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## National Night Out *draws crowd*

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WARE – Grenville Park last Tuesday was bustling as families gathered for the annual National Night Out celebration.

National Night Out is celebrated all over the country, and it is meant to be an opportunity for young children and families alike to learn more about their community, as well as for the police force to have a chance to connect with the community. It is designed to

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Turley Photos by Zacharias Fragkiadakis

Members of the Ware Police Department, State Police and Northwestern District Attorney's Office posed for a photo.



## Ware Fireworks Spectacular

*Community enjoys family fun, concert and fireworks*

WARE – This past Saturday, the town hosted its annual Ware Fireworks Spectacular at the Ware Public Schools campus.

People enjoyed free family fun, including face painting, a dunk tank, bounce houses, kickball, cornhole and an inflatable obstacle

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Rayleigh Harper, age 7, showed off her face paint.



Turley Staff Photos

## Remembering Bobby

*Memorial car show held at Grenville Park*

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WARE – The inaugural Bobby Hoisington Memorial Car Show was held this past Saturday at Grenville Park.

This show is dedicated to the memory of Bob Hoisington, who was big into auto body and mechanics. For years, Hoisington served as a judge for the annual car show at Janine's Frostee. His

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Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Brian Leavitt won Best Modern award for his Ford Shelby GT 500.

## Town takes tax title on nuisance property

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WARREN – Town Administrator James Ferrera made an important announcement at a press conference held on Elm Street last week, regarding a nuisance property that has been the subject of multiple complaints.

"The nightmare on Elm Street has ended," Ferrera said at the Aug. 7 conference.

Through the tax title process, the town was able

to perform an eviction of the house at 38 Elm St., and take ownership of the property. The property will be cleaned out and placed on the real estate market to be sold as is.

Ferrera was joined by the Police and Fire Chiefs, Board of Health, Highway Department, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Constable, and residents of the Elm Street neighborhood.

Ferrera said this was the first step in a coordi-

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## Food Policy Council discusses community garden

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WARE – The Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council recently met with residents from Ware and surrounding communities to discuss the creation of a community garden on the grounds of the Jubilee Ministries, 80 Pleasant St.

At the July 30 meeting, Sawyer Blake, Coordinator for Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council, welcomed over 20 people to the Senior Center who expressed interest in being involved with the creation of the community garden.

"This a project that means a lot to me," Blake said.

Blake said they have been working on creating a community garden alongside Nisha Humayun, Project Coordinator for Community Health and a task force of volunteers.

"We're really excited to have this community garden," Humayun said.

Blake and Humayun said they are hoping to open the community garden for planting in the spring of 2026.

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## Special Election results

*Kenneth Willette won Selectboard seat, 462-356*

WARE – According to the unofficial results gathered from the Special Election held on Aug. 12, Kenneth Willette secured the majority of votes cast with a total of 462 over Catherine Buelow Cascio, 356, to secure the vacant Selectboard seat.

## Residents share concerns related to hospital review

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WARE – Hardwick resident Stephen Granlund shared his concerns with the Selectboard regarding missing minutes from the Hospital Review Committee meetings.

He said his request has been ongoing since earlier this year.

At the Aug. 6 Selectboard meeting, Town Manager Stuart Beckley said the meetings that are missing minutes are primarily from interviews with architectural contractors.

He said the draft minutes should be posted to the town's website by Friday.

Granlund said the minutes should be made available in a timely manner, especially given the sensitive nature of the committee's discussions.

He also raised concerns about con-

flicts of interest forms not being up to date for many of the committee members.

Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot said the forms have since been updated.

Granlund asked for a written statement from committee chair Howard Trietsch about whether or not he had involvement with Baystate Health

Partnerships.

Granlund also asked about the memorial plaques taken from Mary Lane Hospital that have still not been returned to family members or the Ware Historical Society, even though he was told that the town has them.

"There's a disgusting lack of understanding or empathy for the townspeople of Ware," Granlund said. "Because nothing happens in a timely manner."

Friends of Mary Lane Hospital President Cindy Allen Bourcier said its

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# Scholarship recipients announced

BELCHERTOWN – Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine awards The George F. Vitek Scholarship to a deserving high school senior with excellent academic achievement, dedication to their community and a plan to study in the field of science or medicine.

This year, the scholarship was awarded to five deserving students.

Dr. Martins presented the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship to Ela Dias from Ludlow, who will be attending Quinnipiac University. Dr. Lareau presented the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship to Nina Gallagher from Wilbraham, who will be attending Suffolk University.

Dr. Kasper presented the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship to Victoria Gonzalez from Wilbraham, who will be attending

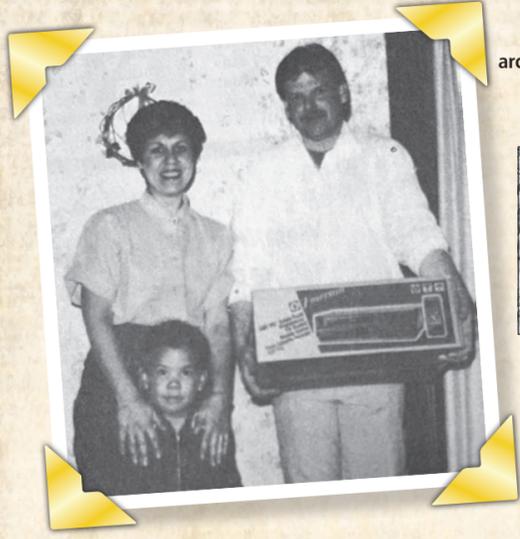


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**Ware graduate Lillian Knight was awarded the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship.**

Bowdoin College. Dr. Dewey presented the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship to Lillian Knight from Ware, who will be attending the University of Rhode Island.

Dr. Malik presented the 2025 George F. Vitek Scholarship to Rachelle Morse from Monson, who will be attending Western New England University.

# 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.



Last week's photo from 1989 showed winners of the Hardwick Rod & Gun Club fishing derby. Shown from left are Bobby Howell, largest fish; Bobby Mitus, first fish in the 4-6 group; Seth Fleming, first two fish in the group; Tiffany Sweeney, first fish in the 7-9 group; Shanna Supczak, first two fish in the group; Nicholas Paydos, first fish in the 10-12 group; and David Peloquin, first two fish in the group.

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

# Monson Savings Bank supports community fireworks with donation

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is proud to support the Ware community with a \$1,000 donation to help fund this year's Ware Community Fireworks.

The event, presented by the Ware Business & Civic Association and the Town of Ware, took place on Aug. 9 at Ware High School. The fun-filled community event will feature several attractions, including bounce houses and obstacle course, and encouraging team members to attend the event, Monson Savings Bank is helping to foster a sense of community and celebration that aligns with its mission of making a positive impact.

"It's always rewarding to see our team come together to support events that bring people joy," said Michael Rouette, Monson Savings Bank Executive Vice President & COO. "We're proud to be part of the Ware community and to contribute to an event that brings families and neighbors together in such a meaningful way."

This year's celebration drew a large crowd, and Monson Savings Bank's presence was felt not only

through its sponsorship but also through the enthusiastic participation of its employees. Their commitment to volunteering reflects the Bank's core values of service, community, and connection.

"We're incredibly grateful to Monson Savings Bank for their generous support and hands-on involvement in this year's fireworks celebration," said Dan Flynn, President of

the Ware Business & Civic Association. "Their sponsorship of the bounce houses and obstacle course, along with their team's spirit, truly helps make this a fun and memorable event for families across our community."

The Ware Community Fireworks celebration is a cherished summer tradition, and Monson Savings Bank's involvement highlights its ongoing commitment to



Submitted Photo  
**Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank President & CEO (left); Michael Rouette, Monson Savings Bank EVP & COO (center right); and Shannon Ortona, Monson Savings Bank Ware Branch Manager and Ware Business & Civic Association Board Member (center) presented a donation to members of the WBCA and representatives from the Ware Town Hall.**

community engagement and family-friendly initiatives.

For more information about Monson Savings Bank and its community involvement, please visit [www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html](http://www.monsonsavings.bank/connect/our-community/our-community-commitment.html).

**About Monson Savings Bank**  
Incorporated as a mutual-

ly chartered community bank in 1872, Monson Savings Bank has one of the longest tenures of service and stability in its market. Civic leaders chartered the bank with the intent to give working men and women the opportunity to save, which – incredibly, they could not do prior to the bank's inception.

Today, Monson Savings Bank retains its legacy of empowerment through savings, but has expanded to serve its customers with a variety of innovative financial services, including digital banking, online mortgage applications and business banking, and commercial lending. The bank has expanded on its promise of "where people save, businesses prosper, and communities benefit" by opening offices in Hampden, Wilbraham, Ware, and most recently East Longmeadow.

The bank also opened a retail and business loan operations center in Wilbraham in 2020. Member FDIC, Member DIF, Equal Housing Lender.

# Dixieland Stomp performs at Ware Meeting House summer concert series

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
Correspondent

WARE – The Ware Center Meeting House continued its summer concert series on Sunday night, hosting the band Dixieland Stomp.

Concertgoers gathered on the front lawn of the property where the band set up with the historic meeting house as their backdrop. The band members wore identical red and white striped vests, and played instrumental songs of the 19th and 20th century.

The leader of the band, clarinet player George Baker, described their musical style as Dixieland jazz, a genre created in New Orleans, and a staple of Louisiana tradition since then. The rest of the band members consist of trumpeter Dave Billadeau, trombonist Joe Sabol, tubist Jason Bouchard, pianist Stephen Paige, and Judith Bruneau on drums.

The band played a wide variety of musical genres, including fast paced pieces like "Smokehouse Ramble", slower paced arrangements including "Deep River

Blues", best known as performed by guitarist Doc Watson, and the last and most famous piece of the night was the traditional piece "When the Saints go Marching in", a soul song made popular by Louis Armstrong, played as the sun began to set. Baker said that is the band's favorite song to play, as they are able to "let loose" during it. And let loose they did, as each band member got an energetic solo during the piece.

