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## ADA Commission celebrates 35th anniversary of historic act

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WARE – The Americans with Disabilities Act Commission celebrated the 35th anniversary of the signing of the human rights act recently with an event at the Senior Center that hosted speakers, vendors, important information and giveaways – and of course, cake.

ADA Commission members Ruth McGrath, Joe Vecchione, Nancy Talbot and Town Manager Stuart Beckley were on hand to welcome members of the community, and talk about the projects the commission has accomplished and continues to work toward.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette  
Americans with Disabilities Act Commission Chair Ruth McGrath welcomed the community to the 35th anniversary celebration of the signing of the human rights act.

McGrath, who is chair of the commission, said right now its members are focusing

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LEFT: Cake was served to celebrate the signing.

## JUNGLE JIM arrives in Ware

By Ryan Drago  
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WARE – The Ware Library welcomed performer Jungle Jim for a magic show and balloon sculpting this past week.

Jim Manning, who is Jungle Jim, has been performing for 22 years and performs balloon magic for adults and children. This program was supported by a grant from the Ware Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Manning has performed in over 500 libraries, 200 in

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Jungle Jim is a performer who provides interactive balloon magic. Here is Jungle Jim popping out of a six-foot balloon at the Ware Library.

## Interim superintendent interviews happening on Aug. 7

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WARE – School Committee Chair Brian Winslow said the committee

needs to develop criteria for the interim superintendent candidate to prepare for the interview process.

At the July 30 meeting, he said once the criteria was established, he would

go through the resumes and select those who meet the criteria and schedule interviews.

He said the names of the interim superintendent candidates will be announced once

the interviews have been set.

The interim superintendent will be eligible for the position if they are licensed (or eligible for license) to be a superintendent in schools in the commonwealth, have

a master's degree with advanced degree preferred, have a preferred minimum of 10 years in education (including teaching, central office or administrative office experience) and five years of

teaching experience.

Previous experience as a superintendent in Massachusetts is also required.

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## Experts discuss Muddy Brook aquifer

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HARDWICK – The Board of Health hosted a panel of experts at a recent meeting to discuss the Muddy Brook aquifer, Hardwick Pond and surrounding watershed area.

This informational meeting was held after the board received letters from both the Ware Board of Health and the Hardwick Pond Preservation Association about the importance of protecting the aquifer, which provides drinking water to the town of Ware's well on Barnes Street.

"I think it was a well written letter and pretty clear what our goal is," Board of Health Clerk Richard

Romano said. "It's a vital resource; it's a vulnerable resource."

Watershed and aquifer The first expert to speak at the July 31 meeting was Scott Horsley, a hydrologist with over 30 years of experience in his field. He is also the founder of Horsley Witten Group Inc. which was established in 1988.

Horsley has served as an adjunct professor at Harvard University and Tufts University. He has also been an expert witness in both state and federal courts.

Horsley explained the various terms associated with hydrology, such as "watershed," "aquifer," "wellhead protection area," "recharge" and "zones 1, 2 and 3."

He said watersheds are the areas surrounding a body of

## Rare cribbage hand played at Senior Center

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WARREN – Every game played has its rare moments, and this past month Warren had a rare hand of 29 in cribbage.

The Warren Senior Center has many residents who love to play cribbage, and after what happened on July 22, one senior citizen probably enjoys the game even more.

Nancy O'Keefe, 86, got the rarest hand of 29 during a fun game of cribbage. The hand consists of four fives and a jack. This hand occurs when a play-



Submitted Photo

Nancy O'Keefe got the rarest hand of 29 while playing cribbage at the Warren Senior Center back on July 22.

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## Parks Commission votes to close park

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
Correspondent

WARE –The Parks Commission held their monthly meeting Monday at the pavilion near the Grenville Park playground.

Among the discussions was a suggestion to shutter the park near the town pool, now known as Ware Dreams Come True park, opened in memory of fallen firefighter Robert Beauregard, until new playground equipment can be installed.

Members of the commission questioned the safety of the park, as most of the playground equipment was made from

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### KEY ISSUES

- Moving forward on construction of new pool
- Create a marketing plan for Mill Yard, Main St. & Mary Lane properties
- Reconsider impact of discolored water on users quality of life & short term actions to address
- Utilize multi year town financial forecast to guide decisions

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# Permits received and demolition to begin on Mary Lane campus

## Submitted Article

WARE – Baystate Health has received building and plumbing permits from the Town of Ware Building Commissioner which allow them to commence demolition work on the Baystate Mary Lane campus.

That work, which will begin on Aug. 11, includes all structures on campus except for the Wetherby Building. The contracted partner has started to mobilize equipment on the property in anticipation of the starting date.

Despite efforts over many years, no redevelopment opportunities have been identified for the Baystate Mary Lane campus. Demolition

is necessary to address the safety, fire hazard, and other issues impacting the community.

According to a press release, Baystate has committed to minimizing, wherever possible, the impact on the Wetherby Building which holds meaning for both Baystate and the Town of Ware.

Work will be done in the coming weeks to weatherize it. Once this work is complete, the Wetherby Building will be boarded up to meet the Town bylaw requirement for a vacant property.

It is expected that this work will also begin in the coming weeks and continue into early October.

Baystate is committed to health care and health in Ware and surrounding communities by continuing to invest in clinical services at Baystate Wing Hospital.

In January 2025, Baystate committed to developing a primary care/convenient care (serving most urgent care needs) located in Ware, not on the Baystate Mary Lane campus. Baystate is also exploring how to longer term best repurpose the Wetherby building to serve the community.

Baystate Health will continue dialogue and partnership with state and town officials and other community organizations to find the right paths forward.

# Are You Old News?



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



File Photo  
Last week's photo from 1989 showed Pee Wee Pageant winner 4-year-old Heather McNulty of Gilbertville. McNulty was crowned Pee Wee Hemisphere Massachusetts in the Beauty Division.

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

## Ware to hold Special Election on Tuesday, Aug. 12

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

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

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

## Tractor Supply Co. held grand opening



Employees of the Tractor Supply Co. located at 256 West St. celebrated the grand opening of the store with a ribbon cutting this past Saturday. The store had a soft opening earlier in July.



Turley Photos by Paula Ouimette  
Heather Lynch of Palmer supplied homemade chocolate and vanilla cupcakes to visitors at the Tractor Supply Co. store.



Store Manager Gabrielle Rouse cut the ribbon at the grand opening.

WARE – Town officials joined the employees at the new Tractor Supply Co. store, 256 West St., for a grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting this past weekend.

The store had a soft opening in early July, and shoppers were invited to attend the official grand opening on Aug. 2, while enjoying homemade cupcakes, rock painting, as well as music and giveaways with Rock 102's Steve Nagle and the Road Crew.

Heather Lynch of Palmer provided the cupcakes from her home-based business, Heather Bakes. Lynch said she began baking three months ago

and hasn't stopped since.

Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond President Dan Flynn said, "It's our pleasure to welcome Tractor Supply to our community."

Store Manager Gabrielle Rouse thanked Selectboard members Nancy Talbot, John Desmond and Jack Cascio, as well as Town Manager Stuart Beckley for attending the grand opening. She also thanked members of the community for being there and patronizing the store.

"You all have been nothing but fantastic and supportive," Rouse said.



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# Ware Grange hosts Spring Flowering Bulbs workshop

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WARE – The Ware Grange welcomed Roberta McQuaid to talk about spring flowering bulbs recently.

Although spring won't happen for a while, these are the types of plants you want to begin planting early to get the best flowering when spring comes. Randall Vaill of the Ware Grange introduced McQuaid and highly recommended the gardeners in attendance begin planting sooner than later.

"You have to plan ahead to get those spring flowers," Vaill said.

McQuaid had a PowerPoint presentation with beautiful pictures of spring flowering bulb examples. Common examples of spring flowering bulbs include tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and crocuses.

McQuaid first talked about tulips and how some are better at flowering than others. For some tulips, they have to be planted deep enough to

be prepared to bloom in the spring.

Many flowers have unique names. There are yellow flowers also known as Monte Carlos.

There are also hearts delight and orange emperor tulips.

These examples are all part of the early flowering process. For mid-season flowering there are triumph tulips such as Princess Irene and Couleur Cardinal. Darwin hybrid tulips are a popular type of tulip known for returning multiple years.

Darwin tulips are also part of late flowering as well as Lily Flowered, Cottage or

single Late Tulip, Rembrandt, Parrot and Double Late. One of McQuaid's favorites is the Angelique Tulip.

McQuaid would then talk about daffodils. There was a sheet provided explaining how gardeners can recognize daffodils. Like tulips, daffodils come in divisions, 12 to be exact.

There are minor bulbs as well gardeners can plant. McQuaid shared that one of her favorite minor bulbs is the Checkered Lily, a historical flower that dates back to the 1700s.

According to McQuaid's experience, The Snow Drop is one of the earliest bulbs to come up in the spring. Other examples of minor bulbs include Glory of the Snow,

Grape Hyacinth, Siberian Squill, and Spanish Bluebell.

The workshop concluded with a raffle where gardeners received a free entry into a raffle to win a gardening related prize. There were planting shovels and fertilizer bags available. Guests also got to enjoy some cold water and tasty treats made by Ware Grange President Terry Vaill.

The next gardening workshop at the Ware Grange, located at 297 Belchertown Road, will be on gardening in small spaces. This workshop will be on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. The next Kids' Corner Workshop will be on Saturday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. and will be about pets.

The Ware Grange is partnering with the Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company to offer a variety of spring blooming flower bulbs for fall planting. Seed kits and related items will be offered as well. For more information, visit [www.waregrange.org](http://www.waregrange.org) and select the link under "Annual Fall Fundraiser."



Flowering bulbs come in all colors and gardeners have to plan ahead before spring.



Submitted Photos by Roberta McQuaid

An example of flowering bulbs described by Roberta McQuaid who talked about spring flowering bulbs at the Ware Grange.

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"It behooves us to have someone familiar with Mass. laws," Winslow said.

The School Committee members voted to accept the interview criteria. The members also voted to accept a list of interview questions.

Interviews with the interim superintendent candidates are scheduled to take place on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. in the high school library. Each candidate will be interviewed for one hour before committee members vote to make their selection.

## Air conditioning in high school

Winslow said the cost for repairs to the air conditioning in the high school is significantly higher than expected once it went out to bid, and the additional money will need to be voted on at a future town meeting.

During the public comment period, a teacher said that parts of the middle school also are without air conditioning.

## Independent investigation

Winslow said the independent investigation into allegations made by the Ware Teachers Association against

former Superintendent Dr. Michael Lovato has been completed and it will be discussed at a future meeting. He said right now, the hiring of an interim superintendent has taken priority as the start of the 2025-2026 school year is set to begin at the end of August.

