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Candidates release statements for Special Election race



Catherine Buelow Cascio

Kenneth R. Willette

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WARE – A Special Election will be held on Monday, Aug. 12 to fill a vacant seat on the Selectboard.

Polling hours will be held from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. in the Town Hall, 126 Main St.

Catherine Buelow Cascio and Kenneth R. Willette have returned their Nomination Papers and their statements about why they are seeking election appear below

Catherine (Kularski) Buelow Cascio

I am writing this letter first to ask you for your vote for Selectboard. I am a lifelong resi-

dent; went to school, married and after a few years away, raised my children here.

I drive past our boarded up and empty Main Street and I get upset when I see our once beautiful Mary Lane Hospital and I drive past our "blighted" areas regularly, I have town water and sewer and feel the frustrations.

When people ask me why I am

running, they are for these reasons and more. I love this town and I know what it once was and can be again.

Yes, it is my husband Jack, who is on the Selectboard. He is from Westfield originally and we have been married 22 years, and he loves this town, too.

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Landine appointed Police Chief

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HARDWICK/NEW BRAINTREE – The New Braintree and Hardwick Select Boards met during a joint meeting on July 14 to discuss and vote on the next steps following Police Chief Jim Ayotte's notice of retirement.

Both boards received the notice of retirement letter from Ayotte, who was appointed to the position back in 2011. Ayotte started in the department in the 1990s and his last day will be Aug. 1.

New Braintree Select Board Chair Dennis Letendre, Jr spoke and suggested that both towns should have an internal candidate who is qualified to take over the role as Chief of Police for the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department.

Many members of the Police Department attended this joint meeting in support of one qualified candidate. Lieutenant Kevin M. Landine attended the meeting and was the leading candidate chosen to take the position of Chief.

Landine joined the police department in March 2002 at the age of 19. In 2005,

Landine was a full-time police officer.

Both New Braintree and Hardwick Boards agreed and had appointed Landine to Chief of Police, effective Aug. 2, 2025.

Landine spoke on the subject regarding other police officer ranks in the department and said he wishes to "continue moving forward in the department."

Robert Toupin was appointed to Lieutenant and Ryan Gentile was appointed to Sergeant. These suggestions were moved to a vote and were approved by both New Braintree and Hardwick Select Boards.

The Executive Secretary to the New Braintree Select Board, Rebecca Acerra, shared with the boards that residents have expressed overwhelming support of these new appointments. Hardwick Town Administrator Justine Caggiano said Hardwick residents have also expressed support of these new appointments.

Moving forward as the Chief of Police, Landine is focused on continuing the policing in both Hardwick and New Braintree and being involved in the communities. Landine also wants to get additional training opportunities for the department.

PETTING ZOO



featured during
Dean Park concert

Friday summer series of concerts continue

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – Dean Park in West Warren continues to be the place to enjoy live music on Friday nights with the

Concerts in the Park series.

On July 11, music artist, Matt York who hales from the South Shore of Massachusetts performed. Though he is known for performing predominantly in Massachusetts, York has traveled for many years performing his own songs and also doing The Highwaymen Songs & Stories.

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Cute guinea pigs were new additions to the petting zoo.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Ozzie is a friendly llama who guests met at the Moonlight Run Farm Petting Zoo at the most recent Concert in the Park at Dean Park.

Questions needed for 'Meet the Candidates' forum

WARE – Ware Community Television and the Ware River News will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates" forum prior to the Aug. 12 special election, and we need questions from the community.

Select questions will be asked to the candidates running for the Selectboard during the July 26 forum.

Please send your questions by email to pouimette@turley.com or mail to Ware River News, 80 Main St., Ware MA 01082. Written questions can also be dropped off at our office, 80 Main St.

Business and civic groups partner for school supply drive

Staff Report

The Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce and the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond are sponsoring a school supply drive to benefit the students within the school systems in Palmer, Ware and Monson.

"Barbara Barry, chair of the Palmer City Council, had approached me about the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce holding a school supply drive over the summer. It was a terrific idea," said Matt Lemieux, President of the Three Rivers Chamber and also serves as a member of the Palmer Town Council.

"Over the last year, we [the Three River Chamber of Commerce] have been collaborating on events with the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond. I reached out to Dan Flynn, President of the organization, to offer a partnership to help students in both of our towns," said Lemieux.



Cedarbrook Village Marketing Director Mary Dembowski accepted a school supply donation from Ware Business & Civic Association Director Dustin Pennington of Pennington Painting.

"The WBCA&B accepted our proposal and in further discussions with Flynn, we determined to reach out to Monson based businesses to support their schools," said Lemieux. "The drive would

run until Aug. 15 when we would then collect all donations and transport to the central school offices."

Please see **SUPPLIES**, page 11

Selectmen OK utility pole on Cronin Road

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen began their July 10 meeting with a public hearing for a project from National Grid.

The project involves the placement of a new utility pole located on Cronin Road. The pole will be placed 326 feet north of the centerline of Southbridge Road. National Grid will be working with Massachusetts Electric Company to help bring power across the road.

The property is a new single-family home located at 72 Cronin Road.

After closing the public hearing, the board member voted to approve the placement of the new utility pole.

Civic Plus discussion
The board continued discussion with Civic

Plus on possible updates to the town website. Town Administrator James Ferrera said that Civic Plus is moving to a new platform in the fall.

The town is looking at updating its website and wants to see what their current vendor, Civic Plus is doing for upgrades.

"Civic Plus has to change us off this Drupal platform," Ferrera said.

A presentation was made by Corey Abbate, an Account Manager for Civic Plus. Abbate shared his screen to share information with the Selectmen. Abbate said that Drupal is no longer supporting D7 as of Jan. 2025.

Civic Plus partnered with HeroDevs to ensure a continued stable and up to date secure websites for municipalities.

Please see **WARREN BOS**, page 6



Town Clerk shares Special Town Election information

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

Catherine Buelow Cascio and Kenneth R. Willette have submitted their Nomination Papers.

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

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

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

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

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

Country music comes to town

BARRE – The Quabbin Community Band will be presenting a theme of “Country Music” at their concert next Sunday, July 20 on the Barre Common.

New songs to the band will include a medley of Shania Twain hits, A Symphonic Portrait of John Denver, Dolly Parton’s “9 to 5” and others. This concert will mark the sixth in a nine week series of concerts by the Quabbin Community Band, under the direction of Margaret Reidy.

All concerts begin at 6 p.m. Should there be rain on any Sunday evening, the concerts are moved indoors to the Town Hall.



Submitted Photo
Ryan Malakie of Ware plays his baritone sax with the Quabbin Community Band on the Barre Common for, “Movie Magic” night presented July 13.

Are You Old News?



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



File Photo
Last week's photo from 1989 showed the new officers of the Ware Chapter 59 of the Disabled Veterans of America at a ceremony held at the Ware VFW post. Shown front row were Lionel Guillette, William Purcell, A. Prindle and Lou Puccino. Middle row were Norman Joyal, Don Casey, Mr. Robichaud, William Cote and Mr. O'Brien. Back row was Richard Messier.

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

Summer happenings at the Paige Memorial Library

HARDWICK – Summer Reading, Level Up at Your Library, offering special programs and activities, prizes, and lots of good books to borrow, is on now through Aug. 9 at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road.

Have your Reading Log checked each week to receive a ticket for prizes.

Ongoing events

LEGO Building is held from 3-4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Build a Lego creation for display in the library with a picture on Facebook.

Story Time is held at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays with stories, crafts, science, and games.

Special events

On Thursday, July 17 at 6 p.m., The Journey Before Us with Laura Dusha Nelson.

Let's talk about your future. Learn what “liv-

ing fully” can mean for you and your family as an aging adult. Health, wellness, and navigating your options for end-of-life preparedness.

On Saturday, July 19 at 1 p.m., the Hardwick Haymakers will hold a wiffle ball game at Goddard Field next to the Paige Library. Cheer on the Hardwick Haymakers, Hardwick's vintage baseball team, as they prepare to play the Westfield Wheelmen.

Rain date is July 20. On Thursday, July 22, at 6 p.m. enjoy a Ukulele Workshop with David Maloof at the Town House

On Thursday, July 24, at 3 p.m. make a Tic-Tac-Toe game to take home and on Tuesday, July 29, from 3-5 p.m. play Bingo and win prizes

For more information and to sign up to hold your place email paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

Lions Club hosts Concerts in the Park

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

Admission to concerts is free and concerts are weather dependent.

Concert dates include July 17, Bed by Ten; July 24, The Legends Show featuring A Neil Diamond Tribute “Forever Diamond” and A Tribute to Dolly Parton and A Tribute to Barry White & Lionel Richie; July 31, Bigelow; and Aug. 7, Cobblestone Road.

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

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



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Zentangles

Warren Library hosted meditative art class

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WARREN – The Warren Public Library hosted a zentangles class this past week for an afternoon of art.

Guests learned about this meditative art form that is easy to learn and features pattern drawing techniques that are used for meditation and relaxation. Local artist, FaegasiAurora or “Faye” arrived at the Warren Public Library to teach her very first zentangle class.

Faye describes zentangle art as “an art of filling space on paper with repeating patterns.” According to the local artist, there is no art experience needed to create zentangles.

Several kids and adults got to work as Faye provided drawing utensils. The artists were using white paper and markers of various colors to create their zentangles.

When creating zentangles, any pattern can be created. It is the repetition that helps create a zentangle. As a visual tool, Faye provided her “Book of Patterns” to give the young artists an idea of how to start designing. Symbols can change, but repeating some sort of pattern is how a zentangle is formed.

One example in the book of patterns created by Faye was a Halloween themed zentangle. There were spiders, pumpkins, cats, ghosts and various forms of spider webs that helped develop a zentangle.

Faye was making some new zentangles of her own while helping some of the kids. Library assistant Rowan Bernstein got into the activity and began designing her own zentangle.

Faye has shown the concept of zentangle art to her friends, but this program was her first time teaching it. FaegasiAurora will return to



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago
Zentangle art was created this past week at the Warren Public Library. Teaching the class was local artist, Faegasi Aurora, left.



A zentangle was created by Library Assistant Rowan Bernstein.

the Warren Public Library for two sessions of Crochet with Faye on Tuesday, July 15 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, July 24 at 2 p.m.

Guests will learn how to crochet a whale amigurumi. Materials will be provided for the class. The event



An example of zentangle art featured Halloween themed patterns. This example is featured in Faye’s “Book of Patterns.”



A colorful zentangle was created by one of the kids, Gemma. This zentangle featured 8s as one pattern.