Dixieland Stomp have been together for almost 20

years, founded in the greater Pioneer Valley by Dave Neil in 2006. The band has toured together ever since then across New England, and portions of New York. Baker said they "haven't yet made it to Maine" though.

Baker said their last concert was quite an important one for the band, played at the Summit House, a historic building atop Mount Holyoke in Hadley.

The band is not limited to concerts, as they also are able to be booked at private events such as weddings and

funerals. Baker pointed out that the funerals tend to turn out to be a joyous event as the musical selections start with slow paced blues music and gradually increase in pace throughout the ceremony. He said that people are usually somber in the beginning and up dancing by the end.

Baker also provided some of his biggest inspirations to get into music. His first inspiration was his music teacher, a man named Matty Wierzbicki. He said that Wierzbicki was and is

a gifted musician, who was offered a position in the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

He is also inspired by him because of his perseverance, overcoming a work accident, and continuing to play music at a high level. Another musical influence for Baker personally is Pete Fountain, who was a popular clarinet player.

The concert series at the Ware Center Meeting House was funded by both the Ware Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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## Board hears about Eagle Scout project

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HARDWICK – The Select Board met on Aug. 11 and began with new business regarding an Eagle Scout project.

Explaining the project was Eagle Scout Benjamin Metcalf, who recently completed an Eagle Scout project for the town. The project consisted of an informational kiosk over by the rail trail with a display of information for the trail and art displaying the history of the Town of Hardwick.

This project took about a year to complete, and Metcalf wanted to thank Town Administrator Justine Caggiano and Rebecca Bottomley of the Conservation Commission for their support. The Select Board and the residents in attendance congratulated Metcalf and his Scouting America troop for their efforts in completing this project.

The kiosk is currently available and is right off Route 32 in Gilbertville across the street of Hardwick House of Pizza.

### Fire truck discussion

The Select Board had a discussion regarding the purchase of a new demo fire truck that was approved during the town election. The voters of Hardwick approved a debt exclusion for an \$860,000 bond to pay for the costs of a new fire truck.

The current fire truck is 37 years old, and it has passed the end of its useful lifespan. The town has already contracted for a replacement for the truck.

There has been a hold up to get this bill passed so the town can secure the loan for the fire truck. State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume attended the meeting to provide an

update as the town waits for a “greenlight letter” from the state to be granted permission to secure the loan. The town is hoping to get this secured sometime in a few weeks.

This is Massachusetts House bill, No. 4004, and is waiting to be approved by the Senate and House of Representatives.

### Hardwick Community Fair

The town will be hosting the annual Hardwick Community Fair and is awaiting the approval of the Select Board to grant them the dates of Aug. 15 and Aug. 16. Secretary for the Fair, Lisa Cohen attended the Aug. 11 Select Board meeting and talked briefly about this beloved community event.

“Please come to the fair,” Cohen stated.

The Select Board approved the two dates for the Hardwick Fair, which will take place on the Hardwick Town Common. The annual fair offers numerous agricultural and creative exhibits, demonstrations, food, live music and dance, children’s games, wagon rides, an antique tractor parade, and other fun activities.

The Fair is run by the Hardwick Community Fair Association and is a volunteer run organization.

### Tree bid award

The Select Board reviewed a tree bid from the Cemetery Commission to remove eight trees and have stump removal done between the Common and upper cemetery area. The commission received five bids, and the lowest bid was by Timber Tiger.

The Cemetery Commission voted to accept the bid and have money in their accounts to cover the project. The Board voted to

approve the tree bid award for tree work & stump removal by Timber Tiger.

Town Administrator report

Caggiano presented her report to the Select Board starting with the announcement of trees being removed right behind the municipal building. The town is not going to move forward with getting a dumpster as part of removing some belongings in the municipal building’s basement.

The Town Administrator is currently looking into a service contract for a new copier. Caggiano said she’s also working on finances to resolve benefits for veterans and employees. Caggiano also participated in interviews along with town accountant and is doing reference checks on the two candidates they got for one of the vacant positions.

Caggiano wanted to recognize all those who worked during the National Night Out and it was a great success.

### Executive Session discussion

The Select Board talked about a possible executive session that has been on their agenda for quite some time. On the agenda it reads, “Executive Session: Per MGL c.30A, Section 21 (a) (1)- To discuss complaints or charges brought against an individual, and the chair so declares not to return to open session.”

Select Board Vice Chair William Tinker spoke and did not consent to an executive session and believes this “matter must be heard in open session.” With no agreement made, Select Board Chair Eric Vollheim would like to seek a motion to hire a mediator on advice of town council. Jeff Schaaf seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

## Warren Selectmen support Statewide Paint Recycling Bill

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen had a discussion and vote to support a resolution for a Statewide Paint Recycling Bill.

Giving the presentation was Tom Irwin, who had some information to share with the board about a paint stewardship program. This program is a system where paint manufacturers are responsible for managing leftover paint, including collection, reuse, recycling, and proper disposal, rather than relying on local governments.

These programs, often called Product Stewardship or Extended Producer Responsibility, shift the burden of managing paint waste from taxpayers to the producers and users of paint.

For example, Irwin explained that any unwanted containers that hold various types of paint can be returned to any paint retail store. Irwin describes this paint recycling program as a “true elimination of solid waste.”

Irwin provided several handouts for the board to review and believes this program makes it possible to achieve goals of reducing waste. The next step of the process is to try to get enough municipalities in the state to support or sign an endorsement letter and demonstrate this program.

Irwin said the state is trying to get over 170 municipalities to support a paint stewardship program. In other words, over 50% of the state municipalities would go a long way in helping with paint recycling and reducing waste.

The board wanted to know what the town’s responsibilities are if they are on board

with supporting the paint recycling bill. Irwin says the application is not that complicated and would help towns save a lot of money and would involve a transfer station.

The town’s transfer station is run by Solid Waste Solutions. Irwin said there is a handout he gave to the board that explains what transfer stations in Massachusetts that are currently active. According to Irwin, a lot of saving are being made thanks to this bill. There is paint recycling being done over in Hanover.

The Selectmen are aiming to hear the input from a representative of Solid Waste Solutions and see if they will support this bill. The Selectmen voted to approve the support of the resolution for a statewide paint recycling bill and thanked Irwin for his presentation.

### ACO resignation discussion

The board had a discussion about the acknowledgement of the resignation of Animal Control Officer, Tammy Dufresne and vote on posting for said vacancy. Town Administrator James Ferrera said he spoke with Dufresne, and she agreed to stay in her position until a qualified replacement was found.

The job description was reviewed, and Selectmen David Dufresne thinks this position could go to the police department.

“There’s enforcement issues,” Dufresne said when it comes to doing this job.

The police are trained to deal with these situations of how to handle animal control. Police Chief Gerald Millette was asked if anyone in the department may be interested in this task. The chief said he can see if a patrolman would want to do the job.

Ferrera said Tammy Dufresne will stay in the position until a proper successor is recruited. The Town Administrator will hope to have some applicants within the next couple of weeks.

### Appointment

The board voted to appoint Kenneth Clinton as a member of the Tenant Board for the Warren Housing Authority. Clinton introduced himself to the board and has lived in Warren Housing for the last five years.

Clinton is seeking to represent the tenants and wants to keep them informed on what is discussed.

“I believe in housing is housing,” Clinton said.

This position is a five-year term and Clinton informed the board that he is okay with that length of term. The board voted and approved the appointment of Clinton.

### Ford Van assignment

The board had to vote and decide to assign the 2007 Ford Van to the Senior Center as surplus property and have the Town Administrator decommission and auction the van off. The town has been unable to fill a van driver position and Ferrera said the Council on Aging board had voted to decommission the van.

The vehicle was originally gifted to the town by the Transit Authority. It was recommended by Senior Center Director Sharon Meli, that van be decommissioned as there are other ride options still available in town. The vehicle is sitting and deteriorating, and the board feels something needs to be done.

The board declared the van as surplus property.

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# viewpoints



## Can my wife get her full spousal benefit at 62 or must she wait?

Dear Rusty:

I'm 64 and my wife is 62. If my wife starts her own benefit now, she will get about \$700 on her own at 62. I will retire next year and claim Social Security when I am 65. SSA says my wife can draw \$1,100 under spousal benefits, so if she claims now will they give her spousal benefits of \$1,100 or does she need to wait until I claim at age 65 to get the \$1,100?

Signed:

Trying to Understand

Dear Trying:

If your wife is now 62, then her Full Retirement Age for Social Security purposes is age 67 and if she claims any SS benefit before reaching her FRA, the amount will be reduced for early claiming. If your wife were to claim now (before you), she would get only her own SS retirement amount (the \$700 amount), and that would be a reduction of about 30% from what she would get if she waited until her FRA to claim.

Your wife cannot get a "spousal boost" (an additional amount as your spouse) until you claim your SS retirement benefit (at age 65?). And her benefit as your spouse at that time will also be reduced because she will not have yet reached her FRA. If your wife is already collecting her own SS retirement benefit when you later claim, she will be given her "spousal boost" to make her benefit equal what she is entitled to as your spouse. But her total monthly benefit as your spouse will also be reduced because it will be awarded before her FRA. The only way your wife can get her full spousal benefit from you is to wait until she is 67 to claim Social Security. If she claims any earlier, her monthly amount will be permanently reduced.

FYI, if you plan to claim at age 65, you should also be aware that your full retirement age (FRA) is also age 67 and claiming at age 65 will mean that you will get about 87% of the amount you would get if you waited until age 67 to

claim. Again, these reductions are permanent, except for normal Cost of Living Adjustments awarded annually thereafter.

Having said all of that, deciding when each of you should claim your Social Security benefit is a matter of financial need, while also considering your life expectancy. If your life expectancy is short and/or you need the money, then claiming early is likely the right decision. But if your life expectancy is longer and you don't urgently need the money, then you might both consider waiting longer to claim a higher monthly amount and get more in cumulative lifetime benefits.

