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Veterans Council resigns during Selectmen's meeting

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WARREN – The four members of the Veterans Council appeared before the Board of Selectmen, asking the Board to reconsider its decision to deny them “special municipal employee” designation.

At the Aug. 3 meeting, Veterans Council Co-Chair Rebecca Acerra questioned why the Board wouldn't reconsider the decision, when 11 boards and committees have the designation, which covers 99 town employees.

“Ninety-nine...what is four more?” she asked.

Acerra said she believes the

Council is being targeted, following a disagreement between the Board and her Veterans Council Co-Chair Richard Demetrius, regarding renewal of his permit for a gravel pit.

The Board had previously sought Town Counsel's opinion about Demetrius representing his one-person business, as he is

also a member of the Conservation Commission. Town Counsel told the Board that Demetrius could be given special municipal employee designation to avoid a conflict of interest.

According to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 268A, special municipal employee designation “can be assigned to certain

municipal positions by a vote of the board of selectmen, board of aldermen, town council or city council. Several specific municipal positions are automatically designated as ‘special’ under the law... it is the municipal position that is designated as having ‘special’ status, not the individual. Therefore, all employees holding the same

office or position must have the same classification as ‘special municipal employees’...once a position is designated as having ‘special’ status, it remains a ‘special municipal employee’ position unless and until the classification is rescinded.”

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SB appoints five full-time police officers

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WARE – The Selectboard appointed five full-time officers to the Police Department at their Tuesday night meeting, four of which were Ware residents.

“All five of them did fantastic on the interview process,” Police Chief Shawn Crevier said.

The first officer to be appointed was Eric Esteves, who has already been full-time academy trained.

“Eric took it upon himself and put him through a full-time academy on his own dime out of the Quinsigamond Community College program that they started last year. He excelled, he did a great job and as a result it's going to save the town probably up to \$30,000 in wages and fees for the academy,” Crevier said.

Esteves, Steven Fritscher, Jacob Mansfield and Evan Anair are all Ware residents, and Hunter Zygmunt is from Hatfield.

“We had a great pool of residents from the town of Ware,” Crevier said.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said they had strong candidates for the positions, and he was impressed with all of them.

School superintendent

Selectboard Chair Caitlin McCarthy welcomed



Shown with Police Chief Shawn Crevier from left are newly appointed Ware Police Officers Jacob Mansfield, Hunter Zygmunt, Crevier, Steven Fritscher, Evan Anair and Eric Esteves.

Superintendent Michael Lovato to the meeting, saying she was excited to have him on board.

Lovato gave an update about his time in the school district during his first month.

“We've been pretty busy,” he said. “It's really been about restructuring and looking at our administrative team; how we can

support our principals to help them focus on the instructional challenges that we have and making sure we're right back headed where I know we can be.”

Lovato said the big piece for the school district is really marketability.

“We cannot allow anybody to dictate our message at the public

schools, it has to be us. It has to be us to share what's going out; it has to be us to share the good stuff that's happening in our schools,” he said.

Lovato said they have to be on top of it, and the focus is on accountability and ownership.

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New CEO finds his sweet spot at QHCC

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PALMER – It's been just over one month since Palmer Town Council member Robert Lavoie stepped in as the Chief Executive Officer of the Quabog Hills Chamber of Commerce, and it's certainly been a “treat” so far.

Two weeks ago, Lavoie received a call that 8,000 surplus ice cream sandwiches needed to find a new home, and Lavoie decided he would drive throughout the 15 towns the Chamber covers and give them away.

Lavoie started with the schools, including summer programs at Old Mill Pond School, Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School in Ware and the Quabog Regional School District, branching out to senior centers, community centers, veterans offices and more. He even donated the ice cream sandwiches to local police departments to give away at National Night Out.

This was, “the coolest thing about becoming CEO,” Lavoie said.

But now it's back to business for Lavoie, who is focused on building membership of the Chamber, as well as strengthening its role in developing the local workforce.

During his visit to the Quabog Regional School District, Lavoie spoke with Assistant Superintendent of Development Madeline Smola about the need for outreach to local employers for the school's co-op program.

“I'm going to partner with the schools to start,” Lavoie said. “They want to be used as a pool for regional employers...that is one of my goals.”

Lavoie said the school district has a grant that would not only cover wages for students in the co-op, but it would also cover transportation.

Lavoie plans to work with the school district and meet with students to talk about the merits of participating in the co-op.

“Students can try out a job and see if it's for them or not. I'll sit with them and try to connect the pieces,” he said.

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Robert Lavoie

Board discusses improvements needed for Senior Center

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WARREN – Town Administrator James Ferrera updated the Board of Selectmen about repairs that are needed to improve the Senior Center.

At the Aug. 3 meeting, Ferrera listed several items that needed addressing at the building, including power washing, painting, adding vinyl siding and gutter replacement.

Most of the work would be done to the front of the building, where the paint is peeling, and the wood is starting to rot. Ferrera said there was talk about putting royal blue vinyl siding on the front, and have the rest of the building pearl white.

The side near the addition would also need to be painted.

Ferrera said the gutters on the building are not consistent and some aren't connected. He said they need to be replaced with all-around, seamless gutters.

Installing a fence around the Senior Center's AC unit was also discussed as a need.

Ferrera is in the process of getting quotes for the projects, which he hopes to have by the following week.

“It's a lot of work,” Ferrera said. “It's a pretty involved project.”

Ferrera suggested the Board use the \$30,000 that was approved at the town meeting to maintain both the Shepard Municipal Building and the Senior Center.

“It's a bold project to protect the building,” he said.

School district update

Ferrera said Superintendent Stephen Duff was unable to attend the meeting, but he intends to meet with the Board regularly and give monthly updates.

“He wants to establish a clear line of communication,” Ferrera said of Duff.

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Local fire departments compete in a muster

By Emily-Rose Pappas
Staff Writer

BROOKFIELD – During the town's 350th anniversary celebration, area fire departments joined together and competed in Brookfield Fire Department's muster.

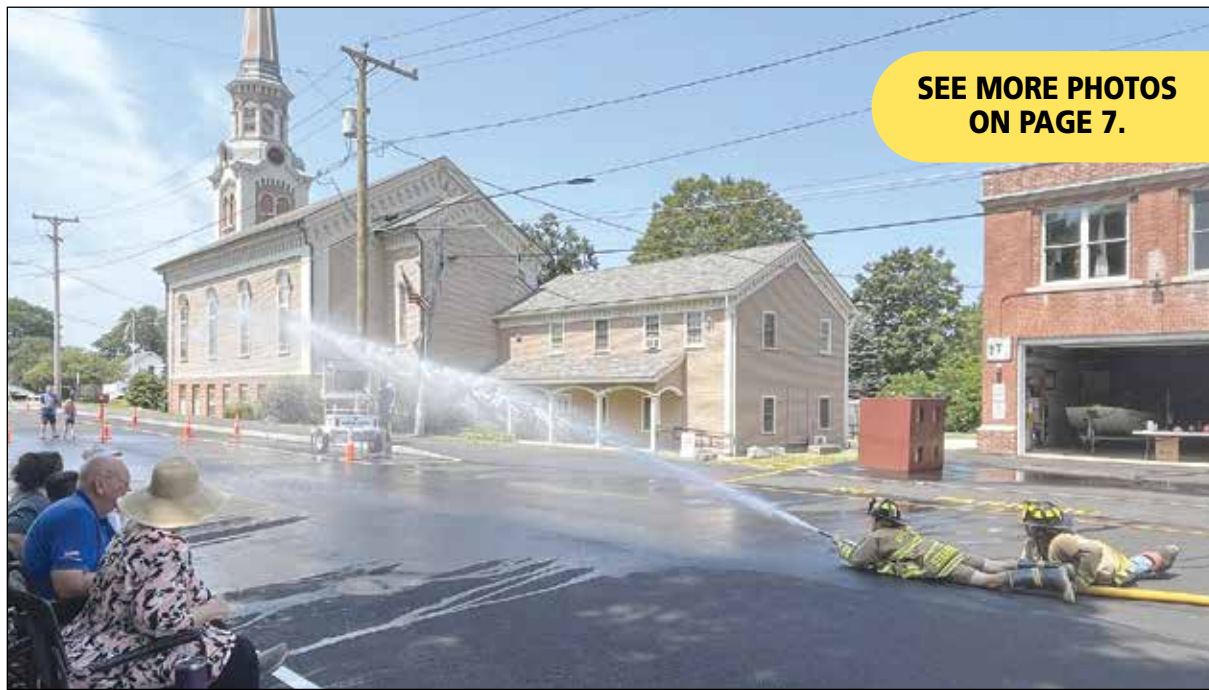
The muster featured the three departments competing in several races to connect hoses and knock over a target. The event was filled with friendly competition and camaraderie between the Brookfield, Oakham, and Warren fire departments.

The competition had many close

calls as the firefighters displayed their agility and sportsmanship.

Warren Fire Department placed first overall at the muster.

The chiefs of the three departments wish for this event to become a yearly muster to bring together more departments to compete in the future.



Firefighters work to knock down the target during Brookfield Fire Department's muster.

Turley Photo by Emily-Rose Pappas

Hardwick Community Fair returns for 261st year

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HARDWICK – Considered to be the oldest fair in the U.S., the Hardwick Community Fair is preparing to mark its 261st year of celebrating agriculture and creating lasting memories.

Despite over two-and-a-half centuries of history, the Hardwick Community Fair always has something new to offer, and this year it has a bumper crop.

“There's new and old at the Fair, and to me that's what makes it so special,” Fair Association Secretary Lisa Cohen said. “It celebrates Hardwick's heritage, but also looks to Hardwick's future.”

In keeping with that, this year's fair will feature a “Burger Bash” hosted by the

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Weir River Concert Band gets ready for 19th season

The Weir River Concert Band will begin rehearsals for its 19th season on Sept. 6 at the Stone Church Cultural Center in Gilbertville.

The band rehearses from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings from September through June. The band performs two concerts each season; a Christmas concert in December and a concert of traditional, pop and marches for concert band in June.

The band also provides live music for the Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades in Ware.

The Weir River Concert Band (originally the Ware Community Band) was formed in February of 2006.

Former Ware High School Band Director John Sacco formed the band at a time when instrumental music was no longer being offered in the Ware school system. He continues to conduct the band entering its 19th season.

The band was created to give musicians of all ages and abilities a place to learn and grow as musicians. The band has included members from the ages of 11-90 over the years.

The group consists of musicians from the surrounding area; from Rutland to Monson and places in between.

The Weir River Concert Band mission statement is "to give musi-



The Weir River Concert Band is preparing for its 19th season, starting Sept. 6.

cians of all ages and playing levels a place to improve their musicianship in an accepting and enjoyable atmosphere. It is also our mission to provide enjoyable, quality performances for the people of the surrounding communities."

The Weir River Concert Band has been fortunate to join forces and collaborate with the Stone Church Cultural Center. After the COVID outbreak, the band was not able to use the Ware High School as a rehearsal/concert venue.

The Stone Church graciously provided the band with a place to rehearse and hold performances. They have also taken on much of

the responsibility of making the concert happen.

The Weir River Concert Band would like to extend an invitation to musicians in the area to come join the fun. The only requirements are that you have your own instrument, you are able to read music (at any level), are willing to attend rehearsals on a regular basis (the band understands that things can sometimes interfere, and that's okay), and want to have some fun while improving your musical abilities.

If you would like to join, please contact Joanne Meegan by email at jomeegan@comcast.net.

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 1991 showed Ware Lions Club members manning the refreshment stand at the Fourth of July festivities. From left were Walter Adamczyk, Stephen Rucki and Ward Warburton.



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



Submitted Photo
Julie Beck is the juror for the 5th annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition. Deadline to submit entries is Aug. 23.

Workshop13 hosts 5th annual Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition

WARE – Workshop13 invites artists from throughout the northeastern U.S. to participate in the 5th annual juried Northeast Fine Arts Exhibition.

Works of traditional realism are welcomed in the following categories: oil painting, watercolor, sculpture, drawing/graphics, acrylic (includes casein and egg tempera), pastel, and mixed media. Awards will be granted in multiple categories, with Best in Show receiving \$1,000.

The deadline for entry is Aug. 23 by midnight. This annual exhibition of traditional realism is held in the unique Grand Hall gallery of Workshop13, a non-profit cultural arts and learning center located at 13 Church St.

The exhibition will be on display from Sept. 23 to Oct. 8 and can be visited on Fridays from 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. The show will open with a reception from 1-4

p.m. on Sept. 23, with awards announced at 3 p.m.

The juror for the 5th annual NEFAE is Julie Beck, the Assistant Director of the Academy of Realist Art, Boston, as well as an instructor.

Beck is currently working out of her personal studio at ARA Boston, where she is developing a body of work that explores the concepts of nostalgia, relationships, and identity. She has a wide range of painting subjects including still life paintings and animal/figurative works.

Her work can be found in private collections throughout the U.S. and internationally.

About Workshop13

Workshop13 Cultural Arts and Learning Center is a rural non-profit arts innovator located in Ware and devoted to increasing the appreciation and accessibility of the arts, strengthening the creative life of our community through instruction, collaborations, and arts-based initiatives.

Tickets available for Grange Fair chicken barbecue

WARE – The Ware Grange is holding a chicken barbecue at the Grange Fair on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 4-5:30 p.m.

People can eat outside under the tent, and take out is also available. The meal includes a half chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, dinner roll, drink, and dessert for \$25.

Reservations are required. Please call 413-284-1135 or email waregrange@comcast.net by Aug. 18 to make your reservations for the chicken barbecue.

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Ware Senior Center news

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

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

ACTIVITIES

Monday, Aug. 14

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

Tuesday, Aug. 15

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
10 a.m. Scat
11:30 a.m. Lunch
6 p.m. Pitch (doors open at 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, Aug. 16

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

Thursday, Aug. 17

9 a.m. New Senior Spring Walk Meet at Senior Center and wear comfortable footwear. Bringing water, sunscreen, bug spray and energy snack are suggested.

9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners

10 a.m. Line Dancing
10 a.m. Scat

11:30 a.m. Lunch
2:30 p.m. Art Class
Friday, Aug. 18
9 a.m. Tai Chi
10 a.m. Scat
10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Brown Bag
11:30 a.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Chair Yoga
1:30-3:30 p.m. Chair Massage (available by appointment only, call 413-967-9645; \$5 for 10 minutes)
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Monday, Aug. 14

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Tuesday, Aug. 15

Turkey Dinner \$5 plate
Turkey with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Stuffing, Peas, Dessert

Wednesday, Aug. 16

BBQ Pork Loin, Golf Ball Potatoes, Veggies of the Day, Dessert of the Day

Thursday, Aug. 17

American chop Suey, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

Friday Aug. 18

Grilled Salmon, Lemon Dill Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day



"Magnolias" by Candace Imming won "Best Use of Materials."

'Flower Power' exhibit in bloom through Aug. 27

WARE – ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St., is celebrating the beauty of nature this summer with an exhibition of artworks exploring floral imagery in a wide range of styles and media, from photorealistic oil paintings to playfully abstract sculptures and everything in between.

