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## Teachers held standout over lack of contract

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WARREN – Despite contract negotiations starting last fall, this school year the teachers at the Quaboag Regional School District will begin without a contract in place.

Tuesday morning, the teachers gathered on the front steps of the middle/high school holding signs that said, “You can’t put students first if you put teachers last,” and “Valuing Students = Valuing Educators.”

The union’s contract negotiations co-chairs Kimberly Chaffee and Tannis Rossi said after nine meetings with the School Committee, contract discus-



Turley Photo by Paula Ouimette

Teachers at the Quaboag Regional School District gathered on the front steps of the middle/high school Tuesday morning and held signs in support of a fair contract.

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## Selectmen discuss ZBA naming

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WARREN – The Board of Selectmen met on Aug. 21 and began discussions on appointments to several boards.

One appointment is for Joseph Kondrat to join the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term. Warren resident Joseph Kondrat expressed interest in wanting to be part of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Warren. The Selectmen explained the responsibilities and the importance of guidelines and property lines.

“Your role is being a humble person trying to figure out the problem of the issue that comes to you,” says Selectmen Derick Veliz.

Kondrat feels it is important for ZBA members to go look at proper-

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## Ware Grange celebrates 78th Annual Fair

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WARE – There was a lot going on at the Ware Grange as they hosted their 78th Annual Fair this past weekend.

This year’s fair featured more exhibits compared to last year’s fair for both agricultural and non-agricultural entries. There was a total of 92 exhibitors, with 17 new exhibitors in this year’s fair. There were 406 entries in this year’s fair, 308 adult entries and 98 youth entries. 216 of the entries were agricultural entries and 190 were non-agricultural entries.

In addition to agriculture entries such as vegetables, flowers, eggs or plants there were many art entries from both youth and adult exhibitors. All the entries are brought to the Ware Grange a couple days before and are put in place for judging. On the day of the Ware Grange Fair, all visitors are welcome to explore the exhibits and see who the recipients of the colorful ribbon prizes were.

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Submitted photo

Kids participating in a pie eating contest at the Ware Grange Fair.

## Selectboard meets with state legislators

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WARE – The Selectboard welcomed state legislators Sen. Peter Durant, Rep. Donnie Berthiaume and Rep. Todd Smola to their meeting to discuss local concerns.

At the Aug. 19 meeting, the Selectboard members raised a number of questions, including the use of e-bikes and whether or not there was pending legisla-

tion to regulate their use. Durant said there have been three bills filed regarding e-bikes and their speeds. He said e-bikes under 20 mph are considered in the same category as bicycles (class II) and require the cyclist to wear a helmet (if under the age of 17) and cannot be ridden on the sidewalk.

He said class III e-bikes exceed 20 mph and require

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## Select Board approved sewer abatements

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HARDWICK – The Select Board had sewer abatements to review for a couple properties in the village of Gilbertville.

William Tinker of the Select Board asked quickly if only one abatement is allowed per fiscal year. Town Administrator Justine Caggiano confirmed that its

accurate but wants to “make sure we keep track of that.”

One of the abatements was for an apartment that is above a laundromat that is no longer functioning. Tinker wanted to be sure that the property owner wasn’t getting a second abatement. The board looked further to see if there is anything said in the town’s regulations that

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# Gilbertville library hosts painting workshop for teens/adults

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

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

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

This all-new “The Seahorse: How to Pastel Paint,” all draw a seahorse or use a template that Maichack provides, both large and small seahorses. Participants will also create bubbles, and a template will be provided as well.

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

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

possibilities.

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

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

Maichack lives in the Berkshires and is a portraitist and painter working primarily in pastels. Winner of the Award of Merit from the Bennington Center for the Arts: Impressions of New England Show 2003, he also was awarded the Savoir-faire Pastel Award from the Great Lakes Pastel Society.

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

He has been in many national juried shows and

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

Maichack has been a faculty member of the Museum Studio School in the Fine Arts Museum Quadrangle in Springfield; and taught at Holyoke and Greenfield Community Colleges, Westfield State University, East Works, the MFA, Boston, and The Guild, Northampton. Maichack’s pastel paintings have been selected twice for the Annual National Exhibition of the Academic Artists Association and as a result Maichack was invited to be a member of this prestigious organization.

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

# DCR offers Quabbin Park Cemetery tour Aug. 31

**WARE** – Join Department of Conservation and Recreation staff for engaging, family-friendly programs that explore the rich history and natural beauty of the Quabbin Reservoir.

From guided hikes to indoor talks, there’s something for everyone, just be sure to dress for the weather and bring water. Dogs are

not allowed anywhere on Quabbin property.

All programs are free, but registration is required. Space is limited – 25 spots for outdoor programs and 45 for indoor events.

You can learn more about all of these programs and register by going to [www.friendsofquabbin.org/dcr-programs](http://www.friendsofquabbin.org/dcr-programs).

Quabbin Park Cemetery tour

On Sunday, Aug. 31 from 1-2 p.m. take a walk through the Quabbin Park Cemetery and learn about the history and lives of residents (both prominent and ordinary) of the Valley towns. Meet in the Quabbin Park Cemetery off Route 9 in Ware.

## Are You Old News?



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

*File Photo*  
Last week's photo from 1989 showed Joe Sidur and Cemetery Superintendent Paul St. Pierre during a project at Aspen Grove Cemetery. The stone wall along Pleasant Street had been causing concern and work was down to clear out the area and buttress the wall on the cemetery side. Work was also down to level a hilly area adjacent to the wall. Bob Lagrant correctly identified Sidur and St. Pierre. Lynn Park also identified the Hobson family as featured in the Aug. 14 Ware River News.

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).

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a commercial business has to contribute a minimum for sewer even if the space is not rented out.

“Maybe it’s something in the future to revisit,” Tinker said.

The Select Board will look at this topic again during another meeting. The board voted and approved the Sewer abatements for 20-22 Joslyn Road and 126 High St. in Gilbertville.

### List of capital needs

The Select Board reviewed an updated list of capital needs. Caggiano shared that Mark Korzec from the Capital Planning Committee dropped off copies to every department to list any capital project proposals. Departments were asked where they were at with capital needs and Caggiano brought it to the board’s attention.

“Anything over \$25,000 has to go through Capital Planning,” Caggiano said.

Projects will be listed in order of importance. Caggiano listed some projects that can be done at municipal office. One project could be the repair of

the old heating system in the municipal building or old Town Hall windows. Caggiano also wants to look at the electricity issues in the Treasurer’s office.

### Change of manager

The board had a discussion and vote on the Hardwick Rod and Gun Club change of manager. The club has been wanting to change managers for a while. Caggiano said the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission called her assistant and said the club hasn’t been properly submitting their paperwork the last 25 years.

The board was informed that the paperwork issue was sorted out and fixed. The new manager application was approved.

### Town Administrator’s report

Caggiano shared her report with the Select Board, starting with all the trees being removed from behind town hall. A railing was installed in the building as well and the board expressed gratitude for the work done.

A walkthrough was done in the meeting room for

the security of the equipment. Caggiano did a walk-through of the Memorial Park Planning Project with Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. A study of the park is being done as well as funding mechanisms on how the park can be improved.

There are a lot of vacancies across various departments that town is looking to fill. The Town Administrator brought up the bylaws and to possibly codify the town’s bylaws to help fill some gaps.

“There are some serious gaps in our bylaws,” Caggiano said.

Caggiano briefly brought up a budget topic to the Select Board. There was a concern with one account after reviewing the month of July.

Caggiano said the town counsel bill is pretty high. The bill is budgeted for \$25,000 and after a couple situations, they’ve spent a decent amount of money in one month alone. Caggiano wanted to bring to the board’s attention to just be aware of this budget item.

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## Candlelight vigil to be held for Overdose Awareness Day

WARE – On Friday, Aug. 29, the Recovery Center of HOPE will hold a candlelight vigil to recognize Overdose Awareness Day at Veterans Park, Main Street, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Prior to the vigil, all are welcome to gather at the Recovery Center of HOPE, 52 Main St., for food and fellowship.

