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Public hearing held for PARC grant

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WARE – The Parks & Recreation Commission met on July 6 at Grenville Park where the meeting began with a public hearing.

The hearing was to discuss the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant program and one of the proposals is for another pavilion to be added to another side of Grenville Park.

The Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for an additional pavilion to replace a small gazebo over by the bandstand. They're also looking to add access to the new pavilion, including access from the parking lot.

Parks Manager John Piechota said he also wants to add some drainage from the front of the hill.

The total cost for the project is around \$122,875.

The pavilion design would be similar to the existing pavilion that is over by the playground at Grenville Park.

The condition of the current seating space was talked about and it was described as being in fair condition. However, Piechota thinks it is slowly wearing off and a pavilion in its place would be beneficial to the park.

"A benefit to have a bigger space," Piechota said. "It would be an asset to the park."

The Parks Commissioners will take the possibility of preserving the existing space under advisement.

Concerns of Citizens

The Parks & Recreation Commission heard from a resident who wanted to

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Time capsule revealed during 250TH CELEBRATION

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WARREN – A celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary took place on the common on the 4th of July.

The community came together as the town hosted the unveiling of a time capsule placed underneath the gazebo. Many families whose relatives were around during the bicentennial celebration in 1976 arrived for the 250th celebration to see what was buried 50 years ago.

Prior to 1976, the town formed a Bicentennial Committee. Sharing this history during the celebration was Sue Como.

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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
John Como and Tina Como are shown at the ceremonial ribbon cutting prior to the unveiling of the bicentennial time capsule that was placed underneath the gazebo in the center of Warren.

LEFT: A vintage sign to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the U.S. with the center piece being a design of the gazebo.

Story Time features pizza, dinosaurs

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WARREN – The Warren Public Library had a fun story time this past week featuring dinosaurs and pizza decorating.

Reading the stories was Patricia Lalli, who is a retired children's librarian. Lalli has been a substitute librarian at the Warren Public Library for the last few years and enjoys participating in story time.

Lalli read two books featuring pizza and dinosaurs. Dinosaurs are one of the

two main themes for this year's summer reading programming.

With dinosaurs being a child favorite, Lalli brought the book "Pizzasaurus" by Tammi Sauer and illustrated by Kyle Beckett. This book follows the unique Pizzasaurus who is known for his love of pizza and teaches kids about friendship and sharing.

Lalli brought another book called "A Pizza My Heart" by Steph Stilwell.

After story time, kids got to create their own pizza craft with stickers shaped like various toppings.

Kids have a lot to look forward to this summer by visiting the Warren Public Library during Summer Reading. Kids will be learning a lot about dinosaurs, archeology and paleontology.

"Digging up things you enjoy," said Gena LaScala.

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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Patricia Lalli read "A Pizza My Heart" during story time at the Warren Public Library



Dinosaur origami

'Unearth A Story' with Summer Reading

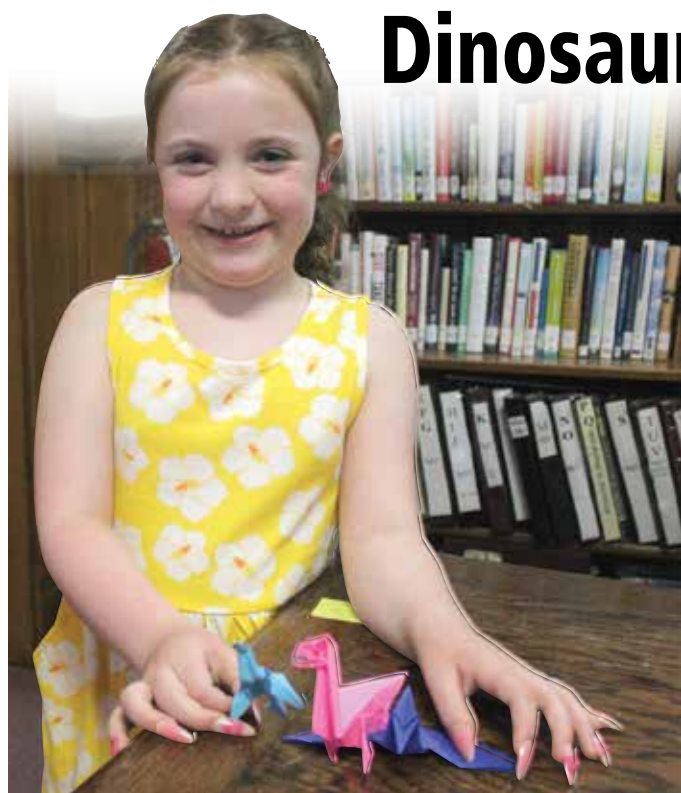
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WARREN – The Warren Public Library hosted a dinosaur origami program this past week as Summer Reading has kicked off.

This origami activity is part of the library's 2026 Summer Reading Programming known as "Unearth A Story."

During this program, kids learned a lot about dinosaurs through various activities. The most recent activity was

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Sloane is shown with her origami dinosaurs that she made at the Warren Public Library. On the table were her origami brachiosaurus, pterosaur and plesiosaurus.

Lions host community service carnival to launch new club

WARREN – The public is invited to experience the service, fellowship, and community spirit of Lions Clubs at the upcoming Lions Service "Carnival"

on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the St. Stanislaus Polish Club, South St., West Warren, in conjunction with the Ware Lions.

The family-friendly event will showcase the many ways Lions Clubs serve their communities while offering a day of fun activities, food, and entertainment for all ages.

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about

Lions Club membership and community service programs, as well as participate in free eye screenings.

Children can enjoy a bounce house and games, while complimentary refreshments – including snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs and water – will be available for children while supplies last.

A highlight of the day will be a Cornhole Tournament beginning at noon. Registration and warm-up activities start at 11 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 per person, with cash prizes awarded to top competitors.

Participants may register in advance through the

Scoreholio app or sign up on the day of the tournament. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit local veterans.

"This event is a way we can make the community aware of what the Lions have to offer the community, and it is also part of a membership drive with the hopes of starting a new club in Warren," said Curt Jameson, past district governor of Lions Clubs District 33A and chair of the event.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, contact Jameson at curt6203@gmail.com.



community

Historical Commission hosts 250th Birthday Cake Picnic

WARE – The Ware Historic Commission invites residents and visitors to join them for America’s 250th Birthday Cake Picnic on Sunday, July 26, from 11 a.m. -2 p.m. in the Great Hall at Ware Town Hall.

As part of Ware’s Historical Day celebrations commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the commission is inviting the community to help throw America a birthday party – by bringing a cake.

Participation is simple. Bring a cake, receive a cake number, display your creation, sample cakes brought by fellow participants, and vote for your favorites.

At the end of the event, prizes will be award-

ed for Tastiest Cake, Prettiest Cake and the cake that best represents the theme of the U.S.’s 250th Anniversary/1776 History.

This isn’t a professional baking competition, and you don’t need to be an expert baker to participate. Whether your cake is simple or elaborate, traditional or imaginative, the commission would love to see what you create.

This is a celebration of America’s 250th birthday, so have fun with it.

The Cake Picnic is just one part of a fun-filled afternoon at Ware Town Hall. Throughout Historical Day, visitors will be able to enjoy historical displays, presentations, tours, exhibits and other family-friendly activities celebrating Ware’s histo-

ry and America’s 250th anniversary.

Participants bringing cakes are encouraged to arrive as close to 11 a.m. as possible so that all cakes can be displayed and included in the voting throughout the event.

Voting will remain open during the afternoon, with winners announced at 2 p.m.

Whether you’re bringing a cake, sampling the creations of others, exploring the exhibits, or simply joining the festivities, the commission hopes you’ll come celebrate with them.

Join the commission on July 26 as Ware comes together to celebrate our nation’s birthday – one slice at a time.

Sewing class offered on July 21

WARE – Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Park and Pleasant streets, will host a sewing class on Tuesday, July 21 from 6-8 p.m.

The fee is \$5 and materials will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

Participants will learn to sew by hand or with a machine. Join the class to become familiar with hand or machine sewing and leave with a finished project.

Fee free to bring your own machine and something to mend.

Call 413-967-6100 to reserve your spot.

Play ball with Hardwick libraries this Saturday

HARDWICK – Dig in and Read at the Hardwick Summer Reading Program at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

There are activities and prizes for children through adult readers. Join the fun and explore history, science, and culture and dig into dinosaurs, paleontology, archaeology, American history, and plants, nature and gardening.

Hear a story on Thursday, July 9 at 4 p.m. and make giant paper flowers on Saturday, July 11 at 10 a.m.

Vintage Base Ball will be played on Saturday, July 11 at 1 p.m. Join the library’s team, the Hardwick Haymakers, to defeat the Westfield Wheelman in a baseball game with Civil War rules or just come to watch the action at Roach Field and eat hot dogs and popcorn provided by the Parks and Recreation Committee to support their work.

Please call 413-477-6704 or email paigelibrary.hardwick@gmail.com for any questions or to secure your place at an event.

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 2023 showed members of the Ware Middle School Parent Teacher Organization at the end of summer block party, Kim Senecal, Jackie Koczur and Melissa Esteves.

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

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offer a food stand. Piechota explained that this applicant approached the Board of Health for a food stand permit and the board is okay with it but advised the resident to explain his operation to the commissioners.

Piechota’s main concern was how a food stand would impact fundraisers put on by sports clubs, who usually run their own concessions as fundraising opportunities. Piechota suggested that the food stand operator could work with these organizations as a benefit for both parties.

The applicant said he was looking to offer a food tent with grilled cheese, burgers, hot dogs, soda and water as beverages and steak and cheese. In the past, vendors have tried operating in the park and haven’t been successful.

With baseball season ending, the next busy season is with soccer and football. The operator would be

using a propane tank and said he would not need to drive his vehicle onto the field to set up. The name of the business is Boo Eats.

In the past, the Lions Club would operate their food truck during park events, including concerts. The Parks Commissioners recommended the operator talk with some of the organizations and possibly work with them.

The Commission made a motion and agreed to permit Boo Eats to set up food vending tent under the Parks Manager’s jurisdiction, starting with weekdays through the summer season, pending on Town Manager’s approval.

Memorial Park bathrooms

Piechota announced that the bathroom project at Memorial Field was complete.

250th celebration events

The Parks Commissioners approved a request from the town’s 250th U.S. Celebration Committee Nicole Croteau about using spray paint on the grass using stencils to make the park more festive during the parade on Aug. 1.

Bathroom location/design

Parks Commissioner William Imbier received a message that the builders for the bathroom are coming later in the week. Town Manager Stuart Beckley is trying to contact and hopefully hear back from the person doing the septic work.

Piechota and the commission discussed if they

could put septic out to bid with septic construction and running waterline to the barn restroom. After talking with Beckley, it can be done. The Commission is still looking for a designer.

E-bikes/camera

The Parks Commissioners discussed concerns about e-bikes during their meeting. Piechota said he spoke with the police chief for some insight and found out there are rules already in place.

Piechota shared that this is an issue regarding how to enforce e-bike rules across the commonwealth.

Kim Swarts of the Parks Commission said safety is a big concern since some e-bike riders who have driven through the park in the past are not following the speed limits. Piechota was also told that the police will try to patrol the park more.

The other concern is e-bikers have been spotted going down the wrong way on one-way roads.

Parks Manager updates

Piechota’s update talked about hearing from a Selectboard member who knows someone that is looking to offer two bridges for the park. The concern is if they will fit and if there is a use for them.

