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## Board approves special permit revision

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WARE – The Planning Board continued a public hearing on a special permit modification application by Kenneth Chatel of Bird Hill Farm, 145 Upper Church St., to allow for small events of 50 people or fewer.

At the July 6 meeting, Chatel told the Board that most events would be for under 20 people and take place in the morning. Discussion had at previous meetings about limiting the number of events allowed in a year under this special permit was not included in the Board's findings.

"I've already agreed to keep everything quiet and peaceful," Chatel said.

A revised parking plan for the location was also submitted by Chatel.

An abutter to the property said adding a "future open pavilion" was "getting ahead of things."

"It's a lot. It's an awful lot," she said, for a residential area. "There's going to be a noise level, we're all

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Submitted Photo

Volunteering as a candy stripper leads to Patricia Michalski's love of taking care of people.

## Volunteering leads to career in healthcare

PALMER – "I started my career in healthcare in 1976 as a candy stripper at Mary Lane Hospital," said Patricia Michalski, operations associate at Baystate Wing Hospital.

They were called candy strippers because of the red-and-white striped aprons they wore.

As volunteers, the candy strippers did a range of duties to help the nurses comfort their patients. Michalski's first role in healthcare led to her love of caring for people.

When she was old enough to get a job, Michalski worked as a nurse's aide and later as a unit secretary on the Med/Surg floor and

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## Army Veteran continues walk

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March 16 is an emotionally charged date for Windham, Maine U.S. Army veteran Matt Dyer; not only is it his late wife's birthday, it's also when he lost his best friend, Jared, to suicide.

This year, March 16 also marked the day Dyer had to end his mission to walk the four corners of the U.S., having started the 5,600 mile journey at the close of last year.

Dyer had walked from Maine to Virginia, forming friendships as he navigated the winter roads of New England, spending nights camped out in his tent. These friendships gave him warm places to rest after walking about 16 miles a day.

But all that changed when Dyer had to return to Maine to help care for his mother, who is in a nursing home.

"That was a blow, having to go home," Dyer said.

Returning to his starting point after covering so much ground, meeting people from all walks of life and amassing thousands of Facebook followers, put Dyer in a dark place mentally.

"The 10 weeks that I went home... was the most depressed I've ever been in my whole life. It was just hard to walk from Maine to Virginia, and try and go back to being normal," Dyer said. "Living in one spot, driving, seeing the same stuff every day...I could never do that in the first place."

This desire to keep moving is one reason that Dyer loved being in the U.S. Army, and he continued traveling even after discharging.

"I can't stay still, I don't want to... that's how I am," he said. "I need to

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Windham, Maine U.S. Army veteran Matt Dyer passes through Main Street in Ware.

**"I CAN'T STAY STILL, I DON'T WANT TO... THAT'S HOW I AM. I NEED TO TRAVEL; I NEED TO SEE NEW THINGS EVERY DAY."**

MATT DYER  
ARMY VETERAN

## Ware author gets set to publish 19th novel

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – Author Dawn Gray has had an unquenchable thirst for



Author Dawn Gray

vampires since she was a teenager and saw the cult classic film "The Lost Boys". "I got hooked...I needed to know everything

I could about vampires and started researching them," she said.

A voracious reader, Gray didn't get into writing until she was in the eighth grade, completing her first full-length novel when she was just 18 years old. A novel that will never be published, she said with a laugh.

At age 23, Gray published her first full-length novel called the "The Vampire Legacy: The New Queen Rises", the first in a seven-book series.

"The Vampire Legacy" has a uniquely New England tone to it, with the setting modeled after Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, Connecticut, one of Gray's favorite places to visit.

"When I first went to Harkness, there was just this feeling that this was the type of creature that would live here. That just spoke to me as a

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## ADA Commission hears transition plan update

By Paula Ouimette  
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WARE – Members of the Americans with Disabilities Act Commission heard a presentation about the transition plan update from Mike Kennedy of the Center for Living and Working and planner Jim Mazik.

In the first part of the presentation, the consultant team looked over the town's self-assessment for ADA accessibility and areas of noncompliance.

Mazik said he's been a planner for the last 32 years and has worked on several projects in town already, including adding a ramp to the town pool, the library elevator and bathrooms at Grenville Park.

Kennedy said the CLW is one of 10 independent living centers throughout the commonwealth. He's been in his position since 2006 but has been involved with ADA access advocacy and disability rights since the early 2000s.

Kennedy is a person with a dis-

ability, and uses a wheelchair to get around.

Mazik and Kennedy have been collaborating for close to 20 years and have created 45 plans together.

The ADA Act was signed into law in 1990 and it's a civil rights law to protect people with physical and mental impairment, Mazik said.

Kennedy said the commonwealth is the only state he is aware of that has its own access law.

Mazik said there is also a specialized section in the state's building code that is triggered by construction over a certain value. There are exceptions for the historic buildings.

Self-assessment results and plan Having ADA compatible toilets and having dispensers within the appropriate reach range is also a need the town has.

He said it's also important to have an accessible route around playgrounds.

"If you're a parent in a wheelchair you need to get around. You

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## Board accepts contract for financial feasibility study for complex

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WARREN – Town Administrator James Ferrera presented a contract from Tecton Architects for the phase one financial feasibility study to potentially build a

public safety/municipal complex.

At the Board of Selectmen's July 6 meeting, he said the committee in charge of reviewing the request for proposals, were impressed by Tecton Architects' services.

Up to three sites will be assessed for the potential to be

developed as a location for a public safety/municipal complex. No sites have been selected yet for review.

"Those sites are driven by the town," Ferrera said.

Included in the proposal is accommodation for future growth

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## Toto the Tornado Kitten comes to Ware

By Chayton Honeywell  
Correspondent

WARE – A Summer Reading event was held at the Young Men's Library Association, with at least a dozen kids there and excited to hear the story of Toto the Tornado Kitten.

The author of the story, Jonathan Hall, visits various local libraries through western Massachusetts to tell this special kitten's story and on July 6 he stopped in Ware.

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Children help measure Toto's length.

Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

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# Museum displays collection of Noah's Ark toys

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
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WARE – The Ware Center Meeting House was the first establishment of the town of Ware, and was constructed over three years.

In 1742, the building was chartered, in 1751 it was built, and in 1799 it was rebuilt. It was the center of life and housed both the town hall and the church.

The building, with its prime location around the Ware River, was the perfect hub for lumbering, trapping, and fishing.

The history of the building is preserved by the Historical Society and volunteers provide items for the new museum.

The collection of Noah's Ark toys at the Museum was sponsored by Martha Rohan. All of the toys and knick-knacks were collected over several years and range from rugs to calendars to books to notepads.

Polli McChrystal presented the rooms of the collection with a smile as she told her group about the history of the toys.

When the Meeting House was first built, it was during a time where kids could only play with Noah's Ark themed toys because they were inspired by the Bible.

The toys are a beautiful celebration of the past and the museum itself holds countless treasures to celebrate Ware's historical past.

Learn more about Ware's history by visiting the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum on Route 9 on Sunday, July 23, from 1-3 p.m.

People can also stop by on July 23, Aug. 6 and 20 from 1-3 p.m.

Enjoy music on the Green at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 16 with Trio Deschamps and on Sunday, July 30 with Ron Jones and Band.

There will be a service in the sanctuary on Old Home Day, Sunday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. and a tour after.

Come on Saturday, Aug. 26 to the Grange Fair and tour the Meeting House after 2 p.m. Don't miss the Ware Center Fair on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The Ware Historical Society's purpose is to preserve historical artifacts and to help people learn and honor the history of our town and our country. Come to the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum to discover "Ware" you live and to help



The Ware Center Meeting House and Museum has a large collection of Noah's Ark toys and items on display.



Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas  
There is even Noah's Ark-inspired jewelry.

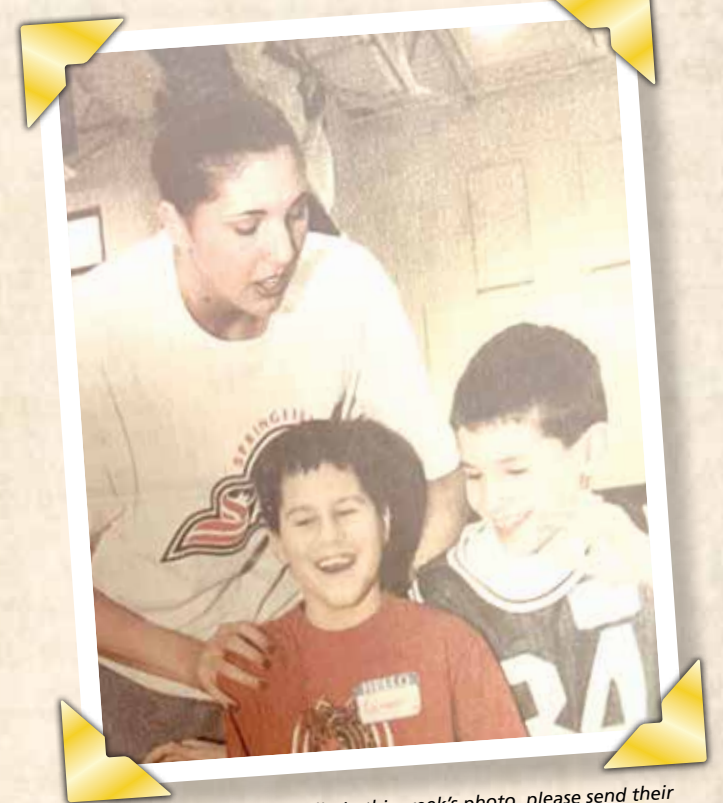


Military uniforms are also displayed at the Ware Center Meeting House and Museum.

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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.



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File Photo  
Last week's photo from 2003 showed Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School Principal Jeffrey F. Cross, far left, and guidance counselor Kathleen Barrett, far right, pose with third grade students in the TV15 Ware Community Access studio where the students taped an introduction to a television program, "Grade three gets ready for MCAS." The students are from left, Abigail Desjardins, Alysha Graziano, Aaron Lussier, David Stephens and Cheyanne Campbell.



## July 4th golf tournament results listed

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Country Club Tournament Committee announces the first ever firecracker two ball golf tournament results as follows.

In the first division, first place honors went to Gary Soltys and Tom Hough with a two-day winning total score of -19; second place went to the team of Phil Jurczyk and Mike Vadnais at -14; taking third place honors was Ilidio Pinto and Marty Leach at -11.

In the second division, first place went to the team of Jim Wilson and Nelson Malin with a truly remarkable score of -22; second went to the team

of Shane Millier and Doug Judd at -19; taking home third place was Dave Aucoin and Choppy Griffin at -14.

The Committee would also like to extend a big thanks to the following for making this tournament possible under the most extreme weather conditions. The 40 participating players for playing and completing the tournament, the Hardwick Crossing grounds crew headed up by Ed Dashnaw and his assistant Eric Dashnaw for their course preparation, Keith Smith in the pro shop for his golf cart and score card rain management, and the club house staff for their continual extra effort.

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# Pollinator garden workshop hosted by Grange

By Ryan Drago  
Correspondent

WARE – The Ware Grange Hall, located on Route 9, arranged their building for a pollinator garden workshop last Friday night.

The workshop on June 30 began with handing out flyers and raffle tickets to spectators who have a shared passion for gardening. Many informational books, magazines, and resources about gardening and nature were displayed on tables along with posters and some plant samples.

The main topic of the workshop was pollinators.

The workshop was led by a continual visitor of Ware Grange, Allison Rosendale. Although she doesn't consider herself a gardening expert, Rosendale is a seasoned gardener who wishes to share her thoughts on pollinators.

On one of her posters displayed on the walls of the Grange, she asked the question, "Who are pollinators?" Several spectators gave their answers, but Rosendale shared the myriad of pollinators throughout nature.