Faye’s zentangle she created during her very first zentangle art class.

is for ages 10 and older and requires registration. Call the Warren Public Library at 413-436-7690 or email warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

The library is also offering rock painting on the Warren Town Common on Saturday, July 19 at 1 p.m. If it rains, the event will be inside the library.

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We both love to debate, and we have strong individual opinions. We can assure you that when we vote on an issue, it will be from our individual points of views, after having open discussion and dialogue on the matter, in an open Selectboard meeting.

We have also contacted both the State Election Board and the State Ethics Board; they said it is perfectly legal and within my rights, to run and hold a seat on the Selectboard, there is no conflict or law that disqualifies me.

There are so many things I feel we need to get accomplished in this town; I would like to be part of moving things forward. As I have watched and stayed abreast of what has been happening, I am ready to step in and help to get the job done.

I dislike hearing things “talked about”, but then decisions are either not made or completed. We also need full transparency when it comes to discussions and decisions.

The Selectboard’s roles are limited and often people get on the board thinking they can simply “change” everything, but that is not how things work. Selectboard members are “policy makers” and if done correctly, policies can set the tone to make sure things in town are done appropriately, that people are held accountable, and the town as a whole functions most efficiently.

I know that we are a “poor” town but that doesn’t mean we cannot have a clean and nice-looking town, a healthy, thriving town, a low crime and drug free town, an overall beautiful town that our citizens can be proud of. I’m ready to roll up my sleeves and let’s get to work. I like the “We Can” and “Just Say Yes,” kind of attitude when it comes to getting things done.

This is what I want to offer as a member of the Selectboard. A town that offers and has citizen involvement in all aspects, from youth programs to senior and veteran programs, to our holiday events. I would like to see more citizens involved in committees to utilize their knowledge and talents, to get the best ideas for answers to our problems.

I would eagerly encourage citizen input at meetings and request public hearings. I would like to hold office time to be available to our citizens to hear what issues they are concerned about, and to bring these concerns to the board at large. I would like to engage with all our depart-

ments, as appropriate, to hear their concerns also.

We need to continue to push towards enhanced medical services for this town, including medical services on the Mary Lane Hospital site that the voters zoned medical. I would advocate that we work with our surrounding towns and their officials to have a stronger impact when we speak with our Legislators.

Water/sewer is a major issue which needs our daily attention until it is resolved, both for our citizens and our businesses. Ongoing solutions and hiring appropriate personnel is key.

I also feel strongly that the town should look to re-establish an elected water/sewer Board of Commissioners, like we had in the past. These individuals would work solely on these issues plaguing our town for years. The Selectboard does not have the expertise or skills to address these issues the way they need to be managed regularly.

We need strong and efficient Police/Fire departments and would advocate to make sure they have what is needed. It is also important that we take care of our seniors, veterans, youth, library, parks, so I will advocate for all, to ensure our town benefits.

Being proactive on issues as opposed to reactive. Anticipating issues in advance and setting courses to rectify before the problems become real.

Economic development is important to every town.

This should always be part of our discussion and planning processes but be wise in what and how we do this. When we flourish as a town, more businesses, more homeowners, will want to be a part of our community too.

The Town that Can’t be Licked should not just be an old motto, but a strong statement in which we live by!

Kenneth R. Willette

On Aug. 12, I am running in the Special Election for the open Selectboard seat. Thank you to Ware River News for allowing me to introduce myself and share my qualifications and views on serving as your Selectboard member.

During my 32 years of fire service experience, including 19 years as a firefighter/EMT and 13 years as a fire chief across two Massachusetts communities -- my top priority was always to meet the needs of residents while working within fiscal constraints to develop effective fire and emergency medical services. Throughout my career, I managed complex situations and worked diligently to protect individuals, homes, and property. Following my fire service career, I managed emergency responder safety standards for a global standards organization and currently serve as Executive Director of a fire service training director membership organization. These positions have further developed my management, problem-solving, and leadership abilities.

My commitment to the well-being and future

of Ware is unwavering. Since my wife, Lorrie, and I made Ware our home ten years ago, I have continued to contribute through public and community service, including roles on the Finance Committee and the Capital Infrastructure Review Committee. This experience enabled me to meet with every Town department head, work closely with the Selectboard and Town Manager, and engage with many residents, gaining valuable insights into our Town’s operations, expenditures, and future requirements.

I am committed to collaborating with other Selectboard members and the Town Manager to address key issues facing our community. My priorities include advancing plans for a new community swimming pool, increasing the focus on developing the Mill Yard, Main Street, and Mary Lane properties, and establishing a clear action plan to improve the quality of town water. All these actions need to be taken with a clear focus on fiscal responsibility. To that end, I will advocate for the Town Manager to provide a multi-year financial forecast to guide the Board’s decision-making.

While these are my priorities, I know that you have your own ideas of what the town and its leaders need to do. I am committed to listening to your concerns and working diligently to enhance the quality of life for all residents. My extensive fire service experience and committee leadership equips me with the skills necessary

to address our challenges effectively.

I am enthusiastic about bringing a fresh perspective and new voice to the Selectboard and contributing to the continued progress and prosperity of Ware. I look forward to engaging with residents during this campaign and respectfully request your support in the upcoming election on August 12th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Election information

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SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Why can't I get my Social Security payment plus my Railroad Pension from my ex-spouse?

Dear Rusty:

I have a question. I now get a Railroad Pension from my ex-husband. I did not know it was from the Social Security Administration. I want to collect my SS benefits and my Railroad pension. Can I do that? I do not understand why I cannot collect both. Please advise.

Thank you. Signed: Railroad Ex-spouse

Dear Railroad Ex-spouse:

Railroad pension benefits and Social Security benefits are fully coordinated – that is, your Railroad pension payment from your ex-spouse already includes your earned Social Security retirement benefit. That's because the two government agencies, Railroad Retirement Board and Social Security Administration work together and pay your benefits in one single payment, usually managed by the RRB if some of your benefit includes a railroad pension component. The RRB and SSA are two separate government agencies, but they fully coordinate benefits for beneficiaries.

This is exactly the same as if you were collecting regular SS ex-spouse benefits instead of RR benefits from your ex-husband; your personal SS retirement benefit is always paid first, and you receive an additional amount (a spousal boost) from your ex-husband. In your case, your "spousal boost" is the difference between your personally earned SS retirement benefit at your Full Retirement Age and half of your ex-husband's Tier I Railroad retirement benefit amount at his full retirement age. A railroad pension usually consists

of two pieces – a Tier I benefit and a Tier II benefit, with Tier I benefits being the equivalent of the pensioner's Social Security.

Your ex-spouse benefits under the RRB are handled the same way. The two agencies fully coordinate with each other, evaluate your SS entitlement, and then reduce the amount of your RRB Tier I ex-spouse benefit by your SS retirement amount and pay both amounts together. In this way, you only get one payment, consisting of both your earned SSA component and the RRB component. And whenever there is a railroad component, the RRB is usually responsible for making pension payments.

You may find the information at this RRB website helpful: https://rrb.gov/RB-9/Social_Security_Benefits and you can also contact your local RRB field office by accessing this link: <https://www.rrb.gov/Field-Office-Locator>.

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In the eye (or nose) of the beholder

So many things in life are a matter of preference, and there is no exception when it comes to likes and dislikes in the garden.

Take, for example, the hydrangea in my front yard that is truly a kaleidoscope of blues, purples and magenta. My husband prefers all blue hydrangea flowers, and would love if I would give the bush a watering of "Miracid" so that it will conform more to his liking.

But alas, I tend to enjoy the circusy feel, and will probably continue to let it do its thing without any help from me. Likewise, if you prefer the pink shades instead, you can use lime to make the soil more alkaline.

Do you ever wonder how this process works? It's a matter of making aluminum ions more readily available or not, and that process is pH dependent.

Another area where he and I tend to disagree is whether or not Bugbane, *Actaea* (formerly *Cimifuga racemosa*), deserves a place in our perennial border. The plant is really unique, in that it sends up loads of four-five foot tall white flower spikes, even in the shade.

It's a beefy plant once full grown. I consider it a "specimen" like the Peony or Baptisia, where one will do the trick.

The flowers are blooming now and will continue to put on a show for a good few weeks.

So, you ask, what is the

problem? Simply put, it's the smell. The plant reeks. It's all for good, though, since the acrid smell lures flies to

demanding and are best known for their use in a shady border. Most will burn if planted in the sun, although golden leaved varieties seem to fair better in sunnier locales. In general, most varieties look great paired with Astilbe and Ferns.

I've mentioned the "take it or leave it" attitude in prior columns towards the smell of Marigolds. I am definitely a "take it" girl on this one. In fact, the fragrance, in and of itself, transports me back to the Grange Hall of my youth and their annual summer fair where I would, and still do enter the flowers in the "Cut Flower" category.

Both the larger doubled petal African and the smaller French types are represented. Besides looking good in the vase, Marigolds are said to repel aphids and other insects from neighboring plants, and supposedly even able to keep underground nematodes at bay.

Maybe they are worth the odor. Or maybe the fragrance? You be the judge.

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



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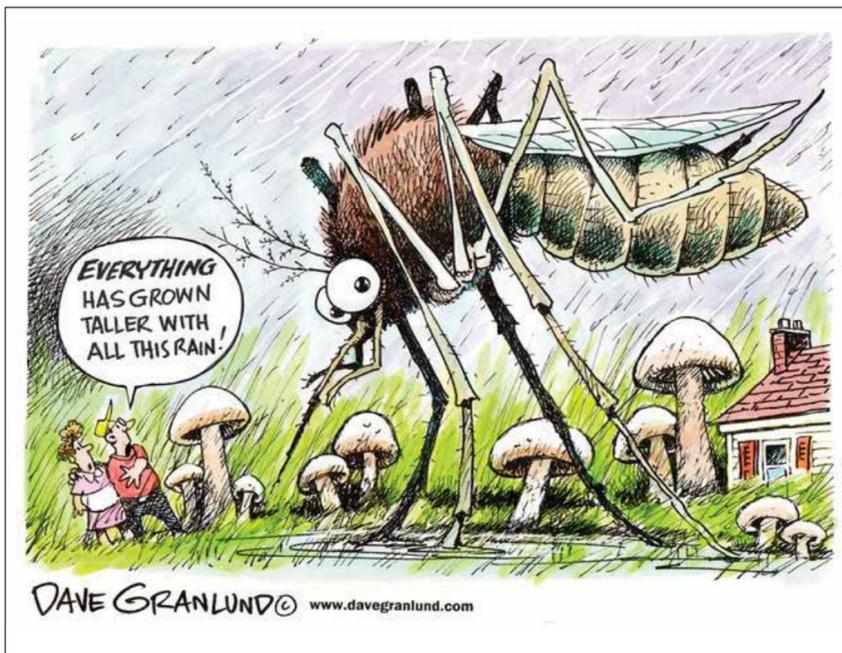
My husband loathes the smell and has given it the not so nice nickname of "stinky flesh plant." I am not sure how he came up with that, but each year he is always pretty vocal about the stench when it is in bloom.