Battery-powered candles will be provided to all who attend the vigil. Candles can then be taken home or to your business and placed in your window on International Overdose Awareness Day on Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. to help light the town purple.

## Friends of Ware Senior Center announce fundraisers

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

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

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

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

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[www.turley.com](http://www.turley.com)

# Historical Commission discusses fire curtain

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
*Correspondent*

WARE – The Ware Historical Commission met Monday to discuss the recent damage to the fire curtain in the Town Hall.

During the week of the Special Election, just days before it was scheduled to take place in the Town Hall, the election was relocated to the high school due to concerns of asbestos, a natural substance which has been linked in recent years to cancer, found in the curtain after the accident.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley was in attendance to explain how the curtain came down. He said it was likely due to age, and the system which holds it up “gave out,” sending it to the ground.

Following the accident, professionals arrived to test the building for safety. It was found that there was no asbestos in the air, meaning

the building does not pose a health risk for people.

The fire curtain itself is a historic artifact, and the next steps for the Historical Commission and town of Ware is deciding how to remediate the damage to the curtain.

One possibility proposed was to encapsulate the curtain, which would coat the curtain, causing it to not release any harmful substances such as asbestos. The other option is to dispose of the current curtain and replace it. A quote for disposal was set at \$10,000-20,000.

The curtain would need to be replaced though, as it is a fire safety requirement. The curtain would come down if a fire started and stop it from spreading fire and smoke through the building. A replacement curtain could possibly cost up to \$5,000.

Beckley also stated that a report from the fire chief

about exact cost is arriving within days, and that town insurance could possibly cover the cost.

The final idea brought up in dealing with the damaged curtain is to preserve it at the Ware Center Meetinghouse and Museum. Julie Bullock was in attendance, and stated that the proprietors fully support preservation.

### Archival work

Thomas Atkinson is working on an archival project of several historic documents related to Ware and Central Massachusetts as a whole. Atkinson was in attendance to show off some of the documents and images he has enhanced using computer software.

The images are extremely high quality, and he showed off how you can zoom in pixel by pixel. Some of the works enhanced and archived include Kennedy photos, watches, historic

coins, a scrapbook on the Great Flood, bicentennial programs and calendars, and articles from the Worcester Evening Gazette on a hurricane.

Atkinson and the commission is seeking out grants which could financially support the project to make it a legitimate endeavor. The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts was a proposed foundation to receive a grant from, which would require a physical sponsor.

Beckley also showed off a tab on the Ware town website under the Historical Commission page which would link to the archival project once it is added to the website.

Bullock also suggested digitizing the works and putting them into the Massachusetts State archives.

Pulaski Street statue  
A statue located on Pulaski Street depicting a

Native American has fallen over and is beyond repair, according to Beckley. A local sculptor made the statue, and it was gifted by the Historical Society.

The board discussed next steps, including contacting the artist to see if he is willing to make a replacement. The original one may be preserved and sent to the Ware Meetinghouse and Museum.

New business  
Discussion continued about a possible memorial to the former Mary Lane Hospital to be shown at the Town Hall. Cornerstones are currently being collected and preserved in the case that a memorial is made.

The board also received donations from various community members to go towards the archival project. They plan on sending thank you cards to all donors. The commission will meet next on Sept. 22.

## Paige Memorial Library lists upcoming events

HARDWICK – Come to the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, on Wednesdays for Story Time at 10:30 a.m. to meet and play, and then enjoy stories at 11 a.m. with art and science projects to follow.

### Short stories with David Payne

On Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. come and enjoy “Anthropods”, 19 short stories by David Payne. Come meet the author who takes the common moment to blur the lines between what we know and understand.

Anthropods - objects and animals given human-like traits and feelings - are glimpses into worlds just on the edge of our own, some of them closer than others. “

### History and Legends through Song

On Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1:30 p.m., at the Town House, Jon Waterman will present “History and Legends through Song”. Inspired by his research, musician, songwriter, and history teacher Jon Waterman combines music, history, storytelling, original songs, a slide show, and something about the Quabbin.

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

For more information and to sign up to hold your place, email [Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Director.paigelibrary@gmail.com) or call 413-477-6704.

## Ware Senior Center news

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

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

### ACTIVITIES Monday, Sept. 1 Closed Labor Day

- Tuesday, Sept. 2**
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Willaims. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.
  - 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
  - 9 a.m. Movin & Groovin to the Oldies with Lisa. \$3 per class.
  - 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
  - 10 a.m. Scat
  - 11:30 a.m. Lunch
  - 1 p.m. Cornhole
  - 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking. \$3 per class

- 6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

- Wednesday, Sept. 3**
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Foot Nurse Allison Willaims. Call 413-967-9645 for appointment.
  - 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
  - 10 a.m. Scat
  - 11:30 a.m. Lunch
  - 1 p.m. Chair Yoga with Lori

- Thursday, Sept. 4**
- 9 a.m. Walking Club. Participants should meet at the Senior Center.
  - 9 a.m. Exercise at Valley View Housing
  - 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing for Beginners
  - 10 a.m. Line Dancing
  - 10 a.m. Scat
  - 11:30 a.m. Lunch
  - 1 p.m. Cornhole
  - 2:30 p.m. Art Class

- Friday, Sept. 5**
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
  - 10 a.m. Scat
  - 11:30 a.m. Lunch
  - 1 p.m. Chair Yoga

- 6 p.m. Pitch (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

**LUNCHES DINE IN 11:30 a.m.**  
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**Monday, Sept. 1**  
Closed Labor Day

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
Hot Dogs with Sauerkraut, Baked Beans, Dessert of the Day

**Wednesday, Sept. 3**  
Shepherd’s Pie, Tossed Salad, Dessert of the Day

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
Stir Fry Pork over Rice, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

**Friday, Sept. 5**  
Baked Haddock, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie of the Day, Dessert of the Day

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# viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

### How do I apply for Social Security and receive my payments?

Dear Rusty:

*I'm ready to apply for my Social Security benefits, and I'm aware of how my benefits are calculated. What I would like to know about is how the application process actually works and how my benefits are received.*

**Signed:  
Ready to Collect**

Dear Ready to Collect:

Essentially, you have two main options for applying for Social Security benefits, and also two separate options for receiving your payments:

To apply for benefits, you can either contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to make a telephone appointment to complete your application while speaking to an SSA representative on the phone or you can submit your application for SS benefits online.

When using the telephone option, you will be guided by an SSA agent while completing your application and can discuss your benefit options directly with that agent, just be sure to be available to receive SSA's call at the scheduled time. You can also make an appointment by calling your local SS field office directly get the number for your local SS office at this link: [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator). It is not usually necessary to visit your local SSA office in person to apply.

If you are reasonably proficient with computers, you can, instead, apply online, but you will first need to create your personal SSA account online at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Once you have your personal account set up, you will be able to see your estimated benefit amount at different claim ages, which should help you decide when it is best to apply. Here is a short video which explains the process for applying for benefits online: [https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim\\_r01.htm](https://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm).

If applying online, you can start your online application at [www.ssa.gov/](http://www.ssa.gov/) apply and re-access it multiple times as needed until you are ready to submit it; just be sure to write down the "reentry code," which is provided when you begin your online application.

When you are ready to submit the application, just select "Submit" and your application will be sent to SSA's application processing unit for review. They will contact you if there are any questions about your application or if any additional documentation is needed. Note that it typically takes a couple of months for your payments to start and note that payment is made in the month following the month earned. For example, if you begin your benefits in August your first payment will be received in September on either the second, third or fourth Wednesday of each month thereafter, depending on your birthday.

For receiving your monthly SS payments: you will (on your application) be able to specify how you wish your monthly payments to be made. The preferred option used by most beneficiaries is to have your monthly Social Security payment deposited into a financial (e.g., bank) account, details for which you will specify when applying. However, you can also choose to receive your monthly payments in the form of a debit card called "Direct Express," which will be replenished monthly. If you choose to have your payment deposited in your bank account, be sure to have your bank account information ready when you apply. Note that Social Security no longer issues payments via printed checks except in rare circumstances.