Pollinators consist of bees, butterflies, flies, beetles, wasps, and moths. Certain pollinators and beneficial insects spotted in rural areas vary depending on what plants are native to the area.

Rosendale stated some pollinators are more efficient than others.

"Honeybees, wild-honey bees, and bumblebees are major pollinators," said Rosendale. "Butterflies are not as efficient pollinators as bees. Hummingbirds...bats are pollinators too, but not in New England."

Many pollinators require nectar, pollen, and other additional resources to survive. However, Rosendale shared that there are many harmful things that can impact pollinators.

Natural disasters, as Rosendale pointed out, can cause destruction



Allison Rosendale led a pollinator garden workshop at Grange Hall.



Allison Rosendale had many varieties of native plants at her workshop.



Turley Photo by Ryan Drago

The Hip Swayers performed their first show at Janine's Frostee recently.

# Hip Swayers perform debut show at Janine's Frostee

By Ryan Drago  
Correspondent

WARE – A hot summer day became the perfect environment for patrons to cool off in some relaxing shade and delicious ice cream at Janine's Frostee.

Janine's Frostee, an established business since 1956, is known for hosting various events throughout the time of year. One of their most common events is live music.

On July 7, Janine's welcomed for the first time, the Hip Swayers.

This band out of Worcester offers tight rhythms, searing solos, soulful harmonies and mostly a mix of covers of popular originals in the genres of classic country, rock 'n roll and surf. Although it was their debut concert at Janine's Frostee, the Hip Swayers have performed all across North America in various locations such as New York City; Montreal, Canada; Cambridge; San Francisco; Oakland; Knoxville; Asheville; and New Orleans.

With the heat bringing in customers to enjoy some of Janine's Frostee's refreshments and retreating to the comforts of picnic tables under the shade, the Hip Swayers were not far away with their stage surrounded by a half dozen fans to stay cool.

The band featured a total of four performers, a quartet or deluxe version of the band, but the Hip Swayers are also available to perform as a duo and as a trio for other music gigs.

One of the lead vocalists and rhythm guitarist is David Blodgett. Passionate in his work, Blodgett plays out tunes from the Louvin Brothers, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and many others along with his own crafted tunes.

Co-lead vocalist and bass player was Toni Ostrow. She adds her own twists to the band's repertoire with her versions of the likes of Patti Smith in the punk-rock genre and Melba Montgomery in country.

She earlier stated during the performance at Janine's Frostee, that the Hip Swayers love to perform covers of classic music mixed in different genres.

"We do covers of classic music that you don't hear as often every day, in this decade," said Ostrow.

The covers may not have been as familiar with the modern crowd, but the revival presented by the Hip Swayers were gracefully noticed.

On the drums for the Hip Swayers is Mark Cherrington. A native of the Pioneer Valley in western Massachusetts, he has the perfect backbeat for the band as he also included a catchy drum solo during the performance.

The Hip Swayers' regular lead guitarist and lap steel player, Dave Niles was not in attendance, but a great guitarist in Jon Bonner stepped in to perform alongside. Lead vocalists Blodgett and Ostrow expressed their gratitude for Bonner jumping in during their introductions.

During the performance, the Hip Swayers offered complimentary stickers, business cards and a CD copy of their 2018 album "Swayfully Yours". The album contains a mixture of original songs and covers by the Hip Swayers, including a country cover they performed at Janine's Frostee, "Gonna Quit My Rowdy Ways" originally by the Callaghan Brothers.

The band is very passionate about bringing classic music to a contemporary audience. Their motto fits their identity with wanting to "add some sway to your day!"

For more updates on their next performances, people can visit their Facebook page and website, hipswayers.com.

The Hip Swayers have many events lined up for the summer of 2023, including a concert at the Shutesbury Athletics Club on Saturday, July 29. Other Hip Swayers events are listed on [www.reverbNation.com/hipswayers/shows](http://www.reverbNation.com/hipswayers/shows).

It was an upbeat, fun experience at Janine's Frostee for the Hip Swayers, and they intend to return to Ware for another concert in the future.

For a list of upcoming performances at Janine's Frostee, visit them on Facebook or [janinesfrosteecom](http://janinesfrosteecom).

of pollinators' homes, including plants and beneficial trees. Invasive species not too familiar to pollinators can be toxic to their own habitat.

"They just keep going, spreading. The invasives take out the natives...it's problematic," said Rosendale, referring to invasive plants taking up space from the native plants.

Furthermore, Rosendale shared with the aspiring gardeners some specific ways to help pollinators. One course of action is to grow your own plants.

She mentioned nectar plants, companion planting, natural fertilizer, composting and spacing as supportive to both native plants and the pollinators who rely on them.

Another one of her posters asked the question, "What plants, trees, and shrubs have you seen pollinators attract to?" This was a sharing moment in the workshop as not only Rosendale, but many audience members gave their answers to what are the most common pollinator plants.

Rosendale appreciated all the answers she was given as she stated earlier, she was not a gardening expert and wanted everyone to "learn together" as she wrote down all great answers on her board.

The board was filled with various plants, weeds, shrubs, and trees that many gardeners, nurseries, and landscapers can plant in order to protect the habitats of pollinators.

One of the plants Rosendale was focused to point out was a Virginia Spiderwort; a commonly grown flowering plant native to the eastern United States. Another recommended plant by Rosendale was one of her displays during the workshop, hyssop.

It was encouraged by Rosendale for spectators to take a sample of hyssop and grow it in their own garden or nursery. She also encourages her fellow gardeners to "think about your own plants and shrubs."

For other gardening tips and pollinator knowledge, Rosendale listed the Xerces Society on [xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center](http://xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center) and [xerces.org/bring-back-the-pollinators](http://xerces.org/bring-back-the-pollinators).



Native plants provide the best fuel for pollinators.

The Ware Grange will be hosting another gardening workshop titled "Flower Farmer"; where gardeners will learn which flowers have a long vase-life and simple arrangement principles on Monday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.

For more upcoming events at Ware Grange Hall, contact the Grange Secretary at 413-284-1135 or email at [waregrange@comcast.net](mailto:waregrange@comcast.net).

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should have an accessible route to the playground and to the equipment," Mazik said.

Kennedy said the town has already met the first requirement for ADA compliance by forming the ADA Commission, comprised of Chair Ruth McGrath, Clerk Amber Letendre, Town Manager Stuart Beckley and members Britni Robidoux, Patricia Ranner and Heidi Reed.

The ADA Commission also has its own website with helpful links.

Kennedy said a recommendation would be to add the finalized ADA transition plan to the website once it's been presented to the Selectboard on July 18 and accepted. He said the ADA Commission should also post the name and contact of the ADA Coordinator, as well as the grievance procedure, public notice policy and other policies.

Kennedy said the town does not currently have an ADA Coordinator, and it must be a paid employee of the town.

Beckley will assume the role of ADA Coordinator, which is not unusual for a town to do, Kennedy said.

The town also needs to adopt a grievance procedure policy, making it available to all staff, departments, boards and committees.

One compliance concern Kennedy and Mazik encountered in the town, involved doors that are too heavy, as well as missing protective equipment, obstructed dispensers and sand at the base of ramps.

Auxiliary aids and services for individuals with hearing, speech or vision disabilities should also be available to residents during meet-

ings.

The Young Men's Library Association has assistive devices available to patrons, as well as large print, books on CD, access to a talking book library, page magnifier and handheld magnifiers.

Assistive listening devices are not available at the High School for town meetings, and it is recommended the town purchase them and add language about securing assistance to meeting agendas.

The Stavros Center for Independent Living in Amherst could also be a resource for assistance devices.

Kennedy and Mazik also talked about using closed captioning during Zoom meetings.

Sidewalks, driveway crossings, utility poles and guy wires pose a challenge for wheelchair users and people with mobility issues.

Kennedy said trash bins and vehicles often block access to the sidewalks.

"That's a hazard," Mazik said. "You shouldn't be parking on sidewalks or obstructing sidewalks."

The Library's drop box is not located on an accessible level for patrons to return books and should be relocated.

There was also concern about the lack of accessible bathrooms at Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School and fixed seating in the High School cafeteria.

The next meeting of the ADA Commission will be held on Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. with Zoom link available on [townofware.com](http://townofware.com).

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going to be impacted by it."

She referenced a wedding that went late into the evening with loud music; disturbing the entire neighborhood. Chatel disputed these claims, saying the guests were gone by 9 p.m. at that event.

Other neighbors that reside directly across from Bird Hill Farm, said the music from weddings has not been an issue.

Chatel said he does not want loud, ruckus parties at his venue, and his 50 person limit includes all staff, musicians, etc.

The proposed pavilion would be located at the back of Chatel's property, not in the lower field.

The abutter said the contour of the land causes the sound to carry from Bird Hill Farm to her property, which is located across from the field.

"My history of over 10 years at that place, apparently there's one time when there was noise," Chatel said.

Chatel said he feels like he's being targeted.

Chatel said he hopes that the majority of his morning events would be for business-type meetings, and music would only be permitted between the hours of 2-8 p.m. He said he would be

willing to limit the music to 7 p.m. if the Board requested it.

"When I started doing research for farm weddings...it's like 40 people for four hours," Chatel said, adding that he will not allow an open bar at his location and will request one-day liquor licenses if necessary. The town allows the business to apply for up to 30 one-day liquor licenses a year.

Planning Board Vice-Chair Richard Starodoj said he attended a wedding at a similar-sized venue in another town, and said with controls in place, it could work well.

"Everybody's trying to do their best to accommodate small business," Starodoj said.

Starodoj said it's important that any complaints about the business, or any complaints in general, should be filed officially with the town, rather than just relayed verbally.

The Board approved the modification to the special permit, with conditions.

## Reorganization

At the start of the meeting the Board reorganized, appointing Ed Murphy III as chair; Starodoj as vice-chair; and Elizabeth Hancock as clerk.

**ACCURACY WATCH**

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## GUEST COLUMN

# The community college option

By Eric Goodhart

This is the first of six articles that address the characteristics of the community colleges in western Massachusetts.

With the annual cost of private and state colleges costing in 2023 up to \$85,000 and \$39,000 respectively, families are looking at ways to save money. Community colleges are challenged to meet the need of those students, who are looking at the CC option.

Some do it better than others. The question is, which CC is better equipped to support and prepare a teenager through two years and matriculate with the transferable credits to qualify as a junior at a four-year institution, private or public?

Many people think of a community college as the next step in post high school education either to lead to training in a vocation requiring an Associate of Arts degree, a certification for a job or matriculation to a four-year state or private college. That, in fact, has been the case for thousands of Massachusetts students since 1960.

That was the year Berkshire Community College was opened. It was the very first CC in the Commonwealth.

One does not have to look far to find data ranking four-year colleges in the US. In fact, the pioneer of such research was the US News & World Report in 1983.

That turned into being a huge money maker for the publisher. So much so, that many other magazines got into the ranking business.

But because community colleges are largely drawing students from drivable distances there has been no such ranking for CCs.

This article and those that follow do not attempt to rank the colleges in the manner of the above mentioned. The focus is on identifying the academic strengths of each col-

lege, particularly the particular departments for which they are well known.

I look at the percentage of students that matriculate in two years to four-year colleges, public and private. From Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner to the Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield; both do very good jobs in the areas I highlight below.

I counsel a number of students around the country. The rising cost of four-year private and public colleges in California has risen so high that what was once an "open-door" policy for high school graduates into a CC is no longer guaranteed for any program at most of the CCs in that state.

The cost of living in California has made CCs the most economical option for many. Nothing to be embarrassed about.

Providing the even lower cost of a CC becomes a good return on investment.

Commonwealth CCs have not closed their doors except for students looking at training and certification in various health care fields such as nursing. That is the case at Mount Wachusett Community College and Greenfield Community College.

