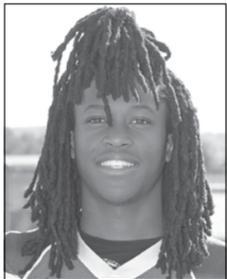
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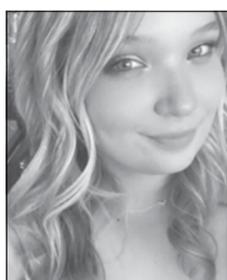
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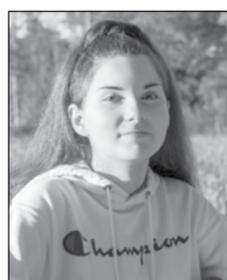
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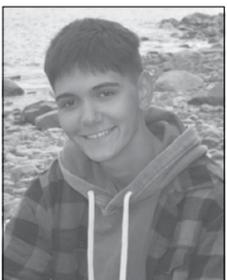
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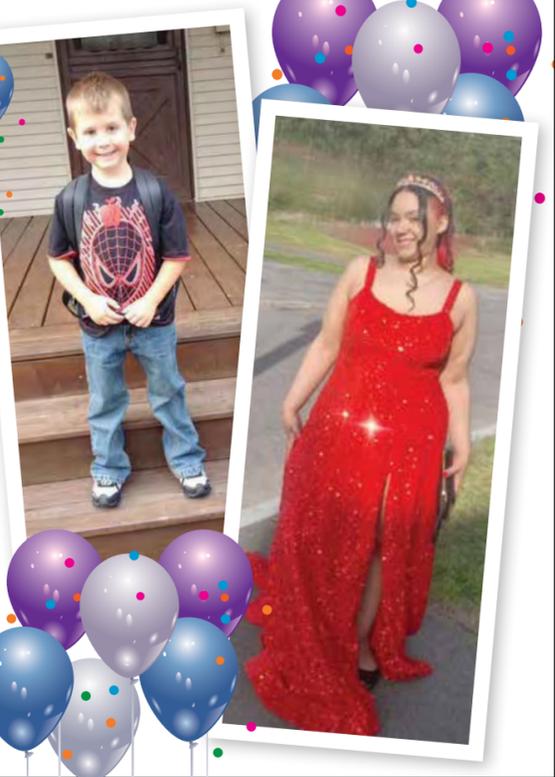
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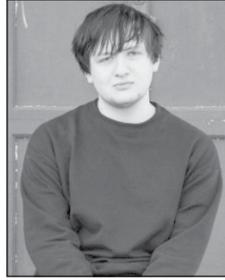
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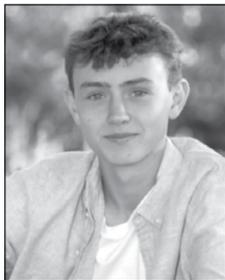
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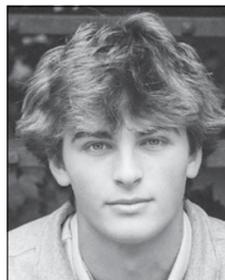
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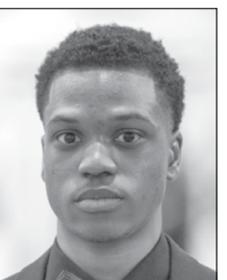
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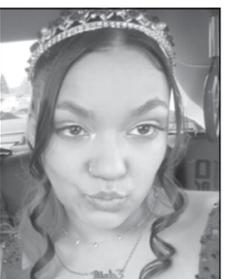
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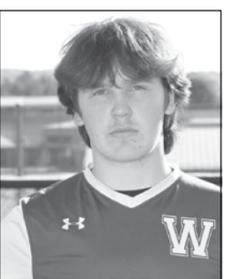
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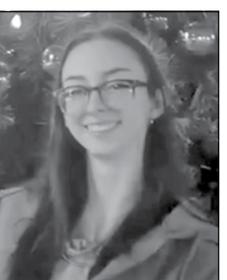
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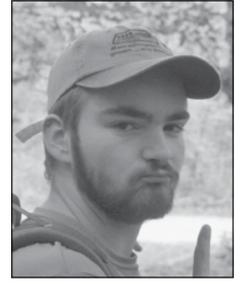
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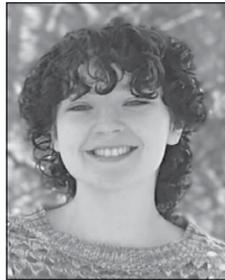
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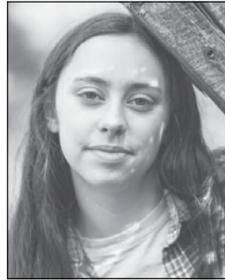
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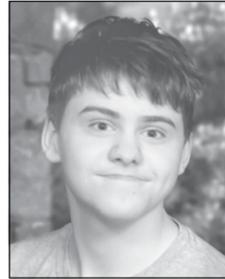
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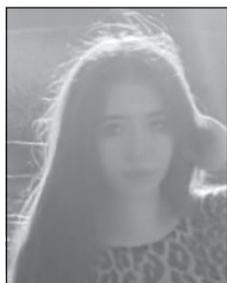
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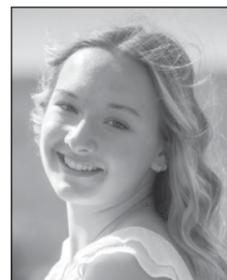
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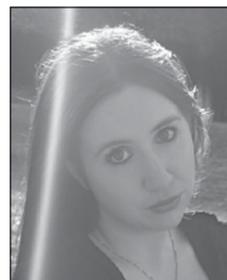
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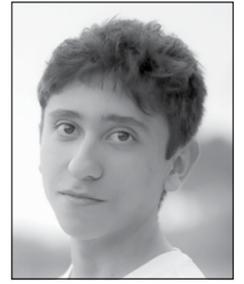
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Quabbin High School lists honor roll

