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Class of 2025 closes chapter on high school years

Teacher Dan Orszulak sang the class song with students Joshua Dulak, Nathan Kaczuwka, Philip Orszulak, Kyla Campbell and Taylor Janson during Ware Jr./Sr. High School's graduation on June 7.

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – The Ware Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2025 graduates are staring at a blank page before them, as they close the chapter on their high school years and get ready to fill that unwritten space with their futures.

This past Saturday, 79 graduates made their way into the high school gym for

the last time as students in the school district, culminating the end of a 13 year journey they started back in kindergarten.

“Today marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another,” Principal Scott Slattery said to the class. “This day has a really special place in my heart... it’s an honor and I don’t take it lightly.”

Slattery said the Class of 2025 has made its mark both

in the high school and in the community at large. He said they have weathered uncertainty, and they have done so with immense kindness and regard for others.

“Real power comes from how you treat people,” he said. “These things might not show up on your transcripts, but they matter more than you know.”

Slattery shared five things he’s learned that have helped him through life, and that’s

to be kind to everyone, work hard, stay curious, be someone others can come to and to lead with gratitude.

“When you go out into the world, each interaction is a chance to shed light on somebody,” he said.

He also reminded the students to show kindness to themselves.

“You carry Ware with

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Turley Photo by Ryan Drago
Norah Schwenker, left, was the class Salutatorian, and Nora Pennington-Russell was the Valedictorian.

Quaboag hosts 57th Commencement

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – This past Saturday was the 57th commencement of Quaboag Regional Middle High School, and the gymnasium was filled with family members, staff and community members to celebrate and recognize the graduates of the Class of 2025.

After the graduates entered the gymnasium

for the ceremony, the Vice President of the class, Parker Tunley led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Performing the National Anthem were Class of 2025 students Ariendha Andreoli, Parker Chaffee, Toby Chaplin, Allison Duszak, Abigail Jolin, Joshua Leaming Jr., Dante Martino and Falon Rice. All graduates sang the National Anthem

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Budget and bylaw garner discussion at ATM

By Ellenor Downer
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HARDWICK – Two articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant had the most discussion on Saturday, June 7.

The 119 registered voters present acted on all 18 warrant articles in about 1 ¼ hours. Following considerable discussion and an amendment to the budget, Article 9, the omnibus budget, passed an amended amount of \$7,141,813.98 for Fiscal Year 2026.

The amendment brought forth by the Planning Board raised the Planning Board clerk’s salary from \$5,000 to \$8,000. This was a \$3,000 increase over the line item amount presented to voters. The amendment carried with 57 yes and 29 no votes.

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THE GIFT OF GIVING



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Volunteers who staff the Jubilee Ministries who attended the blessing are shown from left: Don Connors, Cheryl Vaughn, Denise Blodgett, Jane Sterndale, Barbara Newton, Kathy Dechamps and Buffy Moran.

Trinity Episcopal Church celebrates new space for ministries

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WARE – This past Sunday, the parishioners of Trinity Episcopal Church, located on the corners of Park and Pleasant streets, had many gifts to receive during Pentecost – the gift

of the Holy Spirit and the gift of giving back to the community.

Pentecost marked not only the arrival of the Right Rev. Dr. Douglas John Fisher, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, but it was also a celebration for reaching 40 years of service through the Jubilee Cupboard food pantry, and expanding the church’s ministries to a new building.

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Quabbin Regional graduation moves inside due to weather

By Ellenor Downer
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BARRE – One hundred and two seniors graduated from Quabbin Regional High School on Friday, June 6.

The rain and thunderstorms forced the event to move into the gymnasium. Despite the change of plans from an outside to an inside graduation the gym was set up to hold the event in the largest indoor venue, the school gym.

The soon to be graduates processed into the gym wearing blue caps and gowns with the Symphonic Winds playing “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elger. Senior class president Luke Salvatore and valedictorian Iren Stolgitis led fellow members of the class.

Once the Class of 2025 reached their seats in the front, Stolgitis as senior class secretary, led the audience in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Salvatore in his welcome declared the Class of 2025 to be the greatest Quabbin class of all time. He had his “future self” call his cell phone. He hung up the first time,

but he took the call on the second attempt. His “future self” gave him some snippets of the future.

He also thanked the facilities department for setting up the indoor graduation venue. He said they even placed an inflatable goat, a class mascot in one corner.

Principal Purnima DeMoraes said tonight marks the beginning of the story ahead of you. She said the most defining moments still

to come. Stolgitis said her goal as a 13 year old was to be valedictorian of her class. She also said it was hard to celebrate when one realizes this is the final days of high school. She said not to look back to but what is to come. The rest is still unwritten.

A selection by the Symphonic Winds, “Choose

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Turley Photos by Mary Whitelaw

Twin brothers, Benjamin Bibek, left and Joshua Bibek will enter the military after graduation. Benjamin opted for the U.S. Air Force and Joshua, the U.S. Navy.



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Hardwick

Planning Board responds to Select Board member's complaint

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HARDWICK – The Select Board members had a discussion regarding Vice-Chair William Tinker's written complaint to the Planning Board and the response from that board.

Prior to this discussion, Tinker excused himself from the meeting and Select Board Chair Eric Vollheim and Clerk Jeffrey Schaaf began the discussion. Vollheim asked if there was anyone from the Planning Board who wanted to talk about this complaint.

Bill Cole of the Planning Board attended the June 9 meeting and explained what happened that initiated this letter of complaint by Tinker. At one of its meetings, the Planning Board reviewed the letter, and its members were disappointed to see some of the language that was used in it as well as making claims to how the Planning Board members operate in their process.

Vollheim asked if he could see a copy of the letter and read it out loud for the record. It was stated in the letter by Tinker that he believes three of the five Planning Board members have a conflict of interest involving projects done on the property at Eagle Hill School.

Tinker also stated that

he had attended one of the Planning Board meetings and was "denied the opportunity to speak." In his letter, Tinker strongly urges the board to postpone any actions related to placing any zoning bylaw articles on the town meeting warrant.

Cole said after the Planning Board members reviewed the letter they felt as if it was questioning the board's independence and integrity. The board members chose not to discuss the letter further until their next meeting and developed a response to the letter.

Cole brought a copy of the response to share with the Select Board before being submitted, which Vollheim read for the record. This response addressed the complaint made by Tinker about alleged conflicts of interest tied to Eagle Hill School.

Cole said that any conflicts have been disclosed by board members.

As stated in the letter, the Planning Board found these claims unwarranted and insulting. The board believes there is no conflict of interest involving these members and any zoning bylaw changes or adjustments do not directly affect Eagle Hill School.

After the response was read, Cole said he believes there are no issues or concerns. Though it is true one member of the board is a trustee of Eagle Hill School and another member has a child enrolled at the school, Cole and the entire Planning Board believe there is no conflict of interest.

"I'm glad to see more people know about what is going on," Cole said.

Cole said the bylaws lack some clarity in some

areas, but any amendments made have nothing to do with the school. This was brought up when The Zoning Enforcement Officer came to one of the meetings and asked about the building being issued for houses on a parcel at the Eagle Hill School campus.

Schaaf said there is no clear evidence that there are any issues tied to the school and the Planning Board members.

"There isn't any clear conflict of interest," Schaaf said. "I don't see anything here that really regards the school."

Cole said the Planning Board members did their due diligence to carefully review the bylaws and do their best to discuss what should be added or eliminated and give a definition for something that is appropriate.

The discussion ended as the Select Board went into executive session.

STM for snow/ice deficit

The Select Board had a discussion to hold a special town meeting for the snow and ice appropriation. Town Administrator Justine Caggiano met with other departments and says so far there is only one article for this meeting revolving around the town's snow and ice deficit.

The town is \$155,000 over the snow and ice budget this year. The Highway Department budget was able to absorb some of it and the town is looking to use \$65,000 in free cash to cover the remainder of the deficit.

The special town meeting will be held on June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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.



FFile Photo
Last week's photo from 1989 showed delegates named to the American Legion Auxiliary Girls' State program, Tanya Bullock and Jennifer Buelow. Claudine Lang correctly identified her classmates.

Celebrate June at the Paige Memorial Library

HARDWICK – On Saturday, June 21 at noon "The Theft of Dignity" raises awareness of peer bullying in an absorbing presentation that draws on examples from popular culture, movies, TV shows, and novels such as "On Your Side" to encourage a respectful community and to offer solutions.

Presented by young adult novelist Dennis Wise, this program is funded in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, is open to teens, educators, and parents, to understand the challenges and to suggest practical tools for positive change.

On June 24 at 6:30, come to Drumming Class

for Teens and Adults with the Wendell Warriors, a West African rhythms drumming ensemble, and teacher Jafar Manselle. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Drums and percussion instruments to be provided; however, if anyone has their own drum, feel free to bring it. This will take place in the Town House if it rains or on the Common in good weather.

Sign up for Summer Reading at the Paige Memorial Library beginning on June 24. There will be programs, activities, games, prizes, and lots of good books to borrow to

"LevelUp!" your reading. Sign up with Nancy Lamb, Coordinator of the Paige Memorial Library Summer Reading program for fun and learning.

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

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

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Ware Senior Center news

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

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

ACTIVITIES

Monday, June 16

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

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

Tuesday, June 17

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

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

9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Cornhole

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 18

9 a.m. Tai-Chi
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse

Allison Williams. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.

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

Thursday, June 19

Closed for Juneteenth

Friday, June 20

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

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Monday, June 16

Hawaiian Burger with Pineapple, Lettuce and Tomato, French Fries, Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, June 17

Stuffed Shells, Chef Salad, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, June 18

Fried Chicken, Roasted Potato, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, June 19

Closed for Juneteenth

Friday, June 20

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

QHSUA discusses alcohol policy with SB

By Paula Ouimette
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WARE – Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance's Project Director for the STOP Act Grant Sawyer Blake and SPIFFY Coalition Coordinator Lexi Polokoff came before the Selectboard to talk about alcohol regulations and policy in the town.