## Dress code/cell phone policies

The School Committee will be seeking input from students and school staff once the school year starts regarding proposed changes to the dress code and cell phone policies.

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er holds three fives and the jack of the same suit as the cut card, and the cut card is also a five.

This hand is also known as "nobs" where the jack is of the same suit as the cut card (also a five), it scores 1 point for "nobs". In this case, O'Keefe had a jack in her hand of four kids, and it was a jack of spades, which matched the cut card being a five of spades.

The total number of points the player receives is 29, which is the highest

possible score a player can achieve in a single hand. Among many cribbage players, it is referred to as "the 'perfect hand' or 'unicorn'".

While O'Keefe was playing cribbage with her friends, she didn't know what she had at first. When she did notice it was a feeling of surprise and relief. When it was time to continue to play, O'Keefe knew she had to play the hand, considering it is rarest hand to get in cribbage.

"I had to play it," O'Keefe said. "You never

know if it'll happen again."

O'Keefe doesn't believe she will get another 29-hand again but enjoys playing cribbage with her friends at the Senior Center. Her friends shared that the Senior Center is going to engrave her name on a cribbage board, featuring the date she got the hand, which was July 22 of this year.

According to statistics, the 29-hand in cribbage is extremely rare, with players having a one in 216,580 chance of getting it.

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# viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### Why hasn't my Social Security benefit changed because I am still working?

Dear Rusty:

I am currently receiving Social Security benefits while continuing to work full time.

There are no restrictions on my wage earnings because I waited until full retirement age before beginning benefits. However, I was also told that my benefit amount would be reviewed each year if my current earnings were higher than past earnings.

That held true for the first two years, but has yet to be adjusted for 2025. I thought it might be because of HR 82, which does not impact me directly, but I think it may be the reason my payment has not yet been changed. Has enough time passed so I should contact SSA now to see if this is the case?

Signed:  
Waiting Anxiously

Dear Waiting:

If you are already collecting benefits, Social Security reviews your earnings each year to see if your more recent earnings are high enough to warrant an increase in your monthly benefit. They do this automatically, after they get your most recent earnings data from the IRS and they typically do that review by the end of the third quarter of each year. If a higher benefit is indicated, they will increase your monthly amount and pay you retroactively to the beginning of the year for any difference in your benefit.

SSA has, indeed, been vigorously working on changes resulting from HR82 (the Social Security Fairness Act), which may have affected the timeliness of their review of your recent earnings. However, I suspect that is not why your SS benefit has not yet changed. More likely, it has to do with the fact that your past earnings have been adjusted for inflation, which is a normal part of Social Security's process when calculating your benefit

amount.

Your earnings for each year in your lifetime up to age 60 were adjusted for inflation when you originally claimed SS and your recent earnings would need to be higher than the inflation-adjusted amounts used by SS when you claimed. They use the 35 highest earnings years adjusted for inflation over your lifetime to calculate your benefit and inflation has a substantial effect. For example, \$50,000 earned in 1990 would require over \$100,000 in earnings today to cause an increase in your benefit. Thus, you cannot go by the actual dollars you earned in earlier years, because SS uses inflated amounts to calculate your benefit.

In any case, if you believe that the Social Security Administration neglected reviewing your earnings from last year or in any year since you claimed, you can make an appointment to review that with them by calling 1-800-772-1213. SSA typically does such appointments over the phone, so you likely won't need to make a personal visit to your local SSA office to investigate this.

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## Midsummer maintenance will keep annuals going strong

The half dead pot of petunias on the rental house's steps got me thinking about the perfect column for this time of year! After all, we invest hard earned money in annual flowers and plants, and we expect that they will provide us with color through the first frost. What steps can we take now to ensure that they will?

Read on for some useful advice, straight from the archives.

### Remove spent flowers

Most annuals will continue to bloom abundantly if they are deadheaded on a regular basis. Deadheading is an entertaining term used to define the removal of spent flowers.

A plant produces flowers for one purpose: to survive. You see, once a flower has been pollinated it will produce seed; seed that will grow future plants.

If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease, and it will begin to decline. By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower!

When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants that require regular deadheading to look their best throughout the growing season.

### Shear them back to encourage new growth

Some annuals start to get a leggy appearance about now. Others may have brown tips.



These plants require more drastic measures to bring back their youthful good looks. Give them a good haircut.

Simply look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point. Alyssum or lobelia can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don't worry; they won't look bad for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liquid fertilizer.

### Feed your plants

Annuals that are well fertilized at planting time likely look a bit pale by now. If foliage is off-color and flower production is nil, pull back the bark mulch and sprinkle some organic fertilizer granules at the base of each plant.

Cultivate gently and water in a little bit. You can also use a water soluble liquid fertilizer every couple of weeks.

If going natural is your cup of tea, make some! Compost or manure tea has long been used to keep growth lush. Steep a burlap bag of either compost

aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed.

Smaller batches can be made right in a watering can. Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsion on the market that can be watered in or used as a foliar feed.

### Water, water, water

Be careful not to let your plants dry out. When you need to water the garden, remember to do so in the early morning, if possible, to avoid evaporation. Early evening is another good option, but try to get the job done with enough time for the foliage to dry before darkness sets in.

Deep waterings twice a week are far better than numerous quick showers. The former will promote deep, penetrating roots and future drought tolerance.

Well-watered, well-fed and well-groomed annuals will reward you with beautiful bountiful blossoms for another two months – well worth the effort indeed!

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

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## The Pemi Loop at 60

By Julie Midura  
Guest Columnist

Last December, I got this harebrained idea to do something crazy for my birthday this June. It would be my way of proving to myself that 60 isn't as old as it sounds in my head.

The Pemi Loop – called "the second hardest day hike in the United States" by Backpacker Magazine – is a 32-mile hike that encircles the largest wilderness area in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

With 10 summits and 10,500 feet of elevation gain along with technical climbs and descents-completing this rugged hike in one day would be the hardest endurance challenge I had ever attempted. As such, it would require significant training.

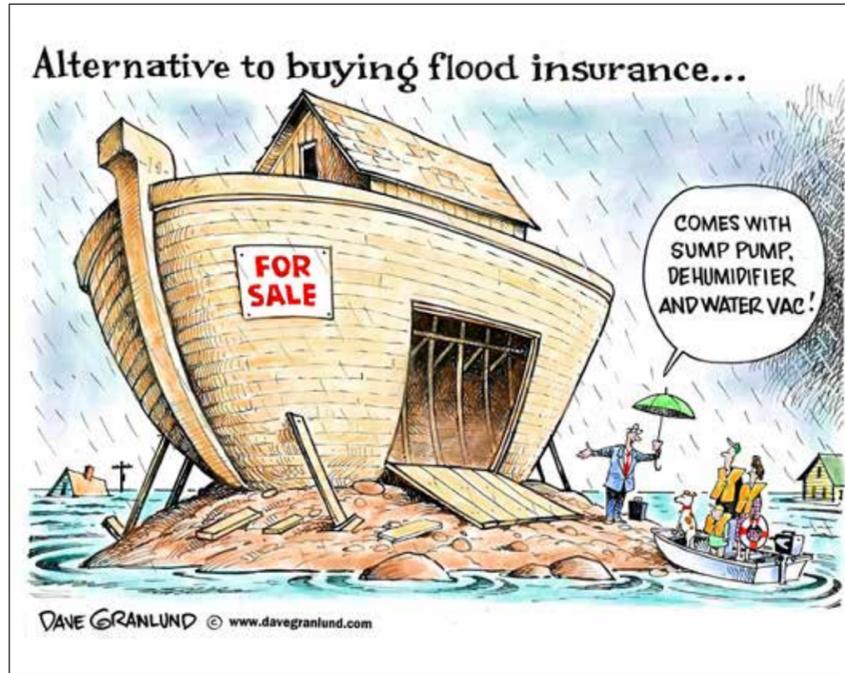
But in January, just one month after the idea took hold, life took a turn when our 1-year-old granddaughter, Charlotte, was diagnosed

with inoperable brain cancer. Three months later, in April, our middle daughter's high risk pregnancy with twins became more serious when both babies were diagnosed with heart issues.

The nail in the coffin came in May, when our 160-mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail through New Jersey and New York – my one and final opportunity to train for the Pemi Loop – ended just six days in. Our youngest daughter had been rushed to the emergency room with a life-threatening pregnancy complication and was forced to deliver the baby five weeks early. (Mom and baby are now doing well.)

Over the last six months, our family has needed us, and my time has been better spent being there for the people I love, rather than spending my weekends training for an epic endurance hike.

So I shelved the idea of a solo, single-day Pemi Loop in favor of completing a 'leisure-



Submitted Photo  
Julie Midura celebrated her 60th birthday on the Pemi Loop.

ly' three-day Pemi Loop backpacking trip with my husband instead. After all, we wouldn't really need to train for it...

would we?

The short answer, as we discovered last weekend, is "Yes, you did need to train for

it, you fools!"

Although our bodies most definitely took a beating, weary legs and several falls were a small price to pay for admission.

Because I have no desire to carefully preserve this now 60-year-old body. I prefer to use it up until there is nothing left. To wring out every last bit of my youth on adventures and experiences such as this.

You see, although our bodies most assuredly have a shelf life, there are parts of us that will forever remain ageless. And I plan to carry the best parts of my younger self into my older years.

I plan to worry less about "acting my age" and spend more time celebrating it. I plan to scramble up steep rock ledges. Watch the sun rise and set from mountaintops. Sleep in the wilderness. Slow dance on summits. Kiss...even when someone is watching.

I plan to slide into the next decade, battered, bruised and bandaged, all while yelling, "Dang, what an amazing ride!"

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## Ware Senior Center news

### Week of Aug. 11 to Aug. 15

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

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

#### ACTIVITIES

##### Monday, Aug. 11

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 9:45 a.m. Meet with your state legislators at the Town Hall
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lisa

##### Tuesday, Aug. 12

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9 a.m. Movin & Groovin to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Birthday Party Lunch. Music by The Elderly Brothers. You must call the front desk by noon on Monday, Aug. 11 to be put on the lunch list.
- 1 p.m. Cornhole
- 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class

##### Wednesday, Aug. 13

- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 10-11:30 a.m. Kristen Krieger, Quabbin Region DPH Nurse office hours
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori
- 1 p.m. Knitting-Crochet-Laugh

##### Thursday, Aug. 14

- 9 a.m. Walking Club.

Participants should meet at the Senior Center.

- 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
- 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
- 10 a.m. Line Dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cornhole

##### Friday, Aug. 15

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

#### LUNCHES

##### DINE IN 11:30 a.m.

All meals \$3.50 unless otherwise noted  
Required: call 413-967-4595 by noon on the business day before, to put your name on the lunch list.