Finally, please remember that whenever SS is claimed before full retirement age, Social Security has an annual earnings test which limits how much can be earned by working while collecting early SS benefits. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (they take back by withholding future SS payments). FYI, the earnings limit for those who claim SS early changes (increases a bit) yearly and goes away entirely once full retirement age is reached. So, if either or both of you are working, you should evaluate whether claiming your Social Security benefit early (before your respective FRA) is a prudent choice.

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## This summer try freezing the harvest

Freezing fruits and vegetables is an easy way to preserve the harvest. More nutrients are retained by this method of food preservation than any other, and the color, flavor and texture are as close to fresh as you can get.



by Roberta McQuaid

portions: Line a cookie sheet with freezer or waxed paper. Arrange your dry produce in a single layer and pre-freeze for an hour or two, then fill your bag.

This way you will be able to grab exactly what you need when making a meal-pieces won't be frozen together in a big block.

Vacuum packers are great for freezing dinner-sized portions. Simply pack the bags with your blanched, air-dried veggies and seal. Without one you can do a good job of removing air from your freezer bags by simply squeezing out as you can manually then inserting a straw into an unsealed corner and inhaling to draw out what remains.

The kids will find this part of the preservation process to be a lot of fun! Be sure to label the contents with the date - most produce will keep for at least a year at zero degrees.

For a more detailed look at freezing and other types of food preservation consult these great books by Storey Publishing: "The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home" by Janet Chadwick and "The Big Book of Preserving the Harvest" by Carol W. Costenbader.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Freezing works by curbing the growth of organisms that cause food to spoil. The key to longevity is to use packaging that will keep out air and moisture. Thick plastic freezer bags, tight-fitting plastic containers (square make better use of freezer space than round), or boilable bags that are made for vacuum sealers are all great options for that purpose.

Fresh berries are easily frozen whole. I've been doing my share of that lately. Any blackberries we don't eat get popped on an aluminum pie tin to freeze, once frozen they are moved into freezer containers where I can easily take out just what I need.

Many people also freeze tomatoes whole, figuring that it's too hot to make sauce now, but it won't be in a couple of months. Thawing frozen whole tomatoes makes for easy skin removal.

Vegetables such as peas, yellow and green beans, broccoli and more are all easily frozen once you know the method.

Here is how you do it: Grab a pot from your cupboard to blanch your produce - this part of the process will help to retain the desirable characteristics that I mentioned above. You can blanch by steaming or boiling. Reportedly, steaming is

superior for nutrient preservation.

While you wash and chop your veggies to bite-size pieces, bring a few inches of water to a boil in a covered pot equipped with a steamer basket. When the water begins to boil hard insert a single layer of veggies into the basket and replace the lid (this part is critical). Blanch for 3-6 minutes, depending on thickness, for broccoli and 4 minutes for green or yellow beans.

Don't have a steamer pot? Try boil blanching instead. Bring a pot of water to a rapid boil then carefully immerse your vegetables to avoid splattering. When the water returns to a boil begin timing.

Broccoli will take 2-3 minutes using this method; beans need 3.

Once blanching is complete, you must cool down the produce as quickly as possible to stop the cooking process from going any further. This is accomplished by plunging the food into a waiting bath of ice water.

I remember reading somewhere that it should stay in the bath for about as long as it took to blanch it. Once cooling is complete, drain the veggies and allow them to air-dry on a clean towel.

This next step is a must if you are freezing in big bags rather than exact dinner-sized

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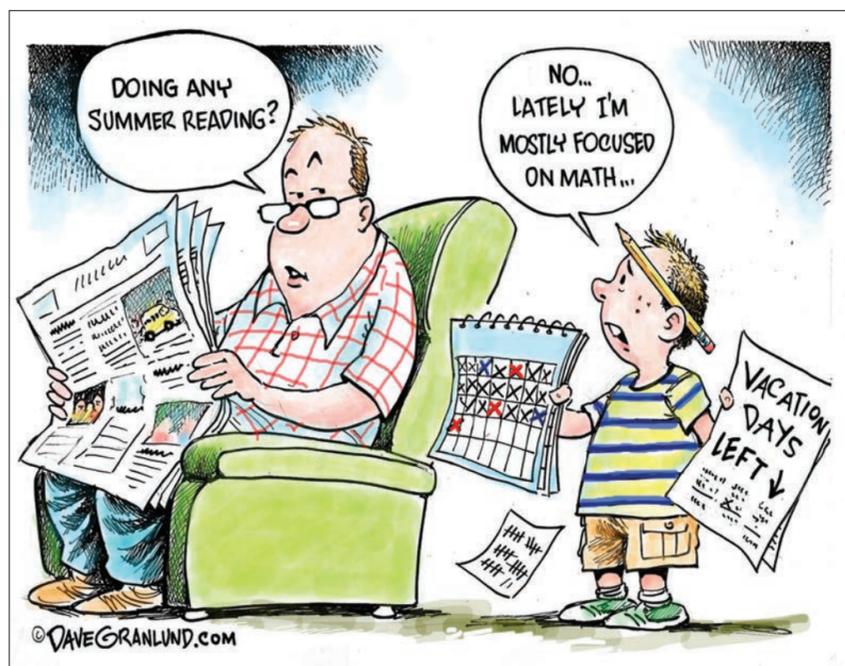
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Cedar waxwing

By Ellenor Downer

My daughter, Paula and family enjoy watching a large flock of cedar waxwings by the bridge near Hardwick Pizza in Gilbertville. They also watch "tons" of bats leave the chimney of the old senior center each night at dusk. Some nights there must be about 50 of them. They fly out and then make big circles around the building while screeching. They do a great job of controlling the mosquitoes population.

The cedar waxwing is one of the few North American birds that specialize in eating fruit.

It can survive on fruit alone for several months. It is a silky smooth songbird with a black

mask, tan head and breast, yellow belly and grayish brown under parts. The tail has a yellow band at the tip and some wing feathers have waxy red tips, hence the name waxwing.

Adults perch on high, exposed perches where they are easily seen and heard. They also have a prominent crest. During courtship males and females pass a small fruit or other item back and forth. The cedar waxwing is medium sized and sleek. Their crest often lies flat and droops over the back of the head. Waxwings are social birds and often seen in flocks year round. They sit in fruiting trees swallowing berries whole or pluck them I mid-air with a brief fluttering hover. They also course over water for

insects, "flying like slightly, clumsy swallows."

It takes the female about five to six days to build a nest. They occasionally take nesting materials from other birds nests.

### Helping birds

A reader from South Hadley suggested I include a section about ways to help birds. She even provided several tips for future columns. In hot weather and during dry periods, it is important for birds to have a clean, cool source of water. Even something as simple as putting out a bird bath and water dishes and keeping the water clean and cool during the summer heat will help birds.

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## Terrifying Tripyramid Slide



By Julie Midura  
Guest Columnist

When you're attempting to hike every trail in all six of the Federally Designated Wilderness areas in the White Mountains, you can't just skip a trail just because it takes you out of your comfort zone.

At 1,200 vertical feet

in just half a mile, North Tripyramid Slide is known as one of the steepest trails in New England and is also on the New Hampshire Terrifying 25 hiking list. The granite slide requires hand-over-hand climbing using three points of contact on steep, exposed rock slabs and is not recommended for the descent.

There are actually three potential routes up the slide; left, middle, and right.

The far left route is not the actual slide, but appears to be very popular based on how well-worn the steep dirt path has become over the years. I'm guessing that anyone with an ounce of self-preservation and a strong desire to hug trees chooses this route.

The far right route is clearly the least used - covered in slick moss, with no trees to grab onto and providing little in the way of traction. I would say this is the route you take when your

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The results of a recent Community Food Access Assessment highlighted access to food as being a concern in the region, with one way to improve this being to create a community garden. Having a community garden has been a goal for a long time that started before the results of the assessment came in.

"We're building off of the work already done by others," Blake said.

Blake said the Trinity Episcopal Church, which manages the Jubilee Ministries, has offered to work with the food policy council to create a community garden space at its newly dedicated 80 Pleasant St. location.

"I'm really excited and grateful for Trinity Episcopal Church offering a space for us," Blake said.

Blake said soil testing of the site will be completed later in August to determine the best way to move forward with planting, and if having an all raised bed garden is necessary.

Blake said there is a lot of flexibility as to what a community garden can look like, from raised beds to strawbale gardening. Accessibility is also key when planning the design of the community garden.

"It has to be accessible to the community," Blake said.

The community garden is proposed to have six beds, with one reserved for the Jubilee Ministries to grow food for its clients, and another

for the food policy council. This would leave the remaining beds available for members of the community.

**Community garden partners**

Joining the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council in planning the community garden is the East Quabbin Land Trust, which oversees its own community garden in the town of North Brookfield; Trinity Episcopal Church; the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op in Gilbertville, and the Ware Grange #164.

East Quabbin Land Trust's Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw suggested that the garden beds be measured at 10 feet by 10 feet, and she spoke about the success of the community garden in North Brookfield.

"We're happy to share our learning and knowledge," she said. "It's a great way to get people engaged in the land."

Steve Gould, manager at the Hardwick Farmers Co-Op, said he and his staff are looking forward to working with the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council to move this project ahead.

"I think it will be a great project to have and I'm looking forward to being a part of it," Gould said.

Gould and his staff also offered to donate tools, organic fertilizer and materials needed to create and maintain the community garden.

John Carter, a member of the Ware Grange # 164, also offered his organization's support and knowledge for the community garden, as well as potential assistance through

the Grange's grant program.

"This actually aligns with the Grange's mission," Carter said. "We would love to find a way to partner with you."

Carter suggested the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council set up an informational booth at the Grange Fair to be held on Aug. 22-23. He said once the community garden gets established, local growers would be welcomed to exhibit their crops in future fairs as well.