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### Gardening tasks best accomplished now

The mornings have been a little cooler this last week or so. I must admit that after the summer we had, the respite from the heat is a welcome relief.

With the unofficial end of summer just a few short days away, folks are starting to think about winterizing their pools, getting their boats in storage, closing up their cottages and the like. There are a number of things that we gardeners can do now to ease winter's blow and set the stage for a successful garden next year!

Here is a replay of a timely column that lays it all out there.

Order spring flowering bulbs now. I ordered mine just last week!

For the widest array of tulips, daffodils, crocus and the like, consider making your selection from a mail order company. Most have great web sites, offering photos of pretty much everything they sell. Our bulbs will arrive in early October – the perfect time for planting!

We get them into the soil prior to the ground freezing so that they will have a chance to send out roots, perfect little anchors for winter heave/thaw cycles. Once spring comes it is all about flowering. Yippee – a welcome sign that brighter days lie ahead!

Cure squash and pumpkins well prior to storage. Give your cucurbits a couple of weeks in the sun up off of the ground before you bring them indoors. This will harden the vegetable's skin and improve its longevity.

If temperatures dip below 50 degrees at night consistently, find a dry, sunny spot inside to complete their curing, otherwise chilling injury may occur. It's also important to remove them from the

will return come March. Instead of digging tender plants up, some folks prefer to take tip cuttings. During the rooting process, mist a few times a day to prevent wilting. You will have especially good luck rooting scented geraniums – it should take just about a month.

Take cuttings now, before the plant starts prepping for winter (yes, plants do, too!), and you'll have better luck. Plant some autumnal color. Mums and kale are at their peak at local garden centers now. Choose a plant that is healthy, free of brown leaves and with a root ball that fills the pot and isn't sunken away. Use these plants to fill in places in the border where annuals have gone by, or, fill a container or two for a quick burst of fall at your front door. Die-hard gardeners have no problem staving off the onset of winter with a last minute plant installation. Be sure to cover with a sheet if frost threatens, to prevent the flowers from being nipped. With careful watering and some good luck, the mums may even return to the garden next season – just as we intend to!

Under these conditions most will last eight to twelve weeks depending on variety. Dig up tender plants. Did you buy rosemary, bay tree, lemon verbena, French lavender or scented geraniums this spring? Unfortunately, not one of these favored herbs is winter hardy in our area. I usually get them out of the ground once frost threatens, and will bring them inside overnight and back outside during the day for a few weeks until it gets too cold. From that point most of them will thrive in a bright but cool room of the house.

Don't be surprised if the lemon verbena loses its leaves soon after you pot it up or that the French lavender doesn't look all that zippy during the winter – both are normal responses. New leaves will sprout and luster



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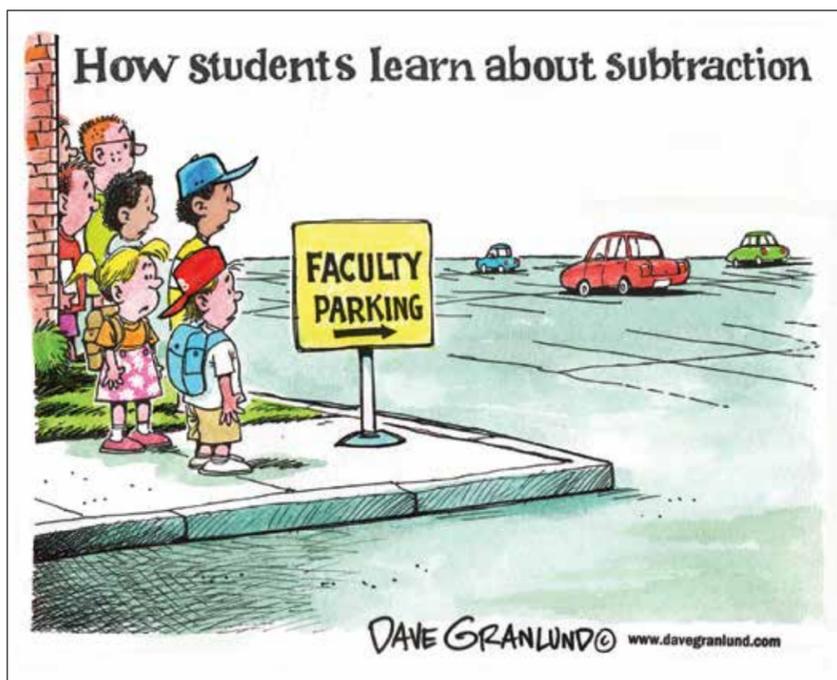
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A Brimfield resident reported he visited Lake Wallace in Belchertown with a friend last week and saw a great egret.

They also saw a great blue heron, at least three green herons, a few Phoebe's and an Eastern kingbird. There were also several ducks, mallards and wood ducks. The two male wood ducks were in eclipse plumage.

The great egret is slightly smaller than the great blue heron, but they are still large birds with an impressive wingspan. They hunt in the classic heron way standing immobile or wading through water to capture fish with their bill. At one point, egrets were hunted to near extinction for their feathers for hat decoration. The great egret is the symbol of the National Audubon Society.

Rivalry among nestlings is common and the larger chicks frequently kill their smaller siblings. The great

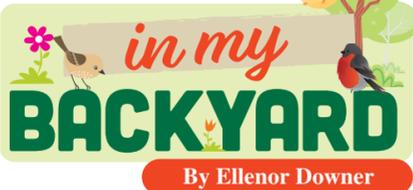
egret is white with a yellow bill and black legs. During breeding, a patch of skin on its face turns neon green and long plumes grow from its back called aigrettes. These aigrettes were prized for ladies hats.

Great egrets fly slowly, but powerfully with just two wingbeats per second at a speed of about 25 miles per hour. The oldest known Great Egret was 22 years, 10 months old and was banded in Ohio.

### Eagle sighting

A New Braintree resident and a friend went bass fishing on Brooks Pond in North Brookfield in a canoe recently. Half way out on the pond, they started to hear the seagull like calls of an eagle. As they rounded a little peninsula on the left side up in the top of a broken pine was a large eagle's nest.

The broken pine made a perfect platform for them to build a nest. They then saw the two mature adult pair with



By Ellenor Downer

their white heads on a stump near the water. Up in the pine near the nest were two juvenile eagles, all dark brown. They weren't flying, but just squeaking for food.

They actually looked quite big for baby eagles. His friend said it was because they still had their fluffy feathers and developing new feathers.

They fished nearby and watched them hop around. They seemed unbothered by them being about 60 feet

from the shore of the peninsula. Eventually the two adult eagles flew off probably in search of a meal for their big babies. So neat to be able to see eagles fairly common now in Massachusetts.

### Male cardinal

I received this email, "I was just walking the dog after dark and my flashlight came upon this guy (male cardinal). I have seen him every night since. We just stare at each other for a few seconds and say good night."

### Loon census

The Loon Preservation Committee reported on Saturday, July 19 from 8-9 a.m., 566 volunteers simultaneously surveyed 135 lakes across New Hampshire for loons. Together, they counted 541 adult loons and 109 loon chicks during the census hour. The New Hampshire loon census is part of a larger



Great egret

regional effort. While N.H. participants were out surveying for loons on their lakes, hundreds of volunteers in Maine, Vermont, and New York were doing the same. This simultaneous survey of so many lakes helps create a "snapshot in time" of not just the loon population here in New Hampshire, but across the Northeast.

### Helping birds

A reader from South Hadley suggested I include a

Please see **BACKYARD**, page 8

# Walkthrough inspection identified school building needs

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WARE – The School Committee discussed a recent walkthrough inspection of the school buildings in preparation for the start of the new school year.

Members of the School Committee were joined on the walkthrough by staff and community members.

At the Aug. 20 meeting, School Committee Chair Brian Winslow said Director of Buildings and Grounds Bill Alderman created a list of the areas of need that were identified during the walkthrough.