##### Monday, Aug. 11

Shepherd's Pie, Caesar Salad, Dessert of the Day

##### Tuesday, Aug. 12

Birthday Party  
Chicken Piccata, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert and Entertainment provided by the Friends of the Ware Seniors Inc.

##### Wednesday, Aug. 13

Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert of the Day

##### Thursday, Aug. 14

American Chop Suey, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

##### Friday, Aug. 15

Cold Plate  
Potato, Egg and Ham Salad, Dessert of the Day

## BOH held hearing on grease trap regulations

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
Correspondent

HARDWICK – The Board of Health held a meeting and public hearing last Thursday regarding grease trap regulations.

These regulations can be found on the Board of Health's website (www.hardwick-ma.gov) and includes rules on the installation, maintenance, and inspection of grease traps in food service establishments.

The Board of Health regulations define a grease trap as a device designed to separate and trap grease – fatty matter obtained from animal or vegetable sources – from other wastewater discharged by the establishment, from devices such as sinks, floor drains, and dishwashers. Grease traps are a necessity, as they prevent sewer blockages, as well as stop grease from infiltrating into the sewer system.

These regulations are put in place not only to protect the water, but also benefit the business's infrastructure, as well as protect the environment as a whole.

Some of the provisions

as written by the Board of Health include that an internal or external grease trap must be installed at any food establishment, under the discretion of the Board of Health. The capacity of grease traps are to be set at 1,000 gallons, or 100% of the daily water usage from the establishment, whichever is greater.

All grease traps must be maintained at the expense of the establishment, and the town of Hardwick is not responsible for the financial burden.

The establishment must inspect the traps for safety and functionality at least monthly, and any records must be held in a secure location for inspection by the Board of Health, or any other health inspector. Any records of cleaning and pumping must also be forwarded to the board within seven days of pumping.

Failure of a business to comply with these provisions can lead to the revoking of food service permits, or fines of up to 50 dollars per day of violation, 10 days after notice by the Board.

The public hearing on these regulations brought about no public comment. Health Agent Matt Fortier said one complaint was brought to his attention by the wastewater superintendent of Hardwick, stating that the fine of \$50 per day of violation was too lenient.

A discussion amongst the board claimed that fines are a way to not punish the establishment financially, but rather to gain compliance, as well as the fact that these fines can be revisited and waived at the discretion of the board.

Board member John Mott motioned to maintain the fine level at \$50 a day, which passed.

A motion to end the hearing was then passed as well, and the board planned to sign these regulations at their next meeting on Sept. 11. These regulations will then be effective 18 months from that date.

#### Secondhand smoke regulations

The board revisited regulations on secondhand smoke which were discussed at the last meeting. The board prohibited smoking in bars, as

well as prohibited self service machines which sell tobacco.

At Thursday's meeting, the board agreed to continue funding tobacco control and regulations, as well as set a timetable for assigning a Massachusetts Health Officers Association member to the town of Hardwick.

#### Updating of fee schedule

The board passed a motion to update their fee schedule of various permits, including campground, pool, and food permits. A campground fee will be \$150. The schedule will be effective Sept. 1.

#### Republic Services

The board is considering not renewing the contract with Republic Services to the town of Hardwick, as a result of poor service and community complaints. Mott mentioned that the town is accumulating trash as a result of their lack of service.

A motion to send a letter to Republic Services notifying them of the town's desire to suspend their contract passed.

## ZBA seeks two residents to serve on board

WARREN – The Warren Zoning Board of Appeals is seeking two residents of Warren who would like to serve on the board.

The ZBA is a five-member board that hears and considers petitions for Zoning Variances and appeals of decisions of the Building Inspector.

Residents who would like to serve the town in this capacity should send a Letter of Interest to the Board of Selectmen, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083-0609.

## Friends of Ware Senior Center announce fundraisers

WARE – The Friends of the Ware Senior Center will be offering a raffle of a Philips 65-inch flat screen TV, (4K UHD), with tickets available at the Thrift Store in the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-noon.

Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket and the drawing will be held on Dec. 15.

The Friends are also selling their lotto calendars now until Oct. 31. Tickets are \$10 per lotto calendar and people have a chance to win every day in November.

Lotto calendars can be

acquired at the Ware Senior Center, Nat Falk, Crystal Springs, Ware Library and the Ware branch of the North Brookfield Savings Bank. Ticket stubs and payment need to be placed in the drop off box at the Ware Senior Center.

#### HIKE from page 4

So on our final day of the trip, I was disappointed to hear Tom say, "I hate to tell you this, but this will be my last Pemi Loop."

However, he said the

same exact thing two years ago when we completed our fourth Pemi Loop. I'm secretly hoping that hiker amnesia kicks in again in two years when he turns 70. Because don't you agree that there's no better place

to become a septuagenarian than on a walk around the largest wilderness area in New Hampshire?

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#### AQUIFER from page 1

water that drain precipitation into streams and rivers. The Muddy Brook area contains a lot of "gaining streams," those which continue to flow even without rainfall due to the discharge of groundwater.

The Muddy Brook aquifer is what's known as a buried river valley with fractured bedrock and glacial till. He said it is a high-yield aquifer.

"This is a pretty unique resource," he said.

Watersheds can cross town and state lines. He used a map to show how the aquifer flows from Hardwick to Ware.

"Watersheds really don't obey any political and municipal boundaries," Horsley said.

Horsley said the watershed is extremely important when it comes to protecting the aquifer, and that managing the land usage around it is key to safeguarding.

Horsley said the Department of Environmental Protection empowers local boards of health with the regulation and protection of drinking water. The DEP also has a model of controls which offer a management program that the Board of Health can consider.

"It's a public health issue," he said of the protection of drinking water.

#### Drinking water and public health

Dr. Philip Landrigan, a medical doctor who graduated from Harvard University and worked as an epidemiologist and pediatrician, spoke about the impact pollution has on drinking water and public health.

Since 2018, Landrigan has been teaching at Boston College, and he was joined by one of his students, Ella Whitney.

"It's so important to protect the water we drink," he said.

Water, he said, is "the single-most abundant compound in our bodies." While essential to life, water can also be a source of disease when it is contaminated.

Landrigan gave the history of water-borne disease, including the 1800s cholera epidemic that wiped out nearly 5% of the population, or about 400,000 people.

"That's the kinds of power that water-borne infections can have," he said.

Now, people have to worry about toxic chemicals making it into their drinking water, which can cause disease, disability and death.

"Young children and pregnant women are especially vulnerable," he said. "A small child will take in more contaminants."

Landrigan said older chemicals that can contaminate water include lead, and the newer chemicals include pesticides, herbicides, nitrogen and PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances).

"PFAS have numerous adverse health effects," Landrigan said. "It became critically important to keep chemicals out of drinking water...and to protect both surface water and groundwater. Surface chemicals can eventually reach groundwater so it's important to respect the protected zones."

Landrigan said if groundwater becomes contaminated by chemicals, it will have a negative impact that will last generations.

"Once groundwater gets contaminated...the contamination is going to last for decades," he said.

Landrigan also noted that clean drinking water means lower healthcare costs, as the rate of disease is reduced and

people are generally healthier.

#### Board of Health role

Michael Hugo, Director of Strategies and Government Relations for the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards began his career in vaccine litigation. He served 15 years on the Board of Health in Framingham.

He was also involved in Woburn's 1980s toxic groundwater case, the first ever that was litigated. This landmark case went on to become both a book and movie, "A Civil Action".

In 2019, Hugo embarked on his career in public health.

Hugo explained that the power of the board of health

in the commonwealth comes directly from state legislature, and it is the only state that allows for boards to have full autonomy. There are 351 boards of health in Massachusetts, one for every town and city.

By comparison, the state of California only has eight boards of health.

"It's really one of a kind," Hugo said.

Hugo said that the superior court and appeals court have never overruled a board of health ruling in Massachusetts.

He offered his guidance to the Board of Health in protecting the Muddy Brook aquifer and watershed.

"You have a water source that needs to be protected,"

he said.

Hugo suggested the Board of Health hold information sessions to educate the public about the Muddy Brook aquifer and watershed, and get feedback about any proposed regulations.

"The more public input you get the more public buy-in you get," he said. "You want people to understand what the Board of Health is doing."

#### Comments from Board and public

Physicians Advisory Panel member Neil Halin said it is important for the board to be proactive in taking steps to protect the Muddy Brook area. Romano agreed that it is a "tremendous" resource for

both Hardwick and Ware.

Romano said he wants to involve other boards and committees in this process, including the Conservation Commission, Select Board and Planning Board.

Ware's Town Manager Stuart Beckley suggested the two towns form an aquifer committee to continue discussion about its protection.

Resident Judy Kohn said it would be good for the Board of Health to take samplings of water from private wells as well as soil testing to have a baseline for contamination in the area around Hardwick Pond.

"We don't know the magnitude of the problem already," she said.

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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

- 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM *Food Trucks:* Big T's, Trolley Dogs, Say Cheese
- 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM *Beer Garden:* Lost Towns Brewing
- 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar
- 6:00 PM Opening Ceremonies & Fair Dedication { FLAG POLE }
- 6:15 PM Lumberjack Contest
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Historical Society Opens { EXHIBITS }
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Exhibit Halls Open
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Blacksmithing & Pottery Demonstrations
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Timber Framing
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Antique Tractor & Implement Exhibit
- 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS }

For a complete list of events, exhibits, rules and instructions, visit [hardwick.fair.com](http://hardwick.fair.com).

Please remember, NO DOGS are permitted at the Fair unless they are a service animal. Owners must provide appropriate tags or certification reflecting that registration and vaccines are current.

Parking: Parking is available at the Eagle Hill School, 242 Old Petersham Road. Free shuttle service will be available to and from the Fair on Friday and Saturday at frequent intervals. Handicapped parking will be available at the Universalist Church and adjacent to the Police Command Center at the corner of Barre Road and Rte. 32A.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

- 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Mountain Bike Ride/Race
- 9:00 AM Running of the Road Race
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Exhibit Halls Open
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM 4-H Livestock Exhibit
- 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Book Sale & Hardwick Fair-y Villages { PAIGE LIBRARY }
- 9:00 – 2:30 PM Hardwick Treasures Rock Painting
- 9:30 AM Cattle Judging
- 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Blacksmithing Demo
- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Hay Rides { MAINE-LY DRAFTS }
- 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM Timber Framing & Pottery Demonstrations
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM *Food Trucks:* Big T's, Trolley Dogs, Say Cheese, Grub Guru
- 10:45 AM Stone Cutting
- 11:00 AM Dance Demo { GET UP AND DANCE }
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tri-Parish Church baked potato bar
- 11:00 AM – 7:30 PM *Beer Garden:* Lost Towns Brewing
- 12:00 PM Children's Parade
- 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS }
- 12:30 PM Antique Tractor & Implement Parade
- 1:00 PM Central Mass Rabbit Breeders Display & Demo
- 1:00 PM Frog Jumping Contest { NO TOADS }
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Historical Society Opens { EXHIBITS }
- 1:30 PM Horseshoe Contest
- 2:00 PM Children's Games
- 3:30 PM Auction of Exhibits
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Hardwick Farmers Guild Buger Bash
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Entertainment { THE OTTERS }



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# Gilbertville library hosts painting workshop for teens/adults

**HARDWICK** – The Gilbertville Library will host “The Seahorse: How to Pastel Paint,” with materials, for adults and teens.