There was also a mentioning of a fire department fundraiser for Aug. 8 and Aug. 29 during a softball tournament.

Piechota said National Night Out will be held on Aug. 3 this year.

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WARE HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES

Shown are the Ware Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2026 graduates: Jonathon Adkins, Peter Anton, Irmak Bagci, Autumn Beauregard, Sean Bernier, Jadrien Berthiaume, Damian Brace, Sophia Brower, Ryder Cahalan, Emily Clark, Thomas Cleveland, Brayden Compton, Ethan Corder, Isabella Cotaj, Sofia Diaz, Olivia DiRienzo, Troy Dufresne, Philip Dupell, Melody Duran, Liam Frederick, Jack Gaudreau, Deja Gonzalez, Brady Guimond, Dominic Harper, Jacoby Heredia, Amani Johnson, Kyle Kaczuvka, Kaleb Kanozek, Brodie Koczur, Maia Lamothe, Maliah Lee, Shealee Logan, Jehslynn Lopez, Marek Luongo, Chase Lyons, Enrique Martinez, Anthony McRobbie, Aidan Montone, Malachy O'Conner, Shaymus O'Conner, Alex Orszulak, Elizabeth Pendleton, Ella Przypek, Daniel Ramirez, Sophia Rheäume, Janasia Roman, Mariah Rosa, Destiny Routhier, Madisyn Slattery, Paizlea St. Pierre, Lyric Stover, Nathan Trzpit, Emmanuel Valenzuela Ortez, Adrianna Winot and Robert Wood.

Ware Grange gardening workshop July 13

WARE – The Ware Grange’s next gardening workshop, “Composting,” will be held on Monday, July 13 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road. The presenter will be Rubén Parrilla, Education Director for the Northeast Organic Farming Association. In this workshop, participants will learn how to transform yard waste and some kitchen scraps into nutrients to keep garden soil healthy, how to manage a compost pile, how to compost if you have limited space, and when to use the compost in your garden. Visit Ware Grange on Facebook or at waregrange.org for more information.

Ware Senior Center NEWS

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, 413-967-9645, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

ACTIVITIES
Monday, July 13

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch

Tuesday, July 14

- 9 a.m. Exercise Class at Valley View Housing
- 10 a.m. Council on Aging meeting. Open to the public.
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Five Wishes Presentation. Call 413-967-9645 by noon on Monday, July 13 to RSVP or be put on the lunch list.

Wednesday, July 15

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

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

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

12:30 p.m. Knit-Crochet-Laugh

5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class.

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

LUNCHES
DINE IN 11:30 a.m.
All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted

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

Monday, July 13
Lazy Pierogi, Dessert of the Day

Tuesday, July 14
Pastrami Sandwich, Potato Salad, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, July 15
Fried Chicken, Baked Potato, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, July 16
Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Dessert of the Day

Friday, July 17
Turkey Waldorf Sandwich, Onion Rings, Dessert of the Day

Ware Junior/Senior High School lists fourth quarter honor roll

WARE – Ware Junior/Senior High School announced the fourth quarter honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year

Grade Seven, High Honors
Keyana Baxter-Churchill, Rhys Clark, Natalie Finocchio, Micah Gondola, Afina Griffith, Emma Hillebrand, Nicolette Janusz, Houston Lints, Julyana Lontin, Damien Martinez, Hailey Melchionne, Emma Mulcahy, Brianna Ramirez-Minas, Annabella Rheäume, Aiden Stebbins and Bennet Wnek.

Grade Seven, Honors
Cindy Cotaj, Aiyana-Mae David, Rylee Estridge, Samantha Giordano, Rowan Hillebrand, Savannah LaFond, Gabriel Lagacy-Tanguay, Richard Lamonda III, Jazmyne Libby, Symphony Mendoza, Miriam Milligan, Noah Rasys, Gemma Robidoux and Mason Viess.

Grade Eight, High Honors
Robert Beauregard, James Devlin, Sophia Epley-Nourse, Esmeralda Esteves, Mason Gagne, Ryder Harper, Juliette Howard, Nathan Kelly, Ellyana Lavalley, Pinyaphut Matin, Myah Provencher, Sean Taylor, Alana Tolman and Liam Wedhoff.

Grade Eight, Honors
Leah Allen, Skyshe Anglero-Rosario, Scarlet Bergeron, Rosaida Carrion, Roman Chadwick, Alena Colapietro, Sophia Colapietro Anivea Confer, Michael Goss, Lucas Jurczyk, Ashton King, Emily Koczur, Quinn Lanigan, Aidan Lemon, Riley Logan, Sincere McLaurin, Olivia Osgood, Isaac Peterson, Josiah Rivera, Alexandria Schmidt, Sage Supka, Matthew Valenzuela Ortez,

Whisper-Leigh Wagher and Andres Zapata.

Grade Nine, High Honors
Lana Bennington, Gloria Cotaj, Dane Dulak, Josephine Galeckas, Gabrielle Kaczuvka, Mason Kalafarski, dmund Klee, Daisy Laverdiere, Alexandria Mickna, Madison Mitchell, Chloe Moody, Laila Perron, Alisha Rivera, Andrew Shaw, Roman Viess and Zoey Wattu.

Grade Nine, Honors
Thanishka Cordero, Lucy Hebert, Jennavesia Josephson, Raymond Kularski, Jackson Musnicki and Andrew Rheäume.

Grade 10, High Honors
Natalie Alencar Marsicano de Melo, Leland Cote, Callie Cygan, Caelaeb Dubois, Anna Dulak, Brennan Johnson, Aaliyah Kemp, Laura Landgren, Mason Lee, Alexandra Marceau, Amelia Orszulak, Acalia Rivera Rolon and Matthew Skutnik.

Grade 10, Honors
Sophie Blais, Demitri Bonilla, Jadyn-Amy Boulrice, Destiny Diaz, Carlea Foley, Aralyn Garcia, Jackson Haddad, Molly McGrail, Colin Pennington, Levi Ramirez-Minas and Enzo Santo.

Grade 11, High Honors
Olivia Beaumier, Andrew Bonilla, Carly Brown, Emily Jones, Dalton Marquis, Reese McKeever, Elena Mirabile, King Stallings and Ohana Wall.

Grade 11, Honors
Leviathan DeBettencourt, Cam Grushey, Troy Jurczyk, Charles Knight, Mia Markham, Jacob McNamee, Summer McRobbie, Edjue John Michael Owsiak, Sebastian Schmidt and Haylee Torotora.

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GUEST COLUMN

Microtransit and micromobility

By Cameron Delaney

Getting around today without a car is very difficult. Whether you need to walk down the street for groceries, but there are no sidewalks, or you need to get to a medical appointment, but the bus doesn't quite get you there, it is startling how much it costs to commute, whether by car or town infrastructure. It is no question that towns and cities are built for cars. Wide lanes, straight roads, and high speeds make it easy to get in a car and drive from Point A to Point B. However, it largely leaves pedestrians out of the picture. Even though roughly half of all trips made are three miles or less from a person's home, the infrastructure demands that you drive to get to and from your destination. It isn't realistic for our infrastructure to be completely redesigned, and at the same time the cost of owning a car is also getting increasingly expensive. What does this mean for those who don't own a car, and what alternatives can be used with the infrastructure we already have in place? Micromobility and microtransit are both potential alternatives to commuting without having to own a car or use traditional public transit. While the words look similar, there are important differences to be aware of. The term "micromobility" refers to "micro" modes of transportation such as bikes, scooters, and their electric counterparts. Microtransit, however, may be more ambiguous. "Microtransit" is transportation that is more flexible and demand-based, as opposed to operating on fixed routes such as buses or subway systems. Uber and Lyft are popular examples, but the Quaboag Connector is also a local example of microtransit. While these modes may seem more applicable in urban settings, they are just as capable in rural settings as well. Buses excel in locations where they can maximize ridership, which can result in stops being in higher-density areas and following a more direct path. When coverage is lacking, microtransit services

like the Quaboag Connector thrive. Allowing vehicles to reach more out-of-the-way pickups helps connect people to existing transit networks but also serves as a great way to get to and from your destination. Micromobility also has a spot in this picture, as it is a much more affordable alternative to using a car. It has the potential to reduce walking time by more than half, but there are some caveats. Micromobility requires a higher level of safety for non-vehicular modes of transportation that microtransit doesn't have to deal with. Wide lanes and a lack of designated bike lanes can make using a bike or scooter tricky, but for locations where they are available, convenient, and safe, it can greatly improve mobility for those without a car. With the location of Western Massachusetts in mind, there are also other concerns when it comes to micromobility. Winters in particular are a large obstacle that make it difficult to use, with icy conditions and long distances being a substantial hazard if you're not familiar traveling in the area without a car. While infrastructure that makes it safe and convenient to use microtransit and micromobility can take time to implement, it's not impossible to do so. It can take a small shift in attitude for change to become manageable, and leaning on these alternative modes can make it easier to navigate rural Massachusetts without a car. The Quaboag Connector is a great way to manage those longer distances, but don't be afraid to use a bike for smaller trips when it's safe to do so. Coordinating group rides improves safety and can signal to policymakers that this is an infrastructural change that people want to see. It can start with one ride, but with enough persistence, it can change the tides of travel for the better. Adequate transportation is crucial, especially for rural areas where food and medical care can be more difficult to access. The only way to change how your environment is built is to tell the people in charge how to build it, and with a focus that extends beyond just cars, access to food and medical care may not be so far away.

Bad news and good news in this week's garden

My annual flower gardens were just starting to come into their own when I noticed some damage on the leaves. They looked chomped on from the outer edge going in. Some leaves also had a watery brown residue on them. Going by date, I knew the culprit already, even before digging around the base of the plant. The Asiatic Garden beetle is hard at work wrecking my plants. Read on to learn more about this pest. I've also got some good news. Blueberries and peas are ready for harvest. Yippee! The Asiatic Garden beetle is a bit smaller than the Japanese beetle and is chestnut brown in color. It feeds during the night, so look for chewed foliage in gardens or planter boxes under lamp-posts, street lights or other outside lights. Cultivate directly underneath the affected plant during the day and you will likely see the culprits scurry back into the soil. Usually they snuggle up very close to the stems an inch or so below the soil surface. Sometimes watering at the base of the plant will bring them to the top of the soil where they can be easily collected or squished. This is one pest you don't want to have around – send them swimming in a soapy bath or you may not have any plants left! In my experience, two plants they particularly love are coleus and calibrachoa. This year they are decimating my blue salvia. It's pretty amazing that I've found dozens a day in an 18-inch planter. If digging around in the soil isn't your