“A lot of that stuff on there was very minor things,” School Committee member Melissa Whitham said.

Whitham said she was impressed with how well the school buildings were maintained and prepared to receive

students for the new school year.

“They really do a good job,” she said of the school district’s facilities and custodial staff.

School Committee member Julie Slattery said the committee did their walkthrough earlier than usual this year, and many of the needs identified during it were already in the process of being addressed. Whitham said woodchips have already been delivered to fill the pre-school playground after it was identified as a need during the walkthrough.

Whitham said all of the buildings need new roofs and parking lots also need repaving. She said windows at the elementary school also need replacing to meet security standards by preventing people from seeing inside.

“Our three school buildings are aging,” she said. “I

just think the community needs to know that there are significant investments that need to be made in our school buildings.”

Winslow said they will have an update on the roof replacement project at a future meeting and the process to apply for grants and funding programs.

Resident Dave Moriarty said he took part in the four-hour walkthrough and he shared his thoughts about the needs of the buildings.

He said the roofs are between 30-65 years old, depending on the building.

“We’ve got to take care of them now,” Moriarty said.

The condition of the grades seven and eight bathrooms was also discussed, as the bathrooms have been vandalized many times, including having the stall doors ripped off in the boys’ bathroom. This means students can only

use the bathroom one at a time.

High School Principal Scott Slattery said three eighth grade students were responsible for the damage to the stall doors, which occurred at the end of the last school year.

#### Interim superintendent

Winslow said Michael Wood started his role as interim superintendent the day before and he believes the school district is now in a good place.

“It’s going to be a good year,” he said.

#### Surplus curriculum

The School Committee voted to declare the Go Match curriculum as surplus items. Winslow said there are seven cases of students workbooks for grades kindergarten through six stored in the middle school.

Middle School Principal Kim Thompson said the school district no longer uses that curriculum and if declared surplus, it could be given to another school district that uses Go Math. She said it could also be given to students or organizations in town that could make use of it.

#### Vacant positions

Winslow said the team worked through the summer to fill vacant positions across the school district. He said the district still needs a cheerleading coach, a BCBA, an assistant principal for the high school, a business/computer science teacher, a varsity softball coach, an athletic manager and a middle school paraprofessional.

A high school science teacher, paraprofessional, math teacher, adjustment counselor for grades seven

and eight and an elementary school paraprofessional all have candidates that are being processed for hiring.

#### Dress code/cell phone policies

The School Committee will re-send a survey to staff, students and families regarding feedback on the dress code and cell phone use policies. A public forum will also be held to continue discussion.

A link to the surveys is posted on the school district’s website, [www.wareps.org](http://www.wareps.org).

#### Athletic handbook

Slattery said the athletic handbook draft is close to being completed thanks to the efforts of a subcommittee consisting of himself, Athletic Director Thomas Shamgochian and parent Frank Bateman with feedback from others, including the athletic boosters.

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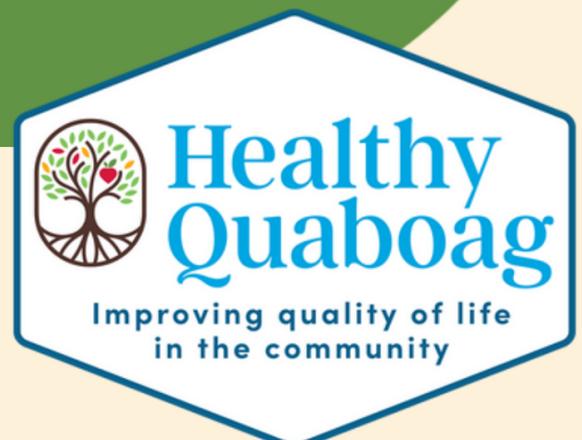
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# WBCA and Three Rivers chamber help local schools

## Staff Report

Schools have opened for the year and local students are being helped with donations of student school supplies through the efforts of the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond and the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce.

"This effort was our pilot year but honestly we are very impressed and grateful for the support from members of the communities of Ware, Palmer and Monson," said Matt Lemieux. "President of the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce. Barbara Barry, Town of Palmer City Council President had brought this idea forward for Palmer. I reached out to Dan Flynn to partner with the WBCA & B and Ware and then we worked to include and support the Monson schools," said Lemieux.

"The drop off locations collected thousands of items, ranging from pencils to notebooks. This effort will only grow next year," said Lemieux.

"We were so happy by the response of our customers," said Shannon Ortana, Ware Branch Manager of Monson Savings Bank.

"My boyfriend's son is proud Monson student," said Amanda Roy, owner of The Better Bean in Monson. "Every day, our customers would be dropping of school supplies and they were all excited to be a part of the effort. Dan and I unloaded two full carloads at the Quarry Hill Elementary School and the administra-

tion were overjoyed."

At Palmer High School, members of the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce carried in a full truckload plus of supplies. "It was a wonderful feeling," said Ronnie Theriault of Mustang Seats in Three Rivers.

For the Ware location, employees of Pennington Painting had the task of unloading nearly two truckloads. "This is a great task to have today, especially being on the first day of the school year," both said Dustin Pennington and Micah Hinkley, co-owners of Pennington Painting.

"We are planning for next year to start June 15 and run this effort until Aug. 15. In each of the three towns, we have already confirmed additional drop off locations," said Flynn, President of the Ware Business & Civic Association and Beyond.

"At our August event, we will have a 'fill the bus' effort also," said Lemieux.

Participating drop off locations were TJ's Tavern, The Better Bean and Monson Savings Bank for Monson, AMVETS Post 74, Just a Little Craft Store, J. Stolar Insurance Agency, Boxcar Bricks, Palmer Town Hall, Palmer Restaurant, Phish Friends, Mustang Seats, Diane Vadnais, REMAX, Life's Memories and More and Turley Publications for Palmer, Cedarbrook Village, Moulton Insurance, Monson Savings Bank, Hakim Medical Center, Dhillon Family Dentistry, Ware Town Hall and the Ware River News for Ware.



Dustin Pennington and Micah Hinkley, co-owners of Pennington Painting, present school supplies collected to Stanley M. Koziol Principal Pam Iwasinski and Vice Principal Paige Clark



"We are excited that Monson Together will coordinate the Monson efforts next year," said Flynn. "All three organizations have similar goals, and we are here in full support of our local Community."

"The people in our communities care and they eagerly responded to this drive. It was our pleasure to kick-off this effort," said Lemieux.

Liam Lemon and Amanda Roy, of The Better Bean, presented Quarry Hill School Principal Jordan Wissinger and Vice Principal Myriah Hudak with school supplies collected at TJ's Tavern, Monson Savings Bank and The Better Bean.

## Flea Market on the West Brookfield Common set for Sept. 13

WEST BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St. has been hosting their Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years.

This year the Flea Market will be held on Saturday,

Sept. 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tell your friends and come out for a day of bargains and yummy a lunch.

New this year is a tag sale inside the church. Come in for more bargains.

Sellers of all kinds are

welcome – flea folk, antique sellers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics. No food vendors, please.

Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20 x 20 grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own

tables and tents. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled lunch, cold drinks and sweet treats.

Email Karen at fccofwb-fleamarket@gmail.com for an application or call her at 508-801-7692.

## Holy Cross church hosts school supply drive

WARE – Holy Cross PNCC is collecting school supplies to be donated to students at local Ware schools.

Donations can be brought to Holy Cross

PNCC, 61 Maple St., on Sunday mornings during the 8 a.m. Holy Mass, after Mass in the Church Hall, or anytime to the rectory located on the right side of the church.

## When investing, one of the best abilities is durability

You've probably heard about "genius" investors or those who got in on the "ground floor" of a company that grew to be a huge success. These stories may be interesting, but they are also rare — and sometimes not even true.

The truth is that successful investing isn't glamorous, and it isn't necessarily quick. Instead, a well-founded investing strategy is a durable one — one that can withstand the test of time.

Here are some actions that can help you build durability.

