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Brings 'New Hope' to veterans

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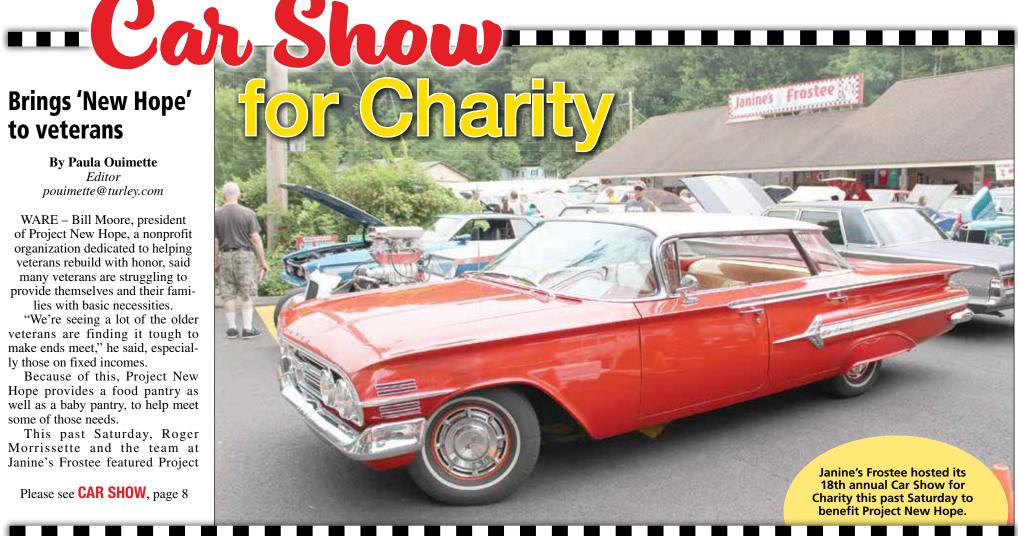
WARE – Bill Moore, president of Project New Hope, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping veterans rebuild with honor, said many veterans are struggling to provide themselves and their families with basic necessities.

"We're seeing a lot of the older veterans are finding it tough to make ends meet," he said, especially those on fixed incomes.

Because of this, Project New Hope provides a food pantry as well as a baby pantry, to help meet some of those needs.

This past Saturday, Roger Morrissette and the team at Janine's Frostee featured Project

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Food policy council drafts vision/mission statements

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

WARE - Members of the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council continued discussion about the nutritional needs of the communities it serves

or cooking utensils. Another suggestion was having a mobile food truck that could act as a soup kitchen to address homeless hunger and food insecurities.

to compile a list of food pantries Council's efforts. across the region.

meal without needing a kitchen include a diverse variety of local perspectives, be easy to communicate, and be understood and shared by members of the community. The vision statement would also be inspiring and The QVFPC is also working uplifting to all involved in the

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The vision statement

School Committee reevaluates special ed position

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

WARE – The School Committee has restarted its search to replace Director of Special Education Jessica Bolduc for the second time since she announced her resignation earlier this year.

School Committee Chair Christopher Desjardins said at the July 26 meeting that the candidate they interviewed at the previous meeting wanted more money than they were offering and to only work a 10-month year instead of a 12-month year.

"We're kind of looking again to see if we can find someone," he said.

School Committee members discussed ways they could improve the process of finding candidates, to make sure the person they interview is the right fit and understands this is a full-time position.

Superintendent Michael Lovato said it brings the opportunity to look at things differently in the hiring process.

He said the process would be smoother if they could draft a contract during the interview process, then sign it once the School Committee approves the appointment.

Lovato said many school districts are changing the title of the position to make it more appealing to candidates.



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Grenville Park was full of tal-

ented artisans, as well as vendors and local businesses. Food trucks

Bomba De Aqui.

These flower-powered fans groove to the music of Bearly Dead.

Rock the Park

Music festival keeps local arts and culture thriving

and a beer garden kept festival goers fed and refreshed. WARE – In its third year, Workshop13's "Rock the Park" delivered a one-day musical festival that channeled the psychedel-

ic energy of the 1960s and 1970s. This year, "Rock the Park" transported festivalgoers back to 1973, when a performance at Watkins Glen set records for being the largest single-day music festival of all time, featuring the Grateful Dead, the Allman Brothers Band and the Band.

"Rock the Park" also featured three powerhouse bands, including The Brothers Project, Bearly Dead and Professor Louie & The Crowmatrix. Thanks to support from the Ware Cultural Council, "Rock the Park" also had a performance by special guests

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Bearly Dead performed the music of the Grateful Dead at Workshop13's third annual Rock the Park music festival.

At the July 19 meeting, members of the QVFPC talked about how flooding from heavy rainfalls, as well a recent tornado in North Brookfield could affect crops; possibly limiting future access to fresh local produce.

Homelessness continues to be a concern, as well as the inability to both prepare and preserve food received from food pantries.

Members suggested having a soup kitchen, where people could receive a hot, nutritious

Vision and mission statements The members also continued to develop the Council's vision and mission statements.

Council Coordinator Caitlin Geaghan explained that the Council's vision statement is what they would like to achieve in a "perfect world," adding that it is usually very ambitious and broad.

Geaghan said the vision statement would be broad enough to

the Council discussed was: "Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council will make healthy local food easily accessible for all community members."

Quabbin Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger said this vision encompasses many of the things members were talking about in a broad way.

Geaghan said the mission statement is the "why" the

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He said there are unassigned duties in the school district that could be tied into this position, including overseeing social workers and counselors. He said this person could also help with internships and partnerships with local community colleges.

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West Brookfield resident honored for heroic actions

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

WEST BROOKFIELD -Resident Edward O'Donnell was recognized as a citizen hero at a recent Board of Selectmen's meeting.

On July 25, Fire Chief Richard A. Lapierre Jr. presented O'Donnell with a certificate of achievement commemorating his quick-thinking last month, saving the life of a 3-year-old child.

"Tonight, we honor him for his heroic actions," Lapierre said, before reading a narrative of the incident.

On June 24 at 6:53 p.m., the Fire Department was toned for a toddler on the roof of 14

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Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

West Brookfield resident Edward O'Donnell, center, was recognized for his heroic actions, saving a toddler from a roof last month. Shown with him are from left, Warren Fire Chief Adam Lavoie, West Brookfield Fire Chief Richard A. Lapierre Jr., state Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, Board of Selectmen Chair Roland Sickenberger and Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Eric von Bleicken.

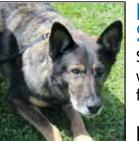
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Wing hosts first Community Benefit Forum

By Ryan Drago Correspondent

PALMER - Members of the medical community joined each other at the Palmer Public Library to hear about the Community Health Needs Assessment conducted by Baystate Wing Hospital.

The presentation on July 28 was organized and hosted by leaders of Baystate Wing Hospital and Health New England. The goal of their presentation is to advance community health through their assessment and collective action.

It has always been Baystate Health's mission to improve the health of the people in their communities and it's through these assessments that happen every three years to identify and improve the health needs of community members.

The first to speak and give the introductions was Senior Community Benefits Specialist of Baystate Health, Brittney Rosario. Rosario addressed the at-a-glance report included in the presentation that would be addressed by a myriad of speakers of Baystate Health and Health New England.

Pamphlets of the CHNA were provided to all in attendance. Rosario also noted that after the presentation, tables and poster presentations were available to learn about various programs and grants currently funded by both hosting parties in response to the community's needs.

The first speaker was Ron Bryant, President of Baystate Health Regional Hospitals. Bryant was proud to share his thoughts on the success Baystate has had in their efforts to provide the best support and care for their communities.

He sincerely acknowledged the hospitals' physicians in his remark that they are dedicated to the clientele and to each other.

"Every day, they want to come in as a team," said Bryant.

In agreement with Bryant was Vice President & Chief Nursing Officer/ Chief Administrative Officer, Karli Barret.

Being a part of Baystate for 19 years, Barret spoke after Bryant's remark and agreed fully with the passion and dedication Baystate's staff has in serving the community.

This staff is "Passionate about the work that they do for this community," Barret said.

In their assessment, Baystate Wing Hospital serves communi-



Turley Photos by Rvan Drago Shown from left is Carol Zins of Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, Emily Coderre of Education to Employment and Lindsay Aucoin, technical assistance coordinator of QVCDC.

Hampshire and Worcester counties. All these local communities have certain needs that revolve around varying aspects of health.

In partnership with Baystate during this forum was Health New England, and Vice President & General Counsel of HNE Susan Silver O'Connor. talked about their healthy partnership with Baystate Health in her statement. O'Conner referred to the substantial enrollment in their organizations.

Serving over 185,000 members in addition to taking care of over 52,000 Mass Health enrollees.

To elaborate on certain community health needs was Director of Assessment and Capacity Building at the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts, Lisa Ranghelli. With more detailed insight on the CHNA, Ranghelli presented an overview of the communities they serve and what are the most common needs.

"It is such a broad focus," said Ranghelli.

There are different health outcomes and behaviors to look into and Ranghelli in her part of the presentation pointed out all the main health needs.

Some of the key building blocks of health include housing, food, and transportation. They continue to be a prioritized need in the rural and urban areas in the communities currently served by Baystate Wing Hospital.

These certain needs fall in line

ties of Massachusetts in Hampden, with financial health and well-being. During the Covid-19 pandemic, many insecurities such as food, transportation, and housing brought a lot of financial hardship for families throughout central and western Massachusetts.

Violence and trauma were also highlighted as a main health need, more specifically interpersonal and collective violence affect health directly.

The other focus in the assessment included mental health, especially youth mental health.

In the assessment, it was recorded that 45% of youth felt sad almost every day for two weeks or more during the past 12 months.

During the pandemic, 19% of youth experienced post-traumatic stress disorder reactions. It was suggested by the research at Baystate that the best practice and model to build upon supporting youth and their health needs is to provide support groups and youth centers.

Acting on supporting youth mental health was guest speaker, Randy Gratton of Ware. A lifelong member of the town, Gratton is a recovery coach for the Behavioral Health Network and briefly shared his personal experiences and struggles as a youth.

Going through substance use treatment in the past, Gratton dedicates

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



File Photo Last week's photo from 2013 showed Ware firefighter Paul Russell Jr. teaching fire safety to a group of children. If you recognize the folks n this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to pouimette@ turley.com.

Tickets available for Grange Fair chicken barbecue

is holding a chicken barbecue at the Grange Fair on Saturday,

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Council exists, and is more concise than the vision statement.

"They explain the fundamental outcomes your organization is trying to achieve. A good mission statement is not limiting in the strategies or sectors of the community that may become involved in the project," she said.

The mission statement suggested to members was: "Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council's mission is to connect local resources, provide education surrounding food, promote local food availability, and improve the local food system for everyone."

Krieger and Project Coordinator for Community Health Emily Coderre suggested adding language about nutritious food. Krieger also

WARE – The Ware Grange is also available. The meal includes a half chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, dinner roll, drink, and dessert for \$25. Reservations are required.

> suggested adding "promote" and "advocate" for local food availability.

Gail Gramarossa of the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance said the Council should also include advocating with policymakers as part of the mission statement.

"That advocacy could be really helpful in a mission statement," she said.

Council member Howard Trietsch said the mission statement should also focus on bringing awareness to food and nutritional problems the Quaboag Valley faces.

"One of the first things your need to do about a problem, is make people aware of it, and define it," he said.

Coderre said herself and Geaghan will draft different versions of the mission statement for Council members to decide on.

The QVFPC will resume monthly hybrid meetings in September at E2E, 79 Main St., with Zoom access available.

email waregrange@comcast.

net by Aug. 18 to make your

reservations for the chicken

barbecue.

About QVFPC

The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council is funded through a grant received by the Town of Ware in partnership with Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, covering the towns of Ware, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield and East Brookfield.

The Council is open to all, and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

For more information, people may email Geaghan at cgeaghan@townofware.com or Coderre at ecoderre@townofware.com.

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Michael Lebert (left) and Tommy Strawbridge hold up the free

smart devices for passing motorists in downtown Palmer last

week. The two represent the federal Affordable Connectivity

Free phones, tablets and

internet service available

Verizon gets students ready for back to school

By Paula Ouimette Editor pouimette@turley.com

WARE - For the 11th year, the Verizon location at Gibbs Crossing made sure local students were ready to start school, by giving away free backpacks stocked with school supplies, and even snacks.

District Manager Tri Hoang has been with TCC, a Verizon Authorized Retailer for the past nine years, said the company hosts a number of events throughout the year to give back to the community, but this is one he and his staff look forward to every year.

"We do four big events every year, but this is my favorite," he said. "This helps a lot of families that can't afford it."

With the help of his family and his own children, Hoang prepared about 250 backpacks by filling them with necessities, including paper, pencils, rulers, crayons and more. Through generous donations from costumers, the Gibbs Crossing location even gave out a variety of snacks.

Each backpack was expected to save families about \$25 per student.

"That's why we do it every year," Hoang said.

One grandmother, who stopped by to pick up backpacks for her two grandchildren, said this event makes back-to-school shopping more affordable for her daughter.

"This is a good day," she said. "They've done it the last four years and they love it...they have so much stuff they carry back and forth from school."

This year, backpacks came in four different colors, giving students many options to choose from, including green, two-toned blue, blue with pink polka dots and grey camouflage.

Hoang said families began arriving early to make sure they got their free backpack, as the event is always "sold out."

Round Room, LLC., the nation's largest Verizon Authorized Retailer, donated 120,000 backpacks with school supplies through more than 1,000 TCC and Wireless Zone retailers nationwide through the annual School Rocks Backpack



This first grader is ready for school to start with her blue and pink polka dotted backpack at Verizon in Ware



This first grader tries a backpack on for size.

Giveaway.