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School, 800 South St., announces the third quarter honor roll.

Grade Nine, High Honors

Abraham Brown, Josephine Buck, Chloe Howarth, Alison LaRoche, Ellie Poulin and Erin Trottier.

Grade Nine, Honor Roll

Nicholas Antonio, Brent Benoit, Anyiah Bergeron, Eleanor Carroll, Nicholas Carroll, Brian Colleton, Michael Condry, Aiden Crane, Kayla Curran, Adrien Cyr, Oliver Davis, Claudia DeLaRoche, Aliyah Edouard, Maya Edouard, Andrew Erickson, Arianna Fagnoli, Audrey

Faucher, Samuel Feldman, Sydney Freeman, Daniella Gaudreault, Callahan Hardy, Ally Harrington, Matthew Labrousse, Emma Lindsey, Kingston McKenzie, Gianna Montalvo, Niki Nikakhlagh, John Orsini, Aubrie Phelps, Moira Powers, Juliet Priestley, Lucas Proctor, Lealani Prunesti-Thomas, Veanna Salvadore, Ava Sobol, Haley Stoll, Benjamin Thompson and Catherine Tucker.

Grade 10, High Honors

Jacob Bassett, Madeleine Boisselle, Isabel Doty, Leah Doucette, Tess Dunphy, Kirk Kaelin, Sadie Kennan, Samantha O'Connor, Ella Reeves, Sienna Shaw and

Ellary White.

Grade 10, Honor Roll

Klavdiya Antonian, Skyler Bard, Halo Bissonnette, Makenzie Casey, James Cook, Katelyn Durant, Brody Faucher, Quinlan Fauteux, Grace Flamand, Kathryn Ford, Lilian Hinckley, Kayli Howland, Sierra Lambert, Jillian LaMontagne, Audrey Laursen, Scarlett Merriman, Anna Metcalf, Jesse Newton, Charlotte Oliver, Sadie Ouimette, Blake Parmeter, Arianna Riendeau, Camren Robertson, Abigail Rogowski, Jennavicia Roseberry, Emma

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and over, and that students didn't have the same opportunity to "level up" their education as their peers did.

Lovato said since increasing the expectation for special education students, the high school has seen some positive trends made apparent by 2024 data released by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, including a 61.1% graduation rate for students with disabilities, which is the highest DESE has seen in the school district in 18 years.

