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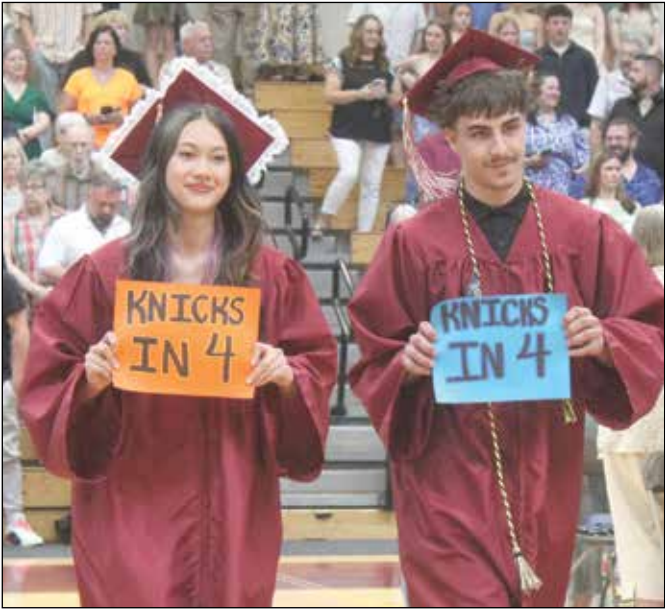
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## CLASS OF 2026



Amara Reis-Kim, left, and Ashton Winders posed with “Knick in 4” signs implying that the New York Knicks would win the NBA Championship in four games.

### 58th Commencement celebrated at QRMHS

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WARREN – It was graduation day this past weekend at Quaboag Regional Middle High School as the community celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2026.

The ceremony was held inside the school gym as 84 seniors were about to walk and be celebrated to conclude their high school careers.

The Pledge of Allegiance as led by Class of 2026 Vice President Madelyn Bagg. The National Anthem was performed by Madison



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
Class of 2026 graduate Olive Moulton is shown during her Salutatorian's Address.

Schreier.

Class Historian Ava Ostrout came up to welcome everyone to the ceremony. Class President Emma Dion came up to give her Class President's Address.

Dion thanked the teachers, staff and friends for all they have done during their high school careers. Dion also recognized the late Principal Casey Handfield for all his support during his time in the Quaboag Regional School District.

Dion reflected on her high school career and wanted to acknowledge a popular saying that is usually said by high school math teacher Mr. Reilly.

“Do what you know how to do.”

Dion will always remember the selflessness that came from her high school as she and her class step into an uncertain future. After six years of being with the same group of people, Dion wanted everyone to celebrate the Class of 2026.

“We made it,” Dion said.

The audience witnessed the musical selection performed by the Quaboag

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### Ware graduates focus on roots, growth

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – Ware Junior Senior High School's Class of 2026 held graduation exercises to recognize the achievements of 63 students this past Saturday morning.

The Ware High School band performed “Pomp and Circumstance” as the soon to be graduates walked into the gym for the last time as students.

Interim Principal Megan Sears said this was a day of celebration, and that each class of graduates was unique.

“Each graduating class has its own story,” she said.

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Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette  
Class President Madisyn Slattery and Class Historian Olivia DiRienzo led the class into graduation exercises

### Quabbin High School graduates 103 students

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BARRE – After holding graduation inside last year due to heavy rain, the Class of 2026 had perfect weather for an outdoor graduation.

Led by the Quabbin Regional High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Color Guard, the 103 students marched out of the front doors of the high school for the last time on Friday, June 5. School Administrators, School Committee members and faculty followed the Color Guard of Logan Bruley, Brody Faucher, Kayleigh Fuller and Jillian LaMontagne.

Leading the soon to be graduates were marshals, Madeleine Boisselle and Ella Reeves.

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Turley Photo by Mary Whitelaw  
Alexis Holden and Aidan Mahoney walked together during the processional.

### ATM approves budget, Quabbin resolution

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HARDWICK – Hardwick held its annual town meeting last Saturday at Hardwick Elementary School, where 134 residents voted on the fiscal year 2027 budget, a Quabbin Watershed resolution, bylaw changes and several transfers.

**FY 27 budget**

Article 12 on the town meeting warrant was for the operating budget. The Finance Committee did not recommend approval of the presented budget of \$7.295 million, which was presented by the Select Board, because it was being funded by two one-time revenues.

Christopher Culross, chair of the Finance Committee said one time revenues should go to free cash and stabilization funds, where the money can be used for capital projects.

Select Board Clerk Zack Spencer said funding the budget with one-time revenue is a standard practice, and the estimates made were conservative. He said the Select Board version of the budget keeps the town under the proposition 2.5 limit.

Select Board Vice-Chair William Tinker said the two one-time revenues

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### Pool design article fails; charter updates OK'd

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WARE – Over 140 voters took action on 34 articles at the annual town meeting Monday night, approving updates to the town's charter, and turning down a motion to fund the design and engineering study for a new pool.

Moderator Kathleen Coulombe gave a history of town meeting in Ware and the commonwealth, and the role it played in the American Revolution.

“Massachusetts town meeting was a fundamental influence on the Declaration of Independence,” she said.

The Massachusetts Government Act banned town meetings, and Ware was one of many towns that ignored the unjust ruling.

**“It's outlived Its life ... it's an accident waiting to happen.”**

- David Moriarty

“I am proud of Ware's upholding this important tradition,” she said.

**Pool articles**  
Article 28 sought fund-

ing for the design and engineering services to replace the Reed Memorial Pool and create a splash pad on that same property. This article appeared on the town meeting warrant again after having been previously voted down.

This time the \$120,000 cost was divided into \$70,000 from the pool's trust fund and \$50,000 from free cash.

Dave Moriarty asked if there were grants available to pay for the cost of the construction for the project, and Town Manager

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### Design plans shared for Cutter Park project

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WARREN – A meeting to discuss the Cutter Park Design Improvement Project was held at the Warren Senior Center earlier this week.

Presenting these plans were Landscape Architect Anja Duffy and Landscape Designer Jeff Taylor of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., who had some plans to share with the public. This group of planners have had meetings with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and have conducted surveys and

talking with neighbors and abutters to the property.

A poster of the new design for Cutter Park was displayed, and the designers were excited to hear what the public thought.

“We're excited to unveil for the first time to the public,” Taylor said.

Off Main Street the plans featured a parking lot within the park itself. The parking lot design idea does feature Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and handicap accessible parking. This plan included two entrances coming into Cutter Park.

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# SB reappoints Veterans' Agent

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WARE – Veterans’ Agent Mark Avis came before the Selectboard to discuss his reappointment to that position.

Avis’ term expired on March 31, and the board delayed his reappointment after board member Valerie Granger said she received complaints about his availability to veterans.

“If someone alerts me to a veteran that needs help, I’m usually right on it,” he said at the June 2 meeting.

Avis said he has about 25 veterans on his rolls currently, but that number can climb as high as 30.

He holds regular office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-noon at Town Hall, and his cell phone number is posted on a notice on his door in case veterans need to contact him outside of these hours. Avis said veterans should leave a message when calling him so he can return their calls.

Avis said he is also in his office throughout the week to check messages, in addition to his office hours.

“I’m in here five days a week usually,” he said.

He said he helps veterans apply for funding and benefits. This includes Chapter 115 benefits, which are given by the town, and reimbursed up to 75% of what is spent.

Avis said he has a high success rate (in the high 90% range) of getting funds back to the town.

Avis said he is not a certified veterans representative but he does help file Veterans Administration claims. He said veterans can go anywhere to receive help to file VA claims, but they must go to their towns for Chapter 115 funds.

Avis is also the town’s Graves Officer and he ensures that military graves have flags on them. He is able to get the cost of the flags completely reimbursed from the state.

“It’s a pleasure working in this town, because they are veteran-oriented,” he said.

Selectboard Chair Josh Kusnierz and member Steven Hawk discussed the possibility of opening a search to fill the Veterans’ Agent position to see if others are interested in applying. After discussion, the board voted 4-1 to reappoint Avis to his position for a term of three years.

### Building demolition bids

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the bids came in for the demolition of 92-104 Main St. The bids came in higher than anticipated due to the potential hazardous materials in the buildings.

He said the town received five bids for the project, and they came in about \$70,000-\$140,000 over the previously allocated budget of \$180,000. He said the town will re-bid the project, as many of the bids did not meet the state requirements.

Beckley said this will add three more weeks to the timeline and they will need to ask for additional funding

at town meeting to meet the increased cost of the demolition.

Beckley said a lien will be placed on the property to recoup the cost of the demolition from the property owner.

### Cannabis HCA review

The Selectboard voted to send a draft Host Community Agreement for proposed cannabis cultivator Telluric Energy, LLC to town counsel for review. If approved, the site would be located on Greenwich Plains Road.

### Board/committee vacancies

There are vacancies on the following boards and committees as posted on [www.townofware.com/board\\_committee\\_seat\\_openings](http://www.townofware.com/board_committee_seat_openings):

250th U.S. Celebration Committee (one seat), ADA Commission (one seat), Agricultural Commission (two seats), Board of Assessors (one seat until next town election), Board of Registrars (one seat), Capital Planning (two seats), Conservation Commission (one seat), Council on Aging (three seats), Development Authority (one seat), Finance Committee (one seat), Open Space Committee (two seats), Planning Board (one alternate seat), Tax Increment Finance Authority (one seat), Youth Committee (three seats) and Zoning Board of Appeals (one alternate seat).

The Selectboard encourages people to volunteer in the community, whether it is their first time, or they are seasoned volunteers.

# Are You Old News?



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).

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 2023 showed Joe Barrows of the Barrows Family Pulling Team – Pulling for a Cause, with his 2000 Chevrolet S10 at the All Wheels Show at Palmer Motorsports Park.

## Ware Senior Center NEWS

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, 413-967-9645, 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 15

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Father's Day/Birthday Party. Music by Memory Lane. Call or stop by on June 12 to be put on the list for the party.

#### Tuesday, June 16

- 9 a.m. Exercise Class at Valley View Housing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-

#### Laugh

- 1-2 p.m. Food Bank of Western MA Mobile Food Pantry at Grenville Park
- 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class.
- 6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

#### Wednesday, June 17

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori

#### Thursday, June 18

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m. Walking Club (weather permitting)
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
- 10 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Art Class

#### Friday, June 19

Closed for Juneteenth

### LUNCHES DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

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#### Monday, June 15

Father's Day/Birthday Party  
Chicken Marsala with Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

#### Tuesday, June 16

Baked Fish, O'Brien Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

#### Wednesday, June 17

Lazy Pierogi with Kielbasa, Dessert of the Day

#### Thursday, June 18

Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Cucumber Salad, Dessert of the Day

#### Friday, June 19

Closed for Juneteenth

## WPS offers Summer Food Program from July 1-31



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WARE – Ware Public Schools is committed to providing our students nutritious food.

Free meals for youth ages 18 and under will be offered Monday through Friday, July 1-31 at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School for congregate eating and at the Municipal Parking Lot on Pleasant Street for to-go.

Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

at SMK. Lunch will be distributed from the Pleasant Street parking lot from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

No meals will be served on July 3. Dates and times are subject to change. No registration or ID is required.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Food Service Department at 413-967-5977. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Town Wide Tag Sale to be held June 20-21

WARE – The Town Wide Tag Sale to benefit the Ware Center Meeting House will be held on Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., either or both days.

Hosted by the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House Inc.,

a nonprofit that owns the Meeting House and runs the tag sale as a benefit for the Meeting House restoration.

The tag sale will be held rain or shine.

A donation of \$20 will list your tag sale on the official map. Sign up at [www.warecentermeeting-house.org](http://www.warecentermeeting-house.org) or mail a check

to WCMH, P.O. Box 1401, Ware, MA 01082 by June 13.

If mailing a check, please include your email, dates you will be selling and the address of the sale.

Maps will be available at the Ware Center Meeting House, 295 Belchertown Road.

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# It's Bug Time at Paige Memorial Library

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HARDWICK – Kids explored the world of bugs as the Paige Memorial Library hosted Bug Time this past week.

The library welcomed Youth Education Coordinator Ellie Shea of the East Quabbin Land Trust to teach kids about insects. The program began with a few stories as Shea read the classic story, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle.

This classic picture book has many educational themes including the life cycle of a butterfly, which some kids hope to find later outside. Shea also read Eric Carle’s “The Grouchy Ladybug”, another insect kids hoped to find when they explored outside of the Paige Memorial Library.

After story time was finished, Shea led the young explorers to the backyard and playground of the Paige Memorial Library.

Kids shared about what their favorite bugs are. The most popular answers were ladybugs, beetles, spiders, and dragonflies.

Shea shared some of the most common areas outside where bugs can be spotted. Bugs can be found under rocks, in grass, trees and on branches.

The group began by looking closely at the grass to see if any bugs appeared. The kids saw ants crawling their way through the grass.

The next spot was one of the maple trees and there were several ants and even spiders crawling their way up and down the tree. Shea noticed how good of a job the kids were doing at observing the entire field and being able to spot and identify various insects.