Since 2013, the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway has provided more than 1.3 million backpacks to children across the U.S. ahead of the upcoming academic year.

"The School Rocks Backpack Giveaway is our company's cornerstone annual event, and I couldn't be more thankful for our store locations, employees and customers for helping us continue to do good in the thousands of communities we operate in," said Scott Moorehead, CEO of Round Room, in a press



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette These siblings have a head start on being ready for second grade and kindergarten.

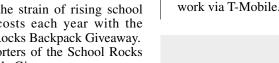
This preschooler was excited to start school.

release. "The start of the school year is an exciting time for many, and we look forward each and every year to make school supplies more accessible for students so they can thrive in the classroom."

According to the National Retail Federation, American families with school-aged children spent an average of \$864 on school supplies in 2022 - totaling \$36.1 billion spent in the U.S. last year on school supplies alone. Through TCC and Wireless Zone, Round Room aims Emma is ready to start sixth grade with her new camouflage backpack.

to ease the strain of rising school supply costs each year with the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway.

Supporters of the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway are encouraged to use #BackpackGiveaway on social media to help spread the word. To learn more about TCC and Wireless Zone, and the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway, visit www.RoundRoom.com, www. TCCRocks.com and www.wirelesszone.com.



Program in Western Mass.

By Michael Harrison

Correspondent

and humidity, brothers Michael

Lebert and Tommy Strawbridge

have been spending hours in a

vacant lot downtown to give away

It's no Christmas in July pro-

The two are sweating out the

days outside on behalf of the

Affordable Connectivity Program,

a federal government initiative

approved and funded by Congress

to bridge the digital divide faced

by many people with low to mod-

The Android smart devices,

which offer free, unlimited calls,

texts and internet access, are con-

nected to a nationwide 5G net-

new smartphones and tablets.

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erate incomes.

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The tablet also doubles as a phone. Both devices do everything all smart devices are capable of, including taking photos and running an array of apps.

Turley Photo by Michael Harrison

Eligibility is required and many people, including U.S. military veterans, Social Security recipients, parents whose children qualify for free or reduced school meals, people who are unemployed, those covered by Medicaid, college students and many others can be approved in minutes.

"Once they qualify, we activate (the device), they leave here and their tablet or phone is ready to use - and it's free," said Strawbridge, who manages outreach for the Western Mass region.

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Life Together

This may not be the "age of Aquarius;" it may be the age of Anxiety.

Be not anxious, be not afraid. Easy for vou to say.

Some living paycheck to paycheck, some in need of health care or dental work, some in need of food, housing, and recovery from addiction. With extremism swallowing the news we do not want to see or hear, we are overwhelmed.

Where to hide? What is the answer? Where are we safe? How long will this last?

If we believe in a God, where is God to intervene? It is not fair.

We need reassurance from someone, somewhere.

To face the reality of today, we need each other. We may not agree on some or many things, yet we belong to a community and share responsibility for each other.

We are not alone, we belong. We may feel cut off; mental health research tells us the primary mental health issue today is loneliness.

We drink or use drugs to self-medicate and relieve our anxiety born in our loneliness. We need more of a connection than social media.

We need face-to-face interaction. We need the comfort and warmth of someone who actually listens.

Are you listening? Is someone listening to you? Is there someone or someway a breakthrough can happen? Are we willing to be vulnerable and open ourselves up to another?

May we learn to overcome our anxiety and loneliness in healthy, compassionate, and honest ways. We are not alone.

Life Together is written by Rev. Dr. Randall K. Wilburn of Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware. With over 54 years as a parish minister, Wilburn is also an experienced marriage and family counselor. Life Together will deal with topics such as stress, grief, anxiety, healing and hope. To contact Wilburn, email rkeithw42@gmail. com.





The daylily, both friend and foe

I have never been a daylily aficionado, but as of late, they are growing on me.

Why I write is because on Cape Cod they are everywhere. The last few days I have seen them paired with shrubs, other perennials and even as a backdrop to carefully placed annuals.

Read on as I resurrect a column from the archives with new and updated factoids.

We've all seen the clumps of orange daylilies (Hemerocallis fulva) blooming along roadsides each summer. These remnants of long ago have oftentimes outlived the people who planted them and the farmhouse in which they were planted around.

Arriving from Asia in the late 1800s, the common daylily is now considered invasive because it crowds out native plants. While experts advise not planting daylilies that are known to run amok, there are many cultivars that rightly deserve a place in the landscape.

Two varieties of daylilies presently occupy space in my landscape, one that is a family heirloom, and another that was purchased on a whim.

The lemon lily (Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus) was a family heirloom, although I am not sure where it originated. I think it was my

grand babci that first gave it to my mother in a mixed border of daylilies. back in the 1950s.

It has been almost entirely choked out of the banking of my childhood home by lily of the valley, but I am lucky enough to have saved a piece and it is thriving in my perennial garden. It is delicate as far as daylilies go, perfectly lemon yellow and subtly scented.

The lemon lily has a short bloom time, a week or less in early June, but it makes a perfect bed fellow to deep purple bearded iris.

Today, thousands of cultivars of daylilies are available, many of which bloom for longer periods of time than the old-fashioned types. They are offered in shades of all colors except blue and pure white.

Miniatures look great in rock gardens, while more beefy types work well to stabilize bankings. The majority blend nicely with annuals, perennials, and shrubbery, as mentioned.

Daylilies belong to the genus Hemerocallis- hemero being Greek for "beautiful," and callis Greek for "day." Individual flowers do open and perish in 24 hours or less.

Luckily though, there are usually several flowers per scape (stem), and when one goes by another is waiting to take its place. A desirable variety will bloom for at least two weeks, or will repeat blooming later in the season.

When shopping for daylilies at the nursery simply count the number of buds per scape of the potted plant. The number of buds (or the number of scars if blooming is nearly finished) coincides with the number of days that particular variety is expected to bloom.

Unfortunately, my lemon lily had a mere four.

If you choose carefully and plan accordingly by including early, mid, and late season bloomers in your mix, it is possible to achieve continuous bloom over a three month period

Many people are opting to plant a single variety for a season's worth of flowers. Different than varieties that rebloom, everbloomers offer a nonstop performance from the beginning of their bloom period until frost.

It is said that Dr. Darrel Apps, a geneticist and master breeder evaluated some 11,000 seedlings to end up with a mere few that flower continuously.

Breeding continues, so look for the newest introductions each year. My whim purchase from a few years back is a rebloomer called "Purple D'oro." I bought it because it was blooming in the nursery alongside Gayfeather, orange Helenium, and Purple Coneflower.

They are a power quartet in my summer border for sure, and the rebloom factor surely stretches out the show.

Locate daylilies where they will receive at least six hours of sun a day. Average soil, as long as it drains well, will grow strong plants.

Vigor determines whether clumps need to be separated and divided every few years, or if they can grow uninterrupted for many seasons. Division is best accomplished in early spring or immediately after bloom.

If you take the later approach, just be sure the plant has at least one month of growing time before frost hits. This way it will have an opportunity to root well, anchoring itself before winter freezing and thawing can heave it from the ground.

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



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR Thank you from Wings of Song

On behalf of the Wings of Song choral group, we would like to thank all those who helped make our Blue Boat Home concerts such a success.

We would also like to thank Melissa Hoffer, Massachusetts Climate Chief for attending our concert at Shepherd Hill Regional High School and speaking about climate change.

With the generous support of all our attendees, friends and contributors, we were able to donate \$300 to the Environmental Defense Fund which was tripled by a special fundraising program they were involved in at the time our donation was made.



Grandma Gatewood's **Excellent Adventure**

A senior's walk into the record books

By J. Mark Powell jmarkpowell.com

I've been getting into shape recently. But my progress pales compared to what a remarkable senior did nearly 70 years ago. Emma Gatewood's life was hard. Born in Ohio in 1887, she was one of 15 kids in a family that slept four to a bed.

Her father lost a leg in the Civil War and spent the rest of his life drinking and gambling. Though her formal education ended in the 8th grade, she kept learning by devouring encyclopedias, Greek classics, and books on woods and wildlife.

At age 19 Emma married a 27-year-old teacher and tobacco farmer named P.C. Gatewood. The honeymoon ended quickly, when Emma discovered she was expected to work in the fields alongside the men, plus cook, clean, and raise their 11 kids.

P.C. was mean. He killed a man in 1924 but avoided prison because the judge said his many children would go hungry with him behind bars.

He beat Emma often, sometimes almost to the point of death. When he turned violent, she tried to run into the nearby woods. Safe in the security of her beloved trees and plants, she found peace and solitude.

P.C. repeatedly threatened to send Emma to a mental institution to keep her from divorcing him.

In 1939, he had her jailed in the first step toward having her committed. Seeing Emma's cracked teeth and broken ribs, their town's mayor moved her into his home and helped her get a job.

She divorced P.C. the next year. A series of odd jobs saw her through the next decade until her children were all grown.

Then, as so often happens, fate unexpectedly called. For Emma, it came in the form of an old magazine.

She happened upon a 1949 National Geographic issue featuring an article on the Appalachian Trail.

At that moment an incredible idea took root in her mind. She would become the

Wings of Song will resume rehearsals in the fall on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, Fiskdale with our next program, Celtic Noels. We are also resuming our annual auction on Nov. 4 at the Federated Church of Sturbridge/ Fiskdale.

Our concerts as always will be admission-free and we strive to keep our membership dues as low as possible. We continue to rely on audience contributions and WoS Friends donations to continue offering high-quality concerts to our community.

If you would like additional information on the chorus or our auction, please visit our



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With much thanks and appreciation for all our followers,

> **Carol Curtin** President, Wings of Song

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When should my wife claim her Social Security benefits?

Dear Rusty: My wife turns 65 in November of 2023. She was born on 11/21/1958. I am a year younger with an 8/1/1959 birthdate.

I know my wife is not at full retirement age, but the difference in her Social Social payment is not much and collecting three years of the lower amount far exceeds her waiting until age 68. My question is: because half of my SS is more than her SS, if she retires this year, will she still get 50% of my SS when I retire?

Signed: Planning Our Future

Dear Planning: Spouse benefits are one of Social Security's trickiest areas, so you're wise to get answers before either of you claim benefits.

The short answer is, "No" - if your wife claims her own benefit this year, she will not get 50% of your benefit when you later claim. Here's how it works:

Born in November 1958, your wife's Full Retirement Age is 66 years plus 8 months, which she will attain in July 2025. Born in August 1959, your FRA is 66 years plus 10 months, which you will reach in June 2026.

personal SS benefit if her FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement but, if she claims before reaching her FRA, her monthly payment when you claim will be less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, taking her own benefit early affects her total payment amount as your spouse. If, instead, your wife waits until her own FRA to claim her SS retirement benefit, her payment when you later claim will be increased to equal 50% of your FRA entitlement.

I assume your reference to your wife "waiting until age 68" refers to her age when you claim at your FRA, but there is no reason for your wife to wait past her own FRA to claim benefits because her spousal benefit will not be more if she waits longer.

So, the question is whether your wife should claim this year and get a reduced payment when you later claim or, instead, wait until her FRA to claim her own benefit and get her maximum benefit later. And that depends on whether your wife is working, and what her life expectancy is:

If your wife is working and claims early SS benefits, she will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much she can earn before some benefits are taken away.

The earnings limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 she is over the limit. The earnings limit lasts until she reaches her full retirement age.

If your wife's life expectancy is long (average for a woman your wife's current age is about 87), then maximizing her monthly benefit by waiting until her FRA to claim is likely her smartest choice.

If your wife's FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, waiting until

her FRA to claim will result in getting her Your wife will get a "spousal boost" to her full personal amount first and then later her maximum entitlement (including her spousal boost).

If she claims now, her later payment (which includes her spousal boost) will be less than half of your FRA amount. If your wife's life expectancy is at least average, waiting until her FRA to claim will likely yield the highest cumulative lifetime benefits.

But if your wife isn't working full time, by claiming now (vs. at her FRA) she would get her reduced personal benefit for an extra two years. If you divide the amount your wife would collect over those two years by the difference between her current benefit amount and her maximum spousal amount (half of your FRA entitlement), you will see how long it would take for your wife to recover those two years of benefits.

If her life expectancy is less than that length of time, then claiming earlier is likely the right move.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Paws 4 Blue K-9 held first annual

fundraiser **By Dallas Gagnon**

Staff Writer Dgagnon@turley.com

MONSON - Paws 4 Blue K-9 held the company's first annual fundraiser at Westview Farms Creamery on July 22.

The event featured live K-9 demonstrations, an appearance from Paw Patrol K-9 Chase, a lottery raffle basket and Paws 4 Blue K-9 merchandise for sale.

Police officers from around the region came to support the fundraising initiatives, with a percentage of Paws 4 Blue K-9 merchandise proceeds donated to the Buddy Foundation and 100% of donations made to the Buddy Foundation.

"It's amazing to see all of the K-9 handlers come out and support the cause," said Sean Ford, who was the partner of late Palmer K-9 Officer Buddy.

The Buddy Foundation provides grant funds to K-9 handlers from non budgeted agencies and retired K-9 without benefits.

Volunteer Shannon Brynes of Brimfield said "these dogs do a really difficult job...they protect their handlers and us."

She added "they put their lives on the line so our brothers, husbands etc. can come home...they don't care about the consequences, they just do it."

According to Ford, K-9s tend to "draw more attention and people pick up on it right away," making them a "force multiplier."

"People may not respect a person, but they will respect a dog," said Ford.

Ware Police Sergeant Diana Gliniecki said dogs are also "great for community policing" as "these dogs bridge a gap between the department and the community."

"They are great for school aged students...sometimes a child's first

HOLY COW from page 4

first woman to walk the entire length of the trail, all 2,200 miles from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Maine's Mount Katahdin.

At age 66, no less.