Polokoff said they are focusing on alcohol policy because it is an evidence-based way to create positive changes in the community.

"It has a direct impact on public health outcomes," she said at the June 3 meeting.

These impacts are the reduction of alcohol-related harms including liver and heart disease, risk of arrest, violence and more. She said there is also a link between alcohol use and different types of cancer, including breast and liver cancers.

Polokoff said in the commonwealth, municipalities have more power over policies than in other states.

"It's a really great thing to make sure we're considering, especially with the alcohol policy...being able to craft, regulate, strengthen policy," she said.

Polokoff said most people know at least one person who struggles with alcohol, as it is deeply ingrained in our culture.

"Alcohol use disorder is the number one substance use disorder in our country," she said.

Polokoff said alcohol use also has a cost to the community that outweighs the benefit for economic revenue. She said this includes costs such as healthcare, insurance, law enforcement and more.

In 2010, alcohol problems cost the state \$5.6 billion, which was paid directly by the government.

Polokoff explained three policy changes that can help improve public health; limiting physical availability and access to alcohol, reducing/restricting alcohol advertising and increasing the price of alcohol.

"Increasing the price of alcohol...has the most direct relationship or correlation with reducing alcohol-related harms," she said.



Submitted Photo

Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance's Project Director for the STOP Act Grant Sawyer Blake and SPIFFY Coalition Coordinator Lexi Polokoff discussed alcohol regulation and policy with the Selectboard at the June 3 meeting.

Polokoff also shared recent data regarding alcohol use in the commonwealth.

Almost 60% of residents in the state ages 18 and over drink alcohol and almost 30% of those residents engage in binge drinking (five or more drinks in a single sitting). As of 2022, Massachusetts ranked 19th highest among the states for binge drinking.

Since 2009, alcohol's role in death and disability has risen by 13.8%.

Blake used data gathered from the Ware Police Department and Baystate Wing Hospital to show how alcohol is currently impacting the town and greater community.

"In 2024, over half of total Ware Police incidents reports were flagged for involving alcohol or suspected alcohol use," they said.

Blake said last year, there were 545 alcohol-related emergency room visits recorded at Baystate Wing Hospital. Eleven of those patients were ages 13-19. There were also 171 hospitalizations related to alcohol use during that time.

From January to March of this year, there have already been over 100 emergency room visits and 42 hospitalizations related to alcohol use.

Blake said the commonwealth is in the "middle of the road" in terms of how strict its policy is for alcohol regulations.

"There's room for improvement as a state,

but municipalities have the opportunity to make it stronger and make our communities safer," they said.

Blake said the town has a total of 27 alcohol licenses available due to its population size, of which 16 are in use.

Special election

A special election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 12 to fill a vacancy on the Selectboard. Polling hours in the Town Hall, 126 Main St., will be from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Town Manager's report

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the Historical Commission will hold a special event on Saturday, June 14 at 3 p.m. at the Lafayette Elm in front of the high school to commemorate the

250th anniversary of General Lafayette's tour of central Massachusetts. He said the community band will perform and there will be games for children.

"It's a great event by the Historical Commission and the beginning of a year plus worth of 250th anniversary events here and across the country," he said.

Beckley said a hearing was held earlier that day for the municipalities that receive payment in lieu of taxes for the Quabbin Reservoir. He said the purpose of the hearing is for these towns to receive more equitable funds.

"It will take a good amount of public pressure I think to change the payments," Beckley said. "But the town would certainly benefit from the increased payment of the land that's under the water."

Beckley said the town's grant writer applied for a One Stop grant to make improvements to businesses, including those in the mill yard and along Main Street.

He said the town participated in a class action lawsuit against PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) contamination of water systems and received its first settlement payment in the amount of \$120,000. He said there are two other large payments expected, and more to come as settlements continue.

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General Lafayette stops in Ware on June 14

WARE – The Ware Historical Commission will be hosting a stop on the "Lafayette Tour" on Saturday, June 14 at 3 p.m. on the High School lawn by the Lafayette Elm.

This will be a reenactment of Revolutionary War General Lafayette's stop in Ware on that date in 1825. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Police and Fire host bicycle safety event June 14

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

UMass Bike Police Officers will be on hand to

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

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

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viewpoints

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Social Security questions asked over coffee

Dear Rusty:

My coffee conversations among a group of friends have resulted in several questions about Social Security.

1. What happens to the Social Security account of someone who dies before retirement age. What happens to that money and where does it end up?

2. How does the decreased birth rate of the USA affect future Social Security benefits?

3. Is a person, who has never contributed to the Social Security System entitled to any benefits from the Social Security Administration?

4. Is there a central location online that a person can access that explains the history and current status of the Social Security System, that explains all of it in simple terms. I would like to be able to give this location to people I talk with about Social Security.

Most of the articles we read are like slogging through mud. I enjoy AMAC articles and am college educated, but the average reading level in the U.S. is less than sixth grade. Thank you for considering these questions.

Signed:
Curious Reader

Dear Curious:

Thank you for your readership and I'll be happy to tackle your "over coffee" questions about Social Security.

1. Social Security is a "pay as you go" program, where all money collected from workers is used to pay benefits for all those, who are currently receiving Social Security. In other words, all money contributed is used to pay benefits to others already receiving benefits. It is not put into a separate account for each person and that is a good thing. Most people get more from Social Security than they ever contributed, but benefits are paid for life, regardless of how long one lives. The specific answer to your question is that if someone dies before retirement age, the money contributed has already been used to pay benefits to others. Keep in mind though, that a surviving spouse or minor or disabled adult child may also collect benefits on a deceased person's Social Security record.

2. The decreasing birth rate in the U.S. hurts Social Security. That's because fewer babies mean fewer future workers contributing to the Social Security program. FYI, in 1950 there were about 15 workers contributing to SS for every one person collecting benefits, but today there are less than three workers for each SS beneficiary.

That problem is exacerbated by the steadily increasing U.S. life expectancy. Beneficiaries are now often collecting SS benefits for decades from a program designed to pay benefits for only a few years.

3. Only those who have worked and contributed to Social Security through payroll taxes for about 10 years (40 quarters of SS credit) are eligible to collect SS Retirement benefits. However, some dependent spouses and/or dependent minor or dependent disabled children who have never worked might also be eligible for benefits from the worker's Social Security record. Along with each U.S. state, the SSA also administers another program, known as Supplement Security Income, on behalf of the federal government. However, federal "SSI" benefits are not paid with Social Security funds. "SSI" is a separate government benefit program, with federal benefits paid from the general U.S. Treasury.

4. There are lots of places to get information about Social Security, but I suggest you start at our AMAC Foundation Social Security information website, which can be found at www.socialsecurityreport.org. Here you will find numerous articles about Social Security, retirement, Medicare, etc., as well as all the Ask Rusty articles I have published weekly over the last 8 years. You can also find excellent Social Security information on our AMAC Foundation main website, www.amacfoundation.org. And, of course, you can always ask any questions you have via email to ssadvisory@amacfoundation.org. Or, if you prefer, you can just call us on 1-888-750-2622 if you have questions about Social Security or about Medicare enrollment.

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Bush beans are a great succession crop

I was "late" planting my bush beans this year, at least according to the calendar. But with the garden being under water for awhile and then mucky for days on end, this past week was the first time conditions were favorable.

We want to grow a lot of beans this year. The kids like them steamed, then stir-fried with garlic. My hope is to have lots of them to freeze, and to do that it will require multiple plantings.

Bush beans are a good example of a vegetable that works well as a succession crop. What that means is that they can be sown multiple times throughout the summer.

Why? Because unlike most other vegetables, beans produce less than 8 weeks from sowing, are not finicky about heat, and as long as you have full sun and average garden soil they can be grown with relative ease.

Consider making additional sowings of this versatile vegetable now before you get busy with the harvest. That way you can enjoy a continuous supply all summer long.

You might still refer to snap or bush beans as "string beans" even though the tough strings that connected the two halves of the pod were bred out of the snap bean beginning in 1884 with Calvin N. Keeney's introduction of the Stringless Refugee Wax Bean.

Today's modern stringless beans are a result of those early breeding efforts.

All types of beans require warm soil in which to germinate; 60 degrees at least. White seeded varieties are especially picky about soil temperatures.

Black and tan seeds regulate moisture intake more effectively, and therefore are less likely to rot in cool, wet soils. If you want to gamble with an early sowing, sow these instead.

Many seed companies even tell you the seed color

in a description. Usually by May 20 the ground is warm enough to sow all types of beans.

Succession plantings can

you will want to be on the look out for the Mexican Bean Beetle. A bit larger than ladybugs, and all brown, these pests and their fuzzy yellow larvae can decimate a stand of bean plants. Vigilance is the key.

If squashing bugs isn't for you, dropping them into soapy water will also do them in. Try planting marigolds nearby to deter them.

I have also found through experience that subsequent sowings are best sited away from one another. It will take the beetles a longer time to find the new plants than if they are planted side by side.

Harvest beans when they are still relatively thin. Depending on the variety, pods can average five to seven inches long at maturity. When inner seeds start to swell and fatten up the bean they aren't nearly as tasty.

As mentioned, bumper crops are possible, and sometimes it may be difficult to keep up with the harvest. One variety known especially for its holding power is Jade. Beans from this variety retain a deep green color and sport thin pods.

I have also enjoyed growing French beans "Haricot Verts" because they are very long and thin, never tough.

Fresh beans are easy to freeze. Blanch in boiling water for three minutes then plunge into ice water until cooled. Air-dry thoroughly, pack in plastic bags, and place in the freezer. Easy breezy.

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

in the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid



be made every 10 days through July 30. After that it is unlikely that plants will produce a viable crop before frost hits.

Rather than sowing bean seeds in rows, I make good use of garden space by planting them in a four-foot wide block. Anything wider than four feet would make it difficult to reach in among the plants to harvest.