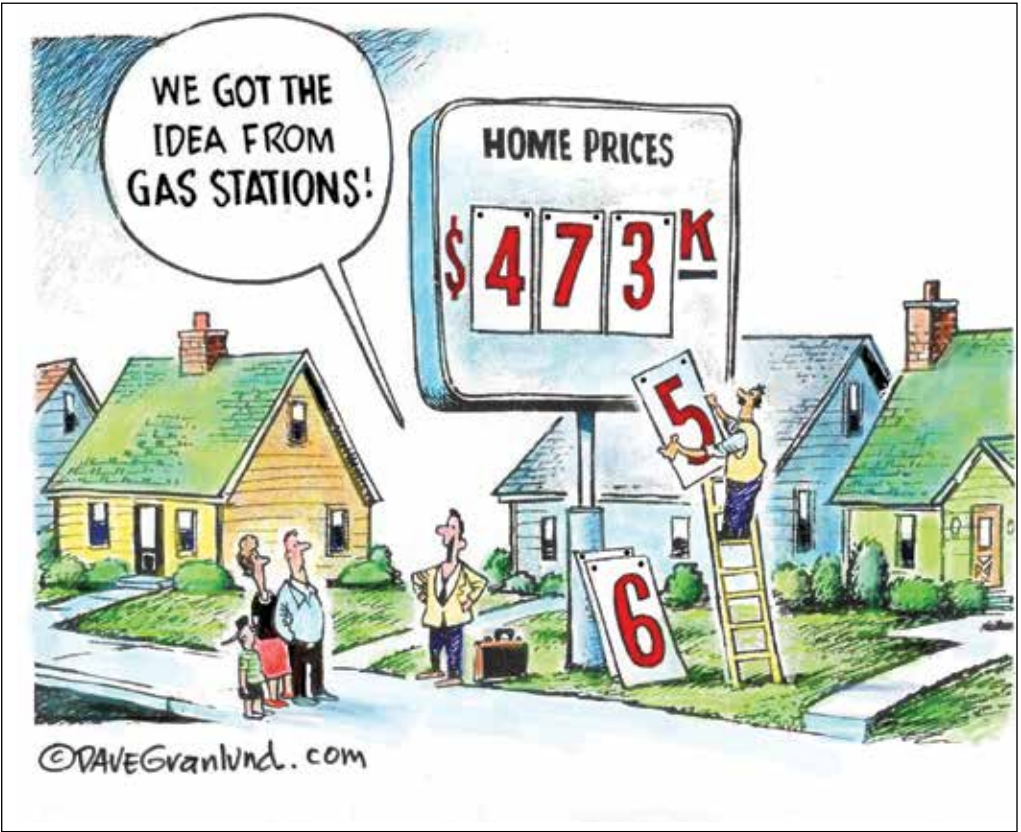
style, go out near dusk with a headlamp or flashlight and pick them right off the plant. Hand picking can significantly cut down on the damage.



One note of good news is that my blueberries are bearing great this year, really it's the first year that I've had a significant harvest since the bushes were given to me over a decade ago. I am pretty certain I owe it all to Organic Grower Supply through Fedco Seeds, (fedcoseeds.com), where I purchased "Blueberry Booster." I ordered the fertilizer last year and applied 3 pounds per bush in the springtime. Lo and behold it worked. I have enough to do it again this fall since I missed the opportunity this past spring. A blend of Granite Meal, sulfur, Tennessee brown rock phosphate, compost, and Azomite, the mix reduces the soil pH and provides the nutrients necessary for healthy blueberry plants and good fruit. Fourth of July weekends over the last several years have been spent picking, shucking and freezing peas, and this year is no exception. It's technically a tradition

around my house. Now you may be thinking that I really know how to have fun, but to me, this is what summer is made of! I plant my peas the end of April, so typically they ripen almost on cue each year! I plant three seeds deep a couple of inches apart up against the interior of my garden fence where they naturally climb up with their tendrils attaching to one another and the fence. I loosen up the soil prior to planting, but I never add any fertilizer – maybe just a sprinkling of compost if I am feeling generous. Since peas are legumes, they "fix" their own nitrogen from the air. I do soak the seeds in an inoculant prior to planting them, however, to make the fixation happen easily and to reportedly increase yield. If you are going to try your hand at freezing your "shell" peas, as opposed to sugar snap or snow peas, be sure to pick, shuck and freeze in the same sitting, since peas begin to lose their sweetness within hours of being off the plant. Like anything else, we take the good with the bad. As long as there is enough good, we won't throw in the trowel just yet.

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Farming as a verb, not a noun

By Drew Blazewicz

Words are important. It's probably obvious that I believe that, given my propensity for writing as a way of sharing and processing information. Our realities are shaped by the stories we tell ourselves and others (as well as the stories we tell *about* ourselves *to* others and vice versa). So when it came time to choose a name for our agricultural endeavor it felt important to choose something that captured the essence of what we were working towards and how we

thought of this project. Long before my partner, Marissa, and I got into the act of naming our farm we



had spent years discussing the practicalities of our farming plans as well as the philosophies behind them. After an intensive season studying and participating in the food system, operating in the margins of excess and redistribution, we were

drawn to starting our own farm with a few principles in mind. We saw shifting our food system towards smaller farms practicing more ecologically sound growing as a necessary step to meet the challenges of climate and societal change. Inspired by so many others who came before us in this tradition, both ancient and contemporary, we wanted to work towards shepherding in a new world that recenters both human connection to the earth as well as to each other. Thus "Tending Tomorrow" was conceived as an expression of that desire; actions taken today to nurture the world we want to be a part of tomorrow. In Braiding Sweetgrass, Robin Wall Kimmerer explains a significant difference between the English and Potawatomi languages; the prevalence of verbs versus nouns. She describes English as a noun-heavy language; things *are* one thing. This language is useful for a specific type of reasoning and logic, and lends itself to an atomized and disconnected worldview. On the other hand, the Potawatomi language uses verbs to describe things. One example given is that the word for "bay" would be directly translated as "water taking the form of the bay."

This language recognizes transience, and transience illuminates our interconnectedness. The water is acknowledged as being the same as the water that later takes the form of rain, or the river that runs down into the bay, or that feeds our crops and our bodies. Our endeavor is not a fixed or concrete thing, it's a verb; an ongoing act. Our farming methods are often experimental, sometimes to the point of failure, but always with the goal of repairing and strengthening local ecologies and global systems. As we try new approaches, both in the practicalities

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Examples of origami dinosaurs made by local artist Faye during the Dinosaur Origami program at the Warren Public Library.

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Dinosaur Origami with local artist Faye serving as the instructor.

Origami is an art form featuring paper folding, which Faye described as an art with a lot of steps to follow and patience.

Prior to the program Faye did some research on origami for dinosaurs and committed to an hour of trying to memorize the making of one particular dinosaur. The creativity built from there and Faye had dozens of examples of origami dinosaurs displayed on a table.

Faye made brachiosauruses, triceratopses, tyrannosaurus rexes, pterosaurs and plesiosaurs.

Faye has been practicing origami for almost 20 years and was ready to bring dinosaurs to life alongside her youth and adult crafters.

Faye said she loves working on origami of all kinds and describes origami as a meditative practice and is a skill where you pay attention to detail.

“Pace yourself and focus,” Faye said. “Do not rush.”

The dinosaur Faye worked on with the kids was a brachiosaurus, a tall plant-eating dinosaur with a long neck that once lived in prehistoric North America millions of years ago. This long-necked dinosaur requires a lot of paper folds.

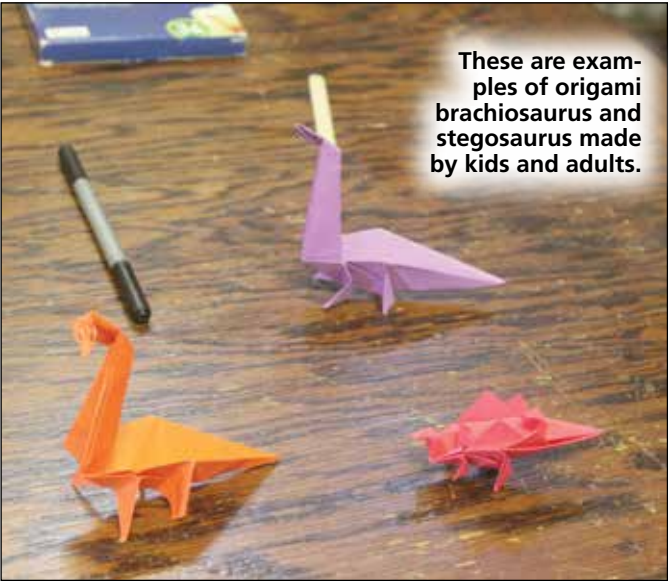
Faye shared some of the terminology related to origami, including mountain folds and valley folds. The kids and adults carefully followed each step explained by Faye as each fold got closer to becoming a dinosaur.

One of the toughest parts came toward the end when Faye and her fellow origami crafters had to fold and shape the head of the brachiosaurus. According to Faye, the toughest origami dinosaurs to make were the triceratops and stegosaurus because of the horn and spike shapes.

The kids were having fun making origami dinosaurs



Faye showed the kids each step to making an origami brachiosaurus.



These are examples of origami brachiosaurus and stegosaurus made by kids and adults.

and Faye always enjoys doing crafts at the Warren Public Library with the kids.

“The kids are great,” Faye said.

The final touches to the dinosaurs are the face drawings. Kids added eyes and mouths to their dinosaurs.

Faye went around the table to ask each kid what their favorite dinosaur is. Sloane said her favorite dinosaur is the water dinosaur, or the plesiosaurus.

Other favorites of the kids include the brachiosaurus, triceratops and the tyrannosaurus. Faye said her favorite dinosaur is a stegosaurus.

Faye will return to the Warren Public Library for another “Unearth A Story” Summer Reading program on Thursday, July 30 at 3 p.m., and will teach kids how to draw dinosaurs. With origami being so much fun, Faye said she will return to the library for more origami related workshops.

On Saturday, July 11 at 1 p.m., the Warren Public Library, 934 Main St., is hosting a Dinosaur Safari with Jonah Knight. More information can be found on the library’s Facebook page, and on warrenpubliclibrary.org.

Veterans card project honors local service members

WARREN – As our nation commemorates its 250th birthday, people are reminded of the courage, service and dedication that have helped shape this country.

In that spirit, Kathy Banas and the Senior Center Director Sharon Meli successfully secured funding through a Local Cultural Council grant for a special veterans’ appreciation project. Through this initiative, handmade cards were sent to registered voter veterans in the towns of Warren and West Warren as a heartfelt expression of gratitude for their service.

The project was the idea of Banas, who led the effort and devoted many hours to

bringing it to life. Her dedication, along with the support of the Senior Center Director, Local Cultural Council and several talented volunteers, helped make this meaningful gesture possible.

As people enjoy the warmth and celebrations of summer, the Warren Senior Center extends a sin-



Handmade cards were sent to veterans in Warren and West Warren.

cere thanks to all who have served our nation.

Family fun at St. Aloysius Parish BBQ on Aug. 2

HARDWICK – St. Aloysius Parish invites families from across the area to its Summer BBQ on Sunday, Aug. 2 with dinner served noon-1 p.m. at the South Barre Rod and Gun Club, 2626 Barre Road.

The afternoon is planned with every age in mind, from grandparents to grandchildren.

The meal is a half chicken dinner served with baked potato, corn on the cob, salad and watermelon. Children and adults alike can join in the games, and raffles and prizes will run throughout the afternoon.

Tickets are \$20 each and are available by calling the rectory at 413-477-6493. This is a

fundraiser to benefit the Parish Renovation Funds.

All are welcome to join in the fun.

About St. Aloysius Parish

St. Aloysius Parish serves the villages of Gilbertville and Wheelwright, from two worship sites, St. Aloysius Church (64 Church St., Gilbertville) and St. Augustine Mission (98 Church Lane, Wheelwright).

A parish of the Diocese of Worcester, it is home to St. Aloysius Catholic School and is served in collaboration with St. Francis of Assisi Parish in South Barre. Learn more at staloy-siusstaugustine.com.