That does not mean, however, a student with aspirations to become a nurse cannot start at a CC. A good CC advisor, like the two CCs mentioned above, should be able to design a course plan for that student to earn admittance to the over enrolled more academic selective programs providing he or she has a strong academic outcome in the core courses.

Some areas a student and parents should research before enrolling are these. Request a meeting with a counselor, who has at least four years' experience as an academic and career advisor at that college or elsewhere.

Most CCs have less than 30% of full-time students enrolled.



Submitted Photo

### Mount Wachusett Community College

How long does it take to earn an AA or certificate in a particular vocational program? What are the transfer steps at the CC to make sure the courses taken are transferable?

If those basic steps are not satisfactory, check out another CC even if it means renting an apartment in that community. CCs should be able to suggest suitable, safe housing.

Living away from home while enrolled at a CC will help the student and parents see how ready he or she is to take on the responsibility to do the academic work in class; wash their clothes in a timely manner and even take on a part time job.

In a prior column I spoke about why college is so expensive. Besides starting a dollar cost average saving plan for college when the student is still in the womb, dual enrollment can be a very good option.

It will get the student out of the high school where in too many cases, the expectations and grade inflation have not truly prepared many high school graduates for college level work.

I once interviewed a Yale professor who told me candidly that in the last 15 years, he could not understand how some of his students were admitted. They could not put a cogent paragraph together in class.

There are also excellent four-year colleges that offer online courses to anyone with a desire to learn. Hillsdale College is one of those colleges. Ideally, many colleges with the exception of the Ivy League and its ilk may give college credit for such courses.

College Level Examination Program is another often forgotten option. At the very least it will demonstrate to the college admissions committee, that the student has taken the initiative and has the "intellectual curiosity" to do more than meet the basic requirements to graduate. More specifics on each of the Commonwealth's western CCs will come beginning next week.

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## Dog days equal a good balance of maintenance and reward

I am not sure if it is the heat or the calendar that causes my annual shift from planting mode to maintenance mode.

A cooler June extended the former somewhat, but with the last week or so of hot, sticky weather, I am mostly done planting anything but a few succession crops of lettuce or green beans. From here on out it's maintenance full steam ahead, and yet, enjoying the fruits (and vegetables) of our labors.

What have I been up to you ask? Well, here goes:

Deadheading is the number one priority in my flower gardens. We clip off old flowers to keep the new flowers coming.

If we let spent flowers form seed pods, the plant thinks it has fulfilled its job of reproducing itself and it will begin to decline. In addition to deadheading, I am ever mindful of plants that may need a little perking up.

If flowers are sparse and leaves look a little pale, some balanced organic fertilizer applied at the base of those plants should encourage more blooms and healthy foliage. Liquid feeding can also be effective.

Brew your own compost tea by filling a coffee filter with aged manure or good compost and securing it with a twist-tie. Let it soak in your watering can overnight and then it's ready to use.

Water the foliage and also let it sink in to the surrounding soil.

Earlier today I cut back my strawberry plants. I am not doing a full renovation this year, where I'd pull up the oldest plants and replace them with newly rooted runners.

I did that last year. This year, I simply cut the plants back.

My patch isn't huge, so it was accomplished by hand with a good pair of scissors. I basically grabbed a fist full of the plant, and chopped it back to about four inches tall.

I also weeded and thinned as I went. A push style lawn mower set on the highest setting can be used to get the job done in bigger

plantings.

After the plants were cut back, I loosened the soil, sprinkled organic fertilizer around the plants and had about an hour before it started raining. I'll reapply mulch to keep the weeds down and that should be all the patch requires until winter.

I have been harvesting kale and peas so far, and in abundance. I continue to shuck, then blanch shelled peas for ninety seconds before freezing, first loose on a cookie sheet then poured into plastic containers whereby I can take out what I need for a specific recipe.

I no longer do any pretreatment prior to freezing kale. I simply rinse, shake the excess water off, rip the tender part of the leaf away from the midrib then pack in baggies, approximately 6-7 leaves per bag.

I try to get all the air out of the bag best I can. Kale, frozen like this, is a wonderful addition to soups, stews and green drinks.

The more you pick it the more it grows! My herbs are also growing well now that the nights have warmed up. This is especially noticeable with basil.

All the rain and some early thinning has produced some awesome dill foliage as well. Basil is not flavorful dried, but dill weed is.

I've been picking small bunches, securing them with a rubber band and hanging them in my hot attic to dry.

Basil, on the other hand, is best preserved in pesto. I make my own version less the pine nuts by filling a food processor with basil leaves (no stems or flowers), a few garlic cloves and olive oil.

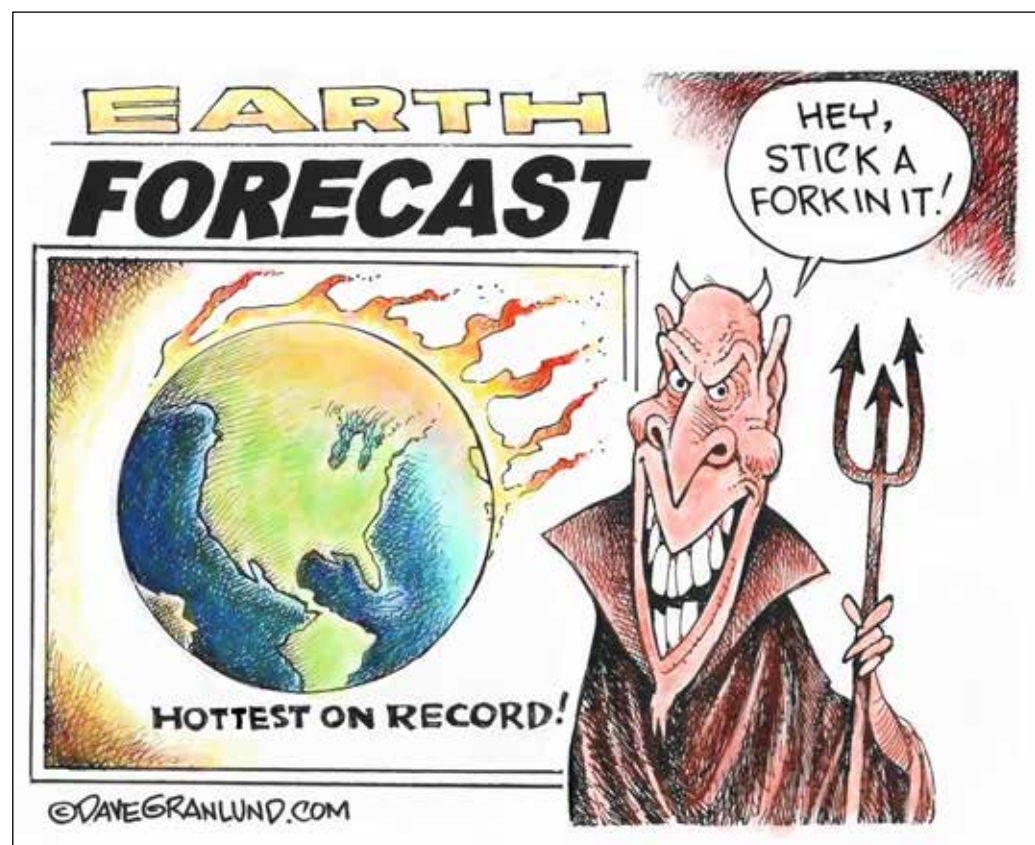
Once it reaches the desired consistency, I spoon it into ice cube trays. Once frozen, I pop out the cubes into gallon size freezer bags.

These can be added to all kinds of recipes or turned into real pesto (plus the pine nuts!) as needed. In the event that you can't harvest basil, keep that foliage coming by pinching the flower heads off, otherwise it too will think it has done it's job and it will begin to decline.

Be on the lookout for Japanese beetles on your plants- cover them if you see the foliage getting eaten up or be diligent about hand picking the insects off into a bath of soapy water.

Enjoy the dog days of summer. The maintenance outweighs the reward.

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## Why can't I collect survivor benefits from my deceased wife?

**Dear Rusty:** I am a 62 year old widower that is still working full time.

While my late spouse was in hospice, I was able to get her to apply for Social Security disability and she received one payment before she passed away two years ago.

I was told that I could collect a survivor benefit, so I called my local Social Security office, but they told me that I could not collect any type of benefits from my wife and that all the money she paid into SS for all of those years was basically gone for good.

Would you please advise what I can do and if this is true? I was also told that Social Security's agents will do everything they can to avoid paying out benefits.

*Signed: Frustrated Widower*

**Dear Frustrated Widower:** I suspect that the reason Social Security said you were not eligible for benefits as a widower is because you are working full time. At age 62, you are subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn while collecting early Social Security benefits.

The 2023 earnings limit is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If your earnings are high enough, that could make you temporarily ineligible to collect benefits until your earnings are less, or you reach your Full Retirement Age when the earnings test no longer applies.

Assuming you have not yet claimed your personal SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible to collect a survivor benefit from your wife when your earnings are less or after you reach your full retirement age.

One strategy you may wish to consider, if you plan to keep working full time, is to wait and claim only your surviving spouse benefit at your FRA (67), thus allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to continue.

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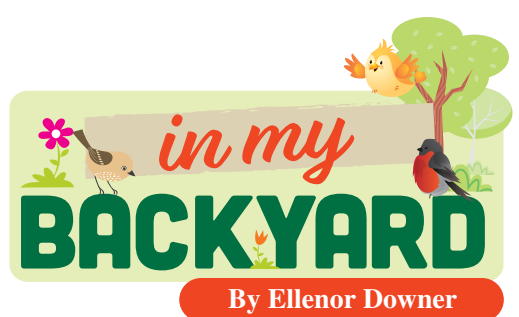
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## A Brimfield resident reported a great crested flycatcher using a nest box in his yard, a first for him for this species.

He said he saw them several times in his yard this year and recently saw a bird enter the box. He set up a wildlife camera and got a

photo of the flycatcher at the nest box.

The great crested flycatcher is about eight inches long and has a crest as its name implies.

The belly is bright yellow, and the tail is reddish brown. The bird is gray overall with a darker gray throat and two white wing bars.

It raises its crest in alarm or curiosity. During aggressive displays it shows the reddish-brown feathers on its wings and tail by spreading them open.

Its warning call is a loud, ascending "wheep" and a "prreet."

The female lays five to six whitish eggs with darker marks in a new lined with grass, fur, bits of paper and occasionally bits of snakeskin. It will nest in a natural cavity, old

woodpecker hole or nest box. They breed in the east and middle states in the north and south and some parts of Canada.

The great crested flycatcher inhabits woods and wooded urban areas. It flies from a perch to catch insects and often feeds high in the tree tops.

Occasionally, it eats berries.

### Flycatcher at Lake Winnisquam

Sunday, June 25 I spent the day at my camp on Lake Winnisquam in Meredith, New Hampshire with one of my daughters and granddaughters.

While standing on the dock, I noticed a great crested flycatcher flying out from tree

branches along the shore. Its yellow belly was the identifying mark.

### Other birds at the lake

I also saw double-crested cormorants. One swam by the dock and another landed on a rock in the lake.

I did hear the loon, but I did not see them. The call came from a cove across the lake where the Loon Preservation Committee maintains a loon sanctuary with a floating nest.

There were several boats anchored in the cove. I think one boater got too near the roped off area as the loon started making its tremolo

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# Gear up for 'Touch-a-Truck' at Dean Park

WARREN – The Parks & Recreation Department's Concerts in the Park series continues to heat up this summer, with concerts held Friday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in Dean Park, West Warren.

This Friday, July 14, will feature Sturbridge-based band Wonderland Mafia, known for putting an energetic spin on all of your favorite songs through the use of aerial dancing.