Featuring over 60 works of art by more than 40 artists from throughout the northeastern U.S., "Flower Power" is on display at ArtWorks Gallery through Aug. 27.

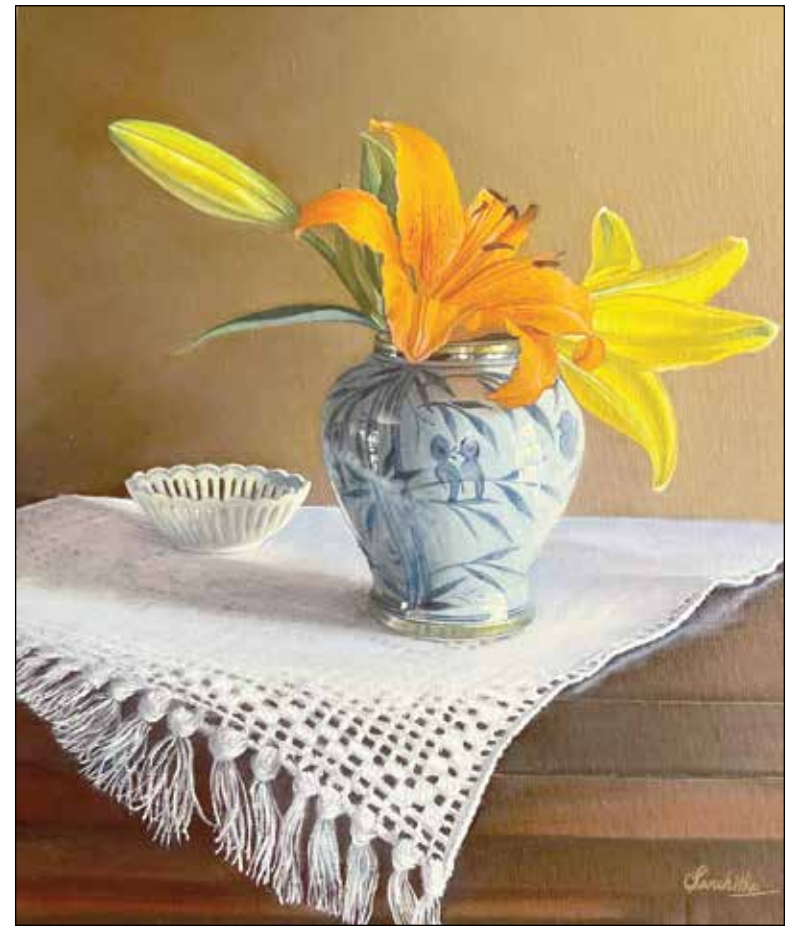
Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. For those who cannot attend the show in person, a virtual gallery is available for viewing at workshop13.org.

The window installation for "Flower Power," visible from

the street, is the creation of Anne Krauss. She is a New Jersey State Council on the Arts and Ford Foundation award recipient, and her work has been exhibited in galleries and museums in the United States and Japan. Commercial artwork includes design for film, theatre, television, and private industry.

Her fiber and mixed media artwork has been featured in magazines, design books, and on public television. Currently a resident of Amherst, Krauss manages her art studio in addition to a counseling practice, which specializes in work with artists, writers, and musicians.

Renowned local artist Deborah Rubin served as the juror for "Flower Power." She has been pushing the boundaries of pho-



Earning "Best Composition" was "Lilly Bloom" by Sanchitha Vishwanath.

to-realism and hyper-realism since the mid-1970s with an eye on nature and more recently, architecture.

Hampden artist Brian McQuillan was awarded Best in Show for his welded metal sculpture "Fantasy Garden," which he describes as "a shiny shout of metal blooms." Sanchitha Vishwanath won Best Composition for the oil painting "Lilly Bloom," Candace Imming won Best Use of Materials for the digitally manipulated photograph "Magnolias," and Christina Gusek won Most Whimsical for the drawing "Future Flower."

About ArtWorks Gallery and Workshop13

ArtWorks Gallery is Workshop13's gallery on Main Street. This space features numerous art exhibitions each year and is also available to rent for individual or group shows. Workshop13 Cultural Arts and Learning Center is a rural non-profit arts innovator located in Ware, Massachusetts and devoted to increasing the appreciation and accessibility of the arts, strengthening the creative life of our community through instruction, collaborations, and arts-based initiatives.

Ware Grange Fair returns Aug. 25-26

WARE – The Ware Grange Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 25-26 at the Grange Hall on Route 9 in Ware (297 Belchertown Road).

This year's Fair will feature exhibits, children's field events, face painting, a planting activity

with the Girl Scouts, raffles, a bake sale, chicken barbecue and auction. Exhibits may be entered on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 5-7 p.m. or Friday, Aug. 25 from 9-11 a.m.

For more information or details on exhibiting, visit waregrange.org or call 413-284-1135.

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"We have had a change in principal, and we'll be opening that up as far as for interviews and for what that looks like in the future," he said.

He said looking at the school district scores, they have some things they need to address and concerns to look at.

Lovato said he will "make sure our focus is academic based, our focus is about problem solving and our focus is about preparing the future of our kids. I'm happy to be here, I'm proud to be here, and I'm excited to continue to get to know everybody."

Lovato said he has an open door policy, and he welcomes anyone to come to him and share their thoughts and ideas.

Town Manager's report

National Night Out was rescheduled to Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Beckley said it's a free family fun night, and

there will be snacks, town equipment, businesses and agencies offering activities or giving handouts, and more.

Beckley said Tractor Supply is moving forward with the project on West Street and is expected to meet with the Conservation Commission in September.

He said 18 town staff are being trained in CPR and the first three-hour session went "extremely well."

Following the training, AED devices will be placed in the Town Hall and help staff be prepared in an emergency. Devices will also be placed at the water, sewer and highway departments, as well as the park.

Beckley said the Senior Center already has an AED device and he will check to see if the library does as well.

Beckley thanked Officer John Cacela for installing NaloxBoxes around town for the distribution of Narcan. The boxes are located by the Town Hall bathroom, as well as

the library and private businesses.

They will be refilled as needed, he said.

Work to refinish the Town Hall's upstairs floor has begun, starting with sanding. Beckley said they will replace warped boards on the stage floor as well before applying polyurethane.

The project will be done before the state primary in October.

Beckley said a meeting was held with Westmass Area Development Corporation about the Baystate Mary Lane Hospital site.

The architect and Westmass will have outreach and public forums to discuss the best use of the property, before a concept is presented to the town and redevelopment begins.

There will be demolition of the houses on the site, and removal of asbestos from some of the buildings, Beckley said.

Policy updates

Human Resources Director Justine Caggiano presented three updated policies for family medical

leave, pregnancy related accommodation and parental leave. She said the policies have been looked over by the town's legal counsel.

Caggiano said the policies weren't as thorough as they could have been, and with these updates, the policies will be the same throughout the town. The Selectboard approved updates to all three policies.

This meeting was also Caggiano's last day before leaving her position and she thanked the Selectboard and said they'd all touched her life.

Sewer abatements

The Selectboard approved partial sewer abatements for the following properties: 6-12 Otis Avenue, \$2,990.61; 17 Aspen St., \$822.95; and 25-27 Vigeant St., \$984.83.

Appointment

The Selectboard appointed Mitchell Kupperman to the Finance Committee.

250th U.S. committee

The Selectboard approved the formation of a seven-member 250th U.S. committee. Beckley said this request comes from the Historical Commission to recognize the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Pool design

Beckley said the Parks Department received a design for the town pool renovation, estimated at \$3.2 million without bathroom renovation. He said the bathhouse needs "extensive work," and could bring the project total to \$3.5-4 million.

Recognition

Selectboard member Jack Cascio recognized Police Officers Whitcomb and Ladue, for their assistance with helping another person.

Whitcomb and Ladue are "two great

guys to have on the force," he said.

Approvals

The Selectboard approved a special permit for the Paws at the Park 5K Walk/Run at Grenville Park on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Selectboard also approved the department head meeting schedule, which will start in September with Public Safety.

Yard waste drop-off

The Department of Public Works will open Robbins Road the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for yard waste drop-offs, heading into weekly drop-offs in October.

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Seven sisters and 37 feet of hair

The strange saga of the Sutherland Sisters

By J. Mark Powell
jmarkpowell.com

There's no delicate way to say this, so here goes. Your great-great-grandparents had a weird thing about hair.



The Victorians were obsessed with lovely locks. People have always admired a nice head of hair. But Victorians were bonkers for beautiful tresses.

They snipped strands of dead loved ones' hair for keepsakes. They put their locks inside lockets and photo cases for par-amours and they made hair jewelry.

Seriously, it was a thing. They wove it into bracelets, brooches, watch fobs, and more.

Decades before the musical "Hair" took Broadway by storm, a musical group swept the country at the height of hair's heyday and, in turn, peddled a concoction that made a fortune. This is the story of seven sisters and their combined 37 feet of hair.

Life wasn't easy on the Sutherland family's turkey farm in Niagara County, New York, Fletcher Sutherland was like Pa Kettle, a lazy ne'er-do-well content to let everyone else do his work for him.

Daughters Sarah, Victoria, Isabella, Grace, Naomi, Dora, and Mary herded the birds barefoot and in dingy dresses. Smooth-talking Papa Sutherland preferred preaching and politicking and basically anything (apart from manual labor) that let him flap his jaw.

His daughters were so ashamed of their appearance they hid when company called, especially after their long-suffering mother died in 1867.

But one thing set the Sutherland sisters apart. Their remarkably long, lovely hair which grew to their waist and beyond. People raved about it.

Their mother had drenched their heads with a foul-smelling mixture she cooked up to make their hair luxuriously beautiful. It smelled so bad that kids wouldn't sit beside them in school.

When the mom passed away, the odious ointment went to the grave with her.

The girls (along with brother Charles) began playing musical instruments and singing. Their daddy, always looking for a chance to make a quick buck, booked them at churches.

Soon, the act became the talk of Upstate New York.

Musically, it was nothing special. The kids weren't bad; they weren't great, either.

But people weren't coming to hear their songs. Folks flocked to see their incredible hair.

Fletcher Sutherland knew a good thing when he saw it. He billed the sisters as "The Seven Wonders." (Brother Charlie was given the boot; there was no interest in an adolescent boy with average hair).

By December 1880 they reached Broadway where audiences gazed admiringly at the girls' combined total of 37 feet of hair.

The act began with the sisters sporting braids atop their heads. The highlight came when they turned their backs and unpinned it, unleashing a tidal wave of hair.

Caught in glowing gaslight, crowds gaped in amazement at the wondrous sight.

Victoria fascinated showgoers the most with her seven feet of hair. Mary was the slacker with a mere three feet.

In 1884 they hit the big time: A sideshow with Barnum and Bailey's Circus, "The greatest show on Earth." P.T. Barnum promoted them as, "The seven most pleasing wonders of the world."

The sisters were different from their colleagues. They weren't viewed as "circus people" shunned by polite society.

They conducted themselves as dignified proper ladies. Though his girls were now bona fide celebrities, it still wasn't enough to satisfy their father's voracious greed.

So Fletcher Sutherland partnered with promoter Harry Bailey, distant cousin of the Bailey in Barnum and Bailey.

They resurrected Ma Bailey's hair ointment, changing the formula so it wasn't so disgusting smelling. Soon "The Seven Sutherland Sisters Hair Grower" was being sold.

They got a chemist to write, "I hereby certify that I found it free from all injurious substances ...and I cheerfully endorse it." In the days before the FDA, that was good enough for gullible consumers.

By 1884 the company had raked in \$90,000 in sales (about \$2.7 million today).

Sutherland was a wealthy man when he died in 1885. The sisters gradually got involved in the company and proved themselves shrewd businesswomen.

They expanded the product line to include brushes and other hair-related products, all marketed to upper-class women who could afford their extravagant prices.

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Zucchini and its many pests

The zucchini season started out with promise.

I sowed my seeds early and covered the hills with Reemay (a light, polyester row cover) to keep out the striped cucumber beetle. From past experience I knew that young seedlings could be decimated by this pest.

Within a few days the seeds had popped. I thinned them to three per hill and continued to water.

Soon they grew too big for their covering, and I figured that at this point in the game they could withstand a little damage. Sure enough, striped cucumber beetles found the plants.

It was harder to sneak up on them during the day, but at night I was able to position a cup of soapy water under a leaf and "tap," sending them in for a swim. My plants endured a bit of leaf damage, but not much more than that.

Populations dropped off and I presumed that it would be smooth sailing from here to harvest. So I thought.

Along came the squash bug, a brownish gray insect about a half-inch long with a triangular top and an oval bottom. Many people confuse squash bugs with stink bugs because

they do indeed stink!

Squash bugs have a taste for the foliage and fruit of the cucurbit family, whereas stink bugs don't. Entire plants can be killed if infestations are severe enough.

You'll notice yellow stippling on the leaves first, followed by wilting and browning; they head for the fruit last. Because I was on the look-out for the cucumber beetle I saw the adults before any damage ensued and sent them swimming as well, sometimes "two at a time."

If you miss the grownups, chances are you will have to scout for eggs. Usually they are laid in a "V" pattern on the undersides of the leaves.

They are hard to scrape off, so I crushed them between my two thumbnails. I must have also passed by a few eggs, so next I had to look for young squash bugs called nymphs.

If a bug could ever qualify for cute status, this one would with its one quarter inch light gray body, black legs and head. "Tapping" comes in handy here too - this time I brought a shallow cardboard box out into the garden, gave the leaf a good tap, and the whole team was cornered then dumped in a bath of soapy water.

It's beginning to sound as if all I do is hang out in the garden all day catching bugs - not true. With only two hills of zucchini all this work took just a few seconds each morning and night.

At last, we harvested the first zucchini and summer squash, picked at about six inches. At that size the flesh is tender, and the seeds are barely evident. The cucumber beetle did not transmit a disease.

Nor did the squash bug kill the plant. But while I was busy looking under the leaves for obvious bugs, the squash vine borer was at work inside its stem.

One giveaway that you have it: a mushy, sawdust-like excrement appearing outside of small holes in the stems. Affected plants also have leaves that wilt despite being well watered.

I tried removing the white, wrinkled worms from the hollow stems by making a slit with a needle and removing the insect. I must have missed a few - a strong possibility considering the female moth lays two hundred individual eggs at the plant's base!

The eggs hatch into larva that tunnel into the stems, eventually killing the plant.

As ridiculous as it sounds, wrapping a shiny barrier such as aluminum foil around the plant's base does seem to deter the red bodied, transparent-leaved moth from her egg-laying endeavors.

My dead plants were carried off to the trash, not the compost pile, and I will turn over the soil in both fall and spring to kill any pupae that may be overwintering. Rotating your crops can also help.

Some gardeners wash down their stems daily to dislodge and kill the eggs. Others make a late sowing only; supposedly after July Fourth or so egg laying ceases.

I made a second sowing a couple weeks back. If the borers don't get these, the frost likely will, but I am crossing my fingers that an Indian Summer may mean more zucchini for our household, because what we had certainly wasn't enough!

