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FAMILY FUN DAY

at Lucy Stone Park

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WARREN – The Warren Parks & Recreation Department presented Family Fun Day this past weekend at Lucy Stone Park.

The park was busy featuring food trucks, music, games and family fun. The event featured tours of Lucy Stone Park's pollinator garden. There was also a historical presentation, including one about the history of Warren and how Lucy Stone Park came to be.

Local author Ed Londergan was over by the pollinator garden sharing information about Warren and the history of Lucy Stone, who once had a residency in Warren. There was a picture of Lucy Stone displayed as Londergan shared some of her accomplishments.

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Stevie of Mini Mania Farm is shown alongside the friendly miniature horse, Poptart.

Selectboard addresses executive session vote

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WARE – Resident Cathy Cascio said a letter was sent to the Selectboard in the spring regarding the Lewis Gilbert Trust, stating how the trustee Bank of America was planning to turn the trust over to the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

“Saying that you want to give Baystate the funds and supporting that they have control of these funds, is really hurting our town.”

– Cindy Allen Bourcier

During comments and concerns at the Selectboard's June 17 meeting, she questioned why the Selectboard took a vote giving its “blessing” for Bank of America to take the trust funds to Baystate Health. She said she doesn't understand where this decision comes from.

“We were in that process

in April,” Cascio said. “You got the letter saying the next steps...but you did a 180 on to what we were all in this process of doing from last fall and even before that.”

She said the town's residents really wants to work with the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts instead of Baystate Health. She said she is very disappointed as a resident that the board voted

to support the funds going to Baystate Health.

Friends of Mary Lane Hospital Chair Cindy Allen Bourcier said having the trust go through the Community Foundation

of Western Massachusetts would provide more grant opportunities for all health-care entities, which would include Baystate Health.

“Saying that you want to give Baystate the funds and supporting that they

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Parents ask for school committee member's resignation

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WARE – Parent Kristin Bateman voiced her concerns about School Committee member Aaron Sawabi and his

support of Superintendent Dr. Michael Lovato.

At the June 18 School Committee meeting, Bateman said she has been working in special education for 24 years and that things going on in the school district were

“super concerning.” She said she followed protocol and met with the superintendent to discuss these concerns and attended School Committee meetings because her student's needs were not being met.

“At the end of the day, I believe that Mr. Sawabi had lost sight of our children,” she said. “Mr. Sawabi has been partial to the superintendent.”

She said Sawabi had been observed staying after School Committee meetings with

Lovato and School Committee member Julie Slattery, and she said he often makes “distasteful jokes” of people's concerns at meetings.

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CDAC discusses carrying out matrix for Master Plan

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WARREN – The Community Development Advisory Committee met on June 18 to discuss the draft of the implementation matrix for the Master Plan.

To talk more about the implementation matrix was Sarah O'Brien of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. The implementation matrix tool that translates the vision and goals of the plan into actionable steps, outlining responsibilities, timelines, and resources needed for successful execution.

The process has gone smoothly according to O'Brien and has nearly filled all of the columns for the implementation matrix. With this draft, the CDAC can review each chapter and see how each one works. The only homework the CDAC has is to look at the implementation matrix and see what looks good or what can be improved or changed.

In a future meeting, O'Brien would like to see a vote from the board to see if the plan is ready for public review. The committee will want to reach out to all stakeholders involved and host a public comment period.

CDAC Chair Jeremy Olson and the rest of the committee will be review-

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Candidates announced for Special Town Election

WARE – The Selectboard has scheduled a Special Town Election on Tuesday, Aug. 12 with voting from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. to fill the vacancy on the board.

Two individuals have taken out Nomination Papers for the Selectboard Office which will appear on the ballot due to the vacancy. The deadline to obtain and submit papers was June 24.

Catherine Buelow Cascio and Kenneth R. Willette submitted their papers.

The last date to object or withdraw Nomination Papers will be Thursday, July 10 at 5 p.m.

The last date to register to vote for the Special Election will be Friday, Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. Individuals may check to see if they are registered to vote at www.ma.gov –

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Class of 1975 opens sixth grade time capsule

THEN & NOW



This photo shows the Class of 1975 as sixth grade students at the Myron Richardson School preparing their time capsule. It was turned over to the selectmen to be kept in the town vault or safe keeping until 50 years had passed. Instructions on the time capsule asked that it be opened during the first week in June. Shown in the photo are Rodney Witkos, Margaret Reidy, Michele LeMaitre and Kim Dennis.



Quinn, Penny and Sadie Ouimette hold up a piece of denim from the time capsule.



Recreating the photo of when the time capsule was made were Rodney Witkos, Margaret Reidy and Aline and Charlie LeMaitre (representing their daughter, Michele). Charlie LeMaitre was the elementary school principal in 1975.



Members of the Class of 1975 attended the opening of their time capsule at Hardwick Elementary School on June 7.



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'Never Say Never' to music in the summer

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WARE – Janine's Frostee in Ware is open and has brought live music back to the stage this summer.

Recently, guests at Janine's were entertained by the musical duo of Never Say Never. Making up the duo is the married couple of Jessica Adams and Jared Fiske.

Fiske has been playing guitar and singing throughout central Massachusetts for more than 20 years. Adams has been singing her whole life and always had a passion for music.

After grabbing food and ice cream, guests picked out a table and listened to Never Say Never. Fiske played on his acoustic guitar and Adams played the tambourine for some of the songs.

The duo returned to Janine's performing harmony-filled covers of popular Americana, classic rock, folk and pop tunes. The group helped kick off the music season at Janine's Frostee



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

The musical duo, Never Say Never, performed this past Friday night at Janine's Frostee. Shown are Jessica Adams, left, and Jared Fiske.

back in May and have now returned for the month of June.

Never Say Never plays a lot of covers of popular songs from the 1970s. One recognizable song the duo played was "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)" by Green Day. Having over 20 years of experience playing

the acoustic guitar, Fiske did a great job performing this popular Green Day song; it was perfect for acoustic music.

On Friday, July 11, Janine's Frostee will welcome Serena May Kilsmith for a live performance from 6-9 p.m.

Summer fun for families offered at OSV

STURBRIDGE – Old Sturbridge Village is starting the summer off with an exciting lineup of events this month.

On select days in June, families are invited to Old Sturbridge Village for some friendly competition.

Games and competitions include stilts walks, jump rope challenges, baseball, egg and spoon races, and more. Family Field Days take place on June 26, 27, 28, and 29. The village will be open from

9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., but activity times will vary.

Family Field Days are included with standard daytime admission. Tickets are available online at <https://www.osv.org/event/family-field-days/>.

CowParade opens at Old Sturbridge Village on June 21. It features more than a dozen, life-size cow statues that have been transformed into imaginative works of art by a selection of New England artists.

CowParade is the largest

public art event in the world and has been to more than 100 cities, including Madrid, London and Tokyo. This Old Sturbridge Village exhibit was unveiled to the public the weekend of June 21-22 and will run into September.

Visitors to the Village will have the chance to meet these beautiful bovines up close and learn about their unique connections to Old Sturbridge Village and New England. Tickets are available at www.osv.org/cowparade.

Are You Old News?

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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1989 showed members of the First Communion Class at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church with pastor Fr. Earl Hebert. Front row from left are Jennifer Hoisington and Donald Dunbar. Second row from left are Crystal Piche, Jessica Toelken, Anne Marie Pluta and Michael Charpentier. Third row from left are Don Bolleau, John Paul Despres, Joseph Despres and Reggie LaGrant.

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

Summer Reading begins at Ware Library

WARE – Summer Reading for ages birth through 12 is now underway at the Ware Library, 37 Main St., with registration available in-person at the library or online.

Events include Juice & Jelly Funtime Band on Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m.; Nutrition & Cooking Demo with the Food Bank of Western MA (for ages 7-12) on Tuesday, July 1 at 3 p.m.; Bath Bomb Workshop in the Library Courtyard on Tuesday, July 8 from 3-4:30 p.m. (drop-in event); Ants on a Log funded in memory of Peggy Trombly on Thursday, July 10 at 3 p.m.; Sharpie Tie Dye at Grenville Park on Tuesday, July 15 from

3-4:30 p.m. (drop-in event); Financial Literacy with Country Bank for ages 5-12 on Wednesday, July 16 at 3 p.m. (registration required); Author Emily Franke Book reading & Signing with Cupcakes Courtesy of Cupcakes & Confections by Jana on Thursday, July 17 at 3 p.m.; Magician Mike Bent on Monday, July 21 at 4 p.m.; Jungle Jim on Thursday, July 29 at 4 p.m. (this program is funded in part by a grant from the Ware Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency); Music & Movement with Julie Stepanek on Wednesday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m.; Hitchcock Center:

Insects & Reptiles on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 4 p.m.; Pop Up Art School; and Mask Making for ages 8-12 on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. (registration opens July 21 and is required by calling 413-967-9691 or emailing gouletc@cwmar.org).

There will also be ongoing weekly programs, including Monday Crafternoon from 3-5 p.m., Storytime with Miss Cathy on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Imagination Station on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m., Lego Club on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Kids' Bingo on the last Thursday of the month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Take & Make Craft Bags every week in the Children's lobby.

Stop by the library Aug. 11-29 to get a lollipop and a Summer Reading Certificate.

The Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program is funded by the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Brins and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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Elections and Voting. Simply put it your name and address and you will see whether you are registered or if you need to register or change your address (if you have moved).

Vote by Mail will be part of this election also. Information and the application are on the Town of Ware website – www.townofware.com under News and Notices. Complete the application and drop off to the Town Clerk in person during normal business hours.

You may also put your application in the Blue Drop Box located outside of the lower level offices or email the ballot to – ntalbot@townofware.com. The deadline to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot will be Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. Vote by Mail is active also on the www.ma.gov website – Elections and Voting.

Questions can be directed to the Town Clerk Nancy J. Talbot at by calling 413-967-9648 extension 103.



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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

Thursday, June 26

- 9 a.m. Senior Spring Walk. Participants should meet at the Senior Center.
- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
- 10 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cornhole
- 2:30 p.m. Art Class

Friday, June 27

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

LUNCHES

DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted

Required: call 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put you name on the lunch list.

Thursday, June 26

Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday, June 27

Fish Sticks, Scalloped Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day



Ware Center Meetinghouse and Museum lists upcoming events

WARE – The Ware Center Meetinghouse and Museum at 295 Belchertown Road, Route 9, is where the town of Ware began.

Tours and exhibits will be open on Sundays from 1-3 p.m. on June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, and Aug. 24, and Sept. 7, and by appointment. The featured display this year is a collection of dishes and pottery including examples of plates and serving pieces, flow blue and tea leaf patterns, and pottery for bed and bath.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy Concerts on the Green on July 13 with New England Brass Quartet, July 20 with Dixieland Stomp, and July 27 with Lori Brooks.

The United Church of Ware will hold service on Old Home Day at 10 a.m. on Aug. 10. The Annual Ware Center Fair will be on September 13.

Come stand where Ware colonists mustered to prepare to fight for freedom in the American Revolution. See hardtack from the Civil War, a uniform and medals from World War I, stories, mementos, and pictures from World War II, Vietnam, Korea, Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

Visit the school room

to hear the story of Ware's alligator and explore an amazing model of the Meetinghouse by Chris Novak; the kitchen with the original wood stove, dry sink, milk bottles from local dairy farms and Coca-Cola bottles from Ware's own bottling company; the ladies' parlor, important during the Civil War when the women met to roll bandages and share letters from their soldiers.

See the piano and doors from the Casino Theatre, the oldest movie house in the U.S when it was taken down in 2011. Learn about the Quaboag Indians, weirs and wetus, the town seal, famous people from Ware like Erastus Salisbury Field, Elizabeth Howe Lincoln, and Shamus Culhane, and Candy Cummings.

There are pictures of early Ware, mementos from the banks and businesses, furniture, Mary Lane Hospital memorabilia, Ware High yearbooks and more.

Upstairs the sanctuary looks much as it did 1838 when it was renovated due to the division of church and state. See pictures of the fire of 1986 which nearly destroyed the meetinghouse and of the bell cast by Holbrook, student of Paul Revere, that visitors are invited to ring.