Sons of A.L. host scholarship golf tournament

WEST BROOKFIELD – Sons of the American Legion, Post 244, West Brookfield is hosting its 21st Annual “Scholarship Scramble” Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 8 at Quail Hollow Country Club in Oakham.

The 18-hole tournament will have a 8 a.m. shotgun start. Chicken dinner, raffles and prizes to follow at the Legion Post 244 in West Brookfield.

The registration fee is \$120 per person and must be received by Aug. 1. To register, contact Kevin at 774-230-3262 or Gary at 508-450-8643.

Dinosaur Safari with Jonah Knight on July 11

WARREN – Have you ever wanted to join a Dinosaur Safari but didn’t think you could in New England? Turns out you can.

Get ready for a silly presentation full of surpris-

ing magic, dino-sized fun, and stories that stomp right out of dinosaur books with Jonah Knight at the Warren Public Library on Saturday, July 11 at 1 p.m.

Knight, an unlikely dinosaur expert, is an award

winning musician and playwright, and magician who has performed throughout the Bay State. Put on your safari hat and let Jonah take you on an adventure.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mended
7. Hymns
13. Commercial transport of goods
14. Poked holes in the ground
16. They precede C
17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth
19. Larry and Curly's pal
20. Injured
22. Popular type of dance
23. Moon crater
25. American state
26. Places to lock valuables
28. Stalk that supports the capsule
29. Keyboard key
30. "___ death do us part
31. A type of cage
33. A place to sleep
34. Annual music awards show
36. Made over

CLUES DOWN

38. Hard, stony substance
40. Incantations
41. Long-legged, wading bird
43. Breathe noisily
44. Congressman
45. Rip off
47. Golf score
48. Popular pickup truck
51. Where infants sleep
53. Music term
55. Small opening in a surface
56. Musical term meaning "very"
58. Soviet Socialist Republic
59. Treats with powder
60. Email subject line feature
61. A British lawyer
64. Expression of laughter
65. Farmer's calendar
67. Seeds used as food
69. Eurasian shrubs
70. Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

1. Hard things to kick
2. Collective of countries
3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
4. One-time Alabama running back
5. One's sense of self-esteem
6. Of the teeth
7. Treat with care
8. Type of whale
9. Curved structure
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)
12. Smallest interval in western music
13. Netherlands seat of government
15. Gives to charitably
18. Lout
21. Pastas
24. Release from restrictions

CLUES DOWN

26. Female sibling
27. Title of respect
30. Silver coins
32. Region in India
35. Partner to cheese
37. Dark or dusky
38. Pacific Northwest tree
39. Exaggerate
42. Toddler
43. Touch lightly
46. Fundamentals
47. Jeopardies
49. Curved structures
50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
52. Forming the bottom layer
54. Reciprocal of sine
55. Genus of Old World birds
57. New York college
59. Cloak
62. Kwahiri Leonard's team (abbr.)
63. Vietnamese offensive
66. "The Great Lakes State"
68. "___, myself and I"

public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of June 24-30, the Ware Police Department responded to 19 miscellaneous calls, 19 administrative calls, seven traffic violations, 13 emergency 911 calls, six harassments/stalks/threats, one trespass, three thefts/larcenies, 16 disturbances, three motor vehicle accidents, three suspicious/wanted, two breaking and enterings, two assist other agencies, four animal calls and 15 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Wednesday, June 24
10:31 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Advised
11:25 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Coldbrook Drive, No Action Required
5:59 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Street, Advised
6:02 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Park Avenue, Could Not Locate

Thursday, June 25
7:43 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Park Avenue, Complaint Taken Care Of
10:48 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Report Made
3:20 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, King Street, Advised
6:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, No Action Required
8:43 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Pleasant Street, Unfounded
9:08 p.m. Assault, North Street, Could Not Locate

Friday, June 26
11:28 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Investigated
11:31 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Hillside Village, Advised
11:46 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate
11:47 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Otis Avenue, Appears Secure After Check
12:28 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

2:48 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Eddy Street, Advised
5:36 p.m. Indecency/Lewdness, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
5:41 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Shoreline Drive, Dispatch Handled
6:40 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
9:53 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Pleasant Street, Unfounded

Saturday, June 27
12:38 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated
2:42 a.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Otis Avenue, Investigated
5:10 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Could Not Locate
5:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, West Main Street, Complaint Taken Care Of
12:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, West Main Street, Report Made
5:20 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Otis Avenue, No Action Required
5:43 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Spring Street, No Action Required
5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Otis Avenue, Citation/Warning Issued
6:24 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Main Street, Unfounded
8:07 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Pulaski Street, Report Made
8:37 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Cottage Street, Unfounded
9:55 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, North Street, Unfounded

Sunday, June 28
12:26 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Babcock Tavern Road, Unfounded
1:26 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Babcock Tavern Road, Could Not Locate
2:52 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Street, Unfounded
3:54 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Eddy Street, Services Rendered
7:53 p.m. Disturbance/

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Nuisance, Pulaski Street, Investigated
7:57 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered
8:21 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
9:59 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Coldbrook Road, Advised
11:43 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Main Street, Unfounded

Monday, June 29
12:09 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, West Main Street, Unfounded
12:48 a.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, Belchertown Road, Advised
9:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, West Street, Report Made
10:23 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
11:18 a.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
11:57 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Dispatch Handled
12:46 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Advised
1:09 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Church Street, Advised
9:31 p.m. Disturbance/Nuisance, South Street, Could Not Locate

Tuesday, June 30
6:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Criminal Complaint Request

Warren Police Log

During the week of June 14-20, the Warren Police Department responded to 99 building/property checks, 12 emergency 911 calls, two safety hazards, two motor vehicle accidents, one fraud, two complaints and 19 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, June 14
2:10 p.m. Complaint, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
3:53 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital
11:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Kelvin D. Garcia Hernandez, 34, Lowell Warrant

Monday, June 15
6:54 a.m. Complaint, Brimfield Road, Referred to Other Agency
8:53 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Liberty Street, Transported to Hospital
10:22 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Southbridge Road, Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, June 16
8:23 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
10:19 p.m. Falls, Comins Pond Road, Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, June 17
8:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
12 p.m. Sick/Unknown, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party
6:50 p.m. Harassment, Cronin Road, Officer Spoke to Party
7:56 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Bemis Road, Officer/Chief Advised
8:08 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle, Brook Road, Investigated
9 p.m. Safety Concern, Reed Street, Officer Spoke to Party
9:53 p.m. Safety Concern, Downtown, Officer Spoke to Party
9:55 p.m. Welfare Check, Yankee Drummer Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Thursday, June 18
10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Warren Road, Removed to Court/Lockup

Arrest: John O. Drungo, 62, Springfield Warrant
5:33 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital
7:04 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital
11:06 p.m. Fire/Smoke Investigation, Linder Road, Investigated

Friday, June 19
4:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
5:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Quaboag Street, Transported to Hospital
9:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Old West Brookfield Road, No Transport Required

Saturday, June 20
2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
9:09 p.m. Suspicious Person, East Road, Report Filed

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of June 29-July 6, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 46 building/property checks, 33 directed/area patrols, 13 radar assignments, three traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, six citizen assists, one assist other agency, six investigations, six complaints, one safety hazard, one scam, one vandalism, one trespass, one threat, one larceny/theft/shoptlifting, one missing person, one motor vehicle accident, five animal calls and three motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, June 29
9:11 a.m. Fire/Alarm, Church Street, Services Rendered
9:53 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, School Street, Transported to Hospital
1:46 p.m. 911 Elevator Calls/Alarms, Old Petersham Road, Officer Handled
3:46 p.m. Medical Emergency, Greenwich Road, Patient Refusal
5:17 p.m. Welfare Check, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, June 30
10:03 a.m. Assist Citizen, Upper Church Street, Spoken To
10:54 a.m. Safety Hazard, Czesky Road, Officer Handled
12:41 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Spoken To
3:05 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To
3:58 p.m. Investigation,

Out of Town, Negative Contact
8:02 p.m. Investigation, Out of Town, Investigated
8:05 p.m. Investigation, Out of Town, Services Rendered

Wednesday, July 1
9:25 a.m. Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Transported to Hospital
1:55 p.m. Vandalism, Off Prospect Street, Report Taken
3:05 p.m. Trespass, Barre Road, Officer Handled
3:41 p.m. Investigation, Out of Town, Negative Contact
3:41 p.m. 911 Threat, Barre Road, Peace Restored
4:53 p.m. 911 Scam, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
5:37 p.m. Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled
9:17 p.m. Investigation, Off Prospect Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, July 2
9:15 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Spoken To
11:07 a.m. 911 Misdial, Main Street, No Action Required
2:49 p.m. Assist Citizen, Maple Street, Spoken To
2:58 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
3:24 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital
8:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
8:47 p.m. Disturbance, Prouty Road, Arrest(s) Made

Friday, July 3
7:49 a.m. Assist Citizen, Grove Street, Services Rendered
8:43 a.m. Complaint, Patril Hollow Road, Officer Handled
9:22 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
2:53 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled
3:54 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Prospect Street, Services Rendered
10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Saturday, July 4
7:59 a.m. Assist Citizen, Police Department, Spoken To
5:55 p.m. Parking Complaint, Hardwick Pond Road, Officer Handled
8:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
8:25 p.m. Suspicious Activity, Greenwich Road, Unfounded
10:20 p.m. Complaint, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Negative Contact
10:45 p.m. 911 Missing Person, Joslyn Road, Officer Handled
Sunday, July 5
7:31 a.m. Complaint, Clapp Road, No Action Required
5:15 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
9:10 p.m. Complaint, Turkey Street, Officer Handled

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The Summer Reading program is called “Unearth A Story” and features fun programs for all ages. Dinosaur Origami takes place on Thursday, July 2 at 3 p.m. where local artist Faye teaches you how to make your own origami dinosaurs.

Faye will return to the Warren Public Library on Thursday, July 30 at 3 p.m. to teach kids how to draw dinosaurs.

On Saturday, July 11 at 1 p.m., The library will host a Dinosaur Safari with Jonah Knight featuring fun and interactive storytelling magic show featuring dinosaur discoveries.

Tuesday, July 7 at 1 p.m. will feature Digging Dinos with Diane Edgecomb. Guests will enjoy a fun dinosaur show put on by Edgecomb and will also get to play dinosaur jeopardy.

The finale for summer reading will take place on the common with a Dino Party. There will be several activity booths for kids to



Maverick worked on his pizza craft after hearing the stories “A Pizza My Heart” and “Pizzasaurus”.

enjoy during the Dino Party on Saturday, Aug. 8 at 11 a.m.

There will be scavenger hunts in the library all summer.

For more information, visit the Warren Public Library at 934 Main St. or call 413-436-7690.

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Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham. The four-person scramble tournament begins with registration at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The entry fee is \$100 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, skins competition, closest-to-the-pin contests and a meal following the tournament at Quail Hollow Country Club.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Brookfields Lions Club’s charitable programs and community service projects throughout the area. Through fundraising events such as this tournament, the club supports local organizations and individuals while carrying out the Lions’ mission of serving

those in need.

To register a team or obtain additional information, contact Kokansky at 508-847-9843. Registration is open now through Aug. 15.

About the Lions Club

As the world’s largest, youngest and most active service organization, the mission of Lions Clubs International is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding.

Members of the Brookfields Lions Club are dedicated to service and support in the communities of Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, and New Braintree.