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Veteran supports members of Veterans Council

My wife and I attended the Warren Selectmen's Aug. 3 meeting to support the four volunteer members of the Warren Veterans Council which ended in the resignation of the entire Council.

I was a resident of West Warren growing up until one year after returning from Vietnam.

It was because of Becky Acerra, Richard Demetrius, Judith and Lloyd Rice that my wife and I became involved with the Veterans Council.

My involvement with the town started again with my photo being added to the Veterans' Wall at the Middle/High School. I spearheaded the relocation of the Warren High trophies from the old High School, now the Shepard Municipal Building, to Quaboag Regional Middle/High School.

My involvement really increased when Becky Acerra called and advised a \$1,000 scholarship would be given in honor of my father, William K. Pratt, a World War II veteran, one of the town's five Purple Heart recipients and the first to pass.

The other four Purple Heart town recipients were also represented in this meeting in support of the Veterans Council: Michael O'Keefe, Korea; Jeff Nickerson, son of Donald Nickerson, Korea; Kathy Odiorne, wife of Gary Odiorne, Vietnam; Joe Perkins, son of Rodney Perkins, World War II.

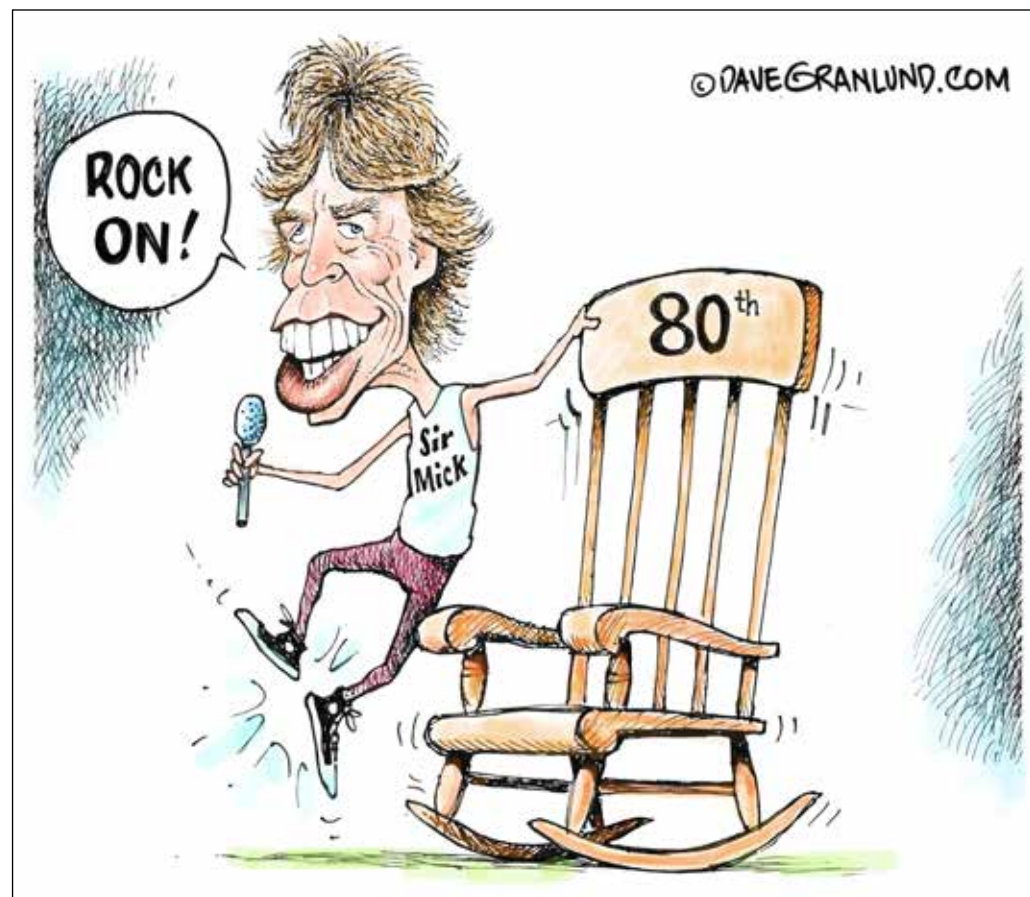
The volunteer Veterans Council went above and beyond in supporting and remembering the veterans of the town. They constructed

Second Chance Animal golf tournament great success

I am writing on behalf of everyone at Second Chance Animal Services to express our gratitude and appreciation for the tremendous support we received for the 11th Annual Second Chance Golf Tournament.

This event was a great success made possible by generous sponsors and supporters.

The tournament was held to raise funds for programs to benefit the underserved at Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals, a cause near and dear to my heart. Our four hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester provide access to full-service veterinary care.



a beautiful monument in honor of our five Purple Heart recipients, more yearly scholarships, Wreaths Across America, cemetery flags, breakfasts, parades and much more.

But especially the respect for our veterans and patriotic pride.

These accomplishments were done by a team effort. One for all, all for one.

The meeting should have tried to find a solution to resolve a problem which would

have better served the interests of the veterans and the town. Instead, it showed the pettiness of town politics and in my opinion the vindictiveness by the Selectmen for one Veterans Council member.

A sad day for the veterans and the Town of Warren.

Ken Pratt
Ware

BBB gives tips on spotting job offer scams

To find the job of your dreams, you need a well-crafted resume, right?

According to recent Scam Tracker reports from the Better Business Bureau, con artists have devised yet another way to trick job seekers out of money and personal information. If you are asked to pay to reformat your resume for a company's applicant tracking system during your job search, think twice before you agree. This scam is convincing because many companies use software to automate resume reviews.

How the scam works

You're contacted by a headhunting company that found your information on LinkedIn or a job search website.

They claim you are an excellent candidate for the well-paying position they are looking to fill. You must send them your resume and do a virtual interview.

The request seems reasonable, so you email them your resume. Shortly afterward, they contact you letting you know they received the resume, but it isn't properly formatted for their ATS.

Now, the "recruiter" directs you to a website where you can get your resume reformatted. You visit the website, where you find out you'll need to submit personal information and make a payment for the service.

If you accept, you'll receive a "formatted" resume that doesn't look much different from your original resume - if you receive anything

at all.

The formatting service is a dishonest scheme to get your money and personal details. The job you're applying for doesn't even exist.

How to protect yourself

Research the job offer: If you get a job or interview offer, especially one that sounds too good to be true, research it. Visit the company website or call them to see if a job posting or opening exists.

If a third-party headhunter contacts you, research that company or service. Look for any reports of suspicious activity or scams.

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Hardwick 261st Fair COMMUNITY

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AUGUST 18 - 19



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

- 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM Craft Beer Garden
{ LAST CALL 10:00 PM }
- 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Tri-Parish Church
baked potato bar
- 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM Historical Society corn on
the cob bar
- 7:00 PM Opening Ceremonies &
Fair Dedication
{ FLAG POLE }
- 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
- 7:15 PM Lumberjack Contest
- 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM Entertainment
{ THE OTTERS }

For a complete list of
events, exhibits, rules and instructions,
visit hardwickfair.com.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- 7:30 AM – 10:00 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 Hardwick Fair-y Villages
{ PAIGE LIBRARY }
- 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 – 2:00 PM Face Painting
- 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM Timber Framing &
Pottery Demonstrations
- 10:45 AM Stone Cutting
- 11:00 AM Dance Demo
{ NEAR SMALL COMMON }
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Tri-Parish Church
baked potato bar
- 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Historical Society
corn on the cob bar
- 12:00 PM Children's Parade
- 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Entertainment
{ THE OTTERS }
- 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM Craft Beer Garden
{ LAST CALL 7:00 PM }
- 12:30 PM Antique Tractor &
Implement Parade
- 1:00 PM NEW! – Central Mass
Rabbit Breeders Display
& Demo
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Historical Society Opens
{ EXHIBITS }
- 1:30 PM Frog Jumping Contest
- 1:30 PM Horseshoe Contest
- 2:00 PM Children's Games
- 3:30 PM Auction of Exhibits
- 4:00 PM NEW! – Hardwick Trivia
- 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Hardwick Farmers Guild
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Saturday at frequent intervals. Handicapped parking
will be available at the Universalist Church and adja-
cent to the Police Command Center at the corner of
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Fair Exhibits: Fair entries can be dropped off
Thursday, Aug. 17 from 7-9 p.m. or Friday, Aug.
18 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Please note: Entries for
the Literary Competition have a strict deadline of
3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17. Exhibit halls will
be closed to the public for judging on Friday, Aug.
18 at 2:30 p.m., so be sure to enter your exhibit(s)
prior to this time. All exhibits must remain in
place until Saturday, Aug. 19, 3 p.m.

Domestic Arts: sewing, quilts, pillows, embroi-
dery, knitting, crochet, afghans, hand spun yarn,
weaving, traditional hooked runs, counted cross
stitch, and open class for seniors age 65 and older.

Nature Photography and Conservation: nature
photography – black and white or color, collections
– animal, vegetable, or mineral, bird house/feeder/
terrarium, and conservation project or display.

Field Crops: full bale, first cutting mixed hay;
full bale, 2nd cutting mixed hay; 5 stalks silage
corn (70 day); 5 stalks silage corn (90 day); 5 stalks
silage corn (105 day); grass silage (2 large handfuls
in a zip-lock bag); and sunflowers.

Home Baking: adult cooking ages 15 and older
(pies with homemade crust, freestyle bake, quick
breads, muffins, "Squeeze of the Day!", cakes, cook-
ies, brownies, creative use of a mix, sweet yeast
dough, gluten free, yeast bread, Micky DiMartino
Adult Challenge Recipe). Youth cooking ages 14
and under (cookies, squares, quick breads, fruit
pies, freestyle bake, I'm a Chocoholic, Say Whoopie!,
baked donuts, Youth Challenge Recipe).

4-H Room: creative stitchery, quilts, sewing, cook-
ing, home improvement, crafts, photography, trades
craft, posters and educational display.

Fruits, Vegetables and Herbs: fruit plates, contain-
er display, vegetable creatures, vegetables and fruits
for taste, herbs and vegetables for display.

**Horseshoe Contest, Children's Parade, Lego Contest,
Lumberjack Contest, Homebrew Contest, Children's
Games**

Crafts: woodworking, decorative painting, bas-
kets, pottery, glassware, jewelry, decorations, recy-
clables, school art projects and scrapbooking.

Home canning: vegetables, fruit, pickles, jams,
jelly, jam/jelly combinations, collections, honey,
maple syrup, salsa and vinegars.

Eggs: dozen large brown eggs in a box, dozen large
white eggs in a box and a dozen "other" eggs in a
box.

Flowers: arrangements (Swift River Valley, Enfield,
Prescott, Dana, Greenwich and In My Backyard) cut
flowers (perennials, bulbs, corms, or tubers, annuals,
and plants).

Literary Competitions: poetry, picture books, fic-
tion, non-fiction and personal perspective.

Art: oil/acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink, pencil,
pastel/charcoal, mixed media, sculpture and open
class for seniors age 65 and older.

Photography: color photography, black and white
photography, photo series, Best Photo of the 2021
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Scarecrow Contest: traditional, scariest, most cre-
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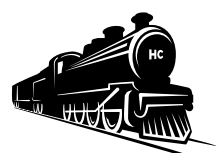
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QCB finishes 50th season with Dixieland Night

BARRE – Come one and all to the final concert of the Quabbin Community Band's season, the much anticipated "Dixieland Night" this coming Sunday on the Harding Allen Bandstand beginning at 6 p.m.

It has been tremendous fun this summer to look back over the past 50 years of music on the Barre Bandstand and remember how the Quabbin Community Band got its start and how it continues to be such a vital part of the town's arts legacy. The band extends its thanks to all those who came out last week to celebrate its 50th anniversary with the many band alumni who were able to come back and play with the QCB one more time.

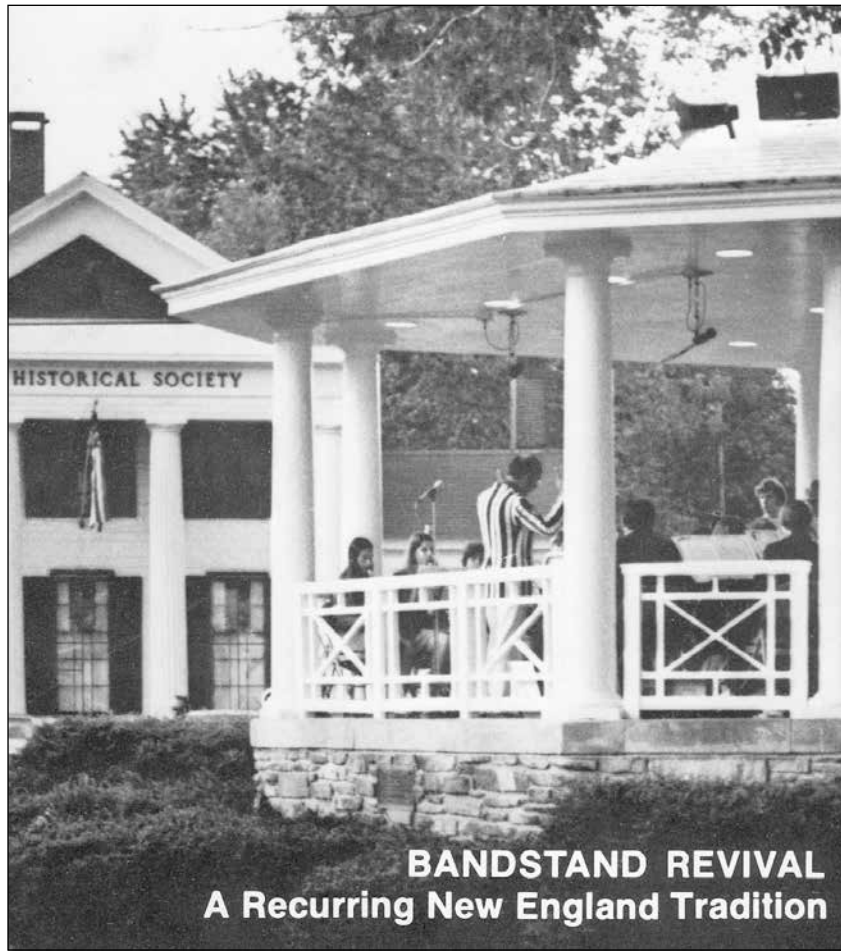
The band is excited to close this special season on Sunday with the traditional rousing collection of Dixieland favorites including, "Dixieland Bash", "Alexander's Ragtime Band", "Canal Street Strut", "Dixieland Jamboree" and many more. Guest soloist and former QCB musical

director Beth Bryant will be in attendance visiting from where she now makes her home in Georgia, to add her superb musicianship to the show alongside the many talented regulars in the band.

It's truly been a great anniversary season and the Quabbin Community Band would like to thank the many sponsors who continue to support the band financially, as well as the town officials who help with the process of securing performance venues as well as managing other details for the band throughout the season.

The band does not exist without its dedicated slate of officers: Julie Rawson, president; Judy Schmitz, treasurer; Nicole Noel, librarian; Toni Brown, equipment coordinator; and Melissa Brown and Ruth Robertson, ad campaign co-chairs.