If soil has been turned over or rototilled first it is easy to simply place the bean seeds on top of the soil four inches apart and push them into the ground with your index finger, up to the first knuckle. Pat the surface of the soil with your palm to firm, and water well. Germination will take place in a week to 10 days.

It is good practice not to work among the plants after a rainstorm or in the early morning when dew is present. Touching wet foliage can encourage diseases and spread them from plant to plant.

When the foliage is dry



*A mother had opened the door to life...
It's this way, the father said then;
And many glad steps to the world we'll take -*

*Before much higher gets the sun.
And at the fork ahead, you may see it now -
The half-green road where you're on your own.*

♥♥ FATHER'S DAY ♥♥

Just when figuring I was a young man free -
It all came about in family ...
And when raised they were a few feet up,
Something else had come about.
Like somehow belonging to a
broader country,
Found within already the family?
Tho' more and more are several parts known,
All are drawn from the original form.

Who ever said I needed a wife?!
Yet, what to those for whom
generations end?
And not pass along the song to them ...

But in the heart of things, never stopping -
Tho' deep in the ground, onward going;
Coming from what others had given?
Pulling further than I'd ever been -
The future somehow, as it all would be;
The return of a free man young.

When has it not been a father?
Except when distracted a care-free hour?
That seemed to stop the tenor of my ways. -
O for a life of sensations, than sacrifice -

- Charles Barnes

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Water District reviews plan from Tighe & Bond

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – The Warren Water District met this past Wednesday, June 4 to hear a presentation from Tighe & Bond.

Representatives of Tighe & Bond would present a Drinking Water Asset Management Plan for the Warren Water District. The June 4 meeting would be the kick-off meeting to introduce members of Tighe & Bond working on the project and explaining the objectives, goals and purpose.

This AMP provides the town with support to continue to proactively meet Department of Environmental Protection requirements, develop an improved water asset inventory to help inform capital improvement planning and build a more robust water asset management and operations and maintenance program.

In attendance from Tighe & Bond were Project Director Jeff Faulkner, Project Manager Andrew Morosky, Project Engineer Josh Bouchard, and Staff Engineer Hannah Milne.

One of the goals for this project is to create defensible risk-based AMP and fiscal sustainability methodology to guide decision making and help prioritize infrastructure rehabilitation, replacement and maintenance activities to meet level of service goals.

Another big goal for this AMP is to review potential opportunities to enhance the interconnection between the Warren Water District and the West Warren Water District.

The team also went over the water system description that is part of the AMP.

Sources include two active wells adjacent to Comins Pond, treatment features iron and manganese greensand filtration WTP and storage of a one million gallon concrete WST that was constructed back in 2005.

This meeting is part of Task One and the team reminded the WWD board that the next step is to have a Level of Service Workshop sometime in July. The Board is looking to possibly have that workshop done during a meeting on July 23. There is also a Field Conditions Assessment Site Visit that can be done in August or September of this year.

The AMP does include in-kind service tracking. Faulkner and Morosky, who attended the WWD meeting in person said this is one of the important pieces of the plan to do. The purpose is for the WWD to review the hours being done. The packet that was provided listed the projected hours. The Board could begin reviewing and counting hours during their meetings and reminded themselves to put that task on their agenda.

Attached to the packet is a questionnaire for the WWD to fill out and return to Morosky at the end of June. Tighe & Bond will compile the responses in the questionnaire to aid in the discussion during the Level of Service Workshop.

As far as this AMP goes, Faulkner said “it’s a journey” and will take time as they’re in the early stages. The Board thanked representatives of Tighe & Bond for their presentation and will be meeting with them again soon.

Election question

The Warren Water District

board heard from former board member Cindy Baxter who had a question regarding this past election.

Baxter stepped down from the Warren Water District board and her seat is currently vacant. From the remaining board’s standpoint, they believed Baxter had recommended a candidate who would be interested in serving and could take her seat on the board.

This position on the Board is for a one-year term and the requirements were that the member lives in the water district and is a registered voter in the town. Another requirement was a candidate would have to file nomination pictures and would also require getting 25 signatures and be filed.

Baxter’s question was if this candidate had met all of these requirements, why wasn’t the candidate given the position. As of the June 4 meeting, there is still an empty seat on the board that was once filled by Baxter.

WWD Agent David Kelly talked about the reasoning behind the board’s decision and that it was due to the Board wanting to let the public know about the vacant position. In other words, the WWD wanted to do their due diligence by putting out the vacant position on the Town website, Facebook page and advertise on their front door at 988 Main St. to see if there was any additional interest.

“Make sure the community is aware the job was open,” Kelly said.

Kelly also brought up that the Board could appoint a member who they saw fit to take the vacant seat. However, the WWD saw it best to do some public outreach to see if anyone else

was interested in running for the position.

Baxter had told the Board that this candidate she mentioned after her resignation had ran for the position in the past. Baxter said her intention was not to leave the board stuck after her resignation.

According to Baxter, there was a deadline date posted as to when a candidate needs to file their nomination paperwork by. WWD Clerk Loretta Beaudry said the Board didn’t know a deadline was posted.

Baxter said she is “advocating for the election law” when it comes to this seat on the board. Nomination papers have to be in 14 days prior to the election date. Baxter was wondering who gave the candidate the deadline date.

The Board and Baxter deemed that there was either an error or a misunderstanding in communication when it came to the date. The Board still thought Baxter was advocating for this said candidate she was talking about, but Baxter responded by saying, “It doesn’t matter to me who’s there.” Baxter is focusing more on the pathway on how to properly appoint a member and follow election laws.

Kelly reviewed a copy of their bylaws and said they’re unclear when it comes to elections. Baxter pointed out that the position is only for one year and that the candidate she talked about did get paperwork in. Baxter also mentioned the candidate got enough signatures as well.

Kelly reminded everyone at the meeting that the Board chose to have an open election, even though they have

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Selectmen hear open meeting law complaint

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen reviewed an open meeting law complaint at its June 5 meeting.

The complaint was filed by Peter Krawczyk on June 3 and it was stemming from a public record request. Krawczyk was seeking public records related to the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes and agendas from the years 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Town Administrator James Ferrera discussed the complaint as the board members reviewed it. Krawczyk sent the request to the Town Clerk, Laurie Stockley and she responded on behalf of the town. Records from 1989 were found, but not the other records from 1990 and 1991.

Krawczyk was notified, but he said he wanted all the records at once. The board was informed that the search for these records is still ongoing.

“Things can be misplaced,” Ferrera said as he shared that the Town Clerk has initiated an extensive search for those records.

The board members may want to consider digitizing the records and maybe get a digital folder in addition to paper records and new boxes to store the records.

Board of Selectmen Administrative Assistant Karen Dusty said a lot of the records came from the Town Hall building and there are some documents that can be shredded.

However, any meeting minutes and other permanent documentation cannot be destroyed.

“Keep what we need and look into scanning,” Board of Selectmen Chair Richard Eichacker said.

Town Administrator’s report

Ferrera informed the board members that birds have been nesting in the Shepard Municipal Building, and they will need to be relocated.

Ferrera also brought to the board’s attention the condition of the windows. A portion of the windows throughout the building are not full glass windows. Some of the windows are possibly fiber glass and sections of the windows are bowing.

Maintenance work will have to be done soon to identify all the windows that are bowing. Ferrera said there will be maintenance and town building funding coming in July.

Ferrera talked about the success of the town’s annual Memorial Day parade and he thanked all who participated and volunteered.

MOA with police union

The board members discussed a memorandum of agreement between the town and the Warren Patrolmen’s Association. The MOA has been finalized and Ferrera hopes contacts will be in place, starting July 1.

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This was against the Finance Committee recommendation to address the salary increase at a Special Town Meeting.

The \$7.1 million plus budget included using \$62,354.57 from the Overlay Fund toward the total figure, the bulk of which was raised and appropriated.

The Finance Committee was not in favor of using overlay reserves to help fund the town’s budget. The committee chairman Christopher Culross said this was not fiscally sound and if the town uses overlay fund this year he questioned where would it come from next year.

Since the Select Board

and Finance Committee were not in agreement on the use of overlay funds, Moderator Ryan Witkos called for a recess so he could “resolve” the issue with them. Several residents said the Select Board and Finance Committee should have resolved this issue before the town meeting and not on the floor of town meeting.

The moderator reconvened the meeting and announced the Finance Committee agreed to use the proposed amount of \$62,354.57 from the Overlay Fund.

Voters then approved the amended budget total, which included an increase for the Planning Board clerk.

The other article involving considerable time was Article 17 sponsored by the Select Board. This article would amend the town of Hardwick General Bylaws to regulate internal procedures, consistent with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5, the “Zoning Act.” The purpose of this bylaw as printed in the article “was to establish a transparent, consistent and legally sound process for the review of proposed amendments to the town procedural bylaw.”

The Planning Board was not in favor of this article. Town Counsel also had some concerns with it as well. She said the Attorney General may have some

issues approving this article as it had “inconsistencies” with Massachusetts General Law. She said Hardwick was a non-charter town and performed under MGL.

Newly elected Select Board member Jeffrey Schaaf said he was not in favor of Article 17 and was not on the Board when they approved this bylaw placement on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Select Board Vice Chairman William Tinker said the proposed bylaw worked hand in hand with MGL and was approved by Town Counsel. He said it would allow voters to be more informed.

The Planning Board

Chairman said originally their board recommended to table the article, but he hoped it would be voted down. He said the Planning Board was not previously notified of the bylaw amendment and found out about it when the warrant was posted.

Hardwick voters heeded his advice and voted overwhelmingly against it with six yes and 94 no. Voters voted to indefinitely postpone the final article on the warrant, a citizen petition to either raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow or a combination thereof \$10,000 to be used to supplement the salaries of the Gilbertville Library.

