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## School district's strategic plan shaped by community input

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WARE – TMS, Inc. Project Lead Judy Houle, Senior Vice President Emerita was joined by Casey Handfield, Senior School Business Administrator

and Director of Special Projects, and Dr. Paul Livingston, Senior School Business Administrator and Director of Special Projects to present the school district's Strategic Plan.

"We were commissioned by the Ware Public Schools to take a look at everything...and come up with

a plan that would help drive you forward as a collective in the next three to five years," Handfield said at the School Committee's June 21 meeting.

The presentation captured where the school district is now, and came up with ways to enhance the good things that are already happening.

The Strategic Planning Task Force was comprised of School Committee member Brian Winslow, school administration, teachers, town representatives including Town Manager Stuart Beckley, parents and caregivers and students.

"This really represented all

aspects of the community, it's a community plan," Livingston said. "It really represents input from all across the community."

Livingston said many thoughts and ideas were aligned and the data was always in the forefront.

"A district plan really defines a pathway as to where you're head-

ed," he said. "The plan becomes really a strong way that you can align all of the efforts that are already taking place, but with a greater structure and a greater focus."

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## SB amends accounting contract with firm

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HARDWICK – Town Administrator Nicole Parker said there are some amendments to the accounting contract with the firm Marcum LLP.

These amendments including allowing the town to give a 10-day notice to leave its contract with the firm, the same as the firm can. Marcum will still come to the Municipal Building one day a month in-person as well.

The Select Board voted to accept these changes to the contract at their Monday night meeting.

Parker also announced that accountant Laurie Dell'Olio has left her position at Marcum and will be replaced.

Parker said she is still looking into possibly hiring a shared accountant with another town.

### Wastewater superintendent's report

Water Pollution Control Facilities Superintendent Scott Potter updated the Select Board on the operation of the WPCFs in town.

The flow meter at the Gilbertville pump station failed, and he had to have an outside technician come in and get it up and running again.

They purchased a new gas meter for entering confined spaces.

Potter said even though the old one is no longer usable; they will keep it for parts.

The phone line for the Eagle Hill School pump station had been disconnected, and the school has been paying the bill for at least seven years. Potter said they are in the process of taking over that bill payment, and the phone line has been reactivated.

He toured the Middlebury Vermont Wastewater Treatment Plant that has an Aqua-Aerobic System, which is similar to what is being proposed at the Wheelwright facility. He said the operators in Vermont are "very happy" with it.

Potter said after seeing the layout, it reinforced to him that they should take measures to bring up the temperature on their

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Penny and Eileen parade their ponies around the carousel.

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## Saddle up for carnival fun

WARE – For the second year, the Ware Veterans Carnival gave the younger generation a taste of what summers used to be like in town, when the carnival was a cherished tradition.

A not so distant memory for most, the arrival of the carnival was the highlight of the year

for people of all ages.

Despite threats of rainy weather, the crowds didn't stay away from this year's carnival, which was bigger and better than ever. Featuring a craft fair and a number of community organizations, as well as live music, there was truly something for everyone.

## Middle School facing three major projects

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WARE – Director of Buildings and Grounds Bill Deschamps updated the School Committee about major projects that need addressing in Ware Middle School.

At the June 21 meeting, Deschamps said the copper pipes to the urinals in the lower boy's room, located across from the teacher's room in the Middle School, need to be replaced. He said there's also asbestos in the wall, which will need to be rebuilt after the pipes are replaced.

Deschamps said the three estimates he received to complete the project total \$35,462.

Deschamps said he will discuss the cost with Andy Paquette of TMS, Inc., to figure out how to fund the project.

Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo said this bathroom issue

came up right before school ended for the year. She said they also need to replace the water heater at the Middle School, and the fire curtain.

"There are three big projects that have been entrusted upon us, that again, were not part of any plan as the school year ended," she said.

DiLeo said they were able to get all of the quotes for the fire curtain, which included added costs associated with an abatement, electrical work and tying into the fire alarm, totaling \$126,432.

Deschamps said they are running one of the boilers all summer to make domestic hot water, and suggested purchasing a propane, on-demand, instant hot water heater to replace the existing water heater.

He said it would be an increased cost to install the

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## Friday night concerts at Dean Park

By Ryan Drago  
Correspondent

WARREN – With the possibility of rain in the forecast, spectators still attended the "Concerts in the Park" event at Dean Park in West Warren last Friday night.

The Parks and Recreation helped set the stage for fun family entertainment along with available snacks, games, and plenty of space for seating on the park grounds.

The headline of the concert featured New England-based band the Jazz Bones. The band is led by David Neill of Springfield.

Neill is also the leader of another music group, Dixie Land Stomp. The tunes performed by Jazz Bones consist of a combination of jazz and swing music.

According to Neill, they're a rare New England band to play the kinds of melodies performed.

"Mostly arrangements of previous tunes from the 1920s to the 1970s," said Neill. Some of the classic songs were instrumental with a few having lyrics.

One of the oldest covers the Jazz



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

Llamas and alpacas were part of the petting zoo.

Bones played was the 1926 classic, "Bye Bye Black Bird".

Another classic song displayed a resemblance to the possibility of a rainy day during the concert, "Here's That Rainy Day", a ballad

from 1953.

Halfway through the event, the incoming rain turned to pouring rain. However, the Parks and

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Clean Harbors, Inc. collected hazardous household waste this past Saturday.

## Town held successful waste collection day

WARE – On Saturday, the Town of Ware hosted a household hazardous waste collection.

Nearly 200 households participated, dropping off chemicals, oil, pesticides and cleaning supplies. The event was funded by Town Meeting and will cost approximately \$12,000.

Clean Harbors, Inc. was hired to collect and remove the waste.

“Removing the waste decreases chances of poisons being in homes and the environment,” Town Manager Stuart Beckley said. “The Town plans to have a collection annually.”

Due to the weather and supplies, the Town stopped the collection early. The town will work with residents who came after closing to find access to other collection spots.

## Workshop on pollinator gardens is June 30

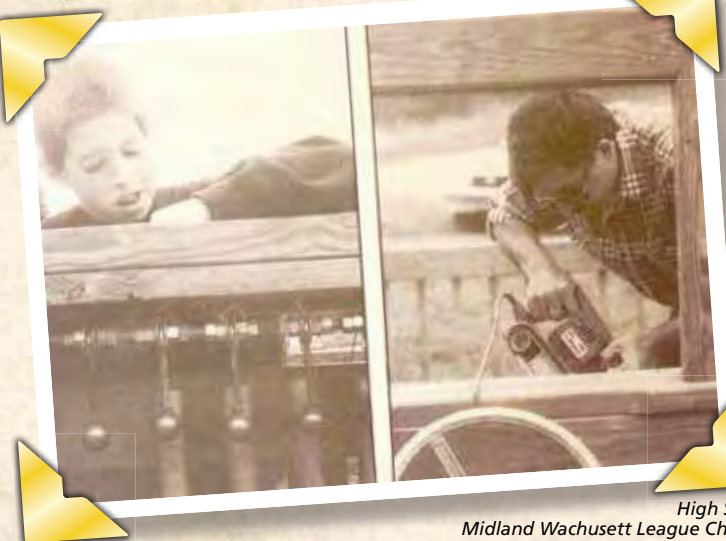
WARE – Ware Grange’s next gardening workshop, “Pollinator Gardens,” will be held on Friday, June 30 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

At this workshop, presenter Allison Rosendale will teach you how to encourage

pollinators to your backyard and provide practical information for any space from a terrace to a farm to attract and help pollinators thrive.

Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at [waregrange.org](http://waregrange.org) for more information.

# 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 1992 showed Todd Nowak holding the trophy he received as the Division C gold medalist. Nowak was a member of the Quabbin Regional High School’s golf team, which won the Midland Wachuset League Championship with 16 wins and two losses. Nowak also had the best score in the division with an 80. Joseph Duhamel was the team’s coach. Nowak’s mother, Donna Nowak, recognized her son and fondly remembered this first place win that happened over 30 years.

If you recognize the folks in this week’s photo, please send their names and your full name to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com).

## Quabbin Community Band presents ‘A Star Spangled Spectacular’

BARRE – This coming Sunday, July 2, the Quabbin Community Band will present a rousing all-American program titled, “A Star Spangled Spectacular” at Nornay Park in South Barre, starting at 6 p.m.

A community band is often called upon to play for a variety of local functions, most often recognizing veterans and fallen soldiers on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

As the Quabbin Community Band celebrates its 50th year, it’s informative to find in QCB band history that for the Bicentennial in 1976, the Quabbin band was hired to play a Bicentennial concert or parade in the following communities: Rutland; North Brookfield; Readsboro, Vermont; Ware; Athol; Worcester; Three Rivers; and of course, on the Barre Bandstand.

The Quabbin Community Band has truly earned and enjoyed the reputation of always “being there” for Barre and its surrounding towns with quality music and entertainment for the past 50 years, and the upcoming concert will be no different.

“Boogie Woogie Bugle



Submitted Photo

Jill Mongeau, from Gilbertville, is shown playing the red, white and blue Quabbin Community Band bass drum circa 1976 when she was in the sixth grade. She now lives in Hardwick and has rejoined the band for their 50th season.

Boy”, “America The Beautiful”, and “Stars and Stripes Forever” along with a new arrangement for the band of, “The 1812 Overture” make this an outdoor concert not to be missed. Bring your lawn chairs, your blankets, a cooler of snacks, even your American Flags to wave along to the music as they celebrate in South Barre at Nornay Park

at 6 p.m. Margaret Reidy is the current musical director of QCB who encourages musicians of all ages to join the band at 6:30 p.m. each Monday night through Aug. 7 at the Barre Town Hall for weekly practice. Be sure to follow the band on Facebook @ Quabbin Community Band.

**“Always in My Heart”**

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I’m watching from above.  
I know how much you miss me.  
And I miss you too.  
It was my time to leave.  
As each of us will do.  
Although not in your arms.  
I’m always in your heart.  
The precious love we shared.  
Means we are never far apart.

#21 gone but never forgotten  
Love Mom and Dad, Bryce,  
Riley and Davin  
5+5

## ‘Find Your Voice’ at Summer Reading

HARDWICK – The Paige Memorial Library Summer Reading Program “Find Your Voice” runs through Aug. 10 with many special events.

Participants will register at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, read books, and list the books they have read. Bring in lists of books read (or listened to for nonreaders) for prizes and projects.

There will be a closing presentation on Aug. 10 where special prizes will be awarded. As part of the program, the Paige Library is offering events such as Music with Darlene Dobische of Germany, a

musician and vocalist who grew up in Hardwick on July 25, Flower Arranging with Sherry Johnson on July 27, Ukelele lessons with Julie Sepanek on Aug. 10, Fairy House building in August, and more activities to be announced weekly.

All ages are welcome to register and to join in the activities.

For more information visit the Library, call 413-477-6704, or email [directorpaigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:directorpaigelibrary@gmail.com), or check out the latest updates on [www.paigelibrary.com](http://www.paigelibrary.com) and Facebook. [www.paigelibraryhardwick.com](http://www.paigelibraryhardwick.com)

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## Lions Club fireworks/concert rescheduled to July 9

WARE – The Ware Lions Club has rescheduled its annual fireworks celebration to Sunday, July 9 starting at 5 p.m. in Grenville Park.

There will be food vendors, music by Never Say Never and a DJ, games and of course fireworks.

Fireworks are expected to start around 9 p.m.

For more information, visit the Ware Lions Club website <http://e-clubhouse.org/site/ware/> or find them on Facebook. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 913, Ware, MA 01082 or hand delivered to Nat Falk, 64 Main St.

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Turley photo by Ellenor Downer  
Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir will be retiring the end of this month.

## Supt. Muir to retire the end of June

BARRE – The end of this month Dr. Sheila Muir will retire as the Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent, a post she held for five years.

A graduate of Quabbin Regional High School, she taught at Quabbin and served in administrative positions including Assistant Superintendent before becoming the Superintendent. When she announced her decision to retire, a school committee member asked what her retirement plans were. She said she planned to do some gardening.

In fact, she had already started some gardening; she is learning to raise dahlias. She said her daughter raises them.

Dahlia tubers are planted in late spring and sport blossoms, which come in a wide range of colors. They bloom from midsummer through fall.

## Scholarships still available to recent graduates

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Guidance Department announces college financial aid resources and scholarships that are available.

Information regarding both outside scholarships and the local scholarship program is accessible to the community on the Guidance Page of the QRMHS website, www.qrsd.org.

This information is updated frequently, as new information/scholarship opportunities become available.

There are two local scholarships that recently extended their application deadline due date to July 15: Barre Unit 2 American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship and the Barre Woman's Club Scholarship. The criteria and application for each of these scholarships are posted on the QRMHS website.

Recent high school graduates, Class of 2023, are encouraged to apply. There are also additional scholarship opportunities still available posted to the website.

The Guidance Department is very appreciative to local scholarship donors for providing avenues to success for students.

# Summer fun for mind, body and soul

Listening Wellness Center offers classes for children and teens

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BARRE – Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., is ready for summer with a selection of classes geared toward children ranging from 5 years old through teenagers.

Registration is required at least seven days before the first day of class; and space is limited and filling up fast.

Artist Jen Swan has a variety of classes she's offering this summer, and her "Dragons" class has already filled up.

Swan, who has been with the Listening Wellness Center for many years, is a teaching artist and mural painter. She is inspired by the connection between art and nature and her creativity gravitates toward the beauty of the outdoors.

"Mandalas with Jen Swan" will help children between the ages of 6-12 explore the art of mandalas. They will paint on smooth river rocks, making intricate patterns of dots.

Participants will also use colored pencils to create drawings, as well as experiment with sand to layer colors and designs, making both small and large scale works of art.