Graduation rates for male students is also the highest on record for the high school, at 90.3%. Low-income students are at 74.4% (the high-

est since 2013) and high-needs students are at 74.5% (the highest since at least 2014).

Overall, the subgroup graduation rates for 2024 are at 82.9%, which is the second highest on record for the school district since 2006.

"Ware showed the highest overall growth across subgroups, signaling effective system-wide change. The 2024 graduation data for Ware Public Schools reflects substantial gains across nearly every subgroup, with the most significant increases among students with disabilities (+26.7 points), low-income students (+11.2 points), and high-needs students (+11.9 points)," Lovato said. "While female graduation rates slightly declined, the overall 4.1-point increase

in the district's graduation rate underscores the impact of recent, targeted improvements in equity, inclusion, and support services."

Lovato said these numbers reflect the changes made to give each student an equal opportunity for growth.

"No one kid is worth more than another," Lovato said. "The bottom 10% are just as valuable."

Lovato encouraged anyone in the community; whether it be a parent of a student or a resident, to come and talk to him about the school district and the changes it has seen in recent years and the plan to move forward.

"I keep encouraging people to come chat and ask me anything they want," Lovato said. "I am an open book."

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Quabbin Middle School announces honor roll

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional Middle School announces the honor roll for the third quarter.

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Nevaeh Andrews, Jacob Blanchard, Jaysen Cassano, Charley Chauvin, Ayla Clark, John Cook, Anna Coomey, Ella Critelli, Joey DeMalia, Andrew Fuller, Lincoln Graves, Asher Griffith, Colby Hill, Madilyn Houle, Ryan LaRange, Maishao Lee, Brady Malin, Kayla McHugh, Sawyer Minton, Theodore Minton, Nolan O'Connor, Aviendha O'Neill, Ximena Palomera-Espinoza, Lillian Roohan, Luca Scott, Liam Shaw, Weston Stukuls Barrieau, Brayden Surprenant, Kenzie Thorpe, Hana Mae Tousignant, Everett Weisman and Joseph Youngstrom.

Grade Six, Honors

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Donaldson, Hannah Dube, Mason Ferguson, Matthew Flamand, Maximus German, Jude Gomes, Joseph Haley, Silas Howe, James Jackson, Colin Kania, Nathan Kearchner, Levi Kniskern, Allison Kolenda, Isabella LaFountain, Walker Larson, Ilyanna Lynch, Carter Majoy, Adalyn McHugh, Annaleigh Moncoeur, Owen Nason, Chevy O'Shea, Evelyn Palladino, Bryce Pariseau, Bentley Parker, Logan Peters, Deegan Pope, Oliver Poulin, Catheryn Racine, Waverly Rivard, Ava Rodriguez, Cooper Sampson, Emily Schur, Landon Swindlehurst, Regan Toohil, Miles Vaillette, Anthony Wade, Owen Wade, Evelyn Ward, Brady White and Brady Willims.

Grade Seven, High Honors

Saylor Bissonnette, Julia Blanchard, Winter Boyea, Eliza Brown, Emily DeMalia, Brody Despres, Maria Hamm, Nolan Herrick, Evelyn Johnson, Ava Maxim, Cameron McDonald, Madeline Omasta, Sebastian Palomera-Espinoza, Owen Pears, Evelyn Priestley, Madeleine Proulx, Lily Ryan and Elizabeth Welch.

Grade Seven, Honors

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Barringer, Amelia Breault, Joyce Brown, Jack Castell, Henry Corbett, Christopher Dallair, Sophia Dittami, Lane Fargnoli, Benjamin Fisher, Addison Ford, Lucas Gaspar, Meaghan Glidden, Brayden Hurley, Aimee Ickler, Emily Johnson, Pele Johnson, Brynn Kelly, Noah Kelter, Theodore Langer, Maggie Leander, Mathieu LeBlanc, Jack Leclair, Mackenzie Lesvesque, Chiara Manna, Valerie Metterville, Brayden Nadeau, Calleb Oliveira, Henry Poulin, Autumn Rector, Thomas Schoonmaker, Andrew Scott, Hannah Shotwell, Madalyn Simons, Bella Spring, Emma Stauder, Fiona Stevens, Kailyn Traynham, Katy Twarog, Charlie White, Lila Wilson and Raegyn Wnek.