As a sidebar, the flies are doing their job, in turn making viable seeds. I know this for certain, since a few of them have sprouted over the years. Welcome volunteers, at least as far as I am concerned!

What is the consensus on Hosta flowers? Should they stay or go? I used to be of the "go" camp until earlier this morning, in fact, when I saw a hummingbird frequenting the blossoms! That changed my mind in a hurry.

While it's true that Hostas are better known for their foliage which is often beautifully variegated, the light lilac flowers are pretty in their own right. A handful of pendulous bells hang from the tips of the stems that seem to float above the foliage.

Hostas are not very



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Resident urges towns to work together for healthcare

Editor's Note: A copy of this letter was sent to the Ware Selectboard and Town Manager, and the Hardwick Select Board and Town Administrator.

This message is going out to Hardwick and Ware town officials concerning an issue that affects both our communities.

Since the Mary Lane Hospital closure, the Lewis Gilbert Trust funds have been put on hold by the trustee Bank of America, which is now worth approximately 7.5 million dollars. This trust fund is currently being reviewed to determine the best way to manage distributions that will be as near as possible to the original intent of the 1919 will.

Bank of America has solicited input from a limited number of community residents and town officials. Many residents believe that their process, or lack of procedure, has not fairly captured the sentiment or sta-

tistics surrounding our communities.

Many feel that the Ware Selectboard's recent decision to support Baystate keeping control of the funds has betrayed and misled the people they represent, and it was inappropriate to not include Hardwick town officials. Four Selectboard members from one town should not be making such an important decision affecting thousands of people for many years to come.

Possible ways to better represent our residents could be:

Share with B of A the results of the many surveys that have been taken over the past few years which overwhelmingly conclude that the residents want healthcare on the Mary Lane site and do not trust Baystate.

Mail out a survey to all voting residents allowing them to have input.

Hold a public forum for all communities to attend,

allowing for debate, questions and concerns.

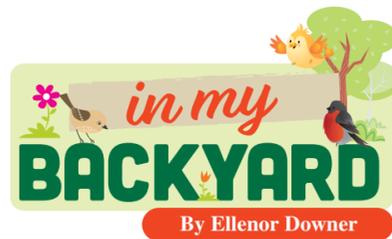
Request a public hearing from the Attorney General's office to include B of A.

Send a letter to Bank of America asking them to slow things down so our communities can be properly surveyed about how they would like to direct the future of healthcare in our towns. The hospital closure had been planned for years and now things seem to be being rushed.

I hope that you can all discuss this matter amongst yourselves and come up with a plan that will satisfy the residents. A plan that helps mend fences, bring us together, and give us hope.

Truly grateful for your service,

**Steven Hawk
Healthcare and Rail
Trail advocate
Ware**



Cooper's hawk

My neighbor has a Cooper's hawk in his yard. Cooper's hawks are common woodland hawks and skilled fliers. They will fly at high speed through cluttered tree canopies in pursuit of other birds. They may be seen at the forest edge or a field taking a few wingbeats followed

by a glide.

Males are smaller than the females. They build the nest and supply nearly all the food to females

and young during the nesting period.

During migration, ridge tops in both the East and West are great places to spot Cooper's hawks in large numbers. Coopers hawks perch upright and have a long, rounded tail with dark banding. The band at the end of the tail is white. They have a small, hooked beak.

Adults have a gray back, reddish barred chest and red eyes. They also have a black cap.

Cooper's hawks are similar to sharp-shinned hawks, but are larger. They inhabit deep forest to backyards.

Grape jelly warning I received a link about the dangers of feeding grape jelly to hummingbirds from a Granby resident. The link said, "Bird experts are raising the alarm that a common

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Ants on a Log

performed at Ware Library

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – The Ware Library welcomed the musical duo known as Ants on a Log as part of its Summer Reading special events.

This band features Julie Be and Miles Crabtree, a Philadelphia-based duo performing for children and other childlike people. Their award-winning music centers around positivity, social justice, and silliness.

This musical performance was dedicated to the memory of Peggy Trombly. This fun concert at the library is part of the Ants on a Log New England tour. The band was founded 10 years ago and over time produced three albums, numerous singles, music videos, and educational resources.

Ants on a Log played a lot of fun songs including ones that involve audience participation. The reading room of the Ware Library was packed with kids and their families who were ready to sing and dance with Ants on a Log.

One of the first songs played by Ants on a Log was called “Thank you Very Much”. Crabtree performed on the drums and Be played on the guitar. There were several songs that got the kids to dance with the duo.

Crabtree led the kids into a fun dance about picking up the trash.

For the adults in the room, Ants on a Log had an audience participation song where they take suggestions from the audience. The duo incorporated old nursery rhymes into the song. Suggestions included “Humpty Dumpty”, “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little



Wade Norton, left, and Reese Norton took a picture with Ants on a Log after the concert with their cute picture frame.



The musical duo Ants on a Log performed this past week at the Ware Library. Miles Crabtree was on the drums and Julie Be on the guitar.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago



Kids got up to dance with Miles Crabtree during the concert.



Miles Crabtree and Julie Be are shown alongside Children's Room Librarian Cathy Goulet.

Star”, “Itsy Bitsy Spider” and several more.

Ants on a Log also played a classic song that Be wrote more than 10 years ago,

“Songs, Many Songs.”

The kids had a great time as Ants on a Log thanked the Ware Library and the audience for having them per-

form. The band had T-shirts and miniature picture frames to take pictures with the kids. Children's Room Librarian Cathy Goulet wanted to get a

picture with the band as well.

For pictures and for one song, Crabtree brought out a friend, which was a snail

hand puppet. The kids loved the snail song and got to take pictures with the puppet after the concert.

Free meals offered to youth through Aug. 1

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

No registration or ID is required. Meals will not be

available on July 4.

Serving times for congregate meals at SMK Elementary School are as follows: breakfast 8-9 a.m. and lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch meals will also be available to-go from the municipal parking lot on

Pleasant Street from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Dates and times are subject to change. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Food Service Department at 413-967-5977. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Summer Eats food program offered at middle/high school

BARRE – This summer, all kids and teens get free meals at Quabbin Regional Middle High School through the Summer Eats program, no ID or registration required.

Summer Eats is open to all kids 18 and under. Kids and teens must be present

to receive a meal and are required to eat on-site.

The summer feeding program at the Middle High School will be offered July 8-Aug. 7. Hours of operation are Monday through

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ConCom continues with NOI for Crouch Road lot

By Ryan Drago
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WARREN – The Conservation Commission continued with a public hearing for a notice of intent for Lot 3B on Crouch Road.

Representatives of Land Planning Inc. attended the July 8 meeting to further address the work being done on the lot off Crouch Road. Attending on Zoom was President and Engineer of Land Planning Inc. Norman Hill and Bryan Hill was attending in person.

The commission received a lot of information from Land Planning but still had some concerns regarding the proposed replication area. Hill explained that the plan is to keep the area leveled and there is erosion control as well.

Land Planning also identified the plants that are near the wetland, which consists of skunk cabbage and ferns.

Conservation Chair Joyce Eichacker shared the NOI on screen for review, and it included a wetland map. The Conservation Commission stated they still have not received the field data sheets from the applicant.

The applicant said the sheets were emailed, but members of the Commission said they have not received it. Hill said he

checked and said the email was sent the day before the meeting on July 7.

Conservation secretary Corrine Thibodeau went to go check to see if she got an email from Land Planning. Hill also explained the narrative of the lot. The planner also addressed the stream crossing standards.

As part of the requirements, the Conservation Commission wants a simple paragraph explaining on what is happening at the worksite. Hill said he believes that his team has met the standards for this NOI.

“If we meet the standards, we meet the standards,” Hill said. “When it comes to the standards of a stream crossing, it’s not a question of it doesn’t meet the standards.”

Eichacker pulled up an email that Hill wanted to read for the record and it addresses what has happened on this site that did bring some challenges.

“We are proud of our design on this difficult site,” said Hill.

The replication design is suited for the ecosystem, according to Hill. After identifying the wetlands, the company is planning to reevaluate the area. They have found some invasive species and will clear them off site or at least away from the wetland area.

Land Planning will also let the Conservation

Commission know soils they will choose for the site. Hill said the soil is more of a sandy soil. The color changes as they get closer to the wetland and don’t have a lot of sun. The lot on Crouch Road has a big shading area.

After checking with the secretary, the Conservation Commission still has no emails from Land Planning. Before approving the NOI, the commission wants some language put with the field data forms.

“We would like the field data forms to support your wetlands delineation,” Eichacker stated.

In other words, the commission wants a statement on how the project is being done. They also want distances between house, wetlands, buffers and driveway.

“Give us a picture of what’s happening on site,” Eichacker said.

The commission made a motion to close the public hearing and then hope to move forward with information that is to be given by Land Planning.

The commission will also work on conditions they will give to the applicant and will contact them when they’re complete. Specific conditions would involve wetland replication, and a monitoring report schedule.

Sewer Commission reviews permit requirements

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WARREN – The Sewer Commission met on July 8 and talked about a Sewer Connection permit application for 109 East Road.

Sewer Commission Secretary Lisa Digris let the commission know that she tried to reach out to the applicant on two occasions and has not received a response. The sewer connection permit was not approved because it didn’t have proper documentation to go with it.

“I have not received a response to the phone call or the letter I sent out,” Digris said.

Sewer Commission Chair Travis Baker wanted to know if the board should reach out to the Building Inspector and see if the applicant is awaiting another permit that has to be approved by the building department. There might be an occupancy permit involved in addition to the sewer connection for the house on 109 East Road.

Digris also brought up a separate permit fee that the applicant may have thought was the cost of the sewer connection permit. The water connection permit is currently \$750.

The Sewer Commission will contact the building department to hear their input. The commission is also waiting for documenta-

tion for the permit.

This agenda item would lead to a discussion the commission had about what is required for applicants when turning in permits. Baker suggested that maybe a checklist should be put in place to list all the required documents and information that goes with a permit.

Baker says this checklist can be short and simple. Insurance certificates are an example of documentation that go with permits.

Baker and the Sewer Commission want to investigate and see what other sewer departments in other towns are doing when handling or checking documentation. The commission will take these ideas and formulate their own system on permit documentation.