Established in 1962, the Ware Historical Society preserves local artifacts and information and promotes local historical research and educational activities to develop the community's awareness of its unique heritage. The organization cooperates with local, state and national historical agencies in the preservation of historical sites, buildings and materials, and in any other areas of common concern and effort.

The Proprietors of the Ware Center Meetinghouse maintain the building and the grounds and together the Historical Society and the Proprietors maintain the museum.

For sale are History of Ware books, books by local authors and gift items like mugs, postcards, and T-shirts with pictures of Ware landmarks. This year, T-shirts portray Mary Lane Hospital which was very important to Ware and the surrounding towns. Artifacts are being collected for a display to tell the story of a well-to-do benevolent mill owner wanting to provide medical support for his workers and the people in his communities.

For more information, check the internet at Facebook and warecenter-meetinghouse.org.

Summertime favorites come to Nornay Park

BARRE – On Sunday, June 29, the Quabbin Community Band will hold their final performance at Nornay Park in South Barre before heading to the Barre Common for the remainder of their season which concludes on Aug. 10.

This last concert in South Barre will feature favorites of the band members and listeners alike including, "Irish Tune from County Derry", "The Best of Journey", "Man of La Mancha", "Begin the Beguine" and "Bugler's Holiday" a trumpet trio by composer Leroy Anderson featuring band members Steve Aliquo, Jeff Nahkala and Andy Hagberg on trumpets.

All concerts begin at 6 p.m. and generally run 90 minutes in length. In the event of rain, concerts are moved indoors to the Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange St.



Submitted Photo
Saxophonist Matt Boutin of Rutland was featured as a soloist with the Quabbin Community Band on June 15.

Kids' Corner workshop explores rainforest on June 28

WARE – The next Kids' Corner at Ware Grange will be called "Rainforests" and will take place on Saturday, June 28 at 10 a.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

Kids' Corner workshops are led by local preschool teacher Jen McNally and teach children about nature and the environment

through stories, songs and fun activities.

Ever wonder what it's like in a rainforest habitat? There are so many species of plants and animals to learn about in the rainforests. Come learn about these amazing forests.

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

Town to hold public engagement event for Hazard Mitigation Plan

WARE – Residents, businesses, and surrounding community members are invited to learn about and provide input on the Town of Ware Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This public meeting will be held during the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 126 Main St. Participants can also join virtually on Zoom

by following this Zoom link information (meeting ID: 784-604-1861; passcode: 01082).

The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to assess Ware's natural hazard risks and provide an action plan to reduce the town's vulnerabilities. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is being completed by the town with assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning

Commission and is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Upon completion, the plan will be submitted to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and FEMA for review and approval. A FEMA-approved HMP makes the community eligible for federal and state mitigation grant funding.



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Heat wave safety for older adults

Tips for staying safe and healthy this Summer

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Experts are forecasting that 2025, especially this summer, will be particularly hot, which may pose heightened health risks for older adults, according to a University of Southern California study.

Seniors may be more susceptible to heat-related illnesses like heat stroke as well as complications from chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure that are worsened by extreme heat.

How older adults can stay cool

Plan ahead – Follow local weather reports to ensure you have enough food, prescription medications and other home “staples” to get through a heat wave.

Stay hydrated – Drink plenty of water, even if you are not thirsty. Limit caffeinated and alcoholic beverages. Drinks with electrolytes are also all right.

Use cooling strategies – Take cool showers, use fans, or place damp washcloths on your neck and wrists to help lower your body temperature.

Limit physical activities outdoors (particularly between 10 a.m.-4 p.m.) – If you must go out wear lightweight and light-colored clothing, sunglasses and brimmed hats; apply sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher; bring water; and take frequent breaks in the shade or air-conditioned spaces.

Certain medications may make dehydration or sunburn more likely. So, whether you are staying inside or heading outside, check with your care provider to make sure you are taking the proper precautions.

Older adults and their caregivers can work together to summer-proof their homes. Keep shades down when the sun is most intense. Strategically place fans, particularly in doorways between rooms or in front of window air conditioning units to better circulate air. Install ceiling fans, including temporary ones that can be placed in light bulb sockets.

How caregivers can help support older adults

Check in – Be alert to signs of heat-related illness like confusion, weakness, flushed skin, dizziness, or excessive sweating. Seek medical attention if your loved one is experiencing symptoms of heat stroke, such as hot, dry skin, a rapid pulse, confusion or unconsciousness.

Help with activities so older adults can limit time outside – Volunteer to run errands, including picking up prescriptions and food shopping.

Find out about community services – “Cooling stations” or other public places, like libraries and community centers where older adults can go; proactive check-in programs or telephonic “heat advisory” alerts; local news station advisories; and “summer safety” programs at local community centers, municipal halls or local hospitals for older adults and their caregivers to learn more about staying healthy and safe.

Helping older adults during the summer months, especially during heat waves, requires some planning; awareness of the health, the home and the daily needs of our loved ones; and what support is available in their local communities. With some effort, older adults may stay safe while enjoying the fun things about summer.

This information is for educational purposes only and is not a substitute for the advice of a doctor. Consult your doctor prior to making changes to your lifestyle or health care routine.

Baystate gives update on former hospital campus

WARE – According to a June 13 press release, Baystate Health has not yet started demolition on the Baystate Mary Lane Hospital campus.

Abatement began on May 5 and due to the extent of the issues on the campus, it looks very much like demolition. Once abatement is completed, Baystate Health will proceed with demolition of the campus. Again, demolition has not yet started and in fact, Baystate Health is still awaiting permits from the Town of Ware Building Commissioner to engage in this work.

Baystate Health representatives expect those permits to be issued in the coming weeks and will commence with demolition work once they are received. Baystate Health is committed to minimizing, wherever possible, the impact on the Wetherby Building which has meaning to both Baystate and

the Town of Ware.

Despite efforts beginning in 2023, no redevelopment opportunities were identified by Baystate Health or its partners for the Mary Lane campus. There are serious safety, fire hazard, and other issues impacting the community with the campus that need to be addressed expeditiously.

Baystate is committed to health care and health in Ware and surrounding communities by continuing to invest in clinical services at Baystate Wing Hospital and in January 2025, committed to developing a primary care (up to three providers) and convenient care (after hours and weekend care) presence directly in Ware, not on the Baystate Mary Lane campus.

Baystate Health is continuing dialogue and partnership with state and town officials to find the right solutions for both Ware and Baystate.

Renovate your strawberry patch and divide those irises, too

I started over with new strawberry plants this year, but for those of you who are completing your harvest, it's high time to renovate your patch so that it will remain productive.

Sure, it will be hard work, but it's absolutely necessary if you want to keep the berries coming!

First, get up the courage to run the lawnmower over your row of strawberries. Yes, you heard correctly. This will give you an opportunity to see what you have to work with in a dense planting, as well as cut down on foliar diseases.

Set the mower at a height of two and a half to three inches and use the bagger attachment if you have one. Small plantings can be clipped away by hand. Compost the leaves away from your patch.

Now, assess your surroundings and think back to when you were doing all that picking. Was your back sore from reaching in to a very wide row? Were most of your berries on the small side? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then serious renovation is in order.

Use the tiller or a shovel to shrink your row back to a manageable width. Fourteen inches is about as wide as the experts recommend. Choose the healthiest part of your row and measure out fourteen inches. Then, remove all the runners that have emerged outside of the boundaries.

Those of us in the business of growing things usually find this part difficult. “Can't just this one stay?” Ease your guilt by giving away the extras; or, use them to start another patch.

Next, get rid of any “mother” plants that are four years or older. Unfortunately, they have aged beyond their productivity. Simply dig them up and send them off to the compost pile.

Finally, remove daughter plants that are spaced closer than four inches from one another—another difficult task, but one that must be accomplished if we want large, healthy berries. As you work within the row, be sure to eradicate any and all weeds that you come upon, since these will compete with your strawberry plants for moisture and nutrients.

Now that your patch has been renovated, it's time to reinvigorate. Add an inch or two of compost or aged manure to the row, along

with a sprinkling of balance organic fertilizer.

Water at least every other day for the next couple of weeks or until a healthy

of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about two inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise “wet feet,” so plant where drainage is good.

If your soil is lean, compost can be added to richen it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral. Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down.

The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well, keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed. If your irises hardly flower but aren't overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

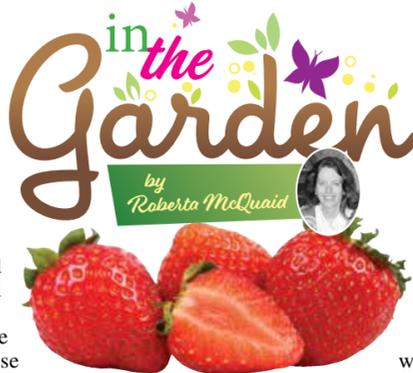
Examine your rhizomes closely when replanting. If you notice a lot of soft, rotten tissue, your iris patch could be infected with the iris borer.

Usually by midsummer, one to one and a half inch larvae have made their way from the leaves into the rhizomes. They hollow out the fleshy roots causing foliage to collapse and rot to take over. Control this pest by proper sanitation.

In the fall, after a hard frost, cut iris foliage back to the ground as low as possible. Throw it and any nearby debris or mulch away. With any luck, overwintering eggs will be removed by your efforts.

In the spring, about the time that the tulips are blooming, inspect iris foliage for chew edges, small holes, or tan colored water marks running down the leaf. If these are present, tiny larvae can be crushed inside the leaf before they burrow into the rhizome.

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stand of leaves has returned to the plants. Keep up with weeding, and continue to pinch back runners until frost hits.

Managed in this fashion, a strawberry patch can remain productive for five years or more.

Another favorite plant that may be in need of reinvigoration is your iris. If once upon a time they bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil.

In our climate, this should be accomplished every three or four years. Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises should take place no later than July or August.

This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease.

Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand. The healthiest “fans”

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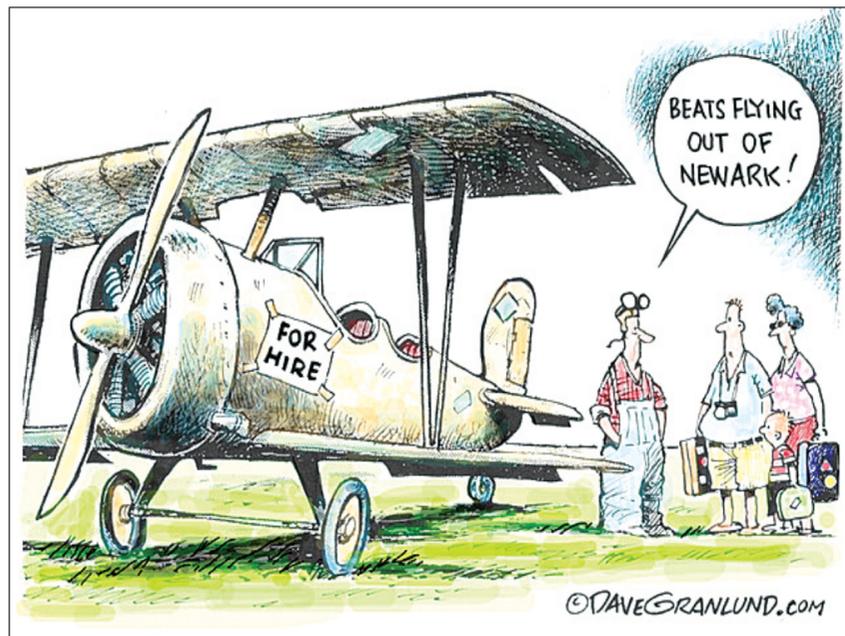
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FAMILY FUN DAY

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Stone, who lived from 1818-1893, was the first female to graduate from college in Massachusetts; she attended Oberlin College. She was a speaker for full women's rights as well as advocating for equal pay, the right to vote, and was a leader in the antislavery movement.

She was the founder of the Woman's Journal and at one point worked with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. During the time period she lived, Stone was a married woman who kept her maiden name after she got married. Londergan mentioned there are belongings of Lucy Stone displayed at the Quaboag Historical Society Museum in West Brookfield.

On the other side of Lucy Stone Park was a petting zoo provided by Mini Mania



Poptart saying hello to guests who attended Family Fun Day at Lucy Stone Park.