The idea grew into an obsession. At a time when people nearing 70 were expected to relax in rocking chairs, Emma began preparing to attempt what no woman before had ever done.

Her legs were strong, she was in good health, so why not?

She began her journey at Mount Katahdin in July 1954 – and promptly met with one disaster after another. She broke her glasses, she got lost, then she ran out of food. When rangers found her, they persuaded the hapless sexagenarian to go home.

Ware Police Sergeant Diana **Gliniecki** and retired K-9 Officer Sampson showed up to the Paws 4 Blue K-9 first annual fundraiser



Turley Photo by Dallas Gagnon

decoy as he advances towards the interaction with an officer is with handlers. When the decoy retaliates She added the Ware Police or instigates the dog, its reaction Department used to attend commuintensifies.

Once a whistle is blown, the dog relents.

Founder Janice Garabedian recognized the generosity of Westview Farms Creamery and thanked them "for hosting the event and for giving all the K-9s a homemade dog sundae after they finished the demos.'

She also thanked her team, Mary O'Halloran, Donna LeFleur, Stefhanie Harris and Judy Coates for supporting her mission and the support of all the handlers.

people and without them, the day wouldn't have been possible," said Garabedian.

Grandma Gatewood then appeared on the Today show, was a guest on a TV game show, and was even profiled in Sports Illustrated where she said, "This is no trail. It's a nightmare. For some fool reason, they always lead you right up over the biggest rock on top of the highest mountain they can find."

And she didn't stop walking. She hiked the entire Appalachian Trail a second time two years later, walked all 2,000 miles of the Oregon Train in 1959, and at age 76 she did the Appalachian Trial yet again (though this time in sections), becoming the first person to walk it three times.

Band celebrates 50 years of music, memories

QCB presents 'Homecoming on the Barre Bandstand'

BARRE – The Quabbin Community Band is excited to invite band alumni to come back to Barre Common and join the band for a concert on Sunday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m., to mark the 50th anniversary of this wonderful community organization.

The band will play several songs from the past including, "Moon River", "Begin the Beguine", "Bugler's Holiday" and "First Suite in Eb for Military Band". They encourage you to bring family and friends to this reunion celebrating 50 years of music and community on Barre Common.

The history of a community band in the Barre area is a rich one, reaching back to the first band stand being erected in North Park in 1859.

Many know that the Barre Wool Band eventually became important to the fabric of the community, and when the group dissolved, a small number of musicians continued as the Gilbertville Community Band under the leadership of Severino "Skip" D'Annolfo of South Barre. The group in Gilbertville struggled

FREE PHONE from page 3

"We program it, hand it to you and you're online as you're walk-

There's no obligation or bills to pay. The service runs for at least five years and Lebert said as long as Congress continues to re-authorize the program, it can run indefinitely.

Other than eligibility, the only other stipulation is the devices need to be used at least occasionally.

"It's five years of free internet and the thing is, you just need to use it at least once a month, either

REEVALUATE from page 1

"If we're willing to think about the job a little bit differently and expand what their role is, I think we could actually have a good conversation," Lovato said. "I do think this brings some opportunity."

Desjardins said many school districts have a Director of Student Services, and only a few in the state have a Director of Special



Submitted Photo

John H. Hansen, founding director of the Quabbin Community Band, leads the group in rehearsal during the summer of 1976 inside the former Barre Boys Club building in South Barre. The Quabbin Community Band Auxiliary Inc. purchased the building in 1975 hoping to turn it into a community music center.

with membership and exposure until 1971 when they played six concerts on the Barre Common which were very well received.

With the passing of D'Annolfo, the leadership of the band was offered to their new tuba player, John H. Hansen, recently named band director at the newly built Quabbin Regional Jr-Sr High School. After the 1972 season, the group formally moved to Barre and Hansen changed the name to

a phone call or going online, to

keep the service going," Lebert

stand out from other countries is

we don't require an ID," he said.

"That's because there are a lot of

homeless veterans who don't have

one. It's especially important for

the veterans because a lot of them

have nothing. This is one way for

and Strawbridge, who lives in

Holyoke, said they signed up

approximately 100 people over

four days last week at their stand,

set up at the former Speedway

Lovato said the current job

School Committee members

agreed that they should change

the title to Director of Student

Services and expand the position

and salary range, bringing it to

Ratification of WTA contract

description also needs updating.

Lebert, a resident of Chicopee,

them to stay connected."

to get someone," he said.

\$108,000-115,000.

"What makes our country

said.

to join the band at 6:30 p.m. each Monday night through Aug. 7 at the Barre Town Hall for weekly

"The Quabbin Community Band".

musical director of OCB who

encourages musicians of all ages

Margaret Reidy is the current

practice. Be sure to follow the band on Facebook at Quabbin Community Band. In the case of inclement weather, concerts will move to the Barre Town Hall.

station on North Main Street in Palmer. They plan to man the same spot 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through this week - weather permitting - before setting up elsewhere.

They will visit various locations around the region over the coming months,

Want to know more?

Anyone interested in signing up for ACP but who can't meet up with Lebert and Strawbridge can go to fcc.gov/acp, call 1-888-225-5322 (ASL Video Call: 1-844-432-2275) or mass.gov.

Aaron Sawabi thanked fellow Committee members Brian Wilson and Michael Foran for addressing issues and reaching a compromise with the union.

"Now we can move forward," he said.

Wilson said it was a group effort from all Committee members with a lot of back and forth to come to this agreement.

"It was a lot of good feedback," School Committee mem-Wilson said. "It made a difference."

ing away."

"They are a great group of

Frydryk, follows closely behind a handler to which the dog responds Video footage of the demonstration shows Shiva nipping at the

attempt. She learned from her initial mistakes and changed her strategy.

these dogs," said Gliniecki.

one" for the students.

spectators.

handler" demo.

defensively.

nity reading day with now retired

K-9 Officer Sampson, which made

that introduction "a memorable

While retired K-9s were simply

Brynes said her dogs Shiva and

A "bad guy decoy," acted by

"enjoying retirement," sports dogs

performed a live demonstration for

Grimlock performed a "defensive

Amherst Patrol Officer Matthew

In 1955, she started two months earlier this time and began in Georgia. Again, it wasn't easy.

That 1949 article had made her believe the route was a smooth trail. It wasn't, and her Keds tennis shoes were no match for the rugged mountain terrain.

She expected to find shelters along the way; there weren't any, forcing her to sleep in piles of leaves.

But she stuck with it and kept walking. Newspapers picked up her story as she went, and soon she

But while Emma Gatewood may have failed, she didn't quit. She told no one about her setback and quietly prepared for a second

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acquired a nickname - Grandma Gatewood – along with celebrity status

She achieved her goal 146 days later when she reached Baxter Peak atop Mount Katahdin. She signed the register, sang "America the Beautiful," and said to herself out loud, "I did it. I said I'd do it, and I've done it."

She went right on hiking right up until her death in 1973 at 85.

What was the secret to her success? Grandma Gatewood refused to let anything – failure, adversity, or advanced age - stand in her way. Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.

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bump this up...it's the

only way we're going

"At this point in time, we've had two people walk on what we've offered...I think we need to look at it and just realize that we may need to

ers voted to accept the agreement with the Ware Teachers Association for the next three years.

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Foran said he's glad they could reach an agreement.



Submitted Photo

Mike Piazza and his Flying High Dogs will close out Summer Reading with the Warren Public Library on Friday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m., on the Common.

Summer Reading finale features 'Flying High Dogs'

WARREN - Join the Warren Public Library and Mike Piazza and his talented Border Collies on the Common on Friday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. for high-flying fun.

The show is youth and family friendly. Piazza's dogs are some of the most athletic Border Collies on the planet and perform a variety of frisbee and other entertaining tricks during the performance.

The program closes out the 2023 Summer Reading Program, and concludes with the final raffle drawing for tickets to the Big E. Certificates will be given to all Super Readers who visited the library this summer.

This program is free and open to all. Contact Warren Public Library by calling 413-436-7690 or emailing warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail. com for more information.

HERO from page 1

Sherman St. While enroute to the scene, the Fire Department received another call that the toddler had fallen from the roof, which prompted Lifeflight to be requested.

A second tone for a crew with an engine was requested to respond to the Common to set up a landing zone for the helicopter.

Police Officer Rodriguez and Warren Fire Chief Adam Lavoie were some of the first to arrive on the scene. Shortly after arrival, Lavoie was able to cancel the Lifeflight, because of O'Donnell's actions.

O'Donnell was out walking his dog on Milk Street with his significant other Mary Harder, when the couple noticed a toddler on the roof of a house on Sherman Street. Neighbors were in the yard of the residence, trying to encourage the child to stay still and away from the edge of the roof until emergency

responders arrived. The toddler tried to climb down from the roof, which was approximately 13-feet from the ground. O'Donnell positioned himself under the roof and caught the toddler, sending both to the ground.

Lapierre said O'Donnell and the toddler both had some minor bumps and scratches, but were otherwise unharmed.

State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume said O'Donnell's actions were the "most extreme case of 'right place, right time.""

"It's an honor for the community to have people like you in it," Berthiaume said to O'Donnell, giving him a citation from the State House.

Board of Selectmen Chair Roland Sickenberger thanked O'Donnell, and said the town is "very grateful," for his lifesaving actions.

witnessed a remarkable display of talent and skill as bowlers competed for glory over the weekend at Ryan's Family Amusements. Phil Clough of Warren was on

the third place ranked team.

their famous cider donuts.

In the end, it was Team Daley, comprised of Sage Johnson, Danny Harris, and Josh Daley, that showcased their dominance on the lanes to secure the 2023 Triples Scratch Championship Title.

International Candlepin Bowling Hall of Fame legend, Craig Holbrook, emerged as the talk of the tournament, shattering multiple records and leaving a trail of broken pins in his wake.

The day began as Holbrook set a remarkable score of 188 for the Tournament High Single, making history in Outrun The Bear's nearly 10-year existence as the highest game ever recorded. The records continued to tumble as Holbrook bested the House High 5 record with a 733, previously held by Jonathan Boudreau (727), and claimed the new House High 10 record with a jaw-dropping score of 1387. Holbrook also tied the House Record High Triple at 459, previously held by Christopher

McDonough (459). MILLIS – Outrun the Bear, the

Breezeland Orchards in Warren opened this past Saturday, offering

WARREN – Breezeland

Orchards opened for the

season this past Saturday,

offering a variety of baked

goods including pies,

premier candlepin bowling tour-Sonya Johnson also made nament in the MetroWest Region, history by surpassing the House Women's High 5 record with a 636, originally held by Sonja Rossi (617). Sage Johnson outdid her sister, Sonya, by beating her record just 35 seconds later, scoring an astonishing 642.

Time to make the donuts!

famous cider donuts.

also available.

Warren resident helps clinch third at bowling tournament

apple dumplings and their

The first apples of the

season, Jersey Macs, were

Many bowlers showcased their talent and dedication, with eight players averaging over 130, including Justin Waters, Josh Daley, Chris McDonough, John Blais, Chris Jones, Scott Douglass, Danny Harris, and Steve Renaud Jr.

An additional 18 bowlers averaged over 120, displaying the competitive spirit and high skill level present at Outrun the Bear. Their names include Steve Renaud Jr., Charlie Collins, Logan Gingras, Tim Douglass, Jeremy Seaholm, Joey Lister, Jason Doucette, Matt Nichols, Al Kacyk, Jason Gauthier Jr., Duncan MacDougall, Keith Beaupre, Korey Packard, Richie Myrick, Nate Lees, Sonya Johnson, Chris Parkinson, and Mark Gallagher, who also managed four consecutive strikes.

Final results are first place, Josh Daley (Danvers), Sage Johnson (Exeter, New Hampshire) and Danny Harris (Quincy); second place, Mike Nardone (Grafton),



Jason Doucette (Milford) and Charlie Collins (Waltham); third place, Jason Gauthier Jr. (Holyoke), Dominick Paladino (Nashua New Hampshire) and Phil Clough (Warren); fourth place, Steve Renaud Sr. (Southbridge), Korey Packard (Sutton) and Steve Renaud Jr. (Revere); Wally Flannery 4th String High Single, Scott Douglass (Marshfield); and Triple Strike - Chris Jones (two

tümes)(Quincy), Sonya Johnson (Sealbrook, New Hampshine), John Blais (Southbridge) and Mark Gallagher (Raynham).

This tournament was generously sponsored by Wally Flammery and Mell's Commonwealth Caffé.

For more iinformatiion about Outrum the Bear and upcoming eventts, please visit facebook.com/ outtrumthebeancandlepiin and follow on TikTok @CandlepinBowling.

Staff at Breezeland Orchards were ready for customers with freshly baked treats.

Turley Staff Photos

Smart Ways To Invest In Bonds

Most investors are aware of the different types of stocks: bigcompany, small-company, technology, international and so on. And it may be a good idea to own a mix of these stocks as part of your overall investment portfolio. But the importance of diversification applies to bonds, too - so, how should you go about achieving it?

To begin with, individual bonds fall into three main types: municipal, corporate and government. Within these categories, you'll find differences in the bonds being issued. For example, government bonds include conventional, fixed-rate Treasury bonds as well as inflationprotected ones, along with bonds issued by government agencies, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (or Fannie Mae). Corporate bonds are differentiated from each other by several factors, but one important one is the interest rate they pay, which is largely determined by the credit quality of the issuer. (The higher the rating grade — AAA, AA and so on - the lower the interest rate; higher-rated bonds pose less risk to investors and therefore pay less interest.)

Municipal bonds, too, are far from uniform. These bonds are issued by state and local governments to build or improve infrastructure, such as airports, highways, hospitals and schools. Generally, municipal bonds are exempt from federal tax and often state and local taxes, too. However, because of this tax benefit, municipal bonds typically pay lower interest rates than many corporate bonds.