Time capsule revealed

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Como began by thanking Sue Ramsey, Danielle Fountain, Jessie Sweeney and Anne Norton of the Parks Department and all the other volunteers who work hard to ensure the town has many memorable events.

The Bicentennial Committee's mission was to make the community's celebration something future generations would remember. The same committee helped organize the construction of the gazebo that still stands on the common to this day.

The gazebo was designed by John Rainka Sr., who also designed the two town plaques that are displayed at the library and in the Board of Selectmen's office at the Shepard Municipal Building.

Como said the gazebo, "became a symbol of community pride."

The idea of placing a time capsule beneath the gazebo came up and it would not be open until 50 years later.

Como talked about the various events that took place during the Bicentennial year.

In January 1976, the Henry Knox Trek passed through town to retrace the historic route Knox took to transport artillery from New York to Cambridge. In March of that year, the town received its bicentennial flag.

One the 4th of July, the common hosted many fun events to celebrate the 200th birthday of the U.S.. The time capsule was officially sealed and placed beneath the gazebo floor.

The bicentennial celebration ended in October of 1976 with the Liberty Ball held at the community center in West Warren.

Prior to the time capsule opening this past Saturday, it was removed from beneath the gazebo floor where it sat for 50 years, and it was found that the time capsule container had deteriorated and a lot of items inside were wet.

Members of the Parks Department, Fountain and Ramsey, acted quickly and spent a lot of time trying to preserve as many items as they could and laminated them so they could be seen under the gazebo during the 250th celebration.

Fountain, who helped preserve a lot of the items, counted about 58 items that were laminated. Though some may have deteriorated, a lot of these town treasures connected to Warren's history could be seen.

The capsule featured items and artifacts from numerous ownerships. Items such as photographs, documents, letters and other historic pieces were provided by town departments, businesses, residents and organizations.

Joe Como added that some items also include blueprints for the gazebo.

The unveiling started with residents lining up in front of the gazebo. John Como and Tina Como did the ceremonial ribbon cutting in front of the line before the capsule's items were revealed. Both served on the Bicentennial Committee for Warren.

"This is a big year for the Town," Joe Como said.

Members of the Como



A line of residents waited to see the items that were placed in the time capsule in 1976.



Sue Como is shown during her speech prior to the time capsule reveal.



Dozens of preserved documents and photographs from the time capsule were revealed and date back to 1976



The Robert Drew family and Como family provided historic items for display leading up to the gazebo. Items include the gazebo groundbreaking shovel with signatures on the handle.



A memorable piece of Warren's history on display. This piece was made by John Rainka back in the 1970s.

family and Drew family brought historic items for display leading up to the gazebo. One unique item was a sign with a unique story of its own.

This framed sign included Warren's incorporation in the year 1834 with messages reading "Queen of the Quaboag" and "Warren Among the Hills".

This historic piece was made by John Rainka back in the 1970s. The sign was lost and found in the Quaboag River, but the center piece of the sign took about 30 years to find. It was recuperated back in the early 2000s.

David Shepard of the Highway Department shared some historic items of his own. Shepard brought a 50-year-old flag that was from the bicentennial year.

Shepard talked about Elm View Farm and had a hat highlighting the farm's 300th

birthday, which took place in 2015. Shepard also brought a milk bottle with pictures highlighting the ninth, tenth, and 11th generation of the family.

Robert Drew's family brought costumes for the display, which were once used during the Bicentennial celebration back in 1976. Dan Thibodeau and Tiffany Thibodeau were wearing some of the historic costumes during the 250th celebration.

During her speech, Sue Como encouraged everyone in town to become part of the next chapter of Warren's history by working with the Parks Department to help collect, organize and contribute items for a new time capsule, which will be sealed for the next 50 years.

There was a lot happening on the common as part of celebrating the 4th of July. The Fraternal Order of

Eagles in West Warren prepared hamburgers and hot dogs during the celebration.

For entertainment, singer and guitarist Dusty Briggs came out to perform live music. Many of Briggs' covers were patriotic and fit the occasion perfectly as the community celebrated the 250th birthday of the U.S.

Families got to enjoy some lawn games, including cornhole and kids also got to enjoy a bounce house that was set up.

The Farmer's Market was also happening on the common and featured local farms as vendors, including Dupuis Farm, Fountain Farm and Dirtie Mamas Farm.

Warren celebrated the past and present over the weekend. After the 250th celebration, the town is ready to write its next chapter.



Dan Thibodeau and Tiffany Thibodeau wore costumes that were used during the bicentennial celebration in Warren back in 1976.



The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 4133 prepared the food for a community cook out during the 250th celebration in Warren.



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ArtWorks Gallery invites art-lovers to LandEscape

WARE – Workshop13’s ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St., presents a new exhibition called LandEscape.

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LandEscape is on display now through Aug. 2. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m.

For those who cannot attend the show in person, a virtual gallery is available for viewing at workshop13.org.

Fine artist Shona Macdonald served as the juror for LandEscape.

Kathy Halper was awarded Best in Show for her striking painting, Tree Shadows.

Halper is self-taught, exhibiting artist with 30+ years of experience and a portfolio of work ranging from painting, mixed media, and textiles, to

sculpture. Career highlights include exhibition opportunities at Art Basel Miami, gallery representation in NYC/ Los Angeles/Chicago, a profile in Huffington Post as well as other international publications.

Porter Gifford received an Honorable Mention: Work on Paper for Pool #3174, Concord, MA, and Jackie Boudreau Kinsey received an Honorable Mention: Painting for Shivelight Dream.

Three works received an Honorable Mention: Creative Interpretation: Consolation by Cai Vail, Refuge: Azores Beach by Richard Wollman, and Small Feather by Cathy Durso. Each of these artists and their works will be spotlighted on Workshop13’s social media pages



Tree Shadows by Kathy Halper (Best in Show)

as well as in their weekly newsletter.

Art Works Gallery is offering a free plein air painting session outside the gallery (inside if it’s raining) facil-

itated by fine artist Loretta Medeiros. This session will take place on Saturday, July 18, from 1:30-4 p.m.

Artists can bring their own materials, and Workshop13 can supplement. This plein air session is free and open to the public.



Shivelight Dream by Jackie Boudreau Kinsey (Honorable Mention: Painting)

About ArtWorks Gallery
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Refuge: Azores Beach by Richard Wollman (Honorable Mention: Creative Interpretation)



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

Admission to concerts is free and concerts are weather dependent. Concert dates include July 9, Wicked Biscuit; July 16, Bigelow; July 23, The Bridge; July 30, Charlie Lask and Forever Diamond

with special guest Jimmy Mazz and Aug. 6, Woodshed. During each concert, the Ware Lions will have a concession stand selling hot dogs, chips, popcorn and beverages. Raffle tickets for prizes will also be available. This year’s raffle includes a chance to win a \$300 gasoline gift card to Brookside Mart on West Street. Tickets are \$10 each and available at Thursday night concerts, from any Ware Lions Club member, or at Nat Falk Men’s Clothing or St. Germain Insurance. The gasoline gift card winning ticket will be drawn on Thursday, July 30. Proceeds from this raffle go to Lion’s charities.



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SPORTS

Post 241 walks off against Aldenville



Theo Haley makes a throw to first.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE — Had Monson Post 241 shortstop Matt Santos come up with the game-winning hit against Aldenville (Chicopee) Post 337 at historic Legion Field, it probably wouldn't have meant as much to him as doing it a couple miles away at St. Joe's Ballpark in Thorndike.

The second meeting of the regular season between the two Senior Legion teams was still scoreless, entering the bottom of the seventh. With two outs and the bases loaded, Santos turned on a fastball and ripped it past the third baseman into left field, giving Monson a thrilling 1-0 walk-off victory last Wednesday night.

"The pitcher threw me a fastball. I knew I needed to get a base hit and win the game," Santos

said. "It's just a great feeling. This is also the first time that I've ever won a game on this field."

Santos, who recently received his high school diploma, was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Palmer High School. He was the 2026 recipient of the Karl Oliveira Memorial Tri-County Baseball Scholarship Award.

Oliveira, who passed away in 2021, spent many summers playing baseball at St. Joe's Ballpark for the St. Joseph's Saints in the prestigious Tri-County Baseball League.

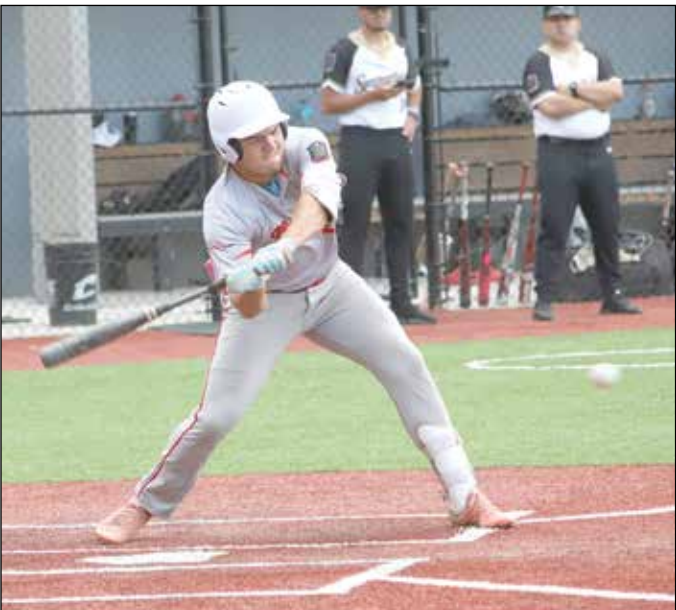
"Matt is a great kid and he's the perfect candidate to receive this year's scholarship award," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "Karl and I were teammates on the varsity baseball team at Palmer High School. This field was his shrine. Karl probably played 1,000 games

here and this is a very memorable night."

The Monson Legion baseball team normally plays their home games at Legion Field, but they were forced to

move last Wednesday game to St. Joe's Park due to a scheduling conflict.

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Kyle Kaczuwka takes a swing at an outside pitch.



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Brayden Mega signals to the batter as he leads off second base.

Pioneers, Black Rock battle to 1-1 draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Just when it appeared that the Western Mass. Pioneers were set to close out a 1-0 shutout victory against Black Rock FC, a late lapse gave the visitors from Nashua, New Hampshire an opportunity to score the tying goal.

Black Rock FC converted a corner kick goal during the seventh minute of stoppage time and last Friday night's USL League 2 match-up held at Lusitano Stadium ended in a 1-1 draw.

The result all but ended the Pioneers' postseason hopes, eliminating them from the USL League Two play-offs for the first time since joining the league in 2019.

"I really don't know what happened at the end of tonight's game," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Almost everything has gone wrong for us this season."

It was the third consecutive tie between the two teams, who played a scoreless tie in the first meeting of the season on June 3. The two squads also played a 1-1 draw at Lusitano Stadium a year ago.

The Pioneers entered the final week of the 2026 regular season sitting in third place in the Northeast Division table with a 7-2-3 (24 points) overall record.

The Western Mass. squad were scheduled to play at AC Connecticut on Tuesday night before hosting the first place and undefeated Vermont Green FC, who have already clinched a playoff berth, in the regular season finale on Friday night.

NEFC (10-2-0), who joined the league a year ago, is sitting in second place with

30 points. They only need a tie against either last place Boston City FC or the Albany Rush to officially lock up a playoff spot for the first time. NEFC defeated the Pioneers, 4-2, at Lusitano Stadium on May 23.