Voter approved to table

three articles involving putting money in Stabilization Fund, Capital Stabilization Fund and Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

Residents aged 70 or over will no longer have to pay to license their dog. Voters approved an article to allow no fee to be charged for those aged 70 or over.

They also approved routine articles to authorize the treasurer with Select Board approval to borrow money in anticipation of revenue, to accept town reports of all officers and committees and to allow the Board of Assessor to appoint one of their members to a full-time position allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, Section 21A.

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Evelyn passed away on January 9, 2025.



Yousif Khudhair, left and Blake Merrill made their way through the gym during graduation.



Jeffrey Hurley, left, and Jack Morgan made their way through the crowd as the graduation ceremony began.



Parker Chaffee, left and Izaiah Flores posed for the camera as they walked during graduation.



Emily Hubbel is shown with her diploma alongside School Committee Chair Andrew Schwenker.

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together in front of the podium.

The address of welcome was recited by Falon Rice, the Class Historian. The first speaker of the commencement was Richard Tracy, giving his Class President Address.

Throughout his speech, Tracy recognized the entire class as a whole. With four years of high school now complete, Tracy said he believes his classmates are ready for the future.

For the musical selection, James Joinville accompanied the Quaboag Singers and performed "Closer to the Flame" by Susan Boersma and David Lantz III. Among the singers were graduating seniors who performed one final time at their school.

Superintendent Stephen Duff gave his address and said this moment is "about a group in its entirety."

Duff expressed thanks to all who are a part of the school community, including the dedicated staff, who were in attendance during the graduation ceremony. Duff describes the staff at the Quaboag Regional School District as the "heart and soul" of the school community.

Going back to the graduating class, Duff said he views this class as inspiring.

"Excellence has been nothing short of inspiring," said Duff. "A powerful sense of community."

Duff said he believes this graduating class is prepared for what is next in their future. The Superintendent also hopes the graduates still remember their journey through high school and remember the connections they made along the way.

"This is more than school...it's a family, it's a home," Duff said.

Allison Duszlak went up to the podium to introduce the keynote speaker. Giving the speech was Christina



The Quaboag Regional High School Class of 2025 stood proudly in the high school gym as the 57th commencement ceremony that took place on Saturday.



Parker Tunley received her high school diploma, alongside School Committee Chair Andrew Schwenker.



The National Anthem was performed by Avienha Andreoli, Parker Chaffee, Toby Chaplin, Allison Duszlak, Abigail Jolin, Josua Learning Jr, Dante Martino, and Falon Rice.

Predella, owner of Oakholm Farms.

Predella used to teach at Quaboag and as part of her speech reflected on her journey and talked about her time at there and then her experiences after leaving.

"Some of my best years were here at Quaboag," Predella said.

According to Predella, accomplishing successes in life takes not only hard work, but also perseverance.

"Perseverance is the heartbeat of every success story," said Predella. "Lean into perseverance."

The graduates know they are crossing a major milestone in their lives and Predella wants them to

always remember where they came from and how some of their journeys started in high school.

"Never forget where you came from," she said. "Your roots are right here."

Becoming the owner of Oakholm Farms not only consisted of hard work, but a lot of learning curves for Predella, but it was good for her to step out a comfort zone and pursue something to obtain growth.

"Growth never comes from comfort zones," Predella said.

Another musical selection would take place in the school gymnasium. Mr. Joinville said this selection is dedicated to Principal

Casey Handfield. The graduates wore ribbons in honor of Principal Handfield during the ceremony.

The Quaboag Regional Wind Ensemble then performed "Can't Help Falling in Love" by Elvis Presley, dedicated to late Principal Casey Handfield. The graduates wore ribbons in honor of Handfield during the ceremony and his family was also in attendance.

It was then time to hear the Valedictorian and Salutatorian addresses. This year's Salutatorian was Norah Schwenker, who thanked her family, friends and teachers. Schwenker

reflected back on her journey through high school and expressed appreciation for all the opportunities her class has during their time as students.

"Let us embrace these new opportunities," Schwenker said.

Student Advisory Council Katelynn Swistak came up to introduce the Valedictorian, her friend, Nora Pennington-Russell. During her speech, Pennington-Russell thanked

all the teachers who helped her feel she can truly overcome anything. She also thanked Nurse Dulak, who she believes encouraged her to pursue a career in healthcare.

After receiving their diplomas and prior to the turning of the tassels, the Quaboag Class of 2025 along with all who attended gave a big round of applause to the Handfield family.

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"I'm grateful and happy it is resolved," Ferrera said. "A fair contract for both parties."

Contract with Waterfield Design Group

The board members approved a contract amendment between the town and Waterfield Design Group for the River and Central Street Improvement Project. According to Ferrera, the company suggested to do some cleaning and video feed for the drains in the area of those streets.

The company wants to get a good handle on all of the sewer lines and existing

drains. This is all part of the design phase of the project and would help the town understand the infrastructure better.

This project is paid for through Community Development Block Grant money.

Town meetings

The Special and Annual Town Meeting will be taking place this week on Thursday, June 12 at the Quaboag Regional Middle High School Auditorium. The Special Town Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. and the Annual Town Meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The school is located at 284 Old West Brookfield Road.

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the option to appoint someone to the Board. Baxter resigned in April, and mentioned the position is only good for one year.

Kelly stated that "elected positions know when a term is up" and knows there has to be a clear and fair way of filling a vacant position.

"Provide a sufficient runway," Kelly said.

The Board believes they're trying to make it fair for anyone and felt it was best to give some time, rather than

immediately appointing a board member to the Warren Water District. It is only a one-year term, and the election will come up again next May.

For a better understanding of an election law being set, Baxter recommended the Board contact William Galvin, Secretary of State, who administers elections for the State. The Board will review the bylaws further and see what Galvin says. The Board also has the intention of holding a special election on June 17 and hopefully fill the vacant position.

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Graduates of the Class of 2025 turned their tassels.

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you...you've made us proud," Slattery said. "Go forward with courage. Go forward with confidence and most importantly, go forward with kindness."

Class President Philip Orszulak welcomed and thanked all who attended the graduation ceremony.

"We gather here today to celebrate the accomplishments of this class," he said.

Orszulak took the audience through the Class of 2025's first day of high school, which started just as pandemic restrictions were lifting. He recalled how they accidentally started a fire during their freshmen class breakfast.

He said burning breakfast wasn't a trend that continued into sophomore year or any subsequent years, and he remembered that junior year was the best year of all.

"We always knew junior year was tough," Orszulak said, but it was also one they'd never forget.

He talked about taking AP classes, the SAT test, staying up until midnight to finish assignments, and enjoying prom and Winter Carnival.

Finally, the Class of 2025 reached its senior year, starting off with a cloudy Senior Sunrise.

"Senior year – the year we have been looking forward to our whole lives was here," Orszulak said.

Orszulak said since the first day of freshmen year, 1,382 days have passed to now reach graduation day.

"We've changed and we've learned," Orszulak said. "Graduation is a day of celebration, but also reflection. You have the power to shape your future."

School Committee Chair Brian Winslow said he doesn't remember much from any of his graduations (aside from being in a hot and crowded old Boston Garden in the summer without air conditioning), but that it is an important milestone.

"Graduation from high school is a big deal," Winslow said.

He told the graduates they should be proud of earning this achievement and all that they have accomplished. He encouraged the students to get involved in their communities to make a positive impact.

"You have the right to express yourself," Winslow said. "We need to get young people involved."

Valedictorian Michael Devlin said it was an honor and privilege to speak before his classmates.

"This day is the culmination of four years of hard work and struggle," Devlin said. "We have changed over time as we have grown."

Devlin credited all of the teachers, staff and parents for providing support and guidance for the students, and how each one added a piece to the students "mosaics;" the different pieces that make

each person unique and special.

Salutatorian Taylor Janson said she had been working on her speech since April, but only just finished editing it the night before. She listed each teacher who made an impact on her high school experience, and shared her favorite memories.

"Thank you for providing this unforgettable high school experience," she said.

Janson said one of the most important things the Class of 2025 was able to do, was to build a sense of community amongst themselves.

After Director of Student Services Dr. Ginger Coleman declared the Class of 2025 officially graduated, Assistant Principal Michael Fazio called the names of the grad-



Class President Philip Orszulak gave his speech.

uates to receive their diplomas. The Class of 2025 then joined in singing its class song, "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield.

The school band performed "Tomahawk" as the Class of 2025 left the high school for the final time.

"You are hereby dismissed," Slattery said to the graduates.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette
Principal Scott Slattery led the commencement ceremony.



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Dr. Ginger Coleman, Director of Student Services, presented diplomas to graduates.




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Lahnai Giles accepted her diploma from Dr. Ginger Coleman.



The Class of 2025 smiled as they sang their class song.



Graduates smiled as they stopped to pose for a photo.



Skyla Eaton and Abigale McQuaid walked in together.



Michael Fountain and Matthew Gambino walked into the gymnasium during the graduation ceremony.



The Class of 2025 sang its class song, "Unwritten".



Assistant Principal Michael Fazio read the names of the graduates.



Ami LaPointe and Messiah Richardson prepared for the graduation ceremony.



Valedictorian Michael Devlin read his essay.



Salutatorian Tayloe Janson read her essay.



Students decorated their mortarboards.



Graduates looked for their family members in the crowd.

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Jaykub Tortora and Jazeel Blanchard walked in together.



Kenyce Crump and Aniya Surprise Burton were ready to graduate.



Graduates entered the gymnasium for the last time as students.



School Committee Chair Brian Winslow gave his speech.



Alexander Hedge-Hughes and Jayden Kern walked into the gymnasium.



Cheyenne Smith walked into the gymnasium for her last time as a student of Ware Jr./Sr. High School.

Gavin Sawabi was ready to receive his diploma.

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Ware advances to quarterfinals in tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—After suffering a season ending loss in the round of 16 a year ago, the Ware baseball team made it a little bit farther in this year's Division 5 state tournament.