“They’re showing very good investigation skills,”



Kids worked on a bug craft as part of Bug Time.



Ellie Shea shared some bug facts outside near the Paige Memorial Library.

Shea said.

One of the insect investigators, Colter, was exploring around one of the picnic tables and found three spiderwebs. The children also spotted ant hills on the side of the hill by the library.

The group also spotted a couple caterpillars crawling on one of the trees by the front entrance to the library. Shea mentioned that these

types of caterpillars will later turn into moths.

The Bug Time explorers made their way back into the library and began working on a craft. Kids got to create their own bug drawing with cutouts of construction paper to help shape the bug and past it on a sheet of paper.

There were also insect themed bookmarks kids



As part of the Bug Time program, kids practiced their observation skills to look for bugs outside. The whole group gathered around one of the trees to find bugs that crawl up trees.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

could make while they were crafting.

The Paige Memorial and Gilbertville Public Libraries will be welcoming an Ecotarium program. The event is on Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. at the Town House. To register, call the Paige Memorial Library at 413-477-6704.

The East Quabbin Land Trust will be hosting a Hills

of East Quabbin Ride from Farmer Matt’s, 860 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree. The ride starts on Saturday, June 27 at 9 a.m., registration is \$60. Registration information can be found under the events page at eqlt.org.

The East Quabbin Land Trust is also celebrating the summer solstice with a hike, sunset view, and

Moth Mania. For the hike, RSVP with Ellie Shea at eshea@eqlt.org. For Moth Mania, sign up with Michael Bellefleur at mbellefleur@eqlt.org.

The celebration of the Summer Solstice will take place on Saturday, June 20, at Mandell Hill, 660 Barre Road.

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estimated at \$100,000 each are expected to be received by June 30 of next year, but they are not received yet.

According to Culross, the average one-time revenue to fund budgets per year is \$50,000.

Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said portions of the Finance Committee’s recommendations violate general laws, like budgeting IT expenses for less than the cost in the existing contract. Tinker said the town is supposed to be doing an IT audit soon.

Since the Finance Committee did not recommend approval of the budget, superintendent of Quabbin Regional School District Colleen Mucha said if Hardwick does not pass the budget and the school assessment, and all other four towns in the district did, Hardwick would still have to pay their share of the cost.

An amendment was made

on the town meeting floor by resident Judy Kohn, to only accept the budget for two months, and then come back and vote again. Town counsel said if that happened, the Department of Revenue would not accept the tax rate and the amendment failed.

After a five minute recess, the Finance Committee recommended funding the schools in full, and finding \$41,000 more to cut from the budget. Some residents went through certain line items on the budget looking for places to cut, but Select Board Chair Jeff Schaaf said it was too late for line by line examination, and said he wanted the town to vote for the Select Board budget as presented.

The motion was called to a vote, and the Select Board budget passed 83-25, with all of the Finance Committee and Tinker opposed.

## Quabbin watershed resolution

This article was a resolution in support of

Massachusetts articles S546 and H1042, which would establish a Quabbin Communities Trust Fund. Resident William Zinni, also a member of the Conservation Commission, said the legislation is currently pending, but Governor Maura Healey has set up a conference committee, and if it passes it would create a trust fund of \$35 million annually for the 12 Quabbin border towns, including Hardwick.

Zinni said there is a placeholder number for FY 27 and FY 28 which will give each community \$50,000 each year. Zinni said the bills are being supported by Sen. Joanne Comerford, Sen. Aaron Saunders, Sen. Peter Durant, Sen. Jake Oliveira and Rep. Donnie Berthiaume.

Zinni said another goal of these bills is increased representation on the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Board of Directors.

## Bylaw changes and general law acceptances

Articles 17-23 were general law acceptances or town bylaw changes. Article 17 accepted MGL chapter 44 section 53F3/4 for a public access revenue fund. Article 18 accepted the second paragraph of MGL chapter 60 section 2, which allows the tax collector to abate taxes in certain cases.

Article 19 accepted MGL chapter 59 section 57A which makes a tax bill up to \$100 payable in one installment, and if unpaid subject to the same interest as any delinquent tax.

Article 20 accepted MGL chapter 44 section 54(b), which allows town trust funds to be invested in accordance with MGL chapter 203C, the “prudent investment rule.” Article 21 accepted MGL chapter 64G section 3A, which imposes a 6% excise tax on short term rentals, hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and other lodging in the town.

Article 22 amended the town’s general bylaws to change the cemetery revolving fund from \$5,000 to \$11,500 a year. Article 23 also amended the general bylaws to change the planning board’s revolving fund from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year.

## Library article

Article 25 was a citizen’s petition to allow the town to acquire the Gilbertville Public Library, but the submitter of the article, Cheryl Wolfe, requested to table the article. She said there are two part-time employees who work at the library, totaling \$21,000 a year that the town does not cover. She said the town covers expenses at the Gilbertville library, but the endowment fund ran out.

She said the trustees want to merge the Gilbertville Public Library and Paige Memorial Library into one. Wolfe said the town will get a historic building she estimates is worth \$500,000, and there will be cost savings by

merging.

Wolfe said the trustees will campaign to raise money to keep the library open in the meantime.

## Capital purchase

Article 10 was a capital purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 for \$63,475. The money was transferred from the sewer enterprise fund retained earnings to the sewer enterprise fund.

## All other articles

Every other article voted on passed at town meeting. Many of them were transfers. Article 1 accepted town reports. Article 4 allowed the Board of Assessors to appoint one member to a full-time position.

Article 9 approved the operating budget of the Gilbertville and Wheelwright water pollution control facilities of \$974,161.

Articles 2 and 24 were passed over.

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By Russell Gloor

Why can't I get a lump sum death benefit from my wife?

**Dear Rusty:**  
*My wife passed away in September 2025 at age 64. We had been married for 43 years and started collecting benefits when I turned 62 and she was 63. She did not have enough work credits to claim her own SS and thus collected on my record. SSA told me that I was not entitled to receive the lousy \$255 death benefit because my wife was collecting on my work record. Is this correct?*

**Signed: Grieving Widower**

**Dear Grieving:**  
We extend our sincere condolences on your wife's passing.  
But I must tell you that what the Social Security Administration told you is correct.  
Although we often see assertions that the so-called "one-time lump sum death benefit" is always paid, there are specific rules for when that admittedly small SS benefit is available. And there are also specific rules regarding who is eligible to receive it.  
Essentially, the lump sum death benefit is paid when the deceased person was collecting Social Security retirement benefits or at least entitled to SS retirement benefits. And that one-time lump sum death benefit usually goes to the deceased person's surviving spouse, more on that later.  
But for the death benefit to be paid, the deceased person must have been collecting Social Security retirement benefits or was at least entitled to SS retirement benefits.  
In your specific case, because your wife was not eligible for her own SS retirement benefit and was, instead, just collecting a spousal benefit from your SS record, you unfortunately are not able to collect the lump-sum death benefit as your wife's surviving spouse. So, what you were told by Social Security about this special survivor benefit is, indeed, correct.  
For information, here is a bit more on who can collect the SS death benefit: the one-time lump

sum death benefit is normally paid to the eligible surviving spouse of a deceased person, who was collecting Social Security.  
But if there is no surviving spouse to receive the onetime payment, the death benefit may be paid to someone else who was also a dependent of the deceased. That might be a minor surviving child or a surviving adult disabled child, who was collecting dependent benefits from the deceased person's SS record. In rare cases, a dependent parent may be paid if no other surviving dependents are eligible. FYI, ex-spouses are not eligible for a death benefit from a former spouse.  
The lump-sum death benefit must be applied for by contacting Social Security and the benefit must be claimed within two years of the person's death. You will need to verify your identity and confirm your eligibility for this survivor benefit and you will need to provide other information about the deceased also including a death certificate.  
There is an SSA form to apply for the lump sum death benefit (SSA-8), but calling your local SS office or 1-800-772-1213) to make an appointment to apply for the one-time lump-sum death benefit in person is usually all that is needed.

*The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for information purposes and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the Association Mature Citizens Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. To submit a question, visit [amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory](http://amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at [ssadvisior@amacfoundation.org](mailto:ssadvisior@amacfoundation.org). Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.*

Foxgloves take the stage in June

I came around the corner of the house and to my surprise, the purple foxglove was in flower! Yippee!  
This is just the start of a wonderful sequence of blooms lasting the rest of the month and then some. Read on, straight from the archives to learn more about these unique plants.  
Those of us who favor romantic, old-fashioned flowers have likely devoted some space in our gardens to the common purple foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) or one of its cultivars. This is for good reason, as there are few plants more breathtaking than a foxglove in full bloom. Imagine three to five-foot tall spires of uniquely marked bell-shaped flowers in shades of white, pink, and rose.  
One well-grown plant may yield five or more stalks! Group several plants together for a show stopping display come the end of June.  
Native to western Europe, the common foxglove has had a place in North American gardens since its introduction during colonial times.  
There has always been a mysterious side to foxgloves, due in part to an unusual name and the potent medicine that is obtained from the plant.  
Legend has it that foxglove was derived from "folk's glove," folks referring to the elves and fairies of country lore. Another legend tells that the fox needed magical gloves to steal a chicken or two.  
A less fanciful explanation traces glove to gleow in Old English; a gleow was an ancient musical instrument made of bells suspended from a curved frame.  
In 1785 William Withering, an English physician, published a decade's worth of studies devoted to the use of foxglove as a heart medicine. Although far

too dangerous to be used by amateur herbalists, the drug digitalis was studied at length in the early years of the 20th century and is still prescribed by doctors today for those suffering with certain types of heart disease.



Foxglove are easy to grow in full sun or part shade as long as they are provided with fertile, well-drained soil rich in organic matter. Most species tend to be biennials or short-lived perennials.  
In my garden all types self-sow; leave a few seed heads to ripen if you appreciate volunteers as much as I do. When purchasing foxgloves from garden centers start with a first year plant, nourish it well and enjoy blooms the following year.  
Steer clear of plants already in flower, it is likely they will perish after blooming.  
Of the 10 or so species of foxglove grown today, the most popular are the cultivars of the common foxglove.  
"Foxy" flowers a mere five months from sowing; it is often grown as an annual. Even taller and denser clumps of rose, white or yellow flowers may return in following years. "Giant Shirley" can grow to a whopping nine feet, sporting tightly packed, spotted flowers in rich hues of pink.  
Other cultivars include the all white "Alba," the unusual "Apricot Beauty," and the widely available "Excelsior Hybrids" whose placement of florets horizontally around the five-foot stem makes viewing the unique inner markings of the flowers especially easy.  
There are other more subtle species of foxglove worthy of placement in your garden.  
One of my favorites is the Rusty Foxglove (*Digitalis ferruginea*). Small flowers the color of liquid gold bloom up three to six-foot stems late in the summer.  
Although touted as being a biennial this species has returned for several years in my part shade, moisture retentive location.  
The yellow foxglove is a reliable perennial, shorter than most, only 24-30 inches tall and blooming a soft yellow in early June. This species also prefers part shade and adequate moisture.  
The Grecian foxglove, a true biennial, has grayish flowers, blooming in July up three-foot stems.  
The straw foxglove is relatively new to my garden, blooming happily for the first time last summer. It is the most diminutive flower-wise of any mentioned thus far and it tops off about two and a half feet tall.  
Whether you plant the common foxglove for a show stopping display or settle on one of its more subtle cousins, do give these old-fashioned beauties a place in your garden.  
J.L. Hudson, Seedsman, of Star Route 2, Box 337, La Honda CA, 94020 offers an extensive collection of foxglove seed for sale. Send along \$1 for a very interesting catalog.

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Water access for the future

**By Elizabeth Martin**  
A resilient community is a healthy community, and for good health we need clean water, clean air, and good food.  
Few would argue otherwise, and most of us are used to taking it for granted that our government is somehow or other guaranteeing the quality of these necessities for a healthy life.  
Our Quabbin region serves as a sort of guarantor for the rest of the Commonwealth by conserving large areas of natural forest and open land, and by sending 200 million gallons of water to Boston every day.  
Meanwhile our local water systems are stressed,

and we have no access to Quabbin water ourselves. In the town of New Salem, which borders the reservoir, the town wells recently failed.  
Worse than that, in my view, the Commonwealth's misguided effort to site large industrial battery energy storage facilities and industrial solar installations on rural land endangers the land and the aquifers.  
Water scarcity is an up-coming emergency



around the world as populations increase and cities grow. Boston relies on one reservoir, but New York City requires nineteen reservoirs to supply its water needs.  
In the American southwest the Colorado River supplies water to seven states under an allocation agreement made a century ago. The amount of water allocated turns out to be much more than the amount of water in the river, so groundwater supplements it, depleting the aquifers.  
The area irrigated with this water includes California's Imperial Valley, where most of the vegetables we eat in the winter are

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A Whitney Wins The Belmont

*O lady - why did you come up here -  
And breathe the stuff of New York air?  
Hadn't you heard now in Lexington,  
Our certain chorus or national prediction?  
And not bring North that blue grass horse -  
Who'd cropped the fabled growing grass.  
Who cares anymore that magnolias may bloom?  
Or gracious women still wear flowing gowns -  
In a slower movement, than the world now knows.  
And thoroughbreds with burning desires do grow.  
Your horse was not supposed to go that fast!  
In front of the favorite he went past:  
As if old Monroe were doing a tune -  
Playing his delirious Blue Grass Breakdown -  
The strings in heat vibrating across America -  
The real, for once, will it hear.  
The boys pushing it around the track -  
Whether or not any runners come back.  
Till all over Kentucky they'll be awaltzing again!  
To the summer moon, all hearts bet on.*

- Charles Barnes

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# Selectmen review and vote on year-end appointments

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen reviewed and voted on year-end appointments during their regular meeting on June 4.