How can you use various types of bonds to build a diversified bond portfolio? One method is to invest in mutual funds that invest primarily in bonds. By owning a mix of corporate, government and municipal bond funds, you can gain exposure to much of the bond world. Be aware, though, that bond funds, like bonds themselves, vary widely in some respects. To illustrate: Some investors may choose a low-risk, low return approach by investing in a bond fund that only owns Treasury securities, while other investors might strive for higher returns - and accept greater risk — by investing in a higher-yield, but riskier bond fund.

But you can also diversify your bond holdings by owning a group of individual bonds with different maturities: short-, intermediate- and longterm. This type of diversification can help protect you against the effects of interest-rate movements, which are a driving force behind the value of your bonds — that is, the amount you could sell them for if you chose to sell them before they matured. When market interest rates rise, the price of your existing, lower-paying bonds will fall, and when rates drop, your bonds will be worth more.

But by building a "ladder" of bonds with varying maturities, you can take advantage of different interest-rate environments. When market rates are rising, you can reinvest your maturing, shorter-term bonds at the new, higher rates. And when market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds working for you. (Generally, though not always, longer-term bonds pay higher rates than shorter-term ones.)

A bond ladder should be consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances. But if it's appropriate for your needs, it could be a valuable tool in diversifying your bond holdings. And while diversification - in either stocks or bonds - can't always guarantee success or avoid losses, it remains a core principle of successful investing.

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Rock The Park





Bearly Dead singer Michael Butler danced with the

Festivalgoers customized their own pins to wear.



Lena shows off her butterfly face paint.





crowd as the rain came down.

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Legislature passes \$375 million transportation bill

Legislature recently passed a bill that includes \$375 million in bond authorizations for transportation needs across the state, including \$200 million for the state's Chapter 90 program, which provides municipalities with a reliable funding source for transportation-related improvements, including road and bridge repairs.

"Ensuring that people in every region of Massachusetts have safe and dependable transportation options is fundamental to creating a competitive and equitable commonwealth," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "This funding invests in our infrastructure and transit systems everywhere, allocating much-needed funds to local roads and bridges, regional transit, EV infrastructure, and parts of the MBTA. I want to thank Senator Crighton for making this a priority, my Senate colleagues for their support, and Speaker Mariano and the House for agreeing on these critical investments in our infrastructure."

This legislation also authorizes \$175 million in programs that will support various transportation-related projects.

This includes \$25 million for each of the following: the municipal small bridge program; the complete streets program; a bus transit infrastructure

BOSTON - The Massachusetts program; grants to increase access to mass transit and commuter rail stations; grants for municipalities and regional transit authorities to purchase electric vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support them; funding for pavement and surface improvements on state and municipal roadways; and new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage, which is particularly helpful for rural communities.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire &Worcester District) was glad to see the new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage.

"Western Mass has considerably more rural communities than other areas of the state, so I'm glad to see the Legislature prioritize regional equity by taking more factors into account beyond just population and other socioeconomic factors. Addressing regional equity is about acknowledging and understanding that Western Mass has different challenges than other parts of the state. I'm grateful to Senate President Spilka, Speaker Mariano, and my colleagues in the Legislature for considering that," said Oliveira.

The bill having passed both the Senate and the House of Representatives, it will now be sent to the Governor for her consideration.

NEWSBRIEFS

Grange hosts gardening workshop Aug. 14

WARE - Ware Grange's next gardening workshop, "Flower Farmer," will be held on Monday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

The presenter will be Roberta McQuaid, author of the weekly "In the Garden" column for Turley Publications.

Come learn about flowers that have a long vase-life and simple arrangement principles. A door prize drawing will be held.

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

Meetinghouse hosts outdoor concert Aug. 6

WARE - The Ware Center Ragtime 5. Meetinghouse, 295 Belchertown Road, is hosting an outdoor concert on ket or comfortable chair to enjoy the Sunday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m., featuring

Please bring your favorite blanmusic

National Night Out rescheduled to Aug. 15

WARE – Due to unforeseen circumstances, National Night Out will be postponed until Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Grenville Park. There will be equipment from

Fire, Police and Department of Public

Works, as well as games and giveaways for children and families. The Knights of Columbus' Hungry Squire Grill will be serving free hotdogs and giving out school supplies for children.

Blake creates a sculpture with clay.

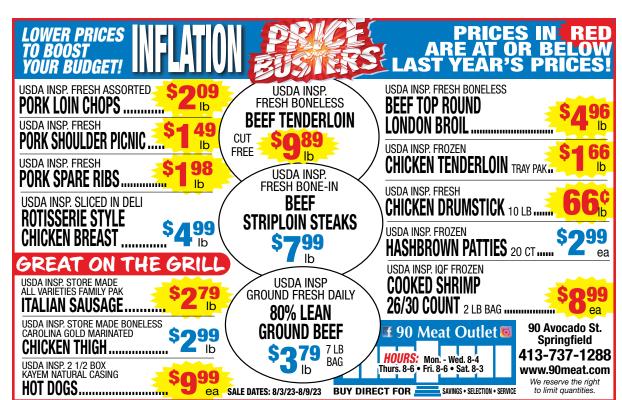
Vander Stevens, age 5 of Hardwick, sends some bubbles flying.

One of Workshop13's volunteers painted a giraffe on a young festival goer.

of the







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himself to supporting youths and their health.

"Having mentors is our biggest need," said Gratton. "Continue to help, to listen, continue to mentor."

The final speaker to close out the forum was the Prevention and Community Health Director for the town of Ware and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance, Gail Gramarossa. In her closing remark, Gramarossa talked about the grow-

England has built in accommodating the most essential community needs. Gramarossa strongly believes that their model will keep progressing. She acknowledged the new

recovery center now open in downtown Ware. The center is located at 52 Main St., and can be reached by calling 413-277-6290.

The center is available for folks looking to get into recovery, treatment, and other health options. Their website is recoverycenterof-

ing model Baystate and Health New hope.org. To conclude the benefit forum, members of Baystate and Health

New England got a final opportunity to tour different booths and learn about current organizations supporting different health needs in the community. The organizations represented include the Alzheimer's Association, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, the Quaboag Connector, and Healthy Quaboag.

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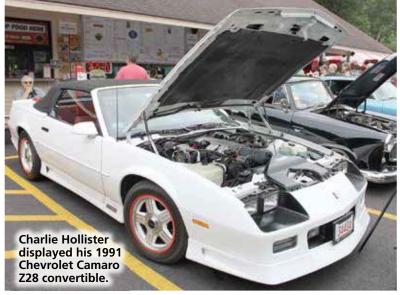
Jim Walling found this 1994 Subaru Sambar on Facebook, which features a supercharged 660cc engine.



Spectators looked at dozens of vehicles displayed at Janine's Frostee.



Mike Horrigan's 1957 Chevrolet 6400 features a wooden body he crafted using lumber from his sawmill.





Dan Tortora's 1954 Kaiser Darrin, a rarely seen car, was a favorite of attendees of the Car Show for Charity.

CAR SHOW from page 1

New Hope at this year's Car Show for Charity, which celebrated 18 years of giving back to the community.

Not only did the car show provide financial support for Project New Hope's mission, but it also gave Moore a chance to educate local veterans about services and programs they can receive.

"We were blessed we had an opportunity to interact with a lot of the local veterans there and talk about our services," Moore said. "I'm glad Roger reached out to me."

Morrissette said he chose Project New Hope, at the recommendation of his good friend and Ware resident Dan Diaz.

Morrissette said he had previously reached out to a national veteran's organization, but hadn't gotten a good response.

"It felt cold, like they had gotten so big they only wanted people to send them money," he said.

Part of being the featured charity at the annual event is the opportunity to be present and interact with members of the community, while working to promote the charity's cause.

"When I reached out to Bill Moore of Project New Hope, he was more than happy to meet with me and discuss our plan for the show!" Morrissette said.

Morrissette started the Car Show for Charity back in 2006, which coincided with Janine's Frostee's 50th anniversarv.

"It's always been important to me to do things for others, to help out in any way I can," Morrissette said. "From then on it's been car show after car show, raising money for what I felt were worthy causes."

This includes the Molly Bish Foundation, the cancer care unit at the former Mary Lane Hospital, the local food pantry, Big Brothers Big Sisters and more. Last year, it was dedicated to support the family and legacy of longtime friend and car show judge, Robert Hoisington, who brought three of his cars to the show, including a Toyota Supra that was recently used by the crew of the "Birthrite" movie, which filmed in both Ware and Brookfield.

Diaz has worked on other movies and television series, including "Shutter Island", "Dexter" and "Castle Rock".

"I'm just trying to bring movies this way," he said.

Diaz participates in car shows to help fundraise for charities, including this one. He said he really just likes driving his cars, and working on them with his children.

"It's kind of a stress relief...my wife has chickens, I have cars," he said with a laugh.

Charlie Hollister and his wife Sally of Wilbraham share the same hobby, and that's cars.

"I had a 1954 Ford Street Custom, but my wife wanted a convertible," Hollister said, which prompted the couple to purchase a 1991 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 convertible from Seattle, Washington six years ago.

"It's a great car," Hollister said, and a big departure from his 1954 Ford.

Hollister said his wife loves cars as much as he does, but she doesn't usually join him for the cruise nights and car shows he attends weekly.

"I'm a lone wolf," he joked.

Henry Merchant from Brookfield brought his blue 1984 Chevrolet El Camino, which he's owned for about five years.

Merchant said he enters the El Camino in a lot of shows and shared that his favorite thing about the car is the truck bed.

"I get a car with a truck," he said. Jim Walling, owner of Firesafe Chimney Services in Ware, was just driving through town in his 1994 Subaru Sambar, a Facebook Marketplace find that he couldn't pass up, when his friend Tex (a Janine's Frostee team member) encouraged him to enter his unique

vehicle.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette This 1931 Ford Model A Woody Wagon was in pristine condition.



This Mercury featured a deep eggplant paint color, with purple accents.



The truck bed is Henry Merchant's favorite feature on the El Camino.

Horrigan's first time entering his vehicle at a car show, with his 1967 Chevrolet 6400 being perhaps the largest of the entries.

A working truck, the 6400 is still used by Horrigan to deliver wood after he bought it from a barn in Thorndike about four years ago.

Horrigan just recently finished rebuilding the body of the truck, using wood cut at his sawmill.

Dan Tortora of Charlton entered his 1954 Kaiser Darrin, which he has owned since 1968.

The second owner of the vehicle, Tortora bought the Kaiser Darrin as

He's also grateful for his longtime sponsors that help make the car show a success each year.

"St. Germain Insurance has been the lead sponsor with Monson Savings Bank as secondary, for several years," he said. "Their sponsorship helps to defray some of the costs of running a show of this size. I don't have the show so I can make money, I have it so together we can all raise money for someone else in need!"

About Project New Hope

Project New Hope has helped a graduation gift to himself before over 8,000 veterans last year alone through its food pantries in Worcester and Westfield, as well as close to 1,000 veteran through the baby pantries.



passed away from COVID.

Considered to be one of the best shows in the region by car enthusiasts, the Car Show for Charity always features an impressive range of vehicles, from hot rods to muscle cars, to rare and unusual models that you'd be lucky to see at another show.

Despite a stormy forecast, the cars and trucks (even vans) rolled in to vie for the top prizes.

Diaz, the mutual friend that connected Morrissette and Moore.

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The Sambar is classified as a "Kei car," a Japanese microvan, with the steering wheel on the right side of the cab, ample headroom, and a sliding rooftop.

This is the first car show Walling has ever entered, and he shared that he's getting ready to have the Sambar wrapped with his company's colors.

Originally imported from Japan, Walling purchased the Sambar from a Ludlow resident who had owned it for a year before selling it.

Jamal Richardson of Gilbertville is another newcomer to the Car Show for Charity, and he also has a car imported from Japan; his lilac-colored 1996 Honda CRV.

Since he purchased the CRV at the start of this year, Richardson has invested time and money into getting the car show-ready, with a number of custom features including front bumper, wheels, grill, interior, and of course the paint job.

The lilac paint covered a mismatched white and black body, and it is a Hypershift paint, which seems to change colors right before your eyes.

This was also Ware resident Mike

serving in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne in Vietnam.

When he bought the car, it had 18 miles on it, and now it has 36,000.

Tortora has driven the car to numerous shows over the years, as far as Saratoga Springs, New York and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Just last week, Tortora showed the Kaiser Darrin at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum for American Car and Truck Day, and he plans to return this October for Extinct Car Day.

The 1954 is the last year Kaiser Darrin built cars in the U.S., before shifting manufacturing to South America.

Tortora's car is painted the factory shade "Yellow Satin," and he said many cars of this time period were painted eye-catching pastel colors.

Morrissette credited his staff for making the Car Show for Charity a success and creating an inviting atmosphere centered around having fun, amazing cars and helping a cause. He also thanked people in the community and businesses for their generous donations that included goods and services as prizes to be won.

Sully's Food & Baby Pantry, named for Moore's mother whose maiden name was Sullivan, is located at 70 James St., Worcester and 1029 North Road, Suite 9, Westfield.

Project New Hope is gearing up for its 9th annual Salute Our Veterans Motorcycle Ride on Saturday, Aug. 19 starting at Wagner Motorsports in Worcester and ending at Vernon Hill American Legion Post 435 in Worcester. Texas Roadhouse is providing food and musician Tony Garcia will perform live music.

Project New Hope is also partnering with Dollar Tree Stores and Operation Homefront to provide backpacks stocked with school supplies for military children. Last year 128 backpacks were distributed.

For more information about Project New Hope and its programs and services, visit www. ProjectNewHopeMA.org or call 774-243-7859.



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Zach Handzel, of Palmer, pitches for PeoplesBank.



Agawam's Cam Rivest delivers a pitch for DiFranco Realty.