**How to get involved**

All are welcome to join the community garden task force through the Quaboag Valley Food Policy Council, and regular attendance at meetings is not required. Community members interested in joining the council or the task force can email Blake at sblake@townofware.com.

**About QVFC**

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

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

The full results of the Community Food Access Assessment are available online. To view the comprehensive report and learn more about the findings, visit [healthyquaboag.org/food-policy-council](http://healthyquaboag.org/food-policy-council).

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Many people don't realize that birds get dehydrated and the bird baths help them keep cool but equally important, maintain the health of their feathers. A bird bath doesn't have to be fancy, even an old ceramic serving dish would work as long as the water isn't too deep. One reader, who sends emails quite frequently has a more elaborate system with a dripping water.

**South Hadley birds**

A South Hadley resident emailed she hears an owl in her neighborhood, but has never seen it. She reported seeing red tailed hawks and turkey vultures. When she sees road kill, she moves it to a safe spot away from traffic so that vultures don't get hit by cars.

**Great blue heron at McDonald's**

Saturday night my daughter, Paula, took the girls to the McDonald's in Ware just as it was getting dark. A great blue heron flew into the parking lot from the river across the street and tried to unsuccessfully land on top of a lamp post. When it couldn't, it flew just a few feet over their heads into the swamp in the back of the parking lot.

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brain hasn't fully developed yet. Which, "scientifically" speaking, is anyone under the age of 28.

And the space in between the left and the right? Well, that's the route for those who want to experience the thrill of rock scrambling without the benefit of rope, while still feeling like Spider-Man on the way up.

When Tom and I reached the base of the slide, I told him I wanted to take the dirt path on the left.

My 68-year-old husband replied, "I came here to climb a rockslide, so I'm going to stay to the right."

Now, at 60 years old, I fall somewhere in between the age at which brain cells become fully developed and the age at which they start to decline, so I was completely against taking the moss-covered route on the right.



Above, Tom and Julie celebrated the completion of every trail of the Sandwich Wilderness. Left, Tom and Julie reached the top of the trail.

Submitted photos

I suggested we compromise and stay on the middle section, which is still part of the slide, but with far less moss, meaning far less chance of plunging to our death. However, Tom—who is usually the more rational one—was intent on taking the hardest route to the top. Unwilling to stray far from my safety net, I reluctantly followed behind.

Until, that is, my feet began slipping on the wet moss, at which point, I found a small crevice in the granite and

slowly worked my way left until I was on the middle section. Tom, however, remained undeterred, and continued up the mountain a couple dozen feet to the right of me.

Although I was relieved to be on dry rock, the middle part of the slope was no less steep. I managed to scramble upward on all fours for about 25 feet, until the angle of the slope became so perilously steep that it was impossible to continue upward.

I scanned the smooth granite to the left and right of me, looking for something, anything, to grab onto. I saw nothing. With my toes balancing on a mere half-inch lip in the rock, I didn't have enough momentum to hurl myself upwards. And there was no possibility of down-climbing. I clung to the rock, unable to move in any direction, paralyzed with fear.

The sound of my racing heart assaulted my ears and my arms began shaking. My entire body became drenched in perspiration. Sweat dripped down my face, stinging my eyes, but I dared not pull one hand away from the rock to wipe it away. All rational thought evaporated, and panic surged within me with every ragged breath.

Tom attempted to encourage me from his own precarious position. "There's a slight projection on your left," he said. "Trust your trail runners. You got this!"

It was fight or flight, and there was no way to flee. I extended my left hand as far as I could to feel for the slight protrusion Tom was referring to.

Once my fingers found it, I took a deep breath, then used every ounce of strength

I had in my quaking arms to haul myself up onto a slight depression in the rock above me. I grabbed onto the trunk of a nearby shrub and clung to it in a death-grip while waiting for my heart rate to settle back into a normal rhythm.

Tom, in the meantime, was facing his own set of challenges just 20 feet to my right. He was unable to move upward himself due to how steep the slide had become.

However, unlike me, he has no fear of steep, open rock slabs. He felt the rock below his hands until he found a small split and used the very tips of his fingers to work his way over to me.

Thankfully, the trail soon turned from large, open slabs to loose boulders and gravel. No less physically challenging, but somewhat less mentally demanding. I find that taking a step upward and feeling the mountain slide down below my feet is far less terrifying than scrambling on all fours on a smooth slab of granite.

When we finally reached the top of the slide, Tom and I heaved a sigh of relief. I was filled with jubilation, not only for having completed every trail in the Sandwich Wilderness, but also for making it up the single most terrifying trail we had ever attempted. I did not feel brave, rather, empowered.

I had not overcome my fears, rather I had charged into them with shaking arms and quaking legs. In doing so, I learned that sometimes the fear does not go away, so you just need to do it afraid. And perhaps, just perhaps, that is where courage begins.

See you in the wild places, my friends!



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course. A variety of food trucks and food vendors lined the track.

Charlie Lask as Neil Diamond and the Forever Diamond band put on a lively show, keeping toes tapping prior to the evening's fireworks display.



Dan Orszulak took a turn in the dunk tank.



Kenneth Mongeau, age 4, went down the slide.



The Ware Fireworks Spectacular had family fun this past Saturday. This young person enjoyed a run down the inflatable obstacle course.

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Families enjoyed a variety of free entertainment prior to the Ware Fireworks Spectacular.



Jaylen Boone, age 7, showed off his face paint.



Christina Benson removed soccer balls from the inflatable target.



There was friendly competition for cornhole.



Ryan Sinclair gave a thumbs up after his turn in the dunk tank.



Chris Midura handed a ball to a child to throw at the dunk tank target.



Families enjoyed games.



Sparkling lights burst in the sky.



Shown are fireworks volunteers Mary Dembowski, Shannon Ortona, Melissa Fales and Dustin Pennington.



Matt Lemieux, Kate Blackwell and Shannon Ortona manned the dunk tank.



Charlie Lask as Neil Diamond and the Forever Diamond band performed prior to the fireworks display.

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Chris Stolar enjoyed a lemonade after his turn in the dunk tank.

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The town of Ware celebrated with its annual fireworks display.

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members have been reaching out to federally qualified health centers. She said Caring Health was excited about expanding to Ware, but canceled a meeting with the Friends due to the Selectboard's vote in support of Baystate Health's Convenient Care location and continuing to be the beneficiary of the Lewis Gilbert Trust.

"They decided that they no longer want to plan to come out to the town of Ware," Bourcier said, because of the vote.

**Town Manager's report**

Beckley said the town's new Facilities Director has been very active in the few weeks he's been in the position, taking on projects in the Town Hall, Fire Station and Senior Center.

He said a break room will be built outside of the Assessor's Office and the raised platform the Selectboard members sit on during meetings will also be removed. The director is also working on the ramp outside of Town Hall.

Beckley thanked Clayton Sydla and Pine Ridge Technologies for their efforts to repair streetlights. He reminded residents to contact his office to notify the town of any streetlights that are out.

Beckley said he attended an informational meeting in the town of Hardwick regarding protection of the Muddy Brook aquifer and watershed, which supplies drinking water to the Barnes Street well.

"They had a great forum with excellent scientists and board of health speakers that inspires cooperation and also strengthening zoning bylaws with board of health regulations," he said.

Beckley said the bids came back much higher than what was appropriated at a previous town meeting to repair the air conditioning in the high school, and that the project will need to be delayed.

"They will need to come back to this fall's town meeting to seek additional funds so that project can go forward," he said.

Beckley said due to drought conditions there is an

outdoor use water restriction in place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., prohibiting water use for nonessential activities including watering lawns, washing cars, filling pools, etc.

Beckley also announced that the East Quabbin Land Trust received an anonymous donation to go toward the Pelski land acquisition adjacent to Grenville Park.

"That money will go toward completing the project and reducing the town meeting appropriation," he said.

Beckley said Baystate Health has completed its independent audit of the Lewis Gilbert Trust which should be available after Aug. 19.

**Upcoming events**

The Selectboard approved a candlelight vigil hosted by the Recovery Center of HOPE for International Overdose Awareness Day on Friday, Aug. 29 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Veterans Park, rain or shine.

The board also approved several voluntary toll roads to benefit the Ware Holiday Flair Committee on Saturdays and Sundays,

Aug. 16, 17, 23 and 24 from 8 a.m.-noon. The tolls will be set up at the corners of North and Main streets, the intersection of East Main, Main and Church streets, and Pulaski and South streets.

**Public hearings**

Attorney Tom Truax represented the current licensee for Jane Alden, 48 West St., and was joined by the principle of the corporation. Truax said there is an addition measuring 40 feet by 28 feet that has been constructed to the right of the building to increase storage.

"The previous storage was only located in the rear of the store...totally inadequate," he said.

An abutter said since the construction of the addition started; he has developed a rat problem at his home. The owner of the store said he would discuss these concerns with the resident following the hearing.

The Selectboard approved the amendment to the license.

Truax also represented Ware Package Store, 51 Main St., to transfer the license to Ware Package and

Convenience Store. He said it is a sale of the business and the real estate with financing through North Brookfield Savings Bank.

The Selectboard voted to transfer the liquor license to the new owner.

Assessors appointment  
The Selectboard and the Board of Assessors voted to appoint James Niquette to fill a vacancy on the Assessors until the next annual town election.

"I'm sure Jim will be a good asset to the board," Board of Assessors Chair Gerry Fountain said.

Fountain also thanked outgoing Board of Assessors member Teddy Balicki for his many years of service to the town.

**Land preservation**

Talbot read a notice of proposed acquisition from the commonwealth regarding property on Belchertown Road and Babcock Tavern Road.

The notice stated that the commonwealth is looking to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction for parts of Letendre's farm, preserving the land in perpetuity.

**PB discuss potential project**

By Ryan Drago  
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WARREN – The Planning Board began by having an informal discussion with Jim Fountain and Joe Levesque regarding a potential project on Carl Street.