Black Rock FC (5-3-3, 18 points) has the chance to tie for third place if they can win their final three matches and the Pioneers lose a match.

Each soccer team earns three points for a victory and one point for a draw.

Just like in their first meeting of the regular season meeting a month earlier, neither Black Rock FC nor the Pioneers scored a goal during the first 45 minutes of last Friday's contest.

Gerônimo Gomes had two of the shot attempts for the home side during the opening half.

At the beginning of the contest, Jackson Gould lined a shot from outside the top of the box that sailed wide of the net.

The Pioneers, who had four corner kicks in the first half, best scoring chance came during the 36th minute. That's when a shot taken by Vasco Teixeira clanged off the post keeping the match scoreless a little bit longer.

Down at the other end of the field, Western Mass. goalie Ben Alexander didn't have to make any saves during the first half.

The Pioneers finally ended the scoreless drought with a free kick goal in the 65th minute.

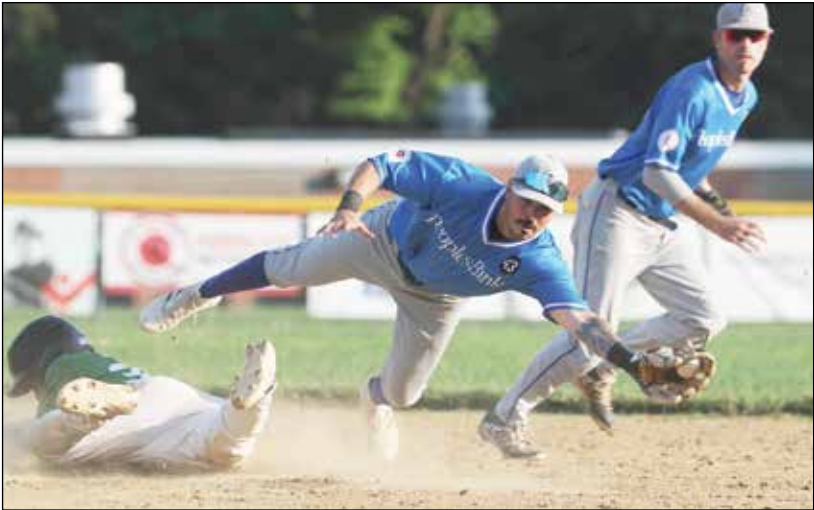
The duo of Ronan O'Brien and Shun Murasawa, who



Riley Priddy dribbles up the field.



Pete Hogan fires down to second to try and catch a base stealer.

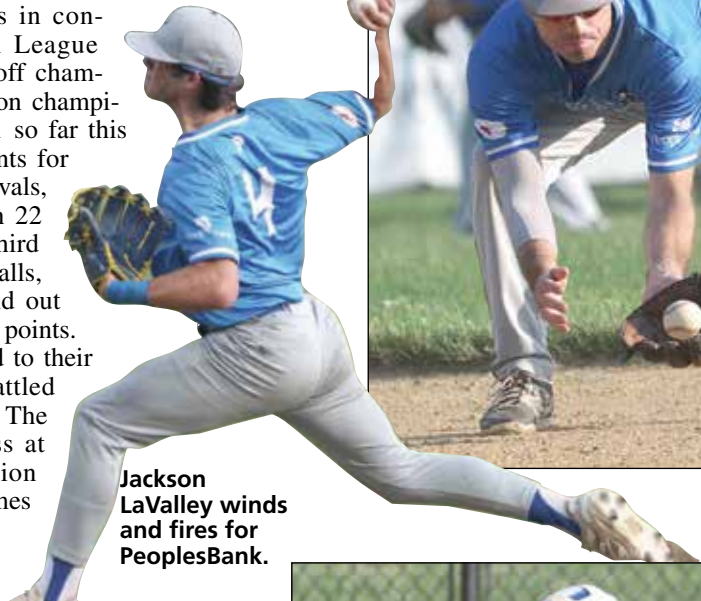


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Brian Hungerford tries to keep a throw from getting to the outfield.

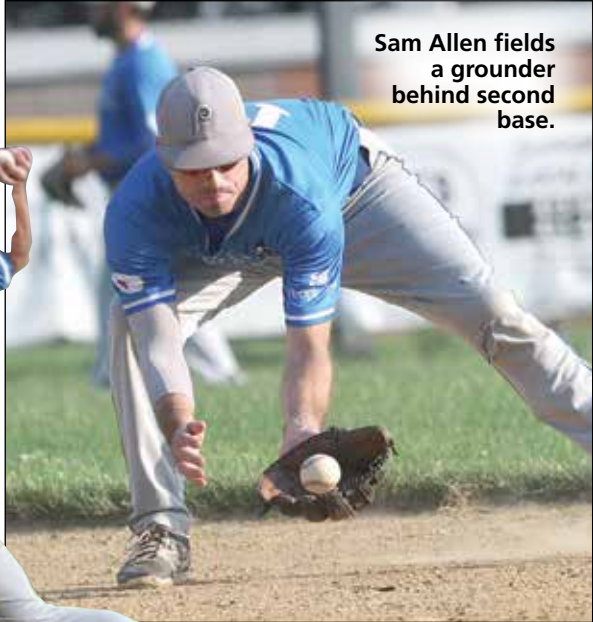
Bankers in control following Fourth of July holiday

HOLYOKE – PeoplesBank is in control of the Tri-County Baseball League once again, as the longtime playoff champions and multi-time regular season champions stand at an impressive 11-1-1 so far this season. The Bankers have 23 points for the league lead with their main rivals, St. Joseph's, tugging behind with 22 points. Teddy Bear Pools holds third place at 17 points, while Turners Falls, the Spartans, and BankESB round out the standings, all with less than 10 points.

Last Monday, PeoplesBank played to their only tie of the season as they battled to a 2-2 draw with the Spartans. The game was called due to darkness at South Hadley High School. Action resumed earlier this week with games scheduled on Wednesday, July 8.



Jackson LaValley winds and fires for PeoplesBank.



Sam Allen fields a grounder behind second base.

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Rey Rivera fakes a throw after making a play.



Cam Rivest, of Agawam, swings and connects.

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sports

Relics host tournament to honor John DaSilva

LUDLOW – On Saturday, June 20, the Western Mass Relics, a longtime softball league for senior citizens, held their John DaSilva Tournament.

DaSilva, recently passed away, and was a huge member of the league. Members of the league had a lot of positive things to say about DaSilva.

DaSilva joined the Relics after retiring from the U.S. Air Force having served 33 years, with 29 years of active duty. The day he signed up, they were in need of coaches, and he was talked into coaching. DaSilva was a coach every year he played in the league. He coached and played on the Diamond Dawgs.

For the league, he served as the registrar, treasurer, and chairman of the Silver Division and also was responsible for field maintenance. When he wasn't at home he could be found at



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The four teams involved in the Silva Memorial Tournament.

the field.

DaSilva was, by nature, a fixer and a problem solver with many members. He settled many disputes. He ran the draft for picking teams in both divisions and created maintained many databases.

He, along with Pat Lombardo brought back the league's yearly picnic and

the annual Christmas party. There were many donations made for the picnic, which was a huge success with attendance and financially profitable to the Relics.

The tournament consisted of four teams looking to honor DaSilva's contributions to the league.



Joe Perla sends a pitch away.

Former players of the Western Mass. Relics softball league Don Holcumb and Ralph Becker.

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stepped onto the pitch together during the 60th minute, produced the Pioneers goal.

O'Brien sent the ball into the box from the right side where Murasawa headed into the right corner for his first goal of the season.

"I just focused on the ball,

and I managed to score my first goal as a member of this team,"

Wynn Hammond looks to shoot.



Jackson Gould hustles up the field.

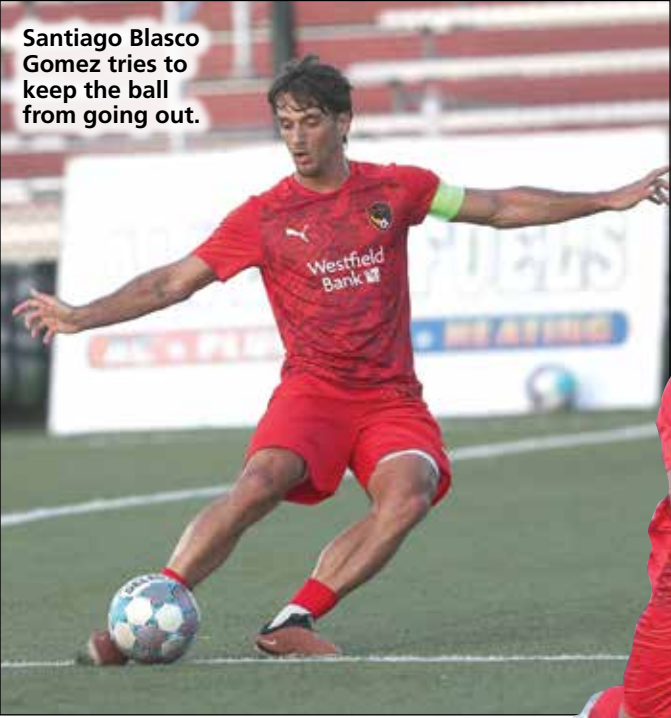
Murasawa said. It was a great feeling, but we lost our focus on the last play.

Murasawa was born in Kawasaki, Japan before moving to Franklin, Tennessee with his family as a sophomore in high school. He'll be a sophomore member of the UMass Amherst men's soccer team in the fall. He was recruited by UMass volunteer assistant coach Takehiko Nakamura.

Murasawa's roommate at UMass as a freshman was Thomas Wadas, who's also a member of the UMass soccer team. Wadas also plays for the Pioneers and was an outstanding soccer player at Ludlow High School.

"Thomas was my college roommate and teammate last year," Murasawa said. "He told me about the Pioneers, and I wound up playing here. It's been a lot of fun and it's a great atmosphere here."

The score remained 1-0 until stoppage time.



Santiago Blasco Gomez tries to keep the ball from going out.

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With ten Black Rock players standing inside the box on a corner kick, Juan O'Neill booted the ball from the right corner and goalie Christian Herluf Braae-Anderson put a shot into the net, which spoiled the Pioneers night.



Geronimo Gomez socks a free kick away.

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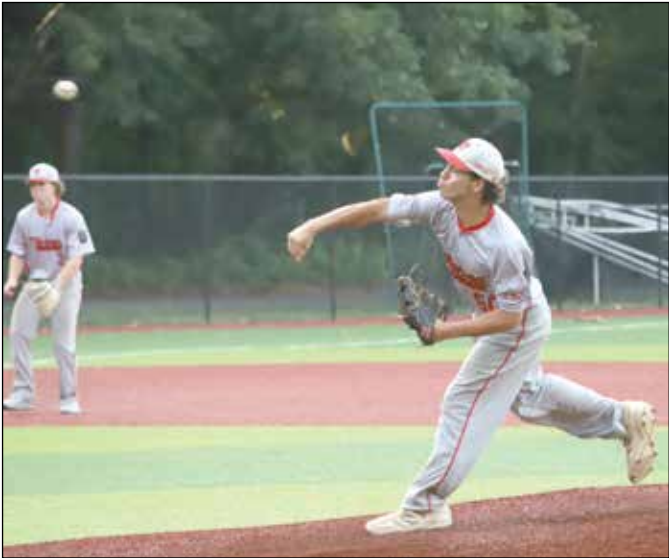
The walk-off victory snapped Monson's five game losing streak. Four of those losses were by one run. They entered this week's action with a 3-7 overall record.