Sewer stub

The Sewer Commission briefly talked about the application of Fountain & Sons Construction Company for installing a sewer stub on Brimfield Road for a future side street/subdivision at the current gravel pit site. The commission is still waiting for the applicant to turn in application and a plan featuring drawings of the project.

According to the Sewer Commissioners, the applicant is waiting to fill the application to include what company they will hire for the sewer stub.

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 21
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
Birthday Party with music by Freddie Marion. Call the front desk by noon on Friday, July 18 to be put on the list.

Tuesday, July 22
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9 a.m. Movin’ & Groovin to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Cornhole
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Scrapbooking. \$3 per class
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, July 23
9 a.m. Tai-Chi
10 a.m. Scat
10-11:30 a.m. Kirsten Krieger, Quabbin Region DPH Nurse office hours
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Chair Yoga

Thursday, July 24
9 a.m. Senior Spring Walk. Participants should meet at the Senior Center.
9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
10 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Cornhole

Friday, July 25
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Chair Yoga
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

LUNCHES DINE IN
11:30 a.m.
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Monday, July 21
Birthday Party
Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Dessert and Entertainment, Music by Freddie Marion provided by The Friends of Ware Seniors Inc.

Tuesday, July 22
Brunch
Blueberry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Dessert of the Day

Wednesday, July 23
Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, July 24
Pastrami Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Dessert of the Day

Friday, July 25
Meat Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Dessert of the Day

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According to Civic Plus, Acquia will cease hosting Drupal starting in November of this year. The goal is to move Warren’s website to Civic Plus Municipal Websites Central, the company’s Proprietary Content Management System.

The new website would have a standard central starter and template design. The town would be able to manage content better and make improvements for staff’s day-to-day responsibilities.

The board members asked if the new website would be easier for operators to make changes. In the past, staff has had issues with adding new people to the website and the current website has subsites for various departments.

Abbate says the new website will create new user levels and will still maintain a general customer journey. This would allow users to get to spots within one to two clicks.

For templates, there are five templates to choose from. Abbate shared some samples on the site and recommended two of them for Warren’s website. The timeline of work consists of about 10 weeks from the moment the project is approved and signed.

Until the town is ready for a new website, the current website will remain but will soon cease to exist. The town will have time to pull information from the current website to bring over to the new website. File systems or cabinets would have to be moved.

Ferrera asked Abbate about what would be saved and what the town would have to save. Publicity access will be transferred, but the town is responsible for documents and other content once the site is turned over. The company is not responsible for maintaining the compliance but will make sure coding is compliant with ADA standards.

Right now, the town is paying \$3,680.61 per year for the website. Abbate did go over the payment plan for the new website. The price will go up after the first year. Civic Plus will take down the current platform and give a revamped site.

The Selectmen discussed what to do next. They believe it won’t hurt to test out the site for the year. There are training courses available for staff to better understand the new website. Ferrera said the town has money reserved for a website if they decide to move to a different vendor.

David Dufresne of the Selectmen believes the town has time to test out the site.

“It might be easier to use,” he said.

According to Abbate, Civic Plus is maintaining a 95% customer satisfaction rating from year to year. The Selectmen voted to move forward with Civic Plus.

38 Elm St. discussion

The Selectmen had a continued discussion regarding the execution of the eviction process of 38 Elm St. and next steps to take in the process. Ferrera explained that the town is working with an attorney who has indicated that the case has reached a final judgement.

After an eviction is served, the town would have to secure a certified moving company to get any contents out of the property. Contents would be stored in a ware-

house and the town would have to notify the owners/occupants of 38 Elm St.

There is a cost to the town doing this process but will be able to recoup the cost once the house is listed by a real estate agent and is sold.

Ferrera suggests the board move forward with the eviction and serving the execution.

The town does have funds to secure tax title properties but has no money reserved to hire a moving company.

Ferrera said the town could take legal expense funds to help pay for the moving company expense. The town would have to put an article in for the Special Town Meeting in the fall.

“Its been a problem property for a while,” Board of Selectmen Chair Richard Eichacker said prior to a vote.

The board voted to move forward with the execution of the eviction process.

Town Administrator’s report

Ferrera gave his report and explained why there has been a series of Verizon trucks in town. Those trucks are relat-

ed to the Fios grant that has new installments being made in Warren and West Warren.

Ferrera also wanted to welcome the newly appointed Administrative Assistant Griffin Harrington to Warren. Harrington filled the position after Karen Dusty retired earlier in July.

Ferrera attended an administrative meeting for Central Mass regional dispatch. There was a discussion about ongoing initiatives as the meeting took place in Rutland.

Ferrera mentioned that Spencer could possibly join the dispatch and other towns such as Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton are talking about possibly joining.

For Green Communities, Ferrera talked about a discussion he had with Quabog Regional School District Superintendent Stephen Duff to see if there are any possible projects for Warren Community Elementary School.

The town has also improved inspections to the standards of Green Communities.

Ferrera also talked about the Cutter Park Redesign Group, who he met with and was talking about reviewing submitted proposals. Six firms applied to do the work for Cutter Park. The group is currently scoring the firms and will have a decision soon.

Library offers rock painting event on the common

WARREN – The Warren Public Library, 934 Main St., will host a rock painting event on the common on Saturday, July 19 at 1 p.m.

Paint a decorative or inspirational garden rock – to keep, or to secretly leave somewhere for someone else to find.

This program is free and open to kids, teens, and families. Registration is appreciated but not required.

This event will be held inside the library in case of rain. Please call or email for more information at 413-436-7690 or warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com.

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SIRENS & Sizzle

Rescue squad hosted open house at new location

By Ryan Drago
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WEST BROOKFIELD – The West Brookfield Rescue Squad hosted a fun open house and BBQ dinner known as “Sirens & Sizzle” this past weekend.

The West Brookfield Rescue Squad was founded in 1952 as a volunteer, non-profit ambulance service by eight residents of West Brookfield. Over the years, this 501©(3) non-profit organization has evolved and is now a full-time Advanced Life Support service with ambulances with full-time and part-time EMTs and Paramedics.

The Squad provides life-saving care to the communities of West Brookfield, Hardwick, New Braintree and Advanced Life Support in Warren.

The Sirens & Sizzle event featured an open house and a BBQ dinner at the West



One of the ambulances is shown at the West Brookfield Rescue Squad which hosted a Sirens & Sizzle open house at their new station.

Brookfield Rescue Squad’s new location at 30 Ware St. The BBQ dinner featured smoked pork and chicken complete with a number of sides and guests also enjoyed some yard games and raffles.

Guests also met members of the Squad and toured their new station.

Brianna Boudreau has worked at the West Brookfield Rescue Squad for over a year and is an EMT and also works in inventory. Boudreau is also the Chair of the Events Committee for the Squad and loves working in this community.

By offering the Sirens & Sizzle, the West Brookfield



Shown from left to right, Erica, Kylee, Ware Firefighter Matt and retired firefighter Dolan enjoying a nice BBQ meal at the Sirens & Sizzle open house.

Rescue Squad is looking to raise money to purchase new life-saving equipment to better serve the communities they support. Several squad members, including Boudreau, were giving tours of the new station that was once an auto maintenance garage.

The Squad has seen an increase in staff and equipment, and a new space was needed. The new station off Ware Street has more bays for the Squad’s ambulances as well as a lounge space for the staff. The plan is to soon install a kitchen in the lounge area and include a stove and a sink.

There is a new training room at the new West Brookfield Rescue Squad station, and the Events Committee is planning to use the space to provide more activities for the community.

There will be training and classes for CPR and first aid. These classes are for local businesses and for anyone who wants to learn.

The new station also has bunk rooms for the staff who work around the clock, or 24-hour shifts. One of the garage bays for the ambulance also includes inventory of supplies the Squad needs for their emergency services.

As of 2025, the West Brookfield Rescue Squad has two active ambulances with EMTs and paramedics.

Having a gathering event such as the Sirens & Sizzle lets people know that the Squad is dedicated to the communities they serve.

“Show the community we want to be involved with them,” Boudreau said.

Boudreau is from Hardwick and says she loves working at the West Brookfield Rescue Squad and loves the community.

Helping with the parking for the event is Rescue Squad Captain Ryan Bateman. The Captain has been involved in EMS for 15 years and was appointed to Captain earlier this year.

Bateman said the Squad was in need of a new space as they grew out of the previous one.

The Sirens & Sizzle also had a booth featuring West Brookfield Rescue Squad subscriptions for guests to learn about their services and possibly sign up. Members of the Squad were available to take any questions guests had.

The West Brookfield Rescue Squad hosts and participates in multiple local events and fundraisers each year. Proceeds from these events such as Sirens & Sizzle help the Squad purchase and maintain equipment to provide the best care and services in the communities they support.



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Brady is a 28-year-old horse enjoying his "retirement gig" at Moonlight Run Farm Petting Zoo.



Snacks and refreshments were available during Concerts in the Park provided by the Warren Parks Department.

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Aiden held one of the chicks at the petting zoo.



Adorable Scottish Highland cows were being fed by visitors.

CONCERT from page 1

York began playing in Boston music clubs as a teenager. Since his teen years, he's played on stages throughout the United States and Canada.

York played solo on his guitar under the picnic area at Dean Park. There were dozens of residents who came to the park and sat comfortably in their lounge chairs to witness York's music. York had several merchandise items for sale including albums and a copy of one of his books.

This Concerts in the Park series is presented by the Warren Parks & Recreation Department. This past concert on Friday night featured a petting zoo presented by Moonlight Run Farm LLC out of Barre.

Angela & Jesse Klayman are founders and owners of Moonlight Run Farm and returned to Dean Park with more animals for guests to meet. The petting zoo was busy as kids lined up to meet the animals.

There was a horse named Brady, who is 28 years young. Prior to living at Moonlight Run Farm, Brady used to pull sleighs.

Owner Angela Klayman said Brady's participation in the petting zoo is "his retirement gig."

Moonlight Run Farm also brought Scottish Highland

cows, baby chicks, a tortoise, guinea pigs, Nigerian dwarf goats, and llamas. One of the unique animals the petting zoo had is Rupert the huarizo, a hybrid cross between a male llama and a female alpaca.

One of the tallest llamas at the petting zoo was Ozzie the white llama. Ozzie is a friendly llama who wasn't afraid to stick his long neck out to meet guests at Dean Park. Angela and Jesse also have a total of 16 Nigerian dwarf goats at their farm.

The chicks were fun to look as many kids got to hold them. One child, Aiden, got to hold a chick and took a picture with it for his parents.

Ruby is the Russian Land Tortoise who could be held by the shell. This species can live up to 40 years.