After the Dixieland Bash on Sunday, the band looks forward to seeing audiences back on the lawn for Father's Day 2024.



BANDSTAND REVIVAL
A Recurring New England Tradition

Submitted Photo
John H. Hansen leads the Quabbin Community Band on the Barre Common bandstand in the summer of 1975.

Historical presentation to honor Brookfield's first inhabitants

BROOKFIELD – The Brookfield Historical Commission will offer a special multimedia program, "A Robert Wilder Memorial Presentation: Honoring Brookfield's First Inhabitants," Sunday, Aug. 27 from 2-4 p.m. at the Brookfield Congregational Church, 8 Common St.

The program is free and open to the public.

Brookfield's longtime historian, the late Robert Wilder (1933-2015) spent decades mapping early Brookfield and other towns of the original Quaboag Plantation. A collection of his maps and historical material is housed at Brookfield's Merrick Public Library.

To coincide with celebrations of Brookfield's 350th anniversary, Wilder's friends and collaborators

organized this program to remember his legacy and to continue the conversation of how to recognize Brookfield's Native American story.

Through live presentations, film clips, maps, and a display of artifacts, the program will focus on Brookfield's past, present and future through the lens of its first inhabitants, including the Quaboag and Nipmuc peoples.

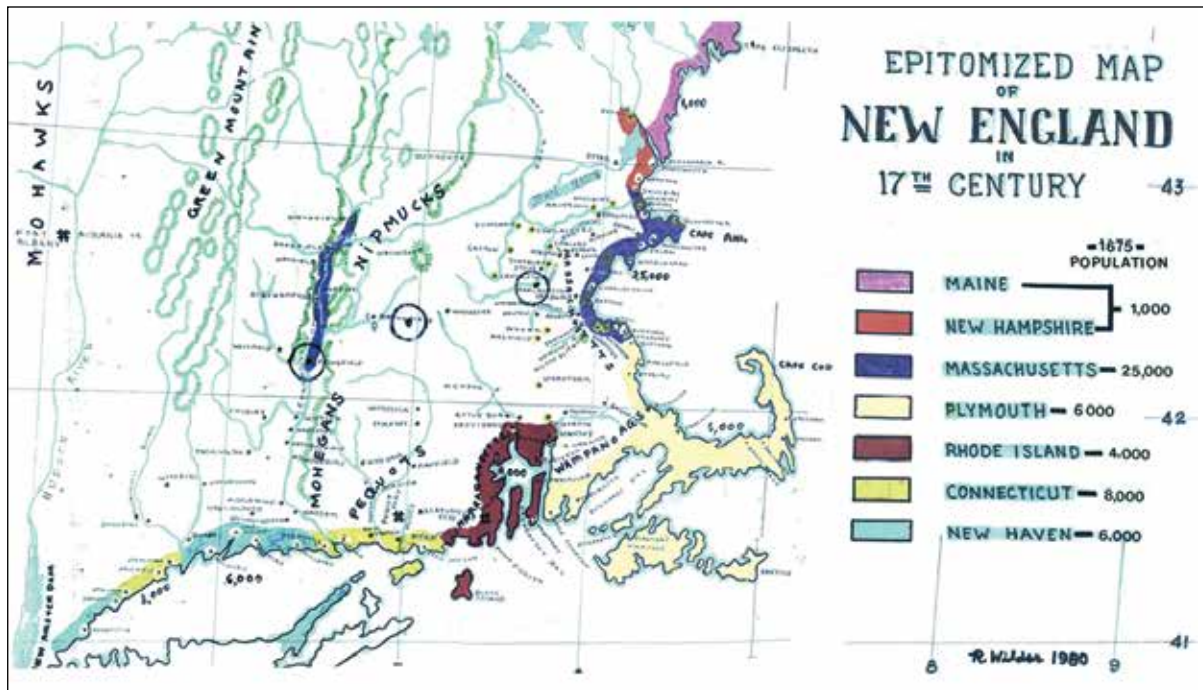
Speakers will include Donald Duffy, author of "The Quaboag and Nipmuc Indians" (2014) and "Around Pottequadic" (2011); tribal medicine man and spiritual leader Tom Silver Fox Morse, a Brookfield resident and member of the town's Historical Commission; and Smithsonian and PBS documentary filmmaker Ted W. Timreck, Peabody Award Winner and director of the "Hidden Landscapes" series investigating the archaeological history and the modern legacy of the Northeastern Native civilization.

Dan Hamilton, actor and Emmy winning director who published Wilder's maps online, directs the event.

"Bob Wilder's dedication to studying and teaching history inspired many of us to continue his work. He worried history would be forgotten," Hamilton said in a press release. "We are hoping this presentation will remind us of Brookfield's place in early America as well as its significance as the home to Native people who have been living here for thousands of years."

A reception with light refreshments will follow, and books and DVDs will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit <https://robertwildermaps.com/memorial> and email memorial@robertwildermaps.com.



Shown is an epitomized map of New England in 1675 made by Bob Wilder.

Submitted Photo

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The Law also states that in towns with a less than 10,000 population, the selectmen are automatically considered special municipal employees, while other positions must still be designated by the board of selectmen.

Joining the Council at the meeting were many veterans and their families who credited Acerra and Demetrius for ensuring the town's servicemembers were honored, respected and given a voice. Veterans came from Warren, Ware, West Brookfield and North Brookfield, to support the Council members.

Jeff Nickerson, a Marine veteran who grew up in Warren and now lives in North Brookfield, spoke on his father Don Nickerson's behalf.

"My dad wanted to be here so bad. His name is on the plaque that Rich [Demetrius] donated,"

Nickerson said, adding that this situation was a "travesty."

"Shame on you...shame on the town of Warren," Nickerson said to the Board.

Acerra read a letter from a mother who was mourning the death of her veteran son. Her son had died out of state, and she reached out to the Veterans Council to help bring his remains home to Warren.

"They are both a crucial component to our veterans in town," the mother wrote in her letter, which she had asked to be shared with the Board.

Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said the number of boards and committees with the designation is an issue that needs to be remedied, and he was unaware of how many had it until recently.

"A lot of departments should not be on this list," he said, adding that "blanket amnesty" should

be removed. "The focus of these boards is on the best interest of the community."

Dufresne said most of these designations were given in the 1990s, and the list was most recently revised in 2010.

Demetrius questioned if having this designation was actually an issue, since boards and committees have had it for 30 years and the Board hasn't had any problems arising from it yet.

Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Richard Eichacker said the designation "skirts the ethics laws."

Several people attending the meeting argued that this law was created for this very reason.

"This is common in small towns with limited personnel," Demetrius said, adding that he believed it was the Board and Town Administrator James Ferrera trying to "skirt the law."

Dufresne said the only focus

all of the involved parties should have is on how they can work to improve the community.

Demetrius said he has dedicated 16 years to serving on the Conservation Commission, and he's "not once taken a job in this town or even taken a bid" that went before it. Demetrius said he's just trying to renew his permit and continue making a living.

Dufresne said the Board is not making Demetrius resign. "We want you to say," he said to both Demetrius and Acerra.

Acerra said if the Board feels this designation shouldn't be applied, then they should remove it entirely from all boards and committees.

"I hope you negate all of these designations...don't pick and choose," she said.

Kathy Odiorne spoke on the Veterans Council's behalf, asking the Board to reconsider its deci-

Paddle explores the Upper Ware River on Aug. 19

HARDWICK – Join Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council for the inaugural paddle of the Upper Ware River Blue Trail on Saturday, Aug. 19.

The paddle will meet at the Old Furnace Launch at 8:30 a.m. and set off down the river at 9 a.m. to Ware River Park in Gilbertville.

The Upper Ware River Blue Trail is a 4.5 mile scenic paddle

that is a smooth and quickwater run. The paddle is expected to last 1.5 hours.

Please RSVP to chicopeewatershed@gmail.com.

C4R will be monitoring weather and river flows to ensure safe paddling conditions. They will post any issues or changes on their website www.c4rivers.org the day before and contact all participants who have RSVPed.

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newly formed Farmers Guild of Hardwick on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 5-8 p.m. Burgers and sides will be made exclusively using products from Hardwick's farms.

"It's all local farm food," Cohen said, with hamburger buns made by Rose32 Bread in Gilbertville.

The "Bash" includes a smoked brisket burger, two sides and one nonalcoholic beverage for \$15 per person, with take-out available. Rain or shine.

Tickets are limited and non-refundable, and can be secured by visiting farmersguildofhardwick.org/products/hardwick-fair-burger-night.

Proceeds from the Burger Bash will benefit the Fair.

"The Farmers Guild of Hardwick is a new organization that is being birthed in Hardwick as we speak," Cohen said. "It's all of the local farmers getting together and basically forming an advocacy organization to protect and promote farming in Hardwick."

Cohen said the Guild is debuting their organization at the Fair this year with an informational booth as well as the Burger Bash.

The Farmers Guild of Hardwick is also selling a poster featuring an aerial view of the Common taken by resident and owner of Above The Law Aerial Imagery, Dennis Pariseau.

"It's magnificent...it just is so beautiful," Cohen said.

There's another new food option at the Fair, provided by the Hardwick Historical Society – fresh corn on the cob.

The corn on the cob bar will be open Friday, Aug. 18 from 5:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

"We've recognized for a long time that we don't have much for vegetarian and gluten intolerant food options," Cohen said, and the corn on the cob bar and the Tri-Parish Community Church's

baked potato bar have increased that.

Cohen said the Fair food booths will also be selling salads this year, and the ever-popular sausages with onions and peppers will be returning.

Speaking of corn, the Trinitarian Church members will also be hosting cornhole games for adults.

Hardwick's beloved artist Frank Bly will be returning to the Fair this year, setting up a display of his original paintings (as well as prints) in the Town House for purchase. Some of his artwork will also be available at the Fair's auction.

Proceeds from the sale of Bly's artwork will benefit the Fair.

"He thought the best place to sell his work would be the Fair," Cohen said. "It's part of his life."

Make sure to hop on over to the small common on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. to see Central Mass Rabbit Breeders display and demonstrate their rabbits' skills on an agility course.

Cohen said the Fair Association can also use volunteers to help set up and clean up, before and after the Fair.

She recommends joining the Facebook group, Hardwick Fair Volunteers to sign up for volunteer opportunities. All ages and abilities are encouraged to take part in this family friendly weekend of fun.

"Anyone who's capable, we will find a job for them, no job is too big, and no job is too small," Cohen said.

About the Hardwick Community Fair

The Hardwick Community Fair will be held Friday, Aug. 18 and Saturday, Aug. 19. For a complete list of events, turn to page 5.

For more information and a downloadable brochure of events and exhibits, visit www.hardwickfair.com or follow the Fair on Facebook and Instagram.

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Madeline Smola selected for Building Advancement Externship

WELLESLEY – The Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts announces the educators and academic leaders who will participate in the third annual AGC MA Building Advancement Externship.

The externship will be conducted from Aug. 14-18.

Madeline Smola of the Quaboag Regional School District was among the educators and administrators announced for third annual paid, weeklong Building Advancement Externship program focusing on construction career tracks for students.

AGC MA's week-long externship program provides comprehensive exposure to the multi-faceted regional commercial construction industry to Massachusetts-based high school and trade school leaders.

Participating externs will take part in informative meetings with leadership at local firms, tour active job sites, and visit the North Atlantic States Carpenters Training Facility. They will receive an overview of field training and safety programs and detailed instruction regarding project management and industry innovations.

Over the course of the externship, externs will establish mutually helpful partnerships between their schools and students and the

construction leaders seeking to bring talented young people into their workforce.

This year's externs also include Molly Brewster, Brighton High School; Crystal Cartwright, Amherst Pelham Regional High School; Jeanne Downey, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School; Maki Faria, Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School; Roger Forget, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School; Brooke Johnson, Blackstone Valley Technical High School; Justin Kratz, McCann Technical School; Brian O'Connell, Lynn Vocational Technical Institute; LaTrelle Pinkney-Chase, Madison Park Technical Vocational High School; Nathan Polk, YouthBuild Boston; Kayla Schutte, Somerville High School; and Bruce Secor, Northeast Metro Tech.

Each participant will receive a stipend of \$3,000-4,000 provided by the Massachusetts Construction Advancement Program.

In addition, because AGC MA is a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recognized provider, participating vocational educators, guidance counselors, and administrators are eligible to receive 40 Professional Development Points towards continuing education requirements.

"Our annual Building Advancement Externship is one of the most rewarding events on the AGC MA calendar," said Marion Jones, AGC MA Director of Workforce Development and Industry Inclusion in a press release. "Every year, we look forward to promoting the many fulfilling career opportunities in the modern construction industry to the caring guidance professionals who will help our young people build their futures."

To learn more about the AGC Building Advancement Externship program, please visit: www.constructingma.org/agc-ma-building-advancement-externship/.

About AGC MA

AGC MA is a chapter of the national Associated General Contractors of America, which began in 1918 with the goal to assist the government in building up the nation, an objective that AGC has been fulfilling since that time.

AGC MA was founded in 1935--representing over 85 years of Building Excellence. Currently, the chapter works closely with all facets of the industry to offer fair business practices for 200 members from Cape Cod to the New York border.



Warren Fire Department rushes to assemble the hoses.

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas



Brookfield firefighters connect the nozzle to the hose.



Firefighters connect the hose as water begins to stream out.

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Ferrera said the ongoing Green Communities grant-funded project at Warren Community Elementary School is about 95% complete and the vendor has been "working diligently" at the school over the summer.

Once completed, the project is expected to make the school more energy efficient.

Ferrera said the project is about three weeks behind schedule, and it's possible that all lines for the system will need to be drained, which could create further setbacks.

If all lines do need to be drained, it would add another two-to-three weeks to the project's timeline, which would surpass the completion goal date of Aug. 28. Ferrera said if this happens, the vendor will finish the project after school hours, when students aren't in the building.

"We're hoping that the lines don't have to be drained all at once," Ferrera said.

Founder's Day tour

Cemetery Commission Clerk Cindy Baxter said the Commission voted to approve holding a Founder's Day tour that would recognize the town's founding members and their role in making Warren what it is today.

Baxter said she would like the event to be held on the first Saturday in May.

Barbara Larkin of the Warren Public Library, said the Library would also participate in the event in conjunction with the Cemetery Commission.

Baxter said the Founder's Day tour is still in the planning stages.

Larkin suggested the town form a small committee to organize the event and invite all departments to join in.

She said she hopes the event

will "open up the history of our town."

Cemetery update

Baxter said there are three big trees on Maple Street near Pine Grove Cemetery that are in "horrendous condition" and that they pose a danger to people in and around the cemetery.

She said the Cemetery Commission is working with the Tree Warden to take down the trees, before winter arrives, and the trees will be replaced with something smaller and ornamental.

Resignation

The Board accepted Charlene Farris' resignation from the Board of Health. In her letter, Farris cited "lack of communication," for one of her reasons for resigning.

The Board also approved a draft posting of the position's vacancy.

