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## MARCHING TOWARD THE FUTURE



(Turley Publications Photo by Dallas Gagnon)

Class President and Salutatorian Callie Orszulak and valedictorian Tony He smile as they walk before graduation.

### Ware High School Class of 2023 turns the tassels

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WARE – After four years of countless assignments, study groups, hang out sessions, and sports events, Ware High School’s Class of 2023 walked the gymnasium floor as students for the last time.

This past Saturday, the class turned their tassels and threw their caps as they graduated from high school.

District administrators such as Principal Eugene Rich, Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo and School Committee Chairperson Christopher Desjardins, shared words of wisdom and advice to the graduates while reflecting on their shared experiences with the group.

“It is very tough to accomplish great things without the help of many people...It certainly takes a village,” said Rich.

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Superintendent of Schools Sheila Muir, left and Joseph Wyman march into the Class of 2023 graduation held in the Quabbin High School gym Friday, June 2.

### Quabbin High School holds indoor graduation on June 2

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ciala made the decision to hold an indoor graduation.

The Quabbin High gym was hot, however, the wet weather did not dampen the Class of 2023’s spirit or the enthusiasm of family members and friends attending.

BARRE – It has been quite a few years since a Quabbin Regional High School graduation was held inside.

Due to rainy weather on Friday, June 2 and more rain predicted for Saturday and Sunday, school offi-

Instead of marching out the Please see **QUABBIN HIGH**, page 8

### Quaboag Regional Middle-High School holds 55th commencement

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WARREN – Last Saturday, 95 students in the Class of 2023 at Quaboag Regional Middle-High School were urged to “go beyond” as they received their diplomas at the 55th commencement.

Class Historian Elizabeth Czaja welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for their role in the students’ success.

She spoke of the obstacles each student overcame to make it to this point; the end of their high school career.

“Many of us couldn’t have done it without support,” Czaja said. “Many of you in this room have played a vital role – we truly thank you...we did it!”

Class President Victoria Morgan said as she took a moment to reflect on the class’s achievements while she prepared her speech, she knew she had to thank the parents

and guardians for their commitment to their student’s education.

Morgan also thanked Principal and incoming Superintendent Stephen Duff.

“Some of us have had the privilege of growing with you,” she said to Duff. “It is definitely bitter-sweet.”

Morgan said the past six years have flown by, just as Duff said they would.

She spoke about their artwork on the walls of the school and how they always have their roots here.

“We are all tied back here,” Morgan said.

She reminded students to think of the legacy they will leave behind and to never regret a day in their lives.

“There’ll be bad days and good days,” Morgan said, but all of those days are part of their legacies.

Duff said he has been a part of this class’s sixth grade and eighth

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The Class of 2023 applauds their families and faculty for getting them to where they are today.

Turley Publications Photo by Paula Ouimette

### Quabbin Visitor Center dedicated to the Campbells

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BELCHERTOWN – As a family of Canada geese made their way across a meadow near the shores of the Quabbin Reservoir, a gathering of people sat down to reflect on the lives of Les and Terry Campbell.

This past Sunday, two years of work to rename the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Quabbin

Visitor Center the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center was celebrated, with featured speakers, a tour of the Center, and a ribbon cutting at the new sign in front of the building.

A nature photographer who focused his lens on birds primarily, Les spent decades capturing the changing landscape of the Quabbin Reservoir and its surrounding watershed.

Terry, his wife, was his constant support and the heart and soul of the Quabbin Visitor Center which she kept

active and staffed after its creation, connecting the community to the Reservoir and its history.

Longtime friend of the Campbells and Treasurer of the Friends of Quabbin, Inc. (an organization the Campbells founded), Paul Godfrey, welcomed those in attendance and said the decision to rename the Visitor Center in their honor was a “no-brainer.”

“Shortly after Les died on Sept. 24, 2020, I was working on an article, a final tribute, that appeared in the

[Friends of Quabbin, Inc.] newsletter,” Godfrey said. “When I finished, I got an email from Anne Ely.”

In her email, Ely told Godfrey that the various photography clubs that Les was involved with wanted to create a memorial to him, but they couldn’t decide what would be best.

They considered a plaque on a tree, or a memorial bench, but none of these options seemed fitting for the couple

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David Campbell holds a photo of his father, Les, standing in the spillway channel in 1945.

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Hoods were up to display engines.



Joe Barrows of the Barrows Family Pulling Team – Pulling for a Cause, stands with a 2000 Chevrolet S10 his son Devon drives in two-wheel drive truck pulling competitions.

# All Wheels Show

## puts the brakes on hunger

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PALMER – For the second year, Palmer Motorsports Park hosted its All Wheels Show, featuring an array of cars, trucks and even tractors; all to benefit local food pantries.

Rows of vehicles lined the area around the entrance to the track, offering motor enthusiasts a visual buffet of the hottest rides spanning the decades.

Entry to the All Wheels Show was either a nonperishable food item or \$5 per person; to be split between the Palmer Food Share and the Jubilee Cupboard at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. Just like last year, the community came out in full support to help fight food insecurity in the region.

Keeping with tradition, the All Wheels Show featured some rarely seen vehicles at a car show, including the predecessor to the modern, more compact SUV, the Chevrolet Suburban.

A rugged classic that can tow a boat (and fit the whole family), Chevy has been making the Suburban since the mid-1930s, and continues to make them to this day.

Gene and Jill Sorel of Ware have been rocking the “longroof” for over three decades, entering their 1979 Chevrolet Suburban C10 in the Show.

“We’ve had this style of vehicle since we met in the 90s,” Jill said.

“I’ve been fixing them since before it was cool,” Gene said with a laugh.

Gene has been restoring vehicles professionally, but admits he’d rather be driving them than fixing them.

Also from Ware was Joe Barrows of the Barrows Family Pulling Team – Pulling for a Cause, who was there with his 2000 Chevrolet S10, which competes in the minitruck pulling class.

Barrows said his 18-year-old son Devon usually drives the truck, but he was attending his prom the night of the Show. Devon has modified the truck, including changing the throttle to a hand lever in the center of the truck.

Marked with “slow,” “fast” and



Even tractors were featured at the All Wheels Show.



Gene and Jill Sorel of Ware represented the “longroofs” with their 1979 Chevrolet Suburban C10.

“faster,” the hand throttle cautions passengers to “hold on tight” as it nears “faster.”

Barrows and his family do eight pulls a year, and about 25 shows; all to bring awareness to depression and suicide.

“Our biggest purpose is to make people aware,” Barrows said, who has struggled with depression himself.

Photos of two young women sat on the hood of the truck, both who lost their lives to suicide. Barrows has been working with the families of these women to advocate for awareness and offer support.

Evie Douglas was 21 years old when she died by suicide. She excelled at sports and had a passions for dance and helping others, creating the Facebook page, “Depression Doesn’t Define Me.”

Evie’s mother had reached out to Barrows to help continue her message following her death.

The other was his friend’s step-daughter, 19-year-old Kristen Crowell of Springfield.

“You don’t know what they’re going through,” Barrows said.

Barrows said he’s hoping to bring his truck and join suicide survivors at school assemblies, to let students know they’re not alone in facing mental illness.

Barrows credited James Guzman of



A young car enthusiast takes a turn behind the wheel of a car entered by Two Flakes Racing.

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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 2017 showed Ware High School graduate Evan Anair being congratulated by Superintendent Dr. Marlene Dileo. If you recognize the folks in this week’s photo, please send their names and your full name to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com).

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## Deslauriers celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

**WARE** – Congratulations are given to Paul and Kathryn Deslauriers for celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on June 6.

They met in Onset, while Paul was in the U.S. Navy. Paul is a life-long resident of Ware and Kathryn from Brockton, joined him in Ware after their marriage.

They have four children, LeeAnn Martins of Cortland, New York; Michael Deslauriers of Ware; Susan DiTullio of Hanover; and Debra Clancy of Hamilton, Ohio.

They are blessed with seven grandchildren Sara, Mari-Kate, and Andrew, Matt and Tim, John and Christina and six great-grandchildren, Davey, Evren, Oscar, Gage, Mackenzie and predeceased by John Luca.



(Courtesy Photo) Kathryn and Paul Deslauriers celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 6.

## 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 12

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 5 p.m. Whist (Canceled for the summer and will resume in September)

#### Tuesday, June 13

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Father's Day Lunch. Call by Monday at noon for reservations. Entertainment by Fred Marion, Courtesy of the Friends of Ware Seniors Inc.
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (available by appointment only, call 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)
- 5 p.m. Scrapbook Classes (will resume in September)
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

#### Wednesday, June 14

- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 10-11:30 a.m. Quabbin Region DPH Nurse Kristen Krieger Office Hours
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch

#### Thursday June 15

- 9 a.m. New Senior Spring Walk

- Meet at Senior Center, wear comfortable footwear. Water, sunscreen, bug spray and energy snack are suggested.
- 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
- 2:30 p.m. Art Class

#### Friday, June 16

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (available by appointment only, call 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

### LUNCHES – DINE IN

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#### Monday, June 12

American Chop Suey, Green & Gold Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Tuesday, June 13

Father Day's Party  
BBQ Pork Loin, Baked Potato, Cauliflower, Dessert and Entertainment by Fred Marion, Courtesy of the Friends of Ware Seniors, Inc.

#### Wednesday, June 14

Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Dessert of the Day

#### Thursday, June 15

Meat Lasagna, Cucumber Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Friday, June 16

Cold Plate, Egg-Chicken-Tuna Salad, Dessert of the Day

## Food Policy Council discusses local BOH structures and food code

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**REGIONAL** – The Quabog Valley Food Policy Council discussed the structure of local Boards of Health, food codes and Health Department responsibilities at a public information and training meeting.

During the May 31 training, Lead Public Health Field Trainer for Franklin County Regional Council of Governments, Bri Dupras led the event's presentation, focusing on topics such as residential kitchens, leased commercial kitchens and temporary food establishments.

"Historically, Health Departments have been severely underfunded," said Dupras.

According to Dupras, Massachusetts is one of the only states that does not receive funding from the federal government for public health work and is funded through local and state government funding.

### Board of Health

Board of Health structures differ from towns and cities. Most towns have three to five

members and members may be elected or appointed depending on the town.

In cities, the Board of Health is required to have at least three board members and at least one must be a physician.

Unlike most boards and committees, the Board of Health has the authority to enact regulations without holding a public hearing.

They also have the authority to grant variances, vote on appeals and have overall authority over the Health Department staff.

The Board of Health also appoints agents to carry out their duties, and usually does not conduct inspections.

"You may find in really, really, tiny towns, the Board of Health will do the inspections," said Dupras.

She added the county is trying to "get away from that," as Board of Health members are usually volunteers who are not necessarily fully trained.

By law, the Board of Health is responsible for inspections of septic systems, housing, food establishments, public and semipublic pools, recreation camps for children, tanning and

animal and rabies control.

The Board is also responsible for permitting tattoo and piercing shops, beaver trapping, wood broilers, bathing beaches, indoor skating rinks, funeral directors and solid waste and trash.

However, certain permit regulations and requirements may vary from town to town such as tattoos and piercings, well regulations and solid waste permits.

Other responsibilities include communicable disease surveillance, lead paint determinants, nuisances such as smells, dust and smoke, as well as algal blooms.

Not every city or town will have the same regulations and may even be stricter than state laws or food codes. Some examples include tobacco regulations, trash haulers, cannabis and wells.

The Board of Health has the authority to make reasonable health regulations including preventative regulations to protect public health safety.

Once the Board enacts regulations, a notice must be published in a local newspaper and will be considered as a notice to all individuals in the public.

### Health Department

The Health Department generally consists of paid staff that carry out the daily responsibilities of the Board of Health. Dupras said most of the time, Health Department staff are trained and qualified for the position.

"The Health Department is who you are going to deal with day-to-day. They receive permit applications, conduct plan reviews, issue permits," said Dupras.

However, any significant decision making, and appeals go before the Board of Health for final decision making.

According to Dupras, Health Departments are generally composed of a Health Director or Agent, Health Inspector, Administrative Assistant, health education and public health nurse.

In some cases, social workers are employed by the Health Department, which is "helpful with housing situations," said Dupras.

"Food is obviously a big part of our job," said Dupras.

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## QHSUA helps with substance use prevention

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**WARE** – Quabog Hills Substance Use Alliance representative, Abaigeal Duda presented the Selectboard with suggestions for substance use training and tips.

"We have some suggestions to offer to the Selectboard providing training, guidelines and clear signage and safe arrangements in public spaces where there is going to be alcohol served," said Duda at the Tuesday night meeting.

Duda said the QHSUA provides free tips and training about how to serve alcohol in public spaces.

"I think it's wonderful that you guys do that," said Selectboard Chair Caitlin McCarthy.

Another QHSUA representative said when the Selectboard discusses how to use the opioid settlement money that has come into most municipalities across the state, members of QHSUA are "more than happy" to come in and share some guidelines.

"I think that's great to keep open communication with you guys...That's what you guys do," said McCarthy.

She added the Selectboard would "love to keep that communication" going forward.

### Eagle Scouts recognized

The Selectboard recognized

and congratulated the town's three newest Eagle Scouts from Scouts BSA Troop 281.

Scouts recognized for this accomplishment include Nicholas Bousquet, Jacob Witt and Tyler Bonilla.

### Approvals

The Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the special event permit as presented on the Selectboard consent agenda for the Ware Veterans Carnival to be held June 22, 23 from 5-10 p.m. and June 24 from 3-8 p.m. at Memorial Field.

The Selectboard also unanimously approved a one-day liquor license for Sterens Strong LLC, doing business as It's Wine O'clock, for the Ware Veterans Carnival.

### Appointments

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Aileen O'Regan to the Cultural Council with a term ending in July 2026.

With terms ending in June 2026, Lynn Lak and Kathy Galford are appointed to the Historical Commission.

Gregory Eaton and Charles Dowd were unanimously appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term endings in June 2026.

Clayton Sydla was unanimously appointed by the Board to the Capitol Planning Commission for a three-year term ending in June 2026.

The Selectboard appointed Irene Eskett to the Council on Aging with a term ending in June 2026.

Thomas Barnes was appointed to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term ending in June 2026.

The Selectboard unanimously appointed Ken Willette to the Finance Committee with a term ending in June 2026.

### Policy update

Town treasurer and tax collector, Ashley Walker presented a policy regarding "small dollar amount write-offs for real estate."

The policy states no excise bill may be less than \$5, no abatements may be granted, and no refund may be less than \$5.

The Selectboard motioned to adopt the policy as proposed.

### Code of conduct and procedures

Vice-Chair and Clerk, Joshua Kusnierz asked that the Selectboard consider renaming the code of conduct to encompass everyone within the Town Hall and not exclusively name visitors.

The Selectboard tabled the discussion and possible vote on this topic.

### Concerns of citizens

Kusnierz said he received a concern from a citizen on Greenwich Road regarding traf-

fic. The citizen said she is hearing noise and traffic on her road even on Saturdays.

Selectboard member Keith Kruckas said he believes there is a gravel pit and legitimate businesses on that road that could be causing the noise.

### Town Manager's report

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said operational cameras have been installed in Grenville Park.

He added the Conservation Commission approved the layout for the park and construction is scheduled to begin on June 19.

Beckley said the construction should take about two weeks.

Water flushing of the water system has begun and is ongoing in zone two.

The senate approved their version of the town budget.

The town received a grant which was used to hire consultants to do a full accessibility plan of all town buildings and facilities.

Beckley said they are nearing completion and will present their findings to the Selectboard in the future.

The town was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for testing and cleaning the Monroe Street site.

It is estimated to be a two-year project.

## United Church offers annual strawberry supper June 19

**WARE** – The Friendship Circle from the United Church of Ware will be sponsoring its annual Strawberry Supper on Monday, June 19 starting at 5 p.m.

This supper has been an annual treat for approximately 50 year, since first prepared by Blanche Atwood and the members of the Friendship Circle.