Farm of Brimfield. The owners of Mini Mania Farm, Paul and Stevie arrived at Lucy Stone Park to set up their petting zoo featuring some of their farm friends. There were

three goats, one miniature horse and three rabbits.

Poptart was the friendly miniature horse saying hello to all of the visitors. This was the first time Mini Mania

Farm had arrived in Warren. The owners opened the farm six years ago and began rescuing animals and providing a better home for them.

The petting zoo has had a steady group of visitors throughout Family Fun Day and according to the owners, the animals are "very much okay with the attention."

For games kids got to enjoy a three-legged race, sack race, frog jumping contest and dress up relay. There was also face painting provided all day during Family Fun Day.

For music, there was the duo of Darren Boulrice and Evan Couture. Both musicians were playing on the guitar in the big field of Lucy Stone Park. Boulrice and Couture are members of the band, Moonlight Saints who are based out of Brookfield. These musicians are famil-



Paul held Lola the rabbit who was about to get a treat.

iar in Warren as they occasionally perform at Glenda's Pub. The duo commented on how nice the day was to perform during Family Fun Day and performing outdoors featured nothing but fun.

"A beautiful day to play," Boulrice said.

Family Fun Day would wrap up with fireworks at Quaboag Regional Middle High School later that evening.



Udder Delights provided ice cream during Family Fun Day.



Cute goats from Mini Mania Farm, who were part of the petting zoo provided during Family Fun Day.



Members of Moonlight Saints, Darren Boulrice, left, and Evan Couture provided music.

CDAC from page 1

ing the plan from front to back. The committee was wondering if other boards should review the plan. Olson believes the more people who can review the plan would be better leading to the public comment period.

"Make arrangements to get it to everybody," Olson said.

A public comment period would be about a month long and can be placed on both the town website and the Master Plan website. O'Brien suggested making flyers and possibly hosting a public celebration. The CDAC will talk more about public outreach at their next meeting. A

month would be long enough to give the public a chance to review and comment.

Both CMRPC and the Warren CDAC are confident with the plan as they move forward.

Grant programs

The CDAC heard from John O'Leary of CMRPC to give updates on grant programs. O'Leary first talked about the Community One Stop for Growth program.

Pulaski Street is in contract development and there will be designs for improvements. For fiscal year 2024 Otis Street project is complete. O'Leary said there is a single concrete piece on the sidewalk that has to be corrected.

For Complete Streets, Olson talked about that this project has reached its tier two phase. Funding for tier two is in the works and the whole project is moving forward.

CDBG

O'Leary went over the Community Development Block Grant program updates. For fiscal year 2021, the Senior Center Improvement Project features a new doorway. The Senior Center is also getting flooring done in the loading dock area.

For the Town Common Improvement Project, the committee met recently, and O'Leary said there has been some productive input. This

input gave the consultants some good details and a concept for the improvements of Warren's Town Common. A final concept will be presented on July 24.

For fiscal year 2024, O'Leary talked about the improvements to River Street and Central Street. There was a good discussion with the engineer and the program is reaching towards a preliminary design.

The CDAC is pleased with the proposal and will help address some of the issues

the streets have. One of the big issues is the drainage situation for both River and Central streets.

The committee is looking to add a sidewalk on one side of River Street. For Central Street, one side will have a sidewalk and the other side will be redesigned to allow street parking.

O'Leary talked about the Cutter Park Improvement Project. The Town received six proposals from various companies who are interested in doing a redesign of Cutter

Park. The Project Committee is going to meet soon and review the proposals. Soon, the committee will then negotiate a fee.

The plan is to have a contract in place sometime later in the summer. The CDAC will look further into grant opportunities outside of CDBG to help with funding.

The next Community Development Advisory Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, July 23 at the Shepard Building.

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'Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide'

A narrated slide presentation by Michael Tougias

WARREN – New York Times bestselling author Michael Tougias, author of "Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide," will present a narrated slide presentation about Quabbin Reservoir at the Warren Senior Center on Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The program features the demise of the "lost towns" flooded to create the Quabbin, the construction of the massive reservoir, and how the Quabbin works today. In addition, Tougias will take the audience on a natural history tour of the Quabbin and surrounding area with suggestions for day trips.

Tougias' slides include before and after images of the lost towns, workers building the dams and aqueduct, the grand opening of the reservoir, wildlife of the Quabbin, unique natural places, and favorite trails and entrance gates. Tougias also discusses three fascinating events from the region he calls "forgotten history" as well as a couple of surprise findings.

When Quabbin was constructed in the late 1920s and 1930s, four towns "drowned," 2,500 residents displaced, and 7,500 graves were moved. Today Quabbin Reservoir provides water for Boston and 45 other communities, serving over 2.5 million people.

Quabbin and the surrounding forest is the largest tract of open space in southern New England, home to nesting loons and bald

eagles, coyotes, porcupines, and moose.

Tougias has been hiking and researching the Quabbin for over 30 years.

"I first fell in love the solitude and the beauty of this special place," said Tougias. "Later, the history captured my attention, and I set out to interview all the former residents of the lost towns I could locate. Although many were just children when the state took their towns, they have incredible stories of how this huge project changed so many lives. My book and this presentation is a way for me to share my passion for the area and encourage fellow explorers to visit this region of Massachusetts."

Tougias is the author and co-author of 30 other books including four books about true survival at sea stories: "So Close To Home", "A Storm Too Soon", "Overboard!" "Fatal Forecast", "Ten Hours Until Dawn", and "The Finest Hours" (now a Disney Movie). He has also written a book about his adventures at his remote cabin in Vermont titled "There's A Porcupine In My Outhouse!"

His latest books are "Above & Beyond: JFK and America's Most Dangerous Spy Mission" and a memoir titled "The Waters Between Us: A Boy, A Father, Outdoor Misadventures and the Healing Power of Nature".

Tougias presents slide presentations on the topics covered in all his books, and is a dynamic speaker who often attracts large crowds. Visit his website at www.michaeltougias.com. When not writing or exploring, Tougias donates his time to protecting open space

Sewer Commission discuss FY26 rates

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WARREN – The Warren Sewer Commission met to discuss possible increases to their sewer rates for fiscal year 2026.

Commission Chair Travis Baker was reviewing a study that was done by Tighe & Bond several years ago. There is a lot that has happened since the last study and it is no surprise to the Sewer Commission that a lot of things are going up in cost.

The number the commission first discussed was \$660 for a possible new sewer rate for residential. The commission also looked up previous sewer rates and what the percentage increase was, year to year.

In 2024, the sewer rate was \$570 and went up to \$630 for 2025.

Baker understands that the commission has to upkeep everything due to

having some big projects that could come about in the future. After further discussing the sewer rates for the upcoming fiscal year, the commission has picked the rate of \$670 for the year.

Town Administrator James Ferrera talked with the Sewer Commissioners and said this is a very tough decision for the board to make. The commission was successful at getting free cash last year to help build their retained earnings. There are many projects that need to be addressed.

The commission is looking into future projects, including capital projects that may require possible repairs and replacements.

Ferrera believes "there's going to be even more problems if these capital projects are not addressed," Ferrera said. "It is ultimately the Board's decision."

Taking into consideration that there are residents in town with fixed incomes, the commission still has to

be able to continue operation and review what needs to be replaced or repaired and could be more expensive in the future.

The commission made a motion to increase the FY 26 sewer rate to \$670 a year per equivalency dwelling unit. All members of the Sewer Commission agreed.

Application discussion

The Sewer Commission had a discussion on the application from Fountain & Sons Construction Company. The company is looking to put a sewer stub on Brimfield Road for a future side street/subdivision at the current gravel pit site.

Sewer Chief Operator Ralph Zebrowski spoke about this application and project and said he'd like to look at the current line that is there off Brimfield Road. His main concern is if there is a pressure line on the site.

Baker said the commission should get documen-

tation on where the stub should be. The commission asked Sewer Commission Secretary Lisa Digris if she received the application from the company. Digris said she hasn't received the application yet.

The commission will discuss further once the application and permit is submitted. Completed drawings of the project will be done too as the commission wishes to keep documentation of this project for their records.

The Sewer Commission also discussed a sewer connection permit for a property on East Road. The owner brought the permit to the commissioners, but it was missing some required documentation.

Zebrowski said he didn't receive any documentation either. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting as the commission couldn't move forward without the required paperwork that is supposed to be attached to the permit.

Get ready for Summer Reading with the Warren Public Library

WARREN – Children are invited to come down to the Warren Public Library to get a free goodie bag and sign up for the 2025 Summer Reading Program, Color Our World.

Win prizes every time you visit the library – all summer long. The program kicks off on Saturday, June 28 at 1:30 p.m. with a Comedy & Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk.

Ed is a professional magician, balloon sculptor, and flea circus ring master who's been entertaining audiences for over 35 years. All ages are welcome and the event is free.

Receive a prize ticket every time you visit the library and check out at

least one book and enter weekly Raffle Drawings for Gift Certificates to Amazon, Warren Package Store, and more. Become a Super Reader by visiting three times and get entered in the raffle for four tickets to the Big E.

A variety of programs will be held over the summer, from watercolor to crochet, jewelry making to Rock Painting, and lots of fun activities in between. Join Wildlife on Wheels at the Finale on the Town Common on Saturday, Aug. 9 at 1 p.m.

Please call or email the library for more information. The library staff look forward to seeing you this summer.

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.

Free meals offered to youth starting June 30

WARE – Ware Public School is committed to providing students nutritious food and will provide free meals for youth ages 18 and under, Monday through Friday, from June 30-Aug. 1.

No registration or ID is required. Meals will not be available on July 4.

Serving times for congregate meals at SMK Elementary School are as follows: breakfast 8-9 a.m.

and lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch meals will also be available to-go from the municipal parking lot on Pleasant Street from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Christopher Stolar, right, presented a check to George Robichaud, the First Commander of Sons of AMVETS Post 74.



The WBCA & Beyond Summer Sizzler took place outside of the AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers.

Summer Sizzler

featured horseshoes and cornhole

By Ryan Drago
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THREE RIVERS – AMVETS Post 74 in Three Rivers welcomed members of the Ware Business and Civic Association and beyond for its Summer Sizzler event.

With the warm weather settling in this year's Summer Sizzler had a great turnout as the event featured great food and fun games. WBCA & Beyond President Dan Flynn welcomed all the guests and thanked all who attended as this event would help the organization end the year with a sizzler.

"We have had a full year of events and programs" Flynn said.

This was the 2nd Summer Sizzler the organization has held. This year's Sizzler was sponsored by J. Stolar Insurance Agency. Christopher Stolar, Vice President of J. Stolar Insurance Agency, presented a sponsorship check to George Robichaud, First Vice Commander of Sons of AMVETS Squadron 74.

The grill was on for hamburgers and hot dogs. Operating the grill was Micah Hinchley, Operations Manager of Pennington Painting.

Attendees played games of horseshoes and cornhole. The event also offered a challenge. All participants could



The Summer Sizzler had a good turnout outside the AMVETS Post in Three Rivers. Guests enjoyed refreshments in the shade.



Stuart Beckley and Dan Flynn enjoyed cornhole. Will this toss make the board?



Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley, right, pitched horseshoes with Chris Midura of Wishing Well Charities, Inc.

throw one toss of a bag and if successfully hitting the corn hole target, would vie for a \$100 grand prize.

Flynn thanked everyone who attended. The WBCA & Beyond has been providing these activities for three years now and continues to maintain a vibrant and productive economic atmosphere that strengthens the community and surrounding communities.



The grill was on cooking up some delicious hot dogs, hamburgers and bacon

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Brookfields Lions Club awards scholarships to graduates

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Brookfields Lions Club has awarded 10 scholarships totaling \$2,500 to local high school graduates, according to club president, William Cass.

Each year, the Lions award scholarships of up to \$500 to students who live within the club's service area, and attend one of five local high schools: David Prouty High School, Spencer; North Brookfield High School, North Brookfield; Quabbin Regional High School, Barre; Quaboag Regional High School, Warren, and Tantasqua Regional High School, Sturbridge.

"This year, the club's scholarship committee awarded scholarships of

\$250 each to ten area students," said Cass.