This concert is also the return of last year's popular "Touch-a-Truck" event, which is sure to appeal to children and adults alike.

Upcoming concerts include Down Right Country on July 21 and The Alley Kings on July 28.

A free car show will also be held during the July 21 concert, with all makes and models welcome, including cars, trucks and motorcycles.

Moonlight Run Farm, LLC will also return with their petting zoo on July 28, the final concert of the season.



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

**Matt York performed the works of Johnny Cash during Warren Parks & Recreation Department's Concerts in the Park summer concert series last Friday at Dean Park in West Warren.**

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at the public safety/municipal complex, which would allow for greater use of the space, Ferrera said.

Tecton Architects will do preliminary schematics including conceptual designs.

"They're not the potential designers," Ferrera said, adding that this will occur in a different phase of the project.

They will also assemble a comprehensive analysis of the financial impact of such a project. Tecton Architects will make community presentations in Warren and West Warren.

Tecton Architects has completed projects in Monson, North Brookfield and Charlton, and Ferrera said they seem reasonable to work.

The cost of this study would be paid for with a \$40,000 grant along with \$35,600 from American Rescue Plan Act funds. The study should be completed within six months.

Clerk Derick Veliz said an analysis of why the town needs, or doesn't need, a public safety

complex should be included in this study.

"We need somebody to tell us what we need," he said.

Ferrera said that would be a separate needs study, and this contract is only for a financial feasibility study.

Chair David Dufresne said the current Police Station is "riddled with health risks," and the Fire Department building is really just a garage with an office attached.

"They don't have enough room to store their equipment," Dufresne said of the town's two fire stations.

Dufresne said the town is still in the early stages of researching the construction of a public safety/municipal complex.

The Board voted to accept the contract with Tecton Architects. The use of ARPA funds to help pay for the study was also approved.

## Temporary cleaning services

Ferrera said the town has temporary cleaning services at the Shepard Municipal Office Building, Police, Fire, Highway and Senior Center buildings.

He said the original weekly

cleaning bill was \$400 a week, and the new proposal (under the same terms) is \$675 a week.

"That would equate to roughly about almost \$1,000 more than what we are currently paying," Ferrera said.

Ferrera said he has received positive feedback about the cleaning service, which maintains the buildings twice weekly.

He said this is temporary until the town's custodian is able to return to work.

The Board accepted the amended contract from Stephen Buffone by temporary cleaning services.

## Police/Fire radio signal

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie said there was a frequency that was interfering with the emergency radio signal for police and fire. Now that the frequency has been turned off, the signal has been clear.

## Appointment

Mildred Gushue was reappointed to the position of Parking Clerk for a one-year term.

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the Oncology Unit.

In 2016, Michalski moved to Baystate Wing Hospital and now works as an operations associate in the Emergency Department. Throughout her career, Michalski has witnessed many changes and worked through many challenges, but COVID-19 brought the greatest challenges to her team.

"Working in the ED during the pandemic was difficult, our

patients were very sick, and many of our team members worked long hours to help care for them," said Michalski.

The work of an operations associate in the ED requires Michalski to stay calm and work in a fast-paced environment. Often caring for patients with extreme illnesses, who are in pain and suffering.

On busy and hectic days, Michalski keeps things organized and moving.

"I have a special place in my

heart for older patients and veterans, and my role in the ED allows me to be a friendly face, as I help care for them," said Michalski.

Throughout her career, Michalski has worked in diverse roles and each day has been different. What has not changed is the comradery Michalski has witnessed among her colleagues every day, and the commitment they have to place patients at the center of everything they do.

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call, an alarm call.

Loon chicks usually hatch sometime around the 4th of July week or second week in July.

The water was quite warm and great for swimming. I hoped to make the trip to the lake again on the 4th of July, but the weather did not cooperate.

## Fledglings in Brimfield

I received an email from a Brimfield resident the end of June.

He reported several fledglings in his yard.

He saw at least three cardinals with dark bills being fed by their parents.

Other youngsters included three fledging downy woodpeckers following their mother and begging for food, a young chipping sparrow, eastern towhee and a red-bellied woodpecker. He said the eastern towhee resembled the female, but it had a streaked breast.

He saw the red-bellied at the feeder.

He also said, "House wren have nested in the yard for several years, unfortunately they stuff several nesting boxes with sticks that don't get used. On at least two occasions have evicted black-capped chickadees, who had started to use a box."

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

## SSI from page 4

ue growing until you are 70 when your personal SS retirement benefit will be about 75% more than it would be now.

Although your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA, your personal benefit doesn't reach maximum until age 70, so it's possible to collect your smaller survivor benefit from your wife first and claim your higher personal benefit later.

You were apparently given some confusing information when you contacted Social Security. If you haven't already claimed your own SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife but likely cannot collect a widower benefit at this time because you're working full time.

However, that doesn't mean you can never collect a survivor benefit; only that you can't collect it at this time because of the "earnings test." The earnings test goes away when you reach age 67, so you can claim only your survivor benefit at that time or before if you no longer work full time and

allow your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow to age 70 if you like.

From our experience with the Social Security Administration, the skill level of SSA representatives varies, but we have never suspected their goal was trying to avoid paying benefits due. Nevertheless, depending on the agent you spoke with, the information provided may have been less clear about the best claiming strategy for you, which is why the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service exists.

Our advisors are all highly experienced and strive to provide you with complete and clear information which enables you to make an informed choice about how and when to claim the Social Security

benefits you are entitled to. I hope we have succeeded.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

# Ready, set, read!

Quaboag has new summer reading requirements

By Haileigh Swistak  
Student Intern

WARREN – The Quaboag Regional School District's English Department will no longer be assigning specific summer reading assignments to students.

At the end of the school year, an email was sent out to all students and guardians notifying them of this change in curriculum.

However, this shouldn't dissuade students from reading at all this summer, especially when so many anticipated new releases have come to local libraries and bookstores.

Rick Riordan's newest release in the Percy Jackson universe, "The Sun and the Star", came

out May 2. This would be a great read for middle and high school students alike.

Older elementary school students can also begin or continue to read the extremely popular "Wings of Fire" series by Tui T. Sutherland. For those who prefer graphic novels, this series is also available in comic format.

Many popular chapter books like "Animal Farm" by George Orwell, "A Wrinkle In Time" by Madeleine L'Engle, and "The City of Ember" by Jeanne DuPrau have also been adapted into graphic novels.

For high schoolers who are interested in Shakespearean tragedies and are also looking for a thriller murder mystery, "If We Were Villains" by M. L. Rio is the perfect fit. Released in 2017, the novel is still popular among teens in 2023.

To find more new releases or past summer reading books, visit your public library.

# Lions Club starts summer concerts tonight

WARE – The Ware Lions Club will host concerts on Thursday evenings at Grenville Park from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting with the 60's Experience on Thursday, July 13; Charlie Lask's Neil Diamond Tribute on Thursday, July 20; Wheelsmith on Thursday, July 27; and Wicked Biscuit on Thursday, Aug. 3.

Concerts are made possible by support from Country Bank, Talk of the Town, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Westfield Bank, B'leaf Wellness Centre, St. Germain Insurance Inc., Brad Matthews Jewelers, Cluett's Furniture & Appliance, Sidur & Sons, Quabbin Wire & Cable, Crystal Springs, NAPA

Auto Parts, Nat Falk, Moulton Insurance, It's Wine O'clock, Fitness Factory and Donna and Ray Mathews.

Hot dogs, chips, soda, freeze pops and popcorn are available to purchase at each concert.

The Lions Club thanks all who support them by buying raffle tickets and food.

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place that a vampire would walk through and occupy," she said.

Another series written by Gray is called "The Pack", a three-book series about werewolves.

Gray said werewolves are akin to vampires, as they are both shapeshifters.

"My thought on it is they are actually cousins. The mythology as far as how you become it, is almost the same...vampires you get bitten and start changing, werewolves are kind of the same way," she said. "You have it in lore all over. It all comes back to the same bases."

"The Pack" has also been adapted to be made into a television series, and a trailer is available on YouTube at [youtu.be/xxrPvSOQU2g](https://youtu.be/xxrPvSOQU2g).

"The Pack" book series is supposed to be set near the Quabbin Reservoir, and the town is somewhat like a combination of Ware, Belchertown and Palmer.

Filming of the trailer took place in Connecticut, with actors coming from Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

"We're trying to get the pilot sold or financed, so that we can film it. We have an entire cast. We hired the cast when we filmed the trailer, and everybody is still willing to come back," Gray said. The director of the trailer is also committed to returning for filming.

Now getting set to publish her 19th novel this August, Gray enjoys challenging herself by participating in monthly writing challenges, including National Novel Writing Month (or NaNoWriMo) each November.

NaNoWriMo began in 1999,

asking writers to pen or type 50,000 words of a novel in just 30 days.

"It's like 3,600 words a day," Gray said. "Some days I will do 2,000 words; there's days I did 7,000 or 11,000."

This past March, Gray set a goal for herself to finish her most recent novel, which she did in one month and 12 days, at 125,000 words.

"On an average writing day, I've gone through four cups of coffee," Gray said.

Travel is another one of Gray's passions.

Gray said when her daughter was about 2 years old, she developed agoraphobia and she couldn't leave the house without another adult.

She went with a friend to a "Supernatural" convention in New Jersey. It was one of the first times she didn't feel anxious being around people.

This started a trend of traveling somewhere each month, Gray said, including California, Niagara Falls, Nashville, Las Vegas and soon San Francisco.

"It helps being surrounded by people with the same interest as you," she said.

Gray said she's somewhat curbed her gypsy ways, settling in Ware about 10 years ago. Born in Springfield, she moved to Vermont when she was 5 years old.

Gray discovered that her family had roots in Ware and Warren, that she didn't realize existed until she moved here. She said her grandfather on her mother's side had eight siblings and one day her father was looking at an oil burner at a house in Ware and saw a familiar face in a family picture; her

grandfather.

The home ended up belonging to Gray's mother's cousin.

When she's not writing and traveling, Gray enjoys running and nature photography, as well as researching the history of the Quabbin area.

This past June, she participated in the Ware Veterans Carnival, where she was able to interact with many of her fans.

"I used to be really deep in the writer world. When I moved to Ware, I was kind of locked inside for a while and kind of lost all contact and stopped writing for a bit," Gray said. "This was my first time out at a fair or carnival in about five years."

Her fans are one of her biggest reasons to keep going and continue writing.

One fan, a teen she met at a book signing in Vermont, actually wrote a paper about Gray for her high school senior project.

The fan said, "You books are my comfort...they're what I go back to when I want to escape the world."

These words had an impact on Gray, and she said this is why she continues to share her stories.

"It took me out of a place I didn't need to be in. I just need to escape reality for a little while," Gray said. "You're facing an alternate-reality version of what you're going through and use that to work it out."

## About Dawn Gray

Gray's books are available online at both Amazon and Barnes and Noble and she has a Facebook page, Author Dawn Gray. Follow "The Pack Series" on Instagram.

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# Ware Senior Center news

WARE – The Ware Senior Center, located at 1 Robbins Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
The thrift store is open each of those days from 9 a.m.-noon. Donations to the store are only accepted by Sue LaBarge, who can be reached by calling 413-544-1574.

### ACTIVITIES Monday, July 17

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
Birthday Party with entertainer Lori Brooks

### Tuesday, July 18

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1-2 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry at Greenville Park  
6 p.m. Pitch (door open at 5 p.m.)