"Mandalas with Jen Swan" will be held July 11, 12 and 13 from 10-11 a.m. The cost is \$40.

Swan will also teach "Family Fun: Mosaic Stepping Stones" on July 13 and 20 from 2-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$50.

This is a workshop designed for an adult/child pair to make a stepping stone out of tile, small stones and glass marbles. This stepping stone will make the perfect addition to a garden or yard.

Swan will explore the art of



Submitted Photo

Jen Swan is teaching a class on how to make papier-mâché masks called "Sun and Moon Masks" at Listening Wellness Center.

papier-mâché with children ages 6-12 during "Sun and Moon Masks" held on July 25, 26 and 27 from 10-11 a.m. The cost is \$40.

These "night and day" masks can be displayed as wall sculptures, or even worn during costumed play.

Rhonda Hamer of Hubbardston will teach "On the Move with Food" in two separate classes; one for age 6-11 (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) and the other for teens ages 12 and up (12:45-2 p.m.). The cost is \$50.

Hamer has trained and educated adults, teens and children with varying levels of fitness, including many who are new to exercise or with limited mobility. She is both a Certified Personal Trainer and Nutrition Coach.

Participants will learn how food and movement are connected over three weeks, starting with Heart Smart on July 11.

During Heart Smart, children and teens will engage in movement to get the heart pumping and make a healthy snack of energy bites to quickly refuel.

On July 18, Hamer will lead participants through A Stronger Me! to work muscles and enjoy

foods to rebuild them, such as hummus.

The final part of the class will be held on July 25 and is called Feelin' Good. Participants will learn flexibility exercises and enjoy refreshing smoothies.

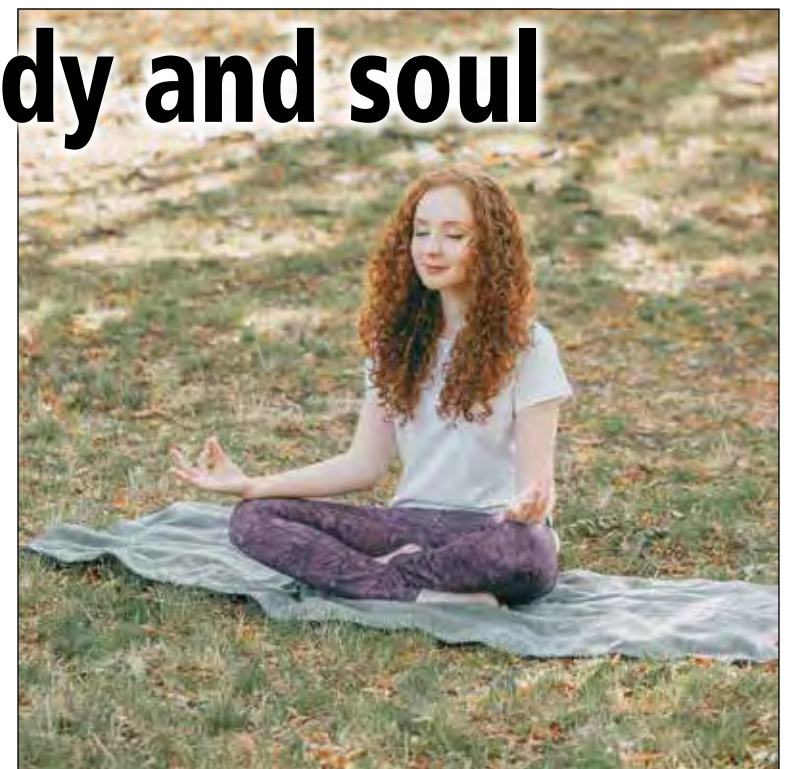
Yoga instructor and Barre resident Lisa Holloway will lead "Yoga for Kids" and "Yin Yoga for Teens."

Holloway has been practicing yoga for over 20 years and is a Registered Yoga Teacher with a Children's Yoga Teacher Certification. She is also a National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach and has a private practice, Burnout to Bliss Health Coaching.

"Yoga for Kids" will be held July 12, 19 and 26 from 10-10:45 a.m. for ages 5-7 and from 11:15 a.m.-noon for ages 8-11. The cost is \$30.

Holloway will join children while they breathe, move, sing, tell stories and meditate. This fun and imaginative class benefits all areas of health including physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.

"Yin Yoga for Teens" will be held July 12, 19 and 26 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for ages 12 and up. The cost is \$36.



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"Yin Yoga for Teens" will be held by Lisa Holloway, one of the newest yoga instructors at Listening Wellness Center.



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Rhonda Hamer will be making healthy snacks, including smoothies, during her class "On the Move with Food."

Each class will begin with a grounding exercise, followed by a practice of yin yoga postures that will be held for three to five minutes each. Classes will end in savasana, a restorative pose.

To register, visit listeningwellness.org, click on "Classes," then select "Children's Classes" where

an interactive flyer will provide links.

Scholarship, made possible through the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation and personal donations, are available by emailing listeningwellnesscenter@gmail.com.

## SCHOOL from page 1

Livingston said the plan will improve Ware Public Schools, as well as help retain students that are opting to school choice out.

He said the plan is designed to be implemented over three years, to prevent "implementation overload." He said it's a dynamic plan, and meant to be adjusted along the way.

The plan focuses on curriculum and instruction, social emotional learning and engagement in the mission.

The plan also includes a proposed revision to the school district's mission statement.

Livingston said the current mission statement has "lots of words," but it needs to be clearly written and easily remembered.

"It drives the work...it tells everyone what they need to have a laser focus on in order to accomplish the work that needs to make Ware an outstanding educational institution," he said.

The Task Force came up with a revised mission statement, "The mission of the Ware Public Schools is to create a safe, relevant, and challenging learning environment built on strong relationships, that empowers all students for future success."

Handfield credited Winslow for his contribution to the revised mission statement.

"He really challenged our thinking," Handfield said.

Houle said the data, comprised from MCAS results, local assessments, graduation rates, students with disabilities, curriculum and survey/focus groups, helped to create a plan to achieve specific goals.

Looking at the curriculum data, mathematics is the "most critical area," Houle said, followed by English Language Arts.

Handfield said the need to adopt a social emotional learning screening or assessment system was identified as a need by the Task Force.

Reducing the number of students that school choice out of the school district is also part of the plan. Building relationships with the families in the community is a key factor in strengthening the school district.

Houle said the data showed that teachers and students have strong relationships already.

"The kids told us in particular, that they felt like there was a trusted adult that they could go to if they had a concern or a problem or they were struggling in some sort of way...that strength is certainly a building block for this plan moving forward," she said.

School Committee Chair Christopher Desjardins thanked the presenters for sharing the plan.

"It's great to have all of this information right at our fingertips," he said.

## Ware Senior Center news

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

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

### ACTIVITIES Monday, July 3

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch \$5  
Independence Party with Entertainment Memory Lane

### Tuesday, July 4

Closed for Independence Day

### Wednesday, July 5

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

11:30 a.m. Lunch  
Thursday, July 6

9 a.m. New Senior Spring Walk

Meet at the Senior Center. Wear comfortable footwear. Bringing water, sunscreen, bug spray and an energy snack is suggested.

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners  
10 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch  
2:30 p.m. Art Class

### Friday, July 7

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (available by appointment only by calling 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10

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

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Monday, July 3

Independence Party  
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### Tuesday, July 4

Closed Independence Day

### Wednesday, July 5

Brunch  
Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Dessert of the Day

### Thursday, July 6

Steak & Cheese Sub with Peppers and Onions, French Fries, Dessert of the Day

### Friday, July 7

Spinach Lasagna, Carrot Raisin Salad, Dessert of the Day



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## GUEST COLUMN

### Massachusetts, it's time for a new state symbol

The state seal and flag of Massachusetts need to be changed. Our state flag and seal, the symbol we hold up to the world and to our own residents, depicts a white hand holding a Colonial broadsword over the head of an Indigenous person, with a Latin motto beneath that translates: "She seeks a quiet peace under the sword, but peace with liberty."

This symbol has been the subject of protest by our Indigenous brothers and sisters in Massachusetts for more than 50 years. It is a symbol of violence and, as Brian Weeden, the chairperson of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has succinctly stated, it is a reminder of "the oppression of Native people."

The state flag and seal of Massachusetts has been changed many times in the past, the last time 140 years ago.

In June, the town meeting voters of Brookfield and West Brookfield voted to join 75 other towns and cities in Massachusetts, from the Berkshires to the Cape Cod, in support of changing this shameful symbol, and more towns, such as Southbridge, are considering adding their voices soon to the push for a much needed change.

For one thing, the current image is not historically accurate, as it was modeled after a native person from Montana rather than Massachusetts.

The broadsword on our state seal is modeled after one used by Miles Standish to behead Native people. Not a great image for our young children to study in school.

Today, for the first time in 140 years, Massachusetts is undertaking a thorough review of our state symbol, and the structures are finally in place to make this update happen.

There is bipartisan support on a recently appointed bipartisan special commission, with indigenous representation, appointed by the former Republican Governor, Charles Baker, to make final recommendations for the design of a new state flag, seal and motto that may better reflect harmony among all the people who now call the Commonwealth their home.

Soon, the special commission will be conducting a statewide poll that will enable all of us to give input over the coming months on elements for a new design. The cost of change will be minimal, as stationery and flags and signs need to be gradually replaced anyway due to wear and tear.

Although 77 towns in Massachusetts - over 20% - have supported this positive change so far, some of them unanimously, we need to put some pressure behind these votes in order for this 40-years-in-the-making change to finally occur!

Massachusetts is the last state in the union to fly a flag with symbols of violence against one race of people. This needs to change as soon as possible.

As members of the commission themselves state, they want to find "symbols and terms that might replace harm with inspiration" and that "reflect Massachusetts' commitment to 'peace, justice, liberty and equality and to spreading the opportunities and advantages of education.'"

We urge all citizens to make your voices heard, both to your state senator and representative, asking them to push for the recommendations of this commission to be heard and enacted, and to join in the upcoming statewide polling to gather input for a new flag design we can all believe in. This is a truly historic process in which we can all participate.

As this process unfolds, we can take a great deal of pride in the willingness of the town meeting voters of Brookfield and West Brookfield to step forward and register their support for a new flag and seal for Massachusetts!

Sherry Zitter, LICSW lives in Brookfield and spearheaded the town warrant article that recently passed 2:1 to change our state seal and flag. She loves gardening, walking her dog, playing guitar and making the world a fairer place for all.

David Detmold is coordinator of the statewide campaign [Changethemassflag.com](http://Changethemassflag.com) and lives in Montague.



### Gotta love astilbes

I love to walk around my yard admiring the blooming plants.

Within the last few days my beautiful frosty pink astilbe has burst on to the scene in my shade garden, stealing the show from what is left of the mountain laurel flowers.

I love astilbe, and when they are happy, they certainly perform. They work well with other shade lovers - hostas and ferns come to mind first - off.

The astilbe has two things going for it: nice flowers and handsome leaves; traits desirable in the vase as well as the garden! Nothing is worse in my opinion than perennials that bloom for a relatively short amount of time but leave you with drab or high maintenance foliage for the rest of the season.

Not the case with astilbes, that is, as long as they are grown correctly. Most appreciate light to full shade and moist, humus-rich soil.

They may do okay in the sun as long as the soil is right. Take my word that they will struggle in dry ground, and will be far less attractive than their sunny counterparts.

For years I tried to grow a division of one of Mom's plants on the north side of my old house. Sure, I had great shade, but no matter how much I watered it, the soil drained too readily, and it struggled until I finally gave up and gave it away.

To make the first astilbe happier I should have amended the soil with lots of compost prior to planting. This can be accomplished easily by loosening a space in the garden twice the width of your astilbe and a foot or more deep.

Once it is friable, add a four inch layer of compost on top and mix it into the soil. Now you are ready to plant.

Dig a hole and position the astilbe at the same depth it was growing in the container, with the crown of the plant an inch or two below the soil surface. Back fill and gently firm down the area.

Water well until your new plant is established, as well as during periods of drought. Mulch is very beneficial to astilbes; it helps conserve vital moisture and reduce competition from weeds.

If flowers become sparse or the plant encroaches on its neighbors, division may be necessary. Wait until spring, and at the first sign of new growth lift and separate the clump.

The freshest parts of the plant will be towards the edge, so be sure to replant those sections. No doubt you will have many gardening friends ready and able to take any divisions you have left.

Where you place your astilbe in the border depends on the variety you are growing. They can range in height from less than one foot to over three!

There are also numerous variations in flower and foliage coloration. Flowers can be brick red, salmon, mauve, lavender pink, white and many shades in between.

Leaves can have a red or bronze tint, or be deep or even "electric" green. Some astilbe plumes are upright, while others are arching.

They may be light and airy or rather dense. Certainly, with this many options to choose from there is an astilbe for each and every taste!

Do try growing them along with hostas and ferns - a classic and hard to beat combination. Another plus: this plant is rarely bothered by deer or rabbits; I have both!

But beware, it may be harvested regularly for your next floral creation. It will last a good long time in the vase, especially if picked at the first sign of bloom.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



### Working widow seeks to maximize Social Security benefits

**Dear Rusty:** I was widowed years ago and, when I approached age 60, I looked into Social Security survivor benefits based on my late husband's record.

He started receiving Social Security shortly before he died at \$1,200 per month. My income at age 60 was \$42,000 and, since Social Security would keep \$1 for every \$2 above the limit (around \$15,000 at that time), I did not apply.

Next year I will reach my full retirement age of 66½, but I plan to work until I am 70. Will I be able to receive full survivor benefits next year if I continue to work?

I plan to switch to my own Social Security benefit at age 70, which will be higher than my husband received.