Bankers cash in for finals

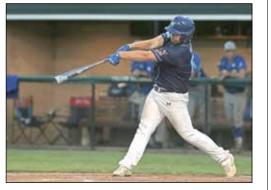
WILBRAHAM - Last Friday night, PeoplesBank Tri-County baseball took down DiFranco in the opener of a best-of-three series 17-0 in five innings. The Bankers are the No. 1 seed in the Tri-County League playoffs. They would punch their ticket to the finals the following day when DiFranco forfeited the second game of the series, giving the Bankers the finals berth. The finals were scheduled to begin earlier this week.





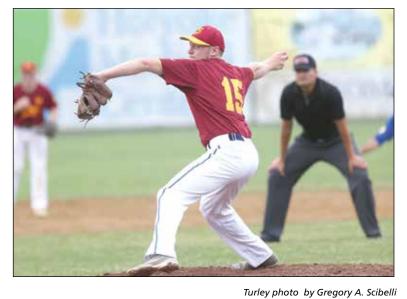


Dave Clark fields a grounder for PeoplesBank.



Nicholas Wilken, of Ludlow, swings and connects.

St. Joe's season ends in playoff loss



Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.

DiFranco Realty advances to semifinals

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

EAST LONGMEADOW-Two days after losing to fifth-seeded DiFranco Realty at home in game one of the Tri-County League playoffs, fourth-seeded St. Joseph's made the trek to the East Longmeadow High School baseball field looking to even the best of three series.

Game two was a very close affair until the fifth inning.

With the score tied, 2-2, entering the bottom of the fifth inning, DiFranco Realty put together a rally. They wound up sweeping the opening round series with a 5-2 victory, last Wednesday night.

"Anytime that you're the higher seeded team and you don't win left a total of six runners on base in game two. Five of them were stranded in scoring position.

DiFranco, who went 6-12 during the regular season, took a 1-0 lead against St. Joe's righthander Brandon Magni in the bottom of the first inning.

Centerfielder Cam Rivest, who's from Agawam, lined a leadoff single into leftfield. Rivest moved to third base following a perfect sacrifice bunt by first baseman Andrew Bunger.

After the next batter hit a ground ball back to Magni, an RBI single by designated hitter Carlos Pena gave the home team an early 1-0 lead.

St. Joe's did tie the score in their next at-bats.

With one-out in the top of the second inning, second baseman Jon Nickerson hit a flyball double to right field. Nickerson, who went 2-for-3 in game two, scored the tying run when left fielder Eric Corley (3-for-3) singled to center.

Joe Ferry, of Palmer, slides into third base safely.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com Cam McDonald throws to first.



Ryan Hemenway, of Wilbraham sizes up a pitch.

a game in a playoff series, it's very unfortunate," said St. Joe's manager Paul Marcinek. "We did have some good pitching in these two games, but we just didn't execute at the plate. We just left a lot of guys on base.'

Marcinek shared the coaching duties with Jon Ferry.

DiFranco Realty celebrated a 6-1 victory in game one. Game two was postponed for a day due to rain.

St. Joe's, who finished the regular season with an 8-10 record,

The duo of Nickerson and Corley combined for five of St. Joe's seven base hits in game two.

Nickerson, who also hit a bloop single to right field with one-out in the top of the fourth, scored the go-ahead run when catcher Adam Zebian hit a ground ball to the shortstop.

St. Joe's didn't keep the 2-1 lead for very long,

With one-out in the bottom of the fourth, DiFranco Realty

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Coach John Leonard demonstrates with Quabbin eighth grader Aiden Crane during his advanced skill development clinic recently held at the high school gym.

Submitted photos Brady Patchen carefully listens to instructions from former Villanova and UMass coach John Leonard during the well-attended skills clinic.

Locals participate in basketball clinic

Coach John Leonard hosted 30 local players. Leonard brings another advanced skill develop- a specific plan to instruct on varment clinic at Quabbin on July ious skills. There is another clinic 12. The event featured more than in the works as Leonard is plan-

ning on returning for a dedicated post play clinic as well as another advanced skills clinic.

Cagers respond with pair of wins

AUBURN - After two close heart-breaking losses last week, the Quabbin Cagers rebounded with two consecutive wins over West Boylston and Tahanto in Auburn Summer Basketball league play.

And rebounded they certainly did, as the E.P. Wine-sponsored team controlled the boards in both games allowing multiple transition baskets in each game for the locals to take advantage.

This has been a work in progress for coaches Tim Hay and Luke Brownell as they are finding ways to increase offensive production. And controlling the boards along with offensive transition opportunities are just two of the expectations.

The losses the previous week by one possession in each game was certainly disappointing to the team and coaches, however, they were not discouraged. Posting a solid 61-41 win over West Boylston saw three players in double digits with guard Chris Prunesti-Leveille leading the way with 21 points followed by combo guard Jacoby Dillon with 12 and power forward Kyle Clark with 10 more.

Forward Nick Whitelaw contributed 6 points and Jaxon Warburton added 4 as well. Six cagers were in the scoring column as seventh grader Hayston Hay saw action and



Submitted photo Quabbin's Anthony Quarterone employs an effective ball fake to get his opponent in the air on his way to the basket during his team's 41-27 win over Tahanto.

drained a three-pointer to continue game. the balanced scoring attack.

Rebounding was a key to the victory and Junior Kyle Clark powered down 10 caroms including six on the offensive boards where the 6'4 forward is beginning to exert himself.

Guards Ricky Janoure and Jaxon Warburton combined for seven loose ball recoveries as the Quabbinians totaled 18 for the

On defense, Whitelaw drew two charges and Warburton drew another. Whitelaw leads the team in drawn charges.

The Cagers then went on to down Tahanto by a score of 41-27 as Kyle Clark, having a break out summer season, paved the way with 16 points followed by Chris

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Belanger, Grenier get first career wins in Monadnock Speedway races

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Joel Belanger and Carlos Grenier each scored his first career Monadnock Speedway victory Saturday at the historic highbanked oval.

Belanger won the nightcap 30-lapper in the NHSTRA Modifieds, while Nate Wenzel topped the first open-wheel go-round. Grenier earned his victory lap by holding Colton Martin at bay to win the 50-lap Pure Stock main event. In the NHSTRA Late Models, it was Hillary Renaud scoring her first win of the summer and, in so doing, becoming the fifth different LM victor this year.

Steve Miller Jr. won for the first time this year in the Six Shooters, and Adrian Smith continued to outrun everyone as he dominated en route to his third 2023 Young Guns victory.

Wenzel's win in the first Modified feature came giftwrapped in the form of a Brian Chapin/Tyler Leary last-lap tangle that saw Wenzel avoid the mess immediately before him as he darted off to victory.

Chapin had taken control on lap three and was probably already making plans for where the night's trophy would later be displayed when he and Leary, up to second on lap 25, jingled in turn two as the checkers awaited them less than a lap away. Wenzel steered clear and blasted

to his second win of the summer. In the nightcap, Belanger held off all challengers to wire the event for his first career victory on the high banks. Geoff Rollins got up for second on lap 15 but, on this night, was no match for the speedy Belanger. Rollins was the night's overall Modified winner, putting together a pair of deuce runs. Aaron Fellows and Scott Zilinski each had a third for their hard night's work.

A field of 21 potent chargers went to war in the night's Pure Stock 50-lapper. Carlos Grenier, starting up front, had seen victory slip away from him in his last outing on the high banks and wasn't about to let it happen again.

He led Dominick Stafford on

laps one and two, with two-time champ Tim Wenzel used a finalwinner Colton Martin then taking over on a restart and riding in Grenier's shadow the rest of the way.

While the lap-two jingle didn't affect the race's outcome, it strongly impacted the mid-season points chase. Multi-time track champ and points titan Chris Davis, along with Zach Phillips and Andrea St. Amour were the big victims in this one, with Davis' early demise dropping him to 20th on the night.

Grenier and Martin fought hard the rest of the way, with Zach Zilinski in close tow until 2022 Claremont champ Chris Chambers claimed third on lap 42. Grenier, third his last time out, prevailed to take a happy victory lap.

Hillary Renaud used her Saturday victory in the NHSTRA Late Models to leapfrog two spots in the points parade into second. She led all the way, with Haydon Grenier up to second on lap two – strong in his runner-up performance. Points leader and reigning track

turn blast to snatch third from JD Stockwell.

Steve Miller Jr. took the lead from Jacob Scott on lap three of the Six Shooter feature and never looked back. Scott then had his hands full for much of the race holding off Miller's father, Steve Sr., for second, as Scott, Miller Sr., and Andrew Scott took the checkers nose-totail.

Adrian Smith took the lead from Madison Cousino on lap eight of the Young Guns feature and then blasted off to his third win of the summer. Cousino, impressive all night, held strong the rest of the way to earn her first career podium finish in second, while Markus O'Neil came home third

After a week off, Monadnock Speedway will return to action on Saturday, August 5, when the high-banked speedplant will host another full night of oval track racing featuring 50 Lap Mini Stock Challenge.

Blue Sox win the West, playoffs begin

Sox are the 2023 NECBL West Division Champions. In their final game of the regular season, the Blue Sox defeated the Keene Swamp Bats 8-7, to finish 23-18-2 on the season.

In a game that saw 23 hits and four different position players on the mound, the Blue Sox scored runs in four different innings.

Brendan Yagesh started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching two innings while allowing four runs with three strikeouts.

Keene got on the board first in the top of the second inning, following three RBI singles and a wild pitch to put the Swamp Bats up 4-0 early.

Valley rallied back to quickly take the lead back in the bottom of the second inning, batting around their entire lineup.

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Conor Kiely hit an RBI single to score EJ Kreutzmann in his first at-bat of the season. Zach Ketterman hit an RBI single to score Michael Zarrillo.

Will Gale walked with the bases loaded, AJ Guerrero hit an RBI single, then EJ Kreutzmann was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, to allow the Blue Sox to take the lead 5-4.

Kurt Thomas took over for Yagesh in the top of the third, pitching two innings while allowing one run.

Keene tied the game at five after Bryan Padillia was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Valley took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth after Michael Zarrillo walked with the bases loaded to put the team ahead 6-5.

Third Baseman Zach

Ketterman made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Thomas in the top of the fifth inning. The righthander pitched two innings with three strikeouts, allowing one

The Swamp Bats tied the game at six following an RBI single in the top of the fifth, but Valley quickly took the lead back in the bottom of the inning after Guerrero hit an RBI groundout.

Center Fielder Will Gale also made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Ketterman in the top of the seventh inning. The speedy outfielder pitched one inning, allowing one run and striking out one batter.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at seven in the top of the seventh inning after an RBI sin-

CJ Willis, a position player who has made four different appearances on the mound this season, once again saw himself on the mound after relieving Gale in the top of the eighth inning. Willis pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself his second win of the season.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the bottom of the eighth after 2023 All-Star EJ Kreutzmann hit an RBI single to score Collier Cranford.

Willis pitched a clean ninth inning to secure the victory and division title for the Blue Sox.

With the NECBL Playoffs beginning Monday night, the Blue Sox remained at home to host their division rival Bristol Blues in the first game of a bestof-three-game series.

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Athlete of the Month



Kyle Kaczuwka WARE HIGH SCHOOL

Kaczuwka was an infield contributor for this year's Monson Post 241 baseball team. He was among a few representatives from Ware that played on the summer squad this year.

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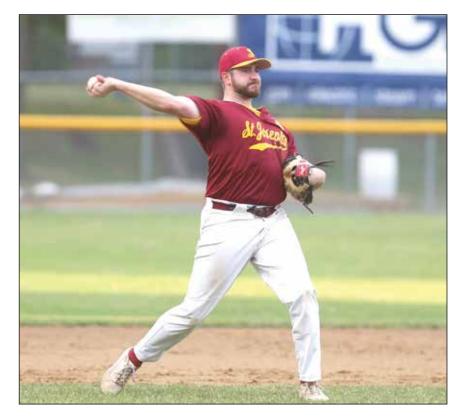
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T-Birds caravan event moved

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced that the first installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin' has been postponed to Saturday, Aug. 12 due to potential inclement weather this weekend. The T-Birds Community Caravan will still make a total of three stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months:

Saturday, Aug.12 - Szot Park (Chicopee), 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 19 - Amelia Ice Arena (Westfield), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament

Public skating from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9 - Forest Park & Cyr Arena (Springfield), 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Each event will feature an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, including a Dunkin' Taste Truck, street hockey activities, and various food options.

West showcased in volleyball

BOSTON - In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a volleyball team. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 8 and 9:

The Central girls team opened up the Girls side of the showcase with strong play from Katy O'Connell (Northborough, Algonquin Reg. HS) and Lily Davidson (Rutland, Wachusett Reg. HS), leading them to a 25-13 first game win. The second game saw more of the same, as the Nault twins Victoria, and Sabrina (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury HS) also helped power Central to a dominant game one performance, winning the second set 25-12.

Coastal 2, West 0 This match featured an impressive start for the West squad, as they held the lead numerous times thanks to Sasha Fyfe (Dalton, Waconah Reg. HS) and Gabrielle Adams (Greenfield, Frontier Reg. HS). Unfortunately, they were unable to hold the lead, as Coastal stormed back to grab a 25:16 win in the first set, and rolled through the second game as well. Although closer in the end, the Coastal team found success thanks to consistent play from Haley Jenkins (Dartmouth, Dartmouth HS) and Hannah Storm (Swansea, Joseph Case HS).

West 2, Southeast 0 During this match,

Southeast used a 6-point run, along with multiple diving plays to help propel them to a quick 25-15 first-game win. In the second game, West used great efforts from Chloe Schott (Longmeadow, Longmeadow HS) and Gabriella Manes (Feeding Hills, Agawam HS), however it wasn't enough as Zoe Smallman (Weston, Weston HS) and Caroline Gray (Whitman, Whitman-Hanson Reg. HS) continued their good performances on the day, winning the second game 25-21.