ARPA request

Emergency Management Director James McKeon requested up to \$3,015 to replace batteries in the town's digital signboard that it had received from Homeland Security. The batteries no longer work, and the sign needs to be plugged into a power source in order to work.

Ferrera said there is \$27,612.93 remaining in the American Rescue Plan Act fund and the Board approved using those funds to pay for the batteries.

Matching grant

Fire Chief Adam Lavoie said the Fire Department was awarded a grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation's volunteer fire assistance program, which requires a matching grant of \$2,450.

Lavoie said the Department would use the grant to purchase

helmets.

The Board approved funding the grant from the town's matching grant fund.

Town Administrator's report

Ferrera said they received 35 applicants for the Assessor's Clerk position. Of those candidates, 11 were contacted for interviews and six were interviewed.

Ferrera said the Assessors have selected three candidates and will conduct second interviews before giving their recommendation to the Board.

"There were some really impressive candidates," Ferrera said.

Feasibility study

Ferrera said Aug. 1 marked the official kick-off of the feasibility study and involved a "very productive" meeting with Tecton Architects, a firm with vast experience in municipal complexes, both in the commonwealth and beyond.

The first part of the study is a space/needs assessment of the town. The town will also need to identify three possible locations for a complex, and Ferrera said behind the town's Highway Barn is one of them.

Police Station

Ferrera said all eight issues identified in the Police Station by the Department of Labor have been resolved.

New cable channel

Board of Selectmen Chair David Dufresne said the town's local cable access channel will now be on channel 6 instead of channel 12.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m.

Parks and Rec. host fireworks and tag sale

WARREN – The Parks & Recreation will host the annual fireworks at Quaboag Regional Middle High School, 284 Old West Brookfield Road, on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Musical entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the fireworks will go off at dark. Refreshments will be available to purchase, with the proceeds benefiting student groups at the High School.

The Parks & Recreation will also host a town wide tag sale on Sept. 9 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine. Register by Sept. 1 to get your location on the map; the cost is \$10 per map location. Maps will be sold for \$2 on the common starting at 8 a.m., the day of the tag sale.

People can register their location for the town wide tag sale online at [unipaygold.unibank.com](https://forms.office.com/r/fyGawceS9T) (search Warren Parks &

Recreation) or mail checks payable to "Town of Warren/Parks & Rec." to Warren Parks & Rec, P.O. Box 609, Warren, MA 01083. If mailing a check, please also register at <https://forms.office.com/r/fyGawceS9T>.

For more information or notice of weather cancellations, follow Warren Parks Department on Facebook.

Summer Reading finale features 'Flying High Dogs'

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

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

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

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

Paige Library has a lot 'to do'

HARDWICK – What's on your summer "to do" list? The Paige Memorial Library staff have some suggestions for you.

Donate for Book Sale

Donate books to the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library Book Sale through Aug. 16. Please no encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, and books that are musty.

Please call 413-477-6704 or email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com to arrange donations. The library must be open so that the library staff can view and accept the donations.

The Book Sale will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the lower level of the Library.

Ukulele with Julie Stepanek

On Aug. 10 at 7 p.m., come play the ukulele with Julie Stepanek at the Town House, 32 Common St. Drawings for prizes will be at this program.

Fairy houses

Build your fairy house for the Hardwick Fair-y Village (which is only seen during the Hardwick Community Fair), on Aug. 15

at 3 p.m. Make sure to stop by the Hardwick Fair-y Village on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for glitter tattoos and a chance to meet a live Fairy.

Fairy wanted

The Library is in search of a Fairy to work from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Hardwick Fair-y Village. The actor must have his/her own costume and an activity for children.

Experience working with many children of various ages is preferred.

The appearance of the Hardwick Fair-y Village Fairy has become a popular event and you will be happily busy interacting with many children and their families in the lovely shaded "Fairy Glen" next to the Paige Library. Please send letters of interest, experience, and contact information to director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, or come to the Paige Memorial Library to visit the area at 87 Petersham Road.

Drumming

Come drum with Tim and Chris Kane at the Library on Aug. 15 and 22 at 7 p.m.

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Scouts BSA Troop 7281 member Quinn Quimette (second from right) welcomed Ayden Palladino into the Troop. Ayden is joined by her parents Nicole and Brian.



Arrow of Light Scouts prepared to crossover to Scouts BSA.

CUB SCOUTS crossover



Eileen Flynn added the Bear patch to the display board.

Scouts continue their adventure through the ranks

WARE – As summer began, Cub Scouts in Ware Family Pack 520 said goodbye to their Dens and advanced to the next rank at a crossover ceremony.

Cub Scouts were awarded a number of patches and belt loops for earning their requirements and electives. In fact, one Cub Scout, Liam Davis of the Bear Den, earned them all.

This year, four Scouts moved on to Scouts BSA, joining Troop 281 and Troop 7281, respectively. Isaac Peterson, Theo Girard and Brayden Voiland all completed their Arrow of Light requirements and joined Troop 281, as did Ayden Palladino, who joined Troop 7281.

A new year for Cub Scouts will begin after Labor Day, so stop by National Night Out at Grenville Park on Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to learn what Scouting is all about.



Tiger Den Leader Carl Sylvester removed his son Brody's old neckerchief as he advanced to the Wolf Den, while Cubmaster Chris Boos looks on.



Scouts BSA Troop 281 Eagle Scouts Jacob Witt and Tyler Bonilla welcomed Theo Girard into the Troop.



Theo Girard and Brayden Voiland are the two of the three newest Scouts to crossover into Troop 281 from Ware Family Pack 520.



Brody Sylvester showed his Den where he moved the "invisible bench" to during a skit.



Ware Family Pack 520's newest Wolf Cub Scouts are from left, Brody Sylvester, Aislyn Voiland and Raven Ouellette.



The Bear Den sang their final song before advancing.

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Ware makes Spec playoffs



Kelsey Clark advances up the court.



Gloria Cotaj tries to maneuver through the opposing defense.



Amelia Orszulak tries to grab a loose ball.

WILBRAHAM – Last week, the Ware Indians 7-8 girls basketball team made it into the playoffs of the Spec Pond Summer Basketball League. Ware scored a 25-19 win over the West Side Spirit in their

final regular season game. They also were winners in their first playoff game and advanced to the semifinals against Longmeadow. That game is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 10.

Turley photos by Sofia DiGrande



Lucy Hebert takes a free throw.



Gabby Kaczuwka makes her way down the court.

Cagers advance in playoffs before falling to Tantasqua

WORCESTER – The Quabbin Cagers hopes for a championship title at the recent Assumption College Tournament were dashed by Tantasqua in the playoffs after the Cagers had advanced with a huge upset win over Norwood.

Despite the loss to Tantasqua, Coach Tim Hay summed up the tournament and playoff experience as very positive for his young team.

“Overall, we had a great weekend at an excellent venue. The atmosphere was entertaining for both the basketball purest and casual spectator, with many of the states top teams competing,” Hay said.

The upset win over Norwood in the playoffs by a close score of 34-31 had just about every time and score situation presented to both Hay and Co-Coach Luke Brownell’s team. And that was just what the team needed to experience.

The Cagers were down by as many as eight points with in the later stages of the game but rallied behind the scoring of junior Quinn Geary to take a three point lead with under a minute to play. Geary drained three trifectas during the offensive run which also seemed to drain the energy out of Norwood. Now with the lead, the Cagers relied on the double-digit rebounding of Kyle Clark and ball-handling of Jaxon Warburton and Jacoby Dillon to keep the slim lead and take the win.

Geary, the 6’2” junior co-captain has been away for most of the summer, but returned to



Photo by Mary Whitelaw
Quabbin guard Quinn Geary returned to action with a strong left-handed drive past his defender at the recent Assumption College Tournament.

action for the Assumption College Tournament. It took the strong and cerebral combo guard a couple of early games, including a big win over Cohasset by a score of 41-26, to get his stamina and playing legs back and he was definitely spot on from that point.

The loss to Tantasqua, 46-27 was particularly frustrating for the young Cagers as Geary left the game early in the first half with a finger injury and was unable to return. Without their leading scorer and go-to the offense slowed

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PeoplesBank wrap up another title in TriCounty League

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Just like they’ve done during the past decade, PeoplesBank didn’t have very much trouble capturing the 2023 Tri-County League championship title.

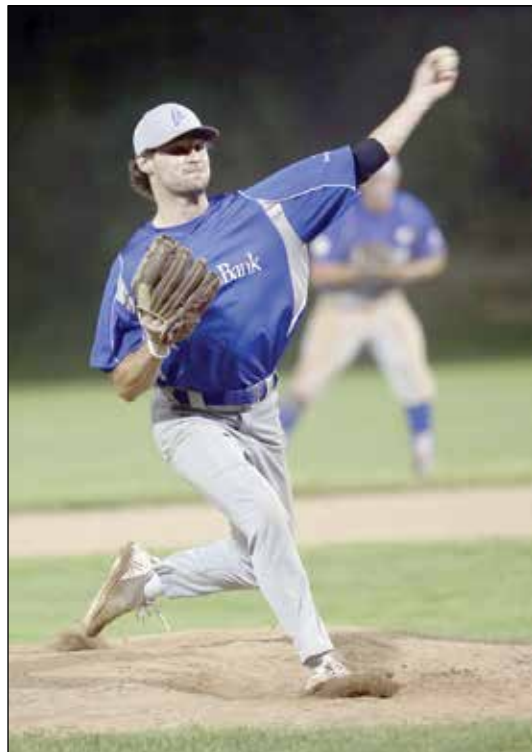
After posting an 8-0 victory over the second-seeded Chicopee Falls Tigers in game one at Legion Field in Palmer, top-seeded PeoplesBank swept the best of three series following a 15-1 win at Szot Park in Chicopee, last Thursday night.

“All of the players get along very well with each other on and off the field,” said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. “The target on our backs gets bigger and bigger each year because everyone wants to beat us. Winning the championship title never gets old and the next one is always better than the last one.”

PeoplesBank has now won 18 Tri-County League championship titles, including the past ten, since 1995.

Ferry was the starting leftfielder and he’s been the PeoplesBank manager since 2019. He dedicated the 2023 season to Tom Bouvier, who’s from Ware. Bouvier retired a year ago.

“I would like to dedicate this season to Tom Bouvier,” Ferry said.



Aiden Consedine, of Holyoke, delivers a pitch.



Johnny Gegetskas slides safely home.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

“Tom was our captain and our lead-off hitter.”

Holyoke’s Danny Gaines, who made just two regular season starts, was the winning pitcher in game two. The lefty didn’t allow any runs on six base hits in 5 2/3 innings.

“I can’t believe this is our tenth

championship title in a row and I’m looking forward to playing for this team again next year,” said Gaines, who issued two walks and didn’t record any strikeouts. “We were able to take an early lead in tonight’s game, which is always a very important thing. My team-

mates also made the plays behind me. We do have the best defense in the league.”

Ferry and Gaines, along with second baseman Dave Clark, catcher Pete Hogan, and pitcher Andy Gaines, are the only PeoplesBank players who have been members of

the last ten championship teams.

“We do have a great group of baseball players and we own this league now,” Ferry said. “We just fill in the holes every year.”

While the PeoplesBank players were celebrating another championship, please see **TRI-COUNTY**, page 10

Twins grab final playoff spot with win, A’s take first

WILBRAHAM – Last week, the Twins of the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League edged out the Angels for the final playoff spot thanks to two consecutive wins to finish off the regular season.

The Twins would defeat the Angels last Sunday 6-4 in a very close contest, but then moved in win-or-go-home make-up game against the Tigers last Wednesday night at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

The Tigers were already in the playoffs, but the Twins needed a win to finish a game ahead of the Angels. A loss would have tied the Twins with the Angels, and the Angels would have made the playoffs through the tiebreaker.

The Tigers, which showed a much-improved offense this season, did jump out to a six-run lead early in the game, but not wanting to use too much pitching with a playoff game looming, the Twins were able to come back and tie the score 7-7 in the fifth inning. In the sixth, the wheels would come undone for the Tigers, as the Twins simply started mashing the ball, batting around nearly twice as they played the 15 runs needed for the game to end via the mercy-rule for a 22-7 Twins win.

The Athletics would defeat the Tigers last Sunday, July 30, and then followed that with a 23-12 win over the Cubs to finish the regular season 10-5 and win the top see in the playoffs.

Both the A’s and Cubs had also made the playoffs and the game was simply for the opportunity to finish in first place and gain the top seed.

The playoffs began Sunday, Aug. 6 with the Twins and Cubs facing off while the Tigers and A’s met in the other semifinal. Results from those games were not available as of press time. The championship game is set for this Sunday, Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. at Spec Pond in Wilbraham.

Granite Series headed for Maine

WALPOLE, N.H. – Granite State Pro Stock Series officials announced today that Coastal Auto Parts will sponsor the upcoming Coastal Auto Parts 100 at Speedway 95 on Saturday, August 19. In what will be the second stop of the season for the series to the Maine oval, drivers will be chasing the championship as the season begins to wind down.

The Speedway 95 event will be one of the final three on the schedule for the season, with only events at Star Speedway and Lancaster Motorplex to follow to crown the 2023 champion.

Coastal Auto Parts, in business for many years, has built a great business by focusing on superior customer service, through deep inventory, quality people and building meaningful relationships with their customers. They are a family business, deeply rooted in the Ellsworth, Maine, community. From a single store in 1981, Coastal Auto Parts has 29 stores today and more than 270 employees. They have truly transitioned to the next generation.

The event at Speedway 95 on August 19 will also include the R&R Street Stock Series and the

Cage Runners. A full schedule for the day will be available soon.

“We support racing in the state of Maine for many reasons,” Michael Boles of Coastal Auto Parts said. “These people are customers for us, both on the track and in the stands. They work really hard to be able to do what they love and we want to help provide them a place to play. We are always excited to go to the track. Hopefully this event will continue to help grow racing in the Bangor area and the state of Maine.”

“Partnering with Coastal Auto Parts for this event is great for our



Submitted photo
There will be another race at Speedway 95 in Maine this weekend

series,” Mike Parks, President of the Granite State Pro Stock Series, said. “We’re happy to have them working with us for what will be another great event. Speedway 95 produces some fantastic Pro Stock racing and we’re excited to get back there for another race later

this month.”

For more information on Coastal Auto Parts, visit capnapa.com. For more information on the Granite State Pro Stock Series, visit gspss.net and follow the series on social media for the latest news and updates.

sports

West showcased in girls soccer

BOSTON – In last month's Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a girls soccer team showcased. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 6-9:

The West started out with a drubbing of the Northeast team 9-1.

In a dominant display of attacking prowess, West's forwards Hannah Murphy (Monson, Monson HS), Gianna Sakowski (Springfield, Minnechaug Regional HS), and Lauren Marjanski (South Hadley, South Hadley HS) each notched two goals, alongside contributions from midfielder Danica Dorozynski (Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive HS) and defender Makenna Kennedy (West

Springfield, West Springfield HS), securing an emphatic 9-1 victory. Northeast's midfielder Siena Hesbach (Maynard, Maynard HS) scored the consolation goal, with an assist from midfielder Phoebe Whitcomb (Newburyport, Newburyport HS).