The strawberries are purchased from a local farm stand and are cleaned, hulled, and sliced by a morning crew while another group prepares and bakes the biscuits.

The whipped cream is freshly whipped before serving.

The Church's potato salad is well-known in the community and always

received many compliments. The dinner also includes baked ham slices, baked beans, tossed salad and rolls.

This supper is a fundraiser for the Church for its annual budget.

The supper will be offered take-out only.

People can drive up to the Fellowship Hall on Church Street, remain in their cars, and give their orders and money to the runner who will return with the food. The strawberry shortcake is packaged separately so that people can enjoy the dessert when they are ready to eat it.



## St. Aloysius lists third trimester honor roll

**HARDWICK** – St. Aloysius Catholic School announced the names of students that made the honor roll for the third trimester.

### High Honors

Eden Fanelli, Hannah LaRochelle and Andrew Letendre.

### Honors

Anthony Adams,

Madison Clough, Natalie Luukko, Alexander St. Jacques, Christopher Rice, Sophia Adams, Dianne Aller, Jackson Boudreau, Olivia Mosso and Noelle St. Jacques.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Talk to your teens about dating this summer

Summer can be a great time to talk to your teen about dating. Although it may not feel like it, nearly 4 in 10 teens say they wish their parents or guardians would talk to them more about topics like relationships. With this in mind, we have some suggestions.

#### Starting the conversation

Everyday situations can offer a natural way to ease into a conversation.

Maybe it's a scene from a movie or a news story. A good way to start is simply to ask, "What do you think about that?"

If your teen answers, "I don't know" you can say, "Can I share with you what I think?" Don't lecture.

Just use it as a jumping-off point to talk about your views. You might ask "Do you know anyone in a relationship like that?"

Try to listen more than you talk and respect your teen's opinions.

#### Talking about consent

Talk to your teen about how they would ask for consent and how to make sure a yes is really a yes. For example, if someone says "Okay, I guess" your teen will want to ask more questions, get a clear answer, and make sure their partner knows it is okay to say no.

Also, talk about how to say no and set boundaries when your teen doesn't want to do something. Practice phrases like "I'd rather not" or "I don't want to do this."

Let them know that they can take back their consent at any time. "I changed my mind." And remember, if one person in a relationship has more power than the other it can be difficult or even dangerous to say no.

If you sense this is the case, shift the conversation to what makes a relationship healthy or abusive and make sure your teen knows you are there to support them.

#### Talking about what makes a relationship healthy

A healthy relationship has basic elements: respect, communication, trust, boundaries, honesty, shared decision making, and equality.

A good partner always treats you with respect and understands you need to have your own friendships and interests. Sometimes you will disagree and that's okay as long as you feel you can have an open, honest discussion.

You should feel free to express yourself, share your opinions, and make decisions that are best for you. Both partners should feel they are equal.

The website [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org) has several online quizzes that can help teens assess their relationship privately.

#### Talking about red flags

A partner who tries to control you (what you wear, who you see, where you go, who you text) isn't respecting you.

Sometimes a teen may ask their partner to quit things they love, like basketball or a club. Ask your teen what they think about that.

A dating partner should be supportive of their interests. Extreme jealousy and possessive ("Why were you talking to them?" or "What did they say?"), blaming or manipulative behavior ("I wouldn't have yelled if . . ." or "I can't do this without you. . ."), and isolation ("I don't want you hanging out with them. . ." or "We always fight after you spend time with them. . .") are also red flags.

A partner who thinks they are more important than you and that they have a right to put you down or hurt you is not a safe partner.

#### How to get help

Know where you and your teen can learn more or get help.

What is a healthy break-up in the digital age? What about phones that track location? What if your teen is the one harming their partner?

Guidance on all these issues can be found at [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org) (chat/text/call features), and [www.teachconsent.org](http://www.teachconsent.org) (video, parent discussion guide, and parent tips).

Locally, the Center for Women and Community (888-337-0800) at UMASS Amherst has teen services, and A Call for Change Helpline (formerly 10 to 10 Helpline) (898-877-3411) works with teens and adults who cause harm but want to learn to be safe. Both these local providers can also help parents of teens.

Thank you for having these challenging conversations with the teens in your life, and for being part of a community that cares.

Sincerely,

**Jennie Simmons, Jacquie Jock, Paul Regan, Melissa Hutchins, Jenny Raiche, Kirsten Krieger, Stephanie Cusson, Monica Moran and Jessica Morin**  
Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force



### A dogwood worthy of admiration

The Chinese dogwood in my backyard is in bloom and boy, is it pretty!

Although the holly is trying to take over height-wise, the dogwood is holding its own and beckoning for all to admire. Creamy white bracts (mistakenly called flowers) seem to hover over its glossy green leaves in a way few other trees are capable.

It is as if the branches unfold before you, saying "here, look at me!"

Unlike other favorites in the landscape, the Chinese dogwood doesn't fade into the background once it has finished flowering; this plant has something to offer in every season.

Cornus kousa blooms just about a month later than our native flowering dogwood, Cornus florida. Unlike C. florida, Chinese dogwood sets its bracts after it has fully leafed out, and at a time when there is a bit of a lull

in the flowering tree and shrub department.

Bracts can vary in size from one to three inches long depending on cultivar, and can be narrow or quite broad. Some can be more of a pure white than a creamy white- these can tend to turn pink with age.

The plants true flowers are barely noticeable, only about a half-inch wide, set in the center of the four bracts. Flowers last for several weeks, much longer than those of the flowering dogwood.

As the flowers fade into the background, the fruit set provides another season of interest. It is faceted, much like a raspberry, and can be red, orange-red or even pink toned.

About an inch in diameter and hanging from two-inch stems, it is quite showy in its own right when plentiful. Fruit can last up to two months.

Foliage, as mentioned, is glossy green during the growing season. Some pink-bracted cultivars have red veins or petioles, adding to the overall interest of the plant.

Fall foliage color is sketchy, sometimes it can be radiant, offering up shades of red, orange and purple; other times it is dull. Brilliance or blahness all depend on the cultivar chosen and the weather.

Inquire at purchase about the particular attributes of the cultivar you've lugged to the check-out: Is it known for its fall color, long bloom-time, vase-shape, etc.? Or better yet, do a quick search on your phone before the work out, just to be sure you get what will do

your landscape the most justice!

Once leaves have fallen, the bark of the Chinese dogwood becomes quite interesting when viewed close-up, especially on older trees. Where the bark has begun to exfoliate, gray, copper and sometimes olive tones appear on the trunk and older branches.

I must pay closer attention to this during the off season.

Plant Cornus kousa in moist, acidic, well-drained soil with lots of organic matter. With that said, the plant can adapt to most soils providing they are not overly waterlogged or droughty.

Plants grown in full sun usually flower the heaviest, but part shade, like the conditions in my yard, puts on fine growth as well.

If the Chinese dogwood appeals to you and you'd also like to learn more about other members of the genus Cornus, consult "Dogwoods" by Paul Cappiello and Don Shadow (Timber Press \$39.95). This book is a great reference, especially informative regarding the numerous cultivars in the nursery trade today.

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### What if I delay but die before claiming Social Security?

**Dear Rusty:** Hypothetically, if I plan to sign up for Social Security at 70 and pass away before that, I will get nothing.

My spouse would still get a boost in the amount she receives because I made more, but everything I put into the program vanishes. I haven't reached my full retirement age yet and I still have income, but if I sign up now at 63 my benefits will be withheld due to my income.

Then at full retirement age (presuming I elected to claim earlier) a re-calculation will take place and my monthly amount would be adjusted. Well, what happens if I decide to wait until 70 but pass away before I claim?

Are my contributions repaid in a lump sum or will I or someone else still lose everything?

*Signed: Uncertain About My Future*

**Dear Uncertain:** You are correct that if you pass away before collecting your earned Social Security benefits you won't personally get anything. Social Security has, since inception, been a "pay as you go" program where those currently working and contributing to Social Security pay benefits for those currently receiving Social Security.

That means that if you die before collecting, the monies you contributed will have already been used to pay other recipients, but the contributions you made may still entitle your dependents to benefits on your record.

For those who are in their early 60s, average longevity is mid-80s, meaning your spouse would likely collect benefits on your record for more than two decades, any minor children could collect until they are adults and any permanently disabled child you may have would get benefits from your record for the rest of their life as well.

The Social Security payroll taxes you contributed were not put into a private account in your name. And, on average, it is to the beneficiary's advantage the program doesn't work that way because that personal account would be depleted fairly quickly after you claim rather than getting benefits for the rest of your life,

### Last day of school quiz...(match the faces)

a. Teacher  
b. Principal  
c. Janitor  
d. Student  
e. Mom  
f. Bus driver

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you'd only get benefits plus interest from your personal account, which would run dry pretty fast.

For Your Information, we have researched this very carefully and found that, on average, all payroll taxes contributed to Social Security by an individual will be recovered within about five years of starting benefits.

The actual length of time to recoup one's contributions varies somewhat depending on lifetime earnings and contributions made, but lower earning beneficiaries will recover everything contributed through payroll taxes within about three years, while it could take as much as five years for higher earners to get back everything they've paid into the program. And for clarity, since self-employed individuals pay both the employee and employer portion of the payroll tax, it does take longer for those who own their own business to recoup what they've contributed.

Nevertheless, on average, most who claim benefits will get considerably more from the program than they paid in Social Security payroll taxes.

As to your specific question, if you die before collecting, the contributions you made weren't deposited in a personal account for

you and won't be paid out in a lump sum. Rather, the payroll taxes you paid while working were used to pay benefits to beneficiaries receiving at the time and those working and contributing after you die will fund the benefits paid to your spouse or disabled adult child until they die or to your minor children until they are adults.

The Social Security benefits you earned aren't just for you, your eligible dependents will also benefit from your record.

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Sandhill crane

I received an email from an Oakham resident last week, who had "three very raucous sandhill cranes" fly past his house, heading northeast.

He said he went to a web site to verify their call and he included the link in his email. To hear sandhill cranes visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DY-nH19MqkE0>.

The sandhill crane is a 45-inch-tall, heron-like bird. It is gray with a dark red patch on its forehead and a black bill.

Some feathers on the back and wings are rusty-colored, possibly due to staining while preening from iron rich mud on its bill. They feed by picking or probing with the bill and eating weeds, agricultural grains and small animals.

A pair of sandhill cranes have nested in Hardwick for several years and successfully raised young. The cranes the Oakham resident heard flying over might be those.

The sandhill crane makes a mound like nest of arch plants, grasses and weeds placed on the ground or in shallow water. The female lays one to three olive eggs with dark marks.

Their call is a low pitched "karooooo, karooooo karooooo." Courtship displays are often seen during migration and involve graceful jumps off the ground in a dance like manner.

Years ago, a Barre resident saw a pair doing their courtship antics while they were

in a field in Barre. This was years before the nesting pair appeared in Hardwick, so I assume they were in route to their summer breeding grounds further north.

Sandhill cranes form huge flocks in winter and during migration. They are often seen in agricultural fields and roost at night in the center of shallow lakes or large shallow rivers.

#### Nesting bluebirds

An Oakham resident said she has nesting bluebirds again this year. She said usually the bluebirds and swallows squabble over the nest box, but she has not seen the swallows this year.

She was wondering if anyone else had seen swallows.

I have seen them in my hayfield and I also saw some flying over Long Pond in Rutland.

#### Nesting ospreys

I received another email this week about the nesting pair of ospreys in Wilbraham. He said the pair were on or near the nest.

If the eggs hatched, the young were too small to be seen. He will make a return trip later.

In a previous column he said for anyone

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# 2022 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

WARE WATER DEPARTMENT • Ware, Massachusetts • PWS ID# 1309000

This report is a snapshot of the drinking water quality that we provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to state and federal standards. We are committed to providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies.

### PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION

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### Water System Improvements

Our water system is routinely inspected by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). MassDEP inspects our system for its technical, financial, and managerial capacity to provide safe drinking water to you. To ensure that we provide the highest quality of water available, your water system is operated by a Massachusetts certified operator who oversees the routine operations of our system.

### Opportunities for Public Participation

If you would like to participate in discussions regarding your water quality, you may attend the regularly scheduled Select Board meetings for information, the dates of which are posted on the Town's website.

### YOUR DRINKING WATER SOURCE

#### Where Does My Drinking Water Come From?

Your water is provided by the following sources listed below: The Town of Ware is served by six (6) groundwater supplies at two (2) source locations. The Barnes Street source consists of four (4) gravel-packed wells that discharge into a large diameter brick cistern dating from the 1890's that is also an active supply source. The Barnes Street wells are located in the central section of the distribution system along Muddy Brook. Well #5 consists of a single gravel-packed well located off Gilbertville Road, near the northeastern border of Ware.

Source Name	MassDEP Source ID#	Source Type	Location of Source
Well, #'s 1 thru 4	130900-01G, 02G, and 04G	Groundwater	Barnes Street Wellfield
Well, #5	1309000-03G	Groundwater	Gilbertville Road

#### Is My Water Treated?

The Ware Water Department makes every effort to provide you with safe and pure drinking water. To improve the quality of the water delivered to you, Potassium Hydroxide is added to the water to adjust the water to a non-corrosive pH above 7.0 to make the water neutral or slightly alkaline. Testing throughout the water system has shown that this treatment has been effective at reducing lead and copper concentrations.

The Ware Water Department uses Sodium Hypochlorite (Chlorine) as its disinfectant. Disinfection with chlorine has been proven effective at ensuring that water is free of harmful organisms and is safe to drink.

Our water system makes every effort to provide you with safe and pure drinking water. The water quality of our system is constantly monitored by us and MassDEP to determine if any treatment may be required.

Prior water quality test results show that the water needs to be treated to continue to meet these goals. To improve the quality of the water, our system is working on the installation of treatment to remove iron and manganese. We exploring funding sources to bring an economical solution to Town Meeting for approval to proceed with the improvements.

#### How Are These Sources Protected?

While the Ware Water Departments source susceptibility ranking is listed as High the Town has adopted protective bylaws and purchased properties that have been identified as risks.

MassDEP has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for the water supply source(s) serving this water system. The SWAP Report assesses the susceptibility of public water supplies.

#### What is My System's Ranking?

A susceptibility ranking of high has been assigned to the system using the information collected during the assessment by MassDEP.

#### Where Can I See The SWAP Report?

The complete SWAP report is available at the Water Department Office and online at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/the-source-water-assessment-protection-swap-program>. For more information, call Geoff McAlmond, Director of Public Works at 413-967-9648 Ext 702.

#### What Are the Key Issues For Our Water Supply?

The SWAP Report notes the key issues of fertilizers, pesticides, underground storage tanks, and the transportation corridors runoff, for the water supply protection area for Wells #'s 1,2,3,4,5 and the Cistern. The report commends our water system on taking an active role in promoting source protection measures through the adoption of protective bylaws, protective inspections, and knowledge of the Zone II protection areas.

#### What Can Be Done To Improve Protection?

The SWAP report recommends:

- Extension of Sanitary Sewer Lines within the source water protection areas.
- Develop and implement a wellhead protection plan,

Our public water system plans to address the protection recommendations by:

- Updating the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be able to accept additional areas of the Town.
- Updating the wellhead protection plan

Residents can help protect sources by:

- Practicing good septic system maintenance
- Supporting water supply protection initiatives at the next town meeting
- Taking hazardous household chemicals to hazardous materials collection days
- Contacting the water department or Board of Health to volunteer for monitoring or education outreach to schools
- Limiting pesticide and fertilizer use, etc.

### SUBSTANCES FOUND IN TAP WATER

Sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants** - such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants** - such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, and farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides** - which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants** - including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants** - which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and some infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on lowering the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Ware Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

In the following results tables you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**90th Percentile** - Out of every 10 homes sampled, 9 were at or below this level.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL)** - These standards are developed to protect the aesthetic qualities of drinking water and are not health based.