The west would play in a challenge game on Sunday, July 9, but did not play in either of the medal games.

Turley photo by Gregory A. Scibelli Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's during the 2023 season.

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second baseman Josh Wood, who walked, scored the tying run when right fielder Cade Raymond blasted a double down the right field line.

The home team retook the lead in the fifth inning.

Pena knocked home the first run of the frame with a double. Third baseman Nick Wilken followed with a single. After the next batter flied out, shortstop Ty Emet drew a walk which

loaded the bases.

Wood drove home two more runs with another double giving DiFranco a 5-2 lead.

After DiFranco Realty righthander Nate Morse retired eight batters in a row, Corley hit a ground ball single into left field leading the top of the seventh inning. Shortstop Greg Vouros also singled with one-out. Morse retired the next two batters on a pop-up and a strikeout, as DiFranco Realty advanced into the semifinals.

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Prunesti-Leveille with 11 and Nick Whitelaw with 6 more. Clark has been working on his rebounding technique and post up play with Brownell and he led the team again in this department with 8 caroms. Jacoby Dilling, leading the team this summer season in loose ball recoveries, added seven more to his total while Chris Prunesti-Leveill had four of his own while Bryce Venne tracked down three.

With Brownell working diligently with the bigs this summer, Hay has been working hard with the guards and that effort was evident

eleven assists. In the West Boylston game, the team was moving the ball well with less dribbling and finding the open players and this produced a summer season high of fifteen assists.

The Cagers managed to keep turnovers below the 15 mark committing only 12 give-aways. This has been another area that the summer coaches have repeatedly stressed to the team.

The addition of forward Anthony Quarterone, the 6'3 freshman, has been a spark for the team off the bench and Quaterone can run the court and hit the boards.

in this game as the team totaled With Hayston Hay picking up minutes and adding to the deep perimeter shooting offense the rotation has been productive.

> Bryce Venne and Jacoby Dilling continue to see increased minutes and both have the quickness to play the best guards on the opponents team. Hay noted that each and every game Jaxon Warburton becomes more of a factor at both ends of the court and is now assuming the lead guard role. Hay has commented positively on the 5'11 junior's acumen and court sense.

As a result of the two victories, the Cagers will move on to play Whitinsville-Christian in the first round of Auburn League summer playoffs.

Coach John Leonard hosted another advanced skill development clinic at Quabbin and over 30 players attended the two sessions offered. Leonard always brings a curriculum plan of strong fundamentals to each session from shooting technique to the pass-screen offense. Those that attended were certainly drenched in perspiration but the skills received by repetition and the knowledge gained will serve them well against future competition. Leonard is planning on returning for a dedicated post play clinic as well as anoth-

er advanced skills clinic. The clinics are extremely popular with the players and the former Villanova and UMass coach conducted two age and skill appropriate clinics on the same day to better meet the needs of those players wanting to improve.

Quabbin graduate Aiden Welch attended Leonard's clinic with the high schoolers. He is heading to Quinsigamond Community College to play college hoops. He never missed a clinic while at Quabbin. That dedication and discipline rewarded Welch with this year's selection as most valuable player and league all-star.

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Teams clinch playoff spots as Valley Wheel season nears close

WILBRAHAM - Sunday's action in the Valley Wheel Over-28 baseball league got a lot clearer as three teams cemented their spots in the playoffs while the fourth team will be determined by a matchup this week.

The Twins-Angels game held at Bruce Park in Suffield provided the stage for a preview to the playoffs.

The two teams have met in the last two playoff finals. It will not happen this year. Thanks to a complete game from Todd Bergstrom, as well as a two-run single in the ninth inning he also provided, the Twins prevailed over the Angels 6-4.

The game was close throughout, with the Angels and Twins trading leads a few times. Down 4-3 in the eighth, Trevor Portlock, of Wilbraham, drove home a run with a single to make the game 4-4. The Angels, unfortunately, could not bring home the go-head runs, which were at second and third with one out. Bergstrom was able to close the game in the ninth.

With the win, the Angels fell to 8-7 and their regular season is finished. The Twins are 8-6, and had a makeup game scheduled with the Tigers on Wednesday at Spec Pond under the lights. A win gets the Twins to 9-6 and the final playoff spot. But a loss would make the Twins 8-7 like the Angels, and put the Angels in the playoffs. The Angels hold a 2-1 advantage in their tiebreaker over the Twins this year, winning the first two matchups the teams had.

Elsewhere in the league, the Cubs cemented their playoff spot, winning their ninth game of the season with a 14-12 win over the Orioles. The Orioles would finish 1-14 and out of playoff contention.

The Cubs meet the Athletics on Thursday night with the top seeds on the line.

The Athletics defeated the Tigers on Sunday evening at Spec Pond 9-7. Both teams have already made the playoffs this year, but will look for momentum in their respective games later this week.

The two makeup games were necessitated from rainouts last Thursday night that wiped out all the action about two hours before the games were scheduled.

The playoffs are currently scheduled for this Sunday at Spec Pond with the 2 and 3 seeds playing at 2:30 p.m. and the 1 and 4 seeds playing at 6 p.m.

Quabbin Regional High School lists honor roll

BARRE - Quabbin Regional Middle High School announces the third trimester honor roll for students in grade nine to 11.

Grade Nine, High Honors Tricia Bruso, Micah Cerezo, Kalina Dyer, Kenzie Gallagher, Grace Manna, Elizabeth Matheson, Hunter McQueston, Emmalise Skagerlind and Bianca Wilder.

North Brookfield Savings Bank hosts Back to School drive

Brookfield Savings Bank is a strong supporter of the local school systems and students who attend them.

They believe that every child, regardless of their financial circumstances, should have the opportunity to start the school year feeling confident, excited and ready to learn. That is why North Brookfield Savings Bank is kicking off the sixth year of their Back-to-School Supply Drive.

Throughout the entire month of August, North Brookfield Savings Bank will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations at all branch locations in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown and Three Rivers. All donations collected will be delivered to local public schools to be distributed to school children who may not have the needed supplies to start their year.

To get things underway, the Bank kicked off the fundraiser by purchasing over \$500 in supplies. The branch

NORTH BROOKFIELD - North employees, equipped with brightly patterned backpacks, lunchboxes, pencil cases, notebooks and various other fun supplies, are getting creative with their "Back-to-School" themed tables, in hopes it will encourage those visiting the branch to donate as well.

Some suggested school supply donation items that can be dropped at any North Brookfield Savings Bank branch location are: new backpacks (unisex), lunchboxes, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, 12" standard rulers, #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, pencil case, colored pencils, washable markers, erasers, glue sticks, scissors and tissues.

"North Brookfield Savings Bank is incredibly proud to once again host the Back-to-School Supply Drive. We want all children to begin the school year with the essential supplies they need, in turn giving them the confidence and enthusiasm that allows them to continue to learn successfully," said Nicole Syriac, digital marketing strategist. "It was so amazing to witness the generos-

Submitted Photo

North Brookfield Savings Bank employee proudly displays some of the school supplies donated in 2022 by generous community members, customers and **NBSB** employees.

ity displayed during our annual Back to School Supply Drive. Customers, community members and our employees were so giving and really showed how much they care for the children of our schools. We look forward to seeing that

same generosity this year."

To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's community giving efforts visit www. NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com.

New bill sets to permanently increase federal funding for school meals

WASHINGTON, D.C. -U.S. Representative James P. McGovern (D-MA), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee and a nationwide leader in the fight to end hunger and improve nutrition, introduced legislation permanently increasing the federal reimbursement level for school meals to help address funding challenges, enhance menus, increase access to locally grown food, and support expanded services like afterschool snacks and breakfast in the classroom

H.R. 1269, the Healthy Meals Help Kids Learn Act, permanently increases the federal reimbursement level for all free, reduced-price, and paid-rate school meals by 45 cents for every lunch served and 28 cents for every breakfast served, with a yearly adjustment.

School meals help shape lifelong healthy eating habits, and research shows that students who participate in school meal programs have better overall diet quality than nonpartici-



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Sound bath and meditation program Aug. 23

HARDWICK - The Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville, will host a sound bath and meditation program with Brandy Lefsyk on Wednesday, Aug. 23 from 4-5 p.m.

This program has a suggested \$5 donation.

Lefsyk is a mother of three, movement muse, Hometownyogi and owner of Home & Heart Studio in Orange. She has been teaching yoga since 2004, is a Reiki master, licensed PTA with a background in exercise science and over 18 years teaching multiple fitness classes.

Sound baths are a meditative practice involving the use of resonant music. This creates an immersive sound that fills the room and the body, aiming to help people relax and let go of stress, anxiety, or other worries and concerns.

People report feeling deeply relaxed after sound baths, which may have health benefits.

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pants. Higher food costs are adding to the urgency of this legislation, and a permanent solution will give school districts certainty as they upgrade their meal programs and plan for the

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public safety

Ware Police Log

During the week of July 23-Aug.1, the Ware Police Department responded to 24 miscellaneous calls, 50 administrative calls, 11 traffic violations, 23 emergency 911 calls, 17 animal calls, four harassments, two frauds/deceptions, four thefts/larcenies, four motor vehicle accidents, two assist other agencies, two breaking and entering and 42 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Sunday, July 23

1:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Services Rendered Arrest: Alexandria J. Herter, 25,

Ludlow OUI-Drugs; License Not in Possession; Marked Lanes Violation; Drug, Possess Class A

12:25 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Berkshire Drive, Dispatch Handled

4:05 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Belchertown Road, Investigated

7:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Anderson Road, Citation/Warning Issued

Monday, July 24

11:05 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate

3:09 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Dispatch Handled 6:24 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/

Threat, Boivin Avenue, Advised

Tuesday, July 25

11:24 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gould Road, Services Rendered

2:17 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Smith Avenue, Services Rendered

3:14 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Pleasant Street, Report Made

3:35 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/ Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

10:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Summons: Phillip D. Jamilowski, 50, Ware

Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

10:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pulaski Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Wednesday, July 26

7:20 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/ Threat, North Street, Investigated 9:38 a.m. Breaking and ntering/Burglary, East Street, Report Made 2:08 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Arrest Made

Summons: Willie McLeod, 54, Springfield

Larceny Over \$1,200 by Single Scheme

3:06 p.m. Safety Hazard, Cummings Road, Served in Hand 6:14 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Old Belchertown Road,

Investigated 8:44 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Main Street, Advised

Thursday, July 27

1:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

12:32 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Maple Avenue, Investigated 7:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

West Street, Citation/Warning Issued 7:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Summons: Darrick J. Roberts, 42, Ware

Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Friday, July 28

7:05 a.m. Warrant Service, Vigeant Street, Arrest Made Arrest: Jared A. Boucher, 37, Ware

Warrant/Non-WMS

10:07 a.m. Fraud/Deception, North Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

10:30 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Maple Avenue, Advised

11:33 a.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Services Rendered 6:02 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West

Street, Investigated 6:19 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

Hillside Village, Dispatch Handled 6:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation/Warning

Issued 10:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Saturday, July 29

12:40 a.m. Urgent Well Being Check, West Street, Arrest Made Arrest: Larry Foote III, 39, Ware

OUI-Liquor or .08%, 3rd Offense; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Drug, Possess Class В

2:16 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, nion Street, Investigated

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10:39 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, East Street, Services Rendered

Sunday, July 30

12:54 a.m. Traffic Violation/ Hazard, West Main Street,

5:09 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

5:10 a.m. Abandoned 911 Handled

6:06 a.m. Safety Hazard,

7:32 a.m. Safety Hazard,

8:27 a.m. Traffic Incident/

11:48 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/

Handled

1:13 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call

4:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call,

Kingsberry Lane, Investigated

Crash, Sunny Hill Drive, No Action Required

Monday, July 31

5:35 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Highland Village, Advised 7:38 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Dispatch Handled

Tuesday, Aug. 1

4:23 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Milner Street, Dispatch Handled 7:37 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call,



The 88th Recruit Training Troop of the State Police Academy ran through New Braintree last Thursday mornina

Trooper recruits prepare for graduation

NEW BRAINTREE – The 88th Recruit Training Troop is in the final phase of training at the State Police Academy before graduation.

All 167 recruits joined together to complete a tradition that involves running in formation while calling a cadence, as they travel the hills of the town's back roads.

"I want to be a Mass State Trooper," could be heard being called as the recruits crested the top of Wine Road, and made their way down Utley Road, before turning down Memorial Drive where spectators gathered to cheer them on.

A sea of gray and navy-clad recruits could be seen coming down the road, despite the early morning summer haze, as the State Police Pipes & Drums performed moving melodies.

The graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, Aug. 3 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., and the ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will also be livestreamed on the Massachusetts State Police's Facebook page



Turlev Photos by Paula Ouimette

The 88th RTT took their annual run through the town of New Braintree, scaling Wine Road before doing a lap through the common area, then returning to the State Police Academy.