Town Administrator James Ferrera said there were some changes in some of the positions as to who is listed and some expiration dates have changed as well.

The board voted to appoint Ferrera to a one-year term as the Americans with Disabilities Act Officer for the town. Ferrera was also appointed as the Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Officer.

The board put a hold on the appointment of William Cantell as the Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Board of Selectmen Clerk Raymond Kopacko said he wanted to hold this appointment to address some written complaints the board received about the Building Commissioner's performance.

After going over on how to move forward with this appointment the board voted on appointing Cantell to a term that expires on July 31 of this year.

### Town Administrator's report

Ferrera shared his report for the month of May. The Annual Town Meeting warrant has been finalized and there is no Special Town Meeting.

The Annual Town Meeting is on Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at the Quaboag Regional Middle High School auditorium at 284 Old West Brookfield Road.

Ferrera said the Annual Town Meeting warrant and omnibus are posted on the community boards, post offices, and on the town's website, [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov).

Ferrera held a project kickoff meeting with Energy Conservation

Inc. and school staff on a new weatherization project at Warren Community Elementary School. The Town Administrator has worked with the Sewer Commissioners on setting fiscal year 2027 sewer rates.

A bid was put out for a new sludge hauling contract. The bid opening will be on June 30 at 1 p.m.

Ferrera attended a meeting with National Grid for storm readiness and storm related needs.

Ferrera participated in the town's annual Memorial Day parade on May 23. Ferrera commented that the entire event went well and thanked everyone who attended.

### Comins Pond public use agreement

The board reviewed the Comins Pond Public Use Agreement, which was submitted by the Parks & Recreation Department. Ferrera said this is an annual public use agreement that the board has to sign on behalf of the town.

This agreement is holding the water district harmless for any liability that happens on Comins Pond when there are park events or public swimming events. The board voted and accepted the agreement.

### Contract items

The board reviewed a contract amendment between the town and Weston & Sampson Engineers for the Main Street Stair Improvement Project. This project is for engineering and consulting services during the installation of the new stairs.

"We have funds available to do this," Ferrera said.

This contract is in the amount of \$11,100. The amendment is due to the town anticipating that the price would be much higher. The board voted and accepted the contract amendment.

The Board of Selectmen discussed a possible execution of a contract between the town and A. Martins

& Sons Construction, Inc. for the Main Street Stair Replacement Project.

Weston & Sampson were the engineering team and went out to bid for the project. The bid came back and was \$75,000. The town does have additional funds that are programmed for this project.

At the next Board of Selectmen's meeting there will be a contract amendment for A. Martins & Sons. There is a recommended change order and additional work including line painting for some of the parking spaces and concrete slabs.

The board accepted the contract with A. Martins & Sons Construction, Inc. for the stair replacement project.

### Maintenance agreement

The board reviewed and approved a maintenance agreement between the town and Bigelow Electric Company for the annual service of the town's generators. Ferrera reached out to a few companies and Bigelow Electric Company was the one who responded.

The company would be servicing all of the generators, eight in total, for \$4,400. This was budgeted at \$8,000.

### Reduced early voting hours

At the request of the Town Clerk, Laurie Stockley, the board discussed the possibility of allowing reduced early voting hours, in person, for the upcoming State and Federal elections on Sept. 1 and Nov. 3.

The Town Clerk is requesting to reduce in-person hours for these two dates. Ferrera said the state allows towns to do this if they have a population of less than 5,000 voters. Warren has 4,115 registered voters.

The board voted and accepted this request.

# Eyes on Owls

Library hosted interactive bird program

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WARREN – The Warren Public Library welcomed guests to witness the Eyes on Owl program this past weekend at the Warren Senior Center.

Naturalists Marcia and Mark Wilson of Eyes on Owls provides a fun and educational live owl program to talk about the various species of owls in New England and the world. This program teaches kids and adults about how to identify owls by sound and appearance and how to protect owls in habitats near you.

Many of the owls Marcia and Mark have were rescued after being either injured or left behind by previous owners.

In addition to owls, the Wilsons had a mystery guest box and the kids who sat up



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago  
Marcia Wilson of Eyes on Owls held a Eurasian Eagle Owl, one of the largest species of owl.

front tried to guess who the mystery guest was. While explaining the habitats of these New England-based owls, Wilson would take questions from the audience.

The first two guests were Eastern Screech Owls, one red and one gray. These owls do not migrate and can sometimes be found living in holes in trees.

Folks can help nesting areas for screech owls by putting out nesting boxes.

A Barred Owl was the next owl to appear in the Warren Senior Center. These owls sometimes get confused with the Barn Owl..

A Barn Owl was also featured in the program, and

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This plan also includes a proposed pavilion/restroom building. Close by is a water feature such as a splash pad.

Also drawn in is a path that goes around the circumference of the park. The lawn area is facing north of the property.

This new plan also features a larger playground feature in the middle of the park. Although these are new contemporary designs, Taylor said they're "not trying to change the entire character of the park."

The idea is to offer greater amenities and features for the residents in town.

Taylor said he did some historical research about Cutter Park. He found out that the mother of the man who donated the property to the town was Eunice P. Cutter, who was involved in

the Abolitionist Movement in the mid-19th Century.

Cutter worked with Abolitionist John Brown out in Kansas to see if it would enter the Union as a free state. With finding this information, Taylor thought it would be a good educational feature to add to the park and highlight the history.

The planners knew drainage and water that runs across the site was an initial concern. The play area would be raised about a foot.

This project could be a multi-phased project based on the funding that is available.

Principal Planner of CMRPC John O'Leary added on to the funding conversation that with the plan completed, the town can "explore potential grant funding sources."

The public made some comments including a neigh-

bor to Cutter Park. The neighbor was wondering what kind of trees would be planted. The idea was to possibly put red maple trees. The neighbor also talked about a sand feature he used to work on, but sometimes gets overgrown with weeds where woodchips would be put in.

As for surfacing of the play area, the playground is mostly solid rubber. The walking paths mentioned would also be handicap accessible. There will be some future maintenance costs, but these new features to the park are something worth maintaining, according to the public who attended the meeting.

Many expressed that a pavilion would be a good addition to Cutter Park. The public thanked Duffy and Taylor for their presentation.

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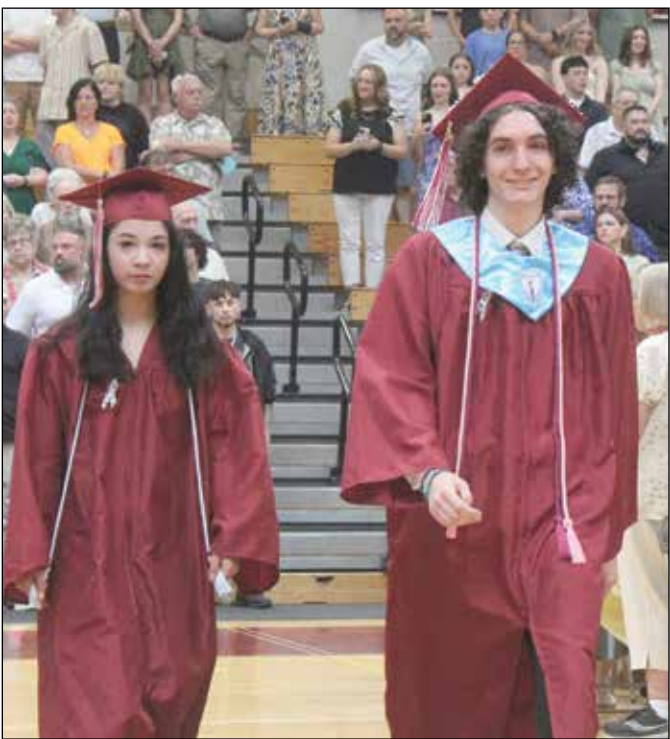
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The Quaboag Regional High School Class of 2026 threw their caps in the air during the school's 58th Commencement.



Saharah Ackerman, left, and Madic Andreoli made their way during the processional of the 58th Quaboag Commencement.



Isaac Cowher and Ashton Winders showed off their diplomas.



Madeline Dufresne is shown with her parents, with flowers and diploma in hand.



Haylee Nash, left, is shown next to friend Karl Prosser after the graduation ceremony was complete.



Class Treasurer Madeline Potvin, left, and Class Historian Ava Ostrout made their way through the school gymnasium during the procession of the graduation ceremony.

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Singers, which includes graduating seniors for one final time. The Quaboag Singers performed “Time After Time” by Rob Hyman and Cyndi Lauper.

Superintendent Stephen Duff came up for his Superintendent’s Address. Duff thanked everyone who made this ceremony possible, as well as town officials, Police and Fire/EMS for their continuous support of the school community.

Duff said it was a pleasure watching the seniors grow during their time at Quaboag. His inspiring words included, “treat people with respect, value them, even if you don’t agree with them.”

Also, “remain dedicated, and hardworking.”

The keynote speaker for this year’s graduation ceremony was Patrick Downes, who has a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from William James College. During his speech, Downes asked the graduating class an important question for them to think about.

“What is the meaning of your life at this point?” Downes asked.

Downes talked about how he thinks that people are best when they’re together and people should try to make other people’s lives better. Downes told the Class of 2026 to “be motivated by your compassion for others.”

The Quaboag Regional Wind Ensemble performed “Spring Will Come Again” conducted by Quaboag Music Teacher James Joinville.

The first senior speaker to speak was Salutatorian Olive Moulton. She talked about how earlier this week she learned that the Class of 2026 had a 100% graduation rate.

It amazed Moulton that everyone found their motivation to make it through high school leading up to their graduation day.

After everything that Quaboag has taught them, Moulton said she and her class “now have the opportunity to be the source of inspiration for someone else.”



Shyloh Peter wore medals during the graduation ceremony.

The Valedictorian for this year’s graduating class was William Lopes who is planning to attend Boston College. Lopes talked about the exact amount of time spent in high school, which was 6,000 hours in total.

Lopes said, “we spent those hours here”, and Lopes reminded his classmates that “your time matters.”

Class Advisors Aimee Lamoureux and Michelle Zawalski read the names of the graduates during the presentation of diplomas. The turning of the tassel was led by Class President Emma Dion, Class Vice President Madelyn Bagg, Secretary Landon Hogan, Treasurer Madeline Potvin, Historian Ava Ostrout, Student Advisory Council Hayssa Freitas and Student Advisory Council Evangeline Iwaniec.

The Class of 2026 tossed their caps in the air as the recessional music “Landslide” by Fleetwood Mac was playing in the background.



Camden Olivo was waiting for his name to be announced prior to receiving his diploma.



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
Valedictorian William Lopes is shown alongside his mother holding up his diploma.



The Quaboag Singers performing “Time After Time” by Rob Hyman and Cyndi Lauper.



Superintendent Stephen Duff presented a diploma to Naiihly Peter.



Kyle Withers posed with his diploma outside the high school.



Former Quaboag Vice Principal Anthony Cacace presented a diploma to Jacob Cacace.



Quaboag Director of Facilities Marc Astrella, left, presented a diploma to Emma Astrella.



Patrick Downes was the keynote speaker for this year’s graduation ceremony at Quaboag Regional High School.



Brady Guimond and Jack Gaudreau walked out of the Ware Junior Senior High School gym as graduates of the Class of 2026.

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Sears said that all the graduates earned success, despite facing challenges and obstacles along the way. “I see young people who moved forward even though the path was not easy,” she said. “Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your journey.”

Sears also recognized the people who have supported the students on their path to graduation, from school staff, to families and friends.

Class President Madisyn Slattery said that each graduate’s life is like a garden, and they cannot control what others throw in them. Some will throw flowers, but others will throw dirt.

“Throughout high school I saw people become sunlight in your life and others become weeds,” she said.

Slattery spoke about the importance of getting to know someone, rather than making judgments about them.

“Sometimes they hear your name before they ever hear your heart,” she said.

She said her experiences through high school have made her garden grow stronger roots, to handle anything that is thrown its way. She realized the negative moments have shaped her just as much as the positive.

Slattery thanked her family for supporting her and being there for her through it all.

“Families are the soil of every garden,” she said. “My parents have been both the water and sunlight in my life.”

She said there weren’t enough words to describe how grateful she is for her parents’ love and acceptance,



Lillian Aldrich smiled to her family as she prepared to graduate.

or to describe how proud she is to be their daughter.

“They never treated my passions like weed,” she said.