**Unregulated Contaminants** - Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated monitoring is to assist EPA in determining their occurrence in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

**Massachusetts Office of Research and Standards Guideline (ORSG)** - This is the concentration of a chemical in drinking water, at or below which, adverse health effects are unlikely to occur after chronic (lifetime) exposure. If exceeded, it serves as an indicator of the potential need for further action.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Running Annual Average (RAA)** - The average of four consecutive quarter of data.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant (chlorine, chloramines, chlorine dioxide) allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant (chlorine, chloramines, chlorine dioxide) below which there is no known expected risk to health.

MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Level 1 Assessment** - A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**Level 2 Assessment** - A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

ppm	= parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	= parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	= parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
pCi/l	= picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
NTU	= Nephelometric Turbidity Units
ND	= Not Detected
N/A	= Not Applicable
mrem/year	= milliremms per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

### WATER QUALITY TESTING RESULTS

#### What Does This Data Represent?

The water quality information presented in the table is from the most recent round of testing done in accordance with the regulations. All data shown was collected during the last calendar year unless otherwise noted in the table.

	Date(s) Collected	90th Percentile	Action Level	MCLG	# of sites sampled	# of sites above Action Level	Possible Source of Contamination
Lead (ppb)	8/12/2020-8/17/2020	4.7	15	0	20	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	8/12/2020-8/17/2020	0.184	1.3	1.3	20	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

Regulated Contaminant	Date(s) Collected	Highest Result or Highest Running Average Detected	Range Detected	MCL of MRDL	MCLG of MRDLG	Violation (Y/N)	Possible Source(s) of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Barium	11/17/2020	0.028	0.023-0.033	2	2	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10/18/2022	1.90	0.30-1.90	10	10	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewerage; erosion of natural deposits
PFAS6 (ppt)	2022	0.629	ND-0.629	20	N/A	N	Discharges and emissions from industrial and manufacturing sources associated with the production or use of these PFAS, including production of moisture and oil resistant coatings on fabrics and other materials. Additional sources include the use and disposal of products containing these PFAS, such as fire-fighting foams.
Nitrite	10/17/2020	ND	ND	1	1	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewerage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>							
<b>Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products</b>							
Chlorine (ppm) Free	Monthly	0.58	0.39-0.63	4	4	N	Water additive used to control microbes

**Unregulated contaminants** are those for which there are no established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist regulatory agencies in determining their occurrence in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

Unregulated Contaminants	Date(s) Collected	Result or Range Detected	Average Detected	SMCL	ORSG	Possible Source
Perfluorobutanesulfonic Acid (PFBS)	2022	ND	0		N/A	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant
Sodium (ppm)	11/17/2020	17.1-35.8	26.5	N/A	20	Discharge from the use and improper storage of sodium containing de-icing compounds or in water-softening agents

Secondary Contaminants	Date(s) Collected	Result or Range Detected	Average Detected	SMCL	ORSG	Possible Source
Iron (ppb)				300	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
Manganese* (ppb)				50	Health Advisory of 300	Natural sources as well as discharges from industrial uses

\* EPA has established a lifetime Health Advisory (HA) for manganese of 0.3 mg/L and an acute HA at 1.0 mg/L (Add health language listed below if detect is over 300 ppb)

### COMPLIANCE WITH DRINKING WATER REGS

#### Does My Drinking Water Meet Current Health Standards?

We are committed to providing you with the best water quality available. We are proud to report that last year your drinking water met all applicable health standards regulated by the state and federal government.

#### Health Effects Statements

#### System Exempt from Meeting Certain Requirements

### EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

#### Do I Need To Be Concerned about Certain Contaminants Detected in My Water?

Manganese is a naturally occurring mineral found in rocks, soil and groundwater, and surface water. Manganese is necessary for proper nutrition and is part of a healthy diet but can have undesirable effects on certain sensitive populations at elevated concentrations. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MassDEP have set an aesthetics-based Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) for manganese of 50 ug/L (micrograms per liter), or 50 parts per billion, and health advisory levels. In addition, EPA and MassDEP have also established public health advisory levels. **Drinking water may naturally have manganese and, when concentrations are greater than 50 ug/L, the water may be discolored and taste bad. Over a lifetime, EPA recommends that people drink water with manganese levels less than 300 ug/L and over the short term, EPA recommends that people limit their consumption of water with levels over 1000 ug/L, primarily due to concerns about possible neurological effects. Children up to 1 year of age should not be given water with manganese concentrations over 300 ug/L, nor should formula for infants be made with that water for longer than 10 days.** See: [https://search.epa.gov/epasearch/?querytext=manganese+in+drinkig+water&areaname=&areacount=&areasearch=&typeofsearch=epa&result\\_template=&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.epa.gov%2Fhome%2Fpage-not-found#/](https://search.epa.gov/epasearch/?querytext=manganese+in+drinkig+water&areaname=&areacount=&areasearch=&typeofsearch=epa&result_template=&referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.epa.gov%2Fhome%2Fpage-not-found#/) Sodium sensitive individuals, such as those experiencing hypertension, kidney failure, or congestive heart failure, should be aware of the sodium levels where exposures are being carefully controlled.

#### Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention

The Ware Water Department makes every effort to ensure that the water delivered to your home and business is clean, safe and free of contamination. Our staff works very hard to protect the quality of the water delivered to our customers from the time the water is extracted via deep wells from underground aquifers or withdrawal point from a surface water source, throughout the entire treatment and distribution system. But what happens when the water reaches your home or business? Is there still a need to protect the water quality from contamination caused by a cross-connection? If so, how?

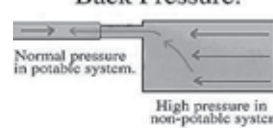
#### What is a cross-connection?

A cross-connection occurs whenever the drinking water supply is or could be in contact with potential sources of pollution or contamination. Cross-connections exist in piping arrangements or equipment that allows the drinking water to come in contact with non-potable liquids, solids, or gases (hazardous to humans) in event of a backflow.

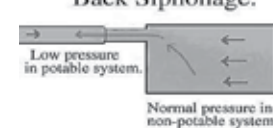
#### What is a backflow?

Backflow is the undesired reverse of the water flow in the drinking water distribution lines. This backward flow of water can occur when the pressure created by equipment or a system such as a boiler or air-conditioning is higher than the water pressure inside the water distribution line (back pressure), or when the pressure in the distribution line drops due to routine occurrences such as water main breaks or heavy water demand causing the water to flow backward inside the water distribution system (back siphonage). Backflow is a problem that many water consumers are unaware of, a problem that each and every water customer has a responsibility to help prevent.

#### Back Pressure:



#### Back Siphonage:



#### What can I do to help prevent a cross-connection?

Without the proper protection something as simple as a garden hose has the potential to contaminate or pollute the drinking water lines in your house. In fact, over half of the country's cross-connection incidents involve unprotected garden hoses. There are very simple steps that you as a drinking water user can take to prevent such hazards, they are:

- NEVER submerge a hose in soapy water buckets, pet watering containers, pool, tubs, sinks, drains, or chemicals.
- NEVER attach a hose to a garden sprayer without the proper backflow preventer.
- Buy and install a hose bibb vacuum breaker in any threaded water fixture. The installation can be as easy as attaching a garden hose to a spigot. This inexpensive device is available at most hardware stores and home-improvement centers.
- Identify and be aware of potential cross-connections to your water line.
- Buy appliances and equipment with backflow preventers.
- Buy and install backflow prevention devices or assemblies for all high and moderate hazard connections.

If you are the owner or manager of a property that is being used as a commercial, industrial, or institutional facility you must have your property's plumbing system surveyed for cross-connection by your water purveyor. If your property has NOT been surveyed for cross-connection, contact your water department to schedule a cross-connection survey.

### WATER CONSERVATION

In an effort to conserve water and save money, the following is a list of things you can do:

#### Indoor Water Use

- Check toilets for leaks by adding food coloring to the Tank. If a toilet is leaking the color will appear in the bowl within 15 minutes. Inspect the overflow pipe in the toilet tank. The water level should be at least a half inch below the top of the pipe.
- Repair dripping faucets and showerheads. A drip rate of one drop per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water per year. Limit the length of your showers to 5 minutes or less.
- Stop running water while you are shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Don't use running water to thaw meat or frozen foods.
- Run the dishwasher only when it is fully loaded.
- Run your washing machine with full loads whenever possible.

#### Outdoor water Use

- Look for sprinklers that produce droplets, not mist, or use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation for trees and shrubs.
- Water early in the morning or late at night.
- Spread a layer of mulch around trees and plants.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways, decks, and sidewalks.
- Don't leave the water running while washing your car.

#### News

Hydrant flushing is conducted twice a year, in the spring and the Fall. Information on the flushing program can be found on the Town's website: [www.townofware.com](http://www.townofware.com), in the DPW section.

The water meter replacement program will continue throughout 2023. There is no charge to the customer for the upgraded meter. The new style meters have the advantage of keeping a profile of your past water usage. This profile can help determine if there is a leak present in your house.





Retired state Sen. Stephen Brewer spoke about the importance of leaving a lasting legacy.



Belchertown Select Board member Peg Louraine talked about the Campbells involvement in the community.



Retired state Sen. Stanley Rosenberg shared memories of the Campbells.



Friends of Quabbin, Inc. treasurer Paul Godfrey opens the dedication ceremony.



State Sen. Anne Gobi and state Rep. Susannah Whipps prepare to present a citation to be displayed in the Visitor Center.



Annie Tiberio spoke about the process to rename the Quabbin Visitor Center in memory of Les and Terry Campbell.

# In memory of LES AND TERRY

**CAMPBELLS** from page 1

that became known by many as "Mr. and Mrs. Quabbin."

When Godfrey suggested renaming the Visitor Center in both Les and Terry's honor, Ely quickly agreed.

"It's like the first part of the name was in invisible ink," Godfrey said of the Visitor Center.

Annie Tiberio was also key in having the Visitor Center renamed, Godfrey said.

"I felt it was my duty to memorialize him," Tiberio said of Les, whom she first met when she had finished her orientation working at Mass Audubon's Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden.

The person training her during orientation told her it would all be "completely incomplete," without meeting Les.

"He served as a role model to me," she said.

Tiberio said that Terry was always right beside Les and it "quickly became obvious," that her name needed to be included with her husband's.

"Without Les and Terry, the Visitor Center would not have been born," she said.

Godfrey said it took quite a few tries and support from the legislature to make the Visitor Center reality 39 years ago.

"Quabbin is different from almost all of the others," Godfrey said of the Reservoir, which contains 412 billion gallons of water over 39 square miles, with 181 miles of shoreline. "It has some of the best drinking water in



Gene Theroux, president of the Friends of Quabbin, Inc. (right) prepares to cut the ribbon with the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Regional Director of the Quabbin/Ware Region, Dan Clark.

(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)

the country; maybe the world."

After the Visitor Center was completed, Les, Terry, and numerous volunteers kept it staffed in order to preserve and share the history of the Reservoir, and the four towns disincorporated for its creation.

Terry eventually was hired by DCR to run the Visitor Center,

which she did until her retirement.

She created a tradition that still continues today, the Tuesday Tea's with former residents of the Lost Towns. These weekly meetings allowed the residents to band together and share their memories.

The group continues to meet, just not as frequently as the number of former residents has dwindled,

Godfrey said.

"Thirty-nine years later what they created is still in existence," he said.

State Sen. Anne Gobi spoke in her last appearance in that role before stepping in as the new Director of Rural Affairs in the Executive Office of Economic Development on June 5.

Gobi said she was hoping this dedication would take place while she was still in office, and it did.

Joining her were state representatives Susannah Whipps, Todd Smola and Aaron Saunders.

Whipps shared that when she was a restaurant owner, the only art that hung on the walls was from Les.

"These photographs are historic documents of the flora and fauna of the area," she said.

Retired state senators Stephen Brewer and Stanley Rosenberg each shared their memories of the Campbells.

Brewer said he has five of Les' photographs displayed in his "man cave," and he stressed the importance of leaving a legacy just as the Campbells have.

"We know that time marches on. Those that follow need to carry this on," he said.

Rosenberg said he first met the Campbells back in the 1970s and that "it was an honor and privilege" to know them.

"Les and Terry spend their whole lives seeing things that needed to be done, and organized people to get it done," he said.

Peg Louraine of the Select Board talked about how the walls at the former Hawley's Family Restaurant were covered with Les' photos.

She spoke about his generosity and how he supported so many things around town, including the theater and music programs.

"He loved Belchertown," she said.

Les' son, David Campbell, was

the last to speak prior to the ribbon cutting for the sign outside of the Visitor Center.

Campbell said his father was a tremendous speaker, and how he could mesmerize an auditorium full of people with his words, but that he didn't share his father's love of public speaking.

"I knew I couldn't give a great speech, so I slid into his shoes," Campbell said, pointing to his father's shoes on his feet. Campbell also wore his father's trusty Timex watch.

He shared a photo of his father at 19-years-old, standing in the spillway wearing a tie, which he was known to wear on almost all occasions.

Campbell said his father had a lot of pipedreams, and he was sure that there were many people who believed the Visitor Center was one of them.

Campbell said he was happy that Terry was included in the renaming of the Visitor Center.

"I don't think he could have pulled this off without her," he said.

About the Quabbin Visitor Center

The Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitor Center, 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. It is open year-round and features exhibits, brochures, books and videos about Quabbin management and history.

For more information, call 413-323-7221 or email QuabbinVisitor.Center@mass.gov.

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She added Health Departments "are required to inspect restaurants twice a year."

Health Departments are also responsible for housing inspections. Dupras said, "properties must comply with the Massachusetts minimum standards for human habitation."

While many housing complaints are from renters, Dupras said the Health Department also receives a lot of reports from police or EMT's regarding sanitation or accessibility concerns.

The Health Department is responsible for nuisance reports as well; such as odors, dust, smoke and noise.

"Depending on what department you work for, septic systems and Title V can be a big part of the job," said Dupras. She added septic tanks must comply with Title V regulations.

For departments in charge of septic systems, soil tests must be conducted and logged. Another responsibility of

the Health Department is disease control investigations.

Dupras said if a citizen were to contract food poisoning, whatever lab tested the affected individual would report the case to the community.

"Then, the public health nurse would be calling [you] and starting an investigation," said Dupras.

### Food Code

Massachusetts follows a merged food code between one provided by the state and one provided by the Food and Drug Administration.

Nearly all food establishments require permits including mobile and temporary food establishments, frozen dessert manufacturers, farmers markets, caters and residential kitchens.

Dupras broadly defined food establishments as "typical restaurants" and "prepared food" establishments.

### Residential kitchens

A definition of residential kitchen establishments provided in the presentation was "a person who produces cottage food products in the home kitchen of that person's primary domestic residence and only for sale directly to the consumer."

Some examples include baked goods, jams, jellies, candy, granola as well as spices and seasonings. Foods that are not permitted in residential kitchens include cream filled pastries, cheesecake, cut fruit and veggies, tomato sauce and pickles.

Processing operations that are not permitted in residential kitchens include acidification, hot fill, thermal processing in hermetically sealed containers, vacuum packaging, curing, and smoking; with the exception of preservation of jam and jellies.

Dupras said residential kitchens will need to have well water tested prior to getting a permit and then annually after that.

### Leased commercial kitchens

Leased commercial kitchens are food preparation facilities that provide space and access to professional equipment on a lease or rent basis.

Lessees must obtain a retail or wholesale food permit and are not allowed to share the leased space with others who do not have a permit.

### Temporary food establishments

"A permit is required essentially any time food is going to be sold or given away...food is essentially anything edible," said Dupras.

Temporary food establishments operate for a period of time no longer

than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration.

"You do not need to have a commercial food kitchen to have a temporary food set-up if you're going to prepare all the food on-site," said Dupras.

She added non-profit organizations are typically exempt from paying permit fees, allergen awareness training, an allergen awareness training and posting an allergen menu board unlike other temporary food establishments.