Fountain presented the project and had acreage left to use on 7.5 acres of land. There were houses built on the land already and now hopes to install a common driveway to serve four lots.

Fountain is bringing this project forward to the Conservation Commission, due to having a wetland spot on the land.

Fountain said he still has six acres of land just sitting on site and wants to put it to good use.

"I want to do something with it," Fountain said.

The Planning Board would like Fountain to run the idea by the building

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nated effort between town departments, boards and committees, to take initiative and action against property owners who do not pay their taxes.

The owner of the house at 38 Elm St. has not paid taxes to the town for 10 years, which has accumulated along with interest and fees to over \$54,000 owed to the town. Ferrera said countless attempts to communicate with the property owner have gone unanswered.

"It's still accumulating...it's a pretty hefty bill," Ferrera said.

Going over 10 years without paying taxes is "unprecedented," Ferrera said, and not something that will happen again.

Ferrera said while he understands that people may need help paying their taxes if they are experiencing hardships, there is no excuse for the "blatant disregard" the property owner had by not



38 Elm St. in Warren was taken in tax title by the town for nonpayment of taxes.

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Town Administrator James Ferrera led a press conference along with town department heads.



Residents thanked town officials for taking action on the property which had been the subject of many complaints over the years.



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paying for over a decade. He encouraged anyone who needs help paying their taxes to reach out to the town and work with them.

Tax Collector Kerry Schmidt said taking a property in tax title is the last resort for a town and she said residents who are behind in their taxes can set up payment plans

Ferrera said changes to the tax title law went into effect on Nov. 1, 2024, and the taking of this property is likely the first of its kind to occur in the area, and maybe even the entire commonwealth. With the new changes, towns have the ability to

work with a real estate professional or broker to sell properties they have taken in tax title, rather than auction them off.

This allows the towns to have a better chance of recovering the taxes and fines owed to them, with the remainder of the sale profit being placed in an escrow account to go to the last known owner.

"Hopefully recover everything the town has put into this," Ferrera said. "We have to recover the funds and be made whole."

For this particular property, this includes the costs to hire a professional moving company, a locksmith as

well as a towing company to remove an abandoned vehicle.

Residents of the Elm Street neighborhood expressed their gratitude for the town's action to take control of the property.

Highway Surveyor Jeremy Olson said his department will work to clear vegetation from the outside of the property and improve its appearance as it gets ready to be listed.

The house at 38 Elm St. was built in 1882 and has five bedrooms and two full bathrooms. It sits on a .18 acre lot and has just under 1,800 square feet of finished building area.

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## Top-seeded Panthers start playoffs

AUBURN – Last Wednesday evening, the Quabbin Panthers began the Auburn Summer Basketball League playoffs, facing off with Tahanto in the second round. Quabbin went 9-1 in the regular season and got the top seed and a first-round bye. They would go on to defeat Tahanto in the quarterfinals.

Highlights from their semifinal matchup with Grafton will be in next week's edition.



Brady Patchen looks for an opening to drive to the hoop.



Bobby Tobin extends to try and grab a rebound.



Multiple players vie for a rebound from the Quabbin basket.



Evan Sherbloom looks for an open teammate.



Isaac Patchen looks to get around an opponent.

## Indians make playoffs

WARE – In their first season in the Auburn Summer Basketball League, Ware boys basketball had a great season and made it into the playoffs with the third seed. Ware was set to face off with Leicester in the quarterfinals, and defeated them to head into the semifinals against Killingly.

Ware's high school team made it to the quarterfinals of the state tournament last year.



Brodie Koczur makes his way down the court.



Dalton Marquis passes the ball away.



Jack Gaudreau is closely pressured by an opponent.



Troy Jurczyk takes the three-point attempt.



Brady Guimond tries to fake around an opponent.

## Post 241 season ends for in state playoffs

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent



Matt Santos makes a jumping catch.

WORCESTER – Less than 24 hours after defeating Wilbraham in an elimination game, the Monson Post 241 run in the Legion state playoffs came to an end against Lowell Post 87.

Monson, who was the visiting team, had a golden opportunity to take an early lead, but they left the bases loaded in the first inning.

Lowell responded by scoring three runs in the bottom half of the opening frame. They added two more runs in the second inning enroute to an 8-0 shutout victory at Fitton Field located on the College of the Holy Cross campus on July 21.

"I thought we had turned the corner following our win against Wilbraham yesterday," said Monson manager

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## West Side wins Women's PVSSL Championship

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Back in the middle of July, Olivia Crespo and her New England Mutiny teammates lost in the United Women's Soccer League finals for the second year in a row.

On Friday, Aug.

2, Crespo guided the third-seeded Westside Sport Shop to a 5-0 shutout victory over top-seeded Here for Beer in the women's finals of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

"It was a little bit frustrating coming up a little bit short in the National Finals

once again this year," said Crespo, who graduated from Ludlow High School. "I had a lot of confidence coming into tonight's championship match and I knew that we would be able to do it."

Crespo, who scored four goals and had an assist against Here for Beer, was selected as the M.V.P. fol-

lowing the match.

"My teammates deserve a lot of credit," Crespo said. "They helped set up my goals. I wouldn't have been able to do it without them."

Last fall, Crespo was a member of the women's soccer team at Franklin Pierce University, which captured the NE 10 conference championship title. Her college soccer team played in the NCAA Division 2 Final Four.

"It was a really special season," she said. "We're looking forward to having another successful season this fall."

Westside Sport Shop (9-2-1) won the championship title for the third time since Crespo has been a member of the team. They beat sixth-seeded Heat, 2-1 in overtime in the quarterfinals before squeaking out a 3-2 win over the second seeded Monson Mustangs in the semifinals.

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West Side Sports Shop won the Women's Title this year in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League.

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# sports

## Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
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### Summer Edition

**EAST BROOKFIELD** – The 2025 Wednesday Summer League at Bogy Lanes has officially ended as bowlers reached week 14.

The final standings show Sophia's Raiders as the #1 seed, with a record of 78-34, and the winners of this year's summer league on Wednesday nights. Congratulations to Sophia Hearnlaye, Trever Kenneson and Phil Clough on the victory.

Finishing in second place was Kristen's Squad with a record of 60-52. Finishing in third place was the Gutter Dolls with a record of 59-53. The Rolling Stones and Gutter Fingers tied for fourth place with each team having a record 57-55. Gutter Snipes finished in sixth place with a record of 56-56. No Shows finished in seventh place with a record of 50-62, Straight Shooters finished in eighth place with a record of 49-63, and Clock Barn finished ninth with a record of 36-76.

During the last week, the Straight Shooters bowled against Rolling Stones. In game one, Rolling Stones defeated the Straight Shooters by a score of 470-418.

In game two, Rolling Stones won again by a score of 456-453. Brett Green of Rolling Stones bowled a 117 in game two.

In game three, Rolling Stones won by a score of 450-447 to sweep the Straight Shooters during the final week of the summer league. Alan Nason of Straight Shooters finished strong with a 108. The final score was 1376-1318 in

favor of Rolling Stones. No Shows bowled against Gutter Fingers during the last night of league. In game one, No Shows defeated Gutter Fingers by a score of 477-455. Steve Swistak of Now Shows had a strong start to the match with a 121.

In game two, Gutter Fingers won by a score of 427-416. Jean Pouliot of Gutter Fingers made a clutch spare in the tenth frame to secure the win and finished with a 101.

In game three, Gutter Fingers won the last game by a score of 442-427. The final score was 1324-1320 in favor of Gutter Fingers.

Kristen's Squad finished in second place in the summer league and ended the season by winning two points in the final week. Bob Button had scores of 89, 105, and 122 for a series of 316.

Clock Barn bowled against Sophia's Raiders in the final week. In game one, Sophia's Raiders won by a score of 443-430. In game two, Clock Barn won by a score of 442-440. In game three, Clock Barn won the last game by a score of 443-411. The final score was 1315-1294 in favor of Clock Barn.

Gutter Snipes bowled against the Gutter Dolls in the final week. In game one, Gutter Snipes won by a score of 468-424. In game two, Gutter Dolls won by a score of 441-436. In game three, Gutter Snipes won the last game by a score of 454-440. The final score was 1358-1305 in favor of Gutter Snipes.

The league will have a fun night and a banquet the following Wednesday and prizes for individuals and teams will be awarded. The fall leagues will be starting soon at Bogy Lanes, starting in September.

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Steve Tripp. "We loaded the bases in the first inning, but we just couldn't score. We've struggled offensively all season. We also made a couple of costly mistakes defensively."

Monson finished the regular season in sixth place in the zone 3 standings with a 7-6 record. They went 1-2 in the state playoffs.

"In the old format, every team in zone 3 qualified for the playoffs," Tripp said. "The format was a little bit different this year. We were lucky enough to be one of the seven teams from our zone to make the state playoffs. It was a very good accomplishment."

Each team who qualified for the state playoffs was put into a pod with three other teams.

The other teams in Monson's pod were Wilbraham, Lowell Post 87, and Shrewsbury Post 297, who hosted the pod held at Holy Cross.

"Playing a game at a college field is an experience that these players will never forget," Tripp said. "I really enjoyed coaching this year's team. They're a bunch of great kids. I'm looking forward to coaching this team again next year."

The four Monson players who'll be ineligible to play for the Post 241 squad next year are Nate Kaczuwka (Ware High School), Jason Mumper (Ware High School), Hunter Griswold (Pathfinder Tech), and Miguel Velasquez (Pathfinder Tech).

Grayson Griswold, who also attends Pathfinder Tech, was Monson's starting pitcher against Lowell.

While Griswold allowed five runs on only two hits in 1 1/3 innings.

"Grayson is going to be a sophomore at Pathfinder and he's going to be an outstanding baseball player during the



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
**Miguel Velazquez puts a good swing on.**



**Nathan Kaczuwka connects on a base hit for Monson Legion Post 241.**

next couple of years," Tripp said. "He just needs to keep improving his skills."