Alicia Sauvageau and **Makenzie Morin**, both of East Brookfield, are the recipients from David Prouty High School.

Alicia is the daughter of Kayleen and Jason Sauvageau. She will be attending the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, with a major in nursing with an emphasis on neonatal or pediatric intensive care. Makenzie is the daughter of Sarah and Eric Moring. She will be attending Collectiv Academy, Worcester with a focus on cosmetology and esthetics.

Scholarship recipients from North Brookfield High School are **Dayton Ford** and **Anthony Polanco**.

Dayton is the son of Jade and Channing Ford. He will be attending Assumption University, Worcester where he will study biotechnology and engineering. Anthony is the son of Mandy Tetreault and Mario Polanco. He will be attending Russell Sage College, in Albany, New York, where he will study criminal justice and forensic science.

Two scholarships were awarded to graduates of Quabbin Regional High School from New Braintree.

Samantha Carlson, daughter of Darcy and John Carlson, will be attending the UMass Amherst, where she will study biology. **Nathan Pride**, son of Jason Pride and Stacie Pride, will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic

Institute, Troy, New York, where he will study business.

Both scholarship recipients from Quaboag High School live in West Brookfield.

Falon (Jordan) Rice, daughter of Kelly Rice, will attend the University of Maine at Orono, Maine, where she plans to major in English with the goal of becoming a high school English teacher. Joshua Yeager, son of Lindsay Yeager, will also attend the University of Maine and plans to major in psychology and theatre.

Jackson Landine and **Anthony R. Fazzuoli** are the scholarship recipients from Tantasqua Regional High School.

A resident of Brookfield,

Jackson is the son of Kelly and Jeff Landine. He will be pursuing a degree in finance and accounting, with a minor in computer science, at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island. Anthony is the son of Despina and John Fazzuoli of West Brookfield. He will be attending UMass Amherst with a major in biology and a minor in psychology on a pre-med track.

To be eligible for a Brookfields Lions Club scholarship, applicants must be a resident of one of the Brookfields or New Braintree.

The student's high school guidance director must include the student's class rank and sign the application, and the completed

application must be submitted before the high school's spring break. To receive the scholarship, recipients must demonstrate that they are enrolled as a full-time college student and have earned passing grades.

As the world's largest, youngest and most active service organization, the mission of Lions Clubs International is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding. Members of the Brookfields Lions Club are dedicated to service and support in the communities of Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, and New Braintree.

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Bateman said herself and others looked into a recall election of Sawabi, but they were unable to gather the 1,214 signatures required to hold one. She asked Sawabi to resign from his position.

"We know that your term is up in April, and still thought it was imperative to try to recall you," she said. "We're here to stand up for our students. All of our students, every child in this town. Because they deserve that. I think it's important that our children see that there are protocols in place and then we need to follow the rules to maintain respect and decorum. I personally believe that you have used those rules to talk your way around finding solutions instead of being collaborative, helping and listening."

Parent Jessica Rohan said over 400 signatures were gathered on the recall petition, and she also asked Sawabi to resign.

Sawabi said this is his last year on the School Committee and he has put in a lot of time on the committee serving in his position. He said he appreciated the parents coming forward and said it is something he will need to think about.

Harassment, discrimination and retaliation

School Committee member Melissa Whitham spoke about the school district's nondis-

crimination policy which was reviewed at a previous meeting. She said the School Committee takes harassment, discrimination and retaliation seriously, and they will not tolerate it.

Whitham said she hopes from now on, people will feel comfortable coming forward and disclosing instances where this has happened to them.

"Until we as a committee and the administration of this district step up and say, 'we will not tolerate this,' then people are going to continue to say rumors and hearsay and all of that," she said. "I hope that...people that feel they are being targeted, harassed, or retaliated against for speaking up, we can lay out a very process where they feel safe enough to come forward."

Ware Teachers Association President Amber Boucher said she appreciates hearing this from the committee, but that it "feels two years too late."

Boucher said she has been written up, investigated by the police and threatened with lawsuits for speaking out. She said her fellow teachers have been targeted by the superintendent and they are afraid to come up and put their name on something.

"I as union president have some protection and that's the only reason I am here," she said. "I do it for them."

Boucher said they are looking for justice for the past two years.

"We have lost a lot of good staff because of it, and we will lose more," she said.

Independent investigation results

Rohan asked the School Committee if the results of the independent investigation into the union's allegations against Lovato would be made public.

School Committee Chair Brian Winslow said the investigation is concluding and the report is being written. He said the intent is to put it forward to the public in a timely manner.

"We are working on some things to protect everybody," he said. "We are moving forward, and we will continue to move forward...we will not look back, we will not go back."

Cell phone use and dress code

Winslow said there have been emails received regarding cell phone use and dress code. He said the current policy for dress code is very brief, and he asked the committee if they wanted to expand on it.

Winslow said cell phone use is a regular complaint and he questioned if the current policy is sufficient. He said this policy was created prior to the pandemic.

Whitham said there are many options for the school district regarding cell phone usage. She said some school districts prohibit use, while others allow cell phone use during passing times and

lunch.

Whitham said the school district's policy for cell phones is not sufficient and it is not being enforced in the high school.

"Right now, the cell phone use, especially in the high school, is not under control, and it needs to be," she said.

Whitham said the dress code policy does not protect student from clothing that has language that is demeaning, abusive, sexist, racist, or makes references to substance use. She said whether wearing hats and hooded sweatshirts in school is allowed also need to be addressed.

"If we could make this a more professional place, a place of learning, a place of high expectations, I feel the dress code is a small piece of that," she said.

The School Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the cell phone use policy at its next meeting on July 23. The committee members will also continue discussion on the dress code policy during this time.

People can email comments about either policy to scomments@ware.k12.ma.us if they are unable to attend the hearing.

Attendance policy for athletes

Whitham said the document that was distributed to committee members several meetings ago regarding

attendance does not state that attendance in school is required of an athlete the day of a sporting event in order to participate. She said it only references attendance being required in order to go to school dances.

She said according to Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, the student must be in school for the majority of the day in order to participate in a sporting event.

"That policy does exist, it's just not reflected in our specific policy, nor is it being enforced," Whitham said.

Whitham said it is the committee's job to make sure the policy is clearly stated.

Budget update

Andy Paquette of TMS, Inc. said there are two weeks remaining of fiscal year 2025, and things are trending favorably.

Winslow asked if new positions have been added into the fiscal year 2026 budget. Paquette said the FY 26 is a level service budget.

"Any of these new positions that have been potentially discussed; the funding is going to have to come from somewhere," he said. "When we do our rebuild of the budget, there might be some reductions elsewhere to either make it balance, and/or we end up using more of our reserves."

Paquette said the budget is rebuilt in the new fiscal year

with personnel changes that occur.

Civics discussion

Teacher Wayne Blais said a government and civics class is offered to students in grades nine through 12 on a yearly basis. He said students take an introductory level to civics prior to taking the civics portion of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test in eighth grade.

Blaise said himself and the other teacher in his department have pushed to offer the class for years and they are happy that it is now available to students. He said the high school offers world history, U.S. history one and two and government and civics.

"The fact that it's offered now is huge," Blaise said of the government and civics class.

Blaise said he and the other teacher also teach psychology and sociology classes on a rotational basis.

Banner advertising

Frank Bateman, a parent who volunteered to research the costs of banner advertising at the football field, said he has reached out to three different vendors and will compile the information once he receives it and forward it to the School Committee.

Bateman said he will also send his recommendations for changes to the banner advertising policy.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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have control of these funds, is really hurting our town," Bourcier said.

Hospital Review Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said the committee went to various foundations with the Friends of Mary Lane Hospital to look at options for the trust when Baystate Health closed Mary Lane Hospital.

"That's when we decided that these were a good group of people," he said of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts. "So, the Hospital Committee looked at it and said this is our best bet, assuming Baystate gives it up."

Trietsch said the letter received by the Selectboard "was a little bit premature" and Baystate Health's new administration had developed a new plan for bringing healthcare back to the area with the use of the trust as seed money.

"They have a real plan to bring this back," he said.

Trietsch said Baystate Health will submit an application to open the healthcare site when they know the trust funds will be available. He said the site being opened depends on Baystate Health being the beneficiary of the trust and being guaranteed funds every year.

"That's the only plan that we have right now that will bring healthcare back to Ware," Trietsch said. "That's what we fought for, for four years...they need that money for seed money."

Trietsch also addressed discussion of a federally qualified healthcare center coming to town and taking over the Mary Lane Hospital site. He said money for these centers has been frozen by the federal government.

"There is no money... they're cutting out all this money for federally qualified healthcare," he said.

Bourcier questioned why the town would want money to go to Baystate Health when it has already failed to provide access to healthcare in town.

Open meeting law complaint

The Selectboard reviewed an open meeting law complaint filed by Bourcier. In her complaint, Bourcier said a vote to support Baystate Health's proposal for a healthcare site was not listed on the agenda.

Bourcier's complaint also states that a petition was being submitted by residents to ask the board to reverse the vote.

Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot addressed the complaint and said that this topic was listed on the agenda as an executive session discussion.

Talbot explained the open meeting law, and when executive sessions are appropriate, including for discussion of strategy with respect to litigation. This reason was posted in the meeting agenda that Bourcier filed her complaint about.

"This purpose allows the board to discuss strategy with respect to litigation that is pending or clearly or imminently threatened," she said.

Talbot said the minutes from the executive session meeting will be released after review. The Selectboard will discuss the action taken in that executive session meeting in public session during its July 1 meeting.

The Selectboard voted to submit this resolution to Bourcier's complaint to the Attorney General.

Gates on rail trail

Selectboard Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz read a letter he drafted regarding concerns related to misuse of the Mass Central Rail Trail in the area of Oakridge Circle.

These concerns include unauthorized motor vehicle use, people leaving the trail and trespassing in residents' yards and unleashed dogs that harass livestock.

"While the rail trail is a great asset for those who use it appropriately, residents have expressed concerns about its misuse and the negative impact on the quality of their life," he said.

Kusnierz recommended installing gates and bollards to block motor vehicles. He also requested that Oakridge Circle residents be invited to a Selectboard meeting to discuss these concerns and potential solutions.

Talbot said she would like to hear input from the residents to reach a solution. The discussion will be added to the agenda for the July 1 Selectboard meeting.

Town Manager's report

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the Senior Center will be open as a cooling center during the anticipated heat wave.

Beckley said accessibility improvements to the playground at Grenville Park has been completed including parking, pathways and a new pavilion. Benches have also been installed, and picnic tables will be placed under the pavilion.

Beckley said materials have been ordered to construct bathrooms at the park, using grant funds.

He announced that the Ware Lions Club will be holding concerts in the park on Thursdays evenings, weather permitting.

Beckley said the town has hired a consultant to act as interim director of the Department of Public Works while they seek a full-time candidate for the positions. He said the consultant is working one day a week on Tuesdays.

Beckley said the Fire Department has hired an

assistant and the Police Chief and HR Director are reviewing applications for the newly funded Police Department assistant position. He said the town has filled a vacancy at the wastewater treatment plant and is also interviewing candidates for the Facilities Manager position which has been vacant since February.

He said the Fire Department is also applying for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant to pay for two firefighters for the next three years. He said it's a highly competitive grant and many communities are applying for it.

Beckley said the Fire Department has received this grant three times in the past and has been able to retain the positions created with it.

He said Memorial Field will be closed for the remainder of the year to address turf issues. During this time, the field house will be renovated to make the bathrooms handicapped accessible and change the interior for the storage/team space as well.

Beckley congratulated Quabbin Health District employee Betty Barlow who recently retired after serving for 26 years.

Abatement request

A Highland Street resident requested a sewer abatement for water that was used to fill a swimming pool, and did not enter the town's wastewater system.

Beckley said the applicant was requesting a sewer abatement in the amount of \$98.32. The Selectboard voted in favor of granting the abatement.

Public hearing on license

The Selectboard scheduled a public hearing on Aug. 19 to review G&G Medical's license for storing flammables. The provider of the storage tanks removed them from the property two years ago.

The business has not been in operation for about three years and owes the town back taxes in the amount of \$19,454.66 and is currently in tax title.