Slattery thanked the “pollinators” or school staff and faculty who made sure students had everything they needed to succeed.

“We’re all different kinds of flowers, different roots... somehow, we all grew beside each other,” she said to her classmates. “Keep growing – grow wildly, grow courageously.”

Class of 2026 Valedictorian Sophia Rheume talked about her high school experience, and putting things off until the last minute.

“I might not be the best example to follow,” she said jokingly. “I definitely chose the chaotic route.”

Rheume said it’s important to learn to manage your time and continue working toward your goals, even when life becomes hurried or stressful.

“We can all look forward to the future, not with apprehension, but with excitement,” she said.

One of Rheume’s biggest supporters throughout high school was her close friend and Salutatorian Maia



Chase Lyons and Amani Johnson prepared for their graduation exercises.



Troy Dufresne and Ryder Cahalan walked into the gym for graduation exercises.

Lamothe, who said she struggled with taking care of herself, and comparing her success to that of others.

“I spent every waking moment measuring my self worth,” Lamothe said.

Lamothe said while she excelled academically, she was not good at taking care of herself and became overwhelmed by stress. She noted the importance of taking time to be yourself, and to pause and reflect.

“Sometimes I allowed myself to be a normal teen and live in the moment,” she said. “There is a difference between trying your hardest and tearing yourself apart.”

Following the speeches, Sears handed out diplomas to each graduate, while Assistant Principal Ivy Peritz called them to the podium. After all of the graduates received their diplomas, Wood conferred the Class of 2026 and the graduates walked out to their class song, “Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)” by Green Day.

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Class of 2026 Valedictorian Sophia Rheume gave her speech.



Mariah Rosa decorated her cap with flowers.



Isabella Cotaj and Daniel Ramirez walked through the gym during graduation.



Zachary Labroad entered the gym for the last time as a high school student.



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Stuart Beckley said they had applied for an Environmental Protection Agency grant, but the town did not receive it.

Beckley said the town’s grant application would be more competitive with a completed design for the project.

Moriarty said the town was “putting the cart before the horse” with this article, and that the demolition of the existing pool and bathhouse needed to happen first.

He said the pool had been closed for eight years and that it poses a safety risk to residents.

“It’s outlived its life...it’s an accident waiting to happen,” he said.

Kevin O’Regan said replacing the pool is a matter of prudent planning for something that’s “very important to the town.”

“We have to start somewhere,” he said.

O’Regan said the design will show what is possible in terms of the scope of the project, whether it be replacing the pool, adding a splash pad, or just opting for one or the other.

Liz Cygan agreed with O’Regan, and voiced concerns about the rising temperatures of the summer months, and the importance of swimming to the town’s youth.

Denis Ouimette said the first estimate to replace the pool was over \$3 million, and now that cost could be more than \$4.5 million.

Others agreed that the cost of the project, and the design, were too much and not a good use of the town’s resources, including free cash.

David Gravel said he was in support of a splash pad, and that a pool was “an extraordinary expense that we can’t afford.”

Gravel motioned to amend the article, removing “replacement of the Reed Memorial Pool” from the design and engineering services, and focusing solely on the splash pad. His motion would still utilize \$50,000 of free cash for the expense.

Parks Commissioner Ken Higney said the \$70,000 from the trust fund could only be used for the pool, and he recommended against the amendment, which would limit the scope of the project.

“We would be able to see a design for everything, and the town would pick and choose what they want,” Higney said.

Martha Klassanos agreed with Higney that the amendment would not be beneficial and she spoke in support of keeping the original motion to include the pool.

She said engineering costs, like all others, will only increase in the future if the

town decides to pursue the pool replacement.

“We should have the whole thing planned and engineered out...then pick and choose,” Klassanos said.

The amended motion failed to pass, with a vote of 30-103. The original motion also failed to pass with a vote of 49-58.

Frank Bateman made a motion to reconsider the article, but this motion also failed by a vote of 52-62.

Article 29, seeking \$175,000 from free cash to pay for the cost of the pool and bath house demolition, was dismissed as the town’s Department of Public Works would be able to complete the work in-house, pending environmental review and permitting.

Interim DPW Director Ken Calder said demolition could begin late-summer or early-fall, depending on the review and permitting. “Once that’s all done our crews can go in,” he said.

Charter amendments

Article 19 asked voters to approve revisions to the charter as recommended by the Charter Review Committee.

The committee has spent the past two years meeting with departments, boards, committees and residents to review proposed changes, which include reflecting cur-

rent practices of management, updating regulations and removing obsolete information.

The revisions also include the permanent lowering of the town meeting quorum from 100 to 80, and language about electronic voting.

Other changes include renaming the Finance Committee the Advisory Committee, adding the position of Human Resources Director and adding the Americans with Disabilities Act Commission.

“Board of Selectmen” and “Selectmen” were updated to reflect the board’s previous name change to Selectboard.

Gender-specific language was also updated and replaced with job title-specific language.

Jesse Barnaby argued against the removal of gender-specific language in the charter and was removed from town meeting after he continued to speak without being recognized by the moderator.

Article 19 passed with a vote of 98-43.

Employee bathrooms

Article 25 approved the design and construction of two restroom facilities for town employees; one at the Parks Department office and the other at the Water Plant on Barnes Street. The project

would require \$30,000 from free cash and \$60,000 from Water Retained Earnings.

Beckley said the employees have gone many years without convenient restroom facilities.

Bateman expressed concern about the use of free cash at the town meeting, which he said is almost halfway gone.

Ken Willette, Selectboard and Finance Committee member, said this was the first time in 13 years that the town has had to turn to free cash. He credited Beckley for establishing financial management plans to keep the town’s budget balanced.

Willette said the budget has a “thunderstorm on the horizon,” despite this.

He said they looked at all available funding sources for the employee restrooms, and the Finance Committee supported the use of free cash for the article.

Article 25 passed with a vote of 106-17.

FY 27 budget

Voters approved the fiscal year 2027 budget that totaled \$40,610,400. Beckley noted that the budget will maintain current services and will not cut staffing.

The budget uses 35% of the town’s \$2.5 million in free cash, which is on track with the town’s financial policies,

even though this use of free cash has been avoided for over a decade.

All alcoholic beverages license

Voters approved article 20 by a vote of 113-3 to allow It’s Wine O’clock, 164 D West St., to receive an additional all alcoholic beverages license, allowing the business to sell liquor products in addition to wine and malt.

Many spoke in favor of this article, noting the owners are residents of the town, and give back through various fundraisers to benefit the Ware Library and the restoration of the Town Hall.

Quabbin Reservoir resolution

Article 33 asked voters to support the resolution requesting additional funding and representation for the Quabbin region by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. This would reconfigure the payment in lieu of taxes agreement to better reflect the true value of the land stewardship around the Quabbin Reservoir.

This article passed unanimously.

Other articles

All other articles passed, with articles 6, 22, 24, 26 and 34 being dismissed.



The Barn Owl has dark brown eyes that appear to be all black.



Marcia Wilson is shown with a Barred Owl, which was rescued.



Mark Wilson talked about the American Kestrel he was holding.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

# Eyes on Owls



Marcia Wilson is shown with two Eastern Screech Owls during the Eyes on Owls program at the Warren Senior Center.

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guests adored the color of its feathers. Barn Owls have dark brown eyes and are owls that hiss and scream rather than hoot.

The mystery guest wasn't an owl at all, it was an American Kestrel, the

smallest and most common falcon in the North America.

Mark said, while holding the American Kestrel, that these adorable birds are endangered nationwide. This is caused by habitats being lost or destroyed in many areas.

Earlier in the program, kids learned about how owls are nocturnal. The American Kestrel is not nocturnal and doesn't hunt at night. The Wilsons gave the kids a quiz and a lot of them knew that this small falcon bird is not nocturnal.

The next owl to appear is the Great Horned Owl, a common owl that nests in New England. This owl

will eat rabbits, woodchucks, squirrels, mice, and others. Or as Marcia put it, "eat anything if they're hungry enough."

The audience tried to guess where the owl's ears are on their body. The ears are next to the eyes.

In addition to being a nature educator Mark is a wildlife photojournalist, who is the author of several owl books. His published works include "Owling: Enter the World of the Mysterious Birds of the Night", and a book on snowy owls called "The Snowy Owl Scientist".

The last guest was a Eurasian Eagle Owl, one of the largest owls in the world

and are not native to New England. Mark said this owl will stare at you and "stares through you."

This breed of owl's wingspan can be over five feet long. The Eurasian Eagle Owl can exceed 60 years of age in captivity.

Many guests asked questions about how to protect these owls. The Wilsons mentioned that one of the issues for owls is rodenticides. These are pesticides designed to kill rodents, but are highly toxic towards wildlife, including birds.

For more information on Eyes on Owls, visit [www.eyesonowls.com](http://www.eyesonowls.com).

A Great Horned Owl likes to observe its surroundings.

## PTO hosts summer 5K and family festival

WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Elementary School PTO is

hosting a summer 5K and family festival on Saturday, June 20.

The event will include a 5K, a fun run for kids, family games and activities, food trucks, vendors and more.

The PTO is looking for sponsors to help make this event memorable for everyone. In return, sponso's logos will be placed on runner's T-shirts.

Sponsorship tiers include bronze \$100, silver \$200, gold \$300, diamond \$1,000. If you are interested in being a sponsor or a runner please email [wbroadfieldpto@gmail.com](mailto:wbrookfieldpto@gmail.com)

Proceeds of the 5k event go to the nonprofit WBES PTO to fund a variety of student events throughout the year.

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grown. It also includes the cities of Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Tucson and Salt Lake.

Thinking ahead, considering the people who will live here in Central Massachusetts long after we're gone, requires that we take responsibility for protecting our rivers, ponds, and aquifers from pollution and depletion; for protecting the forests that hold the soil in place, filtering rainwater and snowmelt and refreshing the air; and for protecting our local farmland for access to healthy food.

We are fortunate to have people and local organizations that are devoted to conservation of the land. Let's support their efforts and create a resilient community for now and for the future.



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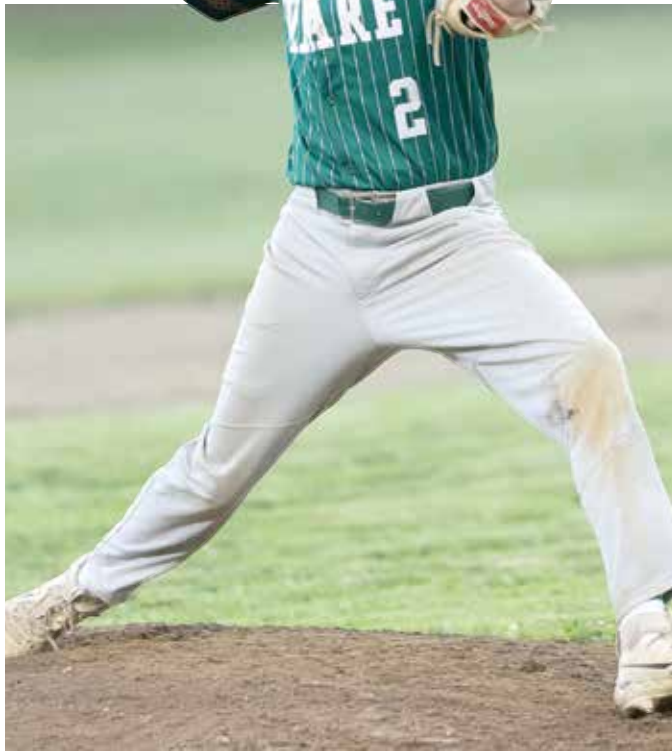
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Brady Guimond sends a pitch home.

## Indians edged out of state tourney

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—The end of an era.  
The seniors listed on the Ware varsity baseball roster have been teammates for many years. They were hoping to make one final run together in the Division 5 state tournament.  
The 12th-seeded Indians postseason journey lasted just one game, as they suffered a 1-0 heartbreaking loss to the 21st seeded Keefe Tech Broncos in a round of 32 contest held at St. Joe's Park in Thorndike on June 1.  
"I've been playing baseball with my friends forever and I'm very sad that I won't be teammates

with them anymore," said Ware senior catcher Kyle Kaczuwka. "Baseball has always been my pride and joy. I've loved being a member of this team."  
The other six Ware seniors, who graduated on June 6, are Troy Dufresne, Brady Guimond, Brodie Koczur, Jack Gaudreau, Alex Orszulak, and Marek Luongo, who was the team manager.  
"There aren't very many schools our size that have a bunch of talented senior athletes," said Ware interim head coach Shawn Clark. "They just love playing the game of baseball and we're going to miss those guys a lot."