Since I am waiting to apply for survivor benefits, will there be an increase in the amount I receive? I am a municipal employee and when I retire, I will collect from the state retirement system.

I paid into the state retirement system and also paid Social Security taxes, so will my state pension have any impact on my Social Security?

Signed: Still Working

**Dear Still Working:** Congratulations on having an excellent strategy for maximizing your survivor benefit as well as your personal SS retirement benefit. Once you reach your Full Retirement Age next year, you are no longer subject to Social Security's "earnings test" and can collect Social Security benefits without those benefits being affected by your work earnings.

Your surviving spouse benefit will be more because you are waiting until your full retirement age to claim it.

At your FRA you can claim your full survivor benefit from your deceased husband without reduction and collect only that while still allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to grow to maximum when you are 70. Then,



at age 70, you can switch from your smaller survivor benefit to your maximum SS retirement benefit and collect that higher amount for the rest of your life.

Essentially, your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA and your personal SS retirement benefit reaches maximum at age 70.

Note that you should apply for your benefits a couple of months before you wish them to start. For example, if you reach your FRA in May of next year you can apply for your survivor benefit in February or March, specifying that you wish your survivor benefit to begin in May 2024 at your full retirement age.

Just be sure to emphasize that you are applying only for your survivor benefit and wish your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow by earning Delayed Retirement Credits until you are 70.

You cannot apply for your survivor benefit online, so you will need to call Social Security, at either the national number (1-800-772-1213) or your local Social

Security office, to make an appointment to apply for your benefit as your husband's widow.

And to answer your last question, your state pension won't affect your monthly Social Security payments because you paid Social Security FICA payroll taxes from your municipal earnings.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



I received a note from a Williamsburg resident along with a newspaper clipping about a green-tailed towhee spotted in Newport, Rhode Island at Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge.



Green tailed towhee

She said they are native to the Southwestern United States and "having gotten so far, they might be here any day now."

The green-tailed towhee is the smallest towhee. They are small, but chunky songbirds with big heads, stocky bodies and a medium to long tail.

It has a gray body, fairly greenish wings and tail with a rufous crown and white throat. Their

bill is thick.

They are fairly common in the western mountains and spend most of their time in dense, low thickets where they forage on the ground. These towhees do sometimes wander east.

The female lays three to four white eggs with heavy dots of brown or gray, often concentrated at the larger end of the egg.

They build their nests on the ground or in low shrubs. It is a large, deep cup loosely made of twigs, grass, weeds, strips of bark and lined with finer grasses, rootlets and animal hair.

They eat mainly seeds and insects, but they will sometimes feed on berries or small fruits. They make a cat like meowing sound.

#### Best cities for birdwatching

New York, New York recently was ranked the number one city for birdwatching; I assume because of Central Park and the sea coast.

Other cities on the list from two to ten were: San Diego, California; Houston, Texas; Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Phoenix, Arizona; Austin, Texas and Chicago, Illinois.

On the worst cities for birdwatching list Kansas City, Kansas came in at number one. Other cities were Montgomery, Alabama; Olathe, Kansas; Overland Park, Kansas and Mobile, Alabama (tied for fourth place); Des Moines, Iowa; Huntsville, Alabama;

Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Henderson, Nevada.

#### Wild turkeys

I recently saw a hen turkey with her poults on the edge of the road. The hen was standing on the edge of the road and her young were in the tall grass, so I was unable to accurately count how many she had.

#### Geese and goslings

Last week, I saw two pairs of adult Canada geese with some young goslings in my hayfield.

I spotted the adults heads in the tall grass and stopped to watch. I could see the goslings when they jumped up or stretched their necks to eat grass.

#### Nesting cardinal

One of my daughters had a cardinal nesting in her rhododendron bush. They could be observed from a window in the living room and not be disturbed.

The nest is now empty, and I hope they fledged and did not meet up with a predator.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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JoAnn Wypych of Gilbertville searches through clothes looking for bargains for her grandchildren.



Jean Sojka of Ware searches through a variety of treasures looking for that special something.



New Braintree Library Director Therese Goulet and volunteer Theresa Langelier help out at the Book Sale the day of the yard sale.



Mother Caitlin Wawrzonek holds six month old twins Estelle (left) and Ainsley (right) as she multitasks and sells accessories from her Blu's Bows collection.

## Post Grad students held town-wide event

By Karen A. Lewis  
Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE - What began as a simple idea by the students in Quabbin's Post Grad Program turned into a community event when the first ever New Braintree Town Wide Yard Sale was held on June 10.

"It was a wonderful way for our kids to interact with people in town to build community," said Greg Devine, Guidance Director for External Partnerships of the Quabbin Regional School District.

Fundraising is nothing new for schools, programs and organizations, however the Post Grad students were seeking something new and different from other fundraisers in the past.

With the help of lead teacher Ashley Roy whose husband had at one time run a retail business, Roy helped to expand an idea of selling a product and through brainstorming with her students came up with a yard sale model and wanted a way to include people in the community.

Since New Braintree did not have a designated date for a Town Wide Yard

Sale event, Roy and her students took the initiative to adopt the event as their own and went through the proper channels to secure a date and time.

A mass mailing went out to all the residents in the town, inviting them to participate and be included on a map for a small fee and requests were made for donations to sell at the school site that would benefit the Post Grad Program.

The results were overwhelming, especially for the first year as numerous donations poured into the school for the students to sort, price and organize as well as close to two dozen individuals and families who wanted to join in the fun of holding a yard sale at their residence and be put on the event map.

"The students all seemed to enjoy the preparation and the sale itself," Devine said. "It was a big deal to them, as they were able to exercise some ownership of the process."

With the New Braintree School being the "home base" of the event, taking on multiple roles as a place to pick up the yard sale maps, a shopping site and also a location for others who wanted to take advantage of the school as a central spot to set up tables to sell their goods, the morning saw an impressive amount of yard sale shoppers and foot traffic.

Caitlin Wawrzonek was one of the participants who opted to market her new business of Blu's Bows, a variety of adorable headpieces, bows and barrettes for babies and girls, at a spot outside the school.

"We live in town and got the flyer in the mail," said Wawrzonek, regarding the yard sale. "I graduated from Quabbin and the main reason why I

signed up was to help out and I wanted to support the Post Grad Program."

Wawrzonek explained her twin baby daughters inspired her to create her up and coming bow business and the yard sale was her first official attempt at selling her wares.

JoAnn Wypych from Gilbertville was searching through a hefty pile of clothing looking for things for her grandchildren at the New Braintree School.

"I saw the signs around town, and I worked at Quabbin for years and wanted to support the program," Wypych said. "I love tag sales. It's all about the hunt. You never know what you're going to find."

The Post Grad Program, housed at the New Braintree Grade School, services students ranging in age from 18-22 years, focusing on vocational, academic and life skills.

"The yard sale will help support their field trips and has given them the opportunity to develop life and business skills," Devine said. "As a result of this project, the students learned to manage inventory, research regarding pricing, retail practices, math skills and interpersonal skills."

Given the event was held on a non-school day, attendance to help at the yard sale was not mandatory, but that didn't stop a number of students who happily dropped by to help with the sale.

"We hope to make this a tradition and hope we can make this an even bigger town wide event in the future," concluded Devine. "This year's event was just a beginning."



Quabbin Post Grad student Simon Gregory helps with the town sign to advertise the event.



Quabbin Post Grad student Johnny Olson uses his special selling technique as he shares with shopper Dawn Orr an interesting selection of books.



Mother and daughter Amy (left) and Camryn Orsini traveled from Athol to New Braintree to check out the finds at the yard sale and to support the Post Grad Program.



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Quabbin Post Grad students Chad Plouffe and Rachel Hamilton work as cashiers the day of the yard sale event.



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# Chimes ring out at Walker Memorial

By Paula Ouimette  
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NORTH BROOKFIELD – For countless years, the carillon chimes at the Walker Scouting Memorial in Walnut Grove Cemetery have been silent.

But on June 3, those chimes rang out during the Walker Scout/Scouter Memorial Service, thanks to a successful campaign started last year to raise funds to repair them, spearheaded by Walker Memorial Committee member Joe Klimavich.

“Today we dedicate the carillon chimes to the memory of Norman Walker, a humble chicken farmer,” Klimavich said.

Walker created the Ronald E. Walker Scouting Memorial and Walker Memorial Garden 53 years ago in memory of his son, who died at a young age from kidney disease.

Walker and his son shared a love of Scouting and Ron had been an active member of Troop 128, chartered to St. Joseph’s Church.

Every year since 1970, the Heart of New England Council of the Boy Scouts of America gathers on the Saturday after Memorial Day to honor the departed members of the Scouting community.

Now fully restored, the carillon chimes will again sound at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., as well as anytime someone enters the circle. The chimes will also play Taps at 7 p.m. each night.

“More than 700 hymns and patriotic songs are built into the system,” Klimavich said. “A year ago today, we made a commitment to restore the chimes, and with tremendous community support, we have fulfilled that pledge.”

Over 100 people donated to the fundraiser; ensuring that once again, the chimes would play just as Walker intended them to.

Klimavich recognized several people who helped to make this restoration possible, including Brookfield electrician Joel Berthiaume and his crew for their dedication and expertise in installing the electrical system of the carillon chimes, the laser mechanism, and new spotlights on the memorial and flagpole.

He also thanked Jeff Bezdek



Scouts from North Brookfield Troop 257 lower the American flag to half-staff behind the newly restored carillon chimes at the Walker Scouting Memorial in Walnut Grove Cemetery, North Brookfield.

and the team at Vox Audio Visual/Bells of America for their design and technical support; as well as Jeff Tasse of Tasse Oil and Crowley Fuel whose generous matching gift in honor of Bob LaFlamme and Crowley Fuel’s 100th anniversary helped meet and surpass the fundraising goal.

Klimavich thanked the Walnut Grove Cemetery Commissioners Kirk Burnham, Jason Petraitis, and Mary Kularski for their assistance and cooperation.

Lisa Giguere Berthiaume, for her early encouragement and support; Ed Bemis of Bemis Farms Nursery for his guidance and generous support with the new plantings; and Carl “Skip” Nielsen for his help in planting the new shrubbery and perennials.

Klimavich also thanked the Walker Scouting Memorial Committee for their unwavering support of the carillon chimes project and their commitment to preserving this annual tradition.

Walker Memorial Coordinator and master of ceremonies for the event, John Ebersold, thanked Klimavich for his work to make this happen and bring this dream to fruition.

Chaplain Tim Josti Jr. said he had considered changing his words this year, but as one of his good

friends was on the memorial roll call, he knew he could not.

“I like to think of this as a campfire...the Cubs are sparks, the fuel is the rest of us keeping it going...but the coals are the best part,” he said.

Josti explained that the coals were the best for cooking or roasting a marshmallow, and how with stirring, they could reignite the fire. Those they were honoring today, had become the coals.

“Look into the coals; roast a marshmallow and remember the sweet time we had together.”

Ebersold and Michelle McCrillis of the Walker Memorial Committee, read the names of those that passed since last year’s memorial.

Included on the list was Eagle Scout Andrew McCrillis, the son of Michelle and Paul.

Ebersold said, “I had the pleasure of being his Scoutmaster for many years.”

He spoke about Andrew’s 20 plus-year dedication to his job as an EMT/firefighter in East Brookfield and how he will long be remembered for the twinkle in his eye and sense of humor.

North Brookfield resident Allen Comptois and Brookfield resident Jesse Fimian were also called.

Fimian was a cadet at the U.S.



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Scouts and Cub Scouts march toward the Walker Scouting Memorial in Walnut Grove Cemetery.



Brian Anders of the Heart of New England Council adds a ribbon to Sturbridge Troop 161’s flag.

Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs at the time of this passing and was a former Scout with Sturbridge Troop 161.

Joseph Fitzgerald of Warren was also remembered as a longtime Scouter with both Pack and Troop 142.

From Sturbridge, A. Robert “Bob” Mandeville, grandfather to two Eagle Scouts; Daniel Sharkey; and James Sutter were also called.

Ronald Marsh of Rutland, an Eagle Scout, served as Scoutmaster for Troop 141 and also served on the Troop Committee.



Scouts from Sturbridge Troop 163 joined others from the Heart of New England Council.

Other names called include Ryan Anderson of Millbury, Clarence Bachand of Charlton, Elva Blake of Charlton, Donald Carter of Leominster, Richard Cole Jr. of Millbury, David Dill of Holden, Richard “Dick” Flynn of Worcester, MaryAnn Gallagher of Worcester, Michael Gerry of Gardner, Rev. Dr. Paul Kennedy of Worcester, Robert Kimball of Southbridge, Eugene MacKay of Oxford, Kathy MacMillan of Spencer, Joseph “Bill” Marco of Oxford, Robert Mayo of Rochdale, E.W. “Pete” Petterson

of Worcester, James Parker Rice Jr. of Fitchburg, Marcos Rios of Southbridge and Pauline Talisman of Southbridge.

After the names were read, Ebersold led the service in singing “Amazing Grace” while he played his guitar.

“All of these individuals being honored today and those we have recognized over the years are bound by a common thread involving their commitment to service to others,” Ebersold said. “We thank them for their service.”

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### Middle/High School chiller

Article 8 asked voters to approve paying a shared cost to replace the chiller component of the HVAC system at Quabbin Regional Middle/High School.

The total cost of the project is \$387,344, which will be divided amongst the district towns, based on their student enrollment. Barre would pay the largest percentage of

the cost, followed by Hubbardston, Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree.

A resident asked if money received during COVID-19 could be used to fund this project.

Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said the pandemic money was used for upgrades to air quality, and was not available for this type of project.

Voters agreed to pay the town’s share of the expense to replace the chiller, passing by two-thirds majority.