Bake sales do not require a permit if only non-temperature-controlled food is offered.

### Mobile food establishments

Mobile food establishments do not require a permit for every event they attend, as long as they are serving in the same town their annual permit is obtained from.

However, anytime a food truck or mobile food establishment leaves town they must receive a permit from the town they plan to serve food in.

### Farmers markets

Farmers market vendors may be issued a seasonal permit.

Bathrooms must be provided and may be temporary or permanent. While shared handwashing set ups are allowed, they must be within 25 feet of vendors.

## First ever town wide yard sale is set for June 10

**NEW BRAINTREE** – The first ever New Braintree Town Wide Yard Sale will be held rain or shine this Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with maps available for free at the New Braintree Grade School at 8:30 a.m. the morning of the event.

Sponsored by the Quabbin Post Grad Program, any and all proceeds from the yard sale will be used to help with field trips, educational support and enhancement. Mark the date to stop by the school for a map, shopping, food and fun as students and staff will be on hand to help oversee the operations of this worthwhile event.

For more information, please email aroy@qrsd.org, gdvaine@qrsd.org or call 978-434-1751.

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wanting to go see this nest the best place to view the nest is from the Wilbraham Senior Center parking lot and park on the side of the lot facing the playing fields. There are stick nests on three light poles.

### Hummingbirds

An Oakham couple reported lots of hummingbirds at their feeder. They keep busy filling the nectar feeders.

People may make their own nectar by adding 1/4 cup white sugar to 1 cup water and bring to a boil. I make extra nectar, which I keep in the refrigerator.

It will keep up to a week, but I am refilling every two to three days, so it never gets past the one week mark.

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# Quaboag graduates



Madelynn Huard smiles before walking into the gymnasium.



The keynote speaker was Quaboag teacher and alumni Tyler Shepard.



Ryan Stearns waves to his family members.



Angelina Paradis and Wylliam Pennington-Russell get ready to enter the gymnasium for graduation this past Saturday.



Serenity Kauppila proudly wears her honors cords and stole.

## QUABOAG from page 1

grade graduations; and now their final graduation in the Quaboag Regional School District.

"It has been such a pleasure to see this class grow," he said.

Duff said this class was one of the most competitive classes the school has seen, in all areas: academics, athletics, arts and community involvement. The students have worked together and relied on each other for support.

"You have found ways to lift each other up during difficult times," he said.

Keynote speaker Tyler Shepard is both a history teacher at Quaboag, and an alumni of the Class of 2009.

Shepard said he was "honored and humbled" to give his speech to the class, and to usher them into the next chapter of their stories.

He said the students drive him to be a better teacher each day, a role he didn't see himself in when he was in their shoes as a graduate.

He now considers being a teacher his greatest accomplishment.

A 10th generation farmer, Shepard is also the first generation to earn a Bachelor's degree.

Shepard decided to become a teacher after substituting in Joe Salvadore's class on his 23rd birthday. By the 2017-2018 school year, he was teaching his own class.

That first class is now the Class of 2023.

"This group of students put in the work," Shepard said. "We are all rooting for you."

Class Valedictorian Bryan Para said he thought of many things he could say in his speech (few appropriate for the intended audience), but decided to stick to the script.

"This will be another generic graduation speech," he said wryly.

Para echoed the words of his classmate Julien Compher's favorite band Weezer's iconic 1994 hit, "Undone - The Sweater Song".

"It go...it gone...bye bye," he said to his classmates of their high school years.

Class Salutatorian Cody Perron was next to speak, saying it wasn't an easy road to get here, but he wouldn't want it to be.

"If you're thinking about doing something, just do it," he said.

Perron and Class Secretary Chase Potvin presented the class gift, which completed a project to install a digital sign that was started by the Class of 2021 and Class of 2022.

Music was provided by the Quaboag Regional Saxophone Ensemble and the Quaboag Singers.

Interim Superintendent Maureen Binienda told the students that each one of them can contribute to positive change in the world and continue to make it a caring place.

Quaboag gives a "feeling of home and family," she said, to both the students and faculty, but also to



Hayley-Marie Southwick gets ready to accept her diploma.

the community.

Binienda read the lyrics of her favorite Lee Ann Womack song, "I Hope You Dance", saying she hoped the students would never lose their sense of wonder, and never take a single breath for granted.

But most importantly she said, never give up.



Ryan Wilson gives "two thumbs up" to graduating.



The Class of 2023 says "later" to high school.



Class Historian Elizabeth Czaja gave the welcoming address.



Dan Belanger of Palmer entered his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle in Palmer Motorsports Park's All Wheels Show last Wednesday.



Glenn Putek of Monson stands with his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air.

## ALL-WHEELS from page 2

Garage Mayhem in Granby for putting the truck's chassis together.

Two Flakes Racing, based in West Warren, brought a pink and silver vintage modified 1936 Chevy Coupe racecar, The Outlaw, giving spectators a chance to sit behind the steering wheel.

Members of the F-Troop parked next to each other, displaying their various Chevy vehicles.

Focused on friends, fun and food, the F-Troop celebrated Memorial Day with a 12-car meet.

Glenn Putek of Monson, one of the F-Troop members, brought his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air to the All Wheels Show, which he bought in 1994 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The body of the car is a raspberry mother of pearl, and the top is painted Cadillac lilac pearl.

Putek said his brother built the engine, while he did the rest of the restoration.

"It was a labor of love, for sure," Putek said.

Putek said he's the 11th owner of the car, which was born in and stayed in North Carolina up until he bought it.

Joining Putek was Dan



Palmer Motorsports Park member Pablo Sanchez entered his 2018 AMG GT Anniversary Edition. Only 250 of these cars were made in the world.

Belanger of Palmer and his 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle.

Belanger said that his sister's name is Chevelle, and he bought the car about six years ago so she could drive it.

"Her kids love it," he said.

Belanger said the car's been restored back to its former glory with the help of Putek.

Collecting cars is a passion of Belanger's, and he also owns a 1967 Ford Fairlane, a 1967 Plymouth Barracuda and a 1984



A modified throttle comes with instructions to "hold on tight" in Joe and Devon Barrows' truck.

Chevrolet Monte Carlo, to name a few.

The Barracuda is his favorite, he said, because he did the most work on it with the help of his friends.

"It was a bonding experience with buddies," Belanger said.

Rounding out the F-Troop's All Wheels Show entries was Cynthia Reynolds' 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline Deluxe.

Purchased from an 80-year-old man in Connecticut, Reynolds has had the car for over a year.

Detailed with intricate pin-striping and sporting the front grill of a 1956 Chevrolet Corvette, the Fleetline also has Cadillac taillights.

"It's something different...out of the ordinary," she said.

Sitting in the rear windshield of the car is a feathered fedora that Reynolds found at the Brimfield Flea Market; just like the one her grandfather used to wear.

Supporters of the All Wheels Show include Classic Hits 97.7, Dunkin' of Western MA, Sarat Ford and Lizak Bus Service.

The next public event at Palmer Motorsports Park, 58 West Ware Road, will be Military Appreciation Day with Race Cars for a Cause on Saturday, June 17 starting at 8 a.m.

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# WARE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



Shown is a graduate walking in front of the stage to receive her diploma.



Kiarelys DeJesus smiles as she accepts her diploma.



Emma Fuller and Mya Perez are shown walking towards the front of the gymnasium before the commencement ceremony begins.



Shown is Ethan Flamand shaking hands with Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo as they accept their diploma.

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He assured the class that while life after high school will come with difficult and challenging times, graduates will learn to "deal with 'hard' better."

"With these struggles comes progress," said Rich.

Class officers, Valedictorian and Salutatorian shared speeches on lessons and experiences they've learned throughout high school as well as their hopes for the graduating class.

Class President and Salutatorian, Callie Orszulak said the graduation ceremony was an opportunity to "celebrate both our individual achievements and collective."

"Our achievements extend beyond the academic realm... together we have weathered the storm," said Orszulak.

Orszulak said while COVID impacted the class's opportunities to fundraise, have social interactions and sports experiences, the class overcame much adversity.

Valedictorian Tony He said, "the strongest bonds are made through adversity," and acknowledged the group's ability to adapt to a global pandemic as students.

Desjardins said while he has been impressed by students' accomplishments throughout their journey in high school, he is "most proud and impressed by what they have done after graduation."

"Don't just exist - create a legacy... Make a difference in this crazy messed up world we share," said Desjardins.

He advised the class to "be where you are, not where you are not... live in the moment."



Valedictorian Tony He is shown reading his graduation speech to the crowd.

Valedictorian, He said he believes the students of class 2023 have "the potential to create a ripple effect and carry beyond."

"Let us be the change," said He.

He said he is "grateful for all [the school] has taught us," and thanked his parents for "working 24/7" to allow him access to opportunities they may not have had themselves.

Orszulak also thanked her parents for their support throughout her high school journey.

She said that while her parents, Ware High School teachers Heather and Daniel Orszulak, have impacted many students throughout their journey, they are still "mom and dad" to her.



Elise Towne is wearing a gold sash to symbolize their participation in the National Junior Honors Society.

Orszulak thanked her parents for "painting" the wings that would allow her to "fly."

As a token of appreciation, class officers presented flowers and gift bags to select faculty and staff members for the impact they have had on the class.

DiLeo said she is also "fortunate to have known many of [today's] graduates for 15 years," from kindergarten until senior year.

DiLeo said as she was writing her commencement speech, she drew inspiration from plaques in her office - one reading "purpose" and another reading "persistence."

She advised the class not to "forget

to have a purpose;" a purpose that gets you out of bed every morning, whether it be to go to school or to work.

"Life will test you...persistence prevails," said DiLeo.

She added that persistence and "integrity [are] the key to success."

Orszulak said she is confident in the class's abilities to continue achieving great feats after high school.

"We have formed bonds that will transcend," said Orszulak.

Following the commencement speeches, the class performed a sing-along to Taylor Swift's "Never Grow Up".

While some students sang softly, others swayed along to the music, hugged friends or fanned their faces to hold back tears.

Some students could be seen embracing friends as they cried.

After the performance, Rich said "some songs shouldn't be allowed as class songs," adding he listened to the song earlier that day and "was tearing up at 10 of six."

Students then walked to receive their high school diplomas and shake hands with DiLeo.

The gymnasium erupted with the sounds of cheering families, air horns and clapping hands as students' names were called.

After the last student returned to their seat with a diploma in hand, students were asked to move their tassels from the right side to the left.

Following tradition, caps were thrown above the Class of 2023 as a final "hurrah."

Orszulak said, "Class of 2023, we did it."



(Turley Publications Photos by Dallas Gagnon) Cassandra Pendleton and Phillip Fox pause for a photo before graduation.



Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo and Owen Welsh are shown shaking hands and smiling.



Ryan Carey and Jacob Reyes are shown smiling as they enter the gymnasium and head towards their seats.



National Junior Honors Society students Liliana Montalban and John Auchter are shown smiling as they make their way to their reserved seats.



Justin Dauksewich and Kiarelys DeJesus walk in front of friends and family prior to receiving their diplomas.

# QUABBIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

## QUABBIN HIGH from page 1

front door of Quabbin Regional High School onto the front lawn of the school, they marched through a corridor into the gymnasium to their seats to "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar. The Symphonic Winds under the direction of Toni Brown played this traditional graduation selection.

Leading the procession of soon to be Quabbin Regional High School graduates were the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp color guard, marshals Michael Tobin and Camryn Orsini, school administrators, faculty and Quabbin Regional School Committee members.

Senior class secretary Colin Brown led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Senior class president William Hood. He said, "Teachers have one of the most important jobs in the country" and requested a round of applause for them.

During her greeting, high school Principal Purnima Demorais said the graduates were entering the early chapter of their life journey. She reminded them to remember kindness, that hard work makes things happen and face adversity with calmness and love.

Valedictorian Darian Hulsart said, "We were in it together." She said, "Our class will make a profound mark." Following her speech, the Symphonic Winds including the almost graduates in the band, played "Arabian Dances"



The Quabbin Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp led the graduation procession. They are from left, Benjamin Metcalf, Jaden Gonzalez, Hannah Wiggin and Brianna Caponigro.

by Brian Balmages.

Abigail Ramsey and Summer Barringer were the two student speakers. Ramsey said she has been in the Quabbin Regional district, her whole life. She said she looked through old photos recently and she said really knew her senior class.

Barringer said she had immense gratitude for her journey these last 13 years. She said they belonged to Generation B and were different

from other generations before them.

The Quabbin Singers sang "Ad Astra" by Jacob Narverud under the direction of Julia Tuttle. Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir gave her last address to a Quabbin Regional High School graduating class as she will retire the end of this month.

She said, "45 years ago I was one of you."



James Hernandez, from left, and Katherine McMenemy process into the high school gym during graduation at Quabbin Regional High School.

She said she still had her Quabbin Regional High School diploma and it was on the wall in her office placed above her other degrees, a Bachelor's degree, two Master's degrees and a doctorate. She concluded, "This month both of us are leaving our Quabbin family."

She then performed her official duty of certifying the class had met all the requirements set by the Quabbin Regional School



Class President William Hood was the first to receive his diploma.

District School Committee and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. School Committee Chair Mark Brophy asked the Class of 2023 to stand and say to the person on the right and left, "You Did It." He said, "Be well manners, be a caring person, donating time and volunteering is a good thing."

Debra Chamberlain, school committee vice-chairman, awarded diplomas with Superintendent Muir. Class advisors, Regina Trumbell and Kathy Gardner, read the students names. Class president



Olivia Bettencourt, from left, and Summer Barringer march into the gym during their graduation

Hood was the first to receive his diploma.

After the handing out of diplomas to 123 graduates, Hood led his classmates in the moving of their tassels. Following tradition, the entire class tossed their mortar boards into the air. A few managed to get stuck in the rafters.

The class processed to "Fanfare and Recessional" by James D. Ployhar, played by the Symphonic Winds.



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## Indians capture WMass. title

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

GREENFIELD—Chris Guzik was a senior pitcher on the 2010 Ware High School baseball team, which won the Western Mass. Division 3 title. Guzik and John Mumper, who was a key member of this year's Indians pitching staff, have a lot in common.

The two righthanders defeated the Pioneer Valley Regional School in a postseason tournament game. They were also the winning pitcher in the Western Mass. championship game.

Mumper, who's a junior, added his name to the history

books following an outstanding performance in the Indians 3-1 extra inning victory over the top-seeded and undefeated Pioneer Regional Panthers in the Western Class D finals, which was held at Veteran's Field in Greenfield, last Tuesday night.

"I'm never going to forget tonight's game," said Mumper, who pitched all ten innings in the Western Mass. finals. "I'm very happy that we were able to pull it out in the end."