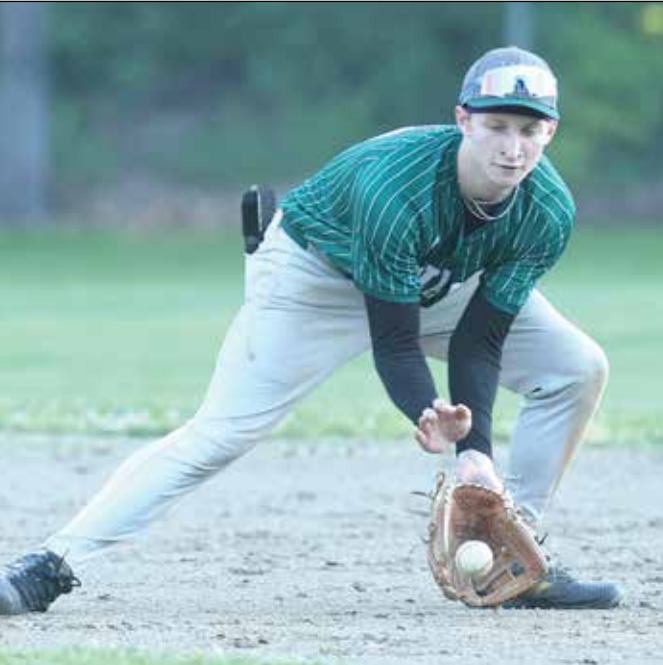
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Brodie Koczur tries to run down a baserunner.



Troy Dufresne connects on a hit.



Logan Millet fields the grounder.



Alex Orszulak brings in a pickoff throw.



Turley photos by Jeffrey Haynes  
Ella Reeves soars through the air in the long jump.



Zachary Thompson, center, dashes for the finish line as the crowd cheers the racers.



Hemily Halaby gains speed in the 100-meter race.



John-Paul McDuffie launches himself in the long jump.

## Unified track holds final home meet

BARRE – On May 28, the Quabbin Regional High School Unified Track team

held their final home meet of the season, concluding another excellent season for

the program. The unified program will be back this fall with basketball.



Sam Breault turns into her throw of the shot put.



Honour Michael smiles as he nears the finish line in the 100-meter race.



Arianna Fargnoli runs the 800-meter race.



Kenneth Abram heaves the shot put.



Janelle Hutchinson hurls the javelin.

## Newest Hall of Fame class announced

BARRE – Four athletes, two coaches, an outstanding contributor and a pair of championship teams will be honored at the eleventh induction ceremony of the Quabbin Athletic Hall of Fame to be held on Nov. 7 at Teresa's Restaurant in Ware.

Dating back to the first induction held in 2006, this will bring the total number of honorees to 82.

The individual inductees include Louis Panaccione ('75), Eugene Rich ('95), Matthew Brunelle (2008), and Steffany Halfrey ('15), coaches Cheryl Adams (golf) and Debra Spinelli (field hockey, basketball), and athletic director/contributor Ted Gumula. In addition, the 1979 District champion field hockey team and the 1998-99 District champion and State Finalist boys basketball team will also be honored.

Here is a profile of the first four inductees:

**Louis Panaccione**  
(Class of 1975)

Louis Panaccione was one of the most outstanding cross country runners in the early history

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Caleigh Foley sends a quick pass away.



Jenna Kalwa settles the ball.



Kendall Bodak, of Monson, tries to settle the ball.



Rachel Marchini winds up for a free kick.

Busy schedule continues for Mutiny

LUDLOW – The New England Mutiny continues double duty, playing in both the UWS and USL-W leagues. Last week, they were in action for two games, facing both the Maine Mystics in a UWS game, then followed that with a USL-W game against rival AC Connecticut. Neither final score was reported. The Mutiny were in action earlier this week against Hudson Valley and next face the Maine Footy on Saturday, June 13.



Laci Lewis turns play around.



Bella Meadows gets the stop.



Kayleigh Lukasik rears back for a touch.

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Tri-County Baseball season opens up

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORN DIKE — PeoplesBank has captured the Tri-County League championship title the past twelve years.

Teddy Bear Pools and Spas and the St. Joseph’s Saints are two of the TCL teams looking to end the PeoplesBank dynasty this summer.

The first meeting of the regular season between the two squads was an old fashion slugfest.

Teddy Bear Pools pounded out 17 base hits leading to a 12-6 victory over the Saints at St. Joe’s Park, last Friday night.

“It’s always a lot of fun whenever we play against St. Joe’s, especially at this field,” said Teddy Bear Pools player/coach Ryan Magni. “We had trouble scoring runs last year, but we did the job offensively, which made the difference in tonight’s game.”

The road win improved Teddy Bear Pools record to 2-0. Before moving to Teddy Bear Pools, Magni played eight seasons for St. Joe’s. His brother, Brandon, is listed on the Saints roster, but he didn’t play in last Friday’s game.

“I played eight seasons for St. Joe’s,” Magni said. “I’m still friends with a lot of their players.”

One of those players is St. Joe’s player/coach Brian Hayes.

“Ryan and I are good friends,” Hayes said. “We talked on the phone for an hour earlier today. I also have a batting cage at my house that he uses.”

St. Joesph’s entered the home game with a 3-0 record.

The winning pitcher was Matt Drobiak, who graduated from South Hadley High School. The righthander allowed four runs on six hits in the first four innings. He walked one and struck out one.

“In the Tri-County League, a starter only needs to go four innings to be the winning pitcher,” said Magni, who pitched the final three innings to earn the save. “Matt pitched very well in tonight’s game. I also coached him at Holyoke Community College the past two years.”

Magni, who began last Friday’s game at second base and had two base hits, took



Matt Drobiak delivers a pitch home.

Trey Yesu pitches for St. Joe’s.

over as the baseball coach at HCC in 2022. He isn’t going to return to that position next spring.

Drobiak had a 3-0 lead to protect before throwing his first pitch in the bottom of the first inning.

Teddy Bear’s first three runs against righty Jack Feltovic scored on RBI singles by catcher Willie Landman (3-for-5), third baseman Ramon Jimenez (3-for-4), and centerfielder Xavion Maldonado, who also

finished the game with three base hits.

Feltovic worked the first three innings. He was replaced on the mound by Trey Yesu, who was the ace of the Bridgewater State University pitching staff during the past couple of years. Yesu graduated from Monson High School.

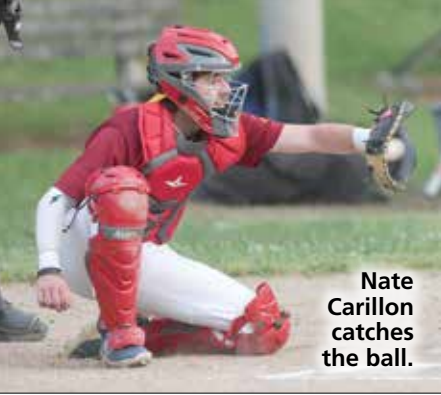
The home team responded in the bottom half of the opening frame with a double by centerfielder Pat Fitzgibbons (2-for-4), which scored shortstop Devin Slattery, who leadoff with a single to left.

Slattery, who graduated from Ware High School, was named as the Tri-County League MVP last year. He led his team with three base hits against Teddy Bear Pools.

The visiting team put two more runs on the right field scoreboard with two outs in the second inning.

Shortstop Ray Toth, who graduated from Granby High School, doubled home the first run. He scored when Jimenez blasted a triple to right field.

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Nate Carillon catches the ball.



Ryan Magni makes an off-balance throw.



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Ramon Jimenez fields a grounder.



Dillon Slattery, of Ware, picks up a ground ball.

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Guimond, who was the Indians starting pitcher against the Broncos, along with Koczur, Gaudreau, Orszulak, and Kaczuwka were selected to Suburban West League All-Star team.

“I’m very glad that five of our players were selected to the League All-Star team,” Clark said. “I really enjoyed coaching them.”

Dufresne should’ve been selected to the All-Star team, but he wasn’t chosen by the other league coaches.

The seniors were also teammates in other sports during the school year.



Kyle Kaczuwka winds up for a throw down to second.

Last fall, the trio of Luongo, Dufresne, and Orszulak were members of the Indians football team, while Kaczuwka, Koczur, and Gaudreau were teammates on the boys’ soccer team.

Guimond was a key player on the boys’ basketball team this past winter, along with Orszulak, Koczur, and Gaudreau, who became a member of the elite 1,000 point club.

Koczur will be attending Bridgton Academy in the fall and is planning to join the Springfield College baseball team in two years.

The Indians baseball team played their home games at St. Joe’s Park this spring while Memorial Field was being refurbished. The returning players are looking forward to playing home games in Ware again next year.

“Memorial Field is supposed to be ready next year,” Clark said. “We’re really looking forward to playing

our home games at that field again.”

One thing that the Indians baseball team won’t have to deal with at Memorial Field is having to wait for the sun to set before starting a game.

The Indians, who finished the 2026 campaign with an 11-11, won seven of their games at St. Joe’s Field.

The only other visiting team to post a shutout against the Indians at St. Joe’s was Hopkins Academy.

Keefe Tech (11-8), who advanced to the Elite 8, received an outstanding pitching performance from senior righthander Joey Secatore in the round of 32 game.

Secatore, who only allowed one base hit, retired the first ten batters that he faced. He recorded nine groundballs, including five comebackers, and one strikeout.

“He threw a lot of off speed pitches, and we couldn’t square them up,” Clark said. “It just wasn’t our night offensively.”

The visitors from Framingham took a 1-0 lead against Guimond

by scoring an unearned run with two outs in the third inning.

Secatore began that frame with a walk. Junior catcher Will DeVeau followed with a line-drive single into center field. The next batter grounded into a 4-6-3 double play. Guimond couldn’t record the third out before junior first baseman Jariel Torres hit a flyball that was misplayed by the leftfielder and Secatore crossed the plate.

The Broncos had a single and a walk in the next inning before Guimond retired eleven batters during the final 3 2/3 innings of the game.

With one-out, Dufresne walked before stealing second base. Then Kaczuwka reached first base following a fielding error by the third baseman. After the next batter hit a comebacker, Orszulak drew another walk, which loaded the bases. Then Secatore ended the threat with a strikeout.



Owen Breuer received his diploma.



Quabbin Regional High School's Class of 2026 walked out of the school for the last time as students.



Aaron Bodine and Emily Black smiled after the graduation exercises ended.

# Class of 2026 announce future plans

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Class of 2026, 800 South St., announce their future plans. The 103 graduates, 45 will attend a four year college or university and 27 at two year community college. Four will enter the military with two in the U.S. Air Force, one in the U.S. Navy and one in the Army National Guard. Nine will attend a post graduate program with three of those in the Quabbin Regional School District Post Grad program. Ten will enter the work force and eight plan a gap year. Here is a list of the graduates and their future plans.