For their petting zoo, Moonlight Run Farm also featured two donkeys, and peacocks. Guinea pigs were new additions to the Petting Zoo and they were very much adored this past Concert in the Park. According to the Klayman's,



Angela Klayman held Ruby the Russian Land Tortoise.



Matt York performed at Dean Park during a fun concert in the park.



Goats looked for food people might bring to them during the Petting Zoo.

seeing animals is "good for the soul."

Members of Warren Parks & Recreation offered a concession stand for snacks. On

the basketball court was a bounce house for the kids.

The next concert at Dean Park is scheduled for Friday, July 18 at 6 p.m.



A fun bounce house was available for the kids.

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Devin Slattery, of Ware, makes the stop.

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Saints keep first place in Tri-County



Brandon Magni fields a grounder to third.

PALMER – Following the Fourth of July, Tri-County Baseball League action resumed with a full week of action. Teddy Bear Pools and St. Joseph's were among the several games that took place. Both teams had a few games during the week. With a couple of weeks remaining in the season, St. Joseph's holds first place with 20 points and a 10-6 record. PeoplesBank is second with 16 points and an 8-2 record and several games to make up. BankESB is third with 11 points, and Teddy Bear Pools holds fourth with nine points and a 4-7-1 record.

Mason Barcomb slings a throw to first.



Breddan Fournier cuts across the diamond and gets the out.



Jake Delaney picks the ball out of the dirt.

Extra time goals hurt Pioneers in draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The task wasn't a very difficult one for the Western Mass. Pioneers entering the regular season finale against rival Vermont Green FC.

The Pioneers needed a victory to clinch the top spot in the USL League Two Northeast Division table for the first time since 2021.

The home team held a 2-0 lead in the 90th minute before referee Stephanie MacFarland decided to add 10 minutes of stoppage time. That's when everything fell apart for the Pioneers like a house of cards.

The Green managed to score two goals during extra time and last Friday night's match, which was played in front of the largest crowd of the regular season at historic Lusitano Stadium, ended in a 2-2 draw.

"I've never been involved in a soccer game before where the referee added ten minutes of stoppage time," said Pioneers captain Aidan Kelly. "We just crumpled under the pressure, but it's something that we're going to learn from. It's very disappointing, but we're looking forward to the playoffs now."

Longtime Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari was upset with how the home match ended.

"I have no words to describe tonight's game," Molinari said. "We played very well until extra time. There isn't anything we can

do about it now."

The scoreboard clock was stopped when the match reached the 90th minute. MacFarland kept the rest of the time. Soccer is the only sport that uses a clock where the players and fans have no idea when the match is going to end.

While it was a heartbreaking way to end the regular season, the Pioneers (10-1-3), who lost, 2-0, to the Green on June 17, were scheduled to host the Long Island Rough Riders in an Eastern Conference play-in match on Tuesday night.

"We've qualified for the playoffs again," Molinari said. "We just have to prepare for Tuesday's playoff match now."

The Pioneers qualified for the playoffs for the sixth time since 2019. They've also finished in second place in the Northeast Conference standings in each of the past four seasons.

Vermont (12-0-2) captured the League title for the first time since joining USL League Two in 2022.

When the Green made their annual visit to Lusitano Stadium a year ago, they clinched a playoff berth with a 3-1 victory over the Pioneers. The first meeting of the 2024 regular season ended in a scoreless draw.

The overall series record between the two squads is now tied 3-3-2.

The Pioneers posted a pair of 1-0 victories against Vermont during the 2023

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Jose Suarez Monaco tries to make a stop.



Jaiden Williems gets the quick touch.



Goalie Rees Sheppard punts the ball away.

Quabbin All-Stars play in district playoffs

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Every baseball player dreams about playing in the Little League World Series, which is held in Williamsport, Pa., each August.

Just like during the previous two years, the Quabbin Area Little League All-Star team's journey in the District 3 tournament came to an end following a loss in the championship game.

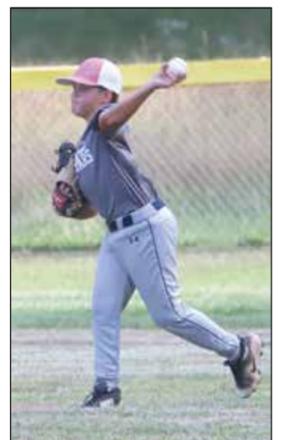
Quabbin lost, 5-1, at Leominster in this year's District 3 finals on July 11.

Because there are only three District 3 teams, Quabbin won a coin toss and received a first round bye.

Leominster defeated Athol-Orange Chuck Stone, 10-0, in the first round on July 7. They then made the trip to Barre the next night.

Quabbin also didn't have very much success against Leominster, who posted a 10-0 victory at Felton Field. It was Quabbin's final home game of the season.

"We have five twelve year olds, who played in their final baseball game on this field tonight," said Quabbin manager Jason Poulin. "They've played a lot of games on this field during the past four years. All of them are outstanding kids and I'm very proud of them." Those five players are



Murphy LaPointe fires a throw back to the infield.

Deegan Pope, Colin Kania, Chase O'Connor, Nolan O'Connor, and Oliver Poulin.

Quabbin's only base hit was a hard shot off the short-stop with one-out in the fifth inning.

"The Leominster pitcher was phenomenal," manager Poulin said. "He threw hard, and he threw strikes."

The other members of this year's Quabbin Little League baseball team are Dylan Mace, Murphy LaPointe, Archer Leslie, Hunter Mitus, Cooper Sampson, and Deklan Sampson.

Jason Poulin, who's also the President of the Quabbin

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Chase O'Connor fouls off a pitch.



Colin Kania hustles down the line.

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Candlepin League News

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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League has reached week 10 at Bogey Lanes.

After 10 weeks of bowling, Sophia's Raiders remain in first place with a record of 62-18. Gutter Dolls are in second place with a record of 50-30. The No Shows moved up to third place with a record of 44-36. Close behind is Kristen's Squad in fourth place at 43-37.

During week 10, the Gutter Dolls bowled against Clock Barn. In game one, Gutter Dolls defeated Clock Barn by a score of 458-426. Pat Bacon of Gutter Dolls bowled well by scoring 106. Bacon's current league average is 88.

In game two, Clock Barn won by a score of 455-438. In game three, Clock Barn won the last game by a score of 431-417. Despite losing the last two games, Gutter Dolls won total pinfall by one point, 1313-1312. Each team won four points as Gutter Dolls remain in second place.

Straight Shooters bowled against Gutter Snipes in week 10. In game one, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 441-404. In game two, Gutter Snipes won again by a score of 444-428. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes broke the century mark with a 104.

In game three, Straight Shooters won the last game by a score of 446-436. Craig Dube of Straight Shooters finished strong with a 106. Vinciulla put up a better score of 107. Gutter Snipes won total pinfall by a final score of 1321-1278.

The Rolling Stones bowled against Gutter

Fingers in week 10. In game one, Rolling Stones won by a score of 437-433.

In game two, Rolling Stones won again by a score of 452-441. In game three, Rolling Stones won the last game to sweep Gutter Fingers by a score of 444-422. The final score was 1333-1296 in favor of Rolling Stones.

Sophia's Raiders bowled against Kristen's Squad. In game one, Kristen's Squad won by a score of 438-417. In game two, Kristen's Squad won again by a score of 464-448. Meaghan Button of Kristen's Squad bowled a 116 and Sophia Hearnlaye of Sophia's Raiders bowled a 114.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 458-454. Hearnlaye followed up with a 110 and a series of 320. Bob Button finished strong with a 118. The final score was 1356-1323 in favor of Kristen's Squad, who are in fourth place with a record of 43-37.

Team No Shows bowled against the Vacant team and won all three games and total pinfall. The team put up a final score of 1446 and some of their players bowled well over their average. Kathy Swistak had two games well over her league average of 84, by scoring 102 in game two and 109 to end the match.

Steve Swistak began the match with a 107 and matched Kathy Swistak in the last game with a 109 of his own. Filling in for one team member was Ryan Drago, who had scores of 141, 121, and 126 for a series of 388.

By winning eight points, No Shows move to third place with a record of 44-36. The Wednesday Mixed Summer League have four weeks left of the season.

Blue Sox suffer loss to Ocean State

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were the away team for the first game in the doubleheader at Mackenzie Stadium against the Ocean State Waves last Friday. Valley's third baseman Wyatt Hunt had himself an incredible day at the plate. Hunt went four for four with three singles, a double, two runs scored and one RBI. Blue Sox's Bryan Matuschat relief pitcher led the team in strikeouts with three in two innings pitched.

This game did not disappoint as scoring started early on for the Waves (14-15) in the top of the second. Waves' Gavin Greger hit a single and stole second. Coen Niclai's single advanced Greger to third. Niclai seized his opportunity and stole second base quickly. Kayle Pisano ripped a sac-fly to center field, scoring Greger and advancing Niclai to third. Ocean State's second baseman, Jack LaRose knocked a sin-

gle to score Niclai to make it 2-0 after two innings.

Valley found their footing in the top of the third. Hunt doubled into left field off of the diving catch attempt by left fielder Kolton Reynolds. Hunt stole third on a wild pickoff attempt by Ocean State starting pitcher Rhys Bowie. Nicholas Spaventa cracked a single right up the middle, scoring Hunt to cut the lead to one.

The Blue Sox found more momentum in top of the fifth thanks to Hunt's single and steal that was followed up by Michael Elko's line drive ball to left field that scored the speedster Hunt to tie the game at two apiece before the inning ended.

The Waves punched back in the bottom of the inning. With two outs and no runners on base, Brandon DeGoti demolished a triple into right field to put a runner into scoring position. Ryan Gerety then doubled

off the right field wall and scored DeGoti to make it 3-2. Reynolds followed suit with a single into the outfield to score Gerety to extend the lead even further. Greger doubled into right field, advancing Reynolds to third. Niclai singled to score Reynolds but Gerety got out at home due to an incredible throw by right fielder Rees Kozar for out No.3. The score was now 5-2.

Valley's Mike Lucarelli walked to start the top of the sixth. Lucarelli stole second, third and home on a wild throw by Waves' catcher Brandyn Durand. Andrew Loikits singled into left field. Sean Darnell crushed the ball deep into left for a double to advance Loikits to third. Gavin Schrader came into the game to pinch hit for Hayden Perry. He hit a sac-fly to center field, scoring Loikits to make it 5-4. Hunt came back up to the plate and hit a clutch single to score Darnell. The game

was now tied 5-5. In doubleheaders in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, games are only seven innings with the exception of two extra innings. No runs were scored until the bottom of the ninth inning. Ocean State and Valley were on the cusp of having the first tie in the NECBL this season.