Grade Eight, High Honors

Allison Baptiste, Kalina Bassett, Hazel Carter, Lauren Colleton, Adalyn Cranston, Jeremy DeMoranville, Fiona Derr, Brynn Dunphy, Maya Faucher, Xavier Fjeld, Silas Flint, Nathan Gingras, Olivia Gregory, Hayston Hay, Sage McQueston, Gemma Mullins, Greysin Mullins, Sarah Neal, Joseph Perrone, Whitney Reeves, Chloe Richardson, Ava Rogowski, Zoey

Salvadore, Madisyn Shotwell, Addison Surprenant, Michael Tabares, Robert Tobin, John Tyler, Robyn Waltz, and Jack Wynne.

Grade Eight, Honors

Olivia Abbas-Peck, Emma Ackert, Adeelya Andrade, Caleb Conway-Dias, Joseph Cook, Kalypso DeCologero, Gabriel DelGiudice, Landon Devine, Cecelia DiMartino, Tsadiku Fox, Juliana Guilderson, Madison Haley, Kiara Hanny-Rivera, Sawyer Harmon, Madisyn Hill, Reese Jamieson, Sarah Jean-Francois, Aubrey Lawson, Weston Letendre, Allie Lipiec, John-Paul McDuffie, Morgan Montague, Lunabelle Moore, Ryan Morin, Layla Nally, Olivia O'Connor, William O'Neill, Dante Orcutt, Quinn Ouimette, Amon Packard, Lukas Potter, Calia Rich, Kimberly Riendeau, Jillian Rigney, Sophia Rogers, Connor Roohan, Jacob Rosario, Alexis Savary, Madison Scanlon, Annabelle Silver, Brianna Souza, Rosalie Stark, Mackenzie Toupin, Launa Tran, Halee Vasquez, Maxwell Wade, Isabelle Wentworth and Sarai Zhindon.

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Ryan, Aubrey Thorpe, Owen Twarog, Grace Vanoudenhove, Caylee Watts, Brendan Welch and Leanna Zou.

Grade 11, High Honors

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Grade 12, High Honors

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Grade 12, Honor Roll

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NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board Notice of Adjudication And Public Comment Hearing EFSB 24-02/D.P.U. 24-190

New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (Palmer to Ware Transmission Project)

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/palmer-to-ware-transmission-project>
Project Summary and Public Comment Hearing Overview
New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (the "Company") filed petitions seeking approval to construct, operate, and maintain a new overhead transmission line in Palmer, West Brookfield, and Ware, Massachusetts that will replace approximately 10.

35 miles of an existing transmission line in the same right-of-way (the "Replacement Line"). The Company plans to remove the existing transmission line and existing 147 structures; the Company would then replace the existing structures with 112 steel structures and construct, re-establish, and improve utility access routes. The Replacement Line would continue operating at 69 kilovolts ("kV") although capable of operating at 115 kV in the future, if needed. This work is referred to herein as the "Palmer to Ware Transmission Project" or the "Project." The Project description and maps of the Project site are provided below.

The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing with both in-person and remote participation options:
Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

**Location: Palmer High School Auditorium
4105 Main St
Palmer, MA 01069**

Remote attendees: join by clicking this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86262871350>

For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at (646) 558-8656 (not a toll-free number) and then enter the Webinar ID: 862 6287 1350.

To provide oral comments during the public comment hearing (in person or on Zoom), please send an email to Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address by **noon, June 24, 2025**. To sign up by telephone, please leave a voicemail message referencing "EFSB 24-02/D.P.U. 24-190" at (617) 305-3544 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address. Pre-registered commenters will speak first, and other commenters afterwards.

The Siting Board also invites written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by **Friday, July 11, 2025**.