|                             |                                      |                               |                                     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Adam Henry Adams            | Worcester State University           | Collin Joseph Lindley         | Merrimack College                   |
| Owura Danquah Ankoma-Mensah | University of New Haven              | Isabel Mae Lindquist          | Work Force                          |
| Michael Lawrence Atkins     | Post Graduate Training               | Julianna Rikki Lindsten       | University of Massachusetts Amherst |
| Carly Rae Beaton            | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Rosilyn Olivia Lyden          | Framingham State University         |
| Tyler Hess Belden           | Framingham State University          | Saige Luis Magnan             | Work Force                          |
| Emily Carol Black           | Nichols College                      | Aidan William Mahoney         | Bridgewater State University        |
| Aaron Steven Bodine         | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Madalyn Road Malcolmson       | Mount Wachusett Community College   |
| Trevor James Boissoneau     | Work Force                           | Milo P. Malcolmson            | Gap Year                            |
| Olivia Grace Breault        | Lasell University                    | Grace Elizabeth Manna         | Bryant University                   |
| Owen Michale Breuer         | University of Massachusetts Amherst  | Elizabeth Priscilla Matheson  | Northeastern University             |
| Branden Steven Brooks       | Quinsigamond Community College       | Hunter Rose McQuestion        | University of Maine                 |
| Tricia Marie Bruso          | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute     | Gabriel Charles Miller        | United States Navy                  |
| Troy Edward Budreau         | Eastern Kentucky University          | Gabriela Xiomara Molina       | Mount Wachusett Community College   |
| Bailey Lauren Burke         | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Virginia Rose Morin           | Collective Academy                  |
| Brendan Thomas Carleton     | Southern Maine Community College     | Tyler James Norling           | QRSD Post Grad program              |
| Alexander David Carroll     | Maine College of Art and Design      | Salem Marie O'Brien           | Quinnipiac University               |
| Micah Boyd Cerezo           | Syracuse University                  | Luis Y. Pagan                 | Army National Guard                 |
| Addison Nicole Christiansen | Westfield State University           | Adrian William Russell Parker | University of Massachusetts Amherst |
| Jillian Irene Christiansen  | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | Garrett Joseph Pease          | Mount Wachusett Community College   |
| Jennah Caroline Ciccarelli  | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Amauri James Perez            | United States Air Force             |
| Kylee Brenna Costello       | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Sabrina Mattia Perry          | Mount Wachusett Community College   |
| Trace Lee Davin             | The Peterson School – Electrical     | Jaymeson Wyatt Pina           | Work Force                          |
| Annabella Rose DiMartino    | University of Massachusetts Amherst  | John Eugene Proctor           | Work Force                          |
| Mia Leigh Ducos             | Skidmore College                     | Parker Joseph Proulx          | University of Massachusetts Amherst |
| Kalina Jane Dyer            | Clarkson University                  | Anthony Joseph Quartarone     | Worcester Vocational Night School   |
| Alyssa Madeline Ebert       | University of Maine                  | Quin Edward Reynolds          | EMT Training                        |
| Garrett Lloyd Erickson      | Elizabeth City State University      | Madeline Anne Rigney          | Westfield State University          |
| Sadie Fjeld                 | Gap Year                             | Brooke A. Roseberry           | Mount Wachusett Community College   |
| Joseph Michael Flynn        | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Aaron Christopher Rowell      | Worcester State University          |
| William Dolan Fowler        | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Lindsey Frances Ryan          | Mount Wachusett Community College   |
| Aiden John Fuller           | Clark University                     | Wesley Robert Sanderson       | Curry College                       |
| Ava May Gilman              | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Eric Roland Serrano           | Curry College                       |
| Jordyn Alexander Guilderson | Great Bay Community College          | Lia Kendall Sherblom          | Mount Wachusett Community College   |
| Hemily Briana Halaby        | QRSD Post Grad program               | Noah Raymond Sinclair         | Work Force                          |
| Madeline Elizabeth Hardy    | Gap Year                             | Emmalise Michal Skagerlind    | Clark University                    |
| Adelaide Beatrice Harmon    | Syracuse University                  | Allison Nicole Sprankle       | American Medical Response Program   |
| Emma Elizabeth Harrington   | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Madelyn Rose Stauder          | University of Massachusetts Amherst |
| Ian Miller Haupt            | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Chase Richard Talbot          | Gap Year                            |
| Alex L. Holden              | Gap Year                             | Maxwell William Ure           | Work Force                          |
| Austin Michael Holmes       | Work Force                           | Cameran James Vega            | Gap Year                            |
| Annie Elizabeth Howe        | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Samantha M. Vessair           | Gap Year                            |
| Emma Nicole Kahlau          | Worcester State University           | Xavier James Wade             | QRSD Post Grad program              |
| Sean M. Keddy               | Gap Year                             | Andrew Ronald Warfield        | Worcester Polytechnic Institute     |
| Artemis Amira Kleber        | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Thomas Yates Wigglesworth     | Worcester State University          |
| Anna Grace Labrousse        | Assumption College                   | Bianca Lotus Wilder           | Mount Holyoke College               |
| Elizabeth Rose Lambert      | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Collin S. Wilk                | Work Force                          |
| James Daniel Lambert        | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Mariana Cori Williams         | Mount Wachusett Community College   |
| Anthony Edward Landry       | Mount Wachusett Community College    | Richard Michael Wilson        | United States Air Force             |
| Aiden Daniel LaPointe       | Worcester State University           | Farrah Sage Wojcik            | Springfield College                 |
| Jacob John LaValley         | Work Force                           | Hannah Mary Zereski           | University of Rhode Island          |
| Finnegan Kelly Leander      | Assumption College                   | Jin Xi Zou                    | University of Massachusetts Amherst |
| Annabelle Grace Leslie      | Mount Wachusett Community College    |                               |                                     |



Madeleine Hardy waved to her family and friends.



Aiden Fuller performed with the Symphonic Winds



RIGHT: Jaymeson Pina waved to his family.

## QUABBIN GRADS

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The Symphonic Winds under the direction of Toni Brown played the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar for the procession to the podium and bleachers.

Garrett Erickson, Senior Class Vice President led the audience in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Finnegan Leander, Senior Class President, gave the welcome from the Class of 2026. He said, “Uniqueness makes society successful.”

He also urged people to “step away from their clusters and seek out others not in their group.”

Quabbin Regional High School Principal Abigail Rigney greeted the audience and acted as emcee.

She said “growing up in a small town can be challenging.”

She said those small town connections represent roots. She said not everyone will stay near to their hometown.

However, “wherever they stay, they should put down roots and wherever your journey takes you remember your roots.”

The first student speaker was Elizabeth Matheson, Valedictorian. She said she was referred to as a nerd, in a positive way.

She said she believed being a nerd was being passionate about something. She told about her journey to become an Eagle Scout and the hours she spent to achieve that honor.

The next speaker was Tricia Bruso, Salutatorian. She talked about “resilience” and how it helped her achieve.

Graduating seniors joined the Symphonic Winds to perform “Havana Nights” by Randall Standridge.

The next student speaker, Luis Pagan, took to the podium. He talked about how their high school journey began in a pandemic. Despite the chaos, they still learned a lot.

Following his speech, Julianna Lindsten sang “Amor Eterno” by Juan Gabriel. She recently received the Seal of Bilingualism in Spanish.

The final student speaker was Owen Breuer. He said he imagined this day for a long time and dreamed he would speak at his graduation.

The seniors joined the Quabbin Singers for “No Time” by Susan Bramfield. Julia Tuttle directed the Singers.

QRSD School Superintendent Colleen Mucha certified the seniors met all the requirements for graduation. She said “leaving high school was the ultimate road trip.” She said they would need snacks and a play list. Principal Rigney provided all the graduates with what she referred to as “car candy.”

The Superintendent asked three students: Julianna Lindsten, Elizabeth Lambert and Garrett Erickson to help her with the playlist.

Lindsten and Lambert

sang duets for four songs on the superintendent’s playlist for the graduates. Erickson accompanied them on guitar. They sang a few lines from “Life in a Bottle,” “You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” “Imagine” and Miss Me When I’m Gone.”

QRSD Committee member, David Deschamps, spoke to the graduates before the awarding of diplomas. He said one of his favorite authors was Louise Penny. The chief character in her series of books followed these four tenets. “I don’t know. I need help. I was wrong and I am sorry.”

Then, Supt. Mucha; Walter Nutter, QRSD Committee member and class advisors, Molly Sczucka and Colleen Fors, handed out the diplomas.

Just before “Fanfare and Recessional” by James D. Phoyhar, senior class secretary, Breuer and senior class treasurer, Brooke Roseberry led their class in the moving of the tassels.



Turley Photos by Mary Whitelaw  
Cameron Vega celebrated his achievements.

public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of May 24-June 2, the Ware Police Department responded to 13 miscellaneous calls, 16 administrative calls, nine traffic violations, seven emergency 911 calls, eight harassments/stalks/threats, five trespasses, eight thefts/larcenies, six disturbances, two damages/vandalisms, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle accident, 10 animal calls and 13 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Sunday, May 24**  
3:44 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Highland Village, Advised  
3:59 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, North Street, Arrest Made  
4:12 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Otis Avenue, Report Made  
8:46 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Woodland Heights, Dispatch Handled  
10:34 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Church Street, Investigated

**Monday, May 25**  
5:40 a.m. Safety Hazard, South Street, Complaint Taken Care Of  
10:27 a.m. Weapons/Firearms, Morse Avenue, Investigated  
12:33 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Investigated

**Tuesday, May 26**  
12:40 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
3:21 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, West Main Street, Arrest Made  
11:22 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Services Rendered  
4:38 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Mirabile Drive, Advised  
5:11 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
5:13 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
6:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation/Warning Issued

**Wednesday, May 27**  
7:53 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Cherry Street, Investigated  
11:43 a.m. Assault, West Street, Services Rendered  
5 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Spring Street, Advised  
5:23 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Advised  
9:36 p.m. Home Invasion, Otis Avenue, Report Made  
10:55 p.m. Assault, Palmer Road, Report Made  
11:38 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Pleasant Street, Advised

**Thursday, May 28**  
1:49 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Greenway Avenue, Investigated  
3:32 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised  
3:34 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Eddy Street, Advised  
9:11 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Investigated

**Friday, May 29**  
12:53 a.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Otis Avenue, Investigated  
6:32 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Pleasant Street, Advised  
6:52 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Main Street, Could Not Locate  
7:34 a.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Investigated  
8:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, West Main Street, Patient Refusal  
11:39 a.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered  
1:50 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Pleasant Street, Services Rendered  
2:03 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered  
2:58 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Vigeant Street, Services Rendered  
8:27 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Homecrest Avenue, Advised  
10:11 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, North Street, Advised

Paige Memorial Library lists summer events

HARDWICK – Mark your calendars for summer events with the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.  
Thursday, June 11 from 6-7 p.m., a special gift from EcoTarium: Build Your World will be held at the Town House, 32 Common St. A K-6 family event to explore forces and motion in small groups, planning, testing, building, and improving a way to cross a model river with only simple materials.  
Tuesday, June 9 from 6-7p.m., Drawing Tessellations. Liz Buck will teach a fun and relaxing way to create interlocking patterns inspired by M.C. Escher.  
Everyone will create their own pattern piece in pencil and add color and details with their choice of media. Open to all.  
Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m.-noon, Make It for Dad! Make a special Shrinky-Dink keychain charm for your special person.  
Thursday, June 18 from 7-8 p.m., Drumming with the Wendell Warriors on

the Common outside the Hardwick Town House. Join this drumming experience where you will learn to play different tones on the drum before you make music together. This activity is funded by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council.  
Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., look for the Paige Memorial Library table at the Wellness Fair at Eagle Hill School. The library will be open regular hours.  
Drop by both places to say hello.  
Summer Reading begins June 23. The Dig In and Read program will offer activities and prizes for children through adult readers.  
The theme encourages exploration of history, science, and culture and digs into dinosaurs, paleontology, archaeology, American history, and plants, nature and gardening.  
Wednesday, June 24 from 2-3:30 p.m., blood pressure and glucose screening. No appointment necessary.  
Avoid the stress of visiting a doctor's office,

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11:02 p.m. Weapons/Firearms, Canal Street, Investigated  
11:22 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
**Saturday, May 30**  
11:23 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate  
1:17 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Advised  
4:19 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
4:42 p.m. Assault, Palmer Road, Assist Given  
11:47 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Bellevue Avenue, Services Rendered

**Sunday, May 31**  
1:32 a.m. Theft/Larceny, West Main Street, Investigated  
6:35 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Church Street, Investigated

**Monday, June 1**  
12:28 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Laurel Drive, Services Rendered  
1:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Services Rendered  
1:08 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, West Street, Investigated  
7:30 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Mountain View Drive, Appears Secure After Check

**Tuesday, June 2**  
2:16 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

get a free monthly wellness check, and chat with Registered Nurse Sandra Knipe of the Leicester Regional Public Health Coalition.  
Saturday, June 27 at 10 a.m. at the Town House, Rainforest Reptiles sponsored by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library.  
These animals come from law enforcement seizures, abuse or neglect cases, or were surrendered by owners. Now, they help people connect with wildlife and learn about conservation.  
You will see frogs, bugs, snakes, lizards, and real animal artifacts. A uniformed, trained herpetologist will present a red or yellow-footed tortoise, a monitor or tegu lizard, a 6 six-10 foot boa or python, a three to four-foot American Alligator. You will have the chance to safely touch some of the animals and to volunteer to assist.  
On July 11, Vintage Base Ball will be played at Roach Field. Join team, the Hardwick Haymakers, to defeat the Westfield Wheelman in a baseball game with Civil War rules or just come to watch the action and eat hot dogs and popcorn provided by the Parks and Recreation Committee to support their work.  
Please call 413-477-6704 or email paigelibrary.hardwick@gmail.com for any questions or to secure your place at an event.