"We've been in almost every game that we've played so far this season," Tripp said. "We played very well in tonight's game."

A week earlier, Aldenville (2-8-1) squeaked out a 1-0 victory against Post 241 at Legion Field.

"I think if we faced Monson 100 times, we probably would win 50 games and they would win 50 games," said Aldenville manager Nate Carillon. "We match up very well against each other. We had several scoring chances, but timely hitting wasn't on our side tonight."

The timely hit was deliv-



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Josiel Ortiz pitches for Post 241.

ered by Santos.

Liam McGrath, who was Monson's starting pitcher before taking over at first base in the seventh inning. He lined a line-drive sin-

gle into center field against Aldenville righthander Matt Butler leading off the bottom half of the seventh. McGrath was replaced at first base by pinch runner Hunter



Matthew Santos fields a clean grounder.

Sherman. A sacrifice bunt by Josiel Ortiz, who was a defensive replacement at second base, moved Sherman into scoring position. After the next batter grounded out to the second baseman, the

Aldenville manager decided to intentionally walk both DH Sebastian Mayberry and Kyle Kaczuwka, who started the game at second base, which loaded the bases with two outs.

"I decided to walk those two batters to get a forceout at any base and make it a little bit easier on the defense," Carillon said. "Their hitter just hit the ball very hard into left field for the game winning hit."

Not only did Santos collect the game-winning base hit, but he was also the winning pitcher. He replaced McGrath on the mound before the start of the seventh inning. Santos did hit a batter with one-out before recording back-to-back strikeouts.

McGrath, who was a junior on the Quaboag Regional High School varsity baseball team this past

spring, pitched very well during the first six innings. The righthander didn't allow any runs on just four base hits, which were all singles. He struck out 12 and issued four walks.

Two of Aldeville's base hits were by third baseman Cam Carpenter.

McGrath escaped a jam in the top of the first inning.

Centerfielder Justin Rivera hit a leadoff single into rightfield before stealing second base. Then short-stop Charlie Maxwell drew a walk. Both runners moved into scoring position with two outs following a double steal. McGrath ended the threat with a strikeout.

Maxwell singled to center leading off the third inning before stealing second base. McGrath retired the next three batters on a pop-up and two strikeouts.

Aldenville stranded five runners in scoring position during the first four innings.

Monson had a golden opportunity to take the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning.

With one-out, Santos walked. After the next batter hit a long flyball caught by Rivera, right fielder Emerson Boronski hit a flair single to left and first baseman Dayne Shanley followed with a walk loading the bases. Butler struck out the next hitter keeping the contest scoreless for a little bit longer.

Butler, who went the distance, also pitched very well. He allowed one run on seven hits with four K's.

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Stillman’s Farm stand undergoes remodeling

By Ellenor Downer
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NEW BRAINTREE – Stillman’s Farm recently underwent some remodeling of their farm stand, located on 1205 Barre Road, Route 67.

The newly renovated farm stand has a new entrance, side door entrance, leveled floor, new septic system and a newly constructed commercial kitchen. Farmer owners, Glenn and Genevieve Stillman, received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, which made the upgrade possible.

Rob Belland of Barre was the general contractor. Genevieve said he stopped by one day for corn.

When she saw his truck with his name on it, she asked him if he would like to “redo the barn.” At first, he thought she was joking, but said yes when he realized she meant it.

The family run farm applied and got a grant for 80% with the owners contributing a 20% match.

In 1991, Glenn purchased the farm in New Braintree as the farm he had in Lunenburg “ran out of land.”

When they bought the 130 acre farm, the only out building at the time was a horse barn; the building they just remodeled.

They now have 300 acres including an orchard.

The couple got married in 1993. Genevieve put aside her plans in architectural landscaping to help run the farm for two years. She never went back to her original career.

The couple raised their family on the farm and now all four children are involved in farming. Daughter Kate owns and operates Stillman Quality Meats raising grass fed meats and eggs in Hardwick.

Son Curt and his wife Halley run Still Life Farm, also in Hardwick.

Younger son, Reid, is part of the New Braintree farm operation. On June 20, the day of their open house, he



Genevieve and Glenn Stillman stand outside the newly remodeled Stillman’s Farm stand in New Braintree.

brought strawberries to sell in Jamaica Plains.

Younger daughter, Faith is in her third year of pre-med. She handles the cut flowers.

The Stillman’s have four grandsons ranging in age from 10 months to 18 years.

The Stillman’s sell at farmer’s markets in Boston and Westborough. This year, they also will be participating in the West Brookfield Farmer’s Market.

They also offer Community Supported Agriculture farm shares. The grown children of original CSA members now are CSA members.

Genevieve said they “do not want to waste food.” They donate food to local food pantries.

With vegetables and fruits left, over they dehydrate peppers, kale and fruits, make kimchi (Korean spicy fermented cabbage), pickles, jams and jellies.

The commercial kitchen will allow them to make more jams and jellies and dehydrate more food for a longer shelf life.



Turley Photos by Ellenor Downer
A customer makes some selections at the newly renovated Stillman’s Farm Market.

They send out their produce to make sauces and salsa and will continue to do that. The sauce and salsa are available at the farm stand along with honey from the farm.

This year, they planted corn in May under hoops so customers will have corn earlier than usual.

The farm stand is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Halina E. Olearczyk, 77

WARE – Halina E. Olearczyk, 77, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 6, 2026, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born on April 22, 1949, in Szczucin, Poland, the daughter of the late Jozef Kupiec and Irena (Krawczyk) Kupiec. She was raised and educated in Szczucin and immigrated to the United States from Poland with her family in 1981.

Halina was the loving wife of the late Leszek Olearczyk, who passed away on Nov. 3, 1997.

She worked at Hardwick Knitters before spending many years in the dining hall at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Halina was a devoted mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Nothing brought Halina more joy than her family, of whom she was immensely proud.

She loved preparing homemade Polish meals from scratch and cherished every opportunity to gather with family and friends, especially when there was music and dancing.

She was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Ware.



She leaves behind her loving family: her daughter, Violette Rozkuszka and her husband, Peter; her son, Darek Olearczyk and his wife, Gina; her grandchildren, Alicia Poole and her husband, Tom, Evan Olearczyk, and Erik Olearczyk; her beloved great-granddaughters, Emilia and Nora Poole; her brother, Marian Kupiec; her nieces, Grazyna Szymanska, Anna Atanasov, and Agnieszka Jaskolska; her nephew, Tomasz Kupiec; and her special friend, Guy Mitchell.

Calling hours will take place on Sunday, July 12, 2026, from 4-6 p.m. at Cebula Funeral Home, 66 South St., Ware. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church, 57 South St., Ware. Halina will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband, Leszek, following the Mass at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Ware.

Memorial donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Funeral services and arrangements are under the direction of Cebula Funeral Home of Ware. For more information and an online guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Death notice

Olearczyk, Halina E. (Kupiec)
Died July 6, 2026
Services July 13, 2026

OBITUARY POLICY

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Registration open for Alex Cordy memorial golf tourney

St. Carlo Acutis Parish, Brookfield/West Brookfield/Warren, is having its 9th Annual Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club, 1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Alex Cordy was an integral part of the West Brookfield community for many years. In memory of

his outstanding service to his community, his parish and being a founding member of our Knights of Columbus Council 11080, this tournament will once again benefit the Youth Activities Fund to support the youth in the local community, a cause that was very important to Alex.

The golf tournament organizers were able to award two \$1,000 scholarships this past year from the proceeds of this event to two local high school seniors, as well as fund many

other youth activities.

Consider supporting this event by sponsoring or participating in the tournament individually or with a foursome. Tournament raffle items and general donations to this event are always welcomed and appreciated.

Registration and sponsorships are now available for this tournament. To register, and for more information, please call 413-813-8100 or email wallyconnor122@gmail.com.

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Responsibilities include scheduling, developing and implementing town projects, assisting with the preparation of budgets, coordinating with various town boards and committees, supervising and coordinating overall operations of Town government and managing day-to-day affairs under the general direction of the Select Board. The Town Administrator will support the Select Board, ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, interface with government agencies and the public and manage municipal operations for the Town. Attendance at certain evening meetings is required.

Candidates should have knowledge and competence in municipal finance and budgeting, project management, human resource/personnel administration, Massachusetts municipal law, and intergovernmental and community relations. The successful candidate should possess five (5) years of municipal management and leadership experience, or similar responsibilities in a public or government agency. A degree in public administration or a related field is preferred. An equivalent combination of education, training and experience which demonstrates possession of the required knowledge, skills and abilities may also be considered. This is a full-time position with benefits. Starting salary range of \$70,000 – \$85,000 commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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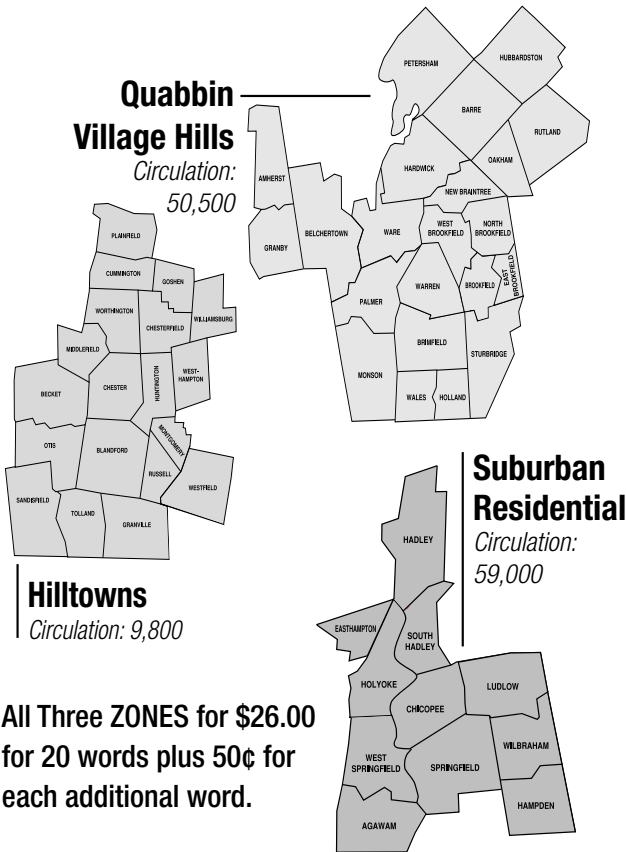
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public notices

Town of Ware
Notice of Public Hearing
Zoning Board of Appeals
LEGAL NOTICE
V-2026-02

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Zoning Board of Appeals, acting as the Variance granting authority, will hold a Public Hearing during the scheduled meeting on **WEDNESDAY, July 22nd at 4:00pm**, on the application of **Mark and Kris Lynch** for the construction of a carport in front of the main dwelling, under Zoning Bylaw Section 7.3, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Board of Selectman’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

SITE LOCATION: 87 Osborne Road, Ware MA. Said premise being further described in a deed recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 4449 Page 61. Property is also identified as Assessor’s Parcel 28-0-43. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk’s office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

WARE ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS
07/02, 07/09/2026

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and
Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No.
HS26P0420EA
Estate of:
Dorothy Elizabeth Mineau
Date of Death: 05/27/2026
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Colleen L. Mineau of Ware, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Colleen L. Mineau of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/29/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this

proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE
(MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: July 01, 2026
Mark S. Ames,
Register of Probate
07/09/2026

TOWN OF WARE
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Ware Selectboard will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 6:40pm** in the Selectman’s Meeting Room, Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA to hear the following Petitions filed by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc for joint or identical pole locations and/or pole and wire locations:

No. 31210259: Church Street: install one Joint Ownership (JO) pole at 100 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Church Street and Gilbertville Road and install pole #102-50 on Church Street for a replacement conductor project on Gilbertville Road;

No. 31345752: Crescent Street: install one Single Ownership (SO) pole. Install pole #23-1 on Doane Road;

No. 31318047: Gould Road: install one JO pole at the centerline of the intersection of Belchertown Road and West Main Street and install new pole #0-50;

Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Joshua Kusnierz, Chair
07/09/2026

Town of Ware
Notice of Public Hearing
Planning Board
LEGAL NOTICE

SP-2026-04 & SPR-2026-03
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting and Site Plan Review Authority, will hold a Public Hearing during the scheduled meeting on **THURSDAY, July 23rd, 2026 at 7:00pm**, on the application of **New England Power Company**, rebuilding and expanding of existing electric substation, under Zoning Bylaw Section 7.2.1(B), and pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Board of Selectman’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting

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SITE LOCATION: 0 & 59 Gilbertville Road, Ware MA. Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1063 Page 264. Properties are also identified as Assessor’s Parcels 30-0-43 & 30-0-42. Zoned: Rural Business (RB).