The round of 16 contest was tied, 2-2, entering the third inning before the

fifth-seeded Indians pulled away for a 6-2 victory over the 12th-seeded Westport Wildcats at Memorial Field, last Wednesday night.

"We were competitive in tonight's game," said Ware head coach Scott Slattery. "They went up on us 1-0 and 2-1 in the first two innings, but we were able to come back each time

and tied the score. Then we took control of the game." The Indians (20-2), who lost at Ayer-Shirley in extra innings in the round of 16 last June, faced the fifth-seeded Hopedale Blue Raiders in the Elite Eight, which was held at Fino Field in Milford on Sunday night.

"We haven't made it this far in the postseason tour-

namment since we won the Western Mass Title in 2010," Slattery said. "We faced their best pitcher, and the kids did a very good job against him."

The five seniors, who played their final high school baseball game at Memorial Field in the round of 16 are Jason Mumper, Josh Dulak, Owen McKeever, Nate Kaczuwka, and Trevor

Millet.

There are also six juniors listed on the Indians varsity roster. A couple of the underclassmen made sure the seniors would win what turned out to be the final home game of the season.

The winning pitcher against Westport (15-7) was junior righthander Brady Guimond, who allowed two

runs on six hits in five plus innings. He walked four and had six strikeouts.

"It feels very nice to be the winning pitcher in a state tournament game for the first time," Guimond said. "I settled down after the first couple of innings. I was mainly

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Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Cam MacDonald comes up throwing home.



Catcher Pete Hogan slides safely into third.



Dave Clark fields a ground ball to second.

Bankers grab win as Tri-County opens season

HOLYOKE – The Tri-County Baseball League, which still contains the best quality adult baseball in the region, was back in action last week. Multi-time champion PeoplesBank opened up their season last Thursday at Holyoke's Mackenzie Stadium and defeated Hilltown Tents 15-5. James Flahive got the win while catcher Pete Hogan homered for the Bankers.



Johnny Gegetskas is safe at home.



Cam Rivest catches a fly ball to right.



Lefty James Flahive delivers home.

Mutiny return home to record win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — Even though the weather was miserable, it was still an enjoyable evening for the New England Mutiny players and their faithful supporters.

The Mutiny, who scored a pair of second half goals, defeated the Ole' Eagles, 2-0, in front of a large crowd on a rainy night at Lusitano Stadium last Saturday.

"It's always nice to win at home," said Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari. "I thought we played very well tonight, especially during the second half."

The Mutiny (2-0) began the regular season by posting a 4-1 home win over Maine Footy two weeks earlier. That match was stopped by the referee in the middle of the second half due to a thunderstorm.

The Ole' Eagles (0-1), who are from Trumbull Connecticut, is a first year member of United Women's Soccer, which is celebrating its tenth season.

A couple of the Mutiny players saw their first action in the second home match of the regular season.

Chloe Laizer, who's graduating this week from West Springfield High



Turley photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Chloe Laizer gets ready to send the ball away.

School, was the starting goalie.

During the second minute of the first half, Alexa Pino fired a shot from the left side of the box, but Laizer made the diving save keep the visiting team off the scoreboard.

"This was my first start with the Mutiny, and I was a little bit nervous before the game. I had a lot more confidence after making the early save," said Laizer, who'll be a freshman on the St. Michael's College women's soccer team in the fall. "Playing a game in the

rain and wind is very challenging, especially as a goalie."

Pino, who'll be a freshman at the University of South Carolina in the fall, is the two-time Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year.

The Mutiny back-up goalie was Maddie Riley, who's a member of the girls' varsity soccer team at Ludlow High School.

Both teams had several corner kicks during the first half, but the match was still

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Several outgoing seniors were honored at a recent Pioneers game.

Western United Pioneers celebrate 37 graduating seniors

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LUDLOW — The evening of May 31 was filled with pride, emotion, and celebration as the Western United Pioneers Football Club honored 37 graduating seniors during a special halftime ceremony at historic Lusitano Stadium. Held under the lights and light rain, the event brought together families, coaches, alumni, and soccer fans to recognize the achieve-

ments of student-athletes who have helped shape the club's legacy.

"These individuals have been more than just players on the field," said Western United Pioneers FC President Carlos Chaves in his opening remarks. "They have been ambassadors of the club and pillars of our community. Their dedication, passion, and sportsmanship have left an indelible mark on our organization."



Players will be moving on to college and other interests.

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sports

Candlepin League News

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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Summer League on Wednesday nights continue at Bogey Lanes in East Brookfield.

After five weeks of league candlepin bowling, leading in the standings is Sophia's Raiders with a record of 32-8. Gutter Dolls are in second place with a record of 26-14 and Gutter Snipers are in third place with a record of 24-16.

In week five, Kristen's Squad bowled against their average and won two out of three games and received six points. Members of the team experienced some high scores during week five. During game two, Bob Button put up a score of 140, which included a double strike. Lori Merriam bowled her personal best single game with a 127.

The Rolling Stones

bowled against the Straight Shooters in week five. In game one, Straight Shooters bowled a team score of 463 to win. In game two, Straight Shooters won again by a score of 484-425. Craig Dube of Straight Shooters bowled a 114 to help get the win.

In game three, Straight Shooters won again, 476-436, for a three-game sweep over the Rolling Stones. Dube finished with a 102 in game three. The final score was 1423-1300 in favor of Straight Shooters.

Sophia's Raiders bowled against Clock Barn. In game one, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 462-459. Phil Clough of Sophia's Raiders started the match with a 118.

In game two, Sophia's Raiders won again by a score of 507-476. Clough bowled phenomenally by putting up a 160 game: only leaving two pins standing.

In game three, Sophia Raiders won the last game by a score of 449-441. Clough bowled a 117 and

had a series of 395. The final score was 1418-1376 in favor of Sophia's Raiders, who are the #1 seed.

The Gutter Dolls bowled against the Gutter Snipes. In game one, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 447-413. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes bowled a 109.

In game two, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 444-440. In game three, Gutter Dolls won the last game by a score of 464-446. Emily Darcy bowled a 102 in game three. The final score was 1333-1321 in favor of Gutter Snipes.

Gutter Fingers bowled against Team Nine. In game one, Team Nine won by a score of 454-414. Pete Swistak bowled a 105 in game one.

In game two, Team Nine won again by a score of 433-420. In game three, Gutter Fingers won the last game by a score of 416-401. Team Nine won total pinfall by a final score of 1288-1250.

Sports clinics return this summer

LUDLOW – The Lions Pride Sports Clinics return this summer with a dynamic lineup of programs designed to support youth athletic development, foster sportsmanship, and prepare athletes for competitive success. Hosted at Ludlow High School, the clinics will run from late June through August and include offerings in basketball, soccer, volleyball, beach volleyball, athlete preparation, and track & field.

With a strong roster of experienced coaches and a focus on skill-building, these clinics provide athletes from kindergarten through 12th grade with opportunities to grow in a fun, supportive environment. Registration is now open.

Summer 2025 Clinics Include:
Basketball Clinic
Grades: 1st-9th
Coach: Tim Brillo
Dates: July 7-11 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Fee: \$100

Soccer Clinics – Session 1 & 2
Ages: 5-12
Coach: Greg Kolodiez
Session 1: June 23-27 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Session 2: July 21-25 | 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Fee: \$100 per session

High School Volleyball
Grades: 10-12
Coach: Ethan Campbell
Dates: June 24-August 14 | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 6 to 8 p.m.
Fee: \$200

Volleyball Basics
Grades: 7-9
Coach: Ethan Campbell
Dates: July 8-August 14 | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 4 and 6 p.m.
Fee: \$200

Beach Volleyball
Grades: 10-12
Coach: Ethan Campbell
Dates: June 24-August 14 | Tuesdays and Thursdays (6 to 8 p.m.), Sundays (10 a.m. to 12 noon)
Fee: \$350

Athlete Prep
Grades: 8-12
Coach: Brian Walsh
Dates: June 23-August 7
Sessions: Monday and Thursday at 8 a.m., Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Schedule subject to change
Fee: \$130

Youth Track and Field
Grades: K-8
Coaches: Brian Walsh
Dates: June 30-August 11 | Mondays | 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$100

All sessions will be held at Ludlow High School, featuring high-quality facilities and a supportive environment for young athletes to learn and grow.



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The evening's recognition ceremony honored graduating players from the club's junior academy, many of whom are continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Chaves emphasized that the event was more than a send-off, it was a celebration of personal growth, commitment, and the role these players have played in the club's success.

Among the honorees were standout players such as Chloe Laizer, Abigail Toomey, and Hudson Manzolini. One graduate, Chloe Laizer, was even the starting goalkeeper for the night's match with the New England Mutiny, the region's senior women's professional team that shares a deep connection with the youth academy.

"Most of the women on the Mutiny roster are NCAA Division I collegiate athletes," Chaves explained. "And Chloe, a high school senior, started in goal tonight. That tells you what kind of talent and commitment we're celebrating."

Founded with the mission of developing young

talent, the Western United Pioneers program today serves around 800 athletes, half boys and half girls, from ages 4 through high school. The program has grown into a vital part of the regional soccer landscape, nurturing talent and fostering community spirit.

"Tonight is about all 37 of our graduating seniors," said Chaves. "Whether they're going on to play in college or moving forward in life in other ways, we're proud of them. We want to recognize the dedication and passion they've shown not just to the sport, but to our community."

Names of all the graduates were read aloud during the halftime ceremony, receiving enthusiastic applause from the packed stands. The full list includes:

Katelyn Gilhooly, Calleigh Foley, Avery D'Amour, Allison Morris, Mia Carvalho, Evan Costa, Sophia Scyocurka, Brianna Ribeiro, Robert Bustamante, Ethan Sousa, Eleanor Leland, Colette Thayer, Taylor Colberg, Taryn Carrievau, Madeline Hockman, Parker Tunley, Gabriella Fialho, Lilliana Barkyoub, Derke



Those honored had been part of the Pioneers youth program.