Justin Hackett started as the ghost runner for the Waves. LaRose hit a sac-bunt to advance Hackett to third. Ocean State was 90 feet away from scoring the game winning run. Greg Pettay has been out since June 26 due to a knee injury and ripped a game winning single to score Hackett to walk it off in style against the Blue Sox.

Game two of the doubleheader got canceled due to rain against the Ocean State Waves, but the Blue Sox were up 2-0 before it got canceled.

T-Birds reveal schedule for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds, the proud American Hockey League affiliate of the St. Louis Blues, released their full schedule for their 2025-26 regular season on Thursday in conjunction with the AHL. The T-Birds will be celebrating their 10th year as an AHL member club during the upcoming campaign, as well as their fifth playing season in affiliation with the Blues. Springfield has qualified for the Calder Cup Playoffs in three of its past four seasons.

The Thunderbirds will begin their regular sea-

son on home ice for a sixth consecutive season when they play host to the defending Eastern Conference champion Charlotte Checkers on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 6:05 p.m. inside the MassMutual Center for Opening Night.

Fans are advised that all Saturday games at the MassMutual Center will now start one hour earlier at 6:05 p.m. for the 2025-26 season.

The Thunderbirds will face every Eastern

Conference team at least twice during the 2025-26 regular season, except for the



Cleveland Monsters. Once again, the AHL season will consist of all 32 clubs playing 72 games (36 home, 36 away).

Springfield will play 54 games against Atlantic Division opponents, including 27 at the MassMutual Center. Their most frequent opponents are the Providence Bruins, who will

visit the Thunderdome six times, including 6:05 p.m. puck drops on Saturday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 27, Saturday, Feb. 21, and Wednesday, March 11. The two teams will also square off on New Year's Eve for a 3:05 p.m. matinee on Wednesday, December 31, as well as a 7:05 p.m. puck drop on Wednesday, March 25.

The home-ice portion of the I-91 rivalry series against the Hartford Wolf Pack begins on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6:05 p.m., and

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regular season.

Since suffering the shutout loss at Vermont back in June, the Pioneers had gone 5-0-0 and outscored their opponents, 18-1 during that span.

The start of last Friday's contest was delayed about 30 minutes due to a thunderstorm.

The Pioneers starting goalie was Trey Sheppard, who started a home match for the first time this season.

"We decided to go with him (Sheppard) tonight," Molinari said. "He's been training with us the whole season and he deserved a chance to play."

Sheppard, who'll be a sophomore on the Amherst College men's soccer team in the fall, started his first match of the season for the Pioneers on the road against New England FC, which was a 3-1 victory on July 7.

During the third minute, Sheppard made an outstanding save on a shot taken by



Juan Hermoso chases after a loose ball.

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Arnaud Tattevin resulting in a corner kick.

The Western Mass. squad took a 1-0 lead following a free kick goal during the 41st minute.

Gustavo Barbosa boot-ed the ball into the box with his left foot from the right sideline near the Pioneers bench. Juan Hermoso, who's a defender, headed the ball into the right corner of the net past Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg. It was Hermoso's third goal of the season.

"It was very important for

us to score the first goal of the match," Hermoso said. "I saw the ball heading towards me, and I was able to head it into the net. It was a great feeling."

A year ago, Hermoso was a senior on the University of Charleston men's soccer team, which lost to Lynn University, 3-2, in the NCAA Division 2 finals.

It was the first time that Vermont, who only needed a tie to finish in first place, had trailed in a match this season.

The Pioneers had a couple

of other scoring chances early in the second half before Israel Neto blasted a shot into the back of the net in the 64th minute. Barbosa was credited with his second assist.

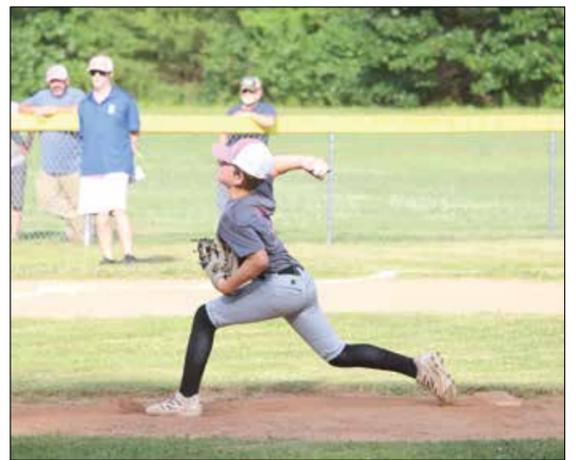
Twenty minutes later, Neto had another shot on goal, but Herceg was able to make the save.

The visitors cut the deficit in half following a goal from Zach Zengue.

A couple of minutes later, Owen O'Malley, who had entered the match in the 69th minute, lined a shot from the top of the box over Sheppard that landed in the right corner tying the match.

Then the Vermont players raced across the field and celebrated with their many supporters, who made the three hour trek to Ludlow from Burlington.

It wasn't the way the Pioneers players wanted the regular season to finish, but they had a clean slate entering Tuesday's home playoff match.



Oliver Poulin delivers a pitch home.

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Area Little League, won't be returning as the All-Star manager next year.

"I'm still going to be the league President next year, but I'm looking forward to just watching the games," Poulin said. "Hopefully, we can get more kids playing baseball."

The Quabbin Area Little League is made up of the same towns that attend Quabbin Regional.

Oliver Poulin, a righty, was Quabbin's starting pitcher in the home loss against Leominster.

A year ago, Poulin and his teammates overcame an early 2-0 deficit to defeat Leominster, 3-2, in the opening round game at Felton Field.

Poulin was the starting pitcher in that game. He allowed two runs on seven hits and recorded 11 strikeouts. Three days later, Leominster posted a 12-3 home win in the District finals.

Quabbin kept their dreams alive with 14-4 win against Athol-Orange Chuck Stone



Deegan Pope sends a throw to first.

at Muzzy Field on July 10.

Chase and Nolan O'Connor each had three hits for the Quabbin All-Stars in that game.

Mitus contributed with three RBIs.

Quabbin broke the game wide open against Athol-Orange by scoring eight runs in the fourth inning.

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Businesses were provided with a poster and sheets of recommended school supplies. Then, a collection box would be placed inside the locations with customers and patrons able to take a list home for suggested donations.

"Businesses have been very supportive in participating in this drive. We anticipate more joining the effort shortly," said Flynn.

Debbie Campbell, proprietor of TJ's Tavern in Monson was excited to participate.

"Our community reacts strongly to supporting families, this is a wonderful program to support," said Campbell.

Recommended school supply donation

Items include boxes of colored pencils, plastic pencil boxes, erasers, markers, tape, sticky notes, box of crayons (no larger than 24), children's scissors, glue sticks, dry erase markers, single subject notebooks, number 2 pencils, hand held pencil sharpeners, disinfecting wipes, tissues, hand sanitizers and paper towels

Current school supply drop off locations include Ware locations, Monson Savings Bank, Hakim Medical Center, Dr. Dhillon Family Dentistry, Moulton Insurance, Ware Town Hall and the Ware River News office. Palmer locations include Turley Publications, Just a Little Craft store, J Stolar Insurance Agency and



Monson Savings Bank Branch Manager Shannon Ortona accepted a school supply donation from Ware Business & Civic Association Director Dustin Pennington of Pennington Painting.

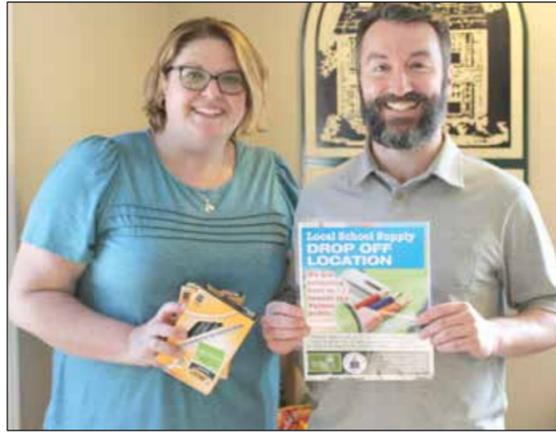


Ellamae Lavalley of TJ's Tavern accepted a school supply donation from American Legion Post Commander Carl Santos.

Life's Memories and More. Monson locations include The Better Bean, TJ's Tavern and Monson Savings Bank.

If a business or organization would like to participate as a donation location, contact Lemieux at 413-886-25911 or mnchkn1221@aol.com or Flynn at 413-297-5886 or dflynn@turley.com.

"Our organizations mutual goals include providing support to our local families though the strength of our membership," said Lemieux. "This is one of many ideas we have to continue to engage within our towns."



Co Principals Renee Niedziela and Chris Stolar opened the donation location of J Stolar Insurance Agency.



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Wednesday, July 2
5:45 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Mechanic Street, Advised
5:04 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Main Street, Advised
5:15 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Dugan Road, Could Not Locate
8:08 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered
10:47 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

Thursday, July 3
4:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued
5:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
6:28 a.m. Fire Alarm, Palmer Road, Investigated
6:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
7:47 a.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered
9:25 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, South Street, Services Rendered
4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
6:30 p.m. Home Invasion, Milner Street, Report Made

Friday, July 4
1:21 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled
6:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
7:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Babcock Tavern Road, Criminal Complaint
11:38 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Fisherick Road, Investigated
6:25 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Highland Village, Advised
7:26 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Warren Road. Could Not Locate
7:54 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Cherry Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, July 5
12:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
5:11 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Vigeant Street, Investigated
5:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued
2:55 p.m. Abandoned

911 Call, Gilbertville Road, Dispatch Handled
9:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Criminal Complaint
10:25 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Main Street, Advised

Sunday, July 6
10:39 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Cherry Street, Services Rendered
4:09 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Dispatch Handled
9:50 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Monroe Street, Investigated
10:16 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered

Monday, July 7
1:42 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Park Street, Could Not Locate
2:01 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Marjorie Street, Investigated
12:32 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Report Made
1:45 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Investigated
1:54 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Aspen Street, Advised
2:51 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered
5:12 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, North Street, Services Rendered
7:45 p.m. Assault, West Street, Arrest Made

Tuesday, July 8
4:51 a.m. Bylaw Violation, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued
7:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
7:45 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, East Street, Services Rendered
7:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
10 a.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Services Rendered
5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Criminal Complaint

Wednesday, July 9
7:57 a.m. Safety Hazard, East Street, Assist Given
8:09 a.m. Safety Hazard, Church Street, Assist Given
11:42 a.m. Damage/Vandalism, Walker Road, Services Rendered
11:46 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Report Made
12:24 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Main Street, Services Rendered
4:54 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Palmer Road, Investigated