Muir also introduced incoming interim Superintendent Colleen Mucha, who has been with the school district for the past five years.

Muir said she’s “very pleased” to have Mucha take her place when she retires from her position on June 30.

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wastewater. He said engineers can address the feasibility of this once work is underway.

### New truck

Parker said the bid for the new Highway Department truck came in less than expected. The cost of the 2023 Ram 5500 chassis cab truck is \$108,748.

The truck expenses will come out of the at least \$160,000 remaining in American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Select Board members voted to approve the purchase.

### EV charging stations

Parker said she received a quote to replace the town’s three electric vehicle charging stations. A grant will pay for the EV charging stations, but the town would be responsible for the warranty and maintenance agreement.

She said a four-year warranty with maintenance would cost about \$5,000.

Parker said the town is not currently receiving any profit from the EV charging station, but she will look into whether or not it’s worth it for the town to charge people for the service.

Parker said it’s more of a service

to residents than a moneymaker.

Select Board Chair H. Robert Ruggles said he was hesitant to spend money on something that has no return on it, but he was willing to look into pursuing the grant.

Currently, all three EV charging stations, the two at the Municipal Building at 307 Main St. and one at 402 Lower Road, do not work.

“The state is trying to go green, and we’ve already got them here,” Parker said.

### Town Administrator’s report

Parker said the streaming equipment for the town’s YouTube channel is broken, which is why they are using Zoom in order to record the meeting.

She said the company they purchased the equipment from has been bought out, and they are in the process of having it replaced.

Parker said she submitted written testimony on behalf of the town to the State House, regarding equalizing the value for Payment in Lieu of Taxes for state-owned land, as outlined in a bill put forth by state Sen. Jo Comerford.

### Appointments

Parker said she went through all of the appointments expiring in 2023 and gave them three-year appointments. The only change

### Stabilization funds

Articles 16 and 17 asked voters to move money from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund and Capital Stabilization Fund, respectively.

With article 16, voters agreed to transfer \$89,000 and with article 17 they agreed to transfer \$60,000. Both articles passed unanimously.

### Town meeting date

Voters approved a motion to move the annual town meeting to “the first Saturday in June at a time and place subject to a warrant called by the Board of Selectmen.”

### Change to Select Board

Voters unanimously approved changing the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board.

in appointments would be replacing Julie Quink on the Personnel Committee with the newest Select Board member, Eric Vollheim.

The Select Board voted to accept the annual appointments with the change to the Personnel Committee.

Select Board members also voted to dissolve the Broadband Advisory Committee.

The town has recently signed a 10-year contract with Comcast and the town has almost 100% coverage.

### Recognition of service

Select Board members signed a citation commemorating Police Officer Edward Pollock for his years of service to the department.

### MART appointment

The Select Board voted to appoint Sharon Hardaker to the MART Advisory Board for fiscal year 2024.

### Building closed

The Municipal Building will be closed July 3-4 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Normal business hours will resume Wednesday, July 5.

Staff will be using their floating holidays to cover July 3.

## Local residents earn undergraduate degrees at Bridgewater State Univ.

FOXBORO – Bachelor's degrees in the arts, sciences, business, and education were awarded to approximately 1,700 graduates during Bridgewater State University's 182nd Spring Commencement Convocation held at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, May 13.

Nick Connolly of Ware and Daniel Rickson of West Warren, both earned degrees.

BSU's 2023 commencement celebrated the power of art and the performing arts to enrich our lives and recognized those who have made their mark in the region and beyond.

Edward Lambert was the featured speaker and an honorary degree recipient at the morning ceremony.

Lambert has a long and distinguished career in public service. From first being elected to the Fall River School Committee at the age of 21 to his seven years as a state representative, 12 years as the mayor of his hometown of Fall River and to his service as commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

A second honorary degree was bestowed upon BSU's former Chair of the Board of Trustees Eugene Durgin for his unparalleled record of service to the university, both as a member of the Board of Trustees and as a member of the Bridgewater State University Foundation. Over the course of more than 30 years, he presided over perhaps the most transformative periods in the university's 183-year history.

Honorary degree recipients and guest speakers at the afternoon ceremony were Armand Marchand, and George Charbonneau, whose names are synonymous with producing and directing Broadway-quality productions.

For more than five decades, they have made an extraordinary impact on the New Bedford High School and Summer Academy students. Their Festival Theatre musicals at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center have garnered numerous awards.

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Noubé Rateau, '10, founder of Noubé Productions, and to Lisa Troy and James Quinn in recognition of their service to students and young people of the region as faculty members in the University's Theatre Department.

Roslyn Dobyňa of Westport, a special education major, addressed her fellow graduates at the morning ceremony, and Paulina Aguilar Delgado of East Taunton, a criminal justice major, delivered the student address at the afternoon ceremony.



## Local dance team holding car wash July 16

WARE – The Sparkle Squad, a local team of girls who are dedicated to competitive dance, are now committing themselves to raising funds to help cover their competition fees and other associated costs.

They are hosting a car wash on Sunday, July 16 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at NAPA Auto Parts, 175 West St. There is a suggested \$10 donation per car.

Please stop by to support these girls, and your car will sparkle as bright as they do!



Submitted Photo  
The Sparkle Squad is hosting a car wash fundraiser on Sunday, July 16 at NAPA Auto Parts.

## Toto kicks off Summer Reading program

WARREN – Come and meet Toto the Tornado Kitten as he helps the Warren Public Library kick off "All Together Now," the 2023 Summer Reading program.

Toto will be on the Common on Thursday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m. Kids can meet Toto, listen to his story and sign up for the summer reading program.

Everyone of all ages is welcome and this event is free. Please call 413-436-7690 for more information.



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The Jazz Bones performed at the first summer concert of the season at Dean Park in West Warren.

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Recreation members assisting with the event were on the job prepping tents on the park grounds for the spectators. The Jazz Bones were safely covered by the roof of the shed at Dean Park.

Many viewers retreated to the comfort of their vehicles during the brief downpour, but the show went on.

The Jazz Bones consist of eight bandmembers with five trombone players.

The trombone players are Gordon Clark, Leroy Loomer, Tim Atherton, David Neill, and Gene Bartley, who was also on vocals for some of the songs. On percussion/drums is Chet Pasek, the guitarist is Ron Calabrese, and the bass guitar played by Guy Divito.

The next concert at Dean Park will take place on Friday, June 30 at 6 p.m., featuring country music with Down Right Country. There will be more concerts at the park every Friday night in the month of July.

In addition to the concert at the park, the patrons at the park got to enjoy the company of Moonlight Run Farm's Petting Zoo.

The proud owners of Moonlight Run Farm greeted Dean Park with some of their beautiful farm animals. Angela and Jesse Klayman brought animals such as Scottish highland cattle, Suri llamas, Nigerian dwarf goats, and an alpaca.

The Klayman farm based out of Barre also include donkeys, emus, peafowl, doves, geese, quail, pheasants, chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, New Zealand rabbits, and great Pyrenees dogs.

Many children and parents rushed to the petting zoo spot at Dean Park to pet and feed the animals as the Klaymans observed passionately.

The two farm owners met back in 2018 while both owning their small farms based in Rutland. In 2020, the two purchased their current location in Barre where the Moonlight Run Farm was born.

Both Angela and Jesse are full-time nurses in a hospital but make time for their shared passion for regenerative agriculture, quality food production and caring for animals.

The Moonlight Run Farm has several events coming up during the summer.

Their next petting zoo event will take place on Friday, July 14 at the Three Rivers festival. On July 15, the Klaymans will be attending the Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival in Northampton where they will have their Scottish highland cattle at Look Park.

Moonlight Run Farm is located at 1140 South St., Barre. They can be reached by calling 508-713-2650. They are open by appointment only.

More information about Moonlight Run Farm can be found on their Facebook page.



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Jen Jobert of Warren brought her children Jakob and Jordan to the Ware Veterans Carnival. Jobert grew up in Ware and had fond memories of St. Mary's Carnival. "I'm excited it's back," she said of the carnival.



Patrick Gallery and Gerry Fountain of the Ware Knights of Columbus Council #183 cook hamburgers.



Ware author Dawn Gray sold copies of her books.



Carnival goers swing around Memorial Field.



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## Post 241 scores big win over Aldenville

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Despite having runners on base in six of the seven innings that they batted, Aldenville Post 337 only scored one run in last Wednesday night's Senior Legion baseball game against Monson Post 241.

Monson, who scored all their runs in the fifth inning, remained undefeated with a 3-1 win at Szoz Park in Chicopee.

"This was a low scoring game against a very good Aldenville team," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "We only had runners in scoring position in a couple of innings, but we were able to capitalize on them. It was a fun game tonight."

The road win improved Monson's record to 3-0, while Aldenville had a 2-2 record.

"I thought it was a great pitcher's duel tonight," said Aldenville manager Mason Scott. "We just had one bad inning defensively, which wound up hurting us."

Monson righthander John Mumper won his second game of the Legion season. He went the distance allowing one run on six hits with eight strikeouts. He only issued one walk and threw a total of 82 pitches.

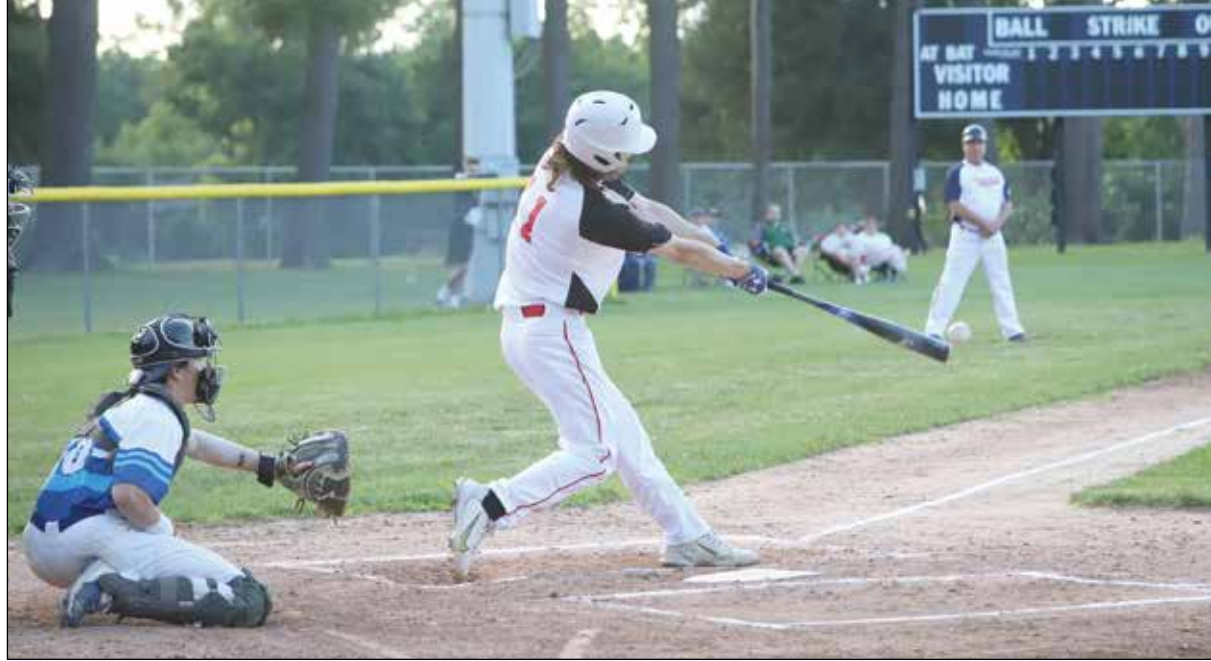
"Johnny was lights out again tonight," Tripp said. "He just pounds the strike zone and changes speed well. He just pitched a great game. I couldn't say enough good things about his performance on the mound."

The home team had a golden opportunity to take a 1-0 against Mumper, who was the ace of the Ware High School pitching staff, in the bottom of the first inning.

Second baseman Luis Dejesus hit a grounder to the Monson third baseman leading off the bottom of the first inning. He wound up at third base following a throwing error.

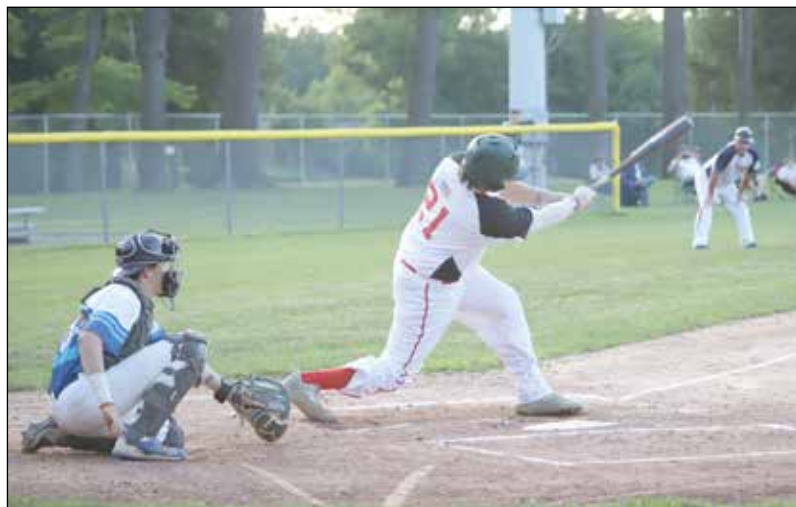
After Mumper struck out the next batter, shortstop Nathan Carillon hit a flyball that was caught by Monson right fielder Ty Miller. His throw to the plate bounced away from catcher Dylan Sutkaitis. The ball was picked up by Mumper. He tossed it back to Sutkaitis, who put the tag on Dejesus for the final out of the frame.