Lonczak, Ryan Baublitz, Madison Rathbone, Norah Walsh, Nicholas Byrnes, Matthew Ryan, Loretta Petraszewicz, Carlos David, Thomas Wadas, Otis Chuan, Pasquale D'Ascoli, Helen Vissas, Casimir Pierre, Chloe Laizer, Joey Borelli, Abigail Toomey, Ryleigh Remillard, Fallon Clancy, and Hudson Manzolini.

The evening also marked a confluence of tradition and celebration. Lusitano Stadium, one of the nation's

oldest soccer-specific stadiums, served as a fitting venue for such an occasion. Built in the 1920s, the walled stadium is home to both the Western Mass Pioneers (USL League Two) and the New England Mutiny (United Women's Soccer), both of which maintain strong ties to the junior academy.

"What makes this place special is the culture," said Chaves. "It's intimate, it's family-driven. You've got volunteers in the kitchen and at

the bar. You've got local beer and Portuguese sandwiches being served. It feels like home."

Despite dreary weather earlier in the day, spirits remained high following the club's spring picnic held before the match. Over 450 players, families, and supporters turned out for the event, which blended the grassroots spirit of the club with the professionalism of a matchday experience.

"Our kids had their pic-

nic in the rain, and then they stayed for the game," Chaves said. "That's what community looks like."

As the Pioneers look to the future, leadership remains committed to fostering talent through experienced coaching and mentorship. The junior program's Director of Coaching, Federico Molinari, brings professional playing experience from Argentina and Italy and also serves as head coach for both the Mutiny and the men's pro team.

"We're a nonprofit, and what sets us apart is the soccer-specific culture and family atmosphere," Chaves said. "We're not just building players...we're building people."

As the night concluded, seniors posed for photos, hugged their teammates, and soaked in the applause one final time as youth players of the Western United Pioneers FC. The send-off was not only a tribute to past accomplishments but a call to future greatness.

"You will always be part of our family," said Chaves. "And we look forward to seeing the amazing things you'll accomplish next."

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using my curveball and slider. The offense also helped me out a lot in tonight's game."

Junior righty Jack Gaudreau, who started at first base, took over on the mound after Guimond walked the leadoff hitter in the top of the sixth inning. Gaudreau allowed just one hit over the final two innings.

"We received an outstanding performance from both of our pitchers," Slattery said. "Brady threw more than 100 pitches, and I thought he

was getting a little bit tired. Then Jack came in and did a very good job."

Gaudreau was eligible to pitch in Elite Eight game against Hopedale, which was started by right-hander Nate Kaczuwka, who's the Indians ace.

The luxury bus carrying the Westport players didn't arrive at Memorial Field until about 40 minutes before the start of the game.

While it was the first ever meeting between the varsity baseball teams, the two high school's do have some-

thing in common. A baseball player from each school was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers. Allen Levrault, who graduated from Westport High School, was drafted by the Brewers in the 13th round of the 1996 Major League Baseball Draft.

Billy Jo Robidoux, who graduated from Ware High School in 1982, was also drafted by the Brewers in the sixth round of the 82' MLB Draft. He also played for the Chicago White Sox and the Boston Red Sox.

Robidoux was the first

base umpire in the round of 16 game.

After Westport took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, Ware tied the score in their first at-bats of the game against senior righty Jame Connor.

With one-out, Nate Kaczuwka, who started at shortstop before moving to first base, hit a ground ball single past third base down the left field line. He advanced to third base following a wild pickoff throw. He scored when his younger brother Kyle, blasted a double to deep centerfield.

Kyle Kaczuwka, who's a junior catcher, hit another double in the fifth inning before being intentionally walked in the sixth.

The Wildcats retook the

lead on an RBI single by senior centerfielder Owen Boudria with two-outs in the second inning.

Just like in the previous inning, the Indians answered right back in the home half of the frame.

Three consecutive singles by junior designated hitter Alex Orszulak, junior second baseman Brodie Koczur, and McKeever, who started in right field, loaded the bases. The tying run scored when Gaudreau drew a walk. The Indians also had a golden opportunity to take the lead in that frame, but they wound up leaving the bases loaded.

The Indians scored the go-ahead run with one-out in the third.

After junior left fielder Troy Dufresne hit a fly ball

double to left field, he moved to third on a passed ball before scoring following a throwing error by the catcher.

The Indians took a 4-2 lead in the fifth when Orszulak doubled to left scoring Kyle Kaczuwka.

Trevor Millet, who started at third base, contributed with a two-run double in the bottom of the sixth, which gave the home team a 6-2 advantage.

Gaudreau walked two batters with two outs in the seventh inning before ending the game with a strikeout.

"All of us have been playing sports together since we were little kids," Gaudreau said. "We just want to keep winning games in this tournament, especially for the seniors."



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It is a graduation tradition at Quabbin Regional High School for the new graduates to toss their mortarboards in the air following the turning of the tassels.

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Joy” by Randall Standbridge and directed by Toni Brown followed the valedictorian’s address.

Salutatorian Sydney Gagne then gave her address. She said in elementary school upon hearing the Class of 2025 seemed so far away. She said in 2023 she made the decision to participate in a dual enrollment with Quinsagmond Community College. She earned her Associate’s Degree this year. She said the program taught her discipline.

The first student speaker Amanda Samaha followed the salutatorian’s address. She encouraged her classmates to face challenges head on and related she faced an illness.

The Quabbin Singers under the direction of Julia Tuttle sang “Bridge Over Troubled Water” by Paul Simon. Before the handing out of the diplomas, Superintendent Colleen Mucha addressed the group and then QRSD Committee member Kristyl Kelly followed.

Superintendent Mucha said 20% of the class were in Naval Junior Reserve Officer’s Training Corps, 10% in chorus and/or band, 38% played multiple sports and 5% earned the Eagle Scout rank. This class had 155 enrolled in freshman year, over the years some opted for other school and tonight 102 graduated.

She referred to them as risk takers and agents of change. She asked them to put to stand up wearing sunglasses while the Symphonic



Class of 2025 senior class president Luke Salvatore and valedictorian Irene Stolgitis led the soon to be graduates into the Quabbin Regional High School gym at Friday, June 6 graduation.

Winds played the theme from “Mission Impossible.”

School committee member Kelly said she always finished the chapter rather than stop reading a book in the middle of a page. Following the handing out of diplomas by school committee member Vice Chariman Debra Chamberlain, Abigail Crawford, the second student speaker, said she was honored to be standing here as she finished up this chapter of her life.

Class Vice President Ruby Gatulis, and Ellie Frost, class treasurer led their class in the turning of the tassels. Mortarboards then went flying into the air. Finally, the students recessed to “Fanfare and Recessional” by James D. Ployhar.



Class Salutatorian Sydney Gagne spoke at the Quabbin Regional High School graduation on Friday, June 6.

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Now called the Jubilee Ministries to also include the clothing closet and diaper ministry, the once small sharing cupboard of food off the church’s kitchen will be located in the former Masonic hall at 80 Pleasant St.

The day began with a service of Pentecost, with Fisher joined by the Right Rev. Alan Gates, recently retired bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts and former priest of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Fisher spoke about the various ministries throughout the Diocese, and how they help veterans, incarcerated people, and many more. He said a total of 83 miles of the Appalachian Trail passes through the Diocese, and church members give out food and water, and offer hikers a chance to charge their phones and engage in conversation.

Conversation is key when talking about God and sharing the word of the Bible, Fisher said.

He spoke about Pentecost, when all of the Apostles were speaking different languages in the street and many passersby questioned if they were intoxicated. He said it is often said that the “language of the church” doesn’t belong outside of the church walls.

“No, the language of the church goes out into the street,” he said.

He said the Apostles went 10 days without Jesus, and how they stayed together during that time, bound and strengthened by their faith.

“You’re in a time of transition,” Fisher said to the parishioners. “What do you do? You stay together.”

Gates said this was his first time giving a sermon since his retirement in October, and he was glad it was a Trinity Episcopal Church, where he served as



Turley Photos by Paula Quimette

The building was blessed by Right Rev. Dr. Douglas John Fisher, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

priest in the 1990s.

Gates recalled the exact day 35 years ago that the church’s search committee chair, Pat Turley, called him, and told him he had been selected to serve the church.

Gates shared memories of two lifelong parishioners, Eleanor and Elizabeth Chase and how they lived out their long years at their home on Pleasant Street.

“They never stopped serving this church all those years,” he said.

Eleanor and Elizabeth were known to toll the bell during funerals and set up hundreds of figurines at Christmas time.

“You know they had disappointments and sorrows,” Gates said. “They never lost their dignity and faith.”

He asked the parishioners how people were able to go through life facing challenges and adversity, and he said the answer was the power of the Holy Spirit, which is the gift received at Pentecost.

Gates spoke about the “amazing work this parish

has done now for 40 years” with the Jubilee Ministries.

“This is a vision of matching the facility with mission that is needed,” Gates said. “From a closet off the kitchen to now this beautiful facility.”

Lay Eucharistic Minister of Trinity Episcopal Church, Ron Newton, shared some words from the late Rev. Dr. Randy Wilburn, who served the church for many years, before retiring. Wilburn passed away late last year, and his wife of 60 years, Karin, attended the service and blessing.

“Randy said we are an urban ministry, and we are right in the middle of it,” Newton said of the 80 Pleasant St. location.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley joined the blessing of the building and thanked the church parishioners for continuing to provide support for people in the community.

“We know how much this is needed in the community,” he said.



Parishioners of Trinity Episcopal Church and members of the community stand outside the new Jubilee Ministries building located at 80 Pleasant St.

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scoreless at halftime.

The Mutiny finally broke the ice with a corner kick goal in the 56th minute.

Avery Galante sent the ball into the box to the left corner where Maya Mathis, who’s a defender, sent a shot into the back of the net past goalie Emily Robinson for her first goal as a Mutiny player.