Citation/Warning Issued

Unknown, Dispatch Handled

Call, Belchertown Road, Dispatch

Wildflower Drive, Services Rendered

Old Gilbertville Road. Services Rendered

Crash, Bank Street, Services Rendered

Threat, Berkshire Drive, Services Rendered

12:26 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Gould Road, Dispatch

Hillside Village, Advised

Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled 5:20 p.m. Fire Response,

6:31 p.m. Traffic Incident/

8:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Howard Road, Dispatch Handled



Warren Police Log

During the week of July 16-23, the Warren Police Department responded to 139 building/property checks, 157 community policing, 11 traffic enforcements, 16 emergency 911 calls, one fraud/forgery, one motor vehicle accident, one harassment, one prowler/trespasser, one larceny/threat, one identity theft, one abduction/kidnapping, one complaint, four animal calls and 44 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, July 16

1:10 p.m. Ankle Pain, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital 4:51 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Quaboag Street, Report Filed

Monday, July 17

9:33 a.m. Larceny/Theft, North Street, Report Filed 5:43 p.m. Abduction/ Kidnapping, Bridge Street,

Negative Contact 8:02 p.m. Harassment, Old West Warren Road, Peace Restored

11:49 p.m. Sick/Vomiting, Keys Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, July 18

7:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire, Main Street, Report Filed 11:20 a.m. Prowler/Trespasser,

Main Street, Report Filed 12:16 p.m. Assault and Battery, North Street, Report Filed

3:52 p.m. Officer Wanted, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed

4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning

7:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning

7:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

7:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

8:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

8:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 8:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Written Warning 8:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 9:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 9:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning 9:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop,

Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, July 19

11:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning 1:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled, Maple Street, Vehicle Towed

3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued 6:29 p.m. CPR Adult, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital 8:58 p.m. Serve Warrant, Cottage Street, Arrest(s) Made Arrest: Philip J. Steiger, 39, Warren

Warrant

9:24 p.m. Officer Wanted, Bemis Road, Negative Contact

Thursday, July 20

11:39 a.m. Complaint, Brimfield, Report Filed 5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle 6:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Spring Street, Written Unsecured/Uncovered

Warning

9:02 p.m. Gunshots, Main Street, Negative Contact

Friday, July 21

4:55 p.m. 911 Hangup/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent

9:06 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/ Parking Issues, Milton O. Fountain Way, Officer Spoke to Party

2:16 p.m. 911 Hangup/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent, Trudeau Drive, Information Given

3:47 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital

4:58 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Cottage Street, Transported to Hospital

7:02 p.m. Allergic Reaction, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital

7:21 p.m. Suspicious Person/ Vehicle, Main Street, Investigated

Saturday, July 22

5:51 a.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital 2:20 p.m. Police Investigations, Reed Street, Investigated 5:09 p.m. Identity Theft, Homeless, Report Field 8:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Sunday, July 23

12:34 a.m. 911 Hangup/Misdial/ Abandoned/Silent, Reed Street, Information Taken

1:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, School Street, Written Warning

6:15 a.m. Erratic Operator, East Road, Arrest Made

Arrest: Nicholas R. Dipilla, 35, Worcester

OUI-Liquor or .08%; Load

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 24-31, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 60 building/property checks, 32 directed/area patrols, six traffic controls, seven emergency 911 calls, three radar assignments, three citizen assists, one complaint, three assist other agencies,

six safety hazards, one scam, one

illegal dumping, two motor vehicle

investigations, three motor vehicle

accidents, five animal calls and 17

motor vehicle stops in the town of

Monday, July 24

Investigation, Greenwich Road,

8:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle

9:17 a.m. Assist Other Agency,

10:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle

10:24 a.m. Scam, Hardwick

10:35 a.m. Assist Other

12:33 p.m. Assist Citizen,

4:22 p.m. Welfare Check, Main

5:57 p.m. 911 Misdial, Ridge

Tuesday, July 25

6:07 a.m. Assist Citizen,

Agency, Barre Road, Voice

Petersham Road, Officer Handled

Street, Transported to Hospital

Road, Officer Handled

Hardwick Road, Spoken To

Muddy Brook Road, Officer

Accident, Main Street, Transferred

Hardwick.

Unfounded

Handled

Call to C7

Message Left

Road, Report Taken

7:48 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered

3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Services Rendered

4:55 p.m. Safety Hazard, Chagnon Road, Services Rendered

Wednesday, July 26

1:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, No Action Required

2:37 a.m. Complaint, Broad Street, Negative Contact

2:01 p.m. Annoying Phone Calls, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled

3:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued

4:10 p.m. Illegal Dumping, Main Street, Investigated

5:31 p.m. Parking Complaint, High Street, Services Rendered 8:13 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

Thursday, July 27

5:56 a.m. 911 Utility Issues, Pine Street, Taken/Referred to Other Agency

7:38 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Dispatch Handled

9:57 a.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Services Rendered

1:17 p.m. Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

4:58 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, No Action Required

6:49 p.m. Safety Hazard, Mellon Road Removed Hazard 7:30 p.m. Suspicious Activity,

Lower Road, Investigated

Friday, July 28

12:01 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sullivan Avenue, Transported to Hospital

10:16 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Hardwick Road, Report Taken

2:24 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Removed Hazard 7:25 p.m. Fire Alarm, Old

Petersham Road, Investigated

Saturday, July 29

11:01 a.m. Safety Hazard, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Officer Handled

3:05 p.m. Missing Person, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled

Sunday, July 30

10:40 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital

11:54 a.m. Assist Citizen, Delargy Road, Spoken To

1:13 p.m. Carbon Monoxide Alarm, Barre Road, Investigated

4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued

4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning

4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Arrest(s) Made

7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation issued

obituaries

health

Physical therapist helps patients with Parkinson's

PALMER— Parkinson's disease is a brain disorder that causes unintended or uncontrollable movements, such as shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with balance and coordination.

Symptoms usually begin gradually and worsen over time. As the disease progresses, people may have difficulty walking and talking.

They may also have mental and behavioral changes, sleep problems, depression, memory difficulties, and fatigue.

"Patients diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and experiencing interference with their dayto-day movements may greatly benefit from Lee Silverman Voice Therapy®- Big," said Amanda Martins, PT, DPT, a physical therapist at Baystate Wing Hospital.

LSVT-Big is a nationally recognized rehabilitation therapy program that is proven to help people with Parkinson's disease improve upon the disease's impact on their walking, balance, and other activities of daily living, such as writing or dressing.

LSVT stands for Lee Silverman voice treatment, and it has two branches "big" and "loud." The treatment protocol is designed for individuals with Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions. The treatment is unique and customized to each patient's goals targeting gross and fine motor skills.

"Because LSVT Big treatment is customized to each person's specific needs and goals, it can help regardless of the stage or severity of your condition," said Martins. "The treatment is unique and customized to each patient's goals targeting gross and fine motor skills address walking, balance, and other activities of daily living like writing, getting dressed, and other job-related tasks."

Although the LSVT - Big pro-

Submitted Photo

Amanda Martins displays an example of "Big posture and hands".

gram was designed for individuals with Parkinson's disease, it has been shown to be beneficial in the rehabilitation of individuals with other neuromuscular disorders such as stroke, normal pressure hydrocephalus, brain injury, and multiple sclerosis.

Martins received a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Westfield State University and earned her doctorate in physical therapy from American International College in Springfield.

Raised in Ludlow, Martins still holds her Portuguese roots in the town she knows and loves, with a diverse knowledge of the spoken and written language. She shares her valuable insight on athlet-

ic injuries from her own personal experience as a fellow Lion of Ludlow High School where she played soccer for over 20 years.

Martins sees an array of patients of all ages and abilities and brings a passion for providing sports and stroke rehabilitation as well as amputee and prosthetic rehabilitation to the region. She understands the physical, emotional, and rehabilitative aspects of getting the patient back to the highest quality of life and an athlete back in the game or on the field.

To make an appointment or for more information about Rehabilitation Services at Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer, located at 42 Wright St., call 413-370-5254.

Diane M. (DeSantis) Moriarty, 79

WARE - Diane M. (DeSantis) Moriarty, passed away July 25, 2023, at the age of 79. Born in Ware

on Oct. 23, 1943, she was the daughter of Armand and Lillian (Ostiguy)

DeSantis. Diane lived all of her life in Ware and took great pride in her work as an office manager for almost 30 years in the propane industry.

In her leisure, she enjoyed playing cards, cooking, baking, and gardening. She was known for her baking skills and was able to make the most beautiful cakes for any occasion.

Diane always looked forward to hosting parties and barbecues for her friends and family. She was a mother and grandmother to everyone, cherishing any and all time spent with the children in her life.

Diane was predeceased by her husband, Michael J. Moriarty Sr. in February of this year and her son, Sean P. Moriarty in 1991.

Her memory will forever be cherished by her son, Michael J. Jr., and

Barbara Ann Yestramski, 81

WARE – Barbara Ann (Starzyk) Yestramski, passed away at her home, in the early morning hour of Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at the age of 81.

Barbara was born in Ware on Aug. 25, 1941, daughter of the late Charles J. Starzyk and Helen M. (Koziara) Starzyk. She was raised and educated in Ware.

Barbara was employed as an LPN for the former Mary Lane Hospital in Ware for many years. She was a loving wife, mother,

Erica Robert, 48

of 41 Molasses Hill Road died at Community Services. Brigham & Women's

Hospital in Boston surrounded by family on July 18, 2023, at the age of 48.

Erica lived an active life and enjoyed CrossFit, scuba diving with her husband, biking with her son, hiking with her daughter, and ski-

Death notices

Moriarty (DeSantis), Diane M. Died July 25, 2023 Services Aug. 5, 2023

Robert, Erica Died July 18, 2023 Services were July 27, 2023

Yestramski (Starzyk), Barbara Ann Died July 26, 2023 Services were July 31, 2023

his wife, Laurie, along with grandchildren, Kevin Demers and his wife, Erin, Brian Demers, and Sean M. Moriarty. Diane also leaves behind her siblings, Alfred DeSantis and his wife, Gail, Paul DeSantis and his wife, Claire, Linda Maxwell and her husband, Edward, Mark DeSantis and his wife, Cheryl, and Dean DeSantis and his wife Theresa, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Saturday, Aug. 5 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home with a service to begin at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow in New St. William's Cemetery in Ware.

For those wishing, donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Please visit www. beersandstory.com.

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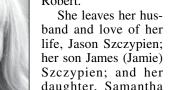
grandmother and sister. Barbara will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her loving husband, John G. Yestramski; her son, Jeffrey Yestramski; and her daughter Christine Yestramski; her grandchildren, Kimberly Ann

and her sisters, Louise Forbes and Paula Starzyk.

BROOKFIELD – Erica Robert, of Central MA and Open Sky

Erica was predeceased by her beloved grandparents, Bernard and Lea (Fortin) Robert.



A Calling Period took place on Monday, July 31, 2023, in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel, Ware, a funeral service followed in the chapel. Burial with Prayers of Committal followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ware.

For more information Martin and Heather Marie Martin; and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome. com.

and Kim O'Kane of Ware.

She was born in Ware on Nov. 12, 1974, daughter of Douglas and Theresa (Jacques) Robert.

Calling hours for Erica were held on Thursday, July 27, 2023, from 1-3 p.m. in the Varnum Funeral Home, 43 E. Main St., in West Brookfield. A celebration of life was held immediately following the calling hours from 3-6 p.m. Szczypien; and her in the Hitchcock Tavern, 7 E. Main daughter, Samantha St., in West Brookfield. Burial was



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sen. severe. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.),

Earlier this month, nearly one of extreme heat that we are expechair of the Senate Environment in three Americans were under an riencing right now," said Markey. and Public Works Subcommittee extreme heat advisory or warning. "My legislation would direct \$100

Americans from the health risks

on Clean Air, Climate, and Prolonged exposure to this kind Nuclear Safety, Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) and Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.) and Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01), Rep. Marilyn Strickland (WA-10) and Rep. Ruben Gallego (AZ-03) reintroduced the Preventing Health Emergencies And Temperaturerelated Illness and Deaths Act to address the rising health risks of extreme heat.

The announcement follows Earth's hottest day on record, the predicted hottest day in the past 125,000 years, and new national and local responses to extreme heat.

As climate change continues to worsen, extreme heat events in the United States are becoming more frequent, longer lasting, and more of heat can have dangerous consequences for human health, including heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and even death.

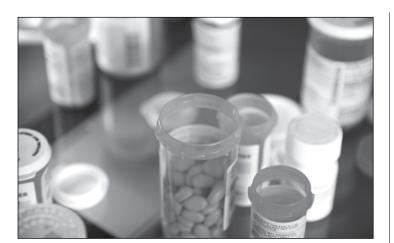
The Preventing HEAT Illness and Deaths Act would improve and expand inter-agency efforts, provide \$100 million in financial assistance for community projects to reduce exposure to extreme heat, and issue recommendations for federal action on heat-health issues.

"It's no coincidence that we've seen back-to-back record-breaking heat this summer, it's the climate crisis announcing it's at our doorstep. We need to take bold and aggressive action to combat the climate crisis, but we also need to act fast to protect

million in federal funding to help local communities on the front lines of the climate crisis stave off the worst outcomes of heat-related illness. As unprecedented waves of sweltering heat persist, I will keep calling on my colleagues in Congress to pass the Preventing HEAT Illness and Deaths Act and create a national response to save lives."

"As we learned from the 2021 Heat Domes, we must actively pursue short-term solutions to save lives during heat waves, in conjunction with long-term steps towards saving our planet," said Strickland. "The Preventing HEAT Illness and Deaths Act will address the dangers of extreme

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Health committee leaders announce new legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. -House Democratic Health Committee leaders introduced new legislation to further lower prescription drug prices for American families and rein in pharmaceutical price gouging.

The bill was introduced by Ways and Means Committee Ranking Member

Richard E. Neal (D-MA), Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), and Education and the Workforce Committee Ranking Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

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Bill to allow Medicare coverage for medical wigs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. James P. McGovern and Rep. Ayanna Pressley alongside Sen. Richard Blumenthal announced that they are reintroducing the Wigs as Durable Medical Equipment Act.

This legislation would help individuals affected by alopecia and patients with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy.

Many private insurance plans cover wigs for those undergoing treatments that cause hair loss or who are affected by alopecia areata. This bill would allow cranial prosthetics (wigs) to be covered under the Medicare program.

For both McGovern and Pressley, the issue is deeply personal. In 2019, Pressley revealed in a video that she had been diagnosed with alopecia universalis, an auto-immune disease which attacks the hair follicles.