"That was a huge play in the bottom of the first inning," Tripp

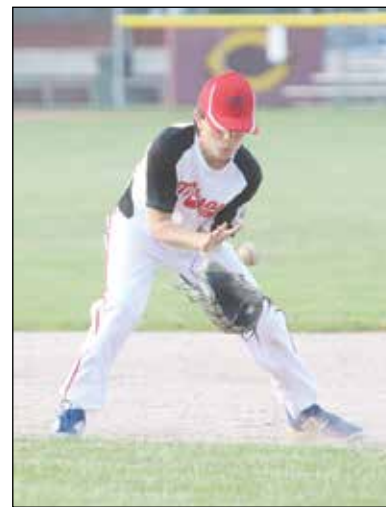


Ty Miller swings and connects.

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Dylan Sutkaitis fouls off a pitch.



Niko Matthieu smothers a bounce to second.



John Mumper start for the Monson Post 241.

said. "If they scored a run there, they would've been all fired up. The key thing was Johnny backing up the play."

Aldenville left two more runners on base in the second inning.

"We just need to capitalize on our scoring chances," Scott said. "That's been one of our problems so far this season."

Meanwhile, Aldenville lefthander Brady Burnett, who graduated from Chicopee High School on June 2, retired the first nine Monson batters that he faced.

"Brady's performance was stellar tonight," Scott said. "He's a very good lefty pitcher for us."

Monson shortstop Hunter

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Dave Clark makes a catch in right.



Pitcher Danny Gaines starts for PeoplesBank.

## Bankers roll into first place

HOLYOKE – After a slow start, the reigning, defending playoff champion PeoplesBank are now in first place thanks to wins over the Chicopee Falls Tigers, DiFranco Realty, and St. Joe's during the past week. PeoplesBank is now

6-1 this season, with 12 points to lead all teams. The Bankers, a Tri-County team with eight straight playoff championship and drawing great players from all over the region, sees their season continues this week.

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James Flahive pitches in relief.



Cam McDonald makes a quick throw for an out.

## Sturbridge Legion's rally falls short in loss

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

FISKDALE—Almost half of the players listed on the Sturbridge Post 109 Legion baseball roster were also members of the Tantasqua varsity baseball team.

While it was a very successful season for the Warriors, things haven't started out very well for the Post 109 squad.

After being shutout in their first three legion games, Sturbridge was trailing Cherry Valley Post 443, 7-1, entering the bottom of the third inning in last Monday night's game. The Post 109 squad battled back, but they suffered a 9-5 loss at Emrich Field.

"Not all of the players have been showing up and we've been

playing a lot of young players in our first couple of games of the season," said Sturbridge Legion manager Jim Rosseel. "At least we battled back in tonight's game. We had one bad inning, which killed us."

Rosseel was forced to reschedule several of the Legion games because the Warriors advanced into the round of eight in the Division 3 state tournament.

The first game of the Legion baseball season, which was at Milford Post 59, took place a day after Tantasqua's season ended following a 3-2 loss at Oakmont Regional. They also lost at Framingham the next night.

"We did play well in the first three innings of those two

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## Brewer to take softball talent 'down under'

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Tori Brewer may have played her final high school softball game in the Division 4 state tournament round of 32 game. But she is soon headed to a bigger stage.

Brewer, who was the Lady Panthers starting catcher, will be playing softball in Australia at the beginning of July. She'll be one of two high school softball players from Massachusetts representing the United States at the Down Under Games.

"Anytime that you can represent your county, it's an incredible honor," said Quabbin varsity softball coach Chris Nosek. "I'm very happy for Tori. It's going to be an experience that she'll always remember."

Tori and her mother, Kaelah, will be flying from Logan Airport in Boston to Australia on July 3. It'll be the first time that she'll be visiting another country.

Ten other high school softball players from throughout the United States will also be playing for the United States softball team at the Down Under Games.

"When we get to Australia,

the players on the softball team will have a couple of days to get know each other," Brewer said. "Whenever I'm on the softball field, the other players become like a family member to me. I just want to work hard for them, and I want them to work hard for me."

Brewer has been playing soft-

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Photo by Ray Duffy

Tori Brewer, who served as Quabbin's catcher this past season, is headed to Australia to play for a national team.



Alec Hughes tries to outrun his opponent.

## Pioneers suffer first loss this season

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW— Since the start of the 2019 regular season, the Seacoast United Phantoms are the only USL-League two team who have been able to beat the Western Mass. Pioneers at Lusitano Stadium.

The Phantoms knocked the Pioneers out of the 2022 playoffs with a 1-0 extra time victory in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

With the score tied 1-1 in last Friday night match-up between the archrivals, Seacoast retook the

lead during the 62nd minute and they were able to celebrate a 2-1 road victory at Lusitano Stadium. "This result really hurts a lot because we clearly performed better than they did in tonight's match," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "You win soccer games by scoring goals. We just didn't score more goals than they did."

Last Friday's setback was the Pioneers first regular season home loss since June 22, 2018, when they lost to Black Rock FC.

The Pioneers also lost a home match to Flower City Union, who

are from Rochester New York, in the 2022 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

The Pioneers (5-1-3) have posted a 1-1-2 home record this season. Their only victory at Lusitano Stadium was a 3-0 shutout win versus the Boston Bolts in the home opener, which was played on a rainy night in the middle of May. The Pioneers do have a 4-0-1 road record. The road tie came in the first meeting of the regular season with Seacoast, which ended in a



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Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro makes a quick pass.

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# sports



Ronnie Williams captured a win in the Outlaw Open Modifieds.

Submitted photo

## Williams gets another big win

THOMPSON, Conn. — Ronnie Williams used a late caution to win the Icebreaker 125 for the Outlaw Open Modified Series at Thompson Speedway back in April. Wednesday night, Williams didn't need a late caution - he did it in dominating fashion. Williams took the lead early and rolled to the win after holding off Chris Pasteryak and on a flurry of late restarts. The victory came in the first of the summer Dash For Cash 50-lap, \$5,000 to win races for the Outlaw Open Modifieds at the Connecticut oval in 2023.

Williams had a tough challenge on the final restart with Pasteryak closing in on the back bumper. Pasteryak was close on the final lap when the field took the white flag, but got loose off turn two and had to settle for second. Joey Mucciacciaro posted a strong third-place finish with Kurt Vigeant and Swanson finishing the top-five.

Former Thompson champion Nick Johnson rolled to victory in the 25-lap Late Model race, taking the lead using the bottom lane. Johnson passed Matthew Lowinski-Loh for the second spot on the bottom, then passed Devin Deshaies for the lead just before halfway. Although Lowinski-Loh was closing in during the final laps, Johnson was able to seal the win. Lowinski-Loh finished in second, with Andrew Moelleur wrapping the race in third. Oddly enough, even though Johnson won the championship in the Late Models in 2019, it was his first career track Late Model win, he said in Victory Lane.

The New England

Supermodifieds rolled into Thompson to supply pure speed and power and it was a dominant performance by Ben Seitz. The driver of the No. 11 jumped out to the lead passing Anthony Nocella for the top spot and never looked back en route to picking up the dominating victory. Danny Bowes was second and Rob Summers third at the end of their 30-lap feature.

Tyler Chapman collected the extra-distance prize in the SK Light Modifieds at the end of their 30-lap feature, worth \$750 to win. Much of the middle portion of the race saw Chapman chasing Danny Cates for the lead, with Alexander Pearl not far behind in third. Chapman would pass Cates for the lead with just under 10 laps remaining and go unchallenged the remainder of the laps to win. Cates would lose second to Pearl in the final laps, but the two did complete the podium. The division not only had extra laps and extra prize money, but also infield pitting during the race for the first time during their Thompson tenure.

Corey Fanning made it two-for-two on the 2023 season in the Limited Sportsman, outlasting a stout group of contenders during a wild green-white-checked finish to take the win in the 30-lap EdenRaffety Clash For Cash. The \$750 to win race looked to be in the control of Ryan Waterman as the field took the white flag, but a caution for a spinning car in turn four slowed the race and set up the dash to the finish with a green-white-checked. Waterman and Chicolas brought the field down

for the green with Waterman jumping away with the lead into turn one. When the field hit turn one after taking the white flag a lap later, contact between Waterman and Chicolas sent Waterman drifting up the track sideways. Chicolas took advantage to grab the lead, but Fanning snagged the bottom lane and drag-raced him for the lead down the backstretch and Waterman rallied to chase them both in third. Off turn four to the checkered, Fanning jumped out to control and crossed for the win. Chicolas was second and Waterman third.

It was a dominant type of night for Kyle Wing in the Mini Stocks. Wing won his qualifying heat in dominant fashion, then followed it up by leading all 15 laps to win the Mini Stock feature race. It was his first career win in racing, he said in Victory Lane. Kevin Moore crossed the stripe second and Glynn Roy in third.

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park's oval track is promoted by the American-Canadian Tour and Pro All Star Series again in 2023. The track will return to racing action on Wednesday, July 26, with the Twisted Tea Open Modified Dash For Cash round two, set for 50 laps and \$5,000 to win. The SK Light Modifieds will run double features, while the Late Models, Limited Sportsman and Mini Stocks will also be in action. Racing begins at 6PM and a full schedule of events will be released one week prior to race day.

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Griswold broke-up Burnett's perfect game bid by lining a single into left field leading off the top of the fourth inning. After stealing second base, Griswold was thrown out trying to steal third by Aldenville catcher Nikolas Misiaszek.

With two outs in the frame Sutkaitis drew a walk and designated hitter Don Allen reached on an infield hit before Burnett escaped the jam with a flyball out.

Burnett wasn't as fortunate in the following inning.

After Monson loaded the bases with two outs with the help of a fielding error, Miller knocked home two runs with a single into right field.

"Ty fouled off a couple of pitches before getting the base hit in the fifth inning," Tripp said. "That was

the biggest hit of the game."

Brayden Mega, who was hit by a pitch, also scored on the play following a throwing error.

Burnett, who allowed three unearned runs on four hits, was replaced on the mound by righthander Race Drobiak in the sixth inning.

Aldenville ended Mumper's shutout bid in their final at bats.

Centerfielder Devan Santos led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a double down the right field line. He scored when right fielder Nathan Serrano grounded into a fielder's choice play.

The home team couldn't score any more runs against Mumper.

Monson lost, 6-5, to Belchertown Post 239 in their home opener, last Friday night.

Turley Photo by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Hunter Griswold slings a throw to first from short.

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games," Rosseel said. "Then we fell behind and couldn't catch up."

Sturbridge, who didn't win a game last year, also lost their home opener against Leominster Post 151 on June 18.

"I never thought this year would be a mirror image of last year," Rosseel added. "We do have several very good players who play for the high school team."

Righthander Ben Yarter, who graduated from Tantasqua Regional a year ago, was Sturbridge's starting pitcher against Cherry Valley. He recently completed his freshman year as a Sports Management Major at Nichols College.

Cherry Valley (2-3) grabbed a 1-0 lead with two outs in the top of the first inning.

With two outs in bottom of the frame, Devin Krochmalnyckyj,

who graduated from Tantasqua on June 4, tied the score by launching a home run over the fence just inside the left field foul pole.

"That was our first run of the season, and it was nice to finally break the ice," Rosseel said. "Devin has been a member of the Legion team for the past several years and he's one of our leaders."

The contest didn't remain tied for very long.

Cherry Valley scored six unearned runs with the help of four costly errors in the top of the second inning. All six of their runs crossed the plate with two outs.

"We gave them six runs in that inning," Rosseel said. "We had a couple of players playing out of position."

Cherry Valley added two more runs on a double into right field by shortstop Evan Remington in the top of the third inning.

Trailing, 9-1, Sturbridge put-to-

gether a rally against Cherry Valley righty Jacob Delvalle with one-out in the bottom half of the frame.

Following back-to-back walks by catcher Colby Scanlon and third baseman Brandon Phillips, Krochmalnyckyj drove home both runners by hitting a double that just landed fair down the right field line. Designated hitter Keenan Wetherbee also had a run scoring single to center before scoring on a wild pitch.

Sturbridge's only other base hit against Cherry Valley came with two-outs in the fifth when second baseman Ethan Laplante singled to right field.

Post 109 also played three other games last week. They lost a pair of one run road games to Hudson, 5-4, and North Country, 1-0, before losing to Northborough in a home game.

## Blue Sox hit tough skid, lose four straight

HOLYOKE — The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners on Sunday by a score of 9-5. The team fell to 8-8 on the season.

It was a tale of two halves of this game for the Blue Sox. Danbury jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after an early two-run homer. Valley was able to fight back in the bottom of the fifth inning, scoring two runs making it a 3-2 game.

Danbury quickly increased their lead, scoring six combined runs in the sixth and seventh innings. The Westerners hit three home runs in this game after none had been hit in MacKenzie Stadium in the first nine games at home this season.

Terry Murray started for the Blue Sox and struck out four batters in four innings, allowing three runs.

Harrison Durow and James Vaughn both pitched two innings out of the bullpen, allowing three runs each.

Zach Cameron pitched a clean top of the ninth, with one strikeout.

Right Fielder EJ Kreutzmann broke out of a slump today, batting 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

The utilityman Michael Zarrillo also went 2-for-4 with an RBI double.

Last Saturday evening, the Blue Sox were defeated by the North Shore Navigators by a score of 4-0.

Valley was limited to just four hits thanks to solid pitching from start to finish from the Navigators. North Shore starter Nate Espelin pitched six shutout innings, allowing no strikeouts on the night, but was able to force

soft contact and limit traffic on the bases, stifling Valley's offense.

Kurt Thomas started the game for the Blue Sox, and pitched four innings, allowing three runs and four walks, with no strikeouts.