“Avery and I are best friends. We used to play on a club soccer team together,” Mathis said. “My younger sister, Sadie, was also on the field when I scored my goal, so it was very exciting sharing that moment with them.”

Maya Mathis, who graduated from Acton Boxboro Regional High School, was a member of the UConn women’s soccer team during the past two seasons before entering the transfer portal. She’ll be joining the University of Kansas women’s soccer team this fall.

“I just wanted to make a change and go to a part of the country where I’ve never been before,” Maya Mathis said. “I’m really excited about playing soccer at Kansas.”

Sadie Mathis will be playing soccer at Boston College.

About twenty minutes later, the Mutiny were given a penalty kick following a foul inside the box.

Taylor Jenkins, who also plays at UConn, put the PK into the right corner making the score 2-0.



Maddy Theriault, of Palmer, makes her Mutiny season debut in their most recent home game.

A couple of local players who played in the home match are Maddy Theriault (Palmer), Tennessee Murphy (Monson) Kylie Ray (Minnechaug), Bella Meadows (Pope Francis/Chicopee) Olivia Crespo (Ludlow), and Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown).

The New England Mutiny will be one of the four teams competing in the inaugural Brandi Chastain Cup. The Mutiny will be facing Richmond Ivy of the USL W-league at City Stadium in Richmond, VA. On Thursday night.

“It’s really special for us to be regarded as one of the top teams in our league,” said Klingensmith, who’s is

a member of the American University women’s soccer “We’re very exciting about playing in that game. The team that we’ll be playing has some quality players, so it’ll be a challenging match for us.”

If the Mutiny defeats Richmond Ivy, they’ll be hosting the finals of the Brandi Chastain Cup on June 18 at Lusitano Stadium. The California Storm beat Pan World Elite, 4-1, in the other semifinal, which was held in May.

The Mutiny will also play two regular season road matches against NJ Alliance and the Ole’ Eagles before returning home to face Racing Power FC on June 14.



Laci Lewis looks to deke out an opponent.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Taylor Jenkins tries to out run an opponent.



Olivia Crespo makes her way up the field.



Avery Klingensmith sends the ball deep.

public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of June 3-10, the Ware Police Department responded to 32 miscellaneous calls, 26 administrative calls, six traffic violations, 19 emergency 911 calls, eight motor vehicle accidents, two harassments, one fraud/deception, one safety hazard, two thefts/larcenies, two trespasses, nine animal calls and 51 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, June 3

3:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest Made
 5:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 7:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 10:20 a.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered
 6:22 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Anderson Road, Patient Refusal
 11:12 p.m. Drugs, Main Street, Could Not Locate
 11:19 p.m. Home Invasion, South Street, Investigated

Wednesday, June 4

4:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 5:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 10:24 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Mountain View Drive, Dispatch Handled
 11:32 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Dispatch Handled
 2:16 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Services Rendered
 2:35 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Monson Turnpike Road, Dispatch Handled
 3:10 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Upper Church Street, Report Made
 4:43 p.m. Structure Fire, Morse Avenue, False Alarm
 7:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Thursday, June 5

12:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed
 6:18 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Babcock Tavern Road, Services Rendered
 11:58 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled
 12:01 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Highland Village, Services Rendered
 1:35 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
 1:35 p.m. Assault, North Street, Services Rendered
 4:31 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Shoreline Drive, Services Rendered
 5:51 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Belchertown Road, Investigated
 10:12 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated

Friday, June 6

1:27 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered
 4:04 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Main Street, Investigated
 5:19 p.m. Safety Hazard, Park Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, June 7

2:30 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 6:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 10:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Sunday, June 8

8:20 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Babcock Tavern Road, Investigated
 9:07 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Williston Drive, Investigated
 2:18 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch

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Handled

2:49 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made
 7:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 8:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 10:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Canal Street, Services Rendered

Monday, June 9

2:19 a.m. Bylaw Violation, West Street, City Ordinance Violation
 3:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 3:11 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 5:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued
 6:56 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Moriarty Road, Advised
 7:55 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Pleasant Street, Report Made

Tuesday, June 10

3:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 3:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 5:04 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Investigated

Warren Police Log

During the week of May 25-31, the Warren Police Department responded to 88 building/property checks, 18 community policings, 14 emergency 911 calls, one larceny/theft, one water rescue, one safety concern, three motor vehicle accidents, three animal calls and 36 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, May 25

1:33 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital

Monday, May 26

10:05 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Southbridge Road, Report Filed
 4:23 p.m. Water Rescue, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 7:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Warren Road, Citation Issued

Tuesday, May 27

6:54 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital
 8:37 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital
 10:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Written Warning
 3:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer/Chief Advised
 4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, High Street, Vehicle Removed
 6:09 p.m. Suspicious Person, Crescent Street,

Officer/Chief Advised
 7:21 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, May 28

12:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed
 1:33 a.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 1:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:06 a.m. Unwanted Party, Old West Warren Road, Peace Restored
 12:36 p.m. Suspicious Person, Old West Warren Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 12:59 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital
 1:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:32 p.m. Falls, O'Neil Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Thursday, May 29

2:18 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Old West Brookfield Road, Negative Contact
 5:33 a.m. Falls, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital
 8:24 a.m. Safety Concern, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised
 9:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 12:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
 1:42 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital

4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 6:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

Friday, May 30

2:51 p.m. Welfare Check, Cottage Street, Investigated
 3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Criminal Complaint
 4:21 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Palmer, Mutual Aid Assist
 10:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Saturday, May 31

8:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 8:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 9:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 10:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 7:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Coy Hill Road, Vehicle Towed

Hardwick Police Log

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

Monday, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 21

6:42 a.m. Complaint, Taylor Street, Officer Handled
 1:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick-New Braintree Police, Officer Handled
 5:29 p.m. Assist Other Agency, School Street, Served in Hand
 5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 9:14 p.m. Assist Citizen, Bridge Street, Officer

Handled

Thursday, May 22

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

Friday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 25

9:44 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:18 p.m. Complaint, Ware, Spoken To

9:57 p.m. Complaint, Church Lane, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Monday, May 26

9:38 a.m. Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Transported to Hospital
 9:41 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 11:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 12:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 1:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 2:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
 2:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Tuesday, May 27

4:10 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Creamery Road, Unfounded
 10:16 a.m. Complaint, Church Street, Spoken To
 11:03 a.m. Trespass, Breen Road, Services Rendered
 11:48 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Hardwick Road, Unfounded
 2:42 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, North Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:02 p.m. Harassment, Pine Street, Spoken To
 5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 5:52 p.m. Investigation,

Bridge Street, Investigated

Wednesday, May 28

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

Thursday, May 29

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

Friday, May 30

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

Saturday, May 31

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

Sunday, June 1

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

Ham radio operators take to the field in West Brookfield

Emergency Communications Drill to be held on June 28

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

Field Day is the largest emergency communication exercise in North America, sponsored by the ARR), and it brings together over 35,000 licensed amateur radio operators across the U.S. and Canada. The goal is to set up temporary stations using off-grid power to demonstrate ham radio's ability to provide vital communications during natural

disasters, power outages, and other emergencies.

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

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

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



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Beckley said the settlement money can be placed in a special revenue account. He said the money can be used for anything related to the water system.

Healthcare proposal

Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot said she received a proposal from Baystate

Heath on May 30 to open a Convenient Care location in town. She said there are currently three sites being looked at to house the center and it is expected to open this summer.

"I believe it's exciting news," Talbot said.

The proposal is listed on www.townofware.com under the Hospital Review Committee page.

public notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jeffrey S. Vincent and Jessica L. Vincent to Beverly A. Allard dated February 5, 2019 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13194, Page 181 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 17, 2025** at 267 Osborne Road, Ware, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:
A certain parcel of land on the southerly side of Osborne Road designated as Parcel 1 on "Plan of Land in Ware owned by Leo G. and Carol M. Chenevert, O'Keefe Associates dated March

14, 1983" recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 123, Page 79, bounded on said plan as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner thereof in the southerly line of Osborne Road at the northwesterly corner of Parcel 2 on said plan; thence South 36° 07' 23" East 300.59 feet along Parcel 2, other land now or formerly of John L. and Martha L. Szczepek; thence South 11° 04' 37" West 345.19 feet along land now or formerly of Cecilia M. Smith to a point; thence North 22° 56' 02" West 368.33 feet along other land of the grantors to the southerly line of Osborne Road; thence North 62° 15' 53" East 124.93 feet along Osborne Road to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by deed of Beverly A. Allard dated February 5, 2019, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13194, Page 178.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of \$10,000.00 by cash, certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. This sale is subject to a 5% buyer's premium. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Mortgagee's law offices within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided

to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms will be announced at the sale.

Beverly A. Allard,
Present holder of said mortgage,

By her Attorney,
Joseph J. Lange, Esq.
Lyon & Fitzpatrick, LLP
14 Bobala Road, Suite 4
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 420-4086
06/12, 06/19, 06/26/2025

LEGAL NOTICE Town of Warren Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing

The Town of Warren in partnership with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission will conduct a

performance hearing regarding the town's ongoing FY 2022/23 Community Development Block Grant Program. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, June 26th, 2025 at 5:00 PM** at the Shepard Building, 48 High Street, Warren.

The FY 2022/23 CDBG program allocated funding for Phase II of the School Street Improvement Project and a design study for the Town Common Improvement Project. An update on the progress of both activities will be presented during the hearing.

The town will also discuss the consideration of reallocating funds from Phase II of the School Street Improvement Project to support the Downtown Stairs Improvement Project. This project aims to improve the existing condition of the steps infrastructure, improving both the accessibility and safety of the stairs located downtown.