Award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack will present “The Seahorse,” a pastel painting workshop for adults and teens 18+ hosted by the Gilbertville Library on Sept. 17, from 5-7 p.m. This is a pastel painting workshop designed for both sheer beginners to advanced participants.

Please call 413-477-6312 to pre-register.

This all-new “The Seahorse: How to Pastel Paint,” all draw

a seahorse or use a template that Maichack provides, both large and small seahorses. Participants will also create bubbles, and a template will be provided as well.

This is fun, and has an ocean of possibilities, having instruction in expressive pastel strokes, blending, slurring, and layering. Additionally emerald pastel pencils will be provided for details.

All keep their 12 X 18 pastel painting of their personalized vivid seahorse. Photo references of various pastel seahorses are supplied for ideas allowing unfathomable possi-

bilities.

Maichack’s own pastel painted seahorses will unveil the process. All will be entertained by lively anecdotes on the mystery of seahorses.

Maichack, is an award-winning artist, twice Mass. Cultural Council Gold Star Award Program nominee, a seasoned pro from instructing at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, colleges, to hundreds of libraries.

Maichack lives in the Berkshires and is a portraitist and painter working primarily in pastels. Winner of the Award of Merit from the

Bennington Center for the Arts: Impressions of New England Show 2003, he also was awarded the Savoir-faire Pastel Award from the Great Lakes Pastel Society.

Maichack was commissioned by Westfield State College to paint the pastel portrait of the past president of Westfield State University, Doctor Frederick Woodward, which was unveiled at the dedication of the Woodward Center; and pastel painted dictionary great Charles Merriam, unveiled by Merriam-Webster Co. at Merriam-Gilbert Library. He has been in many

national juried shows and was awarded numerous Massachusetts Cultural Council grants. In addition to portraiture, his still lifes and landscapes are represented by galleries from Kennebunkport, Maine to San Francisco, California. Maichack is accepting requests to do various commissions to do pastel paintings. Visit his web site at [www.GregoryMaichack.com](http://www.GregoryMaichack.com).

Maichack has been a faculty member of the Museum Studio School in the Fine Arts Museum Quadrangle in Springfield; and taught at Holyoke and Greenfield

Community Colleges, Westfield State University, East Works, the MFA, Boston, and The Guild, Northampton. Maichack’s pastel paintings have been selected twice for the Annual National Exhibition of the Academic Artists Association and as a result Maichack was invited to be a member of this prestigious organization.

This project is supported in part from a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

**PARK** from page 1

wood, and originally built in the early 1990s. As a result of the old age of the park, the wood is rotting and equipment is falling apart, causing safety concerns as well as documented injuries.

According to the commission, there was at least one injury as a result of the rotting equipment. Among other concerns were many reports of vandalism and destruction of property at the park.

Parks Commissioners William Imbier and Ken Higney and Parks Manager John Piechota were all in favor of shutting down the park after this discussion, until new equipment can be installed.

The commission plans to set in motion a timeline to renovate and reopen the park in the future. The cost of replacing all of the park could range from \$400,000, all the way up to \$600,000.

**Upcoming events**

Julie Lutz, from the Recovery Center of HOPE, located at 52 and 78 Main St., asked to use the new pavilion at Grenville Park to host a community event. The Center is a resource where people recovering from substance abuse can connect and have conversations with each other, as well as conversations with recovery coaches, to better their overall health and recovery success.

Lutz proposed that the Recovery Center of HOPE could use the pavilion near the playground for their 2nd annual Recovery Fair, to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17. She expects a turnout of

about 75 people for the Fair. There will be resource tables, games, and pizza courtesy of NiKo’s Pizzeria in Ware.

Piechota had no objections to the use of the pavilion for this event and the commission voted in favor of supporting it.

Last to speak was town manager Stuart Beckley, who requested to use the bandstand for a movie night on Saturday, Sept. 27, as a part of Good Neighbor Day, an initiative by Healthy Quaboag.

Healthy Quaboag is a local organization that focuses on community outreach and community health. There will be ice cream served at the event.

The motion to use the bandstand on the Sept. 27 passed.

**Memorial bench**

Rich Starodoj proposed the installation of a new bench in memory of Mike Domey Sr. The bench would be made of granite, and would be placed somewhere near the boat ramps in Grenville Park.

Piechota suggested the Scouts get involved in the installation, and the board had no objections to placing a new bench in the park.

**Field scheduling**

The fields at Grenville Park will be used for soccer practices and games from later this month through the fall, from Monday to Friday. Soccer games will be held at the field in front of the bandstand, as well as at another field in the park to be determined.

The elementary league,

consisting of 10U, 11U, and recreational leagues, will play on the T-ball fields in the park, and there will be four home games during the fall, held on Saturday mornings in the park.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, there will be a preseason party for the soccer team at the park to have a get together before the season. There will be bouncehouses and dunk tanks included.

**Grenville Park bathroom**

Discussion continued on where to place a new bathroom at Grenville Park, with discussion heavily leaning towards building a new facility close to the offices near Church Street. The Conservation Commission and Department of Public Works both need to be notified of this new area so tests can be done to determine if it is a feasible location, and members of the commission plan on attending the next Conservation Commission meeting on Aug. 13 to further discuss the septic system, perk tests, and where the lines will run.

The park is currently served with portable toilets, rented out for \$400 a month and serviced once weekly by the company. The decision on where to put and build the bathroom has to be completed by December.

**Park policies**

The commission discussed new pavilion use policies. Hard copies of the rules



Turley Photos by Zacharias Fragkiadakis

New woodchips have been added to the playground at Grenville Park.



The new pavilion located between the basketball court and the playground at Grenville Park was built by Ware Built Timber Fames.

were not available for review by the board at Monday’s meeting.

Residents and organizations are encouraged to contact the parks manager, John Piechota, or by calling the Town Hall to get their events

scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

Imbier proposed placing laminated signs on and near the pavilion setting the rules, as well as business hours. A draft will commence following the meeting.

The commission also briefly discussed placing charcoal grills into the park, but cost concerns and cleanliness concerns dominated conversation, and this will likely not happen until at least next fall.

**Other updates**

The Bobby Hoisington Car Show will be held at the park this Saturday. The arrival of the monument at Veterans Park continues to be delayed.

Testing of the town pool was delayed last week as the company had other obligations to attend. There were new wood chips spread at Grenville Park, which are meant to be safer and less likely to cause splinters.

The parks commission will meet next on Monday, Sept. 8.

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## Ware boys reach playoffs in first season in Auburn League

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

AUBURN—A total of 14 boys basketball teams competed in the Auburn Summer League.

Ware High School was one of the new teams in the league this year. They're also the only team from Western Massachusetts.

After posting a 7-2 regular season record, the Ware Indians entered the Auburn Summer League playoffs as the third seed. Their only two losses came against Quaboag, who tied Quabbin Regional for first place, and Grafton by a point in the final game of the regular season.

"We lost to Grafton on a buzzer beater in our last

game," said Ware summer league coach Collin Doty, who graduated from Ware High School in 2019. "These guys just enjoy playing basketball together."

While both Quaboag and Quabbin earned first round byes in the league playoffs, Ware faced 14th-seeded David Prouty in an opening round playoff game, last

Wednesday night.

Ware held a 15-12 lead with a little less than ten minutes remaining in the first half before pulling away for a 54-29 victory inside the air condition Auburn High School gymnasium.

"This is our first year playing in this summer league and it feels great to win a playoff game," said Jack Gaudreau,

who scored ten of his 12 points during the first half. "We lost a close game the other night to Grafton, and we came back strong tonight."

The Auburn Summer League was made up of both varsity and junior varsity teams.

While the Ware varsity players competed in the league, they faced the Prouty

j.v. team in the playoff game. The Prouty varsity players played in a summer league in Worcester.

"We used to play in the Belchertown Summer League, but there are more variety of teams in this league," said Gaudreau,

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## Panthers earn first round bye



Jacoboy Dilling looks for an open lane.



Evan Sherbloom looks to make the inbound pass.

AUBURN – With a victory last Monday evening, July 28, Quabbin's entry in the Auburn Summer High School Basketball League went an impressive 9-1 and earned the top seed in the

playoffs. The playoffs began last Wednesday, with Quabbin and Quaboag earning first round byes with their top records. They would start their playoffs earlier this week.



Brady Patchen hustles down the court on offense..



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Collin LeClair passes on the run.

## North County Legion's season ends against Leominster

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—The North County Post 129 Legion baseball team advanced into the 2024 Zone 4 championship series after defeating Leominster Post 151 in the semifinals.

The best of three semi-final series was tied at 1-1 before North County outslugged Leominster, 18-3, in the deciding game at McLaughlin Park in Leominster.

North County then lost to Hudson Post 100 in the finals.

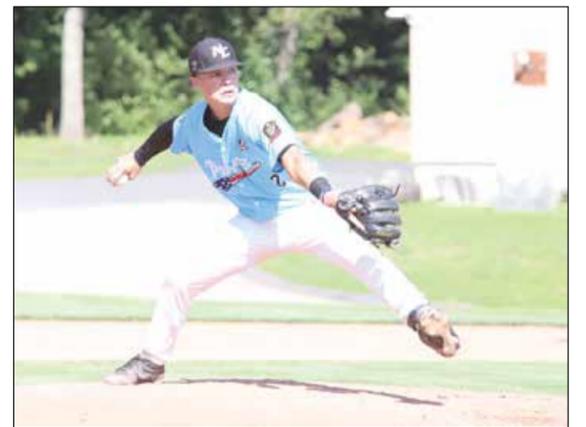
The format for the Legion playoffs was changed prior to the start of this season.

The Zone 4 playoffs were eliminated and only the top six teams in the standings qualified for the state playoffs.

North County finished the 2025 regular season in sixth place in Zone 4 with a 9-10-1 record.

Leominster, which finished in third place, won both games that they played against North County during the regular season.

North County and Leominster began the state playoffs in the Region 1 pod, which was hosted by Belchertown, who finished first in Zone 3. Northampton



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Aiden LaPointe sends a throw to first.

Post 28, which finished fourth in Zone 3, also competed in the Region 1 pod.

North County began the double elimination state playoffs by posting a 3-0 shutout win against Belchertown at Belchertown High School on July 19.