The West would lose one game in the showcase and would play for the bronze medal, defeating Central Mass. 3-2.

In the bronze medal game, Central and West battled fiercely in a close match. Central's forward Bianca Facchetti (Londmeadow, Minnechaug Regional HS) opened the scoring with an assist from forward Kalli White (Granby, Granby HS), holding the lead at halftime.

However, West fought back in the second half, as forward Gianna Sakowski (Springfield, Minnechaug Regional HS) netted a goal off a corner kick. Central responded with a goal of their own from forward Sydney Reed (West Springfield, West Springfield HS), assisted by midfielder Sabina Mackechnie (East Longmeadow, East Longmeadow HS). With tensions high, West was awarded a penalty kick, which Marjanski converted confidently. In the final moments of the match, West midfielder Allison Fleury (South Hadley, South Hadley HS) sealed the victory with an assist from Marjanski, leading West to a thrilling comeback win.

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onship title outside of the first base dugout, the mood was a little bit different on the other side of the field following the game.

"I'm glad that we made it to the finals, but we just didn't play very well in the past two games," said Tigers player/manager Sean Bourgeoise. "I'll be moving to New Jersey soon, so this was my final Tri-County League baseball game. I'm hope this team can win the championship title next year."

Bourgeoise, who started in left field, would like Mike Truff to replace him as the Tigers manager next year.

PeoplesBank scored an unearned run in the second inning.

Centerfielder Seth Allen (2-for-4) blasted a leadoff double down the left field line against righthander Ryan Magni. The next batter struck out before shortstop Sam Allen drew a walk. Then Hogan bounced into a fielder's choice play. Seth Allen advanced to third on the play before scoring the game's first run on a throwing error by the shortstop.

An RBI line-drive single to center by designated hitter Johnny Gegetskas gave PeoplesBank a 2-0 advantage with one-out in the third inning. Then Seth Allen blasted a triple to left field against Magni scoring two more runs.

Bourgeoise thinks Magni is one of the top pitchers in the TCL, but he hasn't had very much success against PeoplesBank.

"We've beaten Magni in a number of big games over the years," Ferry said. "At least six of our nine batters have faced him at least 30 times. We know what he throws."

The Tigers had just one base hit during the first three innings before they loaded the bases in the fourth.

With one-out, Right fielder Tom Burzynski hit a flyball just out of the reach of PeoplesBank right field-

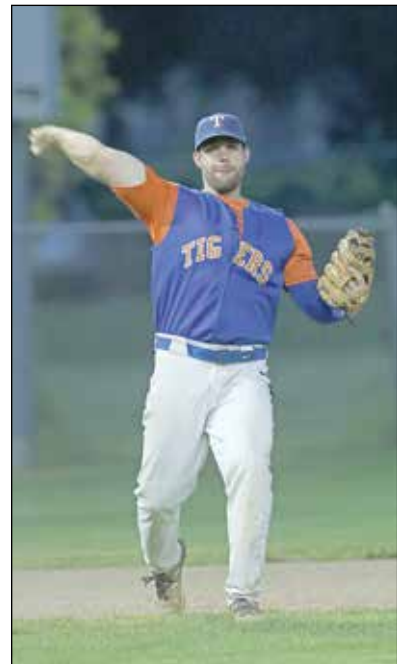


Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Ryan Magni fields a grounder.



Sam Allen slings a throw to first.



Nick Koziol throws to first for the Tigers.



Jason Byers pitches for the Tigers.

er Breon Parker Jr., who attempted to make a diving catch. Catcher Nick Kreuzer followed with a single and shortstop Shane Denault walked. Gaines retired the next two batters on a pop-up and flyout end-

ing the threat.

Magni kept PeoplesBank off the scoreboard for the next two innings before allowing four runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Hogan, who had a leadoff single, scored on Ferry's triple to right field. Ferry also scored on a throwing error. Their other two runs crossed the plate on a double by Clark (3-for-5) and a single by first baseman Kyle Platner, who led the way offensively with four hits and a walk.

PeoplesBank scored seven more runs in their final at-bats against a couple of relief pitchers.

The Tigers finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh inning against Gegetskas, who replaced Gaines on the mound. Burzynski reached first base on a fielder's choice play which scored pinch hitter Josh DeSouza, who singled leading off the frame.

Had there been a game three of the series, righthander Zach Handzel, who graduated from Palmer High School, would've been the starting pitcher for PeoplesBank.

"It just feels awesome to win another championship title," said Handzel, who has been wearing a PeoplesBank uniform for the past six years. "Danny threw a gem tonight and Jimmy Flahive pitched very well in game one. We do have a very strong pitching staff. I'm hoping that we can win another title next year."

Before taking a team picture at home plate, Ferry received the championship trophy from first year Tri-County League President Michael Kennedy, who's a former PeoplesBank player.

Thunderbirds caravan event moved

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

stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months:

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

Saturday, Aug. 19 - Amelia Ice Arena (Westfield), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament Public skating from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m.

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

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

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and the Cagers lost an edge in ball movement to fall behind never to capture the lead. Although frustrated with the injury and on the sideline, the co-captain continued to cheer on his teammates knowing a win would propel his team into the semi-finals.

Both Hay and Brownell complimented the improved post play and rebounding of 6'4" power forward Kyle Clark as impacting the game for the Quabbinians for the entire tournament. No doubt he is difficult to guard in the down low position and much of the Quabbin offense when successful seems to run through him. Clark continues to produce double-doubles in games in both scoring and rebounding.

Chris Prunesti-Leveille led the team in scoring along with Quinn Geary. The 5'9 guard relies on his quickness and savvy to slash to the basket and now has returned to form with an accurate perimeter game. Lead guard Jaxon Warburton likes to get the ball to both Prunesti-Leveille and Geary in the transition game as Warburton's passing skills and court scanning improve each game. The junior had several strong and successful drives to the basket which coaches Hay and Brownell would like to certainly see more of.

The addition of freshman Jacoby Dillon was also a factor in the success of the Quabbinians at Assumption this year. Relegated to a support role last year, the guard made his presence a factor this year as he excels on defense and the transition game as well. Dillon



Photo by Mary Whitelaw

Power Forward Kyle Clark shows what he can do in the low post with his developing hook shot near the basket.

has improved his ball handling and game acumen in general by attending advanced skill clinics with top clinicians and working hard on his overall skill development. It has made a positive difference for him and a needed one for his team.

Also gaining valuable time has been junior guard Bryce Venne. The speedy Venne is learning how to use his quickness and acceleration to get to the basket on offense and back on defense to protect the basket as well. He certainly adds depth to the team.

Brownell complimented guard Ricky Janoure for his high energy level and intensity. When focused

on defense Janoure can be a lock-up defender with his speed and active hands. Janoure has also developed a more consistent drive to the basket, which his coaches see has another offensive weapon for a team that needs to find ways to score.

Always ready to play and take advantage of any minutes available was middle-schooler Hayston Hay. Ever observant and clearly a 'student of the game' as coaches like to say, the keen guard always presents himself as the consummate teammate and the older players like having him with them.

The Cagers have struggled with time and score situations so the win over Norwood was definitely a big boost for the confidence of each player. Hay summed it up by commenting, "After a slow start, it was encouraging to see the team re-energize and focus on one possession at a time by combining great defensive stops with equally effective offensive fire power to take a late lead and get the win." The learning process with a young team has been improving with strong teaching, hard work and perseverance.

With the Tantasqua loss, the summer season comes to an end for the Quabbin Cagers as they will now concentrate on the upcoming skill acquisition and development clinics offered by Coach John Leonard, Roots Basketball and Coach Bob Catalini. Plans are underway to bring in additional coaches of the game of basketball, as the response in attendance has been exceptionally high, with more than 30 participants at the recent Leonard sessions.

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By 1890, their Hair Grower (also sold as "Hair Fertilizer") had sales of \$3 million (around \$97.6 million in 2022).

The sisters married, started families, and became eccentrics. They lived together in a gaudy 14-room mansion built on the family farm.

Despite their facade of Victorian respectability, behind closed doors, they would have been "The Real Housewives of Cambria, New York." There was alcoholism, complicated extra-

marital affairs, and even whispers about witchcraft—enough fodder for a tabloid.

Naomi died suddenly in 1893 before turning 40, dramatically shaking the surviving sisters.

They toured on and off with Barnum until 1907. But the 20th century's arrival saw Americans' fascination with hair rapidly fading.

Sales of their products plunged as extravagant living caught up with them.

Desperate for cash, the last three sisters went to Hollywood in 1919 on a trip so disastrous that not only did a movie deal fall

through but Dora was killed in a car crash. Things only got worse from there.

The mansion was sold in 1931 (burning in 1938); the hair business went belly-up in 1936; Mary died in an insane asylum in 1939; and when Grace, the final sister, passed away in 1946 at age 92 she was dirt poor.

In the end, the Sutherland Sisters wound up right back where they had started.

Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.

Plan your child's back-to-school physical and immunizations

SPRINGFIELD – Well-child visits to the pediatrician, especially before going back to school each year, are intricately linked to being properly vaccinated.

Since the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends yearly well visits for children starting at age 3 through 18, scheduling a back-to-school physical each year is a good way to meet that goal, according to Dr. Amy Pelletier of Baystate General Pediatrics, Baystate Children's Hospital.

Babies begin well-child visits several days after birth and continue these visits several times per year until they reach age 3. Well-visits are an important opportunity to make sure all vaccinations are up-to-date.

"Children who are not vaccinated on schedule are at risk of getting sick and of spreading illness to others who are not protected. Vaccines are given on a schedule for the number one reason of protecting children from preventable disease. Experts designed the schedule so that children get protection when they need it, and the doses are timed so the vaccine itself can have the best effect. Vaccines are mandatory for schools to maintain high vaccination coverage and low rates of vaccine-preventable diseases," said Pelletier in a press

release.

"Many kids and adolescents missed recommended immunizations and wellness visits at the height of COVID-19. As healthcare professionals we are encouraging parents and guardians, if they haven't already, to get their children back on track for annual vaccinations and wellness exams. It's not too late to get back on track," Pelletier added.

Vaccines work by training the immune system to recognize and fight viruses or bacteria. They develop immunity by imitating infections.

Vaccinations have been protecting children and adults from diseases including smallpox, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), and chickenpox for a very long time. The reason some people aren't familiar with those illnesses is because of vaccines and their effectiveness.

Pelletier noted not only does not being vaccinated affect the child, but it can also put others at risk, as well. When enough of the community is vaccinated, it makes disease less likely to spread.

Concerning babies, they are very vulnerable to disease, which is why they are given vaccines early in life.

"If the vaccine schedule is



spread out or if babies miss well-child visits and do not receive vaccines on schedule, it will take longer for babies and children to be protected from diseases," she said.

Mass.gov offers a special page, "Preparing To Return To School," that offers full Massachusetts school immunization requirements as well as other helpful tips on physical exams, preschool vision screenings, lead screenings, and children with special health care needs. Visit the page at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/preparing-for-return-to-school>.

If your child is due, or overdue, for a well-child visit or vaccines, visit www.baystatehealth.org/services/pediatrics to make an appointment for their school physical.

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National Night Out rescheduled to Aug. 15

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

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

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If you can't find a legitimate website or contact information, think twice before you message them back.

Never pay to get a job. If someone says paying for resume formatting will guarantee you a job - or even just paying a fee in general - don't believe it.

Guard your personal information. Don't be quick to share your details.

Scammers may insist they need payment information to fix your resume or bank details to set up a direct deposit before you've even been interviewed. These are common scam tactics that put you at risk for identity theft.

Format your resume before you send it. If you are worried about ATS formatting, Forbes recommends using traditional and simple fonts.

Don't include extra colors, tables, and charts. Spell out acronyms and submit your resume as a Word document instead of a PDF.

These are easy "fixes" you don't need to pay for. Report job scams. If a scammer contacts you through LinkedIn, report them to the platform.

Learn more about spotting scams on LinkedIn. For more information

Read up on other common job scams, including a job scam that uses messaging apps. You can find more helpful information at BBB.org/AvoidScams.

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Lavoie is well-versed in the importance of job opportunities and training for students, with his connection to a vocational technical school that represents nine of the Chamber's 15 towns.

Lavoie serves on the School Committee for Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, a position he originally filled as a liaison to the Town Council starting five years ago.

After longtime School Committee member Michael Cavanaugh's death, Lavoie filled the vacant seat until he was officially elected to the position. He is the second person to fill that seat, which Cavanaugh had held for nearly 50 years since the school was founded in the early 1970s.

"Mike and Dr. [Gerald] Paist basically opened Pathfinder Tech...he had that seat from the beginning," Lavoie said.

A native of Ludlow, Lavoie moved to Palmer in 2000, having spent most of this career up until now travelling all over New England.

Most recently he has been with Genden Auto Parts (Carquest) covering commercial accounts on the road, from South Deerfield up through Vermont and New Hampshire.

"I had a parsnip farmer, a potato farmer...I was all over the map," Lavoie said. "With Carquest, I was straight up and down Route 91. Now I'm all over the 15 towns, spanning from east to west."

His work experience has given him the opportunity to see the needs of all types of business, from family farmers to large corporations, firsthand.

When Lavoie first started on the Town Council, he reached out to state Rep. Todd Smola for advice on the best way to reach the people he represents.

"He said, 'go to everything that's free...whether it's Little League, Scouting, just get your face out there and meet people,'" Lavoie said.

Lavoie took that advice and is now applying it to his role as Chamber CEO, taking time to meet with community and business members in the towns he now represents, including some towns he's never been to before up until now.

"I had never set foot in New Braintree in my entire life," Lavoie said.

In addition to handing out ice cream sandwiches, Lavoie has been distributing the Chamber's newest recreation guide and business directory; a free resource that provides a detailed description of the services and products Chamber members offer.

Supporting its members is the real purpose of the Chamber, Lavoie said, and something he is dedicated to improving. He intends to do this by promoting members through social media, as well as helping them improve their own digital media skills through training.

Lavoie is eager to hear from Chamber members about the type of support each one needs, knowing that finding employees is a big concern.

"I'm trying to make everybody win. Everybody's got to benefit, or it won't work," Lavoie said. "We exist to benefit the members."

About QHCC

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce was established in 1978 to assist businesses in the Quaboag Hills Region, serving the towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield.

Its mission is to advance economic growth and tourism in the region, to be an advocate for policies that achieve the development goals of the communities, and to advance the interests of its members.

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce offers more than just networking opportunities. It helps the business community from the smallest entrepreneurs to the largest corporations; through trainings, seminars, and more.

Membership fees start at \$245 a year, with the average business paying about \$1 a day for the Chamber's services. Membership fees are only \$100 for nonprofit organizations.

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce is located at 4 Springfield St., Suite 525, Three Rivers. For more information, visit qhma.com, call 413-283-2418 or email info@qhma.com.

Monson Savings Bank announce new corporators

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is pleased to announce the election of six new corporators. At the Bank's recent Annual Meeting, it was announced that Patricia Bernard, Tricia Canavan, Randy Demarest, Jonathan Little, John Perez, and Abby Sullivan had been elected by existing corporators.