The ball was turned over to Thomas Ballard who pitched two innings, allowing one run off of two hits while striking out four batters.

The back end of the bullpen continued to shine for the Blue Sox, with Michael Weidinger and Jason Arrigo both tossing shut-out innings. Both pitchers struck out two batters in their inning of work.

Eliot Dix went 2-for-2 on the night, reaching base in all three of his at-bats.

Matt Bergevin went 1-for-2 with two walks, continuing to see the ball well at the plate as he has all season.

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1-1 draw.

"Our home matches have been disappointing this year," Molinari said. "The ball has been going into the net in our away games, but for some unknown reason it hasn't been going into the net at home."

The Pioneers and the Phantoms also faced each other in the 2021 Eastern Conference semifinals at Lusitano Stadium. The Pioneers advanced into the finals that season by outshooting the Phantoms, 5-4, in a penalty shootout.

"This isn't a very easy place to win a soccer match," said Seacoast head coach Alex Ryan following last Friday night's match. "We had a very good game plan and my players played very hard in tonight's match."

Seacoast United, who took over sole possession of first place in the Northeast Division table, played their second match in a span of 48 hours. The Phantoms posted a 3-1 home win versus Boston City FC last Wednesday night. Their trip to Ludlow took a little longer than they expected because of traffic.

"It did take us a little while to get down here this afternoon because the traffic was really bad," Ryan said. "We also played a match two nights ago. We played very well in tonight's match."

Seacoast grabbed a 1-0 lead during the 18th minute of the opening half when Taig Healy split a pair of defenders before firing a low breakaway shot into the back of the net past Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cerososimo (4 saves) for an unassisted goal.

A couple of minutes later, Western Mass. forward Alec Hughes blasted a shot that deflected off the face of Seacoast goalie Jackson Lee (4 saves), who laid on the ground for several minutes before coming out of the game.

"Jackson has a slight concus-



Connor Bagdon follows through on a pass forward.

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Lucio Berron passes up the field.

sion and we're going to have him checked out by a doctor," Ryan said. "Our back-up goalie (James Lowell) came in and did a very good job for us. We do have a couple of very good keepers."

Late in the first half, another shot attempt by Hughes was deflected over the endline by Lowell, who was credited with five saves, resulting in a corner kick.

Jared Smith also had a free kick for Western Mass before the first half ended.

Three minutes into the second half, Augustine Boadi gave the home fans something to cheer about. After gaining possession of the ball at midfield, Boadi dribbled down the middle of the field before firing a low shot into the left corner tying the score at 1-1. "We were down at halftime and we really wanted to tie the score early in the second half," said Boadi, who faced a couple of his Boston College teammates. "I just the ball coming towards me. Then

I had a lot of open space and Alec drew the defender away for me. Then I fired a shot into the net, and it felt very good scoring the tying goal. It got us back into the game."

The contest remained tied until Ted Cargill scored the go-ahead goal, which was assisted by Austin Brummett, during the 62nd minute.

The home team had several scoring chances during the final 25 minutes of regulation, but they couldn't tie the score again.

"It's always tough whenever you lose, especially at home," said Pioneers captain Nicholas Obberauch. "We had several opportunities, but we couldn't put any of them away. We just need to keep working hard during the rest of the season."

After playing a road match against Pathfinder FC on Tuesday night, the Pioneers will be looking to start another home winning streak when they host the Albany Rush at 7 p.m. on Friday night.

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ball for the past eleven years. She's also a member of the Jr. WooSox AAU softball team.

It was at AAU college showcase tournament in Connecticut last summer that Barry Roberts, who's the head softball coach at Louisiana College, saw Brewer play on a live stream. He was very impressed and invited her to play for the United States team at the Down Under Games. Brewer didn't believe it at first.

"The Louisiana College softball coach sent me a text message inviting me to play for United States team at the Down Under Games in July," Brewer said. "At first, I didn't believe it because I thought it was a scam text, but it wasn't. I'm very excited about having the opportunity to play softball in Australia. I never thought I would ever have this opportunity. It's amazing."

The United States softball team will be playing games during the first five days of the tournament. They could possibly play several more games depending on how well they do.

Being a member of a softball

team with a bunch of new players isn't something new to Brewer.

She transferred to Quabbin from Tantasqua Regional before the start of her junior year.

Giorgi, who was Quabbin's starting first baseman, was the only varsity softball player that Brewer knew before the first practice.

"Sydney and I went to elementary school together," Brewer said. "We've been very good friends ever since. I also became good friends with Brynn Adams (outfielder) during the past couple of years."

It took coach Nosek about five minutes to realize that Tori was a very good softball player.

"Tori is a talented softball player, and she understands the game very well," he said. "If she decides to become a softball coach in the future, she'll do a very good job at that. She has done a tremendous job for us during the past two seasons."

Brewer has been a catcher since the fourth grade.

"Being a catcher is a position that I just fell in love with," Brewer said. "If I was an outfielder, I think that I would prob-

ably get bored very quickly. I just worked very hard to become a very good catcher."

Brewers called the pitches for the Quabbin pitchers this season.

"Calling the pitches can be very hard at times, but it's also a lot of fun," she said. "I had the opportunity to pitch in a couple of games last year. I really didn't like it very much because there is a lot of pressure on you."

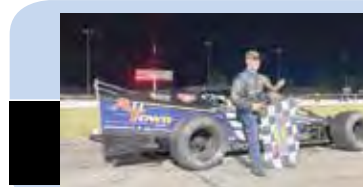
Brewer is a very good hitter at the plate.

She had the game winning hit in the Lady Panthers 6-5 senior day victory over the Gardner Wildcats on May 18.

"Tori is a very consistent hitter," Nosek said. "Every time that she steps into the batter's box, you always feel like she's going to deliver a base hit."

Besides being an outstanding softball player, Brewer has excelled in the classroom since she's been a student-athlete at Quabbin Regional.

Brewer, who's an honor roll student, hasn't made a college decision yet, but she's really looking forward to playing softball at the Down Under Games in July.



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Shown in the back from left are Christopher Johnson, Nicole Ramos, Kathleen Chyrack, Eliora Witkowski-Despres, Rachel Lucia and Jennifer Trently and front row from left, Wren Stoddard, Candice Cooley-Johnson and Christine Boadu. (Courtesy Photo)

## MWCC inducts new students into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

GARDNER – On Wednesday, May 3, the Phi Delta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Mount Wachusett Community College welcomed 26 new members to its ranks, including Rachel Lucia of Gilbertville.

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa recognizes the academic achievement of community college students and provides members with the opportunity for personal,

academic and professional growth through leadership and service.

Throughout the school year, PTK members participate in activities and fundraisers, including the Winterfest Raffle and Pizza Party Raffle which enable them to donate funds to the Student Emergency Loan Fund. This year, PTK was able to bring the annual Character Breakfast back to the community, raising funds for the

Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg, Leominster and Gardner.

Advisor Fagan Forhan, along with Chapter President Candice Cooley-Johnson, Vice-President Christine Boadu, Secretary Wren Stoddard and Treasurer, Kathleen Chyrack welcomed the 2023 Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Delta Chapter inductees.

## Country Bank receives marketing awards



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Country Bank's Marketing Team: Audrey Moulton, digital marketing specialist; Mike Dias, product and data marketing manager; Travis Pacheco, intern; Jodie Gerulaitis, VP, community relations; Shelley Regan, SVP, marketing and PR; Devon Wonderlie, marketing specialist; and Justin Roberts, VP, marketing.

### Local bank recognized for rebranding

WARE – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, has received two marketing awards from the New England Financial Marketing Association for its 2022 marketing efforts.

According to a press release, Country Bank achieved first place with a gold award for its "Made to Make a Difference" rebranding.

In May 2022, Country Bank introduced the rebrand in partnership with the bank's advertising agency, Financial Marketing Solutions. The new tagline was created from focus groups that consisted of Country Bank team

members, board members, consumer and business customers, non-customers, and community non-profits throughout its marketplace.

Since 1850, Country Bank has been a part of the fabric of the communities it serves; so, it was essential to include the community in the process. As a result, the tagline was created with meaningful insights and feedback.

The common theme of how the bank made a difference became a clear indicator of how its stakeholders received the brand in the market.

Country Bank also received a silver award for its Police vs. Fire baseball game in association with the WooSox Foundation.

This game was a century-old tradition brought back to life on September 26, 2022. Part of the

game is giving back to the community, something the WooSox Foundation and Country Bank are passionate about.

The teams chose the Manny 267 Foundation, which received a \$15,000 donation.

"As a founding partner of the Worcester Red Sox, we are honored to bring back this tradition and support the police and fire departments in Worcester. It was a tremendous effort of the WooSox Foundation, the police and fire departments, and the Country Bank marketing team to make this happen. We look forward to the re-match this August, where the teams will again battle for the trophy and bragging rights. The game will also donate to a deserving local non-profit," said Shelley Regan, SVP, marketing and PR.

## Top heart and vascular doctor joins Baystate

SPRINGFIELD – David Bull, MD has been named vice president and Medical Director of Heart and Vascular at Baystate Health.

His appointment becomes effective at the end of August.

Most recently, Bull served as Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, at the University of Arizona.

Bull attended medical school and completed a surgical residency at the University of California San Francisco and the University of



David Bull, MD

Arizona. He completed fellowships in Vascular Surgery at the University of Arizona and in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Utah School of Medicine.

He served as Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Utah for seven years and spent three years as the executive director of several integrated practice units within the Cardiovascular Service Line there. He then became the Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Professor of Surgery at the University of Arizona.

Academically inclined throughout his career, Bull has served on several national scientific and clinical committees and has published more than 130 peer-reviewed papers in medical literature. He has performed extramurally funded translational research and holds more than one dozen patents related to cellular- and gene-based therapy.

Bull specializes in aortic surgery, valvular heart disease, heart and lung transplantation, and cardiothoracic critical care.

For more information on Baystate Health, visit BaystateHealth.org.

## Ware residents honored at HCC awards celebration

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is proud to celebrate the students who earned honors and awards for their outstanding achievements during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Awardees were honored on May 17, during a ceremony at the HCC Bartley Center for Athletics & Recreation.

This was HCC's first in-person honors and awards celebration since 2019.

Shelly Bowder, Kearstyn Davis, Serenity Hull and Xavier Williams, all of Ware, were honored for their achievements.

A full list of students along with their specific honors and awards can be found at [hcc.edu/awards2023](http://hcc.edu/awards2023)

## Town Wide Tag Sale rescheduled to July 1

WARE – The forecast of rain forced the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House to reschedule the Ware Town Wide Tag Sale to Saturday, July 1 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

They are grateful that most participants are anxious to have their sales and help with the restoration of the Meeting House.

Please stop by the Meeting House on Route 9 to pick up your map listing over 40 tag sales. All donations are appreciated.

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propane water heater, but it would allow them to shut down the boilers for the whole summer, cutting expenses over time.

#### Special Education Director

School Committee Chair Desjardins said they had approved the hiring of Brian Ackerman to the position of Special Education Director at a previous meeting, but later found out he had accepted a position somewhere else after not hearing back from the candidate despite several attempts to contact him.

The second choice candidate also accepted another position.

The Director of Special Education position is posted with a salary range of \$95,000-105,000.

#### School meals

Food Services Director Jeff Nicholas said they served 75,372 meals for breakfast during the 2023-2024 school year, which is an increase of 9,233 over the previous year. For lunch they served 128,332, which is 7,000 more than last year.

He said the school district will offer free breakfast, lunch and afterschool snacks through the school year 2025-2026, and potentially through 2027.

The school food supply chain has improved, he said, but it's not back to where it should be.

"The equipment supply chain, however, is nowhere near 100%," Nicholas said, adding that he waited five months to receive a garbage disposal.

"There's no timeline once you order something, you get it when you get it...there's no guarantee on how long things are going to take to get to us as far as equipment goes," he said.

Free summer meals will be served Monday through Friday at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School now through Aug. 4, with the exception of July 3 and 4. The program offers both breakfast and lunch.

Breakfast is from 8-9 a.m. and lunch is from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Nicholas said a meal charging policy needs to be in place in order to meet Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidelines.

This policy would only apply to a la carte items or second meals, as one meal per breakfast and lunch periods is provided to all students for free.

"It's really just a policy they want you to have in place," Nicholas said of DESE's requirement.

#### Budget update

Paquette said some of the projected expenses are coming in lower than anticipated as they wrap up the year.

He said the "shortfall" is less than what was estimated at the last meeting, and they are using more school choice money than planned.

"We're all pretty much hitting on target," Paquette.

#### Superintendent's report

DiLeo said Palmer Paving has begun work on the track and removed the old rubber surface to prepare to

lay asphalt.

The new stage curtains have been installed in the High School and SMK.

The extended school year will run from July 5-Aug. 3; credit recovery, enrichment program and 21st Century will all run from July 5-27.

The 2023-2024 school year for grades one through 12 will begin on Aug. 24. The first day of kindergarten

will begin Aug. 30 (last names beginning with A-M) and Aug. 31 (last names beginning with N-Z).

#### Acknowledgement

School Committee members thanked DiLeo for her years of service to the school district during her last meeting as Superintendent, prior to incoming Superintendent Michael Lovato's start on July 1.

#### Retirements

DiLeo said the school district wished Carolyn Veale and Nancy Slator a "healthy and happy" retirement. Veale worked as a paraprofessional for 23 years and Slator as a special education teacher for 20 years.