Visit from Lafayette

Historical Commission member Kathleen Galford said on June 14, they welcomed a reenactor of Revolutionary War General Lafayette on the 200th anniversary of his visit to Ware in 1825.

"It went very well despite the weather," she said.

She thanked the staff at Ware Public Schools for their help in planning the event. She also thanked the American Friends of Lafayette, the Gill resident who provided his horses and buggy to transport Lafayette, the Weir River Concert Band, the School Committee, Eagle Hill School for providing costumes, and Mark Schneider, who portrayed Lafayette.

Galford also thanked everyone who attended and Stanley Ciukaj from Ware Community Television for recording and broadcasting the event.

Appointments

The Selectboard made the following appointments: Americans with Disabilities Act Commission, Ruth McGrath; Conservation Commission, Dennis Cote and Kristen Rosenbeck; Council on Aging, Ginger

Ziglar Thomas; Finance Committee, SK Robinson; and Historical Commission, Claudia Kadra and Wanda Mysona

Talbot listed the current vacancies on various boards and committees: ADA Commission, two openings (three-year terms); Agricultural Commission, two openings (three-year terms); Board of Registrars, one opening (Democrat); Capital Planning Commission, two openings (three-year terms); Community Development Authority, three openings (three-year terms); Conservation Commission, one opening (three-year term); Council on Aging, three openings (three-year term); Finance Committee, one opening (three-year term); Historical Commission, one opening (three-year term); Open Space Committee, two openings (three-year terms); Tax Increment Financing Authority, one opening (three-year term); Youth Committee, three openings (three-year terms); and Zoning Board of Appeals, two openings (three-year terms).

Those interested in these vacancies can submit applications to the Selectboard's office.

Resignation and appointment

The Selectboard accepted the resignation of Board of Assessors member Theodore Balicki and the appointment of a new member will be made at an Aug. 6 joint meeting between the boards.

Talbot thanked Balicki for his many years of service to the town.

Lions Club hosts Concerts in the Park

WARE – The Ware Lions presents Concerts in the Park on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Grenville Park, 73 Church St.

Admission to concerts is free and concerts are weather dependent.

Concert dates include June 26, Torie Jock & Damage Control; July 10, The Willies; July 17, Bed by Ten; July 24, The Legends Show featuring A Neil Diamond Tribute "Forever Diamond" and A Tribute to Dolly Parton and A Tribute to Barry White & Lionel Richie; July 31, Bigelow; and Aug. 7, Cobblestone Road.

During each concert, the Ware Lions will have a concession stand selling hot dogs, chips, popcorn and beverages. Raffle tickets for prizes will also be available.

Funding for the concerts is provided with support from Brad Matthew Jewelers, Westfield Bank, St. Germain Insurance Inc., B'leaf Wellness Centre, Monson Savings Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Country Bank, Nat Falk Men's Clothing, L. Sidur & Son Inc., Rolla Motor Parts NAPA, Cluett's, Quabbin Wire & Cable Co., Jeffery & Jeffery Inc., Moulton Insurance and It's Wine O'clock.




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This 1964 Ford Falcon Futara is owned by Stanley Miknaitis.



This 1974 Dodge Challenger is owned by Mike Hebert.

MEMORIAL CAR SHOW

honored longtime club member



A 1955 Red Chevy Pickup truck with its engine being shown as well.

By Ryan Drago
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HARDWICK – The South Barre Rod & Gun Club hosted its annual Mark Blanchard Memorial Car Show & BBQ this past weekend.

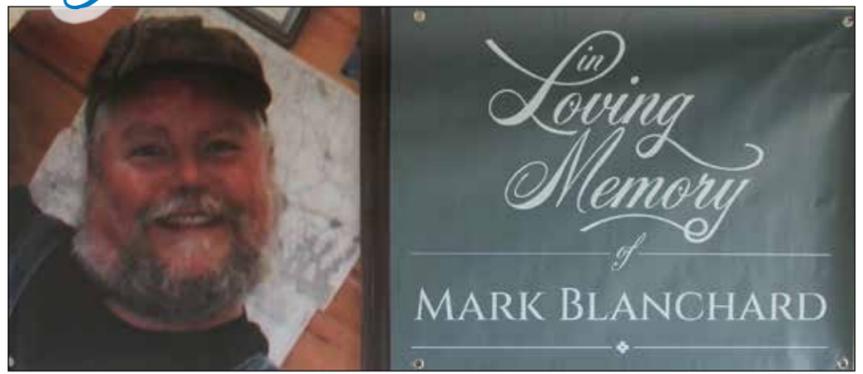
This was the third time the club has hosted this great event in memory of Mark Blanchard, a longtime member of the South Barre Rod & Gun Club.

In addition to cars, the club provided a delicious chicken BBQ meal. Over 200 chickens were cooked outside as guests lined up to eat.

This annual car show takes place every year on Father's Day weekend. This year, about 20 cars were featured during the car show. Karen Blanchard, the wife of Mark, was joined by many car collectors and enthusiasts who enjoy cars and brought many vintage cars for this year's memorial car show.

Running the car show alongside Blanchard were Stanley Miknaitis and Dave Altobelli. This group enjoys cars and runs car shows together throughout the region. Miknaitis brought a couple vintage cars of his own, including a red 1964 Ford Falcon Futara.

For Miknaitis, collecting and fixing vintage cars is a hobby and he has been involved in car shows since 1997. His journey into being around cars started when he came across a 1964 Falcon that was about to be demolished. After taking it off



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

The South Barre Rod & Gun Club hosted the 3rd Annual Mark Blanchard Memorial Car Show this past weekend. Shown is a sign made in honor of Mark, who was a longtime member of the club.



Stanley Miknaitis is shown alongside a 1965 Ford Two Door Wagon; a rare vehicle.



A model of a Ford Falcon was placed in front of the actual Ford Falcon.



A yellow Dodge Challenger was parked in the back field of the South Barre Rod & Gun Club.

the truck, within an hour, Miknaitis got it running.

Having a car in his possession gave him a project to do and soon that one project became a hobby.

"I've met a lot of people and got more friends involved," Miknaitis said.

Miknaitis has gone to national car shows all over the United States. The second car he brought was a 1965 Ford two door Wagon. What makes this vehicle rare is only 4,800 were ever made.

Miknaitis will be attending another car show later this year that is hosted by the Barre Lions Club on Sept. 6 on the Barre Common.

In addition to vintage cars, there were also vintage pickup trucks as well. One of the oldest trucks on display during the annual Mark Blanchard Memorial Car Show was a 1955 Red Chevrolet Pickup. Many guests got to tour around the back field of the South Barre Rod & Gun Club to see these

vintage cars and the owners were there to present some information.

The event also featured music and a raffle where guests can try to win some cool basket prizes. Under the pavilion was a beautiful sign made in memory of Mark Blanchard.

The South Barre Rod & Gun Club is located at 2626 Barre Road. Visit www.southbarrerodandgunclub.org or follow the club on Facebook for future events.



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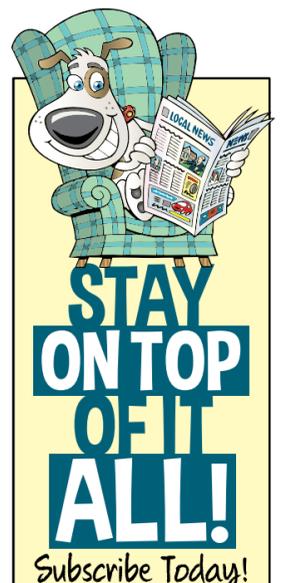
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A throw to catch an attempted base stealer.

Middle School baseball closes season

BARRE – Earlier this month, Quabbin Regional Middle School closed out its baseball season with a home game. The Panthers, which features players in sixth through eighth grade, got an opportunity to play on Quabbin's high school varsity field to close the season.



The throw comes back in from the outfield.



Here is a play at home.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

A pickoff attempts at third base.

Monson Legion has tough stretch



LEFT: Hunter Griswold fields a grounder.

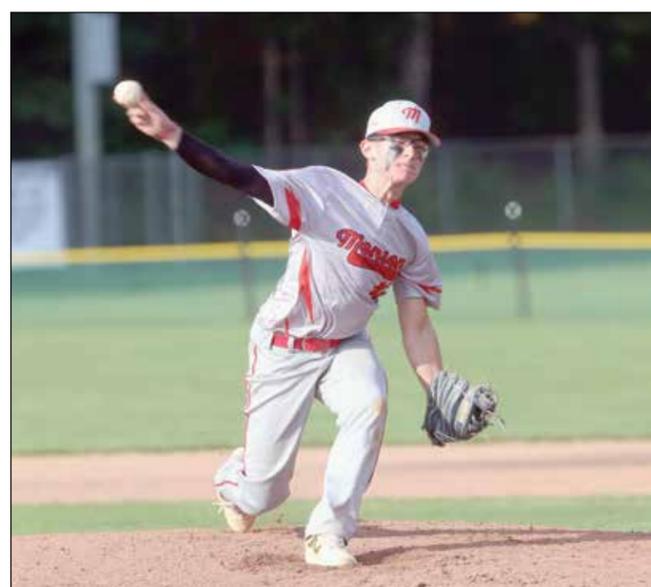
MONSON – After a win to start the summer season, Monson Legion Baseball Post 241 has had four straight losses. Monson Legion, which includes players this season from Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, Ware, and this season, Quaboag high schools, suffered a close 8-7 defeat against Wilbraham, then lost 7-1 to Belchertown and 7-3 to Sheffield. This week, Monson legion is on the road in the Berkshires. Their games this week are at Pittsfield, Greenfield, and North Adams. They return home and host Longmeadow next Monday, June 30.



Matthew Santos sends a throw across to first base.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Miguel Velasquez makes the play at second.



Brayden Mega got the start for Monson Legion against Wilbraham last Monday evening.

Gaines shines for PeoplesBank in win over rival St. Joe's

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—People's Bank, who captured the last eleven Tri-County League championship titles, and the St. Joseph's Baseball Club are scheduled to face each other four times during the regular season.

The first two meetings on the baseball diamond were won by People's Bank without very much trouble.

A week after defeating St. Joe's, 13-3 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke, People's Bank celebrat-

ed a 6-1 road victory at St. Joe's Park in Thorndike, last Friday night.

"This is a very big win early season win for us against St. Joe's, who's currently in first place," said People's Bank player/manager Joe Ferry. "I thought our pitching and defense was the difference in tonight's game. We also had some timely base hits."

People's Bank, who had two games postponed last week, had a perfect 4-0 record following the road win, while St. Joe's had a 5-2 record.

Each of the five Tri-County League teams gets two points for a victory and one for a tie.

"We always want to beat People's, but they're a very veteran team and we have a bunch of younger players," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes, who shares the coaching duties with Paul Marcinek. "They don't swing at many bad pitches. They also don't make very many mistakes defensively."

People's Bank jumped out to a 2-0 lead against St. Joe's lefthander Jackson Petrin in the top of the first inning.

Petrin, who was a senior on the Pope Francis baseball team this past spring, tossed a two-hitter against Minnechaug Regional in the Western Mass. Class A finals, which was held at Mackenzie Stadium on May 27. He didn't have the same kind of success in his start against People's Bank.

With one-out in the opening frame, second baseman Dave Clark (3-for-3) lined a single down the right field line. First baseman

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Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Gustavo Barbosa traps the ball and heads up the field.

Western Mass. Pioneers suffer rare league loss

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BURLINGTON, VT. —Not very much went the right way for the Western Mass. Pioneers against Vermont Green FC in the first match-up of the regular season between the USL League-Two rivals.

Vermont Green scored a goal at the end of both halves leading to a 2-0 shut-out over the Pioneers before 2,500 enthusiastic soccer fans at Virtue Field, which is located on the University of Vermont campus, last Tuesday night.

"I thought we played

well, but we just couldn't put our chances away," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "They did put their chances away."

The Pioneers had a 5-1-2 record following the road loss.

Vermont Green (6-0-1) took over sole possession of first place in the Northeast Division.

Since joining USL League-Two in 2022, Vermont has finished in third place behind the Pioneers in the league standings.

The overall series record

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Augustine Boadi hustles up the field.

sports

Candlepin League News

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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Night Summer League is halfway done, and Sophia's Raiders remains in first place.