Warren Police Log

During the week of May 17-23, the Warren Police Department responded to 187 building/property checks, one community policing, 12 emergency 911 calls, four complaints, three safety hazards, two motor vehicle accidents, one fraud, one harassment, two property damages, one trespasser, one illegal burn, two smoke/fire investigations, two animal calls and 25 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, May 17**  
10:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:22 p.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Returned  
3:22 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
6:34 p.m. Smoke Investigation, East Road, Investigated  
11:53 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Presidential Circle, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, May 18**  
7:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
10:39 a.m. Property Damage, Bacon Street, Report Filed  
11:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Ware Road, Report Filed  
1:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed  
2:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:56 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Report Filed  
5:09 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Southbridge Road,

Report Filed  
**Tuesday, May 19**  
4:10 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Bemis Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:16 a.m. Parking Issues, Ware Road, Report Filed  
12:19 p.m. Welfare Check, Southbridge Road, Report Filed  
2:19 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
2:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Reed Street, Criminal Complaint  
3:46 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Pine Street, Report Filed  
4:19 p.m. Property Damage, Bacon Street, Report Filed  
5:43 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Brook Road, Report Filed  
10:35 p.m. Falls, Thorndike, Mutual Aid Assist  
10:36 p.m. Fire Investigation, Palmer, Mutual Aid Assist

**Wednesday, May 20**  
12:15 a.m. Falls, Cross Street, Transported to Hospital  
7:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Old West Brookfield Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
6:18 p.m. Complaint, Dean Street, Report Filed  
7:48 p.m. Complaint, North Street, Negative Contact

**Thursday, May 21**  
1:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:13 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Cutler Road Extension, Transported to Hospital  
11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, Bridge Street, Written Warning  
12:37 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Central Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:23 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Bay Path Road, Information Given  
3:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed  
4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
7:15 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old West Warren Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:56 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Heritage Drive, Report Filed  
11:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Friday, May 22**  
6:38 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Old Douglas Road, Transported to Hospital  
10:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed  
11:42 a.m. Suspicious Activity, South Street, Arrest(s) Made  
1:25 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Report Filed

**Saturday, May 23**  
1:52 p.m. Illegal Burn, Pulaski Street, Investigated  
2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
3:50 p.m. Safety Concern, Southbridge Road, Report Filed  
5:03 p.m. Safety Concern, Boston Post Road, Investigated  
5:33 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Heritage Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of June 1-8, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 52 building/property checks, 35 directed/area patrols, 12 radar assignments, two traffic controls, 19 emergency 911 calls, four citizen assists, one assist other agency, four investigations, two motor vehicle investigations, six complaints, three safety hazards, three motor vehicle accidents, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one burglary, one threat, five animal calls and four motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, June 1**  
1:20 p.m. Disturbance, Main Street, Officer Handled  
5:04 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
6:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
7:27 p.m. Complaint, School Street, Officer Handled  
8:45 p.m. Investigation, Out of Town, Negative Contact

**Tuesday, June 2**  
9:04 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Main Street, Services Rendered  
10:49 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Officer Handled  
9:55 p.m. Investigation, Broad Street, Officer Handled  
9:59 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Barre Road, Negative Contact

**Wednesday, June 3**  
1:33 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
7:53 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
9:25 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered  
10:40 a.m. Investigation, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
9:58 p.m. 911 Burglary (Breaking and Entering), Ridge Road, Officer Handled  
11:22 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Ridge Road, Officer Handled

**Thursday, June 4**  
8:29 a.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Services Rendered  
11:10 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
1 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ruggles Street, Officer Handled  
2:18 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ruggles Street, Officer Handled  
9:43 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:56 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Unfounded  
11:56 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Hardwick Road, Report Taken

**Friday, June 5**  
2:05 a.m. 911 Complaint, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
2:59 a.m. 911 Complaint, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
6:08 a.m. 911 Motor

Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Officer Handled  
3:24 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Goddard Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:17 p.m. Assist Citizen, Church Lane, Services Rendered  
9:06 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:09 p.m. 911 Complaint, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered  
9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled  
9:50 p.m. Complaint, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered  
9:59 p.m. Threat, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled  
10:45 p.m. Safety Hazard, Turkey Street, Officer Handled

**Saturday, June 6**  
12:21 p.m. Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Patient Refusal  
4:35 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Referred to Other Agency

**Sunday, June 7**  
1:01 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Prospect Street, Peace Restored  
3:43 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled  
11:26 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Main Street, Negative Contact

**Monday, June 8**  
1:51 a.m. Complaint, Bridge Street, Negative Contact



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Bernard R. Robbins, 85

BROOKFIELD – Bernard (Bernie) Roy Robbins, 85 of Brookfield passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2026, with his family and friends by his side.



His wife Janet M. (Oberg) Robbins predeceased him. He is survived by his son Barry Robbins and his wife Jane of North Brookfield; his grandchildren: Reecey Berthiaume of Ware, Amber Robbins and her partner Adam of Vermont, Crystal Berthiaume of Ware, Ashley Guzik and her husband Chris of Ware and Alicia Girard of Texas; great-grandchildren: Christopher, Jadrien, Nathaniel, Gwendalyn, Dustin, Mackenzie, Lorelei, Adaline, Jeremiah, Liam, Revan and one on the way. He is survived by his siblings Nancy Kittredge and her husband Hector of Warren, Buster “Charlie”

Robbins and his girlfriend Irene Perkins of Ware and Petersham; Karen Saletnik and her husband Michael of Ware, Wendy Adamczyk and her husband Stanley of Easthampton, Russell Robbins and his wife Diane of Dennis, Mark Robbins and his wife Cynthia of Washington, Jill Thibodeau and her husband Kevin of Worcester and his sister-in-law Debbie Robbins of Ludlow; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. His sons, Craig O. Robbins and Glen Robbins, his brother Neil Robbins and his mother Ebba Carlson predeceased him.

Bernard was born in Ware to Francis Robbins and Ebba Carlson and was raised in Hardwick. He went to work early as a young man on his family farm and other farms in the area.

Bernard learned how to handle and work with

livestock and farm equipment, and later learned to love gardening and growing fruits and vegetables. He then went to work with Union Local 98 and was with the Operating Engineers for over 50 years. During his career he was part of many large watershed construction projects all over the state.

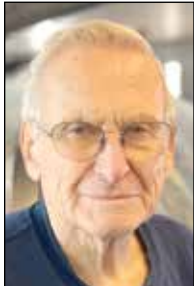
Bernard loved spending time with family and spent many hours playing pinnacle and pitch. He vacationed to Norway and Iceland to visit family, and enjoyed trips to Florida, Vegas and Wells, Maine.

All are invited to his calling hours on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, from 9-11 a.m. in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., Ware and burial will follow in Aspen Grove Cemetery, followed by a meal at the Swift River Club.

Memorial donations in Bernard’s memory may be made to the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, Ware, MA 01082.

Leo F. Tamkus Sr., 97

WHEELWRIGHT- Leo F. Tamkus Sr. passed away on May 30, 2026, at the age of 97.



Born in Hardwick on Nov. 4, 1928, he was the son of Anthony and Benedicta (Liakus) Tamkus. Raised in Hardwick and Barre, he was a graduate of Barre High School.

Upon graduation, he took over his father’s dairy farm until 1964. Always an avid car buff, he opened L & S Auto, repairing and selling used cars.

He also enjoyed playing golf, bocce ball and traveling.

He is survived by his son, Leo F. Jr. and his wife Cindy; his daughter Joy; and his son

Edward, all of Wheelwright. He is also survived by his longtime companion, Bette Hahns of Hardwick; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Shirley [Tamkus], of 61 years, and by two sisters, Bernice Klem and Aldona Hay.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 96 South Barre Road, Barre.

For an online tribute please visit: [www.pillsbury-funeralhome.com](http://www.pillsbury-funeralhome.com).

Death notices

**Robbins, Bernard Roy**  
Died May 30, 2026  
Services June 16, 2026

**Tamkus Sr., Leo F.**  
Died May 30, 2026

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TipTop Co-Op offers free summer herbalism workshops starting June 18

BROOKFIELD – TipTop Co-Op is pleased to be the recipient of a grant from Quaboag Hills Community Health Improvement plan and will be offering a series of free summer workshops starting in June.

The first workshop is a one-hour “Introduction To Herbalism” class on Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m. It will be conducted by member Dina LeDuke in her barn located at 7

Sherman St., within walking distance from the store. Samples of herbs will be provided.

A second class will be held on Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m. in the same location.

LeDuke is a life-long lover of herbal teas and proponent of natural medicines. She recently completed an Herbalist Apprenticeship certificate at Honey Wall Holistic in Charlton, following the Rosemary Gladstar

method.

The workshop will cover the basics of herbs that can be used for common ailments and overall health. Participants will make sample herbal tea blends and enjoy a cup during class.

Please register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev3cUX2uiyX-s4zWI8ZoJ6R7LwCkp-JzW-ThFcj1WcU-JU6Lg/viewform> prior to June 13 at 7 p.m. Seating is limited.

TRI-COUNTY

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Teddy Bear Pools, who are playing their home games at South Hadley High School, scored another run in the third giving them a 6-1 lead.

St. Joe’s, who had nine base hits, answered back with an RBI single from Fitzgibbons and a sacrifice

fly by first baseman Bobby Trigillo.

Both teams scored a run in the fourth inning.

Then Teddy Bear Pools pretty much put the game out of reach by scoring five more runs in the fifth inning.

Toth, who’s currently a member of the Wheaton College baseball team, contributed with a two-run sin-

gle. After loading the bases, right fielder Bailey Griggs cleared them with a triple to right.

Trailing, 12-4, St. Joe’s could only score single runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

St. Joe’s will be looking to even the season series when they host Teddy Bear Pools for the second time on June 19.

HALL OF FAME

from page 9

of Quabbin Regional High School. Often finishing one-two in most races behind teammate Dino Lamacchia, he showed vast improvement as a junior placing ahead of his teammate in several races. That year, he captured the Wachusett Invitational and helped the team to a first-place finish.

In the fall of 1974, Louie made the Quabbin cross country course his own breaking Lamacchia’s course record. In addition, he achieved a rare triple crown as a senior, winning the Wachusett Invitational, the Lunenburg Invitational and the District III cross country meet. He went on to place fifth in the state and was named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic cross country team, selected by the Mass. High School cross country coaches. During his senior year he was also Central Mass. District track champion in the 2 Mile.

**Eugene Rich**  
(Class of 1995)

An exceptional four-sport high school athlete, he served as captain of the soccer, basketball and track and field teams, and also played baseball for one season. He was selected the Most Valuable Player for the basketball and track teams his senior year. He was also selected a Mid-Wach All-Star in both track and basketball. As an outstand-

ing player on the court, he helped Quabbin capture the school’s first district basketball championship in 1995.

Following his high school career, he returned to Quabbin where he coached both the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams. He later moved on to Ware High School where he was the varsity basketball coach there for many years winning over 100 games.

**Matthew Brunelle**  
(Class of 2008)

Brunelle distinguished himself as one of the top long-distance runners at Quabbin, a consistent winner on the cross country course, as well as a top-notch miler and two-miler on the indoor and outdoor track teams. He was captain of the cross country teams of 2006 and 2007, where he was also the team’s Most Valuable Player each season, competing in the All-State meets. He set the course records at Quabbin, Quaboag and Marlboro. With the indoor track teams he was Mid-Wach All Star in 2007 and 2008 and MVP in 2007. He was a member of the outdoor track team all four years of high school, serving as captain in 2006, 2007 and 2008. He was a consistent winner in the mile, two-mile and 800 meters, where he was a Mid-Wach All Star in 2007 and 2008.

After competing four years at Fairfield University, where he received an ath-

letic scholarship to run, he returned to Quabbin and served as Middle School girls’ cross country coach, as well as assistant boys spring track coach for several years.

**Steffany Halfrey**  
(Class of 2015)

One of only two female runners in Quabbin history to run in the All-State cross country meet all four years of high school, she was also a Telegram and Gazette All-Star all four years. In cross country, she was named the team’s MVP and a Mid-Wach League All-Star all four years and once held the Quabbin course record. Her success continued on the indoor track team where she was team MVP for two years and competed in the mile, two-mile and shot put.

She continued to pick up the hardware on the spring track team where she was again named MVP all four years in high school, competing in the mile, shot put, javelin and the 4x800 relay team. In all, she was a 10-time team MVP while competing in the league, district and state meets every season. She was also a member of the varsity basketball team for two years before switching to indoor track.

Ticket information will be announced at a future time.

The final three inductees will be profiled in the next edition.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Sealed with a kiss  
5. Large sandwich  
8. Swiss city  
12. Japanese persimmons  
14. When you hope to get somewhere  
15. Wings  
16. A name of God  
18. Elected official (informal)  
19. Abnormal breathing  
20. “Seinfeld” character  
21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)  
22. Something for sale  
23. Gets rid of  
26. One who touts  
30. Blemished  
31. Less than exciting  
32. Born of  
33. N. German town

34. Notes

39. Move away from land  
42. Vulcanite  
44. More ignoble  
46. Child actor Kirk  
47. Written works  
49. Sea vessel  
50. Residue  
51. Engraved  
56. Having sufficient skill  
57. One and only  
58. Erase  
59. Broad inlets  
60. Nightmarish street  
61. Play again  
62. Formerly (archaic)  
63. Add a color to change the color  
64. Move swiftly and lightly

CLUES DOWN

1. Scottish island

2. River in the Netherlands  
3. Asian people  
4. Fuzzy fruit  
5. Ninth month (abbr.)  
6. An idealistic social reformer  
7. What you owe  
8. Colorless mineral  
9. Overjoyed  
10. Rattling breaths  
11. Tropical Old World tree  
13. A citizen of Senegal  
17. Greek mythological beauty  
24. Wrath  
25. Instrument to measure wind speed  
26. Luxury carmaker  
27. Bitterly regret  
28. Not or  
29. Google certification

35. Midway between northeast and east  
36. Space station  
37. Relating to the ears  
38. Congressman  
40. Yelled at  
41. Rudely assertive  
42. Defunct European money  
43. Shared one’s soul  
44. Onion rolls  
45. A way to state clearly  
47. Relating to a lobe  
48. Underlying message  
49. Hollywood pig  
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TOWN OF WARE  
Legal Notice  
Invitation for Bids  
Demolition Services  
92-104 Main Street, Ware, MA  
TWN-26-01

The Town of Ware is accepting sealed bids for demolition services located at 92-104 Main Street, Ware, MA. Specifications and Bid Forms are available at the Town of Ware, Town Manager's Office, 126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082 during normal business hours or online at [www.townofware.com/bids/procurements/2026](http://www.townofware.com/bids/procurements/2026).

Bids shall be submitted and addressed to the Town of Ware and marked **"TWN-26-01 BID OPENING FOR 92-104 MAIN STREET"**.