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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of June 20-23, the Ware Police Department responded to 14 miscellaneous calls, 20 administrative calls, two traffic violations, 13 emergency 911 calls, two animal calls, two harassments, two frauds/deceptions, two thefts/larcenies, one motor vehicle accident, one safety hazard, one trespass, one harassment/stalk, one breaking and entering/burglary, one assist other agency, and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Tuesday, June 20**  
 1:29 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Monson Turnpike Road, Investigated  
 6:26 a.m. Safety Hazard, Maple Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 10:24 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Old Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled  
 5:04 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made  
 9:20 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Coffey Hill Road, No Action Required

**Wednesday, June 21**  
 12:57 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Pulaski Street, Investigated  
 1:30 a.m. Theft/Larceny,

Pulaski Street, Could Not Locate  
 1:50 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Walker Road, Dispatch Handled  
 5:17 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Investigated  
 6:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
 9:06 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Park Street, Assist Given

**Thursday, June 22**  
 3:19 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled  
 7:40 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Appears Secure After Check  
 8:41 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate  
 9:40 a.m. Abduction, Spring Street, Services Rendered  
 11:25 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Highland Village, Dispatch Handled  
 1:54 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Barnes Street, Investigated  
 6:01 p.m. Fraud/Deception, West Main Street, Report Made  
 6:41 p.m. Fraud/Deception, West Main Street, Advised

**Friday, June 23**  
 2:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gould Road, Criminal Complaint Request  
 Summons: Austin A. Sottile, 32, Ware

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Uninsured Motor Vehicle  
 8:49 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Investigated  
 1:14 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered  
 1:59 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Highland Village, Dispatch Handled  
 8:28 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Bank Street, Dispatch Handled  
 8:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
 9:30 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Dispatch Handled

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of June 12-19, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 56 building/property checks, 18 directed/area patrols, one traffic control, 10 emergency 911 calls, two radar assignments, four assist other agencies, one property damage, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle investigation, three animal calls and three motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, June 12**  
 10:02 a.m. Safety Hazard, Thayer Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 12:50 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Lower Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 1:28 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Petersham Road, Vehicle Towed  
 6:37 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
 7:41p.m. Medical Emergency,

Muddy Brook Road, Services Rendered

**Wednesday, June 14**  
 9:55 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered  
 10:24 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick Road, Spoken To  
 12:06 p.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, River Run, Investigated  
 2:33 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Church Street, Spoken To  
 7:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled

**Thursday, June 15**  
 1:24 p.m. Property Damage, Petersham Road, Report Taken  
 2:12 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Pine Street, Officer Handled

**Friday, June 16**  
 10:07 a.m. Complaint/Motor

Vehicle Operations, Collins Road, Spoken To  
 4:50 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Taylor Hill Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Saturday, June 17**  
 5:37 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital  
 3:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
 9:15 p.m. Disturbance, North Road, Spoken To

**Sunday, June 18**  
 1:22 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
 2:27 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered  
 5:49 p.m. 911 Misdial, Lower Road, Transferred Call to C7  
 10:16 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Charity Hill Road, Transported to Hospital

## Warren Police Log

During the week of June 11-18, the Warren Police Department responded to 151 building/property checks, 69 community policing, 18 traffic enforcements, 18 emergency 911 calls, one threat, one harassment, six animal calls and 41 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, June 11**  
 4:10 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
 10:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning  
 11:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Monday, June 12**  
 12:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 7:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning  
 7:59 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Reed Street, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, June 13**  
 9:34 a.m. Complaint, Bemis Road, Officer Advised  
 9:51 a.m. Officer Wanted, North Street, Report Filed  
 10:24 a.m. Threats, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:21 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 12:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bridge Street, Citation Issued  
 Summons: Thomas P. Cowhey,

55, Southwick  
 Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
 3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 7:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Sean P. Duffy, 35, Warren  
 Inspection/Sticker, No; Drug, Possess Class A, Subsequent Offense; Drug, Possess Class B, Subsequent Offense; Common Law Offense

**Wednesday, June 14**  
 1:29 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Central Street, Citation Issued  
 7:13 p.m. Back Pain, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
 7:18 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Southbridge Road, Information Taken  
 7:30 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital  
 7:56 p.m. Fire/Arcing Wires, Southbridge Road, Services Rendered

**Thursday, June 15**  
 5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 5:35 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Shamrock Drive, Transported to Hospital  
 9:16 p.m. Officer Wanted, Albany Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 9:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

**Friday, June 16**  
 4:41 a.m. Heart Palpitations, Crouch Road, Transported to

Hospital  
 7:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
 8:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 8:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 9:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 9:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 10:23 a.m. Falls, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
 10:55 a.m. Keep the Peace, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed

11:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 12:04 p.m. Officer Wanted, Main Street, Report Filed  
 3:30 p.m. Unwanted Party, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 4:31 p.m. Unattended Death, Maple Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
 6:56 p.m. Unwanted Party, Cronin Road, Report Filed  
 7:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Cronin Road, Investigated

**Saturday, June 17**  
 3:29 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital  
 9:27 a.m. Officer Wanted, Holyoke Nursing Home, Report Filed

**Sunday, June 18**  
 6 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brook Road, Citation Issued

## Country Bank announces appointments

WARE — Country Bank President and CEO Paul F. Scully recently announced the appointment of Steven P. Musso to the Board of Trustees at the bank's annual meeting.

The Ware-based bank has 14 branches in the region, including Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester.

Musso joins the Board with over 30 years of experience in the banking industry, a press release states. He previously served as the COO for FinPro Inc., leading consulting engagements, running the consulting operation and building the technology division. He has extensive experience working with banks on strategic planning, interest rate risk analysis and other consulting and advisory services.

In addition, Musso has worked with various bank boards, and management teams in financial institutions across the country. Steve holds series 63 and 79 financial securities licenses.

"I was attracted to Country Bank by its talented Board, Management Team, and the opportunity to work with a strong and well-performing community bank," Musso said.

"I am excited to be on the other side of the fence. Joining the Board at Country Bank allows me to bring all of my past experiences to bear in helping the Bank continue to serve its local communities and grow by delivering quality banking services in a rapidly changing industry." According to Board Chair James Phaneuf, "We



Steven P. Musso

are delighted to have Steve join the other talented strategic business professionals on Country Bank's Board as the institution continues to gain prominence and market diversification in Central and Western Massachusetts. Having been the Bank's strategic partner at FinPro for the past twelve years, Steve understands firsthand Country Bank's depth and financial strength."

The Bank also appointed new incorporators from Country Bank: Mary C. McGovern, executive vice president, chief financial and operating officer; G. Thomas Wolcott, first senior vice president, Commercial Banking; Dawn M. Fleury, first senior vice president, chief risk officer; and Miriam J. Siegel, first senior vice president, chief culture and development officer.



Submitted Photo

The 2024 Board of Directors of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley was recently installed. They are: Past President Dana Burton (Belchertown), Board Member Kerry Chenausky (Belchertown), Treasurer Susan Seaver (Springfield), Board Member Patricia Pupek (Westfield), Co-Vice Presidents Karen Keough-Huff and Christine Keough-Huff (Belchertown), Secretary Mary Knight (Belchertown) and District Governor Donna Sroka. Missing from the photo is newly elected President Cynthia Melcher (Palmer).

## Zonta Club installs 2024 Board of Directors

REGION — On June 19, Zonta District Governor Donna Sroka of Northampton inducted four new members and installed the 2024 Board of Directors of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley during its annual meeting at the Ludlow

Country Club. Cynthia Melcher of Palmer was installed as board president.

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is part of Zonta International, a global organization intent on making a better world for

women and girls by advocating for equality, education, and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence.

For more, search on social media using #zonta.org, #zontadistrict1.org, #zontaqv.org.

## Senate approves \$55.9 billion budget for 2024

BOSTON — State Sen. Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District) and his colleagues in the State Senate approved a \$55.9 billion budget for fiscal year 2024.

The Senate approved 478 amendments, adding \$82.2 million in spending to the budget. The next step will be the formation of a Senate and House Joint Conference Committee to work out an agreed-upon budget to send to the Governor.

In addition to increasing support to public libraries, Oliveira stressed the importance of regional equity for western Massachusetts and secured an additional \$1.75 million for the budget, much of which will go directly to municipalities in the district. The increase to funds will make their way to the district indirectly through broader funding of critical investments in areas like regional transportation, public higher education, and healthcare.

"I'm glad to see the Senate take action with a comprehensive and inclusive budget that will bring regional equity to western Massachusetts, and I'm proud to have secured funding that will have a positive impact on the communities of the Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District," said Oliveira in a press release.

In addition to the \$750,000 in state aid to regional public libraries, Oliveira secured \$500,000 for an advanced manufacturing training program, \$200,000 for infrastructure improvements to the Cottage Avenue bridge in Wilbraham and Ludlow, \$50,000 for public safety improvements in Chicopee, \$50,000 for the Women's Fund of Massachusetts, and \$35,000 for the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club.

When asked about his approved amendments, Oliveira said "The Senate's budget prioritizes upholding fiscal discipline and responsibility and supports the long-term economic health of the state. The Senate budget delivers investments in education, housing, regional transportation, health care, workforce development, climate preparedness, while centering equity and opportunity as part of a broader, more comprehensive strategy to make Massachusetts more affordable, inclusive, and competitive."

If the Senate's budget is approved, a group of six House and Senate lawmakers will meet privately to iron out differences between the two budgets and then send the final document to Gov. Maura Healey, who can accept or veto sections of the bill.

## Sen. Oliveira delivers first speech in state Senate

BOSTON — According to a press release, on May 24, state Sen. Jake Oliveira delivered his first speech to the Massachusetts State Senate, eliciting a standing ovation from the Senate President and his colleagues in the general court.

In his speech, after thanking the Senate President and those on the Senate Ways and Means Committee, Oliveira thanked his peers for their hard work "assembling a budget that will serve Massachusetts as equitably, inclusively, and as far-reaching as possible."

Oliveira also took the opportunity to advocate for an increase in state spending for public libraries through an amendment he sponsored, Amendment #688. The amendment seeks to increase funding and provide an additional \$750,000 to increase state aid to regional public libraries.

Oliveira said the funds would ensure that public libraries have the resources they need to protect themselves and their collections and services from the current culture war being waged against free thought and free speech across the country.

# Poison ivy prevention tips offered

PALMER — “Problems with poison ivy are most prominent during the spring and summer. However, poison ivy can cause a problem any time of the year,” said Dr. Joe Sills, chief of emergency medicine at Baystate Wing Hospital.



Dr. Joe Sills

“An allergic reaction to the oil in these plants, called urushiol, produces the rash,” Sills said in a press release. “Exposure to poison ivy can happen when people are hiking, camping or at home gardening, clearing brush, cutting vines or carrying and burning wood. Every part of the plant, the leaves, stem, vines, flowers, and roots, contains urushiol. Once you’re exposed to urushiol, a rash can occur from several hours to three days after contact with the plant. While direct skin-to-plant contact with poison ivy, oak, or sumac is probably the most frequent cause of the rash, the irritants from the plants can also be passed on indirectly by pets, garden tools, shoes, or virtually anything that touches a plant.”

“Rinsing your skin immediately after touching the poison ivy, oak, or sumac, with lukewarm water, may help to rinse off some of the oil and lessen or avoid the rash,” said Sills. “Beware that the oil can stick to clothing and other surfaces as well, so be sure

to also wash the clothes you were wearing when you came into contact with the poisonous plant, as well as gardening tools, golf clubs, leashes, and even a pet’s fur.”

Most people develop a rash when they get urushiol on their skin. The first time you get this oil on your skin, you may not get a rash. The next time this oil gets on your skin you can become sensitive to it.

Once you are sensitive to it, a rash appears. About 15% of people do not become sensitive to this oil and never develop a rash. The rash caused by these plants is not contagious and does not spread.

Scratching the rash or the leaking fluid from the blisters does not spread the rash, although it can cause scarring and potential infection.

“The rash from poison ivy, oak, or sumac usually lasts one to three weeks,” said Sills. “Most rashes go away without treatment and while your skin heals, it more than likely will continue to itch. If the eruption is mild, applying calamine lotion three or four times a day can help with the itchiness. If the rash covers a large area of the body, oatmeal or baking soda baths may help reduce itching and discomfort. Avoid those preparations containing anesthetics or

antihistamines, as often they can cause allergic eruptions themselves,” said Sills. “Infections can occur if blisters break, and bacteria enters the open wound. Keep the rash clean and any open blisters bandaged to help lessen the chance of infection.”

“A rash from poison ivy, poison oak, or poison sumac, can usually be treated at home,” said Sills. “If the rash is severe, on your face, on extensive parts of your body, seeing a doctor is important, you may need a prescribed steroid ointment that you can apply to the skin, or to be placed on an oral steroid like prednisone.”

If anyone has any of the following symptoms, or i have a serious reaction, seek immediate medical care by going to the emergency room, including: trouble breathing or swallowing, a rash that covers most of the body, many rashes or blisters, swelling (especially if an eyelid swells shut), the rash develops anywhere on face or genitals, skin itches and nothing seems to ease the itch, signs of a bacterial infection (such as pain, increased redness, or pus).

“There is no cure for the reaction once the rash starts,” said Sills. “Avoiding the plants is the best treatment. It is very important to learn what the plants look like and to not touch them.”

For more information about Baystate Wing Hospital, visit baystatehealth.org/wing.

## John Michael Delargy Sr., 87

WARE — John Michael Delargy Sr., passed away on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, at the age of 87.



John was born on April 14, 1936, in Springfield, son of the late William Delargy and Sophia (Latwis) Delargy. John was raised and educated in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick, and was a 1954 graduate of the former Hardwick High School.

He enlisted in the United States Navy on Sept. 23, 1954, and was Honorably Discharged on Sept. 17, 1958, with the rank of Radioman Second Class. John served aboard the USS Hazelwood (Fletcher-class destroyer).