### Wednesday, July 19

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

### Thursday, July 20

9 a.m. New Senior Spring Walk  
Meet at Senior Center and wear comfortable footwear. Bringing water, sunscreen, bug spray and energy snack are suggested.  
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing  
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners

10 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
2:30 p.m. Art Class  
**Friday, July 21**  
9 a.m. Tai Chi  
10 a.m. Scat  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Chair Yoga  
1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (available by appointment, call 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)  
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

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### Monday, July 17

Birthday Party with entertainer Lori Brooks  
Italian Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

### Tuesday, July 18

American Chop Suey, Caesar Salad, Dessert of the Day

### Wednesday, July 19

Breakfast Burger with Fried Egg, Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato, Potato Wedges, Dessert of the Day

### Thursday, July 20

Meatloaf, Au Gratin Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

### Friday, July 21

Fish Sandwich, Crinkle Cut Fries, Dessert of the Day



Submitted Photo

Clare Caldwell and Julie Rawson, farmers at Many Hands Organic Farm, will teach participants how to cook with their CSA share at a workshop on July 22.

## Learn to cook with your CSA share July 22

BARRE – Learn to cook using your CSA share at Many Hands Sustainability Center, 411 Sheldon Road, on Saturday, July 22 from 10 a.m.-noon, followed by a farm lunch.

Taking the large step to buy a CSA share is sometimes followed by overwhelm, especially for those who may not center their eating around vegetables. Clare Caldwell and Julie Rawson, farmers at Many Hands Organic Farm will take the share from the week of July 17 and turn it into a delicious lunch for us

all to eat.

Last year the CSA received these items during that week - chard, parsley, lettuce, chives, kale, summer squash, cucumbers, beets, sugar snap peas, radishes

This workshop is limited to 12 participants. The price for the workshop is \$25-\$75.

Register at <https://mhof.net/>

### Other events

A food preservation workshop will be held at Many Hands Sustainability Center on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m.-noon, followed by a pot luck lunch.



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Matt Dyer constructed a new cart to haul his belongings for his second journey to walk approximately 5,600 miles.

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travel; I need to see new things every day."

On June 1, Dyer started his walk again; armed with a new determination.

When asked what was different about this walk, Dyer said, "everything."

"I'm happy I started over just because I have much more experience," he said. "I was able to build a much better cart, which is making the walking easier."

Even though he is better prepared, and added about 20 pounds from weightlifting during his 10-weeks back home, Dyer is faced with new challenges

One being the summer insects, and the other being the incredible amount of rainfall the northeast has received in the past few weeks.

"My legs just look completely torn apart by bugs...if I picked up a horsefly here, it would probably follow me all the way to Teresa's [Restaurant]," Dyer said with a laugh.

He admitted that the rain has been "brutal," but said he didn't want to complain about it too much.

Just like before, people are opening their doors for him, eager to share their stories with the 29-year-old veteran who has already experienced a lifetime of loss.

Dyer said he is sticking to about 95% of his original route, making minor detours to avoid problematic or dangerous travel areas.

When he walked into Barre after stopping for the day in Gardner, Dyer decided to avoid Williamsville Road, coming in from Route 62 instead.

The hills, however, were unavoidable as he reached the Common.

While in Barre, Dyer caught up with Randy and Lauri Marsden, two people who had shown him great kindness during his first walk, and spent a night in Cooks Canyon.

As he traveled from Barre into Hardwick, Dyer was greeted by his followers along the way.

He reconnected with Patrick Howe of Ware and his family, and was even able to meet Howe's mother Cheryl and his 92-year-old grandfather, Richard.

Arriving in Ware late Monday night, Dyer stayed at an Airbnb on Church Street, getting some much needed rest before leaving late Tuesday afternoon, traveling down to Main Street then to Teresa's Restaurant where he enjoyed good food and conversation until the sun went down.

Dyer was heading to Ludlow for the next part of his journey, another town he had received a warm welcome in during his first walk.

He will also stop at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, adding that he still plays the sport regularly.

As an athlete, Dyer sees this walk as his own personal "Super Bowl."

"This is the one thing that I can do that no one else can do," Dyer said. "That is what I always have been and most excited about. Just accomplishing something that is an incredible feat of athletics and will."

Virginia-based energy drink maker Soldier Fuel donated \$1,000 to help construct a sturdier cart for Dyer to pull on this walk, and has continued to be a supporter of his efforts. Proceeds from each drink sold go to organizations that support veterans and military members.

Dyer's Facebook following on his page 2023walkusa continues to grow, and he hopes sharing his story will help others going through difficult phases of their lives.

"If I weren't telling my life story, I don't think I would do the Facebook page," Dyer said. "Part of this for me is healing...I can help people because I've been through a lot, but I need to help myself first. 'To thine own self be true'...that phrase resonates with me a lot."

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In 2011, on June 11, after a devastating F3 tornado swept through western and central Massachusetts for about 37 miles, a kitten was caught stuck in a tree. The kitten was saved by an anonymous tree worker, and brought to the nearest fire station, in Brimfield.

It was then that Hall met Toto, and he was nursed back to health with the help of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. Toto was given a proper home with Hall and his wife after they decided to adopt the kitten.

Now, Hall travels around and tells Toto's story; since having written the book, with over 12,000 books being sold, and over \$70,000 made and donated to local animal shelters. One of those shelters being the Animal Rescue League of Boston, the same group that helped nurse Toto back to health.

Over 300 different visits with Toto have been made to various places in the area over the years.

At these events, there are copies of the book sold, kids get to learn some sign language to go with the book, as well as meet and pet Toto the Tornado Kitten. The next visit with Toto will be



Summer Reading participants at the Young Men's Library Association pet Toto, held by author Jonathan Hall.

July 20 at the Grafton Library and there is another upcoming one in Bedford, also at the library, on Aug. 14.

Summer Reading events continue at the Ware Library, with Hands on Nature (Butterflies), Tuesday, July 18 at 2 p.m.;

Therapy Dog Storytime, Thursday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m.; Juice & Jelly Funtime Band, Monday, July 24 at 4 p.m.; Sharpie Tie Dye at Greenville Park, Thursday, July 27 at 3-4:30 p.m.; Kulina Folk Art Candle Making, Wednesday, Aug. 2

at 2 p.m.; Cupcake Decorating Workshop with Cupcakes & Confections by Jana, Monday, Aug. 7 at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.; and the Summer Reading Finale with Ed Popielarczyk at Greenville Park (weather permitting), Wednesday, Aug. 9 at 3 p.m.

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These community dinners are supported by the Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan. The Recovery Center of HOPE is a program of the Western Massachusetts Training Consortium.

Please RSVP by July 14 at the Recovery Center of HOPE, 52 Main St., or by emailing [mbabineau@wmtcinfo.org](mailto:mbabineau@wmtcinfo.org).

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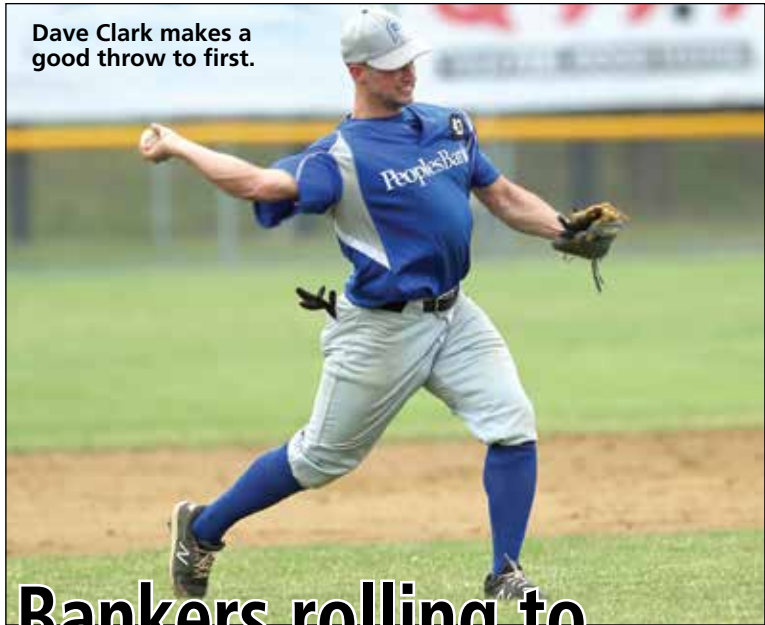
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Dave Clark makes a good throw to first.

## Bankers rolling to first place finish

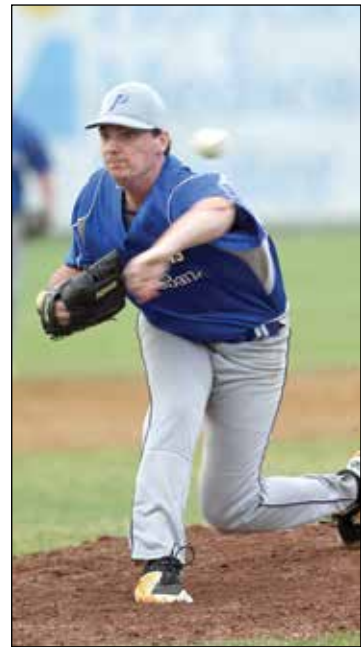
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HOLYOKE – PeoplesBank are the elite of the Tri-County Baseball League, and are now 13-1 heading into the final stretch of the season. Last week, the Bankers scored at 14-4 win over St. Joe's, and a 12-1 win over DiFranco Realty. Those wins

took place on consecutive nights and the Bankers now have a five-point lead for first place. The Chicopee Falls Tigers hold second place at 10-5-1. St. Joe's has moved into third place at 7-8. The regular season is heading for a close during the next two weeks.



Cam McDonald winds up for a long throw for an out.



James Flahive continues to rack up wins for PeoplesBank.

## Monson comeback falls short against West Side

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER— Monson Post 241 Legion baseball manager Steve Tripp wasn't very pleased with his squad's defense performance during the first three innings against West Springfield Post 207.

Monson, who was trailing 6-0, did battle back during the late innings, but they could never catch up. West Springfield posted a 10-7 victory at historic Legion Field in Palmer, last Wednesday night. The contest took almost three hours to complete.

"We just couldn't overcome all of the mistakes that we made early in the game," Tripp said. "The first inning was awful. Ty Miller retired the first two batters on groundball outs, and we should've been out of that inning without allowing any runs." West Springfield (6-2) scored three unearned runs with two outs in the top of the first inning. They also accomplished the same feat two innings later.

Monson (5-3) scored their first run in the bottom of the third inning.

With one-out in the frame, third baseman Mike Mayberry lined a single into left field. After the next batter struck out, shortstop Jake Beaupre blasted a double to right field, which scored Mayberry.

"Jake has every tool to become a great baseball player in the future," Tripp said. "He's, smart, he's a very fast runner, and hits the ball very well."

Beaupre, who also plays soccer and basketball, will be a sophomore at Monson High School in the fall.

After West Springfield scored another run in the top of the fourth, the home team answered right back with a pair of runs.



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Pitcher Mike Mayberry fires to first for Post 241.

Monson's first run in the bottom of the fourth inning scored on a ground ball single into right by Nathan Kaczuwka, who was a defensive replacement. He also

scored on a groundout by his younger brother, Kyle, who started the game at second base.

The home team inched a little bit closer in their next at-bats.



Ty Miller delivers a pitch for Monson.



Kyle Kaczuwka makes a quick throw after fielding a grounder.

Beaupre hit another double to left field leading off the bottom of the fifth inning. With one-out,

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## WMass Pioneers score shutout to keep playoff chances going

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Mamadi Jiana was one of the seven reserve players listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers starting line-up sheet for last Friday night's USL League Two match-up with Vermont Green FC.

Jiana, who was a member of the boys' varsity soccer team at Chicopee High School a couple of years ago, entered the match during the 78th minute. Two minutes later, he scored what turned out to be the game winning goal. The Pioneers kept their postseason dreams alive with an exciting 1-0 victory before the largest crowd of the regular season at Lusitano Stadium.