Bids will be received at the Town Manager's office **until 11:00am on June 25, 2026**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The Town of Ware reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and call for new bids. Bids shall be evaluated based on responsiveness to the criteria, terms and conditions contained in this IFB and its attachments. Failure to follow the instructions, meet the criteria, or agree to the terms and conditions contained in this IFS may be cause for rejection of the bid as non-responsive. Contractors are required to comply with the Commonwealth of Mass. Department of Labor and Industries Prevailing Wage Rates in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 and 270.

The Town of Ware is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Late bids will not be considered.

The Town reserves the right to waive minor informalities.

Stuart Beckley, Town Manager  
06/11/2026

Legal Notice  
179 Main Street, Gilbertville  
Request for Proposals

The Town of Hardwick Massachusetts is requesting proposals for the acquisition, renovation and redevelopment of a town-owned historic building: the George H. Gilbert Historic Schoolhouse built circa 1903, which sits on a 0.993-acre parcel of land located at 179 Main Street. The property is served by Gilbertville water and sewer. The building is located within the socially, culturally and economically emerging Gilbertville Center. The bid package can be found at <https://www.hardwick-ma.gov> or by contacting Town Administrator at email listed below. **Bids must be delivered by 10:00AM on July 9, 2026** to the Municipal Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or mailed to: Justine Caggiano, Town Administrator, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. Additional information please contact Town Administrator at 413-477-6197 ext. 101 or Admin@Hardwick-ma.gov.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the Town.  
06/04, 06/11/2026

LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF HARDWICK  
FY2027 FUEL BID

The Town of Hardwick, MA is seeking FY2027 Invitation for Bids for Low sulfur diesel fuel, #2 heating fuel for public buildings, propane, heating equipment service specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on June 8, 2026 <https://www.hardwick-ma.gov> or by contacting Town Administrator at email listed below.

**Bids must be sealed 12:00 PM on June 22, 2026.** Deliver to the Municipal Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or mailed to: Justine Caggiano, Town Administrator, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. Additional information please contact Town Administrator at 413-477-6197 ext. 101 or Admin@Hardwick-ma.gov.

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06/04, 06/11/2026

Town of Ware  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION  
LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131, s 40, the Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on a **Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by MassDOT for a Bundled Notice of Intent for MassDOT Maintenance Areas in the Town of Ware. The public meeting will be held on **July 8th, 2026, at 6:30 PM**, in the Selectman's Meeting Room at the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, or via Zoom with Meeting ID: 784 604 1861 Passcode: 01082. The filing is available for public review at the Town of Ware Conservation Recent Filings Page.  
06/11/2026

Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampshire Division  
Docket No.  
HS26P0322EA  
Estate of:  
Matthew Richard Pluta  
Also Known As:  
M. Richard Pluta  
Date of Death:  
February 11, 2026  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Marlene M. Adamsky of Ware, MA.**

**Marlene M. Adamsky 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.  
06/11/2026

Notice of  
Sale of Motor Vehicle  
Under G.L. c. 255, Section 39A

Notice is hereby given by REGIN'S REPAIR, 19 CHURCH ST GILBERTVILLE, MA 01031, Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that on **June 12, 2026 at 10:00AM** at: Regin's Repair, 19 Church St., Gilbertville, MA 01031 by private sale, the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keepers lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle  
2014 BMW 535  
Registration#/State: 5AAG36/MA  
VIN: WBAFV3C58ED686242  
Name and address of owner:  
Daniel Hardaway  
139 East Road  
Warren, MA 01083  
By: James M. Regin  
Dated: 5/20/2026

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c. 255, Section 39A  
05/28, 06/04, 06/11/2026

TOWN OF WARREN  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Warren Board of Health will hold a public hearing on **June 24, 2026 at 3:00pm** at Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St, Warren, MA, regarding the proposed Regulation of the Warren Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco and Vape Products that include but are not limited to incorporating M.G.L. c. 270, permitting, cigar pricing, blunt wrap ban and Nicotine Pouch restrictions. The Warren Board of Health will accept written comments sent to Warren Board of Health, P.O. Box 478, Warren MA 01083, until June 24, 2026. Draft Copies are available at the Warren Board of Health Office.  
06/04, 06/11/2026

Town Treasurer's  
Abandoned Funds Notice  
Town of Warren  
Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts

Notice of names of persons  
appearing to be owners of funds held by the  
Town of Warren, and deemed abandoned

Date of First Publication:  
June 11, 2026

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 200A Sec 9A, notice is hereby given that certain funds in the custody of the Treasury, as listed below, have gone unclaimed for greater than one year and are considered abandoned. Any person having rightful claim to one or more of these checks must submit a complete and accurate Unclaimed Property Claim form to the Treasurer's office. Claim forms are available on the website ([www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov)) and at the Treasurer's office at 48 High Street Warren, MA. Payment will be issued for claims that can be successfully verified based on the information provided. If the checks, to the payees, listed in this notice remain unclaimed 60 days after the DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION, the funds will escheat to the Town of Warren as provided by law.

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| Melanie Wicken                 | 08/15/2005 | 16015   | \$28.00    |
| Ray Samek                      | 12/25/2006 | 19785   | \$20.82    |
| Rugg Lumber Ware               | 04/30/2007 | 20725   | \$2.40     |
| Pauline Shire                  | 04/13/2009 | 26287   | \$50.00    |
| Copart Of Connecticut, Inc     | 05/11/2009 | 26450   | \$21.55    |
| Trailers Of New England, Inc   | 06/22/2009 | 26825   | \$75.47    |
| Kenneth B. Lacey, Jr.          | 12/21/2009 | 28134   | \$55.00    |
| Boo Boo's Bakery And Pastery   | 01/04/2010 | 28193   | \$7.20     |
| Boo Boo's Bakery And Pastery   | 01/11/2010 | 28232   | \$26.50    |
| Boo Boo's Bakery And Pastery   | 01/25/2010 | 28323   | \$23.00    |
| Division of Local Services     | 02/15/2010 | 28499   | \$45.00    |
| Boo Boo's Bakery And Pastery   | 02/22/2010 | 28532   | \$25.50    |
| Matthew J. Rickson             | 04/05/2010 | 28866   | \$339.30   |
| Keith Nicholas                 | 06/28/2010 | 29469   | \$62.14    |
| BOWM                           | 02/28/2011 | 31204   | \$156.00   |
| Klem Tractor Inc.              | 03/21/2011 | 31370   | \$38.94    |
| Steve Bacheler                 | 05/09/2011 | 31731   | \$50.00    |
| Dennis P McGarry, Jr.          | 05/23/2011 | 31831   | \$21.52    |
| Unifirst Corporation           | 07/18/2011 | 32274   | \$72.56    |
| Town Pizza                     | 09/19/2011 | 32744   | \$18.15    |
| Town Pizza                     | 08/27/2012 | 35123   | \$101.65   |
| Carol A. Damico                | 09/03/2012 | 35141   | \$23.33    |
| Massachusetts Arborists Assoc  | 10/22/2012 | 35581   | \$45.00    |
| Armand Dimo                    | 12/17/2012 | 35931   | \$36.98    |
| Town Pizza                     | 04/01/2013 | 36699   | \$91.47    |
| Ivey Industries Inc            | 04/22/2013 | 36835   | \$34.70    |
| Town Pizza                     | 04/29/2013 | 36901   | \$42.80    |
| Earl D. Sparks                 | 05/13/2013 | 36966   | \$166.05   |
| Warren Landscaping             | 05/13/2013 | 37001   | \$4.87     |
| Reuelpedro Rivera, Sr          | 05/20/2013 | 37044   | \$47.40    |
| Howe's Farm & Gardens          | 05/27/2013 | 37083   | \$274.90   |
| Ronna Shea                     | 06/10/2013 | 37187   | \$35.00    |
| Town Pizza                     | 06/10/2013 | 37190   | \$154.28   |
| Brian F Denehy                 | 07/22/2013 | 37517   | \$5.30     |
| MACC                           | 01/13/2014 | 38726   | \$11.70    |
| Starrex Inc                    | 02/03/2014 | 38860   | \$8.09     |
| Howe Lumber Co., Inc           | 02/17/2014 | 38920   | \$59.98    |
| Debra A Finneran               | 09/08/2014 | 40362   | \$6.00     |
| Crystal L Christman            | 09/15/2014 | 40401   | \$10.00    |
| Haddash Shamea Celmer          | 10/20/2014 | 40661   | \$42.50    |
| Dawn F Mills                   | 03/30/2015 | 41761   | \$5.00     |
| Town of Warren                 | 04/06/2015 | 41856   | \$30.00    |
| Charlene Disley                | 07/06/2015 | 42509   | \$15.94    |
| Alexios & Athena Vagelis       | 08/10/2015 | 42787   | \$290.00   |
| Ronna Shea                     | 03/07/2016 | 44347   | \$35.00    |
| Turley Publications, Inc       | 03/28/2016 | 44489   | \$64.00    |
| Howe's Farm & Gardens          | 06/06/2016 | 45005   | \$291.00   |
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| Alexander Sinni                | 11/13/2017 | 48968   | \$11.96    |
| James M Stockley               | 12/18/2017 | 49224   | \$23.75    |
| American Arbitration Assoc     | 01/15/2018 | 49408   | \$150.00   |
| Douglas Monette                | 01/29/2018 | 49521   | \$130.00   |
| Carl A Renaud                  | 02/12/2018 | 49589   | \$27.84    |
| Napa Auto Parts                | 03/05/2015 | 49751   | \$549.31   |
| St Paul's Parish               | 04/09/2018 | 49986   | \$165.98   |
| Gerald F Fountain              | 04/30/2018 | 50106   | \$10.00    |
| Law Offices of Daniel W Murray | 05/14/2018 | 50203   | \$1,078.59 |
| John Kenney                    | 07/23/2018 | 50782   | \$5.40     |
| Bethany L Thibodeau            | 09/17/2018 | 51129   | \$130.52   |

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| Gareth A Mannion               | 01/07/2019 | 51939   | \$15.00    |
| Marie-Brighid Bresnahan        | 02/18/2019 | 52266   | \$60.00    |
| Scott Murray                   | 04/11/2019 | 52571   | \$1,143.00 |
| Kelly Bergeron                 | 04/08/2019 | 52617   | \$140.00   |
| Kelly Bergeron                 | 05/05/2019 | 52863   | \$140.00   |
| Glenn T Pothier                | 06/03/2019 | 52981   | \$14.57    |
| Richard Kearney                | 06/03/2019 | 52991   | \$21.15    |
| Epic Sports, Inc               | 07/23/2019 | 53340   | \$500.00   |
| Alexander Sinni                | 08/19/2019 | 53533   | \$4.89     |
| Carl & Michelle Bigos          | 09/02/2019 | 53644   | \$5.00     |
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| Alexander Sinni                | 10/21/2019 | 53973   | \$4.88     |
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# Remembering the Lost Towns of the Quabbin

WARREN – Quaboag Regional Middle High School eighth graders recently spent a day exploring the Quabbin Reservoir to culminate their interdisciplinary study on the history and impact of the creation of the reservoir.

In their civics class with their teacher, Joe Salvatore, students learned the history and timeline of the reservoir, along with mapping the four “lost towns” and the area of the protected watershed today.

Students also wrote an essay on whether or not the creation of the Quabbin was justified and had to cite evidence to support their claim. Civic content such as the 5th Amendment, Civic Virtue, and the common good were applied to the reasons why

the Quabbin was justified. Students in their English class with teacher Nick Barrett examined letters and poetry about the Quabbin Reservoir to see the emotional cost the creation of the Quabbin had on those that had to vacate their homes and could cite these documents as reasons the Quabbin Reservoir was not justified.

The majority of students supported the claim that Quabbin was justified because the people were compensated for their property and the common good of the two million in Boston outweighed the 2,000 in the four towns.

Although the students don’t benefit from drinking the Quabbin water, they acknowledged they enjoy

visiting and hiking in the Quabbin and appreciate the “accidental wilderness” that was created. Maintaining a healthy forest in the watershed is the natural filtration system that protects the clean water supply for Boston.

On the field trip to the Quabbin the students rotated through three stations. At the Les and Terry Campbell Quabbin Visitors Center, Director of Interpreted Services, Maria Beiter-Tucker led the students through a short film, the museum, and a scavenger hunt.

Another station had the students hike up Webster Road to view the ruins of the “Power’s House” and then down Hank’s Meadow to the water’s edge. The third stop was to complete the Swift



Submitted Photo

Quaboag Regional Middle High School eighth grade students viewed the Quabbin Reservoir up close.

River Trail Hike to view the emergence of the Swift River below the Windsor Dam and then to run up the grassy hill of the dam, and walk back across the top.

All students then met at the Quabbin Tower for a pic-

nic lunch before returning to school, tired after walking over four miles but with fun memories learning about the Quabbin Reservoir.

The field trip to the Quabbin Reservoir was made possible through the

generous donation of the Quaboag administration and the Friends of the Quabbin to cover the cost of bussing to make this a free experience for 100 Quaboag eighth graders.

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