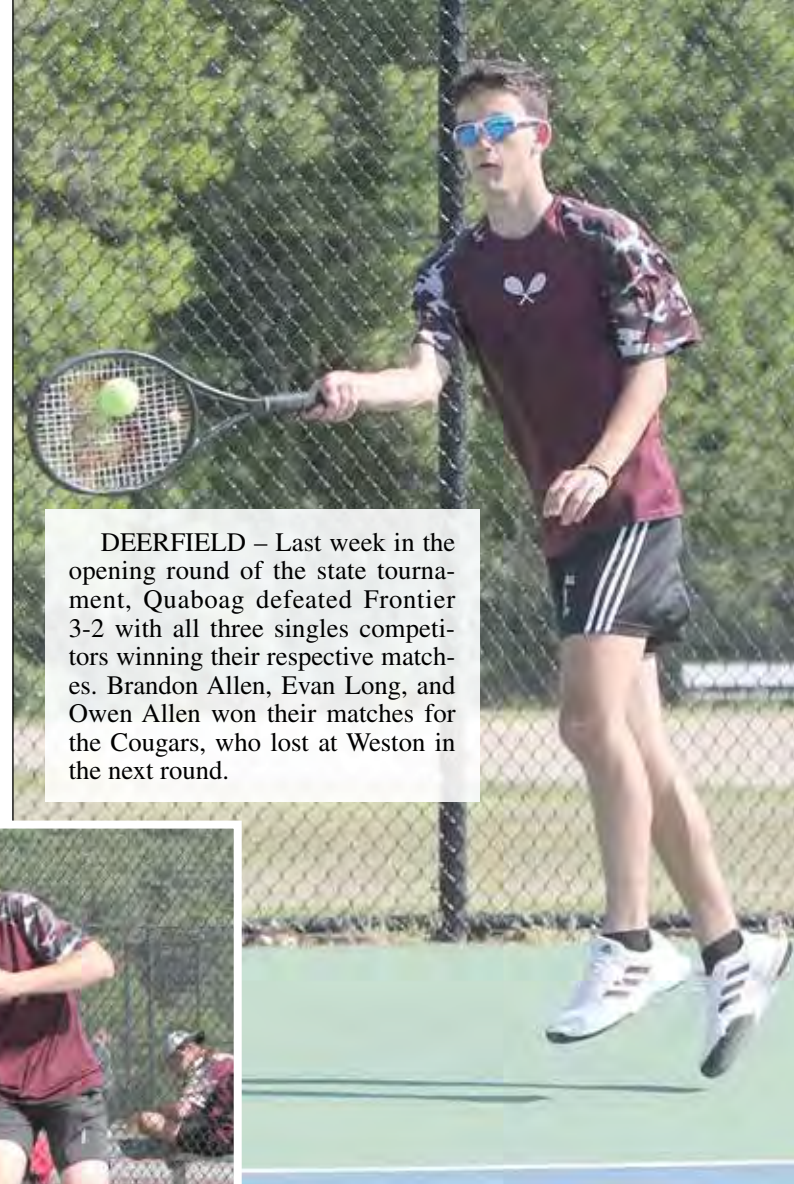
It was the first time that the third-seeded Indians (17-5) took home the Western Mass. title

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## Singles competitors lead Cougars



Junior Owen Allen hits a nice serve with great eye concentration. Owen won the decisive point in a second set 10-8 tie-breaker.



DEERFIELD – Last week in the opening round of the state tournament, Quaboag defeated Frontier 3-2 with all three singles competitors winning their respective matches. Brandon Allen, Evan Long, and Owen Allen won their matches for the Cougars, who lost at Weston in the next round.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmug.com  
Junior Co-Captain Evan Long puts some power into this forehand.

LEFT: Senior Co-Captain Brandon Allen returns this shot with a low forehand.



Senior Gabe Paquette makes good contact with his swing.



Junior Dylan Piazza frames a picture of concentration.

## Pathfinder makes state tourney



Brianna Beynor fields a grounder.



Olivia Ward corraling a catch in left.

PALMER – With an even record, Pathfinder softball managed to get into the state tournament and faced off against Minuteman High School in the preliminary round on June 1. The Pioneers had a tough draw, and fell 14-1 to end their season with an overall record of 10-7.



Lianna Carriquillo slings a throw to second.



Megan Bly looks to squeeze an out at first.

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## Pioneers fall in opening round

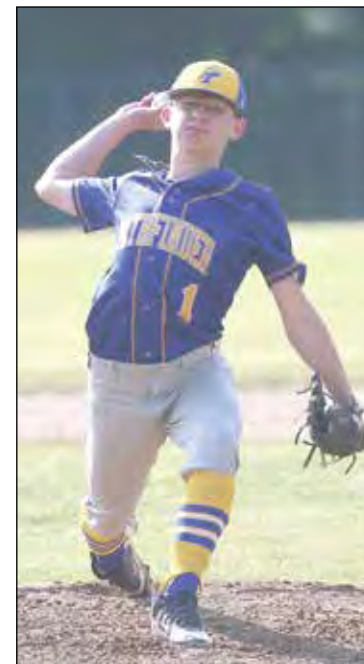
By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—Whether it was on the gridiron, the hardwood, or the baseball diamond, Andrew Roman always competed very hard every time that he put on a Pathfinder uniform.

On June 1, 2017, Roman tossed a two-hitter leading the Pioneers baseball team to a 1-0 win at Turners Falls in a Western Mass. Division 4 first round game. It wound up being the final victory of Roman's brilliant high school baseball career.

On the same date six years later, the 32nd-seeded Pioneers lost to 33rd-seeded South Shore Voc-Tech, 18-0 in a Division 5 state tournament preliminary round game on a hot afternoon at St. Joe's Park.

"We just didn't compete in today's game," said Pathfinder head coach Paul Bouthiller. "We beat Drury (2-1) on the road in the Western Mass. Class C tour-



Brayden Mega slings a pitch to the plate for the Pioneers.



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Trevor Millet makes the throw from third.

ament. Then we lost to Frontier (6-1) in the semifinals. We com-

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Meaghan Doyle makes the catch on a fly ball.



Jordan Blanchard is safe after stealing second base.

Photos by Ray Duffy

## Panthers find way into tournament

BARRE – Despite a rough season at 3-14, the Quabbin Regional High School softball team was among the top 32 teams to qualify for the Division 4 State Tournament, based on the power rankings system used to determine tournament teams. The Panthers would face Tyngsborough in the opening round of the tournament on Monday, falling 15-0. The Panthers season ends with a 3-15 record overall.



Lianna Leger talks with her coach after a base hit.



Sydney Giorgi pitches for the Panthers during the season.

## Western Mass. battles to draw

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Joao Bernardo has been the public address announcer at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow for many years.

While Bernardo announced his normal messages to the crowd during last Saturday night's USL League Two match-up between the Black Rock FC and the Western Mass. Pioneers, he didn't make his famous goal call. The contest, which was played on a fall like evening, ended in a scoreless draw.

"We had 22 shots on goal in tonight's match, but we couldn't put any of them into the net," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We always want to win every game that we play, especially at home."

It has been more than seven years since the Pioneers (3-0-2)

played a 0-0 match at Lusitano Stadium. They have played three scoreless road draws since 2018. The last one was two years ago against Black Rock FC, who currently play their home matches at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire.

During the past several years, Black Rock has played home matches at MCLA in North Adams and at Applejack Stadium in Manchester Center, Vermont.

The Pioneers outscored their first four opponents, 17-2. They scored ten of those goals in a 10-1 road victory against Boston City FC on May 30.

"We weren't really tested in our last game," said Pioneers starting defender Conor Hicks, who's from Monson. "We hit the post or crossbar at least four or five times in tonight's game. The ball just didn't bounce our way

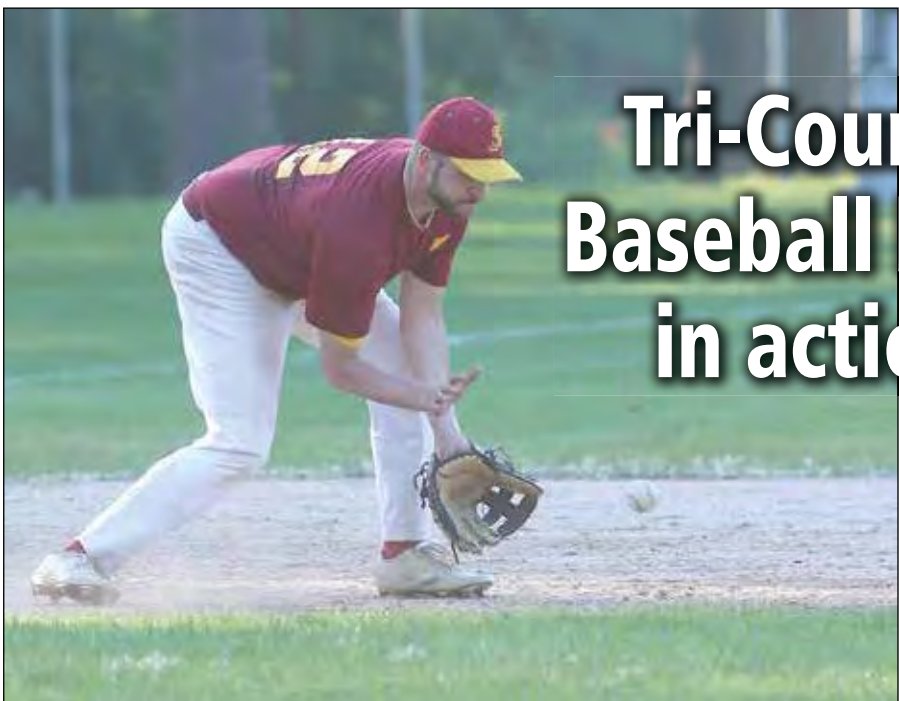
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Photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro socks the ball away.



# sports



St. Joe's Brandon Magni fields a grounder.



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Luis DeJesus slings a throw to first.

## Tri-County Baseball back in action

CHICOPEE – Last week, Tri-County Baseball was back in action with a number of games on the slate, though only four actually played due to rainouts. The Tri-County has gone through some turnover and some teams not making their

way back to the league in recent years. This year, there are only six teams in the league, with Easthampton Savings Bank, a prominent member of the league for many years, not on the schedule this year. Regulars featuring players from all

over the region including PeoplesBank, the Chicopee Falls Tigers, St. Joseph's, and DiFranco Realty are back this year. The Tri-County League, which features adult baseball, runs through the end of July.



Jason Byers pitches for the Tigers.



Shane Denault makes a long throw.



Brandon Clark makes the out at first.

## Kimball wins inaugural Winchester Open 100

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Saturday night's inaugural Winchester Open 100 might have been a new experience for fans and racers alike, but it ended with a familiar face in victory lane.

Monadnock Speedway graduate Matthew Kimball put his home-track expertise to work, besting a 24-car field to win the first-ever JDV Open Modified feature at the Winchester, N.H. bullring.

Kimball held off Carl Medeiros Jr. and Ryan Doucette to score one of the biggest wins of his Modified career thus far.

Inclement weather delayed the start of Saturday's main event, but did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of Kimball, who raced Mini Stocks at "Mad Dog" before making a career shift to Tour-type Modifieds. The Bennington, N.H. racer started from the pole, yielding to Monadnock veteran Todd Patnode on lap eight of the 100-circuit feature. Chris Pasteryak settled into third with Kirk Alexander fourth when a turn-three spin brought out the night's first caution.

Patnode immediately ducked down pit road, handing the lead back to Kimball. Alexander and Sam Rameau charged into third on the restart, while Pasteryak's hopes for a solid finish turned bleak when contact left the Connecticut racer sideways in turn two with 60 laps to go.

Rameau, who started 22nd, pounced on Kimball two restarts later to take the lead. Rameau set a fast pace, but Kimball was able to keep up, turning up the



Submitted photo  
Matthew Kimball took the win last Saturday at Monadnock Speedway.

heat as slower traffic came into play. Early contender Alexander went for a backstretch spin with 17 laps left, though, eliminating the lapped-traffic wildcard and pitting Rameau against Kimball for the restart.

On the green flag, Rameau cleared Kimball for the lead, but Kimball loomed large in his mirror, tracing the curbs and taking Rameau from building an advantage. With 11 laps left, Kimball dove inside on the backstretch, getting alongside Rameau in the turns and taking the lead back. Ryan Doucette threw his car to Rameau's inside to steal second, upsetting Rameau and letting Kimball escape. Another bobble from Rameau slowed the field, with Medeiros charging from the high line to take second as the top five shuffled.

Kimball was hardly home free, as another spin with six laps left forced a late-race restart. But the youngster got the

jump on Medeiros coming to the green, and as Doucette made a bid for second, Kimball was able to get away once again, coasting home to one of his biggest Modified wins yet and pocketing \$5,000 for the evening.

Medeiros held on for a strong second-place finish, with Doucette third at the line. Richard Savary drove back from a late pit stop to finish fourth, while Pasteryak salvaged a fifth-place finish.

Leading into the Winchester Open 100, Tom Harwood won his second straight New England Dwarf Car Series feature only a week after capturing the checkers at Lee USA Speedway. Adrian Smith won the Young Guns feature, while Robert Hagar topped the NHSTRA Late Models feature and Chris Davis came away with a win in the Pure Stocks main event.

JDV Productions' next scheduled event is the second annual Clash at Claremont on Saturday,

July 29, featuring the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour in their fourth-ever appearance at Claremont Motorsports Park in New Hampshire's Upper Valley. Further information on this special event will be released in the coming weeks.

For more information on JDV Productions, visit JDVProductions.com and follow on social media for the latest updates throughout the season, including updates from the track on race day with feature winner posts.

### Results: Winchester Open Modified 100; Monadnock Speedway; June 3

- (43) Matthew Kimball
- (50) Carl Medeiros, Jr.
- (55) Ryan Doucette
- (99) Richard Savary
- (5CT) Chris Pasteryak
- (02) Geoff Rollins
- (1) Nathan Wenzel
- (76) Kirk Alexander
- (11X) Tyler Leary
- (24) Todd Patnode
- (04) Joey Jarvis
- (17) Donnie Lashua
- (95) Cory Plummer
- (23) Bradley Zahensky
- (13) Cameron Sontag
- (06) Sam Rameau
- (27) Derek Robbie
- (02MA) Paul LaPlante
- (99X) Kimberly Rivet
- (7) Kurt Vigeant
- (47) Jacob Perry
- (51) Adam LaPoint
- (24X) Cornelius Flynn
- (30CT) Gary Byington

## Opening weekend for Blue Sox

HOLYOKE - The Valley Blue Sox return to MacKenzie Stadium next week, with their first home game on Thursday, June 8 at 6:35 p.m. The team will then have three more home games June 9, 10, and 11. There will be a special promotion for all fans who attend all 4 home games this coming weekend.

The team announced that any fans who attend all four games June 8-11 will receive their choice of either four flex tickets to any of the remaining home games this season, or early access to a new Blue Sox T-shirt before they go on sale. Fans will receive a punch card on Opening Night that will be filled in with different colored stickers at each game until all four are collected after the weekend.

On Opening Night the team will be facing the Bristol Blues and giving

away magnet schedules. The following night, Friday June 9 at 6:35 p.m. vs. the Ocean State Wolves, the team will be hosting Isenberg Night, and giving away T-shirts sponsored by Isenberg School of Management. The first 100 UMass students to show their UCard upon entry will receive a voucher for one free meal and drink. Saturday June 10 at 6:35 p.m. vs. the North Shore Navigators, Boston Beer Co. will be sponsoring a Dogfish Tasting night, and fans will be able to enter a Red Sox/Sam Adams bench raffle. Finally on Sunday June 11 at 3 p.m. vs. the Martha's Vineyard Sharks, the City of Holyoke will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary with the team.

Fans are encouraged to come show their support for the start of the new season, and the Blue Sox look forward to seeing fans back at MacKenzie Stadium next Thursday.

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and it's a very tough result. We still haven't lost a match yet so far this season.

Hicks, who's one of the Pioneers veteran players, missed the season opening road match against the Boston Bolts, which was a 3-0 win, with an injury. He played the final 45 minutes in the home opener versus Pathfinder FC, which was also a 3-0 victory, before starting the past three matches.

Western Mass. first-year goalie Gianluca Cersosimo only had to make two saves against Black Rock to record his third shutout of the season.

The last time that Black Rock (1-1-2) celebrated a victory at Lusitano Stadium was during the 2018 regular season.

"We just wanted to contain their high power offense in tonight's match," said Black Rock head coach Jon Moodey. "They have the top goal scorer in the league, and we were looking to keep the game close. We did have a couple of scoring chances late in the second half. We do have a lot of respect for them."

Alec Hughes, who's a member of the UMass men's soccer team, leads the Pioneers with seven goals.

Hughes had four shots on goal during the first 45 minutes against Black Rock.

During the 24th minute, Hughes, who's a first year Western Mass. player, blasted a shot that was saved by Black Rock goalie Pablo Costa (22 saves), who's from Brazil.

"Their goalie played fantastic," Molinar said. "He kept his team in the game."