Lowell righthander Liam Conley got off to a shaky start.

Monson third baseman Brayden Mega, who graduated from Pathfinder Tech in June, began the game by hitting a ground ball double down the left field line. Then catcher Kyle Kaczuwka and Designated hitter Nate Kaczuwka were both hit with pitches, which loaded the bases with two outs. Conley, who only allowed three hits during the first six innings, escaped the jam with a strikeout.

Lowell took a 3-0 lead

with the benefit of only one hit in the bottom of the first.

Righty Austin Meacham, who attends Monson High School, replaced Griswold on the mound with two outs in the second inning. Meacham, who hadn't pitched in a couple of weeks, allowed two inherited runs to score before settling down. He gave up a run in the fourth and two more in the fifth.

Monson, who only had two men on base between the second and fifth innings, loaded the bases again with one-out in the sixth.

Velasquez, who started at second base, reached first base after getting hit with a pitch. Then Nate Kaczuwka



**Emerson Boronski makes the catch in center field.**



**Brayden Mega sends a throw to first.**

beat out an infield hit, and Mumper, who started in centerfield, drew a walk.

Just like he did in the opening frame, Conley got out of the jam with a pair of strikeouts.

Monson went down in order in the seventh inning ending their season.

**WINS** from page 9

Here For Beer, who defeated Westside Sport Shop in last year's finals, won the regular season match-up between the two squads. They entered the 2025 playoffs with an 11-1-0 record and earned a quarterfinal bye. They advanced into the finals after defeating the fourth-seeded Lusitano Women, 2-1, in the semifinals.

"Westside is a very good team this year," said Here for Beer player/coach Cassie Ashwell. "If we were going to lose to anyone, I'm okay losing to them."

Longtime Minnechaug Regional girls' varsity soccer coach Nundi Goncalves attended the championship match. Several of his former players were playing on both sides.

The former Lady Falcons players wearing Westside uniforms were Emily Howard, Rhiann Ryan, Claire Poindexter, Gaby Williams, Lylah Jeannotte, and Chapin Jeannotte.

The Jeannotte sisters weren't teammates when they were in high school.

"We missed playing on the same soccer team at

Minnechaug by only one year, but we've been playing together on this team for the past couple of years, which has been a lot of fun," said Lylah



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**Kenzie Pastreck of Wilbraham minds the goal.**

Jeannotte, who was a starting defender. "It feels awesome winning a championship together."

Here For Beer goalie Kenzie Pastreck also played soccer at Minnechaug Regional.

The other players listed on the Westside roster from the Turley Publications coverage area are Reese Carey



**Gwen Duggan, of Palmer, looks to pass.**

(South Hadley), Gabriella Fiahlo, Sydney Mercier (South Hadley), and Maya Tellier (Belchertown).

Here For Beer also had several players from the Turley Publications coverage area. They are Macie Bolton (Belchertown), Taryn Carriveau (Chicopee), Katie Gilhooly (Chicopee), Gwen Duggan (Palmer), and Lauren



**Lylah Jeannotte, of Wilbraham gets a quick touch on the ball.**

Marjanski (South Hadley), who didn't play in the finals.

Westside Sport Shop scored a pair of goals during the first ten minutes of the match.

Crespo, who's entering her senior season at Franklin Pierce, gave her team a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute after firing a low shot into the back of the net. A couple of minutes later, Crespo delivered a crossing pass from the right side of the box to Natalie Matz, who poked a shot into the net past Pastreck.

Westside had several shots on goal during the final 30 minutes of the first half, but the score was still 2-0 at the break.

Crespo scored three more goals during the second half.

Crespo's first goal after halftime was unassisted, while Matz and Julianna Beaulieu were given the assists on her final two goals.

Sara Avery, who was Westside's starting goalie, and Chloe Laizer, who also played for the Mutiny, combined to post the shutout.



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Country Bank staff had water and fun giveaways.



Lina Hernandez, age 5, enjoyed a view from the driver's seat of this large truck at National Night Out.



Children and adults tested their strength at the National Guard's booth.



The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force had educational materials and activities geared toward recognizing healthy relationship boundaries.



Visitors to National Night Out enjoyed hot popcorn.



Vincenzo Vantangoli, age 6, and his sister, Sophia Vantangoli, age 11, decorated T-shirts at the Trinity Episcopal Church's booth with assistance from Barbara Newton.



Cupcakes & Confections by Jana had sweet treats.



The Barrows Family Pulling Team – Pulling for a Cause was on hand with information about suicide prevention and depression.



The Ware Knights of Columbus served hot dogs at National Night Out.



Children and their parents lined up to sit inside the firetruck.

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be a fun community building event to promote trust and safety.

The Ware Police Department showed off their units, as did the Ware Fire Department, who gave children the opportunity to sit in the front seat of the fire truck. The Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Environmental Police, and an officer from the UMass Police Department in

Amherst were also in attendance.

A Massachusetts State Police helicopter also made several circles around the park, showing off its siren at one point.

There were also many community organizations present. The Trinity Episcopal Church allowed children to show their artistic skills with T-shirt decorating, and the Ware Library also had crafts for children to do. The Massachusetts

National Guard, represented by Sgt Paul McCrohan also had an information booth set up, and many kids took the opportunity to showcase their strength on the pull-up bar. Many banks were also in attendance, including Country Bank, who served popcorn, and North Brookfield Savings Bank, who had cornhole set up.

As always, food was provided by the Ware Knights of Columbus who served up hot dogs.



## VETERANS DAY SALUTE

*Ware River News ~ November 6, 2025*

Ware River News will be saluting our local veterans (from all wars and branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, active duty U.S. Military members.

Please submit a photo of your veteran with his or her name, rank, branch of military and hometown by email to [dflynn@turley.com](mailto:dflynn@turley.com) or drop off a photo to Ware River News, 80 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. All photos will be returned.

Please submit your photo no later than Monday, October 13, 2025.

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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of Aug. 4-12, the Ware Police Department responded to 30 miscellaneous calls, 24 administrative calls, 18 traffic violations, 17 emergency 911 calls, six motor vehicle accidents, two safety hazards, four harassments, six thefts/larcenies, one fire, two frauds, one damage/vandalism, four animal calls and 35 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

### Monday, Aug. 4

1:01 a.m. Safety Hazard, Dunham Avenue, Taken/ Referred to Other Agency  
1:17 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Greenway Avenue, Dispatch Handled  
4:54 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Otis Avenue, Advised  
10 p.m. Structure Fire, North Street, Arrest Made

### Tuesday, Aug. 5

6:39 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Buckley Court, Investigated  
8:21 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Webb Court, Services Rendered  
2:04 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sky View Drive, Investigated

### Wednesday, Aug. 6

1:45 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, North Street, Report Made  
6:58 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, North Street, Services Rendered  
9:35 p.m. Damage/ Vandalism, Church Street, Could Not Locate

### Thursday, Aug. 7

10:07 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, South Street, Dispatch Handled

12:24 p.m. Harassment/ Stalk/Threat, North Street, Advised  
1:38 p.m. Fraud/ Deception, North Street, Advised  
5:02 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, East Main Street, Report Made  
10:21 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Beaver Lake Road, Dispatch Handled

### Friday, Aug. 8

7:30 a.m. Electrical Hazard, Shoreline Drive, Services Rendered  
9:12 a.m. Fraud/ Deception, North Street, Services Rendered  
12:17 p.m. Warrant Service, Old Belchertown Road, Arrest Made  
Arrest: Marciano T. Boudreau, 44, Ware  
WMS Warrant; WMS Warrant; Default Warrant; Default Warrant  
3:31 p.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Services Rendered  
4:40 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Palmer Road, Unfounded  
7:55 p.m. Theft/Larceny, West Street, Report Made  
11:10 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Investigated

### Saturday, Aug. 9

2:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Vehicle Towed  
6:41 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Vigeant Street, Services Rendered  
8:43 a.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, North Street, Services Rendered  
9:26 a.m. Harassment/ Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised

Route 32, Report Taken  
11:11 a.m. Assist Citizen, Prospect Street, Officer Handled  
4:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Chagnon Road, Officer Handled  
9:30 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown Location, Officer Handled

### Wednesday, Aug. 6

12:21 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Transported to Hospital  
3:41 p.m. 911 Complaint/ Motor Vehicle Operations, Delargy Road, Services Rendered

### Thursday, Aug. 7

7 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Thresher Road, Vehicle Towed  
5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
8:20 p.m. 911 Complaint/ Motor Vehicle Operations, Main Street, Officer Handled  
8:46 p.m. 911 Misdeal, Lower Road, No Action Required

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3:54 p.m. Traffic Incident/ Crash, Main Street, Report Made  
7:10 p.m. Safety Hazard, North Street, Services Rendered  
8 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/ Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised

### Sunday, Aug. 10

12:49 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Church Street, Could Not Locate  
11:16 a.m. DUI/Impaired, West Street, Advised

### Monday, Aug. 11

6:10 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Webb Court, Services Rendered  
7:21 a.m. Traffic Violation, Milner Street, Vehicle Towed  
12:56 p.m. Harassment/ Stalk/Threat, Otis Avenue, Advised  
8:22 p.m. Suspicious/ Wanted, West Street, Investigated

### Tuesday, Aug. 12

6:16 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Ross Avenue, Services Rendered

### Friday, Aug. 8

1:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Bridge Street, Transported to Hospital  
3:31 p.m. 911 Complaint/ Motor Vehicle Operations, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled  
6:02 p.m. 911 Assist Citizen, Turkey Street, Officer Handled

### Saturday, Aug. 9

8:16 a.m. Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Report Taken  
9:25 a.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Common, No Action Required  
1:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, School Street, Investigated

### Sunday, Aug. 10

5:48 a.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Taken/ Referred to Other Agency  
3:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Lower Road, Negative Contact