Thursday, July 10
3:06 p.m. Safety Hazard, Palmer Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
3:10 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, Hillside Village,

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Services Rendered
3:16 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Robbins Road, Investigated

Friday, July 11
5:44 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gould Street, Services Rendered
5:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
5:56 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Services Rendered
6:05 p.m. Safety Hazard, Gould Street, Services Rendered
6:21 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Street, Services Rendered
7:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Beaver Road, Services Rendered
7:14 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Church Street, Report Made

Saturday, July 12
5:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
6:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
2:49 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Dispatch Handled
4 p.m. Damage/Vandalism, North Street, Report Made

Sunday, July 13
4:33 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Plains Road, Dispatch Handled
6:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Upper Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued
8:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Monday, July 14
1:31 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Church Street, Advised
7:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued
3:44 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Spring Street, Services Rendered

Tuesday, July 15
4:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bondsville Road, Citation/Warning Issued
6:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Warren Police Log

During the week of June 22-July 5, the Warren Police Department responded to 134 building/property checks, two community policings, 11 emergency 911 calls, one fraud/forgery, one property damage, one missing person, one harassment, one fire/illegal burn, four animal calls and 22 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, June 29
5:43 a.m. Parking Issues, Reed Street, Negative Contact
8:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
8:47 a.m. Property Damage, Cottage Street, Officer Spoke to Party
8:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
11:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
2:12 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, North Street, Transported to Hospital
2:57 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transportation
3:01 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Dean Street, Investigation
6:06 p.m. Sick/Unknown, School Street, Transported to Hospital
6:40 p.m. Seizures, Brimfield Road, Mutual Aid Transport

Monday, June 30
6:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Tuesday, July 1
1:19 a.m. Seizures, East Road, Transported to Hospital
1:59 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital
Wednesday, July 2
11:12 a.m. Missing Person, Elm Street, Report Filed
5:56 p.m. Seizures, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
7:38 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, Bacon Street, Report Filed
Thursday, July 3
8:30 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital
9:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
11:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
1:37 p.m. Welfare Check, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
2:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Friday, July 4
3:40 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
9:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:43 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, O'Neil Road, Transported to Hospital
7:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:34 p.m. Seizures, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 7-14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 48 building/property checks, 33 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, two traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, eight citizen assists, one assist other agency, two complaints, three investigations, one safety hazard, one motor vehicle investigation, one illegal dumping, one threat, two motor vehicle accidents, 10 animal calls and two motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 7
10:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
3:12 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Served in Hand
4:39 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Services Rendered

Tuesday, July 8
3:13 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Brook Road, Services Rendered
6:06 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Brook Road, Officer Handled
8:19 p.m. 911 Misdeal, Thayer Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, July 9
12:06 p.m. Serve

Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
12:07 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer/Chief Advised
1:26 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Took Call
5:36 p.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, July 4
3:40 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
9:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint
3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
3:43 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, O'Neil Road, Transported to Hospital
7:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
8:34 p.m. Seizures, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

Saturday, July 5
3:18 p.m. Unwanted Party, Crouch Road, Report Filed
3:43 p.m. Fraud/Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
5 p.m. Harassment, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed
6:34 p.m. Fire/Illegal Burn, Southbridge Road, Fire Extinguished

Sunday, July 12
10:49 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered
11:21 a.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Services Rendered
4:37 p.m. Investigation, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
5:21 p.m. Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled
9:17 p.m. Medical Alarm, Delargy Road, Services Rendered

Monday, July 13
5:34 a.m. Medical Alarm, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
8:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, High Street, Report Taken
10:27 a.m. Assist Citizen, High Street, Officer Handled
11:42 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Greenwich Road, Spoken To
2:44 p.m. Assist Citizen, Ruggles Hill Road, Report Taken
7:22 p.m. 911 Threat, Prospect Street, Services Rendered
7:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Tuesday, July 14
4 p.m. Complaint, Ridge Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, July 15
4 p.m. Complaint, Ridge Road, Spoken To

Summer Reading continues at Ware Library

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

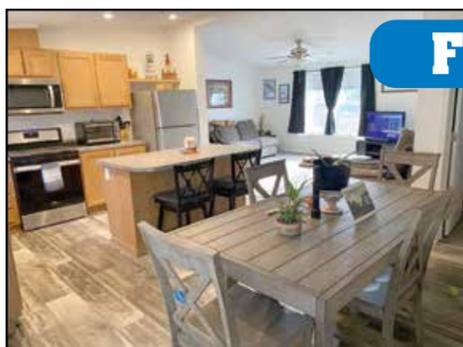
Events include author Emily Franke book reading and signing with cupcakes courtesy of Cupcakes & Confections by Jana on Thursday, July 17 at 3 p.m.; Magician Mike Bent on Monday, July 21 at 4 p.m.; Jungle Jim on Thursday, July 29 at 4 p.m. (this program is funded in part by a grant from the Ware Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency); Music & Movement with Julie Stepanek on Wednesday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m.; Hitchcock Center: Insects



& Reptiles on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 4 p.m.; Pop Up Art School: and Mask Making for ages 8-12 on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. (registration opens July 21 and is required by calling 413-967-9691 or emailing gouletc@cwmar.org).
There will also be ongoing weekly programs, including Monday Crafternoon from 3-5 p.m., Storytime with Miss Cathy on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Imagination Station on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m.,

Lego Club on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Kids' Bingo on the last Thursday of the month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Take & Make Craft Bags every week in the Children's lobby.
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Michael M. "Mike" Domey, 82

GILBERTVILLE — Michael Matthew Domey, Sr., age 82 passed away on Monday, July 14, 2025, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.



Mike was born in the Three Rivers section of Palmer on Dec. 29, 1942, son of the late John B. Domey and Elayne V. (Gumula) Domey. He was raised and educated in Three Rivers.

Mike enlisted in the United States Army on Jan. 27, 1961, and was Honorably Discharged with the rank of PFC on Jan. 18, 1964. He was proud of his service to the country he loved, and the flag that represented it.

Mike was a member of the Ware VFW Post 2577. He served as its Post Commander and was a member of its Honor Guard. He had a life-time commitment to the Boy Scouts of America and was recently honored with a Kente Cloth.

Mike was a faithful Roman Catholic, a communicant of All Saints Church, and a member of the Ware Knights of Columbus and was involved with many of its committees. Mike was

a former Grand Knight, District Deputy and a member of the Fourth Degree. He was named Knight of the year in 1974.

He was employed for over 30 years by UMASS Amherst as a heavy equipment operator, for its construction service department. Mike enjoyed keeping busy with woodworking projects and spending time in Vermont at the cabin he built with his wife.

He also enjoyed spending time with his family, building campfires, looking for wildlife, and spending time outdoors. Throughout his life, he enjoyed staying active in the community by coaching his son's little league or helping with his grandchildren's extra-curricular activities.

He was always helping his many friends and neighbors.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Gloria J. (Guimond) Domey. He also leaves behind his loving children: son, Michael Domey, Jr. and his wife Stephanie, as well as daughter, Lisa Jacques and her husband Francis, Jr., and

Richard Starodoj whom he looked at as a second son. He will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren: Ayden, Courtney and Bethany Jacques, and Christopher and Robert Domey. Mike also leaves behind his siblings: John Stephen, Mary Louise and her husband, Roland Thibault, Raymond Domey, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, John and Elayne, Mike was predeceased by his sister, Maureen Domey and brother, Ted Domey.

Calling Hours will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. in Cebula Funeral Home, 66 South St., Ware. A Funeral Mass will be offered on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 10 a.m. in All Saints Church, 17 North St., Ware. Mike will be laid to rest with Prayers of Committal and Military Honors following the mass in New St. William Cemetery in Ware.

Funeral Services are under the direction of the Koziol Family of Cebula Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. For more information and an online guestbook, please visit: www.cebulafuneral-home.com.

Daniel R. Tuttle, 61

WARE — Daniel R. Tuttle, 61, of Ware, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.



Daniel leaves his beloved wife, Cathleen M. Tuttle of Ware; his daughter, Ashley Tuttle and her fiancé, Drew Reardon, of Ware; his son, Joshua Tuttle of Ware and his girlfriend, Leah Cardenas, and her son, Levi; his stepson, Joshua Riberdy of West Warren and his fiancé, Megan Szwarcok; his stepson, Thomas Riberdy and his fiancé, Destiny Perez, of Webster; as well as his grandchildren, Talia and Valerie Riberdy. He also leaves his beloved mother, Jeanne E. Sojka and her partner, Bob Morin of Ware; as well as his half-brother, Paul Tuttle of Virginia; his in-laws, John and Carol Demereck of Ware; and his sister-in-law, Lynn Enterline and her husband, Keith. He was predeceased by his first wife, of 37 years, Lori Tuttle; and by his stepfather, Joe Sojka, who raised him.

He was born in Ware, son of Roger A. Tuttle and Jeanne E. (Demers) Sojka.

Dan worked as a production planner for Vibram in

North Brookfield for over 40 years. He enjoyed hunting deer, partridges, and turkeys in Maine, as well as fishing, and just being outside in nature. He was also a skilled cook, and would be sure to prepare all of his hunted game for meals.

He loved his cats, Lucy and Smokey, and he was an avid Red Sox fan. He loved making his own wine, and taking long rides in his Corvette.

A Calling Hour for Dan will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St. in Ware. Procession to the cemetery for a Graveside Service will be held immediately following the Calling Hour, and burial will take place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Ware.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023, or online at www.diabetes.org.

Charbonneau Funeral Home is honored to serve the Tuttle family. An online tribute page is available at www.charbonnaufh.com.

Death notices

Domey Sr., Michael M. "Mike"
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practice done to attract some birds is actually killing hummingbirds. Raptor Education Group, Inc. said just this week they had three adult ruby-throated hummingbirds brought in covered in grape jelly. One had already died. The others are alive, but struggling."

The central Wisconsin nonprofit shared photos to raise awareness that grape jelly is a sticky danger for the delicate birds. They said, "It has become common practice for people to put out jelly for orioles. However, when it is this warm, the

jelly melts and sticks in other bird's feathers and feet." The group recommends buying bird-safer jelly from a specialty store or feeding orange halves.

Brimfield bird report

I received an email recently from a Brimfield resident. He said, "It's been a different spring/summer in the yard this year. I didn't see the first Baltimore oriole until June when a male showed up at the bird

bath and a few days later a female showed at the bird-bath. In previous years we have had a couple of pairs in the yard. I offer jelly and oranges during migration and

then just oranges later in the year. I've

only seen catbirds at the oranges, no orioles."