The following morning, North County faced Leominster in a winner's bracket game at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

Leominster, who defeated Northampton in their first playoff game, won that contest by the final score of 11-3.

North County then faced Belchertown for the second time in an elimination game

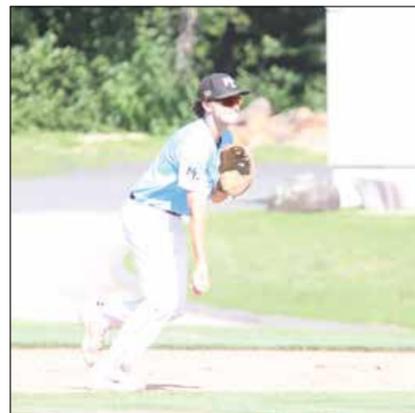
at Spec Pond on July 22. The Post 129 squad broke open a close game by scoring four runs in the sixth inning leading to a 10-5 victory.

It set up another meeting with Leominster.

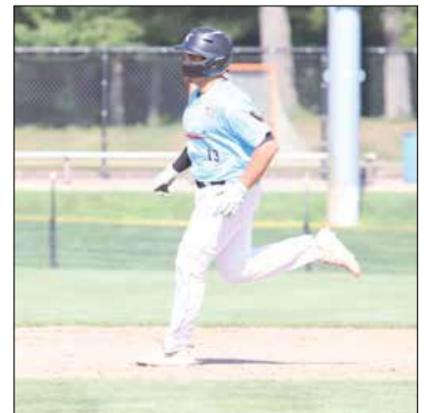
North County, who was the visiting team, trailed, 2-1, entering the bottom of the second inning before Leominster exploded for seven runs with the help of five walks and two base hits.

Post 151 added two more runs and clinched a berth in the Senior Division state championship series, which is being held in Quincy this week, with an 11-1 victory.

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William Gage sends a toss across the diamond for an out.



Logan Cormier fields a bunt down the third base line.

## Rivalry renewed as PeoplesBank takes title over St. Joseph's

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—The Tri-County Baseball League will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2029.

PeoplesBank, who has been the best team in the league during the past thirty years, swept St. Joseph's in this year's best of three championship series.

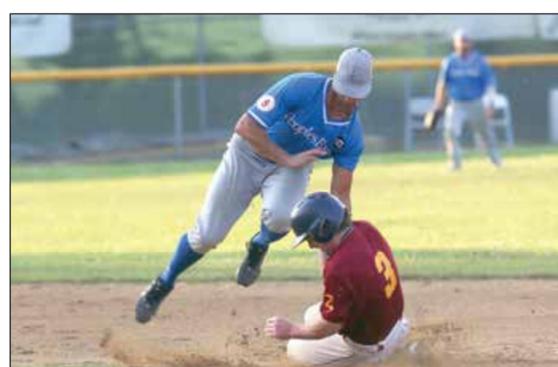
"Feels great to win another championship. It's our goal every summer," said PeoplesBank player/manag-

er Joe Ferry. "We just enjoy playing baseball with each other. Our chemistry is a key to our success. I can't thank the players enough."

Ferry, who started both games against St. Joe's in left field, was aided by assistant coach Rey Rivera, who had three base hits and an RBI in game two.

PeoplesBank has captured the championship title in each of the past twelve seasons and a total of twenty times since 1995.

PeoplesBank and St.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Dave Clark gets the out at second.

Joseph's both finished the 2025 regular season with ten victories.

"Our season was a success and great bonds were created," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes. "We had a team composed of mostly college players this year."

PeoplesBank, who was the top-seeded team, advanced into the finals after sweeping fourth-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spas in the semifinals.

Second-seeded St. Joseph's needed three games

to eliminate third-seeded bankESB in the semifinal round.

The Bankers scored seven runs on seven base hits in the bottom of the first inning enroute to a 10-0 victory in game one of the championship series last Monday night. The contest ended after 4 1/2 innings due to the ten run mercy rule.

It was also PeoplesBank last game of the season at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke.

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# sports

## Candlepin League News

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### Summer Edition

**EAST BROOKFIELD** – The Wednesday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes has crowned a champion for the summer of 2025.

Although the league has one week left, Sophia's Raiders clinched first place the previous week and has a record of 76-28 after 13 weeks. Kristen's Squad are in second place with a record of 58-46. Close behind in third place is Gutter Dolls with a record of 57-47.

During week 13, Clock Barn bowled against the Gutter Fingers. In game one, Gutter Fingers won a close game by a score of 427-425. In game two, Gutter Fingers won again by a score of 442-416. In game three, Clock Barn won by a score of 410-407.

The final score was 1276-1251 in favor of Gutter Fingers, who have a record of 51-53 after 13 weeks. Clock Barn is in ninth place with a record of 30-74.

Gutter Snipes bowled against No Shows during week 13. In game one, No Shows defeated Gutter Snipes by a score of 449-443. Pete Swistak of No Shows began the match with a 112. Marc Vinciulla of Gutter Snipes began the match with a 109.

In game two, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 466-444. Swistak bowled well with a 111 and Vinciulla did better in game two with a 125.

In game three, Gutter Snipes won the last game by a score of 440-435. Vinciulla bowled a 116 for a series of 350. Gutter Snipes won total pinfall by a final score of 1349-1328. The Gutter Snipes have a record of 50-54 and No Shows are 48-56.

Kristen's Squad bowled against Gutter Dolls in week 13. In game one, Kristen's Squad defeated Gutter Dolls by a score of 422-410. Bob Button of Kristen's Squad began the match with a 105.

In game two, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 426-403. In game three, Kristen's Squad won the last game by a score of 449-439. Button ended the match with a 124 and a series of 322. The Gutter Dolls won total pinfall by one point, 1275-1274.

Sophia's Raiders bowled against the Rolling Stones. In game one, Rolling Stones and Sophia's Raiders tied at 439, resulting in both teams getting one point. In game two, Sophia's Raiders defeated Rolling Stones by a score of 459-444. Phil Clough of Sophia's Raiders bowled a 119 and his teammate Trever Kenneson also bowled a 119.

In game three, Rolling Stones defeated Sophia's Raiders by a score of 473-410. Brett Green of Rolling Stones ended the match with a 106. The final score was 1356-1308 in favor of Rolling Stones, who have a record of 49-55 after 13 weeks.

The league will conclude the first Wednesday in August and have a party night the following



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdagphotos.com  
Sam Allen swings for PeoplesBank.



James Flahive delivers a pitch home in the championship series.

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"We just love playing games on this field," said Ferry following game one. "We played very well in tonight's, but as Kobe Bryant, who was my favorite athlete growing up once said, 'the jobs not finished'."

PeoplesBank finished the job twenty four hours later with a 10-7 win in an old fashion slugfest at St. Joe's Field in Thorndike.

The winning pitcher in game one was lefthander James Flahive, who's sidearm. He allowed only two base hits and issued two walks in his final start of the 2025 campaign.

"Jimmy has been the best pitcher in the league during the past four or five years," Ferry said. "I don't ever recall him losing a game since he put on a Peoplesbank jersey."

St. Joe's shortstop Devin Slattery, who was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Ware High School, drew a walk with one-out in the top of the first inning. After the next batter flied out to right, Slattery was thrown out trying to steal second base by catcher Pete Hogan.

Centerfielder Seth Allen hit a ground ball up the middle into centerfield for a single leading off the bottom of the first inning against St. Joe's righthander Jack Feltovic.

Then Hogan walked

before second baseman Dave Clark launched a 3-run homer that landed beneath the giant scoreboard in left field.

Following back-to-back singles by first baseman Kyle Platner and right fielder Cam Rivest, DH Johnny Gegetskas delivered an RBI single to left giving the home team a 4-0 advantage.

Another run crossed the plate following a sacrifice fly to left by shortstop Sam Allen.

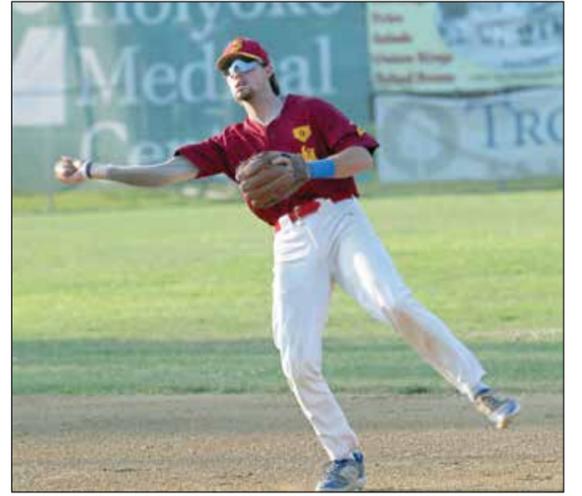
After catching the ball, St. Joe's left fielder Jacob Petrin threw the ball to third baseman Brandon Magni, who tagged out the runner who was trying to advance to third base on the play.

Shortstop Seth Allen, who's Sam's twin brother, capped off the opening frame by hitting a two run double off the left field fence.

"We kept passing the bat and put a lot of pressure on them in the first inning," Ferry said. "We had some hard hits and a couple of walks in that inning. We also batted around in the first inning of last year's finals. I capped the inning off with a bases loaded triple in that game."

St. Joe's DH Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk leading off the second inning, but he was thrown out trying to steal by Hogan.

PeoplesBank scored three more runs in the third inning. Clark, who was hit-by-a-



Nate Carrill makes an off-balance play.

pitch in the second inning, knocked home the first run of the frame with a double to left. Platner followed with a two-run double to right.

Trailing, 10-0, St. Joe's began the fourth inning with a line-drive single by Petrin, who was thrown out trying to steal second base. Slattery also singled, but the next batter grounded into a 6-4-3 inning ending double play.

St. Joe's standard two runs on base in the top of the fifth, as PeoplesBank took a 1-0 lead in the series.

The Bankers jumped out a 7-0 lead in game two before St. Joe's battled with five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Center fielder Aaron Little knocked home two runs with a double and right fielder Colby Harrington contributed with an RBI single. The other two runs crossed the plate following errors.

The Bankers, who were led offensively by third baseman Cam MacDonald with two hits and two RBIs,

responded with three runs in the sixth inning giving the visitors a 10-5 advantage.

St. Joe's scored two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Danny Gaines was the winning pitcher in game two, which capped off another memorable season for PeoplesBank.

## Quabbin Valley set to host second over-28 fall league

Following up on the resounding success of its inaugural campaign, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 adult baseball league will hold its second Fall League this September and October.

Seeking to create a similar competition environment to its spring/summer league, Quabbin Valley, with contributions from the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, created a four-team fall league last year featuring the Braves, Dodgers, Cardinals, and

Twins.