"The tempo was very high when I came into the game late in the second half, and I was ready for the moment," Jiana said. "When I saw the scoring opportunity, I knew that I had to capitalize on it. We played very well tonight, and it just feels amazing. I'm very proud of the guys."

It was Jiana's third goal of the regular season and all of them were game winners.

"We can't win games with just eleven players," said Pioneers longtime head coach Federico Molinari. "We need contributions from all 18 players to be successful. Mamadi is a local player and we're very happy to have him on our team this year."

Jiana scored his first goal wearing a Pioneers uniform in a 2-1 road win against AC Connecticut on June 10. A little more than two weeks later, Jiana, who currently lives in Westfield, was a start-

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Gianluca Cersosimo sends a kick away.



Stevan Milosevic dribbles up the field.



Tomas Duben stops the ball as he runs into the opposing defense.

## Sturbridge Legion falls to Northbridge

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WHITINSVILLE—Sturbridge Post 109 and Northbridge Post 343 were both looking to celebrate their first victories of the season entering last Thursday's Zone 4 Legion baseball game.

After Sturbridge took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, Northbridge responded with five

unanswered runs leading to a 5-2 home victory.

"We were up 2-0 with the bases loaded with no outs in the first inning," said Sturbridge manager Jim Rossel. "We had their pitcher on the ropes and all we needed was one hit to break the game wide open, but we didn't get it. We only had a couple of hits during the rest of the game. It's another frustrating loss for us."

Sturbridge, who haven't won a game in two years, had a 0-10 record following the road loss.

"We're a young team this year," Rossel said. "We have a bunch of 15 and 16 year olds playing against 18 year olds. Our defense also made some costly errors in tonight's game."

Sturbridge began their first

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## Cagers grab win over Leicester

AUBURN – The Quabbin Cagers placed seven players in the scoring column with a 38-24 win over Leicester in the Auburn Summer league.

The E.P. Wine Propane sponsored team is now 2-1, having won their second game in a two with balanced scoring throughout the lineup. Power forward Kyle Clark paved the way with 11 points continuing his improved play in the paint. Clark has not missed a developmental clinic and the instruction and repetition has certainly elevated his skill set. Clark likes the inside-out game, however, his aggressive play in the post is causing teams match up problems, an asset coaches Tim Hay and Luke Brownell would like to see continue.

The 6'4" junior, still leading the team in rebounds, snatched 12 more caroms to again lead the team. Rebounding is an area that the coaches have empha-

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Freshman Jacoby Dilling is one of the team leaders in chasing down loose balls and diving on the floor to gain the possession.

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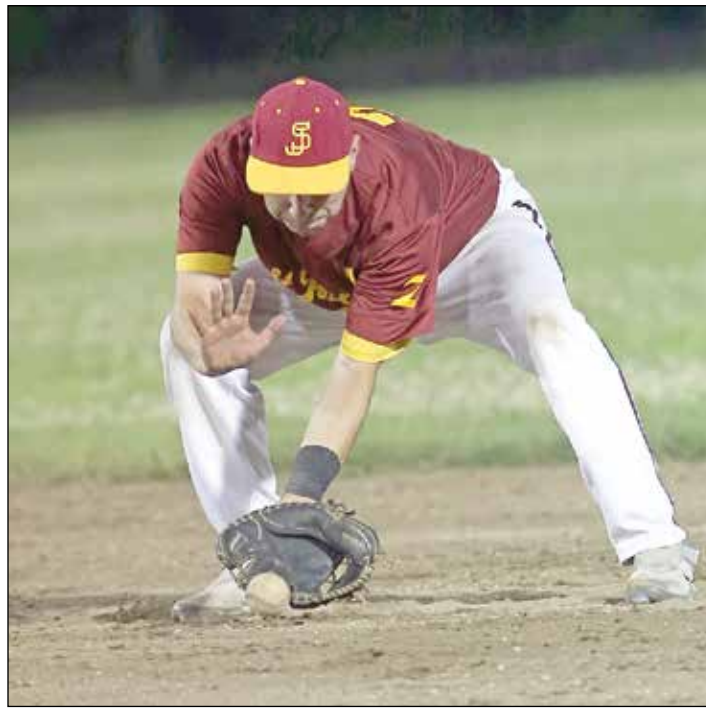
## St. Joe's holds down third

PALMER – With the final week of the Tri-County Baseball League regular season looming, St. Joe's a perennial member of the league, is looking to get back above .500. St. Joe's fell to PeoplesBank at the end of last week, but did defeat DiFranco Realty 11-1 last Wednesday

in their first action since the Fourth of July holiday. St. Joe's has 14 points with a 7-8 record. They are scheduled to face the Longmeadow Cardinals on July 12 followed by the Chicopee Falls Tigers on July 13. Both are home games at St. Joe's Field scheduled for 7:30 p.m.



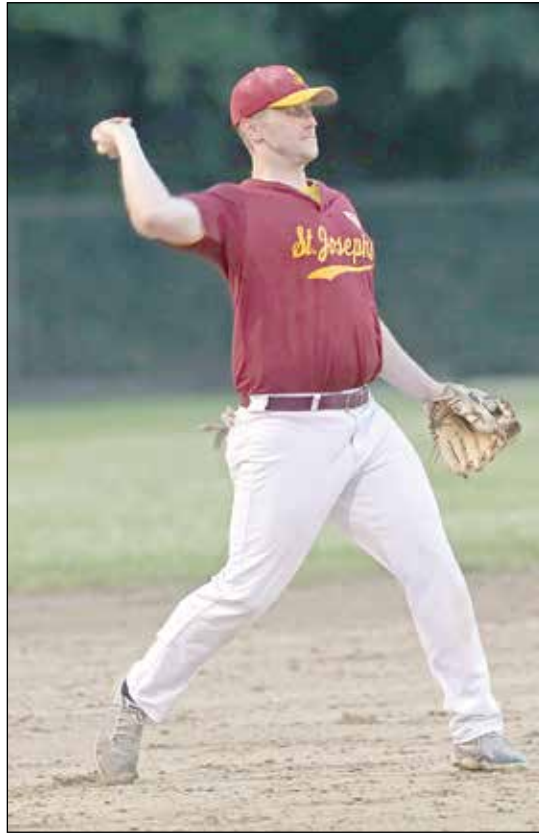
Jackson Petrin slides back to second.



Greg Vouros gets low to field the grounder.



Ware's Devin Slattery makes a throw.



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Brenden Clark throws to first.



Brandon Magni, a long time Saint, pitches for his squad.

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inning with back-to-back walks by second baseman Jarel Martinez and catcher Brandon Phillips. The visiting team then loaded the bases when third baseman Ethan Laplante was safe at first base following a fielding error by the Northbridge first baseman.

Shortstop Devin Krochmalnyckj drove home the game's first run with a ground ball single up the middle into centerfield. Phillips scored Sturbridge's second run of the opening frame on an infield hit by left fielder Ryan Kelly. The inning continued with centerfielder CJ Harrell grounding into a fielder's choice play before Northbridge righthander Chase Falcon struck out the next batters.

Falcon, who graduated from Sutton High School in June, only allowed three base runners during the final 5 1/3 innings he was standing on the mound. Falcon finished his outing with two runs on four base hits. He walked three and struck out twelve.

With two outs in the top of the second inning, Phillips grounded a single into left field. Three innings later, Phillips hit a fly-ball single to left field with one out before stealing second base.

Falcon, who had retired eight in a row, set down the next two batters on a strikeout and groundout.

Sturbridge's only other base runner was first baseman Chase Bond, who walked with one out in the seventh inning.

Falcon struck out the next batter before reaching the pitch limit. Zack Feeny, who started at second base, only threw one pitch to end the game on a groundout.

Sturbridge righthander Addrian De Choudens went the distance, but he didn't receive very much support from the defense. He allowed five runs (three earned) on seven hits and struck out three.

After Northbridge (1-9) cut the deficit in half in the second inning, they took the lead by scoring two unearned runs in the following frame.

The home team added single runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

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er in another road match against Pathfinder FC. He netted the only goal of that contest.

During the past two years, Jiana scored 17 goals and had 13 assists for a total of 47 points as a member of the men's soccer team at Norwich University, which competes at the Division 3 level. He recently entered the NCAA transfer portal and is hoping to play soccer for a Division 1 school in the fall. Jiana has two more years of college eligibility remaining.

The Norwich University men's soccer coach was Adam Pfeifer, who retired at the end of last season. Pfeifer is currently the Athletic Director at Kimball Union Academy and is also the Vermont Green head coach.

The first and second place finishers in the Northeast Division will qualify for the playoffs.

The Pioneers (8-1-3) and Vermont (9-3-0) are battling for one of those two spots, along with the Seacoast United Phantoms. If the Pioneers can win their final two regular season matches at Albany, which was scheduled to be played on Tuesday night, and at home against AC Connecticut on Saturday night, they should lock up a playoff berth. The last time that the Pioneers didn't qualify for the playoffs was in 2018.

"This is a very good win for us tonight," Molinari said. "We made a couple of changes at halftime, and we played a lot better in the second half."

Alec Hughes, who entered the match at the start of the second half, had a couple of opportunities to give the home team a 1-0 advantage.

Hughes breakaway shot in the 58th minute was flicked over the endline by Vermont goalie Nathan



Connor Hicks, of Monson, runs down the ball.



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Jaiden Williams plays the ball.

Schmur resulting in a corner kick.

Less than ten minutes later, Hughes had another wide open shot, but his chip shot clanked off the cross bar.

The Pioneers didn't miss their third scoring chance.

The scoring play began when Connor Bagdon, who had also entered the match at halftime, intercepted a pass before delivering a pass to Lucio Berron. After dribbling the ball over the mid-field line, Berron made a short pass to Ignacio Albo, who then found Jiana open on the left side. Jiana dribbled the ball into the box before firing a rocket shot into the right corner past Schmur, who made a diving attempt to make the save.

"I was wide open, and Ignacio passed the ball to me," Jiana said.

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## Wall Stadium Speedway to host big race Saturday

MILFORD – Six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby will look to add yet another track to his winners list this Saturday night. Wall Stadium Speedway, located in New Jersey, is a high-banked, high-speed track that has tight corners and often produces exciting side-by-side racing.

When the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour rolls into town for the Jersey Shore 150, Coby will drive the Tommy Baldwin Racing, Mayhew Tools No. 7NY. With one win this season (Monadnock Speedway), Coby enters the race third, 30 points back in the championship standings on the Whelen Modified Tour circuit entering the eighth race of the season.

In his 35 career wins, Coby has been to Victory Lane at 12 different tracks. At Wall Stadium, Coby has three career Tour starts, with only one coming in the last 18 years. Coby started sixth, led 72 laps and finished 10th in 2019. He did not compete in the Whelen Modified Tour event at Wall last year, but Jimmy Blewett won in the Tommy Baldwin Racing entry Coby will be driving for this event.

"I watched the race last year and it didn't seem like it was similar to the one in 2019," Coby said. "It seemed like the groove had moved around. Wall is one of those places that can throw a lot at you – and a lot can happen quickly. Our car will be good. I've never won there and it's on my bucket list of tracks where I want to win. I got my first pole there, used to race at Little Wall as a kid, and I've always liked the facility."

Saturday's practice session will roll from 3:30-4:30 p.m., followed by Mayhew Tools qualifying and the Jersey Shore 150 at 8 p.m. The main event will be live on FloRacing.TV for those who would like to watch from home.