He saw a juvenile red-bellied woodpecker following an adult male around and begging for food recently. The catbirds are seen frequently and use the birdbath regularly. He has a couple pairs of rose-breasted grosbeaks as well. Several years ago, he saw 11 rose-breasted grosbeaks in the yard at the same time. He has not seen an indigo bunting this year. Although he saw great crested flycatchers and house wren earlier in the spring, they did not stay and use the nest boxes in his yard as they

did last year.

Nesting osprey

He also said in his email, "In Warren last week I saw one osprey nestling in the nest on South

Street, but on a visit today there was no sighting of the chick, but an adult was perched on the nest."

Alarming statistic

He also said, "Unfortunately the reports that there are billions of fewer birds in the country now than there were in the 1970s is very evident to anyone who has watched birds since then. Very sad what we humans have done to the

planet." He said, "On another depressing note, there are way fewer butterflies in the yard this year."

Phoebes

Every year Eastern phoebes return to nest in my yard. Recently, I saw a fledgling following an adult around begging for food.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Resorts
5. One point south of southwest
9. Musical performances
11. Matched
13. Four-footed animal part
15. Express severe disapproval of
16. Type of leaf
17. Preparatory
19. Walk heavily
21. Succulent plants
22. Rectangle of grass
23. Lump in yarn
25. Too
26. Foot (Latin)
27. Afflicts
29. Smoothed
31. Mind (Greek)

33. Tampa ballclub
34. Semitic language
36. Sheltered sides
38. Ocean
39. Electronic point of sale
41. Thrust a knife into
43. 12th month (abbr.)
44. Ringworm
46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)
48. Fighting back
52. Cease to exist
53. Insects in adult stage
54. Freestanding sculpture
56. Caps
57. Repents
58. Brown and Wallace are two
59. Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

1. Goes bad
2. Yard structure
3. They ___
4. Marine invertebrate
5. European river
6. Office supplies firm
7. Physically abused
8. Service stations in Australia
9. Kills
10. Liquid body substances
11. Particular to a given individual
12. Brave or noble act
14. Sicilian city
15. Conqueror
18. Elected officials
20. Type of «pig»

24. Drop of viscous substance
26. Monetary unit of Spain
28. Guarantees
30. Coloring materials
32. Reddish browns
34. Square measure
35. Will not
37. Canned fish
38. Appeared
40. Six (Spanish)
42. Took off
43. Negligible amount
45. Posts in a Greek temple
47. Witnesses
49. Phil ___, former CIA
50. Places to park
51. Guns
55. Dance to pop music

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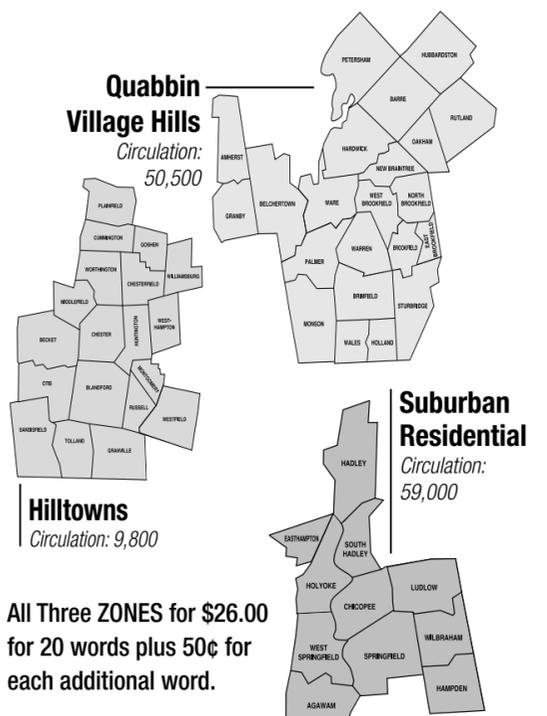
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WARE – This year’s Ware Grange Fair will take place on Saturday, Aug. 23.

In its 78th year, this community-focused event features exhibits, food, and fun family activities.

The Fun Dog Show, introduced last year, is a family-friendly event where any dog is welcome to enter. It is not a professional dog show. It’s a fun event that gives members of the community the opportunity to show off their adorable dogs.

Dogs will be judged in categories such as Waggiest Tail, Best Trick and Best Dressed. Winning dogs will receive a ribbon and prize. To participate in the Fun Dog Show, bring your dog and a copy of their rabies vaccination certificate to the Grange and register them for the show beginning at 1:30 p.m. The show begins at 2:30 p.m.

Come and participate with your dog or just come to see all the cute dogs.

This year the popular Kids’ Corner workshops will be part of the Fair, with the “Funtastic Fair Festival!” The festival will be a fun time for kids to enjoy crafts, dancing, a parade and fair games such as a pie eating contest, hula hoop hop and water balloon toss.

Come have a fantastic time with Miss Jen starting at noon.

This year’s fair will feature the return of last year’s popular barbecue dinner menu, which includes pulled pork, chicken, brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert and drink for \$25.

The barbecue can be

enjoyed outside under the tent, and take-out is also available. Reservations are required by calling 413-284-1135 or emailing waregrange164@gmail.com.

Many favorites are returning for this year’s fair, including the bake sale, raffles, games, burgers and hot dogs available in the afternoon, and the auction. Live music will be performed by Brianna Lamb starting at 3:30 p.m. for attendees to enjoy during dinner.

All Massachusetts residents are welcome to enter exhibits and earn ribbons and prizes in categories such as vegetables, flowers, arts and crafts, photography, and many more. Exhibits must be brought to the Ware Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road on Thursday, Aug. 21 between 5-7 p.m. or Friday, Aug. 22 between 9-11 a.m.

All entries must be in place by 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 22. Judging will take place Friday afternoon and the hall will re-open to the public on Friday evening at 5 p.m.

Most of the fun takes place on Saturday, Aug. 23 with the hall opening at 9 a.m. and most of the events occurring in the afternoon and concluding that evening with the auction at 6 p.m.

For the full event schedule and contest information for exhibitors, visit Ware Grange’s website at waregrange.org. Program books are being mailed to past exhibitors; if you’re new to the fair and would like to request a copy of the book by mail, contact the Grange by calling 413-284-1135 or emailing waregrange164@gmail.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage units will be sold **July 19, 2025 at 9 a.m.** for non-payment at Country Corners Storage, 50 Greenwich Rd. Ware, MA

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07/10, 07/17/2025

Hardwick Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hardwick Planning Board per Hardwick Zoning Bylaw, Sections 3.2.3.a and 5.0 will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 6:45PM** at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA.

This Hearing is regarding the application for Site Plan Approval by Eagle Hill School Foundation, Inc. to construct a 25,153 sf Senior Student Dormitory at 242 Old Petersham Road. A complete copy of the application can be inspected at the Municipal Offices in the Town Clerk’s office during posted business hours. All interested parties are asked to attend.

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at <http://masspublicnotices.org>

Hardwick Planning Board
William Cole, Chair
0710, 07/17/2025

TOWN OF HARDWICK BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Hardwick Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.** at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street,

Gilbertville, MA.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on proposed Grease Trap Regulations. These regulations establish requirements for the installation, maintenance, and inspection of grease traps in food service establishments to prevent blockages and protect public sewer and septic systems.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend. Copies of the proposed regulations may be requested at Town Hall or by email to boh@hardwick-ma.gov.
07/17, 07/24/2025

TOWN OF WARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 6:40pm**, in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an **Application for Amendment – Change or Alteration of Premises, Section 15 - Package Store, Ware 48 West Street Corporation, d/b/a/ Jane Alden Convenience Store, 48 West Street, Ware, MA.** Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA.

All interest parties are invited to attend.

Nancy Talbot, Chairman
Selectboard
07/17/2025

TOWN OF HARDWICK PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions or amendments thereto; please be advised that at their meeting on **Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031, the Hard-

wick Select Board will consider a request to give permission to Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Mill Road- National Grid to install 1 JO pole beginning at a point approximately 620 feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Main Street (Route 32).
07/17/2025

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and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 11-13 Webb Court, given by Vikki E. Patrakis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as Mortgagee, as Nominee for CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC, dated June 26, 2020, and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13678, Page 33, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

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Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on July 10, 2025

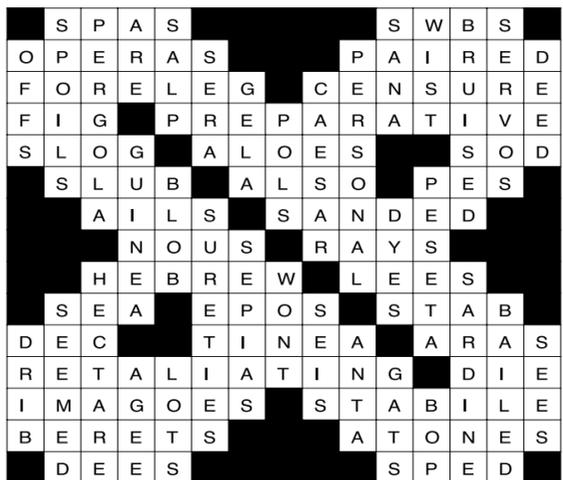
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07/17/2025

TOWN OF WARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 6:50pm**, in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an **Application for Transfer of License, Pledge of License, and change of d/b/a name, Section 15: Off Premises, All Alcohol Package Store, Satkartar and Sons Inc to Kashvi Enterprises Inc, d/b/a/ Ware Package Store to Ware Package and Convenience Store, 51 Main Street, Ware, MA.** Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA.

All interest parties are invited to attend.

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the two foes will square off five times in each building during the 2025-26 season. Other I-91 game dates include Friday, Jan. 9 (7:05 p.m.) and 6:05 p.m. puck drops on Saturday, Jan. 31, Saturday, April 11, and Saturday, April 18.

The Bridgeport Islanders will also make five appearances in Springfield against the T-Birds, starting with a 7:05 p.m. contest on Friday, Nov. 7, followed by meetings on Saturday, Nov. 29 (6:05 p.m.), Sunday, Dec. 28 (3:05 p.m.), Friday, Jan. 2 (7:05 p.m.), and Friday, Feb. 20 (7:05 p.m.).

The most frequent visitor from Pennsylvania is the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, who visit the Thunderdome on Saturday, Jan. 10 (6:05 p.m.), Friday, Jan. 30 (7:05 p.m.), and Wednesday, April 15 (7:05 p.m.). Springfield will also host two games each against the Hershey Bears and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

The Thunderbirds

will also play 18 games (9 home, 9 away) against North and Central Division opponents. The Iowa Wild are the lone Western Conference team on the T-Birds’ schedule, visiting Springfield on Friday, March 6 (7:05 p.m.) and Saturday, March 7 (6:05 p.m.).

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