Those same four teams are set to return and each team tends to have openings on them. Additionally, the league is open to welcoming more teams in to the league if it finds enough interest.

While the fall league schedule is still under construction, it will mostly feature Sunday morning games played with wood-bat only, which is customary for fall

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The game came to an end with no outs in the bottom of the fifth inning due to the ten-run mercy rule

"We were able to beat Leominster several times last year, but they're a very good baseball team this year," said North County head coach Gregg Picucci. "Because they're right down the street from us, we know players and coaching staff very well.

We have a lot of respect for Leominster. I wish them all the best in the state finals next week."

Three of the North County Legion players attend Quabbin Regional in Barre.

Aiden Lapointe, who's a first year member of the North County Legion baseball team, started at shortstop in the second game against Belchertown. He singled in the seventh inning and scored

a run.

"I've really enjoyed being a member of this baseball team," said Lapointe, who's also a member of the Quabbin varsity baseball team. "It has also been a lot of fun having two of my high school teammates on the legion team."

Those two players are Adam Adams, who's a pitcher, and Alijah Flint, who's a catcher. They were also first year members of the Legion

team.

"I'm hoping that a few more players from Quabbin will play for this team next year," Lapointe added. "I really enjoy playing with the other kids on this baseball team."

Seven of the players listed on the North County roster also played baseball at Oakmont Regional, which has been very successful during the past few years. The other players listed on the Legion roster are from Athol, Leominster, and Fitchburg.

Lapointe's father, Matthew, was one of the assistant coaches for the North County Legion team.

"My father has been my baseball coach my whole life," said Lapointe, who's a raising senior. "I've really enjoyed playing for Coach Picucci this year. He has really helped me a lot."

Adams will also be a senior in the fall, while Flint is entering his junior year.

All three of the players from Quabbin Regional are eligible to play for the Legion team again next summer. They're hoping to make another trip to the state playoffs.

"We entered the state playoffs as the sixth seed and we managed to win two games," Picucci said. "We made it to the final game of the series. We had a great season."

Picucci, who's currently an assistant varsity baseball coach at Oakmont, was also a head coach at several high schools in Northern Worcester County for 28 years. He was inducted into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2010.

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Americans with Disabilities Act Vice-Chair Joe Vecchione cut the 35th anniversary celebration cake.



Cynthia Henshaw, Executive Director of the East Quabbin Land Trust, displayed a map of accessible trails in the community.

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on the repair of sidewalks in the town. Many of the sidewalks that need repair are not accessible for all people.

McGrath said the commission is also distributing free orange safety flags to be placed on motorized scooters. She said they are free to any resident, and the commission members will attach the flags to the scooter.

"It's something that will give a little bit of visibility," she said.

The ADA Commission is also working with local businesses to ensure that buildings, especially new construction, are accessible.

McGrath said the commission used grant funding to conduct an assessment of the town's accessibility, from infrastructure to public buildings.

Vice-Chair of the commission, Vecchione, brought his 4-year-old bloodhound Keeper, who is in training to be his service dog. Originally, Vecchione got Keeper to assist him with picking up objects, but while she isn't eager to do that, her keen nose has been able to detect when his blood sugar is high.

As a diabetic, Keeper's alerting has been essential to Vecchione's health and well-being.

Vecchione said he was fitted with a prosthetic limb two years ago after the loss of his leg, and he introduced Tom Mesick of the Hanger Clinic, the clinician who fitted his prosthetic device.

"I'm still in training with it, but walking around like anyone," Vecchione said.

Officer Somer Bren attended the celebration to represent the Police Department, and she offered advice about how to communicate with emergency responders and 911 dis-



Officer Somer Bren spoke on behalf of the Police Department.



Tom Mesick of Hanger Clinic spoke at the 35th anniversary celebration.

patchers if you are unable to speak.

Executive Director of the East Quabbin Land Trust, Cynthia Henshaw, spoke about the accessible sections of the Mass Central Rail Trail, and displayed a map of its location. The land trust has been working with the towns it serves and community members to ensure the outdoors is accessible to everyone.

Council on Aging Executive Director John Zienowicz provided information about the Senior Center's new year-long initiative, which allows people to text the center's phone number (413-967-9645) with questions any day and time.

Zienowicz and Social Services Coordinator Janine Leis have provided information to an AI-powered texting assistant, which can answer texted questions or help set up appointments with Leis.

"You can schedule an appointment with the social worker through text, 24 hours a day," he said.

The texting assistant is available in multiple languages.

Zienowicz said the Ware Senior Center is the second center to use this software to give further assistance to its senior citizens. He said if the texting assistant service is successful in its first year, it may be considered for use by the rest of the town facilities.

**About the ADA Commission**

ADA Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road. More information is posted on the town's website, [www.townofware.com](http://www.townofware.com).

The commission will also be participating in the upcoming Senior Fair at the Senior Center in October.

# Ware Library guests had 'Eyes on Owls'

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WARE – The Ware Library welcomed Marcia and Mark Wilson of Eyes on Owls to present a live owl program.

For over 30 years, Eyes on Owls has been operating and providing live owl programs to schools, libraries, garden clubs, land trusts, nature centers, museums, festivals, scouting troops and private functions throughout New England and New York. The Wilsons own 17 owls and three hawks that are featured in their program.

Many kids and their families arrived at the Ware Library to meet Marcia, Mark, the owls and a mystery bird. The program began with the Wilsons asking everyone how often they hear owls in their neighborhoods.

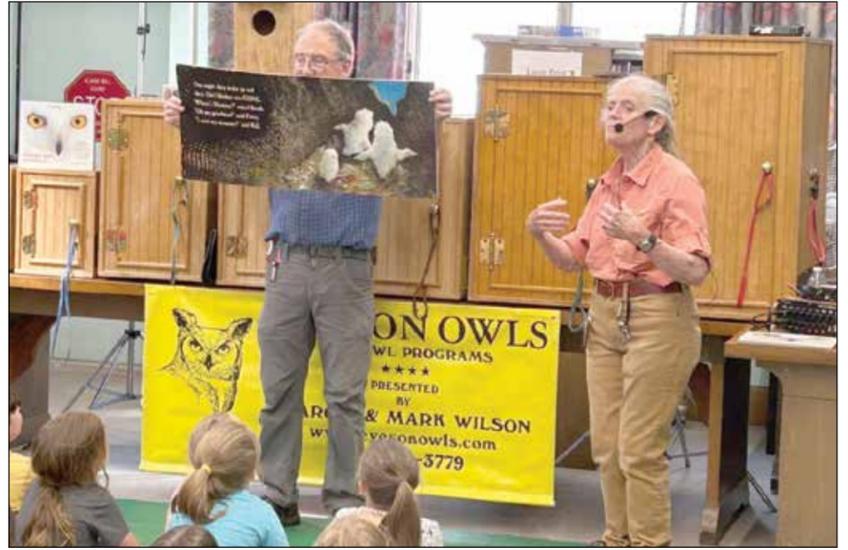
When it comes to owls, Mark believes owls are mostly heard than seen.

"You're more likely to hear them than see them," he said.

Mark read a book called "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell with illustrations by Patrick Benson. There was audience participation while reading this book as he got the kids to repeat "I want my mommy".

Mark is the author of several owl books, including "The Snowy Owl Scientist" and "Owling: Enter the World of the Mysterious Birds of the Night."

It was now time to meet the owls. Many of these owls were adopted by the Wilsons as some were rescued and some are survivors of collisions with vehicles. The Wilsons give these owls a safe and comfortable home and have them be a part of



Marcia and Mark Wilson read "Owl Babies" during Eyes on Owls at the Ware Library.



A great horned owl has eyes that seem to look through you.

their Eyes on Owls program.

The first to meet all the guests were two eastern screech owls, one red and one gray. These are one of the smallest species of owls that only way up to six ounces. Due to owls having talons, Marcia put on these giant gloves called gauntlets to protect her arms.

The Wilsons also demonstrated how each species of owls like to hoot. Afterwards, the Wilsons asked the kids to try to hoot like the owls.

The next owl brought out is a common owl you will see or hear in Massachusetts, a barred owl. This owl can be found in mixed wooded

areas, swamps, and wetlands. The barred owl's classic eight note call is often described as sounding like "Who cooks for you?"

Barred owls have been spreading onto Cape Cod as nesters and like to travel to unexpected places, even in urban areas.

The next owl introduced was the barn owl. This owl is usually confused with the barred owl. The barn owl is an endangered species that is rarely seen in the southern New England area.

To tell if you see a barn owl, look out for its heart shaped head. This owl can be seen at Plum Island and Salisbury Beach State Reservation, which where they like to nest in the wintertime.

The Wilsons would then introduce the mystery bird for the program. The mystery bird is an American kestrel falcon. When the kids tried to guess what kind of

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## School Supply List

### Suggested School Supply Donations:

- Box of Colored Pencils
- Plastic Pencil Box (Unlabeled)
- Erasers (Not Pencil Top)
- Thin Set of Crayola Markers
- Thick Set of Crayola Markers
- Scotch Tape
- Pack of Post-It Notes
- Box of 24 Crayons (No Larger)
- Colored Pencils
- Children's Scissors
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Expo Markers
- Single Subject Notebooks (Any Color)
- Erasers (Pencil Top Style)
- Lots of Pencils (Ideally Ticonderoga)
- Pencil Case/Box/Bag
- Cm/Inch Ruler
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### Items For Sharing With The Class:

- Lysol/Clorox Wipes
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### Drop Off Locations:

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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of July 28-Aug. 5, the Ware Police Department responded to 25 miscellaneous calls, 24 administrative calls, 17 traffic violations, 17 emergency 911 calls, six motor vehicle accidents, three safety hazards, four harassments, one trespass, two thefts/larcenies, one fire, 11 animal calls and 58 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Monday, July 28**  
9:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Tuesday, July 29**  
12:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
7:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued

12:14 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, South Street, Report Made  
1:11 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
1:15 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
2:19 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled  
2:41 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Valley View, Services Rendered  
8:23 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Pulaski Street, Advised  
10:19 p.m. Warrant Service, West Street, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Brandon Cofske-Hatfield, 37, Ware  
WMS Warrant; Default Warrant

**Wednesday, July 30**  
5 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Dispatch Handled  
6:01 p.m. Theft/Larceny, East Street, Report Made

9:53 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Services Rendered  
11:36 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Investigated

**Thursday, July 31**  
9:44 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, High Street, Services Rendered  
1:31 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Eddy Street, Advised  
3:29 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Milner Street, Dispatch Handled  
4:03 p.m. Safety Hazard, Babcock Tavern Road, Services Rendered  
4:24 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, North Street, Assist Given  
4:38 p.m. Safety Hazard, High Street, Services Rendered  
8:37 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised

**Friday, Aug. 1**  
6:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Church Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
9:26 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Assist Given  
12:57 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Could Not Locate  
2:40 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Investigated  
2:48 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Services Rendered  
11:40 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Coffey Hill Road, Patient Refusal

**Saturday, Aug. 2**  
2:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
7:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Eagle Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
7:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle

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Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Sunday, Aug. 3**  
3:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:50 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Greenwich Plains Road, Services Rendered  
9:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

**Monday, Aug. 4**  
1:01 a.m. Safety Hazard, Dunham Avenue, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
1:17 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Greenway Avenue, Dispatch Handled  
4:54 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Advised  
10 p.m. Structure Fire, North Street, Extinguished  
10:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Raymond H. Jalbert, 24, Chicopee  
WMS Warrant

**Tuesday, Aug. 5**  
6:39 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Buckley Court, Investigated

## Warren Police Log

During the week of July 20-26, the Warren Police Department responded to 129 building/property checks, nine community policings, eight emergency 911 calls, one complaint, one burglary, one safety hazard, one property damage, one illegal burn, two motor vehicle accidents, six animal calls and 36 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, July 20**  
5:31 a.m. Property Damage, Southbridge Road, Report Filed  
9:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Douglas Road, Transported to Hospital

**Monday, July 21**  
5:15 p.m. Falls, Main Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
11:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
1:20 p.m. Welfare Check, Old West Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:54 p.m. Erratic Operator, Old West Warren Road, Report Filed  
3:23 p.m. Falls, Cronin Road, Referred to Other Agency  
7:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Warren Road, Report Filed  
8:19 p.m. Illegal Burn, Moore Avenue, Investigated

**Tuesday, July 22**  
10:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Boston Post Road, Written Warning  
3 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:01 p.m. Erratic

Operator, Town Farm Road, Report Filed

**Wednesday, July 23**  
10:38 a.m. Burglary, Southbridge Road, Investigated  
11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued  
11:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
12:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:31 p.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
1:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Winthrop Terrace, Written Warning  
2:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

3:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written

Warning  
4:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washington Street, Written Warning  
5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Washington Street, Vehicle Towed  
8:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Thursday, July 24**  
7:48 a.m. Powe Lines Down, New Reed Street, Investigated  
9:56 a.m. Power Lines Down, High Street, Referred to Other Agency  
10:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
3:13 p.m. Safety Concern, Sarty Road, Report Filed

**Friday, July 25**  
9:30 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Cottage Street, Mutual Aid Transport  
4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
11:22 p.m. Falls, Maple Street, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, July 26**  
12:17 p.m. Complaint, Brimfield Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
5:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
6:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Vehicle Towed

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 28-Aug. 4, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 61 building/property checks, 42 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, six traffic controls, 12 emergency 911 calls, three citizen assists, two assist other agencies, three complaints, two investigations, one motor vehicle investigation, one safety hazard, three animal calls and 19 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, July 28**  
2:36 p.m. Investigation, Old Petersham Road, Report Taken  
3:16 p.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
3:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Mechanic Street, Officer Handled  
7:02 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sessions Road, Transported to Hospital

7:24 p.m. Investigation, Old Petersham Road, Dispatch Handled  
9:46 p.m. Suspicious Activity, High Road, Investigated  
11:40 p.m. Suspicious Activity, High Road, Officer Handled

**Tuesday, July 29**  
8:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
9:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
9:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
10:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:07 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Hardwick Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:47 p.m. Assist Citizen,

Lower Road, Officer Handled  
7:03 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Services Rendered  
11:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

**Wednesday, July 30**  
10:20 a.m. Disturbance, Prospect Street, Spoken To  
11:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
1:52 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:13 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Road, No Action Required  
8:10 p.m. Suspicious Activity, School Street, Services Rendered  
10:19 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Negative Contact

**Thursday, July 31**  
7:52 a.m. Complaint,

Prospect Street, Spoken To  
9:24 a.m. Suspicious Activity, Convent Street, Negative Contact

10:04 a.m. Assist Other Agency, North Road, Services Rendered  
11:41 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Railroad Lane, Transported to Hospital  
10:36 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital

**Friday, Aug. 1**  
7:29 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Highland Terrace, Officer Handled  
1:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, Aug. 2**  
3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Criminal Complaint  
3:52 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Delargy Road, Negative Contact

9:15 p.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Services Rendered  
10:02 p.m. Gunshots, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Negative Contact  
10:52 p.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Services Rendered

**Sunday, Aug. 3**  
5:36 a.m. Medical Alarm, Church Lane, Services Rendered  
9:01 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Main Street, Spoken To  
4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated  
5:31 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
5:37 p.m. Medical Alarm, Church Lane, Services Rendered

### QUABBIN

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baseball. There could be some Saturday games added to the schedule depending on the completion of the spring/summer season as well as to makeup rainouts, potentially. Games are nine-innings long and there is a small playoff and championship held at the end of the season. Last year's fall season was eight games and that is the goal for this year. Free and low-cost fields are used as well as just one umpire in an effort to keep the costs lower for players. The cost to play will likely range from \$40 to \$60 for the eight-game schedule. Players from outside the Quabbin League may also pay a small fee for insurance as well. An interest/registration form, will be forthcoming soon, but until then, to express interest in the league, you can email the coordinators of the league at either GScibelli22@yahoo.com or ikhandfield@gmail.com. Scheduled and team placement for unaffiliated players will be finalized in mid-to-late August. Please join in the fun this fall.

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# JUNGLE JIM



Kids reel in an octopus balloon with their balloon fishing rod.

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Massachusetts alone, and 1,000 birthday parties. In 2012, Manning wanted to focus more on libraries and provide inspiring shows that empower children of all ages.

"I like the library shows," Manning said.

Manning believes in performing in libraries to help encourage literacy and help the audience see the library as a destination. The name "Jungle Jim" was inspired by a trip to Australia and he was in a jungle and soon the name just worked.

"It's the journey, not the destination," Manning said.

His inspirations include his father who always had a joke or a story to share. Manning said his father loved interacting with people. His other inspiration is his cousin Tony, who wasn't afraid to make jokes and always had fun. Manning said his cousin is his inspiration to want to connect with people.

Another big inspiration is Jungle Jim loves making kids laugh.

A big component to Jungle Jim's magic show is his balloon twisting. The balloons have been involved in Jungle Jim's act for many years. In 2006, Manning built a haunted house entirely out of balloons.

Having balloons is a great way to stand out as a magician.

During his performance at the Ware Library, Jungle Jim gave kids challenges and those challenges include working with balloons. Jungle Jim's act also included getting volunteers to help with his tricks.

The first balloon trick he did was making an octopus entirely out of balloons. Manning took suggestions from his audience to see what colors he should add for the balloon octopus. The octopus even had balloon eyes to go with the balloon body.

The surprise was that the children volunteers had to fish for the octopus out of the reading room of the Ware Library. Manning made a balloon fishing rod for the kids to reel in the octopus.

The children who were called up to volunteer also got to use a magic wand made of balloons. Maren was one of the young volunteers who assisted Jungle Jim in a coloring book trick. The trick required a wave of the magic balloon wand to add color to the pictures in the coloring book and then have the colors disappear.

The grand finale featured the infamous six-foot balloon. This is a trick that brings

Jungle Jim used a leaf blower for his final trick.



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Maren, left, used a balloon wand to help Jungle Jim with coloring book trick.



A magic wand trick goes wrong with multiple wands turning out to be the wrong color.

out the laughter and joy of a Jungle Jim audience.

Manning does a lot of magic tricks and interactive balloon magic, but he says his favorite trick to do is the six-foot balloon and how he pops out of it. Seeing the trick in person is a whole different experience and is a trick that "gets children to think big", according to Jungle Jim.

The laughter begins with Jungle Jim using a leaf blower to blow up the six-foot balloon. Then the entertainment continues when Jim crawls his way into the balloon and

soon pops his head out on the top. The kids laugh as they see a bouncing balloon with a floating head on top.

When it comes to empowering kids and adding comedy to his magic show, Manning wants to incorporate fun and have the audience know "they're smarter than the magician."

# West Warren residents discuss design improvement projects

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – Residents met at the Warren Senior Center for a presentation of a future design improvement project to River Street and Central Street in West Warren.

Residents spoke with the project engineer, the town's Highway Surveyor, and a representative from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

The River Street & Central Street Design Improvement Project is intended to improve outdated and inefficient infrastructure on both streets. The new designs will improve water, sewer, and drainage systems as well as improvements to the road and sidewalk surfaces.

This project is fully funded through the Fiscal Year 2024 Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, A Community Development Block Grant program.

Residents met with CMRPC Grant Administrator John O'Leary, Highway Surveyor Jeremy Olson, and Jacob Murray of Waterfield Design Group.

Murray began by sharing plans for River Street, which involves drainage improvements, grading changes and adding a sidewalk for pedestrians. River Street has a one way road access and several residents have had complaints about cars entering the street the wrong way.

Residents also addressed the concerns of parked cars and how the sidewalks would be formed. Both Murray and Olson addressed that sidewalks are state recommended.

For traffic, one resident asked if speedbumps could be installed on River Street and Town Administrator James Ferrara responded, "they're illegal on a public street." For speed limitations to be reconsidered, a traffic study needs to be done.

The drainage system on River Street is a big improvement, and the age of the sewer lines is unknown to the residents and the town. Murray says the contractor will work carefully while not knowing how close the sewer lines are to the road surface. Inspections will be done prior, so sewer lines won't be damaged.

River Street residents had some questions about access to the roads during the improvements of the road. Murray said another meeting would have to take place before deciding what road access will be like. Murray encourages residents to bring up concerns at that following meeting.

The plan is to go for bid on a contractor sometime in August or September. The construction work is planned to happen in the spring of 2026.

Ferrera reminded the residents that this project is "meant to improve your neighborhood."

The town has received grants to improve some streets in Warren and is

now on a new focus in West Warren. The issues of cars entering the one-way entrance on River Street has been addressed to the Police Chief.

When it comes to construction on River Street, Olson reminded the residents that it is good to keep open communication between the residents and the contractors. There will be an on-site engineer to make sure contractors is on task.

Murray began to talk about improvements to Central Street in West Warren. The plan is to have one side for parking and one side for a sidewalk. The sidewalk will be on the opposite side of the Upper Room Christian Fellowship Church. There will be no parking on the sidewalk side.

There has been a drainage issue near the intersection of Central Street and Chapel Street. This improvement project is hoping to fix that issue and reduce the flooding that happens after every big storm.

"The number one priority is to control the flooding and water," Olson said.

Having these improvements done on Central Street could relieve some of the water that floods on Chapel Street. Central Street will also have curbs installed and new paving done.

If the town gets a bid for a contractor in August, the project could begin earlier in the fall. Thanks to grant funding, these improvement projects will not cost the town any money.

# Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

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HARDWICK – Interested in health care for Hardwick? Friends of Mary Lane Hospital will be hosted by the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. for an update and discussion.

Topics are: the Lewis Gilbert 1919 will, the 2016 merger and transfer of ownership, the proposal supporting the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, the current status of the Lewis Gilbert Trust Fund, the Baystate audit on how endowment funds have been used, the current condition of the Mary Lane site, what rights the Hardwick and Ware residents have as third party beneficiaries, and actions being taken by the Friends of MLH.

**Touch Tank**  
Mystic Aquarium is coming to Hardwick on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the Mystic Aquarium "Touch Tank", the grand finale for the Paige Memorial Library's 2025 Summer Reading Program.

There will be live inver-

tebrates such as lobsters, horseshoe crabs, and shellfish.

## Hardwick Fair

Bring your Hardwick Fair literary submissions to the Paige Library or mail them to: Paige Memorial Library, PO Box 413, Hardwick, MA 01037.

Sign up to create a fairy house Tuesday, Aug. 12, and Wednesday, Aug. 13. Please register so the library staff know how many people are coming to make sure they have enough supplies.

Are you available to help? The Paige Library needs volunteers to help prepare for the Hardwick fair book sale and the Hardwick Fair-y Village.

The Hardwick Fair is Aug. 15 and 16. Come to the Paige Memorial Library on Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the annual book sale, to display a fairy house in the Hardwick Fair-y village, visit with a real live flower fairy, and get a glitter tattoo.

Contact staff at the library or at director.paigeli@paigeli.com or 413-477-6704 to register and for more information.

bird it was, many were guessing "a small falcon."

The Wilsons would then introduce the great horned owl, one of the biggest owls Eyes on Owls has. These owls have a life span of anywhere from 40 to 50 years.

Kids began pretending to hoot like the great horned owl, which sounds like a four note hoot, "Hoo-Hoo, Hoo-Hoo."

The last owl was a Eurasian eagle owl, another big owl as part of the Eyes on Owls family. This is one of the largest owls in the world. The one the Wilsons have in their program was from Conway and weighs up to 10 pounds.

The scientific name for the Eurasian eagle owl is *Bubo bubo*.

Mark donated a copy of his "Owling" book to the library and thanked everyone who attended the program. He signed copies of his book afterwards and encouraged the kids to "listen for owls in your neighborhood."

"Go home and hoot," he said.

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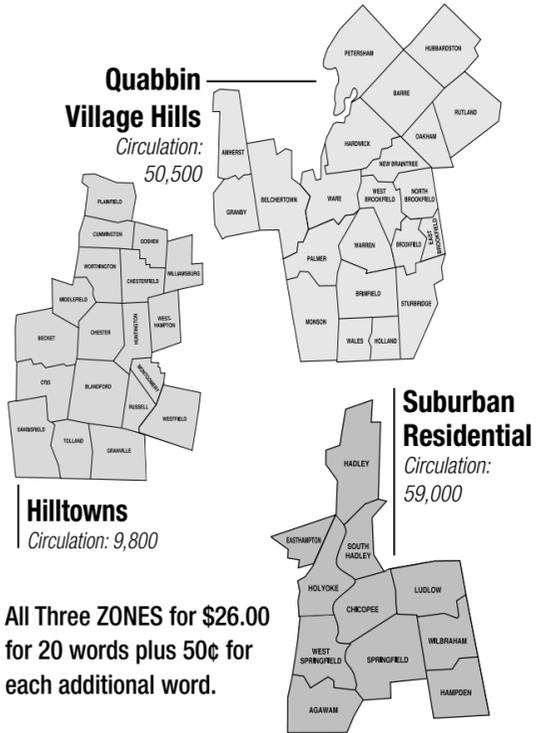
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Docket No.  
HS25C0123CA  
In the matter of:  
Mary Ann Dunbar  
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TO CHANGE NAME**

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Mary Ann Dunbar of Ware, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**MaryAnn Catherine Dunbar**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampshire Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/21/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: July 31, 2025

**Mark S. Ames**  
Register of Probate

08/07/2025

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Ware Zoning Board of Appeals  
LEGAL NOTICE**

V-2025-01

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Zoning Board of Appeals, per the powers given under M.G.L Chapter 40A, will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Robert Jones (Nu-Way Mobile Homes), for a Variance (V-2025-01). The applicant is requesting variance relief from the setback requirements for proposed mobile home under Section 4.8.7, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of mem-

bers of the public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION: 2 4th Avenue, Ware MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 10178, Page 211. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 52-0-21. Zoned: Suburban Residential (SR).

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

**WARE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
S.K Robinson, Chairman  
08/07, 08/14/2025

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Ware Zoning Board of Appeals  
LEGAL NOTICE**

V-2025-02

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Zoning Board of Appeals, per the powers given under M.G.L Chapter 40A, will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, August 27th, 2025 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Yasser Fares, for a Variance (V-2025-02). The applicant is requesting variance relief from the setback requirements for an attached garage under Section 5.1.1, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION: 30 Anderson Road, Ware MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 12855, Page 30. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel # 10-0-123. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

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**WARE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
S.K Robinson, Chairman  
08/07, 08/14/2025

**Town of Ware  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning Board**

SP-2025-08 & SPR-2025-02

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting and Site Plan Review Authority, will hold a Public Hearing during the scheduled meeting on **THURSDAY, August 21 at 7:00pm**, on the application of **MRL LLC.**, for a Special Permit SP-2025-08 and Site Plan SPR-2025-02 for a hybrid Marijuana Establishment, under Zoning Bylaw Section 4.8.8, Registered Marijuana Facilities, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION: 50 East Main Street, Ware MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 6600, Page 165. Property is also identified as Assessor's Parcel 57-0-116. Zoned: Mill-yard (MY).

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**WARE PLANNING BOARD**  
08/07, 08/14/2025

**Town of Ware  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning Board  
LEGAL NOTICE**

SP-2025-07

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting and Site Plan Review Authority, will hold a Public Hearing during the scheduled meeting on **THURSDAY, August 21, 2025 at 7:00pm**, on the application of **Lost Towns Brewing Company**, for the principal use of an eating establishment specializing in serving alcohol, under Zoning Bylaw Section 4.2. Use Table, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

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**WARE PLANNING BOARD**  
08/07, 08/14/2025

**Ware Housing Authority  
Invites Sealed Bids  
Fire Alarm System Upgrade**

The Ware Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the **EOHLC #316098 Fire Alarm System Upgrade** project at Developments 667-1 & 667-2, in Ware, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Hesnor Engineering Associates, PLLC.

The Project consists of: Re-

placement of existing fire alarm control panel and heat detectors with addressable type.

The work is estimated to cost **\$84,228**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

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com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

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Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available on **Wednesday, August 6, 2025** online at [www.biddocsonline.com](http://www.biddocsonline.com) (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

A pre-bid walkthrough is scheduled for **Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Meet outside the Community Building (20 Valley View, Ware, MA 01082).**

08/07/2025



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### WARE BOYS

from page 9  
who'll be one of the five seniors on the Indians varsity team this winter. "Playing in this league also helps build our chemistry."

Gaudreau also plays soccer and baseball, but basketball is his favorite sport to play.

"I played soccer and baseball before playing basketball, but I quickly fell in love with the sport," he said. "I've really enjoyed playing for coach (Gene) Rich on the varsity basketball team during the past few years. I would like to continue playing basketball in college."

A year ago, Rich, who

was an outstanding basketball player at Quabbin Regional, guided the Indians to the Elite 8 of the Division 5 state tournament.

Brady Guimond, who'll also be a senior, scored eight of his team-leading 14 points in the first round playoff game against Prouty during the second half.

Rounding out the scoring column for Ware were Brodie Koczur (9 points), Alex Orszulak (7 points), Kaleb Kanozek (4 points), Matt Skutnick (4 points), Ian Hogan (2 points), and Dalton Marquis (2 points).

With the help of a couple of 3-pointers from Koczur,

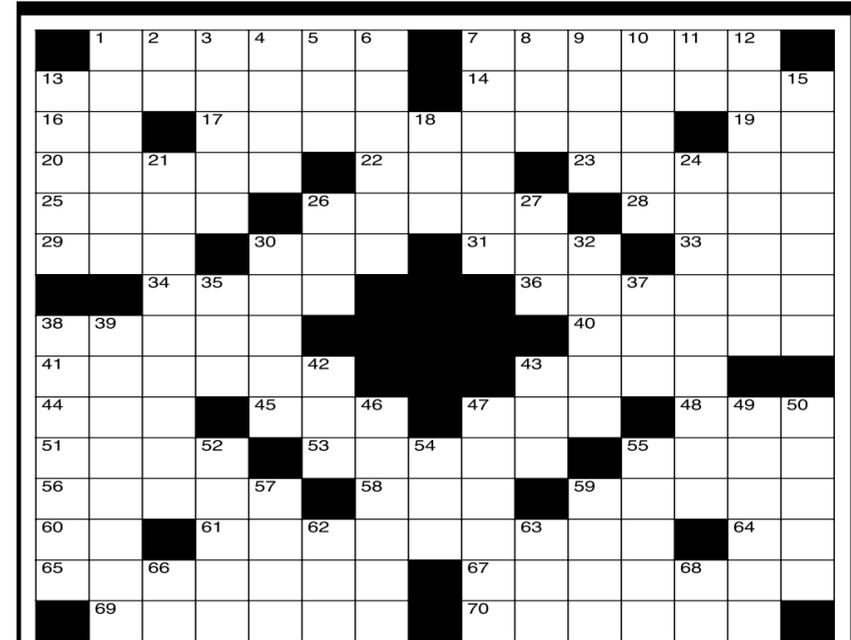
Ware managed to pull away during the final nine minutes of the first half with the help of a 12-3 run. Skutnick scored all four of his points during that run.

"We did start out a little bit slowly in tonight's game," Doty said. "We played much better in the second half."

Ware outscored David Prouty, 23-12 during the second half.

Ware faced sixth-seeded Leicester in a quarterfinal game on Monday night.

The semifinals and finals were scheduled to be played at Auburn High School on Wednesday night



#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Spiritual leaders
7. Salt
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. They precede C
17. A way to compare
19. State lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. Eighth month (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. \_\_\_ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. Mountain in New Zealand
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. One of the founders of
- modern psychology
41. Endured
43. A female domestic
44. You can get stuck in one
45. Partner to feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankee great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Gold
65. Longtime Braves hurler
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Necklance materials
4. Containers
5. Investment account
6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
7. Dipped down
8. Head injury category (abbr.)
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. Caused to be loved
13. Muslim spiritual leader
15. Showing sincere conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)
30. Start over
32. Wild white flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
38. Side by side and facing the same way
39. Religious conflicts
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
51. Title of respect
55. Chilean city
57. Japanese city
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62. Draw from
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