In July of 1961, John entered into Holy Matrimony with Margaret Mary Slattery in St. Mary’s Church in Ware, together they were wed for 59 years, until Peggy sadly passed away, on Nov. 18, 2020.

John was employed for many years for ET& L Construction Corporation of Stow. He served as a construction supervisor, prior to retirement.

John lived in Gilbertville for many

## Death notice

**Delargy Sr., John Michael**  
Died June 21, 2023  
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years, and moved to Ware in 1966. John was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Ware.

He leaves behind his children, his son, John Michael Delargy Jr. and his wife Melissa, his daughter, Kathleen Rougeau and her husband Steven, his grandchildren; Lee Barbiasz and his wife Jaelyn, Dwight Barbiasz, Jamison Holder and Olivia Rougeau. John also leaves behind his great-grandchildren: Elijah, Eloise, Baker and Nash, his brother, William Tracey, sisters, Helen Bessette and Norene Whiteley.

Sadly, John was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Margaret Mary “Peggy” Delargy, and his sisters, Joan Seyer and Ann Comstock.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, in St. Mary’s Church, Ware. Everyone met directly in the church on Tuesday morning.

Interment with Military Honors and Prayers of Committal followed in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Ware. There were no calling hours.

Cebula Funeral Home of Ware directed the final services. For more information and an online guestbook, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

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## Register for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

BOSTON — Registration is now open for the 2023 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai.

Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1, funds raised from the Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation’s premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K walk, 10K walk, half marathon walk, or marathon walk.

All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a

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# Baystate Wing Rehabilitation team moves to new campus space

PALMER — The Baystate Wing Hospital Physical Therapy, Audiology and Rehabilitation team will be relocating into the Griswold Building located on the Baystate Wing campus effective Monday, May 8.

“Improving access for patients to the physical therapy and rehabilitation team is essential,” said Tim Murphy, clinical rehabilitation supervisor at Baystate Rehabilitation Care – Palmer, located in Baystate Wing Hospital.

“The same great team our community has come to know and depend on will continue to deliver exceptional care in this new space,” said Murphy.

“Audiology is looking forward to providing state of the art care in our new wheelchair accessible sound booth that is equipped with the latest technology for hearing care for patients of all ages,” said Jeanne Coburn, the facility’s audiology supervisor.

“The relocation and renovations to the new space for rehabilitation services was a \$1.7 million dollar investment,” Baystate Health Regional Hospitals President Ron Bryant said.

According to a news release, moving into the Griswold building will improve access to services for community members in need of rehabilitation and audi-

ology care. In the hospital, the rehabilitation clinic was located on the second floor – a long walk for patients – many of whom already had mobility issues and were seeking physical therapy for that reason, the release states.

The Griswold building has ample parking and easy access to the entrance of the building and to our care team.

“The move to the new location includes renovating the space with new walls, flooring, cabinets, signage, furniture, and equipment,” Murphy said.

According to Coburn, “Another benefit of the move is the extra space for our team and patients, in addition to the open gym space there are five private treatment rooms. There are two private audiology rooms, each equipped with a sound booth and hearing aid programming equipment.” “Our rehabilitation team is ready to provide care to an array of patients of all ages and abilities and brings a passion for providing sports and stroke rehabilitation as well as amputee and prosthetic rehabilitation to the region,” Murphy said.

“We provide care with an understanding for the physical, emotional, and rehabilitative aspects of getting our patients back to the highest quality of life and an athlete back in the game or on the

field. We offer early morning and late evening appointment hours to accommodate all schedules and are open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.”

The Baystate Rehabilitation Care team at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer provides a full range of rehabilitation and audiology services which help patients regain function and achieve recovery.

“Our team of experienced physical and occupational therapists will work with you and your referring physician to develop an individualized treatment plan designed to reach your goals,” the release states.

“Our team of audiologists will work with patients and their families to enhance communication so that all will enjoy their lives to the fullest. Additionally, the team offers rehabilitation services including: a certified hand program, vestibular disorders (balance, dizziness, and gait problems), and hearing aid dispensing services.”

For more information about Rehabilitation Services, including Occupational and Hand Therapy Services and Audiology at Baystate Rehabilitation Care - Palmer, call 413-370-5254.



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Sen. Jake Oliveira delivers his first speech in the state Senate.

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Oliveira cited data from the American Library Association and the Pew Center for Research, which tracked thousands of challenges and bans to books across the country because they were either written by or featured people of color and LGBTQ+ individuals. Oliveira described librarians and librarians as being “on the front line in the fight to protect diversity, inclusion, and accessibility.”

Oliveira also spoke on the various public library services provided to residents across Massachusetts that would be protected by the increased spending and talked about the public libraries in his district and the many services they provide to residents. Such as English language courses, job training, and legal help.

Oliveira also described how libraries address the disparity in high-speed broadband access for lower-income families and provide equity to those families.

“Public libraries are cultivators of equity and inclusion, they are the last true community centers that we have, and they are open to all,” said Oliveira, as he stressed how the funding increase would promote more resource sharing and provide access for the smaller libraries in Western Massachusetts that were particularly impacted by the pandemic.

Oliveira finished his speech by calling public libraries the “Heart of America” and implored his colleagues in the Senate to protect equity, inclusion, accessibility, people of color, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ individuals by protecting public libraries.

A roll call vote then approved Oliveira’s amendment unanimously.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Excited movements
  - 8. Soap opera actress Patsy
  - 13. Unknowing
  - 14. Dangerous mosquitos
  - 15. Exaggerated and sensationalized
  - 19. Military policeman
  - 20. Touch softly
  - 21. Wrap
  - 22. A story of one's life
  - 23. Midway between east and southeast
  - 24. Toward the mouth or oral region
  - 25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
  - 26. Changes the meaning of
  - 30. Semitic Sun god
  - 31. Sneaker parts
  - 32. Capital of Zimbabwe
  - 33. Breezed through
  - 34. Partner to pedi
  - 35. Becomes less intense
  - 38. Bottoms
  - 39. Tested and injured
  - 44. Take care of
  - 45. Traditional rhythmic pattern
  - 46. S. African political party
  - 47. Cologne
  - 48. Men
  - 49. The Science Guy (abbr.)
  - 50. Gospel author
  - 51. Act of signing up
  - 55. Human feet
  - 57. A very short time
  - 58. Streetcars
  - 59. Cuplike cavities
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. A type of pool
  - 2. Malaise
  - 3. Seasoned
  - 4. A pair
  - 5. Young male
  - 6. Make a mistake
  - 7. Experienced
  - 8. It often accompanies
  - 9. Old world, new injury
  - 10. Commercial
  - 11. Course of lectures
  - 12. Promote
  - 16. Female horses
  - 17. Greek mythological figure
  - 18. Small amount
  - 22. Orthodox church altar
  - 25. Actress Tomei
  - 27. Excited
  - 28. Looked directly at
  - 29. Popular cold desserts
  - 30. More reasonable
  - 32. Disk above the
  - 34. Devoted to the extreme
  - 35. Make an effort
  - 36. It's in the surf
  - 37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan
  - 38. Discounts
  - 40. Cliff in Hawaii
  - 41. Extremely wild person
  - 42. All persons
  - 43. Aromas
  - 45. Popular kids' game
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Karen Rousseau receives the MCSW award from state Sen. Jake Oliveira.

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## Rousseau selected for MCSW award

SPRINGFIELD – State Sen. Jake Oliveira has selected Karen Rousseau, Ph.D., RN, and Dean of the School of Health Sciences at American International College to be a recipient of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women 2023 Commonwealth Heroine Award.

Each year the Commission partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities. Each legislator is encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency to recognize their invaluable efforts and extraordinary acts of service, who are making a big difference in their communities but not necessarily making the news.

“Karen has spent her life serving others. I can’t think of a more deserving individual to recognize,” said Oliveira.

Karen Rousseau has 40 years of experience as a practicing registered nurse, including more than

thirty years as a nurse educator.

Her expertise includes maternal/newborn and pediatric nursing and nursing management. She has held a variety of nursing roles in maternal childcare, as well as in nursing management, before arriving at American International College.

When asked about her most significant achievement in nursing, Rousseau said, “I take immense pride in nurturing the development of our students, helping them thrive in their careers. At AIC, we prioritize supporting our diverse student body, including many first-generation college students. Witnessing our graduates enter the nursing workforce brings me great joy, knowing that patients will receive care from healthcare providers who reflect their backgrounds.”

The MCSW’s mission is to provide a permanent, effective voice for women across Massachusetts. The Commission stands for fundamental freedoms,

basic human rights, and the full enjoyment of life for all women throughout their lives.

Oliveira was grateful for the opportunity to recognize Rousseau with the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

“I’m so thankful to MCSW for the opportunity to select someone who truly embodies what it means to serve. You don’t need to go too far down her incredible resume to realize the impact she has had on the community. Whether through her efforts in newborn and pediatric nursing or now with the development of her students at American International College, Karen has spent her life serving others. I can’t think of a more deserving individual to recognize,” said Oliveira.

Karen Rousseau is among 126 women selected for the Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2023 honored at an event in the Great Hall of the Statehouse on Friday, June 23.

## Country Bank announces Stonier Graduate

WARE – Country Bank is pleased to congratulate one of its Difference Makers, Dianna Lussier, vice president of risk, on her recent graduation from the American Bankers Association, Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

“During the past three years, I gained valuable insights into leadership, innovation, ethics, business strategy, and change management. I’ve learned new perspectives and skillsets and built meaningful connections with leaders in the banking industry across the country. I know these connections will be a great resource for me throughout my career. Thank you to Country Bank for providing me with this opportunity to advance my leadership and other developmental skills that will make a difference in my career, for my team, and the Bank,” said Lussier.

“We couldn’t be prouder of Dianna for her dedication to the completion of the American Bankers Association Stonier School of Banking. She has worked hard over the course of this three-year program designed to enhance her leadership skills as a banker, a risk professional and a thought leader for the bank. Dianna has always been enthusiastic about the learning opportunities offered by the Bank through



Diana Lussier graduates from Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

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her career at Country Bank and we are appreciative of her continued commitment to excellence,” said Miriam Siegel, FSVP, Chief Culture & Development Officer.

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Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Register as an individual walker, team member, or start a team. To register for the Walk, or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call 866-531-9255.

Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be treated to 10 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration.

All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk will culminate at the

Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line. Due to construction in Copley Square, the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line location has been moved to the Fenway neighborhood for 2023.

The finish line will include a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

If walkers wish to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities.

Participants can also join the event virtually by walking their way from wherever they are most comfortable-in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials will be available.

The 2023 Walk will be held during the Jimmy Fund’s 75th anniversary year and will aim to raise \$9 million in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$167 million for Dana-Farber Cancer in its 34-year history, raising a record-breaking more than \$8.8 million in 2022.

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### Town of Ware LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Notice of Intent (NOI) by Cynthia Haddock, for replacement of failing retaining wall, deck installation, stone patio, and runoff control at 116 Shoreline Drive. 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>. 06/29/2023

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The hearing will include consideration of a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** by Kenneth Chatel, for proposed site improvements for Bird Hill Farm; parking plan on existing lawn located at 145 Upper Church St., Ware, MA. 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.

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### MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Terrah L. Brown to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated September 26, 2016 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 12425, Page 104 as affected by

a Loan Modification recorded on February 6, 2019 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 13195, Page 200, subsequently assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 12900, Page 154 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 AM on July 13, 2023** at 44 South Street, Ware, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land in Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts more particularly bounded and described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at an iron pin set in the sidewalk on the easterly side of South Street, the same being at the northerly corner of South and Charles Streets;

**THENCE** easterly on the northerly line of Charles Street to land now or formerly of one Platt;

**THENCE** along the line of a stonewall and fence on Platt’s westerly line to land formerly of one Murphy;

**THENCE** westerly on line of land formerly of said Murphy to the east line of South Street;

**THENCE** southerly on the easterly line of South Street to the place of beginning, containing more or less.

Subject to the use of that portion of the above-described premises, now used as a driveway is located on the northerly line of said described premises, together with the use of nine (9) feet and two (2) inches of land lying northerly of said premises and now occu-

ped as a driveway; meaning hereby that there shall be kept open for a driveway for the use of persons having rights therein what is now occupied as said driveway forever, the whole of said driveway being 18 feet and 4 inches in width on said South Street. For deed reference see document immediately prior hereto. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney’s fees and costs.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee’s attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. The description of

the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 21-006139 06/22, 06/29, 07/06/2023

### WARREN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Special Permit No. 310 Site Plan Approval No. 68**

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, Notice is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7:15 PM** on the application of Gilbert Road. The Hearing will take place in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room at the Shepard Municipal Building located at 48 High Street in Warren and via digital platform Zoom Meeting.

The Applicant, Cal Rolling Hills, LLC, is

requesting a Special Permit to allow an Earth Removal operation under Sections 3.25, 5.32 and Section 8.4 of the zoning by-laws in the Town of Warren in the Rural district at Gilbert Road (Map 05, Lots 22-25).

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

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Warren Planning Board  
Derick R. Veliz, Chairman  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA01608 Docket No. WO22D2321DR Kelly Raba vs. Jeremy Raba DIVORCE SUMMONS**

### BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Kelly Raba 41 River Street West Warren, MA 01092**

your answer, if any, on or before **08/15/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, **Hon. Leilah A. Keamy**, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 1, 2023 **Stephanie K. Fattman** Register of Probate 06/29/2023

### Town of Warren Public Hearing Notice of FY2024 Sewer Rate Increase Hearing

The Warren Board of Sewer Commissioners will be having a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 12, at 3:30 p.m.** about a sewer fee increase for FY2024 (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024).

The location of the hearing will be the Selectmen’s Meeting Room in the Charles E. Shepard Municipal Building at 48 High Street in Warren. 06/29/2023

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