**Take your time:** Most individual investors make their money over time, not overnight. Despite stories about fortunes made on one or two trades, you're more likely to be successful making money over time. You'll want to own a well-diversified portfolio of quality investments — and plan to own those investments for the long term.

**A long-term perspective can help you ignore the constant noise in the markets and stay invested.** When you hear about the latest "hot" investment tip, especially if it's already performed well, the best advice is this: Ignore it. Although it may be tempting to buy a popular investment, it may not fit with the rest of your portfolio, it may have already peaked and it may be riskier than you expect. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

**Invest in quality:** When building your investment portfolio, quality should be a top priority. For stocks, quality is frequently measured by the steadiness of earnings and dividend growth over time. For bonds, one measure of quality is an investment-grade credit rating, which indicates that the borrower has a good track record of making its promised interest and principal payments and the bond has a relatively low risk of default.

**Quality investments are more likely to overcome temporary challenges,** which is why a good track record can be an indication of quality. Don't reach for yield by looking for investments offering the highest dividend or interest rate without considering the risk. Remember, there is no perfect investment — a higher rate generally means higher risk.

**Stick to your strategy:** Building a long-term strategy can anchor your decisions and provide a roadmap for your investment choices. Your strategy should consider your goals, tolerance for risk and the time needed to save toward each goal.

**Within that strategy, you can be flexible.** Buy and hold, for example, doesn't mean buy and forget. Over time, your goals may change, or you may choose to hold more conservative investments. But it's important to make changes for the right reasons, not simply because stocks or your other investments may have dropped in price.

**Perhaps one of the biggest mistakes you can make is trying to time the markets, moving in and out in response to short-term declines or the latest prediction.** This often results in getting into and out of the market at the wrong times, costing time and money — and resulting in lower returns over time.

**Remember that investments don't all move up or down at the same time but portfolio diversification can help smooth the ups and downs of the market.** A long-term perspective can help you see past short-term fluctuations in some investments.

**Successful investing isn't about making dramatic moves or chasing the latest trends.** It's about developing a durable strategy personalized for your life, then sticking with it through market ups and downs. In investing, as in life, slow and steady could help win the race.

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The Hip Swayers returned to Janine's Frostee in Ware.

## Hip Swayers return to Janines Frostee

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WARE – The musical band, Hip Swayers, returned to Ware and performed at Janine's Frostee.

The band performs as a duo or as a full band and has toured all over New England, and big cities such as New York, San Francisco, Montreal, Oakland, Knoxville, Asheville and New Orleans.

The band is ready for another summer of music and this past weekend they stopped at Janine's Frostee. When you see the Hip Swayers performing, you'll know they are upbeat and always having fun.

In 2012, Hip Swayers released an 11 song CD album, "Free Your Hips". The songs come from various artists such as the Louvin Brothers, Hank Thompson, Bob Dylan and many others. One of their popular covers is the song "Gonna Quit My Rowdy Ways", originally performed by the Callahan Brothers.

Dave Blodgett is the lead singer and guitar player for the band. According to the



Turley Photos by Ryan Drago  
Dave Blodgett of the Hip Swayers is a singer and guitar player for the band.

rest of his band mates, Blodgett was born to sing. Blodgett doesn't sing alone as bass player Toni Ostrow sings alongside him.

Dave Niles is also a guitarist for the band and also plays slide and lap steel. Niles is originally from the Boston area and grew up listening to Clyde Joy, Rex Trailer, Ricky Nelson and various British artists.

The drummer of the band is Mark Cherrington. The Hip Swayers' drummer is a westerner at heart and lives in the Pioneer Valley.

## CDA gets update on grant

By Zacharias Fragkiadakis  
Correspondent

WARE – The Community Development Authority held a meeting Aug. 18 to hear an update by Erica Johnson of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in regard to a facade grant awarded to the town of Ware.

The grant allowed local businesses to apply to use portions of the grant money to improve the condition of their signs.

Many businesses and programs throughout Ware applied and were approved, including Limelight Dance Studios on Pulaski Street, Behavioral Health Network on South Street, Workshop13, located on Church Street, and the property at 13 North St. Some other projects were approved, but are not moving on including a project for Hanna's on Main, formerly known as Hanna Devine's, along with Dioguardi Jewelers.

The Workshop13 project, which was originally approved, is going to be canceled, as the actual cost of the project was so much higher than the original bidders estimated it would be.

Johnson stated that for all projects not moving forward, the time frame of rebidding,

estimating cost, and getting the necessary paperwork and approval process would simply take too much time, and that these projects are blocked until at least some time next year. The deadline for projects to be set was Sept. 30, and that process can take up to two months, according to Johnson.

The board also discussed ways in which the projects could be done in spite of them not being approved by the regulations of the original grant. The board suggested using left-over American Rescue Plan Act funds, which were given to states during the coronavirus pandemic. The government is the sole decider in saying what can be done with those left-over funds, including whether it can be used for signage projects.

Another source of funds comes from the Community Development Block Grant. These funds are to be used to better the community as a whole, and they typically approve signage programs. One of the qualifications to be approved under CDBG funds for signage programs are if the conditions of the business or signage contribute to "slum and blight."

The Planning and Community Development board of Ware has a page on

what slum and blight refers to on their website. In short, if a business or property has "observable deterioration or abandonment" it is said to be a blight to the community. According to the page, if 25% of a community is designated as such, they are more competitive for funding from CDBG. This was talked about in relation to the property on 11 East Main St., where Gabe's bar sits.

Johnson and the CDA members also noted that since many of the project's bids were too high to move forward, a large portion of the grant money will be going back to the state rather than be used. Johnson stressed that this does not necessarily make Ware less competitive or eligible for future funds, just that it will not work at this time.

Four of the projects which were approved are expected to be done by the September deadline.

The CDA members said that if future grants are not awarded, holding on to ARPA funds may be possible, and that money would need to be spent by next December. The next meeting of the Community Development Authority will be Sept. 15.

## Cultural Council seeks funding proposals for 2026

WARE – The Ware Cultural Council is accepting applications from organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants supporting cultural community activities for 2026.

The deadline for filing applications begins Sept. 2 and ends on Oct. 16, 2025.

This year the Ware Cultural Council will distribute \$11,900 in grants to fund artistic projects and activities, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artistic resi-

dences, performances in school, workshops, and lectures. The council thanks the Massachusetts State Legislature for providing annual funds to each of the 351 local cultural councils in the Commonwealth.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Ware Cultural Council contact Aileen O'Regan at wareculturalcouncil@yahoo.

Application forms are available on [www.mass-culturalcouncil.org](http://www.mass-culturalcouncil.org) - then scroll down and select Local Cultural Council Programs.

The mission of the Ware Cultural Council is to promote, encourage, and facilitate the arts, plays, music and interpretive sciences for the enjoyment of Ware citizens of all ages.

## Grange Kids' Corner explores weather on Sept. 6

WARE – The next Kids' Corner at Ware Grange will be called "Weather" and will take place on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Grange Hall at 297 Belchertown Road.

Kids' Corner workshops

are led by local preschool teacher, Jen McNally, and teach children about nature and the environment through stories, songs and fun activities.

All types of weather are very important to the

environment. Children will explore the different types of weather and how each plays their own part in making Earth beautiful.

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RIGHT: Gloria Tuttle and Mel Sparks present the first half dozen cider donuts of the season at Breezeland Orchards in Warren recently.

LEFT: Haven Dalton cooked a batch of cider donuts at Breezeland Orchards on opening day.



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a license, registration and helmets for all cyclists.

"So, there are regulations, and it centers around right where that mile per hour limit is," Durant said.

Berthiaume said he has heard many complaints about e-bike use on rail trails as well as sidewalks.

"You can ban e-bikes from rail trails in the current law," he said.

Smola said there are several municipalities that have regulations regarding e-bikes, and he will share a list with Town Manager Stuart Beckley.

The Selectboard also asked if there was progress for the proposed Municipal Building Authority (similar to the School Building Authority) and what the likelihood of it receiving funding.