Important Dates

Public Comment Hearing **June 25, 2025**

Deadline to file written comments **July 11, 2025**

Deadline to file for intervention/limited participant status **July 11, 2025**

Public Comment Hearing

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about the proposed Project. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. A recording of the public comment hearing will be available on the **Siting Board's YouTube channel** after the hearing, at https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU_hearing

Public Review of the Company's Petition

A detailed description of the Project, links to the Company's petitions, attachments, and analysis, and periodic updates are available via the Siting Board's webpage for the Project <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/palmer-to-ware-transmission-project>. The Company also maintains a webpage for the Project: <https://palmartowareimprovementproject.com/>.

Hard copies of the Company's petitions, including all attachments, are available for public inspection at the following locations:

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Decision on the Project Proposal

The public comment hearing marks the beginning of an official, state-level decision-making process focused on whether the Project

should be approved. The Siting Board will make the decision based on the following laws:

1) Under G.L. (Massachusetts General Law) c.(chapter) 164, § (section) 69J, the Siting Board will review the Company's proposed Project to determine whether the Project will provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost.

2) Under G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Siting Board will determine whether the proposed Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding, beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments, may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must also be filed no later than July 11, 2025, and follow the instructions provided below.

"Intervenor" or "Party" Status: An intervenor can participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings, file a brief and present comments to the Siting Board on the Tentative Decision, and to appeal a Final Decision.

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

A petition to intervene must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. See below for filing instructions. For more information on the Siting Board's procedural rules, please see the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-105/download>.

Filing Instructions

Written comments on the Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be filed in two places:

First, the comments or petition must be sent to the Siting Board by email - to dpu.efiling@mass.gov AND to Connor.C.Tarr@mass.gov no later than the close of business on July 11, 2025. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 24-02/D.P.U. 24-190); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The email should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

Second, the comments or petition must be sent by email to counsel for the Company, Catherine Keuthen, Esq. at ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com.

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Language interpretation services are available upon request. Include in your request the language required and a way to contact you if we need more information. Requests may be made at least one week (7 days) in advance. It may not be possible to accommodate last-minute requests. Contact the Presiding Officer for more information (contact information below).

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Melixza Esenyie - Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Human Resources, 9th Floor, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114, eadiversity@mass.gov, 617-626-1282.

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Contact

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

Connor Tarr, Presiding Officer

Energy Facilities Siting Board

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For periodic updates please visit the Siting Board's webpage for this proceeding found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/palmer-to-ware-transmission-project>.

Project Description

The Company owns and operates an existing transmission line, Line O15N, that extends about ten miles, from National Grid's Palmer Substation to its Ware Substation (the "Palmer-Ware Line"). National Grid proposes to replace the Palmer-Ware Line and the transmission structures that are holding it up and then remove the old lines and structures. The Company maintains that the Project is needed because inherent design characteristics and physical deterioration of the existing Palmer-Ware Line have resulted in poor electric reliability. According to the Company, rebuilding the existing line would address the widespread damage to the existing structures, improve telecommunications between the two substations, and improve electric reliability. An interactive map of the Project is available at the following link: <https://palmartowareimprovementproject.com/index.htm#project-map>.

Route Description

The Palmer-Ware Line traverses the towns of Ware, West Brookfield, and Palmer. Beginning at the Palmer Substation at the southern end of the line, the Palmer-Ware Line travels in a northeasterly direction, crossing U.S. Route 20, Flynt Street, Thompson Street, the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90), Smith Street, Old Warren Road, and West Ware Street for a total of 8.07 miles in Palmer. The Existing Line then crosses into Ware, continuing in a northeasterly direction across Prendiville Road twice and traveling 1.18 miles, before entering West Brookfield. In West Brookfield, it continues northeast, crossing West Main Street/MA Route 9 and traveling 0.9 miles before turning westward back into Ware. In Ware, the Existing Line travels 0.2 miles and crosses Gilbertville Road/MA Route 32 just before entering the Ware Substation.

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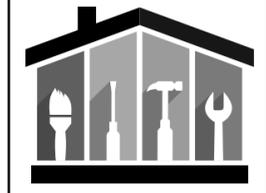


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**Town of Ware
Notice of Public Hearing
Planning Board
LEGAL NOTICE**
SP-2025-06 & SPR-2025-01

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 Selectmen'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.

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Town of Ware
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PARC Grant Application**

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