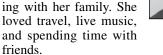
Since then, Pressley has championed policies in Congress that support and express soli-

darity with the nearly 7 million Americans living with alopecia. In a 2021 interview with Vanity Fair, McGovern revealed that his thinking on this issue has been impacted by a cancer diagnosis in his own family.

With no known cause or cure, alopecia areata is an autoimmune skin disease affecting approximately 6.9 million Americans. The disease disproportionately affects children and Black Americans, particularly Black women.

Many individuals affected by Alopecia Areata utilize wigs as there are currently few effective treatment options.

Unfortunately, these prosthetics can come with a significant out-of-pocket cost from \$100 to several thousand dollars for individuals with low or fixed incomes. This is especially burdensome for children, who often want cranial prosthetics for attending school.



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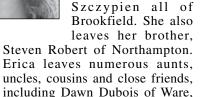
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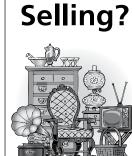
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This is a job for a self-starter who has a vision for growing and connecting with our valued readers, and who thoroughly enjoys community journalism.

This full-time position with flexible schedule is based in our Palmer office at 24 Water St., this is not a remote position.

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- Proficiency in Associated Press style

Please tell us in a cover letter why you would be a good fit for this position and send it along with a resume and three writing samples to **Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor** 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069 or email directly to ekennedy@turley.com



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Nearly one year ago, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law, granting the Secretary of Health and Human Services-for the first time-the authority to negotiate lower drug prices for America's seniors. It was a historic achievement that lifted restrictions that had been in place for nearly 20 years preventing Medicare from negotiating drug prices.

The law also further reduced drug prices for seniors by penalizing pharmaceutical companies that raised prices faster than the rate of inflation. The Lowering Drug Costs for American Families Act builds on this important progress by ensuring more Americans can benefit from the law's provisions.

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as a textbook or a laptop. And if we can give our children healthy breakfasts and lunches as a part of their school day while supporting locally sourced foods and scratchcooked meals, it will be a win-win for our economy, our farmers, and our students."

"School meal programs face crippling cost increases for the food, labor and supplies that are critical to ensuring students receive nutritious school meals that fuel their success," said School Nutrition Association President Lori Adkins, MS, SNS, CHE. "When the additional funds Congress provided in the bipartisan Keep Kids Fed Act expire in July, school meal programs will be

"The Lowering Drug Costs for American Families Act builds on our historic work in the Inflation Reduction Act to expand access to lower drug prices negotiated by Medicare to even more Americans," Neal said in a press release. "This legislation is another step to bringing down the costs of prescription drugs and putting an end to the unconscionable decision to forgo life-saving medication. Lowering health care costs is key to finishing the job for the American people, and House Democrats won't be deterred by Republican threats or Big Pharma's lawsuits."

The Lowering Drug Costs for American Families Act builds on the drug pricing provisions included in the Inflation Reduction Act last year.

Specifically, the bill would: Extend the historic drug incapable of covering costs. H.R. 1269 will help avert a financial crisis and ensure school meal programs can continue offering students meals that promote healthy eating habits."

The Healthy Meals Help Kids Learn Act is endorsed by leading policy and advocacy organizations including the School Nutrition Association, American Heart Association, Food Research & Action Center, Share our Strength, Save the Children, National Education Association, Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger, Chef Ann Foundation, ScratchWorks, Project Bread, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Chop Chop Family, Children's HealthWatch, and the School Nutrition Association of Massachusetts.

price negotiation program to all Americans with private coverage. This includes over 164 million workers and their families who get health coverage through their jobs and more than 16 million individuals with Marketplace coverage; stop drug companies from raising prices faster than inflation by ensuring that the inflation rebates enacted under the Inflation Reduction Act also apply to individuals covered by private health plans.

Extending the inflation rebates to privately covered American workers can save as much as \$40 billion over the next decade alone; and strengthen the drug price negotiation program to deliver more savings to the American people by increasing the annual number of prescription drugs selected for negotiation from 20 to 50.

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Plumbing (\$50,000);

Heating, Ventilation & Air

Conditioning (\$340,000);

Electrical (\$1,000,000).

Statements

Qualification will be

received at the Town of

Hardwick Town Hall

located at 307 Main

Street, Gilbertville, MA

01031 until 10:00 a.m.

on Wednesday August 30, 2023. Information

regarding this project and the associated Request

for Qualifications may be

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DPC Engineering, LLC, at

bidding@dpcengineering.

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This Request for

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Submitted Photo Baystate Health's Community Health Centers to offer free health fairs Aug.

Baystate Health to offer free health fairs Aug. 6-12

SPRINGFIELD-- Baystate Medical Center's three community health centers in Springfield will hold free health fairs during National Health Center Week, Aug. 6-12.

The health fairs begin on Wednesday, Aug. 9, from noon-2 p.m. at Baystate Brightwood Health Center/Centro de Salud at 280 Plainfield St. The fairs continue on Thursday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Baystate High Street Health Center- Adult and Pediatric at 140 High St., upper level parking lot, and on Friday, Aug. 11, from noon-4 p.m. at Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center at 11 Wilbraham Road.

This year's theme is "The Roadmap to a Stronger America."

The public is invited to share in the celebration of the health centers as Baystate shines a light on their rich history of community-centered care and partnerships made possible by their dedicated staff, providers, and patients.

Baystate's three health centers -Baystate Brightwood Health Center at 413-794-9947 or email Andrea. - Centro de Salud, Baystate Mason Conteh@BaystateHealth.org.

Square Neighborhood Health Center, and Baystate High Street Health Center Adult Medicine and Pediatrics are anchors of public-health efforts in the neighborhoods they serve, working in partnership with community members and groups to address some of the more pressing health challenges facing the city of Springfield.

The health fairs, including food, music, giveaways, and community resource vendors, are free and open to all.

For more information on Brightwood Day call Migdalia Vega at 413-794-8262 or email Migdalia. Vega@BaystateHealth.org; for more information of High Street Day call Caelin Hallgren for Pediatrics at 413-794-2318 or email Caelin. Hallgren@BaystateHealth.org or Jessenia Sanchez for Adult at 413-896-6110 or email Jessenia.Sanchez@ BaystateHealth.org; and for more information of Mason Square Day call Edward (Cameron) Rice at 413-794-0281 or email Edward.Rice2@ BaystateHealth.org or Andrea Conteh

Grants address mental health and opioid epidemic

SPRINGFIELD— Health New residents to enjoy better mental health England will award grants totaling \$100,000 to eligible non-profit organizations with programs that work to

epidemic in Western Massachusetts. The programs must address health and avoid or recover from opioid addiction so they may thrive."

Social Determinants of Health address mental health and the opioid include: Built environment (includes transportation, access to healthy foods), education, employment, housing, social environment (social isolation, institutional racism), violence and trauma.

WARREN PLANNING BOARD **PUBLIC HEARING** NOTICE AMENDMENT Special Permit No. 310 Site Plan Approval No. 68

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, Notice is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Continued Public Hearing on Monday, August 28. 2023 at 7:15 PM on the application of Gilbert Road. The Hearing will take place in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Shepard Municipal Building located at 48 High Street in Warren and via digital platform Zoom Meeting.

The Applicant, Cal Rolling Hills, LLC, is requesting a Special Permit to allow an Earth Removal operation under Sections 3.28 and Section 8 of the zoning by-laws in the Town of Warren in the Rural district at Gilbert Road (Map 05, Lots 22-25).

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

Meeting ID: 869 2706 4530

Passcode: 784772 Phone # 646-558-8656 Warren Planning Board Derick R. Veliz, Chairman

08/03, 08/10/2023

Town of Hardwick Conservation Commission Notice of Intent

Notice is herby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Hearing will be held for a Notice of Intent on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville. All interested parties are urged to

Town of Hardwick is seeking statements of qualification (SOQ) from qualified and experienced General Contractors. The project includes equipment upgrades and other improvements at the Town's Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF). The estimated construction cost is \$12,500,000.

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is the first part of a twostep RFP process as provided in M.G.L. c. 149, Section 44D ¹/₂. Based on the SOQs received in this Phase I, the Town will select respondents it deems to be prequalified in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFQ. In Phase II, the prequalified respondents will be invited to submit bids in response to an RFP. Only GC firms prequalified for this Project in Phase I will be permitted to <u>submit bids in Phase II.</u>

Statements of Qualification will be received at the Town of Hardwick Town Hall located at 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA 01031 until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday August 30, 2023. Information regarding this project and the associated Request for Qualifications may be obtained by contacting DPC Engineering, LLC, at bidding@dpcengineering. com.

> **Town of Hardwick** Conservation Commission

08/03/2023

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Applicant: Steven & Kelsi Rodriguez Description of Proposed Work: Construct single

ing dedicated shoulders for bicycles throughout the project; improving the existing storm drainage system structures and installing/replacing deep sump catch basins, reinforced concrete pipes; and, construction of retaining walls. Safety improvements include installing guardrails, new signs and recessed polyurea pavement markings/striping throughout the roadway

mill and overlay; provid-

corridor for improved automobile awareness. LOCATION: Route 9/West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA

PROPONENT: Town of West Brookfield Highway Department & Massachusetts Department of Transportation

under-The signed is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & **Environmental Affairs** on or before 07/31/23.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts **Environmental Policy** Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-62I). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Town of West Brookfield

Highway Department James Daley

2 East Main Street, P.O. Box 372 West Brookfield, MA

01020 (508) 867 -1417

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and **Planning Board of Town** of West Brookfield where they may be

inspected. The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

capacity but solely as **Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage** Loan Trust 2019-RPL3

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Ware, numbered 37 Pleasant Street, given by Stephen G. Smith, also known as Stephen Smith to Mortgage Electronic **Registration Systems**, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for NetBank, its successors and assigns, dated July 25, 2005, and recorded in Hampshire **County Registry of** Deeds in Book 8367, Page 10, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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ance with the Act. Witness, **GORDON** H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 7/24/2023. Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder 08/03/2023

TOWN OF HARDWICK **REQUEST FOR** QUALIFICATIONS - FILED SUB-BID SERVICES **PROJECT NO. 2B** - GILBERTVILLE WPCF UPGRADES PROJECT

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equity and at least one social determinant of health and focus on Health New England's service area including Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties.

One in five adults in Health New England's service area experience depression, according to the company's community health needs assessment.

Despite some signs of improvement, the opioid crisis has grown in the last several years. For instance, in 2020 Hampden County experienced the highest rate of Emergency Medical Service calls related to opioid overdoses of any county in the state, the assessment reports.

"The mental health crisis and opioid use disorder have hit our home counties hard, and the impact of health and societal inequities in these cases is undeniable," said Richard Swift, President and CEO of Health New England. "It is our hope that these grants help remove barriers under-resourced communities face to allow

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summer temperatures on human health and equip communities with the ability to combat the heat-health crisis."

The Preventing HEAT Illness and Deaths Act would:

Create the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to enhance inter agency efforts to address extreme heat; Formalize and expand the existing NIHHIS within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric large gaps in heat preparedness. Administration, which was initiat-

IRS-designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that manage innovative community-based programs benefiting undeserved residents may apply for Health New England DEIB grants through Sept. 11.

In its fourth year, the Health New England DEIB grants program has awarded nearly \$340,000 to local non-profits addressing health equity in Western Massachusetts.

How to apply

Completed grant applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 11. Only complete submissions made online will be considered.

Non-profit organizations will only be eligible for Health New England community benefit funding once per calendar year. Apply here: https:// form.jotform.com/203005404536039.

Those with questions may email communtiygiving@hne.com.

ed under President Barack Obama; Commission a National Academies of

Science, Engineering, and Medicine study on federal action on heat-health issues and response; and, establish and authorize a \$100 million financial assistance program to provide federal funding to community projects that reduce the health impact of extreme heat events, prioritizing projects in historically disadvantaged communities, communities with significant heat disparities associated with race or income, and communities with

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

For more information on news or community features for the Ware River News, please email ekennedy@turley.com.

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attend. Applicant: William Cogley

Description of Proposed Work: Construct single family home

Location: 0 Greenwich Road

Town: Hardwick

Interested parties may also view this Legal Notice at http://masspublicnotices.org. 08/03/2023

TOWN OF HARDWICK **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS** - GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES **PROJECT NO. 2B** - GILBERTVILLE WPCF UPGRADES PROJECT TOWN HARDWICK Request

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF **ENVIRONMENTAL** REVIEW

PROJECT: T h e Applicant is proposing to rehabilitate and expand the roadway surface along Route 9/West Main Street from the

Ware/West Brookfield Town Line east to Pierce Road in West Brookfield, Massachusetts. The objective of this approximately 2.1-mile project is to upgrade the existing roadway infrastructure which includes widening to extend the service life and improve traffic flow as well as increase safety for automobiles and cyclists.

By Town of West Brookfield Highway Department & MA Dept. of Transportation Prequalification: The (*Proponent*) 08/03/2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT **Docket No.**

23 SM 002887 **ORDER OF NOTICE** TO:

Stephen G. Smith a/k/a Stephen Smith

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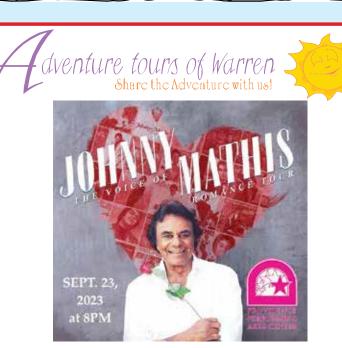
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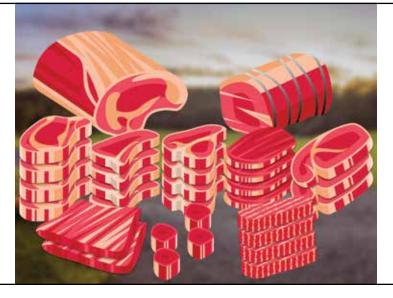
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