Berthiaume said there have been bills filed for this for several years. He said some bills put forward proposed using a half a percent of sales tax to fund municipal buildings, others proposed using 33% of marijuana revenue.

Smola said the challenge for these bills is the need for committed funding.

"It's going to be very hard to see a bill like this pass," he said. "I don't think we could come close to anything that

would even remotely address the demand for municipalities that are looking for capital money for buildings."

The Selectboard asked about the Student Opportunity Act funding, and if its funding will continue.

Smola said they don't anticipate any change to the Student Opportunity Act, but there was concern about how the formula works.

He said the formula has changed over time, but there hasn't been a comprehensive overall assessment of creating a new formula.

The Selectboard also asked about healthcare for the region, and the closure of rural hospitals.

Smola and Berthiaume said they learned about the closure of Mary Lane Hospital less than an hour before the announcement went public, and both expressed their frustration with the decision.

"They didn't clue any of us into this decision," Smola said. "We were not happy about that...having said that, there is nothing we can do about that decision."

Smola said the issue now is how to move forward as a community. He said they are here to support the community.

Durant said smaller hospitals across the commonwealth are struggling to make ends meet, and many commu-

nities are having success with urgent care-like clinics.

"That's the direction that a lot of the rural places are going, and I think it fits well," he said.

### Comments and concerns

Selectboard member John Desmond brought up the need to educate residents about the hazardous of flushing "flushable wipes" down their toilets. He said the wipes create blockages and clogs, and cause damage to the equipment at the wastewater treatment plant.

Selectboard member Jack Cascio said he has been working with Beckley to look at dangerous crosswalks, including one near Pine Street.

He said the crosswalks near the high school and at Dulak's garage on East Main Street, have painted areas that help bring visibility. He would like something similar for the crosswalk at Pine Street.

Cascio asked Beckley who has access to complaints made by the public against town employees. Beckley said the board used to require him to keep a log of complaints received, and he said that is something he can continue for this board.

Beckley said most of the complaints he logged were about things, and not as many about town employees.

Cascio said the

Selectboard has been "neglectful" in not conducting the Town Manager's evaluation. Selectboard Chair Nancy Talbot said Vice-Chair Josh Kusnierz has been working with the town's labor attorney to create evaluation forms and questions.

Resident Cindy Allen Bourcier brought up concerns about the need for an appeals process regarding permitting or lack of permitting through the Building Commissioner. She said this would need to be brought to town meeting as a bylaw change.

Bourcier said during the abatement of Mary Lane Hospital, there were no local permits issued when she believes there should have been.

"If there is a problem, a disagreement, that there is an appeal process because there isn't one right now," Bourcier said.

Resident Cathy Cascio brought up concerns about shortened voting hours during the recent Special Election. She said the shortened hours prevented some voters from taking part in the election due to their work hours.

### Relocation of polls

Talbot read a statement she wrote in her capacity as Town Clerk explaining the reason the Special Election polling location was moved from the Town Hall to the

high school on Aug. 12.

She said the stage curtain had either been lowered or dropped on its own, depositing particles and dust of unknown substance in the voting room.

Talbot said she contacted the state Elections Division and was directed to discuss the situation with town counsel. It was determined that it was best to move forward with the election and utilize the backup site, which is the high school.

She thanked the towns of Barre, Hardwick and Warren for use of their voting booths and assisted voting machines. She thanked the town employees who helped facilitate the move to the high school.

Talbot said the particles and dust in Town Hall were tested for asbestos by a consultant with negative results.

### Town Manager's report

Beckley said the Charter Review Committee will resume its review of the town's charter on Sept. 15.

He said replacement of hydrants has been ongoing, and notifications are going out to residents the night before the work occurs. There are a total of 34 hydrants being replaced, which should be completed by mid-September.

Beckley said flushing occurs after the hydrants are

replaced to clear sediments.

The Town Hall fire escape was inspected after repairs were made and it passed its load test. Exterior doors have also been painted to protect from being weathered.

Beckley said the electrical project at the Town Hall should be going out to bid soon.

He said the East Main Street Infrastructure Project is ready to go out to bid. He said the project includes sidewalks, water and sewer lines and paving.

Beckley said the Church Street Sidewalk Project is also ready for bidding.

Beckley announced the town received a Green Communities grant to install electric mini splits at the Senior Center to provide heating and cooling.

### Change in liquor licenses

The Selectboard voted to adopt Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 138, Section 12D, to allow on-premises wine and malt beverage license holders to trade in their current licenses for non-transferable on-premises all alcoholic beverage licenses. Currently the town has two businesses that would be eligible for this transfer which would allow for the serving of hard liquors.

## Book Sale to be held on Sept. 6

WARREN – The Warren Public Library, 934 Main St., will hold its Annual Book Sale on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Stop by and grab some bargains. Hundreds of books, DVDs, audiobooks and CDs will be for sale on the Warren Public Library front lawn.

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section about ways to help birds. She even provided several tips for future columns. Some people also continue to put out suet and that is so dangerous. It gets rancid in the heat and that's bad for birds. Perhaps even worse, it gets their feet and chest feathers greasy and when the preen, they spread the grease

all over their bodies. This interferes with a bird's natural waterproofing and can also cause their nestling to be covered in grease.

### Sandhill cranes

An Oakham resident saw two sandhill cranes in Barre on Aug. 14 in a field across from the Listening Center. Sandhill cranes also visit his field in Oakham as well.

### Warren birds

The Brimfield resident said, "In Warren this week there are still adult ospreys about, on two visits I saw and adult on or near the nest. I have not seen a juvenile out of the nest so am not sure if any young fledged this year. I saw one chick in the nest earlier this summer and there is an eBird report from July with a picture of a fully

grown chick in the nest with an adult. It's unknown if the chick fledged successfully?" In Warren at the pond on New Reed Street the past several years I had seen Great Egrets there in August but none have been seen there this year.

### Cedar waxwings

The Brimfield resident referring to recent mention

in this column about cedar waxwings, said a large part of their diet is fruit based. He read an article that stated that because their diet is mostly fruit based that if a waxwing nest is parasitized by a brown-headed cowbird the cowbird chick is not likely to survive because it can't survive on the fruit based diet.

I visited the section of Ware River recently where my daughter has seen cedar waxwings and I was not disappointed. I stood and watched them fly over the water and into nearby trees. They moved so quickly I was unsuccessful in watching them through binoculars.

### Bird bath

The Brimfield resident reports the bird bath in his yard is getting lots of use, especially by catbirds and blue jays. Goldfinch show up and drink from the drip as well as black-capped chickadees, chipping sparrows and house finches.

Four juvenile raccoons are regular visitors to the bird bath. He has a trail camera near the bird bath and it captures lots of pictures of the raccoons in the bird bath. Not sure what they are doing, it doesn't look like they are drinking and sometime the stones in the bath are moved around. A couple of times he's seen a pickerel frog in the bird bath.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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## ZBA seeks two residents to serve on board

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

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

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

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## Library hosts upcoming Boston lightkeeper program

WARREN – Boston Light Lightkeeper Sally Snowman will be at the Warren Public Library Thursday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Sally and her husband, Jay Thomson, for a presentation on Boston Light's 307 years of history and anecdotes of Sally's experiences as a 21st Century Keeper.

Boston Light, the first established Light Station

in colonial America, began lighting the way for safe navigation into the fledging maritime port of Boston in 1716. Its notoriety as the last manned Coast Guard Light Station in the country came to a close with the retirement of Sally Snowman, its 70th keeper, in 2023.

Please call or email the library at 413-436-7690 or warrenpubliclibrary@hotmail.com to register.

## Sultana presents 'History and Legends through Song'

HARDWICK – On Saturday, Sept. 20 the musical duo Sultana will bring "History and Legends through Song" to Paige Memorial Library at 87 Petersham Road at 1:30 p.m.

The program consists of songs, history and slides about fascinating historical or legendary people and events. The show will feature some songs about Massachusetts history.