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk’s office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under Recent Filings. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

WARE PLANNING BOARD
07/02, 07/09/2026

Town of Ware
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Zoning Board of Appeals
LEGAL NOTICE

V-2026-01
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WARE ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS
07/02, 07/09/2026

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Division
Docket No.
HS26P0414EA
Estate of:

Katherine D. Piechota
Date of Death: May 07, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John M. Piechota, III of WARE, MA.**
John M. Piechota, III of

WARE, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
07/09/2026

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under G.L. c. 255., Section 39A
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By: James M. Regin
Dated: 6/24/2026
07/02, 07/09, 07/16/2026

Storage Auction
The contents of Morgan Lamontagne will be auctioned off at Secure Storage, 70 Boston Post Rd., Warren, MA on **July 25, 2026 at 9:00 AM**.

The contents of Crystal Croce, Amber Aguiar, Nicole Robinson, Zachary Freeman, Josiah Vega will be auctioned off at Secure Storage, 167 West St., Ware, MA on **July 25, 2026 at 9:45am** and Kane Hardaker at **10:00am**.

Any questions or inquiries call 413-800-6278.
07/09, 07/16/2026

TOWN OF WARREN
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166, Section 22, a public hearing for consent to install 1 JO Pole on Southbridge Road Ext beginning at a point approximately 300 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Southbridge Road Ext and Southbridge Road and continuing approximately 200 feet in a southwest direction; 1 new pole on Southbridge Road Ext: 2-25.

This hearing will be on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at the Warren Senior Center, 2252

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This group will be held in zoom, is educational, confidential, and free.

Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661.**

Main Street, West Warren, MA
01092 at 6:00PM.

Prior to the hearing copies of the petition are available for viewing during normal business hours in the Selectmen’s Office.

Written testimony can be submitted to the Board of Selectmen’s Office or emailed to selectmen@warren-ma.gov no later than 12:00 PM on Monday, July 20, 2026.

Richard Eichacker, Chair
Board of Selectmen
07/09, 07/16/2026

REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS
TOWN OF WARREN
ENGINEERING SERVICES
SUMMER STREET
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Town of Warren is seeking professional engineering services for proposed infrastructure improvements on Summer Street in Warren, MA. Funding for this project is provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the FY 2025 Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Community Development Block Grant Program.

A more detailed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is available at the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, MA 01608, (508) 459-3331, from 9 AM to 5 PM. The RFQ will be available beginning on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, until the due date specified below in digital format by request from John O’Leary, joleary@cmrpc.org. The Town of Warren, the awarding and contracting authority, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed in the best interests of the Town to do so.

Completed proposals are to be submitted in accordance with the RFQ’s submission procedures no later than 3:00 PM, Friday, August 7, 2026, at the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, MA 01608.
07/09/2026

REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS
Town of Warren
Washington Street
Neighborhood Infrastructure
Planning Study

The Town of Warren has been awarded funds from the FY2025 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The town wishes to receive qualifications-based proposals for consultant services to complete the Washington Street Neighborhood Infrastructure Planning Study. The selected consultant will complete a master plan that incorporates multiple infrastructure elements, their condition, and recommendations for phased physical improvements for a defined neighborhood in Warren Center.

The RFQ will be made available from 9:00 AM on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, until the due date specified below in digital format by request from Shannon Sullivan, ssullivan@cmrpc.org.

The Town of Warren, awarding and contract authority, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed in the best interests of the town to do so.

Completed proposals are to be submitted in accordance with the RFQ’s submission procedures **no later than 3:00 PM on Friday, August 7th, 2026**, at the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, 1 Mercantile Street, Suite 520, Worcester, MA 01608.

Warren Town Administrator
07/09/2026

TOWN OF WARREN
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166, Section 22, a public hearing for consent to install 2 JO Poles on Southbridge Road beginning at a point approximately 360 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Webber Road and Southbridge Road and continuing approximately 400 feet in a north direction; 1 new Pole on Southbridge Road: 166 & 167-50.

This hearing will be on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main Street, West Warren, MA 01092 at 6:00PM.

Prior to the hearing copies of the petition are available for viewing during normal business hours in the Selectmen’s Office.

Written testimony can be submitted to the Board of Selectmen’s Office or emailed to selectmen@warren-ma.gov no later than 12:00 PM on Monday, July 20, 2026.

Richard Eichacker, Chair
Board of Selectmen
07/09, 07/16/2026

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Jack Fowler III
661 Main Street

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 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Jack Fowler III. The Hearing will be held at the Warren Senior Center located at 2252 Main Street in West Warren.

The Applicant, Jack Fowler III, is requesting a Special Permit (No. 318) under Sections 3.23-17 and 3.25-2 of the zoning bylaws to operate a home-based meadery business at 661 Main Street (Map 18, Lot 52) in the Village district.

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.
07/02, 07/09/2026

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Amateur Radio Field Day held on common

By Richard Murphy
Correspondent

WEST BROOKFIELD – It was the last Saturday in June, and several tents had been set up on the West Brookfield common.

It was not an invasion. Rather members of the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club were observing Field Day 2026.

Amateur Radio is licensed non-commercial radio communication service on radio frequencies assigned by the Federal Communications Commission in the US. Worldwide, The International Telecommunication Union assigns frequencies.

Amateur radio licensees answer to the term “Ham.” Why are they called that? Originally, professional telegraph operators called amateurs “hams” as sort of an insult, amateurs embraced it, “transforming it into a badge of pride.”

Field Day is held the fourth weekend in June; thus, it was on the common on June 27 and will continue Sunday, June 28 though not on the common.

Why have a field day at all? The goal was to set up temporary stations using off-grid power to demonstrate ham radio’s ability to provide vital communications during natural disasters, power outages, and other emergencies.

As an aside, it is worth noting that during Superstorm Sandy that dev-



Pete, Michele and Kelly were ready answer questions about ham radio.

astated much of the East Coast, Ham Radio was crucial when digital conveniences weren’t.

Field Day is itself fun, and though a useful exercise, the members enjoyed the day of getting on the air and conversing with amateurs at various distances and on different bands, as well as the company of local members.

The first tent closest to the sidewalk was the welcome tent. The tent had a banner with the legend Ask me about Ham Radio. It was staffed by Michele whose call sign is KC1TIW

A call sign is how stations, amateur or commercial, are identified.

With Michele was Fay, the wife of a member. Together, they were ready to answer inquiries about Amateur

Radio. The table was laden with an array of subject information. One would have had to make an effort not to find something of value.

Michele is QVARC club secretary and her husband Ken, WB1DX is club president. They are a great team.

Michele informed us what was at each tent, and we proceeded to visit them. First was the GOTA tent.

GOTA stands for Get On The Air. At that tent the uninitiated could experience amateur radio contact with hams at a distance. At that helm was Dan Spencer WIDPM.

Turning left and walking to the edge of the common, we came to what may or may not have been unique among amateurs across the country this field day: a mother and

son team of Hams staffing a tent.

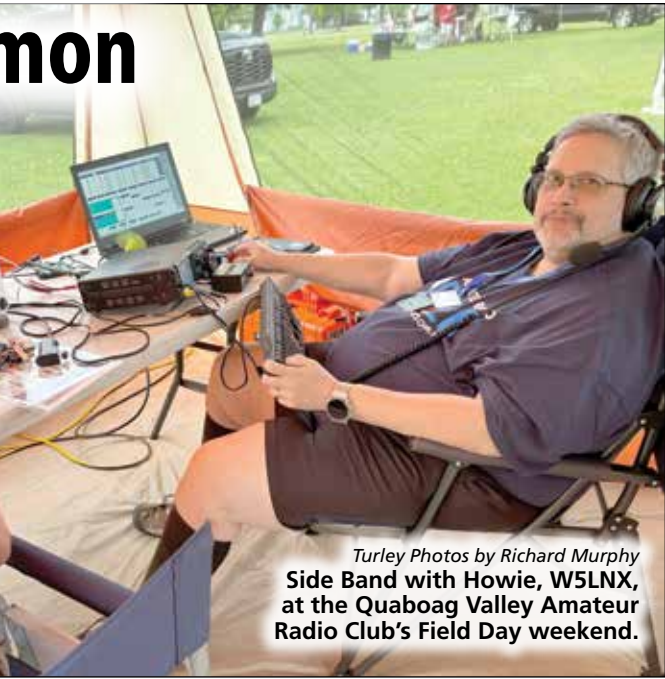
Mom Kelly attained a General license, and Son Kris earned an Amateur Extra class.

Kris attends Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and participates in the school radio club. He is an ambitious young man who wishes to design planes. No doubt his fellow hams wish him all success.

Even Hams must eat and there was a food tent with Dennis, KC1LNL, firing up the grill.

At the orange tent, Hams were making contacts using a couple of specialized aspects.

CW or Continuous Wave is radio transmission that facilitates use of Morse Code. In more primitive ages, Morse Code was the



Turley Photos by Richard Murphy
Side Band with Howie, W5LNX, at the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club's Field Day weekend.

method of radio transmission. Many hams still prefer to use it. Working that was Larry W1AST.

Howie W5LNX was communicating via Side Band. Side Band is effective for long-distance and international communications. When we approached, Alabama had been contacted. Earlier in the day, even before the event, contact had been made with Europe.

Other Hams were active on other bands. The aforementioned Dan was making contacts on 40 meters and Steve KC1SZP was working the 80 meter band which would not be that active until evening.

Other Hams were serving where needed. The husband, and wife team, Ken, KB1HXO and Deb, KC1RDH, longtime mem-

bers were there as were other veteran members such as Tim KC1RZE answering questions. Pete KC1TDO and Mert KC1KVA were also in attendance.

If you did not get to the field day but think you might be interested in learning more about Ham Radio, the Quaboag Valley Amateur Radio Club QVARC maintains an excellent website at qvarc.com/. There is information on what the hobby is and how to become one.

Periodically, the club hosts examination sessions so one can pass a test and get on the air.

Meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month at the West Brookfield Senior Center at 6:30 p.m., other than July and August. All are welcome.

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