Sophia's Raiders leads in first place with a record of 46-10. Close behind in second place is Gutter Dolls with a record of 40-16. Gutter Snipes are in third place with a record of 34-22.

During week seven, the Rolling Stones bowled against the Gutter Dolls. In game one, Gutter Dolls defeated Rolling Stones by a score of 428-418.

In game two, Rolling Stones bounced back with a victory of their own, 448-429. Brett Green of the Rolling Stones bowled a 107 in game two.

In game three, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 440-

426. The final score was 1297-1292 in favor of Gutter Dolls.

Kristen's Squad bowled against No Shows. In game one, Kristen's Squad won the first game by a score of 463-426. Bob Button of Kristen's Squad started the match with a 115 opening game.

In game two, No Shows defeated Kristen's Squad by a score of 471-454. Steve Swistak of No Shows bowled a 119 as his son, Pete Swistak, bowled a 112.

In game three, Kristen's Squad won the last game by a score of 461-454. Steve Swistak finished strong with a 127 and had a three-game series of 342.

The final score was 1378-1351 in favor of Kristen's Squad.

Gutter Snipes bowled against Gutter Fingers in week seven. In game one, Gutter Fingers won a close game by a score of 420-417.

In game two, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 440-424.

In game three, Gutter Snipes lost by one point to Gutter Fingers, 424-423.

Gutter Snipes won total pinfall by a final score of 1280-1268.

The #1 seed team, Sophia's Raiders, bowled against Straight Shooters this past week. In game one, Sophia's Raiders won by one point, 445-444.

In game two, Straight Shooters took the lead by winning game two, 471-457. Phil Clough of Sophia's Raiders bowled a 114 and Sophia Hearnlay bowled a 111.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won the last game by a score of 452-409. Clough bowled another 114 and had a series of 333.

The final score was 1354-1324 in favor of Sophia's Raiders, who hope to remain in first place the rest of the summer league. There are seven weeks left of league candlepin bowling for the Wednesday Night Summer League at Bogey Lanes.

Valley Blue Sox defeats Vermont

MONTPEILER, VT – Last Sunday, The Valley Blue Sox had a great night at the plate against the Vermont Mountaineers.



Valley's designated hitter, Sebastian Mexico, had himself yet another great

game. Mexico went two for four with one RBI, a walk and had himself a nice home run. He is third in the entire New England Collegiate Baseball League with an impressive batting average of .389 and has three home runs on the year.

Blue Sox First baseman Gavin Schrader also had himself a great game going three for five at the plate with two RBIs.

Vermont started the game off strong, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first thanks to Mountaineers designated hitter Griffin Brown's sac-fly to score right fielder Sam Gates. The second run scored from Conlan Daniel's stealing home on a wild pitch thrown by Ethan Slowik.

The Blue Sox got the bats rolling to answer in the top of the second thanks to catcher Cade Carr crushing a home run to make it 2-1. Valley was able to score in the top of the third again

thanks to third baseman Mike O'Connor's triple and Schrader's single to drive O'Connor in to tie it all up at 2-2.

Mountaineers' shortstop Thomas Schreck gave Vermont the lead back 3-2

in the bottom of the fourth by stealing home on a wild pickoff attempt to first base from Blue Sox's pitcher Jake Andrews.

Valley's right fielder Clay Burdette was hit by a pitch with two outs in the top of the fifth inning. O'Connor stepped up to the plate and doubled off the center field fence and the speedy right fielder for the Blue Sox scored to tie the game at three apiece.

Designated hitter Mexico saw the perfect pitch in the top of the seventh inning and crushed his third home run of the year to give the Valley a 4-3 lead. Second baseman Michael Elko and Burdette walked as the momentum started to shift drastically. Elko seized his opportunity to score by stealing second, third and home. O'Connor got on base due to a throwing error made by the Mountaineers. Schrader came back up to the plate locked in to hit a single to

score Burdette to make it 6-3.

Left fielder Mike Lucarelli hit a nice single to load the bases backup for the Blue Sox. Shortstop Kai Cunningham walked with the bases loaded to score O'Connor. Schrader then scored on a wild pitch to make it 8-3. Mexico then walked for Valley to load the bases again. Elko came back up to the plate and walked to make it 9-3. Burdette crushed a ball into the outfield to make it 11-3 but Elko got tagged out trying to get to home base to end the offenses' explosive inning. The Blue Sox scored eight runs in the top of the seventh inning to shift the tide of the game.

A new pitcher for Valley came into the game to start in the bottom of the seventh, Jack Niedringhaus, and he only allowed one run in the inning to keep it 11-4.

The eighth inning did not see any scoring changes as both defenses played efficiently well. In the top of the ninth Chris Walsh was able to score for Valley to make it 12-4 to end the half inning. Andrew Jergins started in the bottom of the ninth inning for the Blue Sox and closed the game out by allowing no runs in the last inning. The final score was 12-4 in favor of Valley.

Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church clothing drive

BROOKFIELD – The Committee for Ecology and Social Action of the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church is sponsoring a clothing drive through Helpsy, the largest clothing collector in the Northeast.

Textile waste is a fast-growing problem and occupies nearly 5% of all landfill space, but 95% of unwanted clothing can be

reused, repurposed, or recycled. Only 15% currently is.

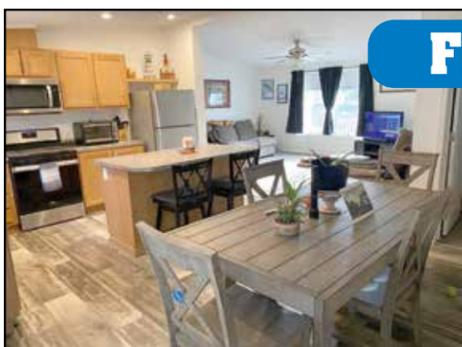
On July 12-19, the church will be open between 3-7 p.m. so you can bring your old clothing (including slips, bras, underwear, socks) and certain other acceptable items, such as shoes, accessories (including hats, bags, belts, scarves and jewelry), luggage, stuffed animals and linens (including sheets,

blankets, curtains, table linens and quilts).

All items in any condition are acceptable if they are clean, dry, and odorless.

The Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 9 Upper River St. on the Brookfield Common, near the junction of Route 9 and Route 148.

For more information, contact Barbara Hale at blh.buuc@gmail.com.



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Athlete of the Month

Trevor Millet



Millet was one of five season to play in his final games with Ware baseball, which made it deep into the state tournament.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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between the two clubs is now tied 3-3-1. Three of the seven matchups ended 1-0.

In the second meeting of last season, Vermont made the trip south on Rte. 91 needing to defeat the Pioneers to qualify for the league playoffs. They got the job done with a 3-1 victory.

Their first meeting of 2024, which was played at Virtue Field, finished in a scoreless draw.

The last time the Pioneers celebrated a victory over Vermont Green was a 1-0 home shutout in the second meeting of the 2023 campaign. The lone goal of that match was scored by Mamadi Jiana, who played soccer at Chicopee High School, and is still a member of the Pioneers. He also plays for the men's soccer team at Bryant University.

The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the first half of last Tuesday's match.

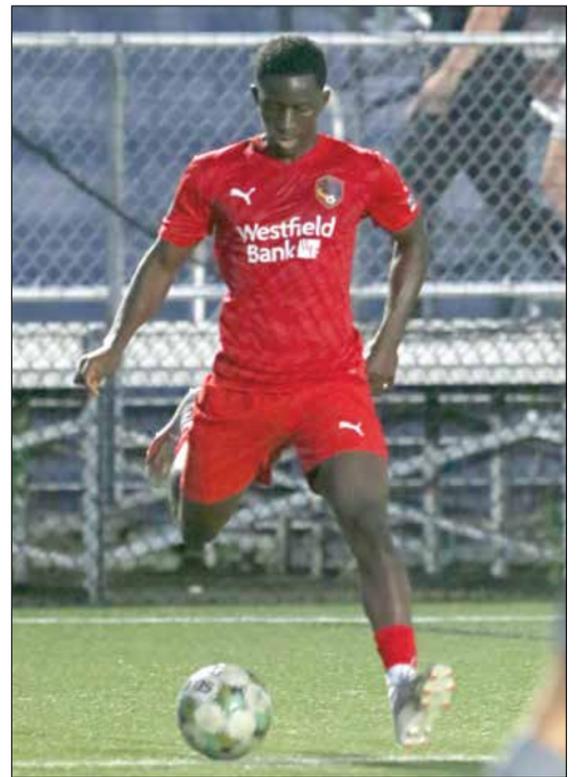
In the eighth minute, Robbie Lyons fired a shot from the top of the box, but Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg managed to make the save.

A little more than ten minutes later, a Lyons free kick sailed wide

Herceg made another save following a shot attempt from Augustine Boadi during the 32nd minute.

Vermont Green took a 1-0 lead 11 minutes later.

The scoring play began with Stephane Njike sending a crossing pass into the box from the left side. Then Joseph Picotto flicked a shot into the back of the net past



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Mamadi Jiana runs down the loose ball.

Western Mass goalie Cam Hall.

The Pioneers had an opportunity to score the tying goal in 52nd minute when Boadi sent a pass to Lyons, but his shot went over the crossbar.

In the 73rd minute, Jared Smith's free kick just missed going into the net.

With the Pioneers still trailing by a goal late in the second half, Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg received a yellow card from referee Elvis Jandric.

Molinari thought his team

should've been given a free kick following the card, but the referee gave the home team a goal kick instead.

"It should've been a free kick for us because the referee gave their goalie a yellow card," Molinari said. "The referee made a mistake and it's a very tough loss for loss."

Following the match, Molinari and several of the Pioneers got into a heated argument with Jandric in the middle of the field.

The home team sealed their victory when Hall attempted to make a diving save on a shot taken by Tyler Trimnal. The ball bounced away from the Pioneers keeper and Njike put the ball into the back of the net sending the Vermont Green supporters into a frenzy.

The Pioneers did get back into the win column following a 2-0 win against the Boston Bolts.

The Pioneers goals were scored by Jorge Veintimilla and Jiana.

The second meeting between Vermont Green and Western Mass. is scheduled to take place at Lusitano Stadium on July 11. It's also the regular season finale for the Pioneers.

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Sports clinics return

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 Kolodiezny
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.



Motocross Nationals return to WMass this weekend

SOUTHWICK – Since 1976, the intimate, serpentine layout of Southwick, Massachusetts’s iconic The Wick 338 has provided the most unique and grueling challenge in American motocross. Nestled behind the American Legion outpost for which it is named, amidst a sea of trees and the nearby Great Brook, the hidden gem is a pillar of the globally prestigious Pro Motocross Championship and has a legacy that spans nearly five decades. On Saturday, June 28, the 44th running of the Crestview Construction Southwick National will see the town of Southwick will become the global epicenter of the motocross world, as the most legendary race teams and an international contingent of the fastest rac-

ers on the planet converge on Western Massachusetts for the ultimate battle of man and machine at the “moto sandbox.”

With its one-of-a-kind racing surface, endless stream of flowing turns, and an undulating terrain that is surrounded by spectators, The Wick 338 stands alone in the world of motorsports. It is rare to find a racetrack of such global significance, with such a rich history seamlessly interwoven into the community that surrounds it, but the embrace of this summer tradition has become a fixture of Southwick living and an economic boon for the Hampden County town. Hundreds of racers, race team personnel, event staff, and race fans from across New England will make the journey to Western

Massachusetts for an action-packed day of racing that will play a pivotal role in the quest to crown champions.

With legendary track elements like Jo Jo’s Powerslide and Buckley Berm, The Wick 338 has long put riders to the ultimate test. The ever-changing sand means the track is constantly evolving, getting rougher and tougher as the day wears on and is usually complemented by elevated summer temperatures and humidity, adding another layer to an already monumental task. Despite its challenges, it’s a race all athletes want to win and those who have prevailed on these hallowed grounds take immense pride in knowing they earned that success. For spectators, there’s simply nothing like it, as virtually every vantage

point provides spectacular visuals and puts fans on top of the action.