Any person or organization having questions or comments

concerning Warren's CDBG program and ongoing activities will have an opportunity to be heard. Persons who require special accommodations should contact the Town prior to the meeting date at (413) 436-5701. Those unable to attend the hearing may mail written comments to the Warren Board of Selectmen, 48 High Street, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083, or comments may be emailed to CMRPC at joleary@cmrpc.org. Comments should be submitted by June 25th, 2025.

These activities and programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, CDBG program.
06/12/2025

See more Public Notices on page 15.



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

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

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/palmer-to-ware-transmission-project>
Project Summary and Public Comment Hearing Overview

New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (the "Company") filed petitions seeking approval to construct, operate, and maintain a new overhead transmission line in Palmer, West Brookfield, and Ware, Massachusetts that will replace approximately 10.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Important Dates

Public Comment Hearing **June 25, 2025**

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

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

Public Comment Hearing

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

Public Review of the Company's Petition

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

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

Boston
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station, 3rd floor
Boston, MA 02110

Palmer
Clerk's Office
4417 Main St. Ste 10
Palmer, MA 01069

Palmer Public Library
1455 N Main Street
Palmer, MA 01069

West Brookfield
Clerk's Office
2 East Main Street
West Brookfield, MA 01585

Merriam-Gilbert Public Library
3 West Main Street
West Brookfield, MA 01585

Ware
Clerk's Office
126 Main Street - Suite F
Ware, MA 01082

Young Men's Library Association
37 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

Decision on the Project Proposal

The public comment hearing marks the beginning of an official, state-level decision-making process focused on whether the Project should be approved. The Siting Board will make the decision based on the following laws:

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

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

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding, beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments, may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene

or participate must also be filed no later than July 11, 2025, and follow the instructions provided below.

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

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

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

Filing Instructions

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

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

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

Accommodation Requests

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. To submit a request for an accommodation, please email Melixza Esenyie - Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs at eadiversity@mass.gov, or call 617-626-1282. In your communication, please include a description of the request with as much detail as possible and provide a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least one week (7 days) advance notice. Last-minute requests will be accepted, but we may be unable to fulfill them.

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

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The Siting Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, income, ethnicity, class, disability, religious creed or belief, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, English language proficiency or ancestry in administration of its programs or activities. See the Siting Board's Non-Discrimination Notice at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/efsb-non-discrimination-notice-and-grievance-procedure>.

If you have any questions about this notice or any of the Siting Board's non-discrimination programs, policies, or procedures, you may contact:

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

If you believe that you have been discriminated against with respect to a Siting Board program or activity, you may contact Melixza Esenyie (identified above) to learn how and where to file a complaint of discrimination.

Contact

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

Connor Tarr, Presiding Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Connor.C.Tarr@mass.gov
(617) 305-3596

For periodic updates please visit the Siting Board's webpage

for this proceeding found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/palmer-to-ware-transmission-project>.

Project Description

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

Route Description

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

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Energy facilities siting board
ONE SOUTH STATION
BOSTON, MA 02110
(617) 305-3525

Translation and Interpretation Services

English

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Español (Spanish)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

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Français (French)

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06/05, 06/12/2025

Ware River News
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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Warren
Kerry Schmidt, Collector of Taxes
Office of the Collector of Taxes
Notice of Tax Taking**

To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned

You are hereby notified that on **Friday the 27th day of June, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.** at the Tax Collector's Office, 48 High Street, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Warren the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Assessed To BEAUDRY DANIEL L.

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.09 Acres located and known as HIGHLAND ST shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 15-0-33 and being part of the premises recorded in book 7631 on page 35 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$0.80
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Assessed To BEAUDRY DANIEL L.

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 15-0-25 and being part of the premises recorded in book 7631 on page 35 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$9.59
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Assessed To BEAUDRY DANIEL L.

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3.9 Acres located and known as 90 PLEASANT ST shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 15-0-26 and being part of the premises recorded in book 7631 on page 35 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$1,146.11
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Assessed To BECK JONATHAN & COLLEEN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.2 Acres located and known as MAIN ST shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 20-0-79 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66543 on page 155 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$97.96
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Assessed To COTE GERALD G. JR

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.3 Acres located and known as 2210 MAIN ST shown on the Town of

Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 21-0-114 and being part of the premises recorded in book 43101 on page 396 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Sewer Ln	\$431.25
2023	Tax	\$4,120.72
2023	Water Ln	\$370.50

Assessed To HALBEDEL CHRISTINA And BELLIZZI LORI C.

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.41 Acres located and known as 33 QUABOAG ST shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 17-0-63 and being part of the premises recorded in book 62613 on page 254 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Sewer Ln	\$862.50
2023	Tax	\$3,088.90

Assessed To HEBERT CYNTHIA

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.739 Acres located and known as 1021 EAST ROAD shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 07-0-12 and being part of the premises recorded in book 20171 on page 169 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2022	Tax	\$2,850.58
2023	Tax	\$3,493.38

Assessed To HOURIHAN JOHN F. & DIANNE L.

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 27 Acres located and known as FOREST AV shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 12-0-12 and being part of the premises recorded in book 27064 on page 152 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$208.95
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Assessed To NEW ENGLAND LANDHOLDINGS LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.13 Acres located and known as 18 NORTH ST shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 21-0-10 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60029 on page 279 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$4,743.16
2023	Water Ln	\$2,224.25

Assessed To NEW MAN VENTURES LLC C/O FOR MY LIT-TLES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.14 Acres located and known as 26 O W BRKFLD RD shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 18-0-20 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66814 on page 3 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$2,870.08
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Assessed To RABY PAUL

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.136 Acres located and known as 50 O W WARREN RD shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 06-0-7 and being part of the premises recorded in book 19257 on page 10 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$862.94
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Assessed To SCINTO LEONARD & MARIA

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5.9 Acres located and known as BRIMFIELD RD shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 11-0-47 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5575 on page 335 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$102.70
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Assessed To START DANIEL B. And START AMY L. MATHI-SON

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.49 Acres located and known as 169 SOUTHBRIDGE RD shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24-0-124 and being part of the premises recorded in book 65367 on page 155 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$962.12
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Assessed To SUNTREX LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.04 Acres located and known as 84 SOUTHBRIDGE RD shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24-0-159 and being part of the premises recorded in book 64074 on page 311 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$1,143.32
2023	Sewer Lien	\$431.25

Assessed To WASHINGTON KORPO M.

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.508 Acres located and known as 139 EAST RD shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24-0-55 and being part of the premises recorded in book 37252 on page 117 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Sewer Ln	\$431.25
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Assessed To WILCOX LEROY And WILCOX LAUREN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5.8 Acres located and known as FOREST AV shown on the Town of Warren Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 12-0-15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 68002 on page 14 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2023	Tax	\$27.80
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06/12/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
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Docket No.
HS25P0356EA
Estate of:
Anne Marie Chrabaszcz
Also known as:
Anne M. Chrabaszcz
Date of Death: 01/24/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James S. Chrabaszcz of Ware, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: James S. Chrabaszcz of Ware, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsuper-

vised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/09/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons inter-

ested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 04, 2025

Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate

06/12/2025

**TOWN OF HARDWICK
FY2026 Fuel Bid**

Town of Hardwick, MA is seeking FY2026 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 4, 2025 <https://www.hardwick-ma.gov> or by contacting Town Administrator at email

listed below. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "HWY IFB - FY2026 Diesel, Heating, Propane" and are due no later than 10:00 AM on June 23, 2025. Deliver to the Municipal Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or mailed to: Board of Selectmen, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. Additional information please contact Town Administrator at 413-477-6197 ext 101 or jcaggiano@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 to do so.

06/12/2025

**Town of Ware
Public Hearing Notice**

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 01, 2025, at 6:40pm, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an Application for Amendment - Change or Alteration of Premises, Section 15 - Package Store, All Alcoholic Package Store, Ware 48 West Street Corporation, d/b/a/ Jane Alden Convenience Store, 48 West

Street, Ware, MA. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA.

All interest parties are invited to attend.

Nancy Talbot, Chairman
Selectboard

06/12/2025

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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 6/23/2025 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 keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle
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By: James M. Regin
Dated: 6/1/2025

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Essential Duties & Responsibilities:

- Window cleaning; Vacuuming; Dusting; Trash Removal; Restroom Cleaning; Floor cleaning with commercial machines

Required Qualifications & Skills

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Physical requirements:

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Eagle Hill School is seeking full and part time kitchen staff for dishwasher positions as well as food preparation and serving.

- Ability to work in a team environment
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Must be flexible regarding scheduling, including nights, weekends, and/or holidays as needed
- Successful completion of background checks is required
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Grange workshop to be held June 18 on 'Succession Planting'

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

The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly "In the Garden" column for Turley Publications.

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

St. Michael Romanian church's benefit turkey dinner June 16

STURBRIDGE – The Publick House Historic Inn and Restaurant will host another in their series of community dinners on Monday, June 16, this time to benefit St. Michael Romanian Orthodox Church of Southbridge.

The Publick House cooks for many local organizations as a way of giving back to the community. Each sponsored organization receives a portion of the ticket price for every dinner served.

The dinner will offer two seating times to accommodate guests: an early seating from 4:30-6 p.m. and a later seating from 6:30-8 p.m. Attendees will be treated to a buffet-style meal that includes oven-roasted turkey, cornbread-sausage stuffing, mashed potatoes, butternut squash and cranberry sauce.

Tickets are priced at \$17 per adult and \$7 for children aged 4-12 years. To purchase tickets or for additional

information, please reach out to Spiro Thomo at 774-200-8043 or Jen Boilard at 508-801-3030.

Payments may be made by cash or check made payable to The Publick House. Tickets are pre-paid only, no tickets will be sold at the door. The deadline for ticket purchases is Friday, June 13.

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Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Online Ordering Available

Monday - 6:30 p.m. TRIVIA NIGHT
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. MUSIC BINGO

Sip & Paint
Tuesday, June 17
Beach Bug
Starting at 6:30 p.m.
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Trivia Night
Monday, June 16

Farther's Day Specials
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