## HoopHall introduces new board members

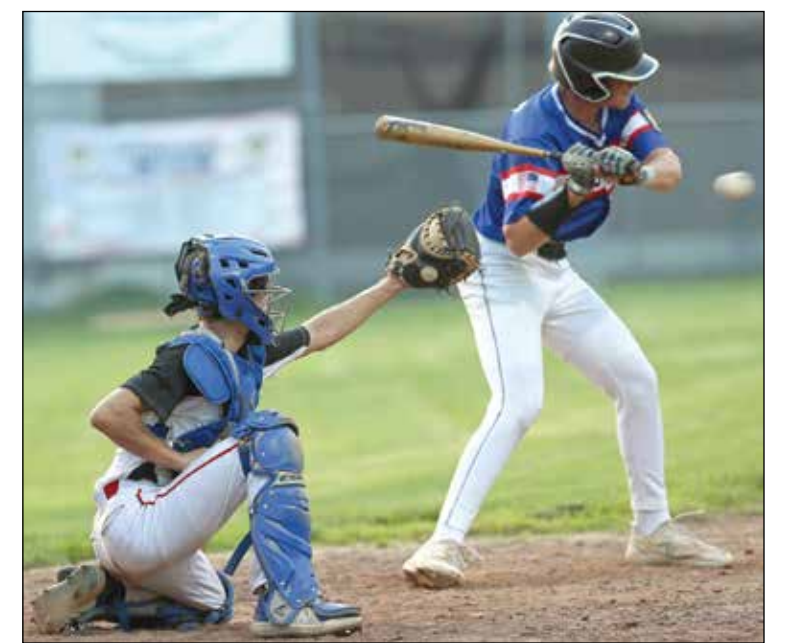
SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced four new board members. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association Foundation, was named to the Board of Governors. Executive Chairman of Delano Media Group, Todd Delano; Former NBA Head Coach and Player, Vinny Del Negro; and Thomas Tull, Chairman of the USIT Fund, and Chairman of Tulco Holdings, were named to the Board of Trustees.

"We are very pleased to be adding Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Todd Delano, Vinny Del Negro, and Thomas Tull as board members," said Jerry Colangelo, Board Chair of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Each new member brings unique perspectives

which will be invaluable in supporting the Hall of Fame's mission to promote and preserve the game."

"I look forward to working closely with our new Board members," said John Doleva, President and CEO of the Hall of Fame. "We have a significant amount of investment coming to the Hall over the next few years, and the Board's input and guidance is critical to the success of our organizational goals."

Board members serve as ambassadors of the Hall while also being responsible for preserving the fundamental mission and financial well-being of the Basketball Hall of Fame. The Board is made up of individuals that work in or have worked in the game, as well as business leaders that have supported the game in Springfield, Mass., or on a national or global level.



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Jarrett Skowyra works behind the plate.

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left fielder James Delaney hit a double to right scoring Beaupre. Delaney scored on a wild pitch cutting Monson's deficit to 7-5.

Following a walk to Miller, the home team had the tying run to the plate with only one-out in the inning.

West Springfield relief pitcher Ben Rodriguez, who's a righty, retired the next two batters on a flyball out and a strikeout.

The visitors scored three more runs against Delaney, who's a sidearm pitcher, in the top of the sixth, which increased the lead to 10-5.

"Every little mistake that we made cost us some runs," Tripp

said. "You can't afford to make that many mistakes at this level."

Monson added two more runs in the sixth.

Their first run of the frame scored on Dom Allen's double to centerfield. Allen also crossed the plate on a wild pitch.

West Springfield was helped out with a double play in the seventh, which halted Monson's comeback bid.

Monson also lost to Sheffield Post 340, 10-5, in another home game last Friday night. They did squeak out a 3-2 home win versus North Adams Post 125 the following morning.

Post 241 entered the final week of the Legion regular season in seventh place in the standings.

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## Blue Sox score doubleheader sweep

HOLYOKE – Last Saturday, the Valley Blue Sox swept a doubleheader versus another North Division opponent. The team defeated the Upper Valley Nighthawks 4-1 to climb back to .500 on the season at 14-14. Valley now leads the West Division by one game over the Bristol Blues.

As in the first game, the Nighthawks got on the board first, following a sacrifice fly in the top of the second.

Blue Sox pitching was rock solid in the ballgame, only allowing one run off five hits. Dillon Ryan started the game for the team, pitching three innings allowing one run while striking out two batters.

Michael Weidinger would relieve Ryan in the top of the fourth inning, pitching two shut-out innings and striking out five batters.

All of the runs for the Blue Sox came in the bottom of the fifth following a huge rally, even with the team only recording two hits in the inning. Efrain Correa Jr. was hit by a pitch, Will Gale singled, and newcomer Jack Power walked to make it bases loaded with no outs.

Jeff Pierantoni and Eliot Dix both hit RBI fielder's choices to take the lead for Valley. The team added two more insurance

runs off an RBI single from AJ Guerrero, and a throwing error from Upper Valley to allow the final run of the ballgame.

Jason Arrigo would relieve Weidinger to close the game for Valley. Arrigo's curveball was ranked third in the league in RPM. The right-hander pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself the save, and added to his strike-out totals with three more on the night.

AJ Guerrero went 2-for-3 in the game, with an RBI. Will Gale also had two hits, going 2-for-2 with a walk and a stolen base.

In Game 1, another close game throughout the seven inning contest saw the Blue Sox rallying back from a three run deficit to claim the victory.

The Nighthawks scored one run in the top of the first inning following an RBI double, then added two more in the top of the second inning off an RBI single.

Sean Scanlon was on the bump to start the game for Valley, pitching four innings while allowing three runs and striking out two batters. In the bottom of the second inning, the Blue Sox took a run back off of an RBI double from Zach Ketterman. Matt Bergevin scored on the play to make it a 3-1 game.

Valley added two more runs to

tie the game in the bottom of the third following RBI singles from AJ Guerrero and Matt Bergevin.

The Blue Sox then wasted no time taking the lead, scoring a run in the bottom of the fourth inning following the first home run hit by a Blue Sox player at home this season. Zach Ketterman hit a towering solo shot over the right field wall to make it a 4-3 ballgame. The third baseman went 2-for-3 with two RBIs in the contest.

Terry Murray relieved Scanlon in the top of the fifth inning, pitching two innings allowing one unearned run while striking out two.

The Nighthawks rallied back to tie the game 4-4 in the top of the sixth after two straight errors from the Blue Sox.

Zach Cameron pitched a scoreless frame in the top of the seventh to set the Blue Sox up to walk it off in the bottom half of the inning.

Jeff Pierantoni walked in the bottom of the seventh, then AJ Guerrero hit a double to put runners on second and third with only one out. EJ Kreuztmann hit a ground ball down the third base line allowing Jeff Pierantoni to score. The Blue Sox secured their second walk-off victory of the season 5-4.

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sized and both Clark and teammate power forward Nick Whitelaw are working hard at positioning and blocking out. Whitelaw, a 6'4 senior and team captain is excellent at directing the defensive traffic with his communication skills and positioning.

Point guard Jaxon Warbuton added 8 points along with teammate Ricky Janoure. The junior guards are harassing on defense with constant ball pressure and learning to find the open player on offense. Janoure leads the summer team in charges drawn with two and this is an area that Janoure excels. The 5'9 guard is one of the best help-to-helpers and overall defenders on the team.

Zeke Santoro energized his team and the fans while earning his first drawn defensive charge. The junior forward has been earning more minutes this summer and his attendance at the recent clinics is paying dividends. Santoro and Whitelaw each had three loose ball recoveries. A performance indicator of both hustle and determination to win the loose ball.

Hay and Brownell are stressing the Quabbin concept that 'first to the floor wins' and Janoure and incoming freshman Jacoby Dilling are seemingly all over the court chasing loose ball down for recovery.

Chris Prunesti-Leveille contributed 6 points with a perfect 2 for 2 from the free throw line. Overall, the cagers were 7 for 12 from the charity stripe, also an area that will be emphasized and worked on.

Turnovers can win or lose a game and when a team is over a certain amount the success factor diminishes tremendously. The Quabbinians had a season low of 11 'give backs' and this impacted the game as Leicester could not produce any offense from Quabbin mistakes.

The team will play against Grafton and David Pouty this week after a week league layoff over the holiday.

In Game On action at Fitchburg the young cagers fell to Fitchburg in their initial match-up by a score of 54-34. The pressure defense of Fitchburg was a concern for the younger players of Coach Dawn Sulmasy but something that can be improved with instruction and experience.

No better place to learn the tactics of the game than where the team is now playing as most of the opposition is older and will be pressing the entire game.

The team, sponsored by Ground Up Landscaping, will face Fitchburg again this week in back-to-back games.

Freshman Matt Wade, a 6'2" power forward led the team with 11 points and hammered the boards to lead the team in rebounds. Wade can score in the paint and has a keen passing ability to know where to deliver the basketball when he is doubled teamed. Coach Sulmasy is teaching the aspiring hoopster to learn advanced post moves and to also move without the basketball.

Coach John Leonard will be scheduling his first clinics of the summer season tentatively on Thursday, July 27 at the Quabbin high school gym. His clinics are top level in terms of providing instruction and skill development. The all-time leading scorer at Manhattan University, NBA draft choice for the Knicks and former college coach is the clinician to work with if any player wants to be able to compete with a competitive skill set particularly at the high school level. Stay tuned for the exact times and appropriate age levels for the clinics.

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Rebounding has been the summer league emphasis and Quabbin's Nick Whitelaw prepares to snare an offensive rebound and subsequent lay-in for this team.

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# community

## Musician brought international flair to winery

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – Hardwick Vineyard & Winery hosted the talented musician Daniel Gay to play his many instruments recently.

Gay is from Worcester, and has been performing for 25 years. He began his musical career in northern Vermont, playing music in various bands.

"I think I'd describe my music as international. I think my music is different because I am a teacher," Gay said.

Gay is a teacher in the Worcester Public Schools, and is always amazed by the many different cultures and people he is able to interact with. Many students in his classes are English Language Learners or refugees.

"As a teacher, it's like you have the whole world. This past year I had 16 countries represented in my class. Worcester is very diverse," he said.

He expresses his love for Worcester in his music, with an original called "The Ballad of Worcester, MA."

Gay brought his piano, guitar, and accordion along to display his talent featuring many original songs, as well as classing covers from artists like The



Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas  
Daniel Gay performed recently at Hardwick Vineyard & Winery.

Velvet Underground and Randy Newman.

He refers to his one-man-band performances as "The Daniel Gay Cacophony".

"I think the word 'cacophony' works for me because I make a lot of sound when I play. It's busy-lots of inspiration from Africa and the Middle East and Asia," Gay said.

Gay is truly inspired by the diversity of his classroom. All the music that comes from each of these cultures moved into and together to inspire him with his

own musical style.

Every pluck of a guitar string, press on a piano key, or pull on the accordion is melded together brilliantly. At one point, he even played the piano with one hand and the accordion with the other at the same time.

Gay's talent can be found and listened to on his YouTube channel, Daniel Gay Music, and on Facebook, The Daniel Gay Cacophony.

## QCC announces Dean's and Merit Lists

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College announces its spring 2023 semester Dean's and Merit lists.

All grades must be "C" or higher, no grades of "I" or "X" are permitted, semester Quality Point Average must be 3.50 or higher and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher and all courses must be college level.

Students who meet the criteria and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester are named to the Dean's List.

Local students making the Dean's List are Luke Harmon of Ware, Melissa Lauzier of Ware and Andrew Edick of Wheelwright.

Students who meet the criteria and have earned six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits, are named to the Merit List.

Local students making the Merit List are Riley Bassett of Gilbertville, Tyler Guardino of Ware, Daniel Peristere of Warren and Alexis Ring of Warren.