Other subjects in the show may include ancient Mesopotamia, a character from Arthurian legend, the Old West and a renowned radio broadcast. "History and Legends through Song" is part of the series "Live Music Making History Live." The other shows in the series are "The Roots of American Popular Music,"

"The Railroad in Song," and "Popular Music and Veterans."

The duo Sultana is Jon and Li Waterman, both lifelong musicians and songwriters. Jon is also a licensed history teacher in Massachusetts. He created "Live Music Making History Live" in 2018 with the belief that history and entertainment go together - throughout the ages, songs, stories and theater have included history, and history is - or should be - entertaining.

The program is supported in part by a grant from the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

## Planning Board had discussion on potential cottage kitchen

By Ryan Drago  
Staff Writer  
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WARREN – The Planning Board met on Aug. 25 and had an informal discussion on a potential cottage kitchen at 728 Old West Warren Road.

The applicant is Kaylee Reed who met the Planning Board to discuss her idea of running a cottage bakery out of her residency and sell baked goods to customers. Reed wants to place a small farmstand outside of her home that faces the street.

The applicant is involved in discussions with the Board of Health as well and wanted to see what the Planning Board thought of the idea. Planning Board Secretary Laura Sherris shared some information and said a zoning determination application was completed and the building inspector wrote a blurb of what might be needed for this project.

According to the blurb, it was suggested that a special permit may be needed and get input from the Planning Board. The board reviewed the packet of information and found that the location of the applicant is in the village district in West Warren.

According to the bylaws, there are some cases that have certain requirements including a site plan approval. The operation is done at Reed's house and Planning Board member Ray Kopacko asked if there were any changes of use. The applicant is not planning on building anything new on their property.

"It's additional use, not change of us," Kopacko said.

Reed did confirm with the board that this operation would be out of her home. The board did have

some questions about customer parking. The plan is to put a sign out on the corner and have customers parking on Highland Street. In the future, Reed wants to put out a small farm stand to sell her baked goods, but for now is making baked goods for orders.

Planning Board Chair Richard Eichacker is guessing that this application wouldn't need site plan approval. The Board could still put in conditions, including the customer parking condition. Derick Veliz of the Planning Board thought this was a good idea.

"As the Planning Board, I suggest that it's something that we support," Veliz said.

Veliz believes the applicant is running a simple operation with no additional uses and shouldn't have to hassle with the entire process. Reed is not building anything new on the property and the board thinks this is essentially a variance.

Kopacko believes a special permit may be best for the applicant to have as a means to protect them from any complaints that could arise. There is a possibility of neighbor complaints about parking. The board showed a map of the property to see what the roads look like and noticed the area can be tight and too tight for a lot of street parking. The idea is to have customers park off Highland Street.

Reed pointed out where the food stand would be and would be on the small front lot in front of their house. The applicant intends to have reasonable hours of operation, and the food stand is intended to be of small scale.

Sherris said she can explain the application process for a special permit further to the applicant. The

Board suggested the applicant get the application done and they can soon publish a public meeting and mail out to any abutters. The Board of Health will have more to review as well.

"We have to go through the process," Kopacko said.

Reed thanked the Planning Board for their help and input.

### Paquette Brothers Contracting

The Planning Board had an informal discussion regarding a potential site plan review from Paquette Brothers Contracting. Justin Paquette attended the Planning Board meeting with plans. Paquette said he did meet with the Building Inspector and looked through the checklist.

There are 12 units all together and 31 parking spaces and the site will be connected to town sewer and water. Paquette said he did have to go through conservation due to property being within 200 feet from a wetland.

"I think your challenge is more in conservation than us," Veliz said.

This is a project that could be done in the spring, but Paquette wanted to bring it forward to the Planning Board as early as possible.

"Get the ball rolling, see what you guys thought," Paquette said.

The board wanted to know what the site functions are and have the applicant present the project that is appealing to the town.

"This is your chance to make it a very appealing project," Veliz said.

Paquette will check in the Planning Board soon and Sherris will review the site plan review process.

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sions have turned to mediation.

Chaffee said compared to neighboring school districts, teachers at Quaboag earn less by about \$6,000-\$8,000, and those other districts are also giving annual increases rang-

ing from 2.5-3.5%.

"We cannot compete. We cannot attract talent," Chaffee said.

Chaffee and Rossi said some vacancies in the Quaboag Regional School District are currently being filled by long term substitutes, due to this. This includes vital roles in special

education.

Chaffee said the union understands that the towns face financial challenges, but advocated for better contract negotiations moving forward.

"Quaboag is a special place," Chaffee said. "We love our kids; we love our schools...we want to feel valued."



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# WARE GRANGE CELEBRATES

## 78th Annual Fair



The 78th Annual Ware Grange Fair was held this past weekend. Raffle prizes were available inside the Ware Grange with exhibits close by.



Scout Taricano of Brimfield won the Youth Massachusetts State Grange - Special Agriculture Rosette award for this wildflower arrangement with the sign that reads "Be Kind to Bees."



Over 800 cookies, consisting of 14 different varieties, were available at the bake sale.



Christina Pike of Palmer won Massachusetts State Grange - Special Agriculture Rosette award for chicken eggs.



Delicious breads and cookies were entered in the fair and some were baked by Terry Vaill.

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The Grange also offered a bake sale, raffles, penny sale, games and a scavenger hunt for kids. The Ware Grange Fair is a fun community event for the public to enjoy.

Every year the Ware Grange holds an agricultural fair, providing Massachusetts residents with an opportunity to exhibit the products of their gardens and handiwork. This year's fair featured more garden products and artwork as the participation at the Fair continues to grow.

The bake sale is popular during the Ware Grange Fair as well over 1,000 baked goods are available for purchase. There were various baked goods that were entered in the fair as well. Terry Vaill of the Ware Grange baked a lot for this year's fair, including 14 different types of cookies.

When asked how many baked goods she made all together, Vaill responded with "a lot". There were 840 cookies along with pies, cakes, pies and breads that were baked by Vaill. Guests had a lot of choices as they observed the bake sale.

There were fun activities for kids to enjoy as well. There was the Kids' Corner Funtastic Fair Festival for kids to take part in during the Ware Grange Fair. It was a fun time for kids to enjoy

crafts, dancing, a parade and fair games.

This year, kids had a chance to enter a pie eating contest. Jen McNally, who is the instructor for Kids' Corner Workshops at the



Every year at the Fair the Ware Grange has a scarecrow displayed on the stage.

Grange, attended this year's Fair and gave the kids lots of fun activities to try out.

The Ware Grange also had a coloring contest for kids to try. On the back of the poster is a picture to color and then artists can bring the coloring page to the Ware Grange. Those who participated had their coloring pages displayed inside the Grange.

**SEE MORE WARE GRANGE FAIR PHOTOS ON PAGE 15.**

The Fun Dog Show was one of the highlights of this year's fair. Dozens of beautiful dogs from various breeds entered the competition that took place outside in front of the Ware Grange. The Special Rosette for Best of Show in the Fun Dog Show went to Dottie, owned by Cat Standfield of North Brookfield.

The following are winners of the agricultural fair from the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources and the Ware Grange Fair Outstanding Non-Agriculture entries for both youth and adults. Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources - Special Agriculture Rosette, Adult division, went to Roger Mlynarski of West Warren for a vegetable display.

Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources - Special Agriculture Rosette, Youth division, went to Eden Fanelli of Hardwick for their marigolds. The Massachusetts State Grange Special Agriculture Rosette Adult ribbon went to Christina Pike of Palmer for chicken eggs.

Massachusetts State Grange - Special Agriculture Rosette - Youth ribbon went to Scout Taricano of Brimfield for their Wildflower Arrangement.

**Non-agricultural entries**  
Ware Grange Fair - Special Rosette for an Outstanding Non-Agriculture Entry for Adults went to Pam Skiba of South Hadley for their Pastel Painting. The Ware Grange Fair - Special Rosette for an Outstanding Non-Agriculture Entry for Youth went to Emma LaPointe of Ware for their Rock Art.