The Pro Motocross Championship comprises 11 rounds of competition amongst the most high profile superstars of motorcycle racing, like American-born champions Eli Tomac and Chase Sexton, as well as championship-winning Australian phenom Jett Lawrence, Spaniard world champion Jorge Prado, and many more. The series will visit 10 different states from late May to late August, visiting the most hallowed venues in racing with legacies that span upwards of five decades. In the end, a pair of athletes will emerge with the sport’s most distinguished title, celebrated as an AMA National Champion.

T-Birds bringing back Community Caravan

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are proud to announce the return of the T-Birds Community Caravan, with support from MassMutual, marking the third annual summer tour designed to bring the excitement of Thunderbirds hockey to communities across the region.

This year’s Caravan will include three stops throughout the Greater Springfield area during the summer months, continuing the initiative’s mission to keep the T-Birds top-of-mind in the offseason while deepening the team’s connection to local families and fans. This summer’s Caravan dates are as follows:

- Saturday, July 19 - Sonny’s Place, Somers, CT - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Saturday, August 9 - Amelia Park Ice Arena, Westfield - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *

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Westfield Community Caravan will also feature the annual T-Birds Street Hockey

Tournament on the outdoor deck hockey court at Amelia Park. The Street Hockey Tournament features teams of players ages 9-12. To register your team, click here.

“After a fantastic continuation of the program last summer, we’re thrilled to

bring back the Caravan and keep building on its success,” said Thunderbirds

President Nathan Costa. “We’re equally excited to welcome back



MassMutual as a partner and thank them for embracing our mission

of being champions in the community beyond the Thunderdome.”

Each free-to-attend event will feature appearances by Thunderbirds mascot Boomer, team staff, and a lively mix of interactive games, street hockey, fam-

ily-friendly activities, and local vendors. Fans can also enjoy delicious food options, with each Caravan date spotlighting a local nonprofit beneficiary, helping to raise awareness and support for impactful community organizations.

“We’re delighted to support the Springfield Thunderbirds not only on the ice but also throughout the local community,” said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual and president of the MassMutual Foundation. “Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and

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Kyle Platner followed with a ground ball single up the middle into center field putting runners at the corners. Platner moved into scoring position on a wild pitch. Catcher Frankie Ferrentino, who’s a first-year player, drove home both runners with a bloop single to center.

Ferrentino is a member of the Merrimack College baseball team.

Petrin retired the next two batters on a foul pop-up caught by third baseman Jacob Petrin and a strikeout.

St Joe’s threatened against People’s Bank lefty Danny Gaines, who’s from Holyoke,

with one-out in the bottom half of the first inning. Jacob Petrin (2-for-4) began the rally with an infield hit and right fielder Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk. Gaines escaped further trouble by getting the next batter to hit into an inning ending double play.

After neither team scored in the second inning, People’s Bank centerfielder Seth Allen hit a groundball to the third baseman leading off the third inning. He wound up at second base following a throwing error. A Clark pop-up single to center and a walk by Platner loaded the bases.

The visitors, who had seven base hits in the

game, took a 3-0 lead when Ferrentino was hit by a pitch. Then right fielder Cam Rivest, who’s the varsity baseball coach at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly scoring another run.

St. Joe’s broke the ice an inning later.

Fitzgibbons, who hit a hard ground ball into left field leading off the fourth inning, scored when centerfielder Aaron Little, who played baseball at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly.

Second baseman Nate Carillon continued the St. Joe’s rally with a walk and catcher Bobby Trigilio was hit-by-a-pitch loading the

bases with one-out. Just like they did in the first and third innings, People’s Bank ended the inning with a double play.

“Our defense was awesome tonight,” Ferry said. “We turned three double plays early in the game.”

Gaines, who allowed one run on three hits in four innings, was relieved by fellow lefty James Flahive,

who’s normally a starter, at the start of the fifth inning.

“Danny has been one of our top starting pitchers for a very long time,” Ferry said. “It’s still early in the season and we knew he could give us at least four strong innings.”

Flahive, who threw 70 pitches over the final three frames, was credited with the

win. He didn’t allow any runs on two hits.

People’s Bank final two runs were scored in the fifth and sixth innings on sacrifice flies from designated hitter Johnny Gegetskas and Platner.

The third meeting of the regular season between the two teams was scheduled to be played at Mackenzie Stadium on Tuesday night.

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14. Incline from the vertical
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16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
17. Finishes off
18. Places to store things
20. Dutch painter Gerard
21. Smaller quantity
22. There’s a North, South and Central of these
25. In an early way
30. More spacious
31. Short-term memory

32. One who possesses
33. Sesame
38. Forbid
41. A way to explain
43. Not around
45. Evoke or suggest
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Dekameter
50. Fencing sword
55. “Luther” actor
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Hong Kong food stall: pai dong
63. Not the start
64. Post

2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut
3. City in ancient Syria
4. College army
5. More disturbed
6. Pays no attention to
7. Restored
8. Competitions
9. Lyric poems
10. Famed American lawman
12. Expression of disappointment
14. Scars
19. Satisfy
23. Central European river
24. Brass instrument
25. One who gets paid to perform
26. Propel with oars
27. Long period of time
28. Woman (French)

29. Type of plane
34. Pitching stat
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Pro sports league
37. Body part
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Feline
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
46. Abba, Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Genus of flowering plants
51. Tributary of the High Rhine
52. Prejudice
53. C. European river
54. Restrain
58. Father

2024 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

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

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

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION

Address: 4½ Church St., Ware, MA 01082 • Contact Person: Edgar Sykes, Chief Water Operator
Telephone #: 413-967-9620 Ext - XXX • Email: dpwwater@townofware.com • www.townofware.com

Water System Improvements

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

Opportunities for Public Participation

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

YOUR DRINKING WATER SOURCE

Where Does My Drinking Water Come From?

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

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

Is My Water Treated?

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

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

Our water system makes every effort to provide you with safe and pure drinking water. The water quality of our system is monitored by our licensed operators and MassDEP to determine if further treatment may be required. Water quality testing results show that the well water needs to be treated to continue to meet MassDEP goals. To improve the quality of the water, our system is working towards installing treatment facilities to remove iron and manganese. The Water Department is exploring funding sources for an economical solution to proceed with construction of these improvements.

How Are These Sources Protected?

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

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

What is My System's Ranking?

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

Where Can I See The SWAP Report?

The complete SWAP report is available at the Water Department Office and online at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/the-source-water-assessment-protection-swap-program>. For more information, call the DPW Water Office, 413-967-9620.

What Are the Key Issues For Our Water Supply?

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

What Can Be Done To Improve Protection?

The SWAP report recommends:

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

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

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

Residents can help protect sources by:

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

SUBSTANCES FOUND IN TAP WATER

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

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Massachusetts Office of Research and Standards Guideline (ORSG) - This is the concentration of a chemical in drinking water, at or below which, adverse health effects are unlikely to occur after chronic (lifetime) exposure. If

exceeded, it serves as an indicator of the potential need for further action.

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

Running Annual Average (RAA) - The average of four (4) consecutive quarterly data.

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

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant (chlorine, chloramines, chlorine dioxide) below which there is no known expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

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

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

ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

ppt = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

pCi/l = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units

ND = Not Detected

N/A = Not Applicable

mrem/year = millirem per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

WATER QUALITY TESTING RESULTS

What Does This Data Represent?

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

NOT REQUIRING ED IN 2024	Date(s) Collected	90 th percentile	Action Level	MCLG	# of sites sampled	# of sites above Action Level	Possible Source of Contamination
Lead (ppb)	8/23/2023 - 8/25/2023	4.1	15	0	20	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	8/23/2023 - 8/25/2023	0.176	1.3	1.3	20	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

Regulated Contaminant	Date(s) Collected	Highest Result or Highest Running Average Detected	Range Detected	MCL or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Violation (Y/N)	Possible Source(s) of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
ANTIMONY	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.006	0.006	N	Discharge of petroleum refineries
ARSENIC	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.010	0.010	N	Erosion from natural deposits
BARIUM	11/28/2023	0.037	0.026-0.037	2	2	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
BERYLLIUM	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.004	0.004	N	Discharge from metal refineries; electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
CADMIUM	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.005	0.005	N	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries
CHROMIUM	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.10	0.10	N	Discharge from Steel & pulp mills; natural deposits
CYANIDE	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.2	0.2	N	Discharge from steel & metal factories; plastic & fertilizer factories
FLUORIDE	11/28/2023	ND	ND	4.0	4.0	N	Water additive that promotes strong teeth; erosion from natural deposits
CADMIUM	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.005	0.005	N	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries
CHROMIUM	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.10	0.10	N	Discharge from Steel & pulp mills; natural deposits
CYANIDE	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.2	0.2	N	Discharge from steel & metal factories; plastic & fertilizer factories
FLUORIDE	11/28/2023	ND	ND	4.0	4.0	N	Water additive that promotes strong teeth; erosion from natural deposits
MERCURY	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.002	0.002	N	Erosion from natural deposits; Discharge from factories
NICKEL	11/28/2023	0.001	ND - 0.001	0.1	0.1	N	Discharge from steel & metal factories
SELENIUM	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.5	0.52	N	Discharge of petroleum refineries; natural deposits
THALLIUM	11/28/2023	ND	ND	0.002	0.002	N	Leaching from ore processing sites
NITRITE (ppm)	11/28/2023	ND	ND	1.0	1.0	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE (ppm)	11/5/2024	2.16	0.25-2.16	10	10	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits



View from Anderson Road Water Tank Ware, MA

Report is available at the following locations: TownWareWaterH
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COMPLIANCE WITH DRINKING WATER REGS

Does My Drinking Water Meet Current Health Standards?

We are committed to providing you with the best water quality available. We are proud to report that last year your drinking water met all applicable health standards regulated by the state and federal government. Samples analyzed for Total Trihalomethanes (THM's) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA's) were taken at required dates and times in accordance with MassDEP's Sampling Plan. Analyses indicated our water quality was well within required parameters.

Health Effects Statements

Total Coliform: Coliform bacteria are naturally occurring bacteria present in the environment. They are used as an indicator if other potentially harmful bacteria may be present in drinking water. Ware Water is required to maintain a chlorine residual of 0.80 mg/l in the finished water that leaves the treatment plant on Pleasant Street. This level of disinfectant is maintained to insure safe drinking water is delivered to customers throughout the distribution system.

System Exempt from Meeting Certain Requirements

The Ware Water Department is not exempt from meeting any drinking water requirements set by the MassDEP or the USEPA.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATON

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

Ware's drinking water contains concentrations of Manganese and Iron. Manganese is a naturally occurring mineral found in rocks, soil and groundwater, and surface water. Manganese is necessary for proper nutrition and is part of a healthy diet but can have undesirable effects on certain sensitive populations at elevated concentrations. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MassDEP have set an aesthetics-based Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) for manganese of 50 ug/L (micrograms per liter), or 50 parts per billion. In addition, EPA and MassDEP have also established public health advisory levels for Iron and Manganese. **Drinking water may naturally have manganese and, when concentrations are greater than 50 ug/L. When concentrations exceed these recommended levels, the drinking water may be discolored and taste bad. Over a lifetime, EPA recommends that people drink water with manganese levels less than 300 ug/L. Over the short term, EPA recommends that people limit their consumption of water with levels over 1000 ug/L, primarily due to concerns about possible neurological effects. Children up to 1 year of age should not be given water with manganese concentrations over 300 ug/L. Formula for infants should not be made with water with concentrations of Manganese of greater than 300 ug/l for longer than 10 days.**

See: https://search.epa.gov/epasearch/?querytext=manganese+in+drinking+water&areaname=&areacontacts=&areasearchurl=&typeofsearch=epa&result_template=&referer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.epa.gov%2Fhome%2Fpage-not-found#/

Sodium sensitive individuals, such as those experiencing hypertension, kidney failure, or congestive heart failure, should be aware of the sodium levels where exposures are being carefully controlled.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATON

Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention

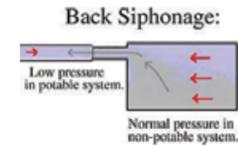
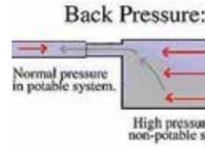
The Ware Water Department makes every effort to ensure that the water delivered to your home and business is clean, safe and free of contamination. Our staff works very hard to protect the quality of the water delivered to our customers from the time the water is extracted via deep wells from underground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

What is a cross-connection?