## Warren Police Log

During the week of July 27-Aug. 2, the Warren Police Department responded to 195 building/property checks, five community policings, nine emergency 911 calls, three harassments, six safety hazards, three larcenies/thefts, one fraud/forgery, one trespass, two motor vehicle accidents, one animal call and 57 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

### Sunday, July 27

2:15 p.m. Harassment, Crouch Road, Officer Took Call  
3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
4:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Washington Street, Written Warning  
8:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision, Southbridge Road, Vehicle Towed  
10:09 p.m. Falls, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital

### Monday, July 28

4:22 a.m. Safety Concern, Southbridge Road, Public Assist  
8:22 a.m. Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital  
8:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Written Warning  
10:19 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Yankee Drummer Drive, Transported to Hospital  
1:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Written Warning  
4:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Written Warning  
4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Hit and Run, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bridge Street, Written Warning

### Tuesday, July 29

9:57 a.m. Harassment, Keys Road, Report Filed  
10:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
12:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

1:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, South Street, Written Warning  
1:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
2:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, High Street, Written Warning  
4:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued  
4:29 p.m. Choking, Little Rest Road, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

### Wednesday, July 30

7:21 a.m. Erratic Operator, Main Street, Citation Issued  
4:55 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Report Filed  
8:08 p.m. Safety Concern, Southbridge Road, No Action Required  
9:02 p.m. Safety Concern, Southbridge Road, Negative Contact

### Thursday, July 31

9:56 a.m. Suspicious Activity, School Street, Report Filed  
11:47 a.m. Falls, Mechanic Street, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
7:55 p.m. Harassment, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed  
8:23 p.m. Gas Odor, North Street, Investigated  
11:46 p.m. Safety Concern, Keys Road, Returned to Family/ Guardian

### Friday, Aug. 1

5:07 a.m. Larceny or Theft, Main Street, Call Transferred  
6:10 a.m. Welfare Check, Winthrop Terrace, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
7:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
8:07 a.m. Power Lines Down, Dunham Road, Referred to Other Agency  
8:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued  
8:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued  
8:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road,

Vehicle Towed  
9:55 a.m. Disturbance/ Disorderly, Main Street, Transported to Hospital  
10:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old West Brookfield Road, Written Warning  
10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Criminal Complaint  
10:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Brimfield Road, Citation Issued  
11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
11:38 a.m. Safety Concern, Main Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
12:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Quaboag Street, Written Warning  
1:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Southbridge Road, Citation Issued  
2:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:02 p.m. Abdominal/ Back Pain, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

### Saturday, Aug. 2

1:37 a.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope, Shamrock Drive, Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:53 a.m. Safety Concern, Keys Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
12:59 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Winthrop Terrace, Report Filed  
3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Prisoner Bailed  
3:21 p.m. Larceny or Theft, Dean Street, Report Filed  
5:23 p.m. Chest Pain/ Heart Problem, Old West Brookfield Road, Mutual Aid Transport  
5:43 p.m. Power Lines Arcing, Brook Road, Referred to Other Agency  
6:15 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Main Street, Report Filed

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# DCR awards nearly \$117,000 to rural and volunteer fire depts.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation announced it has awarded \$117,000 to 43 rural, call, or volunteer fire departments across Massachusetts through the Volunteer Fire Capacity Program.

The funding will help smaller departments train personnel, prevent forest fires and enhance community safety.

“The VFC grants provide critical funding to rural fire departments across Massachusetts, enabling them to invest in the training and equipment they need to quickly and effectively respond to wildfires,” said DCR Commissioner Nicole LaChapelle. “As a former mayor, I know firsthand the importance of partnerships between federal, state, and municipal entities. These

grants are a great example of what we can accomplish when we work together, ensuring that we can protect our natural resources and continue to provide safe outdoor spaces.”

“The Healey-Driscoll Administration leads in recognizing the dedication of our firefighters and I especially appreciate knowing that our rural communities are so well protected,” said Director of Rural Affairs Anne Gobi. “Congratulations to the towns and thank you firefighters.”

VFC grants are only eligible to municipalities with a population of 10,000 or lower that are home to community volunteer fire departments responding to wildfires. To be considered for a VFC grant, fire departments must be made up of at least 80 percent

call or volunteer firefighters, be a state-recognized fire department, and be National Incident Management System compliant.

Many of the communities receiving VFA funds are designated high-risk areas, where local firefighters partner with federal firefighting agencies to respond to wildfires.

“The Volunteer Fire Capacity Grants are examples of the Healey-Driscoll Administration’s continuing commitment to partner with federal agencies like the US Forest Service in helping rural and volunteer fire departments enhance their ability to provide public safety,” said DCR Chief Fire Warden Dave Celino. “The historic statewide wildfire activity last fall showed the need for and the value of

this collaborative grant effort in support of our rural fire departments, who are the first line of defense in response to these incidents.”

This year’s awards represented seven additional communities and nearly \$30,000 in funding over last year’s program.

The VFC program is authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 and is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service and administered by DCR on a 50 percent reimbursement basis.

Towns that received an award from this year’s program are: Brookfield, \$3,500; New Braintree, \$3,500; North Brookfield, \$725.96; Warren, \$3,500 and West Brookfield,

\$3,087.42.

“In small towns like those receiving grants today, every dollar makes a difference,” said state Sen. Peter Durant. “Departments that rely on volunteer firefighters don’t often have funding for equipment or training, yet they face the same dangerous situations as firefighters in larger communities - sometimes more so because of a lack of staffing. These funds will allow these departments to be better equipped and trained when they respond to protect the lives and property of their neighbors.”

Last fall Massachusetts experienced an unprecedented level of a of wildfire activity, with the DCR Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry reporting wildfire occurrence increased by roughly 1,200% during

the months of October and November. This accounted for roughly 1,300 separate wildfires that burned across the state.

### About DCR

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. The agency’s mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the well-being of all.

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Members of the Hoisington family and car show judges stand alongside Jack Mascitis, right, who won Best in Show for his 1969 Ford Mustang at the inaugural Bobby Hoisington Memorial Car Show.



A 1931 Ford Pickup owned by Henry Eskett of Ware. *Turley Photos by Ryan Drago*



Roland Berthiaume and his 1957 Chevrolet, who won Best Detailing.



Over 40 cars entered into first ever Bobby Hoisington Memorial Car Show at Grenville Park.



Members of the Hoisington Family, left to right, Jane, Holly and Kathy all had a good time at the first memorial car show at Grenville Park in memory of their loved one, Bobby Hoisington.



A 1966 Chevy C-20 truck.



A 1969 Chevy Camaro in bright orange.



One of the modern style cars, a Nissan GT-R.



Bruce Marshall of The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7 WARE provided the music during the car show.



A 1979 Chevy Suburban owned by Jill and Gene Sorel was in the classic category.

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daughter, Holly Hoisington, said cars and mechanics were "his bread and butter."

Proceeds from this event go towards supporting the memorial fund, with funds designated for scholarships for Ware students and local youth sports. The Hoisington family was thankful to have beautiful weather at Grenville Park for the first car show, which had over 40 cars registered.

The Hoisington family plans to make this car show an annual event in Bobby's memory. Other activities featured raffles, food trucks, and face painting for kids. There was a team of judges observing the field of cars as the inaugural Bobby Hoisington Memorial Car Show was awarding six piston themed trophies to six different entries.

Serving as one of the judges is Jeff Kularski, a close friend of Bobby who he met through cars and sports. Hoisington was a basketball coach who contributed a lot to the Ware basketball community. The scoreboard in the Ware Middle School gymnasium was dedicated to Bobby Hoisington and Kularski thought of starting a memorial fund by first having a basketball tournament.

Shortly after having the

Six piston themed awards were given during the car show. The awards were Best in Show, Most Unique, Rat Rod, Best Detailing, Best Modern, and Best Classic.

basketball tournament in Bobby's memory, Kularski thought of the idea, "let's start a car show." Kularski knew Bobby loved cars and thought a car show would be suitable to have in the community.

Kularski, along with several other judges in bright orange shirts, had to review all the cars to see who the winners in six different categories would be. The judges agreed that it wasn't easy, since there were many good classic and modern cars who entered in the first memorial car show.

The categories were Best in Show, Best Classic, Best Modern, Most Unique, Best Detailing, and Best Rat Rod. Holly Hoisington and Kathy Hoisington would present the awards to the owners of the winning cars. There were a lot of choices, but the judges had to narrow the field to six winners.

Bobby Hoisington Memorial Car Show.

One of the entries in the car show was a red 1931 Ford Pickup owned by Henry Eskett of Ware. This 94-year-old vehicle was restored five years ago and is proudly owned by Eskett, who has done car shows in the past.

Eskett is a member of the Western Mass Model A Ford Restorers Club. This was one of the oldest cars that entered in the first Bobby Hoisington Memorial Car Show.

The winner of the Most Unique award went to a yellow Ford T-Bucket. The Rat Rod award went to the Green Nova. Best Detailing award went to Roland Berthiaume and his 1957 Chevy. Best Modern award went to Brian Leavitt and his Ford Shelby GT 500.

The Best in Show was the final award given and went to Jack Mascitis and his 1969 Ford Mustang. The Hoisington family and the judges took pictures with the award winners alongside their vehicles.

The very first Bobby Hoisington Memorial Car Show was a great success at Grenville Park and featured great people, great weather and cool cars.