About five minutes later, Pioneers captain Nicholas Oberrauch, who celebrated his 24th birthday on Monday, fired a laser shot, which Costa deflected over the endline resulting in a corner kick.

With a little more than ten minutes remaining in the opening half, Black Rock's Jaland Laramond had a wide open shot attempt, but the ball was cleared away by Connor Bagdon before crossing the line.

The trio of Khalid Rose, Laurie Goddard, and Augustine Boadi had shots on goals for the Pioneers in the first half.

During a ceremony held at halftime, the Lusitano Alumni and Fans (LAF) committee presented scholarships to Cassie Pendleton, who graduated from



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Augustine Boadi tries to balance the ball.



Lawrence Goddard sends a corner kick away.

Ware High School, and Kyle Girouard, who graduated from Chicopee Comp.

The Pioneers had several more scoring opportunities during the second half, but they couldn't put the ball into the net past Costa.

There was seven minutes of stoppage time, but the contest was still scoreless when referee Fabio Cardoso blew his whistle for the final time.



Alec Hughes dribbles up the field.



Connor Hicks, of Monson, looks to pass.

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## Blue Sox in need of host families

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox is still searching for a few host families for the 2023 season.

To be a host family, all you need is a private room for the player to stay in, food options, and access to a kitchen.

In return, 2023 volunteer host families will receive:

- Free general admission to all

Valley Blue Sox home and away games

- Food vouchers for every home game
- Transportation and ticket free to the Boston Red Sox game on June 12
- Free clinics for any household member ages 6-13
- Special Host Family recognition event

- 40% discount on all merchandise

- Season-long access to our live-game radio
- Access to our fan bus to an away game to be determined

If you are interested in being a host family, please contact [matt@valleybluesox.com](mailto:matt@valleybluesox.com) for more information.

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## Massachusetts Sen. Anne Gobi announced as Director of Rural Affairs

BOSTON - Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll announced today that Massachusetts Sen. Anne Gobi will join their administration as the new director of rural affairs in the executive office of economic development.

Gobi will start in her new role June 5. She will be tasked with conducting a review of all state grant opportunities, including the Community One Stop for Growth, to ensure that barriers for rural and small towns are mitigated and will host dedicated office hours for rural towns to receive technical assistance to identify and explore grant opportunities. She will also serve as a member of the Rural Policy Commission, which advocates for the vitality of rural communities as well as legislative and policy solutions that address rural needs.

"We are building an economy that benefits all communities, businesses, and people in Massachusetts, particular those that are too often overlooked and underrepresented like rural and small towns," said Healey. "Senator Gobi's fierce advocacy of rural equity, agricultural and small businesses, and conservation initiatives makes her the ideal candidate to help our rural towns across the state succeed."

"Senator Gobi brings to this new role deep knowledge of the challenges that rural and small-

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## Memorial Day golf tourney results listed

HARDWICK - Results of Hardwick Crossing Country Clubs first annual Memorial Day weekend golf tournament are as follows.

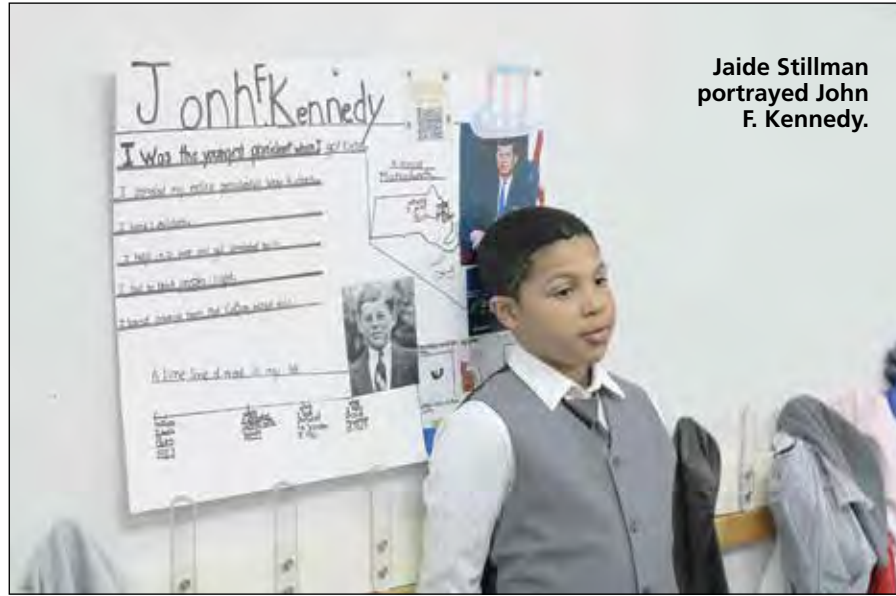
In the women's division, first place went to Robin Balicki and Kathleen Soltys with an extraordinary score of -22. Second place honors went to Amanda Pierce and Carol King at -16.

In the men's division, first flight, first place honors went to Adam Moulton and Peter O Packi at -12. Nick Fluegge and Frank Kulig took home second with a final score of -11.

Second flight, winners went to Ryan Sidur and Gene Varney with an exceptional score of -17. Second place honors went to the team of Tom Hough and Dave Woodward at -9.

Third flight, winners were John Obrzut and Nelson Malin at -15 with Rick Navin and Wes Cassavant taking home second at -11.

Big thanks to tournament committee members Tom Gareau, Ken Jurczyk, Gary Soltys and Lyle Plainte along with tournament volunteers Kathleen Soltys, Joyce Plainte and Kim Gareau for making this tournament a success.



Jaide Stillman portrayed John F. Kennedy.



Lola Sanderson portrayed artist Winslow Homer.

# HISTORY COMES ALIVE IN HARDWICK

## Students hold wax museum event



Penny Ouimette holds her pose as Paul Revere.

HARDWICK - History came to life at Hardwick Elementary School recently, with the third grade's annual Living History Museum.

A longstanding HES tradition, the Living History Museum, also known as the "wax museum," has been around for at least a decade and has evolved over time.

The halls and cafeteria of the School were filled with famous authors, patriots, nurses, TV reporters, pioneers, astronauts and presidents.

All seemingly frozen in time, the drop of a coin or dollar bill in

each historical figure's cup, was enough to reanimate them (if only for a minute or two) in order to tell their story.

Students in Mary Fleming and Pamela Dunigan's classes held the event as both a field trip fundraiser, and as a way to show their friends and families all they have learned throughout the school year.

Thanks to many generous donors, they were able to raise enough money to cover all of the costs to send students to Old Sturbridge Village, one of the largest living history museums in New England.



(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette) Grant Verham was John F. Kennedy.



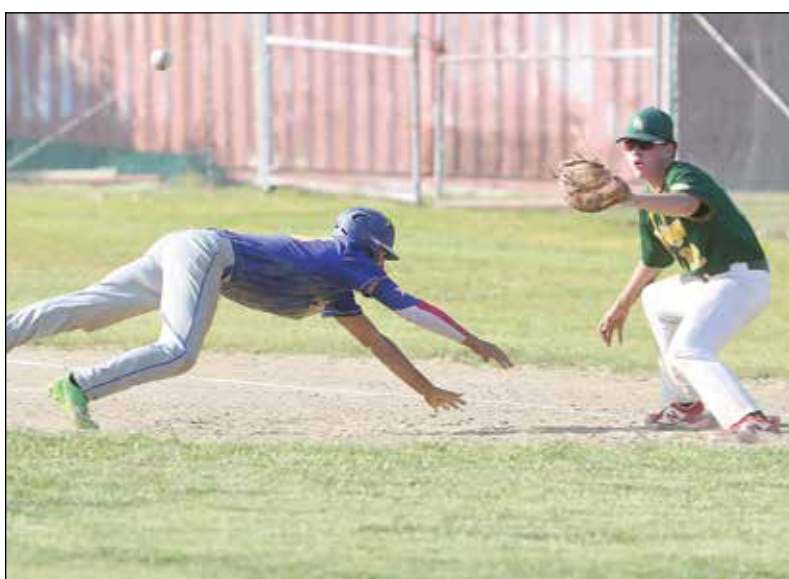
Rose Fleming portrayed Deborah Sampson.



Irelyn Venne was teacher and astronaut Christa McAuliffe.



Robbie Ouellette was Benjamin Franklin.



Miguel Velasquez slides back to first.



Jarett Skowrya goes for the tag.

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peted in those two games. It's no fun for anyone when we don't compete."

Prior to this season, the Pioneers (13-7) hadn't qualified for the postseason tournament since Roman was a member of the baseball team. After playing four seasons at Salve Regina University, Roman was the closer on the Boston College baseball team this spring. The Eagles played in the NCAA Division I Regionals at Alabama, last weekend.

The only two seniors listed on this year's Pathfinder varsity baseball roster are Jesse Cygan, who hasn't played in a game since the middle of the regular season, and Austin Lagimoniere, who started in centerfield against South Shore.

The Vikings (15-6) had a 3-0 lead before the Pioneers batted for the first time in the bottom of the first inning. Their first run came home on a bunt hit by senior first baseman Jake McAleer. Then Pathfinder sophomore righthander Brayden Mega gave up a two-run single to junior leftfielder Riley Siereveld.

Mega, who gave up another run with two outs in the third, managed to keep his team within striking distance during the first five innings.

The Pathfinder offense wasted a scoring chance in bottom of the second inning.

Junior second baseman Miguel Velasquez began the Pioneers rally



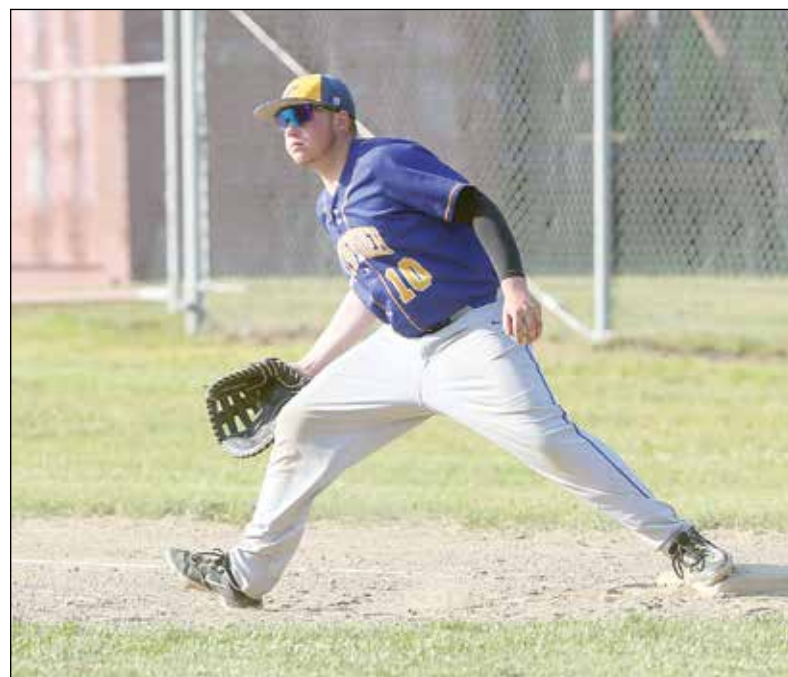
Hunter Griswold tries to field the in-between hop.

with a leadoff single down the left-field line. Then Lagimoniere drew a walk on a 3-and-2 pitch thrown by Vikings sophomore righty Jake Starbird.

Both runners moved into scoring position following a sacrifice bunt by junior leftfielder Than Nopleggi.

The Pioneers rally ended very quickly, as Starbird struck out the next two batters. Starbird finished his outstanding performance on the mound with a total of 14 K's in 6 1/3 innings.

With two-outs in the fourth, Lagimoniere walked for the second



Tim Russell looks to scoop up an out.

time. He advanced to second base on a throwing error before stealing third. He was stranded there as Starbird recorded his eighth strikeout of the game.

"We just kept looking for the perfect pitch," Bouthiller said. "Their starter is very good against us, but he wasn't the best we've faced this season."

The Vikings put the game out of reach after scoring 11 runs against a couple of relief pitchers in the sixth inning. That inning lasted 30 minutes longer due to a sun delay.

The visitors from Hanover scored two more runs in the sev-

enth inning.

"It's a very disappointing loss," Bouthiller said. "I don't think they're that much better than us. I hope our next game is important to everyone."

The Pioneers (13-7) season isn't over yet. They were scheduled to face Smith Vocational in the small school's vocational semifinal game on a day to be determined. The winner of that contest will face Old Colony Regional Vocational High School in the championship game.

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since 2010.

"Chris Guzik and Johnny Mumper are both gritty pitchers," said Ware head coach Scott Slattery. "Pioneer came into tonight's game with an undefeated record, and no one thought we could beat them. We just played Ware baseball and we're going home with the Western Mass. title. It was an amazing pitching performance by Johnny."

Mumper allowed only one run on seven base hits in what turned out to be his final start of the 2023 campaign. He finished his complete game masterpiece with eight strikeouts and one walk.

"I really thought it was going to be a high scoring game, but it didn't turn out that way," Mumper said. "The defense really helped me out a lot."

The Indians lost to Hopkins Academy in the 2021 Western Mass. Division 4 finals.

"We lost in the Western Mass. finals two years ago and it just feels amazing to win it," said Ware junior catcher Dylan Sutkaitis. "We really wanted to hand Pioneer their first loss of the season."

Sutkaitis described Mumper's pitching performance from his point of view.

"John is an amazing pitcher and I just love catching for him," said Sutkaitis, who threw out a couple of Panthers runners trying to steal second base. "I believe this was the first time that he's pitched ten innings in a varsity baseball game. He's going to be a great pitcher next year as a senior."

Because the Panthers (18-1) were the higher seed, they were the home team in this year's Western Mass. finals.

The contest was tied 1-1 entering the top of the tenth inning.

Junior second baseman Jack McKeever began the Indians rally by hitting a line drive single off the glove of the Panthers shortstop, who tried to make a leaping catch. He then stole second base before scoring the go-ahead run following Mumper's single into center field. After sophomore third baseman Nate Kaczuwka drew a walk, Sutkaitis drove home Mumper with a groundball into

the leftfield making the score 3-1.

"I was looking for an off-speed pitch and I got one," Sutkaitis said. "I just hit the ball through the gap. It gave us a two-run lead."

Mumper gave up a couple of singles with two outs in the bottom of the tenth inning. He nearly reached the 115 pitch limit before ending the game with a flyball caught by senior centerfielder Jack Autcher and a groundball to freshman shortstop Brady Guimond, who threw the ball to freshman first baseman Kyle Kaczuwka.

Before facing the final batter of the game, Slattery started walking out towards the mound to check on his starting pitcher. He turned around before reaching the foul line.

"While I was walking out to the mound, Johnny told me that he was good," Slattery said. "I have a lot of trust in him."

Mumper just wanted to pitch the whole game.

"I was very happy when coach Slattery headed back to the dug-out," Mumper said. "I didn't want to come out of tonight's game. Winning the Western Mass. title is something that I've always dreamed about, and we finally did it."

Mumper helped himself in the top of the first inning by hitting a single into left field. He scored the game's first run when Nate Kaczuwka blasted a double to left center.

After that inning, Pioneer sophomore righthander Ethan Quinn got into a groove. He struck out 14 of the 27 Indians batters that he faced.

Quinn, who tied the score with a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning, was relieved by senior righty Hugh Cyhowski at the start of the eighth inning.

Mumper and his teammates were able to celebrate their first Western Mass. championship title in 13 years a couple of innings later.

"Our baseball team is like a big family," Slattery said. "I won two Western Mass. titles when I was in high school, and this is my third one as a head coach. I'm very excited to see these kids win their first championship. They're a bunch of great kids."



# Town receives recognition from Lieutenant Governor Driscoll

By Dallas Gagnon  
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WARREN – Town Administrator Jim Ferrera received a letter of recognition from Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll congratulating the town for having completed their first community compact and best practices grant.