Additionally, Corporator Julie Quink, was named as a Trustee.

"The Monson Savings Bank family welcomes our new Corporators with open arms. These well-regarded, local professionals will undoubtedly add value to the Bank," said Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President and CEO in a press release. "Like our current corporators, their values align with Monson Savings' values. They are invested in the wellbeing of our local communities because, like us, they are a part of these communities. We are assured that they will offer guidance to us as corporators of the bank, and they will support the Bank

in better serving our communities."

Patricia Bernard resides in Springfield and is deeply involved with the Springfield community. Bernard is the Vice President of Finance and Operations at Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services.

She is the Board Treasurer at the African American Female Professor Association, a volunteer tax preparer for the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, and a former board member of the Springfield Sickle Cell Association. In her spare time, Bernard enjoys singing with a gospel ensemble.

Tricia Canavan is a resident of South Hadley. Canavan is the CEO of the Tech Foundry, located in Springfield.

Canavan's ties to the community include being the board chair of the Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council and a Board

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(Courtesy Photo) Left to right: Monson Savings Bank Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Michael Rouette; Monson Savings Bank's newly elected Corporators: John Perez, Patricia Bernard, Jonathan Little, Randy Demarest, Abby Sullivan, and Tricia Canavan; along with Monson Savings Bank President and CEO, Dan Moriarty.



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public safety

Warren Police Log

During the week of July 23-30, the Warren Police Department responded to 230 building/property checks, 178 community policing, 12 traffic enforcements, 16 emergency 911 calls, one fraud/forgery, one complaint, one vandalism, one property damage, two animal calls and 30 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

Sunday, July 23
 11:56 a.m. Falls, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 1:40 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Milton O. Fountain Way, Transported to Hospital
 3:54 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, North Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:37 p.m. Noise Violation/Party, Pleasant Street, Investigated

Monday, July 24
 3:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Maple Street, Written Warning
 9:30 a.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Manning Road, Transported to Hospital
 12:35 p.m. Complaint, Little Rest Road, Information Given
 4:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Report Filed
 7:07 p.m. Falls, Cottage Street, Transported to Hospital

7:16 p.m. Neighbor Dispute, Pine Street, Report Filed

Tuesday, July 25
 7:36 a.m. Fraud/Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed
 9:13 a.m. Allergic Reaction, Main Street, Mutual Aid Transport
 12:39 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, School Street, Report Filed
 12:53 p.m. Property Damage, Report Filed
 1:28 p.m. Welfare Check, Coy Hill Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal
 9:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

Wednesday, July 26
 3:26 p.m. Rapid Heart Rate, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital
 5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road Extension, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Matthew D. Ramos Lanza, 28, Southbridge
 License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Speeding in Violation Special Regulation
 6:45 p.m. Landlord/Tenant Dispute, North Street, Report Filed
 8:37 p.m. Officer Wanted, North Street, Arrest(s) Made
 9:38 p.m. Follow-up

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Investigation, Main Street, Investigated

Thursday, July 26
 12:49 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle/Parking Issues, Dean Street, Citation Issued
 4:12 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle, Main Street, Report Filed
 4:49 p.m. Officer Wanted, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed

Friday, July 27
 1:01 p.m. Vandalism, Main Street, Information Taken
 3:10 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems, Cutler Road, Transported to Hospital
 3:32 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Comins Pond Road, Report Filed
 6:47 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned, Keys Road, Information Taken
 8:03 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Comins Pond Road, Report Filed

Saturday, July 28
 12:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning
 Summons: Jakub C. Lakowski,

40, Springfield
 Speeding; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
 1:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning
 2:26 a.m. Erratic Operator, Southbridge Road, Arrest(s) Made
 Arrest: Justin D. Majka, 37, Warren
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of
 11:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 11:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
 3:27 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Main Street, Services Rendered
 3:41 p.m. Follow-up Investigation, Moore Avenue, Report Filed
 4:33 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital
 6:25 p.m. Breathing Difficulty, Brimfield Road, Transported to Hospital
 7:17 p.m. Power Lines/Wires Down, Reed Street, Report Filed

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of July 31-Aug. 7, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 57 building/property checks, 44 directed/area patrols, eight traffic controls, 16 emergency 911 calls, 10 radar assignments, three citizen assists, one complaint, four assist other agencies, three safety hazards, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one parking complaint, two motor vehicle investigations, five motor vehicle accidents, one investigation, five animal calls and five motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, July 31
 12:17 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Ruggles Hill Road, Transported to Hospital
 2:13 p.m. Medical Emergency, Hillside View, Transported to Hospital
 9:05 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 9:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Spoken To
 10:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Aug. 1
 5:12 a.m. Safety Hazard, Greenwich Road, Removed Hazard

11:14 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Services Rendered
 12:15 p.m. Complaint, Hardwick Road, Negative Contact
 1:04 p.m. Assist Citizen, Lower Road, Spoken To
 1:04 p.m. 911 Animal Call, Hardwick, Taken/Referred to Other Agency
 1:06 p.m. 911 Misdial, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 6:26 p.m. Safety Hazard, Main Street, Officer Handled
 8:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Investigated
 9:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Officer Handled
 11 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, River Run, Spoken To

Wednesday, Aug. 2
 11:42 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Hardwick Road, Dispatch Handled
 11:43 a.m. Parking Complaint.

Pine Street, Officer Handled
 3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Investigated
 4:36 p.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Services Rendered
 4:52 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

Thursday, Aug. 3
 4:04 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Officer Handled
 7:51 p.m. Assist Other Agency, High Road, Negative Contact
 8:27 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Aug. 4
 6:25 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Services Rendered
 7:22 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Sullivan Avenue, Transported to Hospital
 11:47 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
 12:51 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Turkey Street, Officer Handled
 2:09 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Street, Transported to Hospital
 7:43 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, High Street, Services Rendered

Saturday, Aug. 5
 2:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued
 5:35 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 10:15 a.m. Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Dispatch Handled
 12:12 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
 4:34 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Prospect Street, Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Aug. 6
 9:02 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital
 7:10 p.m. 911 Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Lower Road, Officer Handled
 7:56 p.m. Fire/Other, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered
 10:14 p.m. 911 Lockout, Church Lane, Services Rendered
 10:42 p.m. Investigation, Pine Street, Negative Contact

Ware Police Log

During the week of Aug. 1-8, the Ware Police Department responded to 32 miscellaneous calls, 36 administrative calls, 15 traffic violations, 13 emergency 911 calls, nine animal calls, three harassments, two frauds/deceptions, 10 thefts/larcenies, two motor vehicle accidents, five assist other agencies, one breaking and entering, one structure fire, two safety hazards, three trespasses and 25 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

Tuesday, Aug. 1
 4:23 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Milner Street, Dispatch Handled
 7:37 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Howard Road, Dispatch Handled
 10:27 a.m. Assist Other Agency, South Street, Assist Given
 11:35 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Eddy Street, Assist Given
 2 p.m. Safety Hazard, Old Belchertown Road, Investigated
 2:33 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
 3:49 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Investigated
 6:03 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, North Street, Dispatch Handled
 10:26 p.m. DUI/Impaired, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued

Wednesday, Aug. 2
 7:05 a.m. Safety Hazard, Belchertown Road, Advised
 11:20 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Could Not Locate
 12:53 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Gilbert Court, Assist Given
 2:21 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Beaver Lake Road, Assist Given

3:16 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 6:01 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Assist Given

Thursday, Aug. 3
 10:45 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Belchertown Road, Dispatch Handled
 10:58 a.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Street, Advised
 11:31 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Lee Road, Report Made
 4:16 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, South Street, Services Rendered
 6:10 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised
 6:32 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Palmer Road, Report Made
 7:26 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered
 9:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Pulaski Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 10:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Vernon Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Owen M. Methot, 27, Ware
 OUI-Liquor or .08%; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of
 10:48 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Belchertown Road, Investigated

Friday, Aug. 4
 11:34 a.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Greenwich Plains Road, Services Rendered
 12:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop, West Main Street, Citation/Warning Issued
 2:58 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered
 4:47 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Hardwick, Services Rendered
 6:25 p.m. Electrical Hazard, Park Street, Services Rendered
 7:28 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Advised
 7:34 p.m. Traffic Violation/Hazard, Palmer Road, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Joseph Ashby, 44, Ware
 OUI-Liquor or .08%
 10:48 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Services Rendered

Saturday, Aug. 5
 1:15 a.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Main Street, Advised
 12:38 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Could Not Locate
 2:34 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, West Street, Dispatch Handled
 5:36 p.m. Assault, North Street, Investigated
 6:09 p.m. Structure Fire, Third Avenue, Investigated
 11:21 p.m. Breaking and Entering/Burglary, Indian Hill Road, Assist Given

Sunday, Aug. 6
 6:24 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Investigated
 11:07 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Bank Street, Assist Given
 12:58 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, West Street, Investigated
 2:10 p.m. Assist Other Agency, South Street, Services Rendered
 4:49 p.m. Drugs, West Street, Arrest Made

Arrest: Chad A. Gagnon, 25, Ware
 Drug, Possess Class A
 10:06 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Pleasant Street, Advised

Monday, Aug. 7
 8:28 a.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered
 9:22 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Investigated
 4:05 p.m. Suspicious/Wanted, Hillside Village, Vehicle Towed
 4:44 p.m. Disturbance, West Street, Arrest Made
 Arrest: Tammy Leary, 64, Ware
 Disorderly Conduct, Trespass
 5:18 p.m. Fraud/Deception, Shoreline Drive, Investigated
 7:02 p.m. Trespass/Unwanted, Eagle Street, Investigated
 7:13 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Palmer Road, Services Rendered
 7:40 p.m. Damage/Vandalism/Mischief, Babcock Tavern Road, Investigated

Tuesday, Aug. 8
 11:26 a.m. Fraud/Deception, Pine Crest Circle, Services Rendered
 12:16 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Otis Avenue, Unfounded
 3:08 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Chestnut Street, Investigated
 11:01 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Services Rendered

HCC STEM scholarship deadline extended to Aug. 15

HOLYOKE – Students enrolled full time in chemistry, biology, engineering, mathematics, physics or other STEM fields at Holyoke Community College now have until Tuesday, Aug. 15, to apply for a National Science Foundation scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year.

Through HCC, the National Science Foundation Scholarship offers on average \$6,500 per year to qualified full-time students and prorated amounts for part-time students.
 New and current HCC students are encouraged to apply. The application deadline for the fall 2023

semester has been extended until Aug. 15, 2023.
 Students chosen for the NSF scholarship become members of HCC's STEM Scholars 2.0 Program, also known as SCoRE.
 STEM Scholars are expected to maintain enrollment in a STEM program, be in good academic

standing, complete an associate degree at HCC, and/or transfer to an accredited STEM degree program at a four-year institution. The scholarships are renewable every year students continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
 Beside the financial awards, STEM Scholars become part of a learning community that fosters a sense of belonging and academic success, and includes mentoring, research, and honors experiences; community service; and internships.
 The application and eligibility guidelines can be viewed at hcc.edu/stem-scholarship.
 STEM disciplines include biological sciences, physical sciences, math, computer and information services, geosciences, and engineering.
 The program is led by HCC math professor Ileana Vasu, coordinator of the STEM Scholars program. She can be reached at ivasu@hcc.edu or 413-552-2438.

Two-alarm Palmer fire started with propane grill

PALMER – A two-alarm fire that displaced six residents from their Wilbraham Street home on Aug. 3 started with a propane grill on a deck, said Palmer Fire Chief William J. Bernat Jr., Palmer Police Chief Christopher J. Burns, and State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine.
 “This home sustained heavy fire damage and six people were displaced, including two who were injured,” said Bernat in a press release. “If you use a grill, please be sure to use it safely. Grills should be placed at least 10 feet away from the side of the house, and never beneath any roof, overhang, or tree branches. Check that your connections are tight before turning on the gas, and clean the grease trap every time you grill.”
 The Palmer Fire Department was notified of the fire just before 4 p.m. and responded to find the single-family home well involved, with heavy smoke and flames showing on arrival.
 Engine crews deployed attack lines and made an interior attack but were forced to leave the structure due to the intensity of the flames and deteriorating conditions found inside the home. The fire went to two alarms, bringing in additional crews and water supply to the scene, which was outside the town's hydrant district.
 The origin and cause of the fire were investigated by the Palmer Fire Department, Palmer Police Department, and State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the State Fire Marshal's

office. Collectively, they determined that the fire began on a deck near the back right of the structure and was accidental in nature.
 Specifically, they determined that it began with the grill, which had been in use in that area. The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code generally prohibits grills and other cooking equipment on porches, balconies, and decks without an exterior stairway to the ground. They must not be under a roof or overhang, and they must not be within 10 feet of the structure unless otherwise listed by the manufacturer.
 “Massachusetts fire departments have reported more than 400 grill fires in the past five years, and about 75% of them took place between May and September,” said Davine. “We're in the heart of grilling season, and I want to urge everyone to take the simple steps necessary to avoid fires, injuries, and worse. Please keep the area around the grill clear of dry leaves, food packaging, and any other combustible items. A fire that starts with built-up grease or a gas leak can easily spread to the surrounding area, including your home.”
 The fire departments of Three Rivers, Bondsville, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Ware, Belchertown, Monson, Warren, Brimfield, and Hampden provided mutual aid.
 The Department of Fire Services deployed a Rehab unit to support firefighters at the scene. The Red Cross is assisting the displaced residents.

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obituaries

Ilse W. (Müller) Gratton, 93

PEMBROKE, NH – Mrs. Ilse W. (Müller) Gratton, affectionately called “Oma” of Pembroke, passed away at the Hospice House at Concord Hospital surrounded by her daughter and son-in-law at her side, along with many friends and family holding her in their prayers during this time of her declining health, at the age of 93.



She was 100% mentally intact, brilliant and happy until the end, and she took great pride in that. Ilse lived with and was spoiled by her daughter and son-in-law for the past 3 years.

She was very close to her daughter, and her passing leaves a great void. Her singing and infectious smile and happiness will be greatly missed.

Prior to her declining health, she lived in Ware, since moving to the United States from Germany in 1973, where she lived with her husband, Roland. They took great pride in taking care of their home and children.

Born in Weisbach, Germany, Ilse was the daughter of Franz Edward Müller and Lucie (Schneider) Müller. She grew up in Wurzbach, a town in Thuringia, Germany, where her parents owned a logging/wood business, which was taken over by German soldiers, along with their home.

Together they were nine siblings, all contributing to daily chores.

Ilse escaped the borders of East Germany. She was captured twice, released due to her father's position in town, and then made it out the third time where she went to work at the Lindt Chocolate Factory in Switzerland.

She met the love of her life in Regensburg, Germany, Roland Gratton, a 28 year United States Army veteran serving in World War II, Vietnam and Korea. They married there in 1961.

Ilse was the epitome of a military wife and mother, always helping other military families with anything they needed. She loved to sew, and would sew clothing for her children, and curtains for military housing apartments, and so many other creations she would make.

She loved to match her clothing to her daughter's clothing!