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- 7. Two-year-old sheep
- 10. Member of indigenous people in Asia
- 11. Airborne (abbr.)
- 12. Actress de Armas
- 13. Not moving
- 15. Cool!
- 16. Plants of the arum family
- 19. Perceptible by touch
- 21. Rorschach test
- 23. Monetary units
- 24. Art
- 25. Cardinal number
- 26. Dueling sword
- 27. Hates
- 30. Fixed in one place
- 34. Pie \_\_\_ mode

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Policemen (French)
- 2. Toy dog
- 3. Inflamed colon disease
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. References
- 7. Takes down
- 8. Facilitates
- 9. One-time empress of the Roman Empire
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. Chemistry solution
- 17. Written account
- 18. Consumed
- 20. Coming after all others
- 22. No (slang)
- 27. Government lawyers
- 28. Super Bowl winner Manning

**CLUES DOWN**

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- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Head pain
- 38. Loud lawn insect
- 39. Actress Hathaway
- 40. Boat race
- 41. About fish
- 42. Nursemaid in India
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# obituaries

## Robert J. Morin, Jr., 68

WARREN – Robert J. “Bobby Joe” Morin, Jr., 68, of Warren, died on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025, at UMass Memorial Hospital – University Campus in Worcester.



He leaves his daughters, Sondra Morin and her cat “Roxy” of Chicago, Tiffany Richard and her husband Benjamin of Wheelwright, along with grandchildren, Thea Richard and Dean Richard, as well as his longtime partner, Deborah Apraham, her daughter Ashley Apraham, and Debbie’s granddaughter Madison Apraham. He also leaves his sisters, Donna Sheeran of Maine, Glenda Morin of Warren, and Darlene Latti of Maine. He was predeceased by his wife, Bonnie Comeau Morin.

As a young man, Bob lived in Texas, where he built fences on ranches, and he would often speak

fondly of those years. He built his career as a Rolling Machine Operator at Rathbone Precision Metals in Palmer, where he proudly worked for 44 years.

Bob enjoyed hunting and taking his daughters to the local turkey shoots. He was also a big Red Sox fan – through their good years and bad years.

He liked to ride motorcycles and travel, and enjoyed camping in Lake George, New York. He recently fulfilled his dream of taking the train to Chicago. He loved his dogs, especially “Bug” who would accompany him on his rides around town.

Going out for Chinese food and antique shopping with Deb were some of his favorite pastimes: “These were a wicker good deal!”

Bob loved his daughters and supported them through-

out all their endeavors. His happiest times were with his grandchildren. Maddie loved feeding the chipmunks in his yard. Dean would share “Pepe” noodles with him. Thea was his dance partner. He was deeply loved.

Calling hours for Bob will be held on Thursday evening, Aug. 14, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. in the Varnum Funeral Home, 43 East Main St., in West Brookfield. A graveside service will be held the following morning, on Friday, Aug. 15, 2025, at 11 a.m. in Pine Grove Cemetery in Warren. Guests attending the graveside service are kindly asked to arrive at the funeral home on Friday by 10:15 a.m. for procession to the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515. An online tribute page is available at varnumfuneralhome.com.

## Linda Papineau, 63

WARE – Linda Papineau, 63, of Ware, passed away on Monday, Aug. 4, 2025, at home after a short illness.



Born on March 21, 1962, in Branford, Connecticut, she worked as an Office Administrator, Credit Manager and bookkeeper for many years. She was preceded in death by her father, Marcel Blais, and stepfather, Claude Lessard.

She is survived by her mother, Suzanne Blais-Lessard; her sister, Julie Quink and her partner, Kevin Cislak; her sons, Aaron Guimond (Kerri Smith) and Jasper Guimond; her daughters, Em Papineau (Sofia Engelman) and Brooke Papineau; stepchildren, Jillian Papineau and Elaine Papineau; niece, Isabella Quink; grandchildren, Elliot and Paige;

stepbrothers, Steve Lessard and Michael Lessard; and her loving dog, Sasha.

Linda was a loving daughter, mother and sister. She enjoyed spending time with family, loved to laugh, and loved animals, especially Lulu and Sasha.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Aloysius Church, 64 Church St., Gilbertville at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Upper Church Street, Gilbertville.

Funeral Services and Arrangements are under the direction of The Koziol Family of Cebula Funeral Home. For more information and an online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Second Chance Animal Services.

## Death notices

**Morin, Jr., Robert J.**  
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**Papineau, Linda**  
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Services Aug. 16, 2025

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# public notices

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

V-2025-01

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Zoning Board of Appeals, per the powers given under M.G.L Chapter 40A, will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Robert Jones (Nu-Way Mobile Homes), for a Variance (V-2025-01). The applicant is requesting variance relief from the setback requirements for proposed mobile home under Section 4.8.7, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of the public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

**SITE LOCATION: 11 East Main Street, Ware MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 15020, Page 267. Property is also identified as Assessor’s Parcel 57-0-96. Zoned: Millyard (MY).

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

WARE PLANNING BOARD  
08/14, 08/21/2025

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Ware Zoning Board of Appeals  
LEGAL NOTICE**  
V-2025-02

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

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

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

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

**Town of Ware  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning Board  
LEGAL NOTICE**  
SP-2025-09

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting and Site Plan Review Authority, will hold a Public Hearing during the scheduled meeting on **THURSDAY, September 4 at 7:00pm**, on the application of **Fieldcrest Brewing Company LLC** for the principal use of a microbrewery and winery, under Zoning Bylaw Section 4.2, Use Table, and 2.2, Definitions, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public

may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Board of Selectman’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

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

A complete copy of the application can be found at the Town Clerk’s office and on the Planning & Community Development Department website under

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

## Town of Ware Notice of Public Hearing Planning Board

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

**SITE LOCATION: 42 East Main Street, Ware MA.** Said premises being further described in deeds recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 2183, Page 244. Property is also identified as Assessor’s Parcel 57-0-115. Zoned: Millyard (MY).

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

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

**(SEAL)  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
25 SM 002302  
ORDER OF NOTICE**  
TO:  
**Wendy Theresa Sprous**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 *et seq.*:  
**Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC**  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Ware**, numbered **8 Bellevue Avenue Extension**, given by Wendy Theresa Sprous to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as mortgagee, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated July 12, 2019, and recorded or filed in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 13320, Page 210, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square,**

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**Town of Ware  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning Board  
LEGAL NOTICE**  
SP-2025-07  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting and Site Plan Review Authority, will hold a Public Hearing during the scheduled meeting on **THURSDAY, August 21, 2025 at 7:00pm**, on the application of **Lost Towns Brewing Company**, for the principal use of an eating establishment specializing in serving alcohol, under Zoning Bylaw Section 4.2, Use Table, and pursuant to MGL Chapter

40A. Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this hearing will be conducted in person and via remote means, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the Planning Board as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. In person attendance will be held in the Board of Selectman’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. It is possible that any or all members of the public body may attend remotely, with in-person attendance consisting of members of public. The meeting may be accessed remotely via zoom. Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone. Phone Number: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 784 604 1861; Password: 01082.

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

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampshire Probate and Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton MA, 01060  
Docket No.  
HS22P0251PM  
In the matter of:  
Kristine Marie Swift  
of Ware, MA  
Protected Person/  
Disabled Person/Respondent  
CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF  
CONSERVATOR’S  
ACCOUNT**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **First and Final Account of Temporary Conservator, Amended First Account of Permanent Conservator, and Second Annual Account of Permanent Conservator** account(s) of Nancy Godbout of Granby, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

**You have the right to object to the account(s).** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **09/03/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order),

**Boston, MA 02108** on or before **09/15/2025** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 7/31/2025.

Attest:  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder  
08/14/2025

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **First and Final Account of Temporary Conservator, Amended First Account of Permanent Conservator, and Second Annual Account of Permanent Conservator** account(s) of Nancy Godbout of Granby, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

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**BILL** from page 3

**Inspection of chair lifts at Shepard Building**

Ferrera shared with the board about the recent inspection of the two chair lifts that are installed in the Shepard Building. Both chairs were inspected and entails both a pre-inspection and an actual inspection.

The pre-inspection was in June and one chair lift that is close to the Tax Collector's Office wasn't working properly. The chip that helps operate the chair lift may need to be replaced. The motherboards aren't made anymore and the chair lift is from 1997, the other chair is from

1987.

The town has options, one being to search for a used chip or replace the entire chairlift, which may cost over \$80,000. The chairs have to be ADA accessible for the building and Ferrera said the State will come down to check the chairs sometime withing 90 days.

Ferrera's recommendation is for the board to start the process soon and "get this procured or resolved soon."

Dufresne asked if there are any grants to help with the project. Ferrera said there are grants, but they were missed due to being available in the spring.

The board wanted to know

if this decision could wait until a special town meeting, and Ferrera says that is a risk the board is going to take if they go in that direction.

The board wants Ferrera to seek further information and possibly ask the State Representatives about funding options for this sort of project. The board would also want to hear from the building inspector to see what can be done.

Ferrera will report back in a couple weeks but did inform the board that the town may have to spend money on these chair lifts and want to be ADA compliant. One suggestion was given to the board to see if they can find a motherboard

for one of the chairs.

**July report**

In Ferrera's monthly report for July, the eviction of 38 Elm St. was done and taken care of.

There is a project being discussed involving Warren Community Elementary School. Ferrera spoke with both Marc Astrella and Stephen Duff about doing the entire building envelope for the whole school.

Ferrera wanted to acknowledge that the Administrative Assistant Griffin Harrington has been with the town for over a month now and has been doing an excellent job.

**PROJECT** from page 7

inspector and believes the project would require a special permit and an ANR. Fountain is looking to get approval and get started before winter.

Derick Veliz of the Planning Board commented and thinks "these projects are a plus for the area" its in. Dimensions and frontage was shared with the Planning Board. The board will hear from Fountain and Levesque at the next Planning Board meeting in a couple of weeks.

**ZPT Solar Project**  
The board voted on the completion of ZPT Solar

Project at 334 Coy Hill Road. According to the board, the project is now complete, and the applicants have gone through the building inspector, electrical, and the conservation commission.

Planning Board Chair Richard Eichacker went around the room to see if the board had any questions or issues.

Veliz said "it has been a long journey," but the project being done is "bittersweet" and was done properly. The Planning Board voted and approved the completion of the project.

The next Planning Board meeting will be on Monday, Aug. 25, at 7:15 p.m.

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