At the June 1 Board of Selectmen meeting, Ferrera read the letter which stated both Driscoll and Governor Maura Healey crediting Warren’s “local government practices in fostering strong partnerships with our municipalities through community compact.”

The letter continued to recognize the efforts of Warren to provide “long term benefits to the town,” while also acknowledging administrative efforts have “a financial management review by the department of revenue.”

Chairman David Dufresne said it is “great to be able to see that people in higher positions in the state are recognizing the work that everybody is doing.”

Dufresne acknowledged the instrumental work of Ferrera.

Ferrera said “it is a team effort,” and the town could not have gotten “this thing done without a good team.”

### Police Department updates

The Board unanimously appointed Charlie T. Williams to the position of a full-time officer for the Police Department for a one-year term.

Police Chief Gerald Millette said, “Williams started his law enforcement career back in 1996 as an auxiliary officer in New York.”

Williams went on to become an auxiliary officer for Leominster and Southbridge.

“Most recently, he was a part-time patrolman for Holland and Wales,” said Millette.

Williams brings extensive train-

ing experience to the town.

He is experienced as a trainer for firearms, de-escalation control, active shooters and is MILO certified. Williams is also bilingual in Spanish.

### Fire Department updates

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie went before the Board to discuss the opportunity to store a retired fire engine at the Quaboag Regional High School for educational purposes.

Lavoie said the 1975 fire engine was “taken out of service two years ago,” and has been “lying dormant” beside the fire station ever since.

He said a Quaboag student asked him about the engine and Lavoie said he hadn’t thought to bring it to the school for student training.

“It still runs, it still drives, it still holds water,” said Lavoie.

However, it cannot be used by the town for emergency purposes as certain maintenance procedures cannot be performed on the vehicle such as pump test operations.

He suggested students would still benefit from training with the retired engine as they “could still charge lines,” pull out lines and complete drills.

Dufresne said he believed “it would be a great opportunity” for students.

### Town grants and updates

In an ongoing partnership with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, the town has secured an open space and recreation planning grant.

Ferrera said CMRPC “has been very instrumental in helping the town move forward with some of the admissions of some of the planning grants.”

He added they were “very helpful and guided us through that process.”

Ferrera credited CMRPC for helping organize “several public meetings, collecting several public

tests,” as well as receiving public testimony to comprise the Warren open space and recreation plan.

“Without them, we wouldn’t have gotten where we got,” said Ferrera.

The town is now eligible for additional grants through the Department of Conservation Services until October 2029 as a result of receiving approval from the state for the open space and recreation plan.

It was submitted on time and got the final approval on May 26.

“This was very significant for the town,” said Ferrera.

The Board unanimously approved submitting a Community One Stop for Growth application for Otis Street improvements and signed a letter of commitment.

Ferrera said the application for the program for Otis Street improvements “just allows the town to move forward,” said Ferrera.

The letter of commitment presented to the Board is part of the application process.

While work on Quaboag and School street are ongoing projects, additional funding is required to complete improvements on Otis Street.

With the approval of the One Stop application and letter of commitment, the town will see an improvement on Quaboag Street, School Street, Lombard Street, Richardson Street, Moore Avenue, Hillside Avenue and Otis Street.

“This will be a whole neighborhood that will come together with state money, CDBG [Community Development Block Grant] money and you’ll get some new roads, [and] sewer lines up there,” said Ferrera.

### Feasibility study

Ferrera said the town has received “quite a bit of responses and inquiries for the feasibility study,” and believes it could become a “competitive” selection process.

# Project Lead The Way names WCES as distinguished school

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WARREN – Warren Community Elementary School received national recognition last month as a 2022-23 distinguished school for their ongoing engagement in Project Lead The Way Science, Technology, Engineering and Math curriculum.

Project Lead The Way is a non-profit organization offering students and educators access to hands-on, STEM based curriculum and resources.

Dean of Students, Brian Guimond, said hands-on learning allows students “more ownership over their learning and freedom.”

“They love to be able to create things...kids don’t love to sit all day - they want to be involved in learning and collaborating with peers,” said Guimond.

According to a press release published by the Quaboag Regional School District, WCES is one of 13 elementary schools across the country “to receive honor for providing broad access to transformative learning experiences.”

Project Lead The Way provides WCES with grant funding which allows the school to purchase STEM kits containing educational materials that help facilitate students’ engagement with the curriculum.

To receive recognition as a PLTW distinguished school, WCES was required to have more than 75 percent of the student body participating in a PLTW program and offer at least one learning module at each grade level during the 2021-2022 school year.

“We selected one kit per grade level for STEM that connected to Massachusetts science standards,” said Guimond.

Guimond said the PLTW kits



Fifth grade students are shown working on a written assignment while following an online educational guide.

“allow students to problem solve,” and “look at real life issues.”

First grade teacher Kristina Kenyon said PLTW has “provided teachers with a curriculum that allows students to engage in activities that promote creativity and discovery.”

“This year I used the ‘Launch’ curriculum ‘Designs Inspired by Nature,’” said Kenyon.

Students learned about how “offspring are like their parents,” and “how animals use their body parts to help them survive.”

“Students had to take the information they learned and apply their knowledge to create animal ears that will help them survive in nature...they were very engaged in the process and excited to present their creation to the class,” said Kenyon.

She added it was even one of her first grade student’s “favorite activities.”

One module the fifth grade class participated in was “Ecosystems: Flow of Matter and Energy.”

One portion of the module required students to complete a worksheet tracking the relationship between natural elements and their role in photosynthesis.

Students followed a digital guide

on Chromebooks while taking notes on the prompted worksheet.

The hands-on portion required students to create a diagram of a plant and illustrate those relationships using cotton balls, pipe cleaners, construction paper and glue.

“Of course, there is the teaching aspect,” said Guimond.

“An adult is there to facilitate learning... asking students questions like ‘well, what do you think about this,’ or ‘why did or didn’t that work,’” said Guimond.

He added the students “enjoy exploring,” and the PLTW learning modules give them an opportunity to “discuss, collaborate and ask questions... It’s trial and error.”

Kenyon said PLTW is “not only about engineering and the design process,” but also “incorporates reading, writing and public speaking.”

PLTW President and CEO Dr. David Dimmett congratulated WCES on achieving the distinguished school award, adding PLTW “celebrate[s] their important work empowering students with the knowledge and skills to succeed, not only in STEM subjects, but also more generally in life and career.”

# Selectmen continue school budget discussion

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen voiced ongoing concerns regarding the Quaboag Regional School District’s fiscal year 2024 budget.

Town residents voted not to accept the town’s proposed \$110,000 above minimum contribution at the annual town meeting.

As a result, the school district will have no operating budget as of July 1.

The article was voted down after the Board of Selectmen removed the district’s budget from the town’s omnibus budget and presented it as a separate article.

The school district initially proposed a \$1.2 million above minimum contribution from the town, which the Board of Selectmen did not support.

The Board asked for several documents from the school to support their proposed budget.

“We still have not received any of the documents we have requested yet, and we haven’t gotten any correspondence with anybody wanting to meet with us yet from the School Committee,” said Chairman David Dufresne.

He added it is “deeply concerning.”

Vice Chairman Richard J. Eichacker said the Board received “some of the preliminary stuff” back in March.

“I took some of the figures from that and added percentages,” said Eichacker.

He added the above minimum contribution the town is required to pay experienced a 4% increase which he believes “isn’t bad.”

Eichacker said the school is asking Warren for “almost 140% over last year[s]” minimum contribution, and asking West Brookfield “to contribute 150% over last year[s].”

“Overall, they are looking for 18% more for their budget than last year from the two towns which is a gigantic increase,” said Eichacker.

Town Administrator James Ferrera and Dufresne said, according to their understanding, the district has not created a school budget book this year.

According to the budget sheet the district provided in March, the state is “giving them a million dollars more this year than last year... that’s a 12% increase,” said Eichacker.

Dufresne said he believes “a lot of people are confused as to why we are fighting this so much.”

“It’s the transparency...It’s that there are so many questions coming up, and they are asking for such

large numbers which is going to affect the tax rates,” said Dufresne.

He added “if they were to get their 1.2 million dollars, the tax increase would be another 500 plus annually for a home of 250,000.”

“That’s a tremendous impact for people on a fixed income,” said Dufresne.

Eichacker said, “what they are asking for would raise our taxes by 14%.”

After the Board of Selectmen were presented a letter approved by the school district’s legal team two weeks ago inviting the Board to attend a June 5 School Committee meeting, the Board announced they would not attend as they still did not receive the supporting documents.

Ferrera said the town attorney is in the process of processing a Freedom of Information Act request for those documents.

The Board extended an invitation to the School Committee to attend the Board of Selectmen’s June 18 meeting. The Board welcomed any residents and Committee members interested in discussing the school budget to attend the meeting.

As no progress was made regarding the school budget, the Board did not schedule a special town meeting.



Students are shown beside a pan of germinated seeds while collecting data.



Shown is a project completed by a fifth grader to show energy transfer.

## Tenant resident vacancy on Housing Authority

WARREN – The Town of Warren is accepting letters of interest to fill the tenant resident appointment vacancy on the Warren Housing Authority board. If anyone is interested, please write a letter of interest and mail to P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083 or bring it to the Selectmen’s office by June 15.



Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. awarded Quaboag Regional High School students with a grant for a safe post-prom event.

## Quaboag students received grant for post-prom event

WARREN – Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. helped fund a safe post prom event at Quaboag Regional High School this year thanks to his annual grant program, now in its fifth year.

“These events should be times of celebration for our students and their families, but these celebrations can turn into tragedies as we know that life can and often does change in the blink of an eye when alcohol and drugs are involved,” Early said in a press release. “We will continue to offer these funds to help provide students with these fun and safe events. Our goal is prevention

of tragedies before they happen.”

This year, the District Attorney’s office awarded a total of \$25,000 in grants to 18 different schools across Worcester County to fund events, organized and overseen by dedicated adults, that offer safe drug- and alcohol-free environments where students can celebrate after celebratory events like prom and graduation.

Early felt it was vital to continue supporting these programs and is utilizing his Drug Forfeiture Reinvestment Program this year to provide these funds.



Shown is a student project illustrating an example of energy transfer through the food chain.



# obituaries

## Arthur L. Coulombe, 84

CHICOPEE/WEST WARREN – Arthur L. Coulombe of Chicopee and formerly of West Warren, died on Saturday, June 3, 2023, in Bear Mountain at West Springfield, at the age of 84.



He leaves his daughters, Cathleen Tuttle and her husband Daniel of Ware and Jacqueline Beliveau; four grandchildren, Joshua Riberdy and his partner Aiden Walton, Chantal Beliveau, Trevor Yates-Beliveau and his husband Ryan, and Thomas Riberdy and his fiancé Destiny Perez; two great-grandchildren, Talia and Valerie Riberdy; his brothers-in-law, Raymond Breton

and his wife Dee, Dennis Breton, and John Pyzik; his long-time best friends, Dick and Joanne Navin, as well as his special canine companion, his rat terrier, Shadow.

He was predeceased by his wife, Simone (Breton) Coulombe. He was born in Springfield, son of the late Herman and Eva (Lenue) Coulombe.

Arthur graduated from Ware High School, where he was a star football player and held many athletic records. He worked as a sales representative for F & D Tool Company in Three Rivers for over 30 years.

Arthur and Simone would enjoy traveling throughout New England to see the different lighthouses along the sea coast. Nubble Lighthouse in Cape Neddick in York, Maine was one of their favorite visits.

Arthur loved his large family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, where they affectionately referred to him as Grumpy Grampie.

Calling hours for Arthur will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 4-6 p.m. in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ware High Booster Club, 237 West St., Ware, MA 01082.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauafh.com.

## Doreen M. Waz, 73

WEST BROOKFIELD – Doreen Maud (Lemon) Waz, of West Brookfield, died on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston from a long battle with lung cancer, at the age of 73.



She leaves her loving and devoted husband of 54 years, James Waz; two sons, Brian and Michael Waz; four grandchildren, Cole, Hart, Reed, and Elle Waz; her sister, Karin Gauvin, her brother, Raymond Lemon, Jr., and many friends. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Raymond and Ottamay (Croteau) Lemon.

Doreen began her 30-year career in banking as a teller with the former Ware Trust Company. She was part of the transitions and mergers of the company to the Bank of New England, and Bank of America where she grew in her career to become a branch manager and loan officer.

Along with her family, she was a long-time member of the United Church of Ware where she volunteered on committees. She and James were also volunteers and deacons of the Ware Center Meeting House.

She enjoyed feeding and watching the birds around her home, and always had pets by her side. She enjoyed her

## Death notices

**Coulombe, Arthur L.**  
Died June 3, 2023  
Services June 13, 2023

**O'Riley, Richard**  
Died May 31, 2023  
Cebula Funeral Home

**Swiatlowski, Thomas J.**  
Died June 3, 2023  
Services June 9, 2023

**Waz, Doreen M.**  
Died June 3, 2023  
Services June 17, 2023

many trips to the mountains of New Hampshire.

Of all her titles though, her favorite was being Memé. She would always be on the sidelines of her grandchildren's games rooting them on. She adored and truly loved her family and grandchildren.

A Funeral Service for Doreen will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., in Ware. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

## Ware River News OBITUARY POLICY

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## Richard "Dick" O'Riley

WARE – Richard "Dick" O'Riley of Ware passed away peacefully at home on May 31, 2023, at the age of 82.



Dick was predeceased by his son Rob in 2015.

He leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Joann. He also leaves behind his son Sean and his wife Gayle of Acton, daughter-in-law Kerry Sue of Ware and daughter Colleen and husband Rob Mucha of West Brookfield. "Pepe" will be missed by his six grandchildren of whom he was so proud! Shelby and her husband Peter, Spencer, Kara, Griffin, Tyler and Riley. He leaves behind many other close family members including brother and sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews and half-siblings.

Dick graduated from Burlington Vermont High School in 1958 and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He continued to spend as much time in Vermont as possible.

Some of his best stories were re-collections of weekend trips with family and friends; many that included snowmobiling, skiing, canoeing, fishing and hunting in the states' mountains, rivers and lakes. His family has plans

to carry on this legacy by "snipe" hunting in the hills of Vermont next spring.

Dick knew what it meant to work hard and take chances with new ventures. Throughout the years, he established several successful businesses.

Dick was a natural and enthusiastic salesperson. As such, he was skilled in negotiating deals and was often known to "flip a coin" to settle on "his" price with a customer.

His ability to remember faces and names served him well and many will recall his infamous "one-liners". One of his most successful businesses was ROCOSO Used Auto Parts which he operated in Ware for 20+ years.

Dick was extremely grateful that dozens of his employees and customers became lifelong friends.

One of Dick's greatest joys was sharing his love of the outdoors with others. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed a good adventure.

He was proud to have earned his private pilot's license and would take anyone on a flight that was willing to go! He completed his

last skydive when he was 75 years old.

Whether you referred to him as "Pepe," "Uncle Dick," or Mr. "O" there were not too many who didn't have the opportunity to learn or experience something new with him. It usually happened outdoors, and it always included a life lesson you didn't know you needed.

He cherished his family and worked hard to make his friends and his children's friends feel a part of his clan. His family is ever so grateful to have had many wonderful memories of time spent together with all of you over the years.

Thank you for the love, support and epic adventures. As Dick neared the end of his life, he would often say that he had lived his life to the fullest and there wasn't anything that he wished to do that he did not already have the chance to do.

In lieu of flowers or memorial donations, the family is asking that you plan a new adventure and share the love of the outdoors. Nothing would have made Dick happier.

The family will hold a celebration of life in Dick's memory at a later date. Cebula Funeral Home was entrusted with the final arrangements.

For more information and online guest book, please visit: [www.cebulafuneralhome.com](http://www.cebulafuneralhome.com).

## Thomas J. Swiatlowski Sr., 75

GILBERTVILLE – Thomas J. "Tom" Swiatlowski Sr. passed away at his home on June 3, 2023, after a long illness, at the age of 75.