After moving to the United States, Ilse loved to care for her large garden and would pickle, can, cook or bake anything growing. She loved to bake and cook, always baking German Stollens, and had a secret recipe that everyone loved.

She loved baking German cookies and hazelnut cakes, and would give locals in town, whether it be the post office, police station, fire station, VFW or just anyone she would come across. She loved living in her small town, and loved her neighbors on Laurel Drive.

Her sister, Elizabeth, was a German ballerina, and met her husband while performing for them as he was a Merrill's Marauder coming out of operations. Both her and her sister went to the United States via military orders, and they kept in touch with each other daily and spent much time together visiting.

In her later years, she loved to watch wrestling as she always did with her husband, and she was always smiling and happy with a positive attitude about everything. She looked forward to watching “Let's Make a Deal”, “General Hospital”, and her wrestling.

She could tell you everything about almost any wrestler going back to the 70s.

She also enjoyed writing cards and letters, and sending packages to family and friends, never forgetting birthdays or holidays. She would speak with her family in Germany pretty much daily, and

loved listening to German music.

She was an avid news watcher, and could tell you about almost anything going on in the country and world. She didn't like going to bed until the news was done.

She was also an avid New England Patriots and Red Sox fan, always looking forward to the games, and always knew the dates and times they were playing.

Ilse was predeceased by her husband, Roland Gratton; her siblings: brother Heinz Müller and his wife Ruth of Lobenstein, Germany; sister Lilli Paintner of Munich, Germany; sister Elizabeth Ward and her husband Charles of Johnson City, Tennessee; Hermann Müller and his wife, Josephine of Seligenthal, Germany; brother Hans Müller of Seligenthal, Germany; sister Senta Müller of Berlin, Germany.

Ilse is survived by her children, daughter, Debrarose Gratton Alvarez and her husband Elvin of Pembroke, New Hampshire; her son, Roland E. Gratton of Ware; her grandson, Joseph Gratton and his wife, Shannon of Holliston; her grandson, Randy Gratton and his wife, Taylor of Ware; her great-grandchildren, Lorenzo, Xander and Andreina Gratton, and James and Kobe Gratton; her sister Thea Huhndorf and her husband, Klaus, of Berlin, Germany whom she spoke with almost daily; her brother, Franz Müller and his wife Wally of Wurzbach, Germany. She is also survived by several other family members in Germany and the United States.

In accordance with her wishes, her funeral service and burial will be held privately with the family at a graveside service where she will be buried with her beloved husband. Assisting the family with arrangements is the Roan Family Funeral Home of Pembroke.

To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit www.roanfamilyfuneral.com.

Richard Dupell, 62

THREE RIVERS – Richard Dupell passed away July 30, 2023, at the age of 62.



He was born on April 27, 1961, in Ware to the late William Sr. and Louise (Dahart) Dupell. Richie attended Quabbin Regional High School and was currently employed as a set-up man at Palmer Foundry.

Richie had a heart of gold and was a person who was always willing to help anyone who was in need. He was a former volunteer firefighter and Captain of the Hardwick Rescue Squad.

Richie loved sports and spending time outdoors. He played softball, was an avid golfer, and enjoyed fishing.

He also found great enjoyment in trying his luck while playing the lottery.

Richie will be dearly missed by his wife of 13 years, Terri L. (Fisk) Dupell, and his daughter, Jessica Tabb and her husband, Kevin, of Springfield. He also leaves his grandchildren, Megan, Isabella, and Alexander and partner, Danielle, and

Death notices

Dupell, Richard
Died July 30, 2023
Services Aug. 14, 2023

Frew, Francis Leon
Died Aug. 3, 2023
Funeral Aug. 11, 2023

Gratton, (Muller), Ilse W.
Died Aug. 7, 2023
Services are private

their daughter, Ellie; stepchildren, Courtney Allen and Tanner Brown; step grandchildren, Ophelia and Lawson; sister, Christine Pfeiffer; brothers, Billy Jr., Michael, and David; as well as many extended family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Aug. 14 from 4-7 p.m. with personal reflections to be shared at 6:30 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

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Francis Leon “Frank” Frew, 93

Francis L. “Frank” Frew, passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, at the age of 93.

Frank, son of the late Joseph and Rosa Frew, was born in Ware and raised in West Brookfield.

He leaves his four daughters, Kathleen Prynosi and husband Guy of Ware, Susan Brogna and husband Henry of West Brookfield, Brenda Frew of Prattville, Alabama, and Nancy Lagrant and her husband Marc of Hardwick. He also leaves six grandchildren, Josh Paquette, Bekie Berg, Tory Otano, Luke Lagrant, Hope Frew and Jonathan Lagrant; five great grandchildren Rucker, Rowan, Theo, Josie and Ally; his brother Donald Frew of Georgia and sister Lorraine Frew of New Jersey; and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his sons Thomas and Francis, grandson Brandon and his brothers Robert, Richard, and Joseph.

Frank was a private man. Never

giving more information than was necessary.

So, in lieu of that, we'll tell you this much.

Our Dad worked hard to provide for a growing family and was always there with advice and a helping hand as we and our families grew. He grew up on the family farm in West Brookfield where he worked hard with his brothers and father and developed a strong work ethic.

In his adult working life, he wore many hats and was a capable carpenter, businessman, truck driver, million-mile driver for Peter Pan Bus Lines, Highway Superintendent and part time police officer.

He enjoyed playing cards with family and friends, coin collecting and had a passion for hunting and fishing.

He loved projects, especially building projects. From bird houses to three bay garages, barns and a couple of houses.

If there wasn't a need for a project, he'd invent one.

He will be greatly missed.

Our Dad was a frequent contributor to St. Jude Children's Hospital, so the family asks that flowers be omitted, and should you desire, please make a contribution to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org in his name.

Calling Hours for Francis L. “Frank” Frew will take place on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel, and also on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, from 8-9:15 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. A Funeral Mass will be offered on Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in West Brookfield.

Frank will be laid to rest following the Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Cemetery in West Brookfield. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Grange hosts gardening workshop Aug. 14

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

The presenter will be Roberta

McQuaid, author of the weekly “In the Garden” column for Turley Publications.

Come learn about flowers that have a long vase-life and simple arrangement principles. A door

prize drawing will be held.

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

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Member of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. Additionally, Canavan is involved with the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Springfield Public Forum, and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Randy Demarest is a resident of East Longmeadow. Demarest is a sales executive at Conklin Office Furniture located in Holyoke.

Demarest enjoys being involved in the local communities. Some of his community affiliations include the Office Furniture Recyclers, the East of the River Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Holyoke Chamber, and the Pioneer Valley Business Executives.

Jonathan Little resides in Florence. Little is a Real Estate Broker at Jennings Real Estate Service Inc.

He previously was employed by the Bronson Companies, where he served as Director of

Development. Little is a licensed Massachusetts Auctioneer and enjoys spending time in the community in his role as Northampton Chamber of Commerce Ambassador.

John Perez is a resident of Springfield. Perez is the Principal of Consilium Opus, LLC. Perez has a long-standing history of community involvement.

He is involved with the Rotary Club of Springfield, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts, the Raising of the Dominican Flag Annual Event at Springfield City Hall, and the Dominican Cultural and Sports Center.

Abby Sullivan resides in Hampden. Sullivan is the Vice President of Operations at Affordable Waste Solutions Inc.

She was an integral member in the creation of Affordable Waste Solutions, which was incorporated in 2012. When she is not in her office, Sullivan enjoys spending time in the local communities.

Julie Quink is a resident of

Hardwick. She currently is the Managing Principal at Burkhardt, Pizzanelli PC.

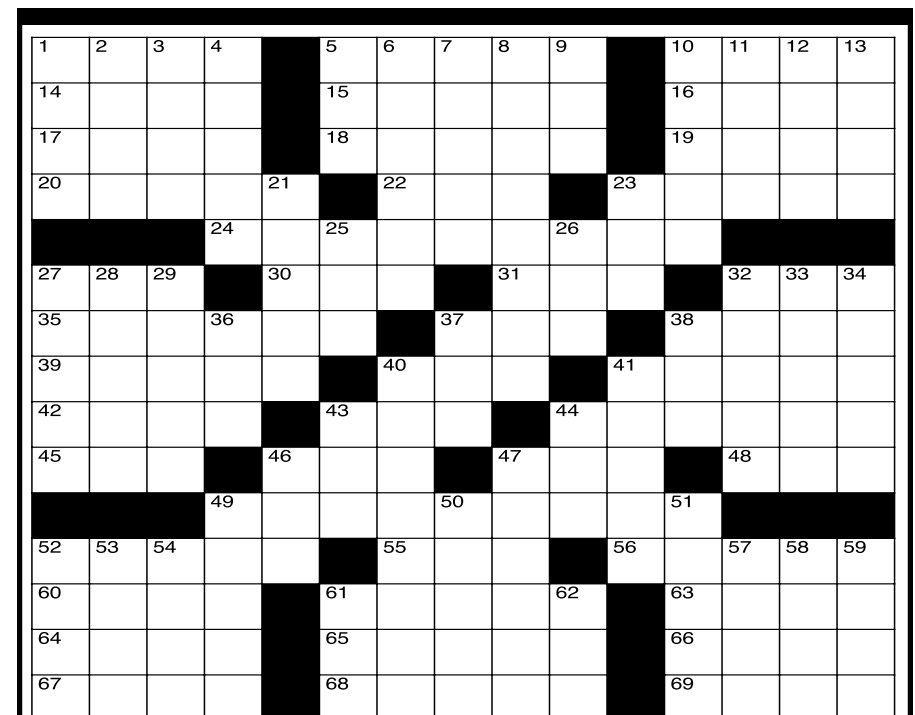
Quink has an extensive history of serving the local communities. She serves as a member of the Board of the Mass CPAs, Treasurer of the Quabog Hills Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board and Finance Committee Member of Baystate Wing Hospital, Assistant Treasurer of Directors of Square One, Board Chair of the School Committee of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, a member of the Finance Committee of the East Quabbin Land Trust, Board Chair for Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., Treasurer of Hardwick Rescue & Emergency Squad, Inc., Treasurer of Estate Planning Council of Hampden County, and Board Member of I Found Light Against All Odds.

Additionally, she is an adjunct faculty in the MBA Accounting program at Elms College.

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40. Root eaten as a vegetable
41. Sound units
43. Style of music
44. A way to drench
46. Hot beverage
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54. “Perry Mason” actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. Clapton, musician
59. Take a chance
61. Bland food
62. Consumed



Twenty-seven out of 41 athletes completed the challenge to raise money for Why Me & Sherry's House in Worcester.



Shown from left are Ally Dube, Holly Dube and Samantha Dube of Oakham. *Turley Photos by Mary Whitelaw*



Holly Dube of Oakham makes her way to the aid station at Barre Falls Dam during the 100-Mile Ruck March Challenge.

Local athletes complete 100-MILE RUCK CHALLENGE



Athletes were happy to reach the aid station after rucking through heavy rains.

Athletes leave Stone Cow Brewery after enjoying food and music.



BARRE – On July 20, 41 athletes left Sherry's House in Worcester for the 3rd annual 100-Mile Ruck March Challenge.

An aid station was set up at Barre Falls Dam, and athletes also enjoyed refreshments at Stone Cow Brewery.

For four days, athletes rucked through flooded trails, poison ivy, a tornado warning, bear sightings and torrential downpours. Twenty-seven of those athletes cross the finish line that Sunday, earning their finisher medals.

Holly Dube from Oakham completed the challenge, with her daughter Ally walking with her for the first 25 miles. Ally was unable to continue due to her knees.

Dube's daughter Samantha was there along the way as a volunteer. Samantha is hoping to participate next year.

Rob Halvorsen walked in memory of his nephew Patrick Halvorsen, who was from Hubbardston.

Other athletes to complete the challenge include Tobey Belton Jr., Jim Black, Jess Bridge, Will Chapman, Brenda Couture, Melissa Cutroni, Joe Ford, Tina Gendron, Lori Jacques, Tye Jordan, Jay Lyons, Kyle Manuel, Eric Matta, Jay Monette, Adam Motyl-Szary, Mike Pichan, Marielle Pitts, Joe Russell, Jay Sauvageau, Jeff Sauvageau, Alex Silkman, Dillan Skamarycz, Dave Smith, Sam Smith and Rick Woods.

The athletes raised almost \$140,000 for Why Me & Sherry's House.



Athletes walked together as they continued toward their 100-mile goal.

Local students earn bachelor's degrees from UMass Amherst

AMHERST – Approximately 5,500 students received bachelor's degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Undergraduate Commencement on May 26, at the McGuirk Alumni

Stadium.

Local students earning degrees including Patrick William Mendrek of Gilbertville; Ian Slowik Moran of Hardwick; Jessica Lee Clough, Laura E. Haskell,

Jacqueline Ng, Drew Andre Ouimette, Justin P. Rife, Celina Lagrant Rivernider, Derek James Rohan and Jordan Alexandra Viess, all of Ware; Jude Robert Killian and Derrick Louis Legault, both of Warren.



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Phil Christensen, Licensed Electrician at Baystate Wing Hospital.

Electrician recognized for his unique set of skills

PALMER – Working as an electrician in a hospital setting requires a unique set of skills.

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"I began my career at Baystate Mary Lane over 30 years ago and the electrical needs of a hospital facility were much different than they are today," said Christensen, who joined the Baystate Wing Hospital team in 2021. "Electrical safety in our hospital is a matter of absolute priority and I take great pride in ensuring that everything in our facility operates at peak performance around the clock."

Christensen continued, "While our electrical infrastructure operates in the background, it impacts every process within our facilities. With the many advancements in medical technologies, hospitals have become more reliant on electrical systems and our engineering teams than ever before. From repairing a hospital television that helps reduce patients' stress to the management of the entire electrical system in our hospital facility, every aspect of the work we do matters. I'm proud to be a member of a dedicated facilities and engineering team and to support the great work of all our caregivers."

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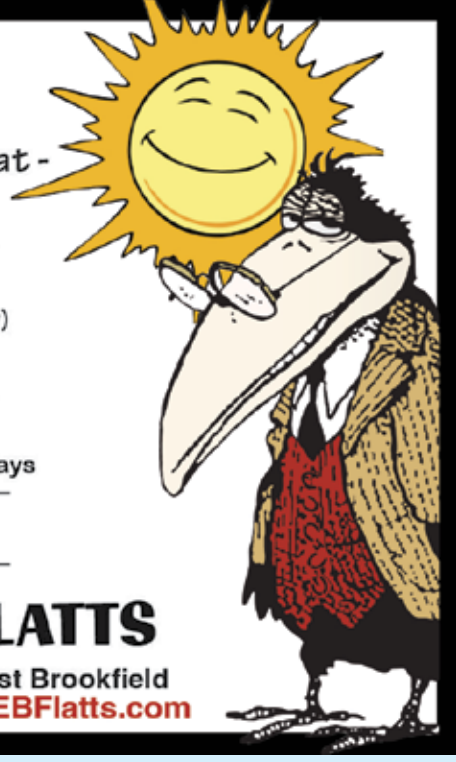
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