## Tickets available for chicken BBQ/pig roast

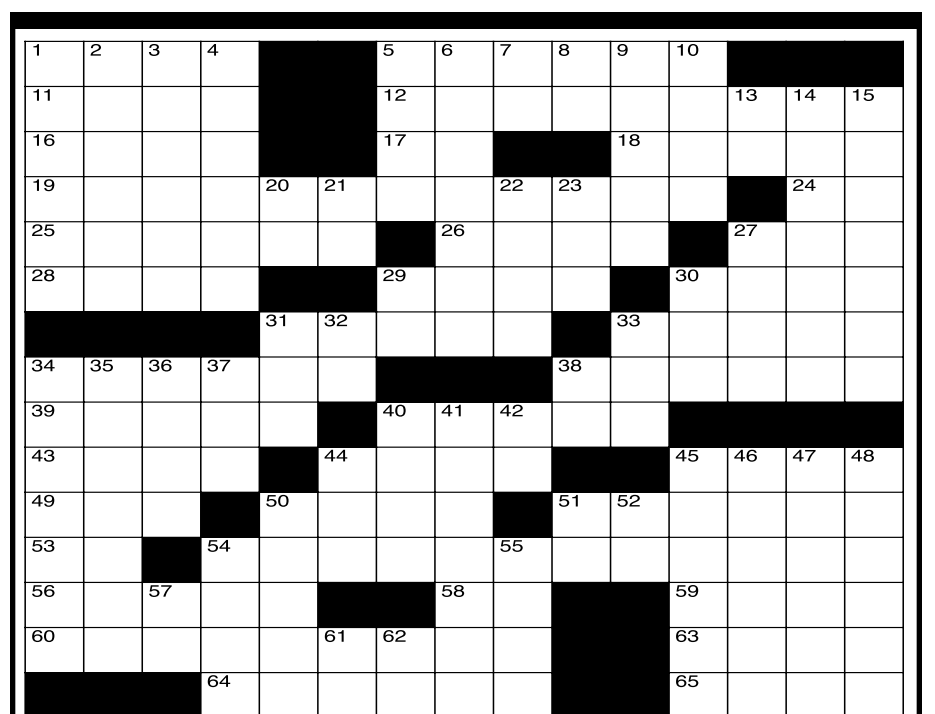
BELCHERTOWN – It's not too late to get tickets to the Swift River Sportsman's Club Chicken BBQ/Pig Roast happening on Saturday, Aug. 26.

Starting at noon and going through 6 p.m. at 350 Cold Spring Road, three different meal tickets will be offered: chicken BBQ, pig roast and a combination chicken BBQ/pig roast. Entertainment will be provided by the Time Trippers from 1-5 p.m.

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  - 51. A radio band
  - 52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)
  - 54. Monetary unit
  - 55. Passed with flying colors
  - 57. A way to win a boxing match
  - 61. The Golden State
  - 62. Home of the Longhorns

# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of July 3-11, the Ware Police Department responded to 31 miscellaneous calls, 41 administrative calls, 18 traffic violations, 31 emergency 911 calls, 12 animal calls, three harassments, two frauds/deceptions, two thefts/larcenies, one damage/vandalism, seven motor vehicle accidents, four safety hazards, one trespass, five assist other agencies and 32 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Monday, July 3**  
 1:48 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, King Circle, Investigated  
 2:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
 6:40 a.m. Safety Hazard, West Warren Road, Removed Hazard  
 8:03 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Could Not Locate  
 4:30 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
 5:04 p.m. Assault, Gilbertville Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 10:22 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate

**Tuesday, July 4**  
 12:06 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pleasant Street, Services Rendered  
 Summons: Jessalyn Hughes-Ungerland, 30, Ware  
 Assault and Battery on Police Officer; Assault; Disorderly Conduct  
 6:36 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bacon Road, Investigated  
 7:15 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bacon Road, Services Rendered

**Wednesday, July 5**  
 7:01 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Bellevue Avenue, Investigated  
 9:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
 11:57 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
 12:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Vehicle Towed

2:40 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Advised  
 3:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barnes Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Thursday, July 6**  
 12:14 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered  
 9:26 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Dispatch Handled  
 9:26 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Dispatch Handled  
 9:42 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, East Street, Advised  
 11:53 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
 1:21 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made  
 1:56 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered  
 5:46 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Church Street, Investigated  
 6:26 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Dispatch Handled  
 7:14 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Malboeuf Road, Services Rendered

**Friday, July 7**  
 8 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Criminal Complaint Request  
 9:13 a.m. Safety Hazard, Osborne Road, Investigated  
 10:11 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Pulaski Street, Patient Refusal  
 4:42 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Complaint Taken Care Of  
 8:15 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

**Saturday, July 8**  
 5:36 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made

**Sunday, July 9**  
 11:20 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Osborne Road, Report Made  
 11:26 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made  
 11:41 a.m. Traffic Incident/

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Crash, West Main Street, Investigated  
 2:07 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Millers Road, Investigated  
 3:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered  
 Arrest: Abel E. Gomes, 84, Indian Orchard  
 OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Marked Lanes Violation  
 5:57 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Fisherick Road, Dispatch Handled

**Monday, July 10**  
 10:12 a.m. Fraud/Deception, East Street, Advised  
 5:22 p.m. Safety Hazard, Belchertown Road, Services Rendered  
 6:12 p.m. Fraud/Deception, High Street, Advised  
 7:09 p.m. Warrant Service, West Main Street, Arrest Made  
 Arrest: Loni G. Otero, 40, Ware WMS Warrant

**Tuesday, July 11**  
 9:25 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Unknown, Dispatch Handled  
 3:55 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Advised

Southbridge Road, Arrest(s) Made  
 Arrest: Casey E. Martin, 40, Chepachet, Rhode Island  
 Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; OUI-Liquor or .08%; Marked Lanes Violation; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
 3:33 p.m. Complaint, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer Advised  
 5:33 p.m. Staph Infection, Main Street, Report Filed

**Saturday, July 1**  
 10:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
 10:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Report Filed  
 4:02 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Town Farm Road, Information Taken  
 4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Citation Issued  
 6:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning  
 7:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Citation issued  
 10:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 11:50 p.m. Arm Pain, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital

7:46 p.m. Property Damage, Town Farm Road, Report Filed

**Tuesday, June 27**  
 6:46 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Mechanic Street, Services Rendered  
 8:03 p.m. Unwanted Party, Southbridge Road, Report Filed

**Wednesday, June 28**  
 12:24 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 10:03 a.m. Officer Wanted, Comins Pond Road, Report Filed  
 6:48 p.m. Falls, Gilbert Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 7:32 p.m. Vertigo, Elm Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
 9:34 p.m. Stroke (CVA), Elm Street, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, June 29**  
 6:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Heritage Drive, Report Filed  
 8:32 p.m. Vandalism, Dean Street, Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, June 30**  
 1:18 a.m. Falls, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
 11:42 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
 2:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,



The Massachusetts Fire Academy's Class 106 had firefighters from Granby, Hampden, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Northfield, Orange, Palmer, Russell, Shelburne Falls, Sunderland, Three Rivers, Ware, and Warwick.

## Local firefighters graduate from academy

BRIDGEWATER— State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Director Jeffrey P. Winn announced the graduation of 23 recruits from the MFA Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program recently.

The graduates received certificates of completion at a ceremony held at the Department of Fire Services' Springfield campus.

The graduating firefighters represent the fire departments of Granby, Hampden, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Northfield, Orange, Palmer, Russell, Shelburne Falls, Sunderland, Three Rivers, Ware, and Warwick.

Gavin Rohan of Call/Volunteer Class 106, a member of the Ware Fire Department graduated during the June 28 ceremony. Firefighter Nick Gambino graduated with Class 105 the following night from the Stow Campus.

Gambino is also a member of the Ware Fire Department and is on call in Paxton, where he is a full-time student at Anna Maria College enrolled in the fire science program. He is also the son of full-time Lieutenant David Gambino.

"First responders are on the front lines of any crisis and these newest firefighters are needed now more than ever," said Academy Director Winn. "The rigorous training they've completed provides them with the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary to protect their communities safely and effectively."

Video of the ceremony will be posted at the Department of Fire Services' YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/dfsosfm.

The Call/Volunteer Firefighter Recruit Training Program is unique in that it delivers a standard recruit training curriculum, meeting national standards, on nights and weekends to accommodate the schedule of firefighters in suburban and rural areas. Making the training more accessible means more firefighters can participate and allows them more time to practice training skills with instructors.

The MFA, a division of the Department of Fire Services, has offered the program since 2003. About 3,000 call and volunteer



Nick Gambino graduated with Class 105.

recruits have graduated since then. Today's firefighters train for all types of hazards and emergencies.

They are the first ones called to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to Fentanyl overdoses or a gas leak. They may be called to rescue children who have fallen through the ice or locked themselves in a bathroom.

They rescue people from stalled elevators and crashed vehicles. They must test, maintain, and utilize equipment such as self-contained breathing apparatus, hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, they learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques.

The intensive program involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions.

To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack



Gavin Rohan graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy with Call/Volunteer Class 106.

operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple room structural fires.

Graduates have completed 240 hours of training on nights and weekends. Upon successful completion of this program, all students have met the standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001.

In addition, they have the ability to become certified to the level of Firefighter I and II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations Level by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

## Warren Police Log

During the week of June 25-July 2, the Warren Police Department responded to 248 building/property checks, 58 community policing, 16 traffic enforcements, 17 emergency 911 calls, one fraud/forgery, two property damages, two vandalisms, one safety hazard, two motor vehicle accidents, one complaint, three animal calls and 33 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, June 25**  
 11:43 a.m. Officer Wanted, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed  
 12:10 p.m. Officer Wanted, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed  
 1:24 p.m. Property Damage, Town Farm Road, Report Filed  
 2:54 p.m. Bleeding, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital  
 7:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
 8:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

**Monday, June 26**  
 2:25 p.m. Vandalism, North Street, Report Filed  
 4:59 p.m. Officer Wanted, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed  
 7:38 p.m. Officer Wanted, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed

7:46 p.m. Property Damage, Town Farm Road, Report Filed

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## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 3-10, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 62 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, 11 traffic control, nine emergency 911 calls, seven radar assignments, four citizen assists, two complaints, three assist other agencies, three safety hazards, two threats, two harassments, one fraud, one motor vehicle investigation, one investigation, five animal calls and 11 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, July 3**  
 10:57 a.m. Assist Citizen, Ruggles Hill Road, Spoken To  
 4:46 p.m. 911 Elevator Call/Alarms, Old Petersham Road,

Investigated  
 5:40 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Spoken To

**Tuesday, July 4**  
 5:56 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital  
 6:19 p.m. Safety Hazard, Jackson Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
 9:27 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
 10 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Route 32, Negative Contact  
 1:27 p.m. Assist Other Agency, High Street, Negative Contact  
 8:52 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Services Rendered

**Wednesday, July 5**  
 11:10 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Church Street, Spoken To  
 2:16 p.m. 911 Misdial, Greenwich Road, Spoken To  
 3:55 p.m. Threat, Church Lane, Services Rendered  
 5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
 5:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued  
 6:10 p.m. Safety Hazard, Fiske Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Thursday, July 6**  
 4:38 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital  
 10:32 a.m. 911 Medical

Emergency, Bridge Court, Transported to Hospital  
 3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
 3:36 p.m. Assist Citizen, Mechanic Street, Services Rendered  
 5:56 p.m. Threat, Church Lane, Spoken To  
 8:40 p.m. Complaint, Church Lane, Officer Handled

**Friday, July 7**  
 3:08 p.m. Fraud, Church Lane, Investigated  
 9:09 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Mechanic Street, Negative Contact

**Saturday, July 8**  
 10:41 a.m. 911 Trespass, Hardwick Road, Report Taken  
 2:42 p.m. Harassment, Main Street, Report Taken  
 3:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated  
 4:20 p.m. Assist Citizen, Pine Street, Officer Handled

**Sunday, July 9**  
 12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Summons Issued  
 12:22 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Main Street, Transferred Call to C7  
 4:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, July 10**  
 5:50 a.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Removed Hazard

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