He was born on July 5, 1947, and was a lifelong resident of Gilbertville. He was the son of the late John and Helen (Kosla) Swiatlowski.

A Vietnam veteran, Tom was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968 at the height of the War. He served in Vietnam as a Specialist in Howitzer Battery, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment from September 1968-August 1969.

During his service, Tom received the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for participation in acts of heroism involving conflict with an armed enemy and the Purple Heart for combat-wounded Veterans. He was a member of the American Legion Post 246, the VFW Post 9093, and Disabled American Veterans.

Tom was a 1965 graduate of

Hardwick High School, where he was a member of the baseball team. He spent his career working for the State of Massachusetts as a carpenter at Belchertown State School until its closing in 1992 and then at Glavin Regional Center in Shrewsbury, to retirement in 2009.

He was a member of the former Joseph Pilsudski Association in Gilbertville, which was founded, in part, by his grandfather. He was proud of his Polish heritage. He enjoyed classic cars, walks at the Quabbin Reservoir, NASCAR, the NY Giants, and the NY Islanders.

Tom was a loving father who will be missed deeply by his son and daughter.

Tom is survived by his son Thomas Swiatlowski Jr. and daughter-in-law Tasha who cared

for him with love and devotion until his death, and his daughter Sara Swiatlowski and son-in-law Howard Rappaport, his kidney donor in 2007. He is also survived by his brother Gary Swiatlowski.

Tom will be laid to rest with his parents; a graveside service with Military Honors will be held at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Gilbertville on June 9, 2023, at 11 a.m. Arrangements will be handled by Cebula Funeral Home.

For more information and an online guest book, please visit: [www.cebulafuneralhome.com](http://www.cebulafuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Tom's memory to Disabled American Veterans ([www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)) or a Veteran-focused organization of your choice.



## public safety

### Warren Police Log

During the week of May 14-21, the Warren Police Department responded to 61 building/property checks, 70 community policing, 15 traffic enforcements, two radar assignments, 18 emergency 911 calls, one fire, one burglary, one identity theft, one vandalism, three complaints, three motor vehicle accidents, two animal calls and 33 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, May 14**  
8:09 a.m. Burglary, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed  
12:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed  
2:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Mass Pike, Services Rendered  
6:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
10:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Monday, May 15**  
5:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Main Street, Report Filed  
8 a.m. Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered

9:47 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

**Tuesday, May 16**  
8:18 a.m. Identity Theft, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed  
9:22 a.m. Vandalism, Dean Street, Report Filed  
3:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Warren Road, Citation Issued  
4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Written Warning  
4:08 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Keyes Street, Transported to Hospital  
8:36 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Pleasant Street, Information Taken

**Wednesday, May 17**  
12:25 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, North Street, Citation Issued  
7:20 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, O'Neil Road, Information Taken  
8:21 p.m. Threats, Presidential Circle, Report Filed

**Thursday, May 18**  
12:55 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Crouch Road,

Transported to Hospital  
2:49 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Citation Issued  
8:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
1:44 p.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital  
1:52 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Little Rest Road, Report Filed  
3:36 p.m. Brush and Wildland Fires, Main Street, Fire Extinguished

**Friday, May 19**  
6:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
3:24 p.m. Complaint, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer Advised  
9:26 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered

**Saturday, May 20**  
12:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Town Farm Road, Transported to Hospital

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3:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:02 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Crouch Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:04 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Chapel Street, Referred to Other Agency  
8:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed  
8:35 p.m. Seizures, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital  
8:53 p.m. Faint/Dizziness, Burbank Avenue, Transported to Hospital

### Hardwick Police Log

During the week of May 29-June 5, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 46 building/property checks, 45 directed/area patrols, four traffic controls, four emergency 911 calls, nine radar assignments, two citizen assists, five assist other agencies, three safety hazards, one fraud, one vandalism, one investigation, one motor vehicle investigation, three complaints, three animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, May 29**  
9:52 p.m. Fraud, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

**Tuesday, May 30**  
7:18 a.m. Safety Hazard, Jackson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
10:37 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Main Street, Negative Contact

**Wednesday, May 31**  
1:35 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered  
9:25 a.m. Complaint, Petersham Road, Spoken To  
11:23 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Bridge Court, Officer Handled  
11:22 p.m. Complaint, Broad Street, Services Rendered

**Thursday, June 1**  
9:58 a.m. 911 Misdial, Broad Street, Dispatch Handled  
12:21 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
2:09 p.m. 911

Elevator Call/Alarm, Old Petersham Road, False Alarm  
11:38 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

**Friday, June 2**  
5:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated

**Saturday, June 3**  
11:59 a.m. Assist Citizen, Summit Road, Spoken To  
1:04 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Spoken To  
1:21 p.m. Safety Hazard, Thresher Road, Dispatch Handled  
1:28 p.m. Parking Complaint, Lower Road, Spoken To

**Sunday, June 4**  
9:25 a.m. Vandalism, Upper Church Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
3:08 p.m. Investigation, Lower Road, Officer Handled  
4:08 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Turkey Street, Spoken To  
6:52 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To  
7:05 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled  
11:35 p.m. 911 Misdial, River Run, Services Rendered

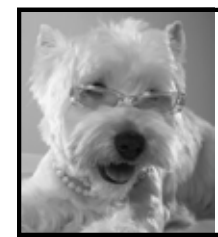
## Ware Lions Club lists upcoming events

WARE – The Ware Lions club will be hosting a poker run on Sunday, June 11, starting at Grenville Park. Registration and instructions will start at 11 a.m. Bring back a poker hand to the Park between 4-5 p.m.; the best hand wins \$100,

\$50 and \$25 gas cards. The annual fireworks will be held on Saturday, June 24 at Grenville Park starting at 6 p.m. with a DJ, local band Never Say Never, children's games and food vendors. Free concerts will also be held

at Grenville Park from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting with The Sixties Experience on July 13. Other dates include Charlie Lask as Neil Diamond on July 20; Wheelsmith on July 27 and Wicked Biscuit on Aug. 3. The Ware Lions Club thanks

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## Paige Memorial Library Summer Reading starts June 27

**HARDWICK** – The Paige Memorial Library summer reading program, “Find Your Voice” starts June 27 with an interactive program featuring Tim Kane Drums.

The Summer Program runs through Aug. 10 with many special events. Participants can register at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, read books, and list the books they have read.

Bring in lists of books read (or listened to for nonreaders) for prizes and projects. There will be a closing presentation on Aug. 10 where special prizes will be awarded as part of the program.

The Paige Library is offering events such as Jay Mankita’s Playful Engineers experience to be held at the Hardwick Elementary School on June 20; Tim Kane Drums on June 27; Music with Darlene Dobische of Germany, a musician and vocalist who grew up in Hardwick, on July 25; Flower Arranging with Sherry Johnson on July 27; and ukelele lessons with Julie Sepanek on Aug. 10.

Fairy House building will also be held in August, and more activities will be announced weekly. All ages are welcome to register and to join in the activities.

For more information visit, call 413-477-6704, or email [directorpaigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:directorpaigelibrary@gmail.com).



## Ware Center Meeting House and Museum lists events

**WARE** – The Ware Historical Society is preparing for another memorable year.

The Society’s purpose is to help protect memorabilia and to help people honor the history of our town and our country. Come to the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum to discover “Ware” you live.

See the display of military uniforms and memorabilia from the Civil War to the present honoring the citizens of Ware who served our country. The Meeting House on the Common is where the local militia trained for the Revolutionary War.

Visit the School Room which houses pictures of the town in past years and also the amazingly perfect miniature model of the Meeting House created by Christopher Novak.

This year is the year of Noah’s Ark and the Ware Center Meeting House museum is pleased to host an amazing collection depicting Noah, his ark, and many, many animals. Many of these are hand-made, but you will be surprised to see rugs, jewelry, lamps, and other items which were created with the theme.

Each year, the Ware Historical Society showcases a special display. Since the Meetinghouse was the Town Hall and the church for early Ware, it is appropriate to show the collection of Noah’s Arks as they were the only toys children could play with on a Sunday. You will be amazed at the many interpretations of the theme.

At this year’s Tree and Wreath festival on Dec 9 and 10, you can take a chance on a large Christmas tree decorated with big (2 inch by 2 inch) Noah’s Ark cookies representing the animals of the ark. Perhaps you will win it?

A new addition to the Museum’s collection is a number of Ware High School yearbooks. Come see if they have your class year or perhaps that of your parents.

See the kitchen from the 1800s and the Ladies’ Parlor

from the Victorian era, where ladies rolled bandages and shared letters during the Civil War. See the doors of the Casino theatre and the piano which was used to play music to enhance the excitement of silent films.

Visit the Sanctuary which was relegated to the upper floor after the 1830s ruling that church and state must be separated. Ring the bell forged by Holbrook, a student of Paul Revere.

Visit the graveyards and appreciate the art work, the epitaphs, and the record of the ages, family associations, and military service of those buried there.

The Meeting House and Museum have much to offer to teach you about the history of Ware.

Tours will be offered on alternate Sundays from 1-3 p.m. Dates include June 25, July 9, July 23, Aug. 6 and Aug. 20. Concerts on the Lawn will be held at 6 p.m. on July 16 with Trio Deschamps and July 23 with Ron Jones and Band.

Watch for news of special events when the Meeting House and Museum open for Old Home Day Aug. 13 starting at 10 a.m., the Grange Fair Aug. 26 starting at 2 p.m., and the Ware Center Meeting House Fair Sept. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

History is important, fun, and worthy of your attention. You will leave with new knowledge of our town and its earlier citizens. You will learn of alligators, a “right Pepper trick”, the fire that almost destroyed the Meeting House, and many more stories.

Join the Ware Historical Society to study and create opportunities to learn and teach about our past. Please join them for a visit or join as a member.

Donations for membership are \$12 per person or \$20 for a family. Donations for tours help to maintain the Museum.

Events at the Museum are special efforts of the Ware Historical Society and the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House. Come join them for historic fun, facts, and folly.



Cub Scout Eileen Flynn cleans a taillight.



Cub Scout Brody Sylvester gets splashed by water.

## CAR WASH good, clean fun for Cub Scouts



Cub Scouts Penny Ouimette and Makayla Boos wash a truck and Assistant Cubmaster Sean Flynn.



Cub Scouts and their families had fun while washing cars this past Saturday



Cub Scouts Brody Sylvester and Jayvian Libby wash a customer's car.

(Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette)

## public notices

### WARREN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 309 SITE PLAN APPROVAL NO. 69

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, Notice is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:15 PM** on the application of Samek Properties, LLC. The Hearing will take place in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room at the Shepard Municipal Building located at 48 High Street in Warren and via digital platform Zoom Meeting.

The Applicant, Samek Properties, LLC, is requesting a Special Permit #(309) and Site Plan Approval #(69) to allow a 60 X 120’ steel building with overhang to house and maintain necessary equipment for operation of sand and gravel pit under Section 3.23.15

of the zoning by-laws in the Town of Warren in the Rural district located at 275 Brimfield Road (Map 30, Lot 04).

A complete copy of the application may be inspected in the Office of the Planning Board or the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend with any comments or concerns.

<https://join.zoom.us> Meeting ID: 869 2706 4530

Passcode: 784772  
Phone # 646-558-8656  
Warren Planning Board  
Derick R. Veliz, Chairman  
06/08, 06/15/2023

**TOWN OF WARE Department of Public Works Legal Notice Invitation for Bids FY 2024 Annual Materials & Services Contract: 05-23 HW**  
The Town of Ware will receive sealed bids for furnishing materials and

services as needed for the yearly period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The bids are for bituminous concrete resurfacing and related work, for various mixtures of bituminous concrete picked up at the plant and for furnishing and applying liquid asphalt.

Specifications and Bid Forms are available at the Town of Ware, Town Manager’s Office, 126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082 and at <http://www.town-of-ware.com/departments/public-works>.

Bids shall be submitted and addressed to the Town of Ware and marked **“FY 2024 Annual Bid for Materials and Services”**. Bids will be received at the Town Manager’s office, 126 Main St., Ware, MA until **11:00 A.M., June 22, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Contractors are required to comply with the Commonwealth of Mass. Department of Labor and Industries Prevailing Wage Rates in

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### Town of Hardwick Conservation Commission Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Meeting will be held for a **Request for Determination of Applicability on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm** at the **Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville**. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Applicant: DCR – DWSP Quabbin Reservoir  
Description of Proposed Work: Gate 43, Hell Huddle Rd improvements  
Location: Gate 43, Hell Huddle Rd.  
Town: **Hardwick**  
Interested parties

may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>.  
06/08/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS23P0350EA Estate of: Michael B. Guzik, Jr. Also Known As: Michael B. Guzik Date of Death: December 17, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christopher Guzik of Ware, MA**. **Christopher Guzik of Ware, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the

Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
06/08/2023

**TOWN OF WARREN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Public Safety / Municipal Complex Feasibility Study**  
The Town is a recent

recipient of a State grant from the Executive Office for Administration and finance to conduct a feasibility study for the purpose of constructing a new public safety/municipal complex. The study will provide the Town with information to analyze the financial costs and potential savings associated with the potential construction of a new complex. The study should help educate the residents on the financial impact the project would have on its taxpayers.

To obtain a copy of the RFP please email Tammy Martin at [accountant@warren-ma.gov](mailto:accountant@warren-ma.gov).

Questions concerning the terms of this RFP, must be submitted in writing by mail, or e-mail to: the Office of the Town Administrator, 48 High Street, PO Box 573 Warren, MA 01083 before 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 or email [townadministrator@warren-ma.gov](mailto:townadministrator@warren-ma.gov). Responses to any such questions will be issued as an addendum to this RFP and will be

mailed or e-mailed to all parties who have requested a copy of this RFP.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Office of the Town Administrator, Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, P.O. Box 573 Warren, MA 01083 on or before 1:00PM, Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Proposals will be accepted until that date and time.  
6/01, 06/08/2023

### LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of Sunny Side Storage LLC, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage units will be sold for non-payment on **Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 10 a.m.** on the premises of Sunny Side Storage LLC, 313 Palmer Rd., Ware, MA (413)967-5888.

Richard Jensen: Unit A-25 & A-26.  
06/01, 06/08/2023

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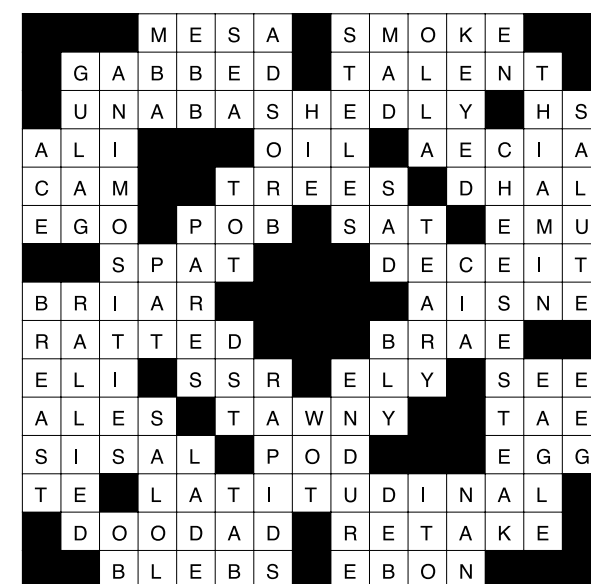
“Massachusetts’ rural and small towns have such an important role to play in our state’s economy and I’m excited to have a true champion of these communities join Team Massachusetts,” said Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao. “Senator Gobi has the knowledge, experience, and passion required to connect with the needs of rural towns and plug these municipalities into our state’s many economic development resources.”

“I am thrilled to take on this important role and grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration for elevating our rural communities,” said Gobi. “While I will miss the Legislature, I look forward to continuing to work for the needs of small towns throughout the Commonwealth as their advocate in state government.”

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