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

What is a backflow?

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



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

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

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



A picture of a hose bibb vacuum breaker is shown

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

WATER CONSERVATION

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

Indoor Water Use

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

Outdoor water Use

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

News

Hydrant flushing is conducted twice a year, in the Spring and the Fall. Information on the flushing program can be found on the Town's website: www.townofware.com, in the DPW section.

The Ware Water department has recently completed the installation of a full-scale SCADA monitoring system which allows us to both monitor and address issues with water pressure, chemical imbalance, tank level, and well functionality in a quicker and more responsive matter. This allows the water operators greater control and monitoring capabilities over the water distribution system.

Starting in the Fall of 2025, the Ware Water Department will begin a full rehabilitation project on the water Storage Tanks located on Church Street and Anderson Road. Both tanks will be drained, cleaned, treated, painted, and have mixers placed into them. The work being performed on the outside of the tank is being done to improve the structural and aesthetic quality of the tank as well as updating certain safety features on the ladder and gang plank above the tank. The mixers are being added so that the town can continually move the water inside of the tank, hopefully eliminating some of the natural sediment build up that occurs over time in all water tanks. This work will begin on the Church Street Tank in the fall of 2025 and continue in the Spring of 2026 on the Anderson Street Tank.

The water meter replacement program will continue throughout 2025. There is no charge to the customer for the upgraded meter. The new style meters have the advantage of keeping a profile of your past water usage. This profile can help determine if there is a leak present in your house.

Regulated Contaminant	Date(s) Collected	Highest Result or Highest Running Average Detected	Range Detected	MCL or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Violation (Y/N)	Possible Source(s) of Contamination
PFAS Contaminants							
PFAS6 ... (ppt)	7/17/2024	7.08	ND-7.08	20	N/A	N	Discharges and emissions from industrial and manufacturing sources associated with the production or use of these PFAS, including production of moisture and oil resistant coatings on fabrics and other materials. Additional sources include the use and disposal of products containing these PFAS, such as fire-fighting foams.
NMEFOSAA; PFTA; NETFOSAA; PFUNA; PF3OUDS; PFHPA; PF3ONS; PFDOA; PFTRDA; ADONA; PFDA; HFPO-DA; PFNA ... (ppt)	7/17/2024	ND	ND	20	N/A	N	Discharges and emissions from industrial and manufacturing sources associated with the production or use of these PFAS, including production of moisture and oil resistant coatings on fabrics and other materials.
PFHXS (ppt)	1/22/24 7/17/2024	2.44 1.96	1.96 -2.44	100 00	10000	N	Discharges and emissions from industrial and manufacturing sources associated with the production or use of these PFAS
PFHXA	1/22/24 7/17/24	ND 1.43	ND-1.43	20	N/A	N	Discharges and emissions from industrial and manufacturing sources associated with the production or use of these PFAS, including production of moisture and oil resistant coatings on fabrics and other materials.
PFOA (ppt)	1/22/2024 7/17/24	1.07 2.67	1.07 -2.67	400 0	0	N	Discharges and emissions from industrial and manufacturing sources associated with the production or use of these PFAS
PFOS (ppt)	1/22/24 7/17/24	3.46 2.45	2.45 -3.46	400 0	0	N	Discharges and emissions from industrial and manufacturing sources associated with the production or use of these PFAS
PFBS (ppt)	1/22/24 7/17/24	ND 2.82	ND- 2.82	N/A	N/A	N	Discharges and emissions from industrial and manufacturing sources associated with the production or use of these PFAS

Volatile Organic Contaminants							
Volatile Organic Contaminants	4/10/2024	ND	ND	N/A	N/A	N	Various; Runoff from herbicides; discharge from factories; leaching from soil; discharge from chemical producing factories

Regulated Contaminant	Date(s) Collected	Highest Result or Highest Running Average Detected	Range Detected	MCL or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Violation (Y/N)	Possible Source(s) of Contamination
Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM's) (ppb) Not required to test in 2024	8/8/2023	11.27	0.87-3.8	80	---	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAAS) (ppb) Not Required to test in 2024	8/8/2023	3.2	ND-3.2	60	---	N	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine (ppm) free, total,	Monthly	1.16	0.02-1.16	4	4	N	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Perchlorate	7/22/2024	ND	ND	0.050	NA	N	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination

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

Unregulated Contaminants	Date(s) Collected	Result or Range Detected	Average Detected	SMCL	ORSG	Possible Source
Perfluorobutanesulfonic Acid (PFBS) -	7/17/2024	2.82	2.82	N/A	N/A	Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant
Sodium (ppm) - (Not required to test in 2024)	11/28/2023	18.5-33.5	26.0	N/A	20	Discharge from the use and improper storage of sodium containing de-icing compounds or in water-softening agents

Secondary Contaminants	Date(s) Collected	Result or Range Detected	Average Detected	SMCL	ORSG	Possible Source
Iron - Sample Site 10010 (mg/l)	1/22/2024	0.689	0.486	0.3	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
	4/8/2024	0.425				
	7/22/2024	0.452				
	11/5/2024	0.378				
Iron - Sample Site 10011 (mg/l)	4/8/2024	0.827	0.827	0.3	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
Iron - Sample Site RW3 (mg/l)	2/21/2023	0.716	0.587	0.3	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
	4/8/2024	0.7				
	7/22/2024	0.556				
	11/5/2024	0.378				
Iron - Sample Site RW6 (mg/l)	4/8/2024	0.811	0.811	0.3	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
	1/22/2024	0.015				
	4/8/2024	0.230				
	7/22/2024	0.184				
Manganese - Sample Site 10010 (mg/l)	1/22/2024	0.015	0.201	0.05	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
	4/8/2024	0.230				
	7/22/2024	0.184				
	11/5/2024	0.378				
Manganese - Sample Site 10011 (mg/l)	4/8/2024	0.093	0.093	0.05	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
	1/22/2024	0.264	0.248	0.05	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
6/26/2023	0.262					
7/22/2024	0.251					
Manganese - Sample Site RW3 (mg/l)	1/22/2024	0.264	0.248	0.05	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
	6/26/2023	0.262				
Manganese - Sample Site RW6 (mg/l)	1/22/2024	0.251	0.248	0.05	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
	6/26/2023	0.262				
Manganese - Sample Site RW6 (mg/l)	1/22/2024	0.251	0.248	0.05	N/A	Naturally occurring, corrosion of cast iron pipes
	6/26/2023	0.262				

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

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The Springfield edition of the Caravan will be collecting donations benefiting The Gray House. Among the requested items are baby food, diapers and wipes, school supplies, and non-perishable food items. The Thunderbirds will also be hosting food drives at the July and August Caravan stops. The July Caravan at Sonny's Place will benefit the Enfield Food Shelf in Connecticut, while the August Caravan in Westfield will collect items for the Westfield Food Pantry.

Additional information for all Community Caravans will be released in the coming weeks via the Thunderbirds' website and social media channels.

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Ants on a Log performing at Ware Library

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – The Ware Library, 37 Main St., is welcoming the musical group Ants on a Log this summer.

Ants on a Log plays music for children and the young at heart. Their award-winning music centers around positivity, social justice, and silliness. Humor and harmony comes together when Ants on a Log performs for you.

Ants on a Log offers concerts and other creative content for communities and organizations. This program is generously funded in memory of Peggy Trombly.

The music provided by Ants on a Log is inclusive and fun and leaves the audience feeling energetic, interactive, as the band performs leaving children and adults in delight.

Ants on a Log will be performing in the reading room of the Ware Library on Thursday, July 10 at 3 p.m. Visit the library and come sing and dance with Ants on a Log.

Tamara J. Letendre, 71

WARE – Tamara J. “Tammy” Letendre, 71, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday evening, June 22, 2025, after a brief period of declining health.



Tammy was the heart of her family and community. She leaves behind her devoted husband of 50 years, Leo F. Letendre; her daughter, Amber Letendre and her partner Christopher Hillebrand of Ware; her son, Adam Letendre and his partner Amanda Barton of Fayetteville, North Carolina; five beloved grandchildren, Andrew, Rowan, Emma, Ethan, and Valerie, who brought her endless joy. She is also survived by her sisters, Shayla Brunette and her husband Robert, and Grace Mitchell and her husband Robert, all of Ware; her brother, John Shoum and his wife Vicki of Houlton, Maine; and many dear friends whose lives she touched.

She was born in Ware, the daughter of the late John A. Shoum and Donna (Via) Gervais and remained a proud lifelong resident.

Tammy was a graduate of Ware High School. Even as a young girl, she showed a mix of strength and creativity. In her teenage years, she earned a brown belt in karate, a reflection of her quiet determination and confidence.

She was also deeply involved with the local Girl Scouts, always ready to pitch in and lend her time and talents. These early passions for helping others and challenging herself set the tone for a life filled with care, dedication, and strength.

Throughout her life, Tammy wore many hats: devoted wife and homemaker, tireless volunteer, loving mom and grandmother, trusted friend. She worked in the food service industry at several local restaurants, and later with the Ware Public

Schools, where she managed the cafeteria and cared deeply for the students she served.

Later, she transitioned into daycare work, providing warmth and care to countless children in the community.

Tammy’s life was defined by quiet joys and generous acts. She loved being outdoors and found deep peace in nature. You could often find her on the back deck, no matter the season, feeding the birds – especially her favorite hummingbirds – and watching the wildlife that wandered through the yard. She had a special love for dragonflies and a knack for finding four leaf clovers.

To those who knew her, dragonflies now carry a new meaning; symbols of her enduring spirit, and the comforting reminder that she is never far away. She also had a deep love for fishing. It wasn’t unusual to spot her around town with a pole in hand and a tackle box in the back of her red truck, always ready to cast a line wherever the day took her.

She had a creative soul and a giving heart. Tammy had a knack for arts and

Death Notice

Letendre, Tamara J. “Tammy”
Died June 22, 2025
Services July 3, 2025

crafts, always working on a new project with care and love. When she wasn’t creating with her hands, she was in the kitchen, baking cakes, rolls, and homemade treats, often for others and sometimes as part of her own small baking business.

Tammy will be remembered for her deep love of family, her humor, her creativity, and the way she made everyone feel at home. Her absence leaves an immeasurable void in the lives of those who loved her, but her warmth, her laughter, and the care she gave so freely will live on in all of us.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, July 3, 2025, from 4-6 p.m. at Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., Ware.

An online tribute page is available at charbonneauafh.com.

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public notices

Ware Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by Deborah Krainski, for removal of 3 pine trees at 21 Horseshoe Circle. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, Contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association’s (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>. 06/19, 06/26/2025

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166, of the General Laws, you are hereby notified that a **JOINT** public hearing will be held at the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082, at **6:50pm on July 15, 2025** on the petition of No#31080872, Old Belchertown Road to install 5 JO poles and wiring **AND** Petition of No#31080872, Old Belchertown Road to install 1 SO pole and wiring, along, under, or across one or more public way in the Town of Ware. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Nancy Talbot, Chair
06/26/2025

Town of Warren Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166 Section 22, a public hearing for consent to install 1 SO Pole #6.1 approximately 600ft from the centerline of Southbridge on Cronin Rd. This hearing will be on **Thursday, July 10, 2025, Shepard Building 48 High St. Warren, at 6:00PM.**

Richard Eichacker, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
06/26, 07/03/2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue 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. Szczepanek; 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 Mortgagee 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.

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Beverly A. Allard,
Present holder of said mortgage,

By her Attorney,
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06/12, 06/19, 06/26/2025



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BELCHERTOWN – The rescheduled date for the Quaboag Valley Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) Craft Fair and Gift Basket Raffle has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 28, on the Belchertown Common from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The craft fair will have 100 crafters and vendors present. There will also be a Food Truck, Face Painting, and Balloon sculpting. Come and see the many great local crafters. Still a

few spots available if you are interested, please email Vicki at sv_jewelry@charter.net

Our Relay Gift Basket Raffle was also cancelled because of rain and thunderstorms and will be held during the Craft Fair at the

old Town Hall on Park Street (right across the street from the common) from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are well over 100 great baskets and gift cards. They will start the drawing at 2:30 and will be calling the lucky winners so they can pick up their baskets. If you have any items you wish to donate for our

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