**Finale**

To wrap up this fun annual fair, guests got to enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner. The meal includes pulled pork, chicken, brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert and a drink. Diners enjoyed their meals while listening to music provided by Brianna Lamb.

An auction of fruits, vegetables, baked items, and other products would take place. After the auction, the Ware Grange would draw the winners of the raffles and penny sale.

The Ware Grange Fair is a wonderful community event that has been part of the town for 78 years and counting. For more information, visit [www.waregrange.org](http://www.waregrange.org) and see what the Ware Grange has to offer throughout the year.

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## Besaw takes over as new Quabbin football coach

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—The Quabbin Regional football team finished the 2024 campaign with a 7-4 overall record.

Mike Besaw, who has been the Panthers defensive coordinator for the past two seasons, was planning on coaching the defensive unit again in the fall.

While Besaw will still be calling the defensive plays on Friday nights, he was recently named as the Panthers new head coach. He takes over the reins from Wayne Page, who was hired as the new football coach at Grafton High School, which is his alma mater.

Page, who was a quarterback in high school, posted a 21-22 record during the past four seasons. He'll still be a physical education teacher at Quabbin during the 2025-26 school year.

"Wayne turned this football program around during

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Gabriella Ramos, who plays for Agawam High, sends a quick pass away.



Alivia Marcello chases down the loose ball.



Filloma Stellato fights for possession of the ball.



Willow Claps is pressured for the West team.

## Girls soccer gets bronze at Bay State Games

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG—Both the Central and West girls' soccer teams began the annual Bay State Summer games with losses last month from July 10 to 12.

A couple of hours later, the West squad celebrated a 6-1 victory over the Central team at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg.

"We didn't play very

well in our first game this morning," said West head coach Matt Mosher, who also coaches the St. Mary's (Westfield) girls' varsity soccer team. "Once we got into a rhythm, especially during the second half, we took it to them in this game. We were a lot more aggressive."

The members of the West team, who are from the Turley Publications coverage area, are Allison Fleury (South Hadley),

Kiana Ramos (South Hadley), Hannah Haesaert (South Hadley), Kayleen Sullivan (Agawam), Lylia Ellis (Monson), Kyra Lippmann (Holyoke), Mia Oylar (Agawam), Riley Platt (South Hadley/Williston Northampton School), Kylie Warner (Agawam), Gabriella Ramos (Agawam), Alexis Canoa (Belchertown) and Laura Parolo (Agawam).

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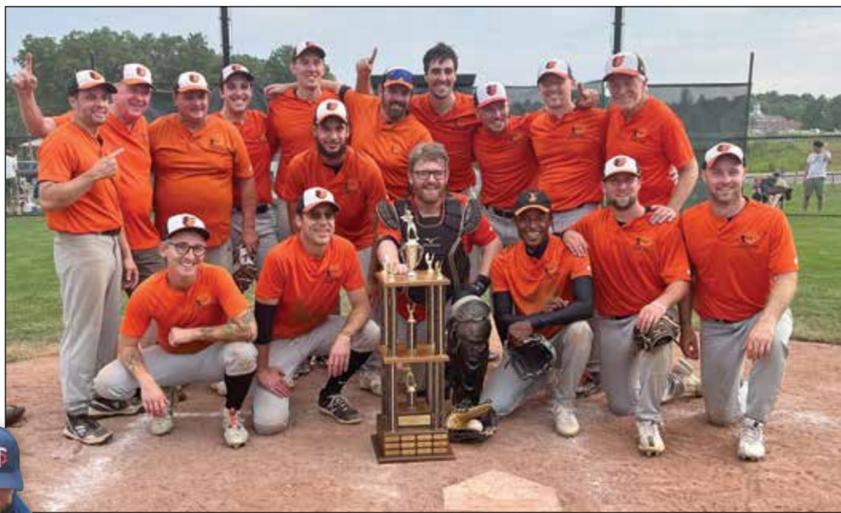
Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Kallie Tevepaugh clears the ball away for Central.



The Twins Jordan McCarthy fires away.

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Jorge Figueroa fields a grounder to short.



The Orioles claimed the 2025 Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League Championship on Sunday, Aug. 17, beating the Twins 8-7.

## Orioles hold on for Valley Wheel title

WILBRAHAM – On Sunday, Aug. 17 at Spec Pond, the Orioles staved off a big c o m e -

back from the top-seeded Twins to win the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League championship. The Twins would hold a 4-2 lead until the Orioles rallied and eventually held an

8-4 lead going into the bottom of the ninth inning. The Twins would score three times and get the tying run to second base before the Orioles were finally able to close it out for the title.

## West dominates Bay State Games

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

FITCHBURG—The West boys' soccer team won the gold medal at the 2022 and 2023 Bay State Summer Games. After finishing in third place a year ago, the West squad didn't have very much trouble capturing the gold medal this year.

The boys' soccer showcase took place at the Game On Sports and Performance Center in Fitchburg last month July 10 to 12.

The West team began the tournament with a pair of victories.

After overcoming an early 1-0 deficit to defeat Metro, 5-1, in the morning match last Thursday, the West team dispatched the Central team, 6-0, in the afternoon affair.

"We're off to a very good start in this tournament, but we haven't accomplished anything yet," said Hugo Destapdo, who coached the West boys' soccer team at the Bay State Summer Games for the first time. "We do have a solid group of players, but we're going to be facing some very good

competition during the next couple of days."

During the fall, Destapdo is the boys' varsity coach at Chicopee High School. He replaced Marc Atkins as the West coach at the Bay State games.

The members of the 2025 West boys' soccer team, who are from the Turley Publications coverage area, are John Carra (Agawam), Timothy Haley (Belchertown), Yousif Hamid (Chicopee), Spencer Parsons (South Hadley), Tyler Supczak (Wilbraham), Evan Tyrrell (Chicopee), Griffen Wrisley (Chicopee), Chase Henderson (Wilbraham), Tiago Destapdo (Chicopee), and Braeden Fitzgerald (Agawam/Pope Francis).

"Several college coaches will be attending these games, so this is a very good showcase for the players," Destapdo said. "There are a lot of talented soccer players in Western Mass."

The worst part of being a coach of an All-Star team is having to make cuts at tryouts.

"We had 35 players try-out, and we have 20 players

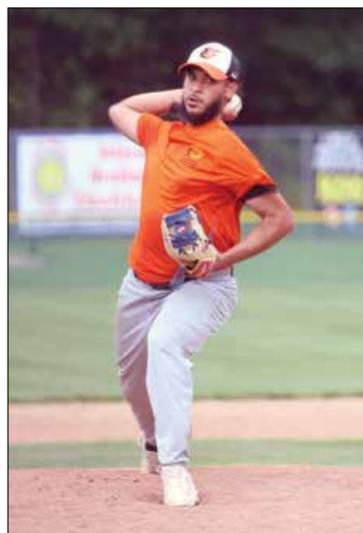
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Todd Bergstrom sends a throw to first.



Henry Henriquez takes a swing.



Mike Burgos delivers a pitch home for the Orioles.



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Will Senn-McNally takes the shot.

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Steven Bilodeau slings a throw to first.



The Dodgers' Josh Turner attempts to make a backhand.



Bob Eccelston fields a grounder to second.



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Pitcher Mike Afflitto sends a pitch home.

## Quabbin Valley playoffs get underway

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Sunday, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League playoffs got underway with a pair of quarterfinal games. In one matchup, the Tigers defeated the Braves 12-8 thanks to some great pitching late in the game by the Tigers' Brad Bullough. The Dodgers walked off on the Pirates in the other matchup 17-16 when a hit by Andrew Tuck plated the winning run. The Cardinals defeated the Dodgers 9-7 and the Orioles defeated the Tigers 17-7 in the semifinals held on Aug. 24, setting up a Cardinals-Orioles championship game on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Booster Field in Easthampton.



Shortstop Aiden Breen makes a play.

## VolleyHall announces 2025 induction celebration

HOLYOKE – The excitement is building in Holyoke as we prepare to welcome the volleyball world for the International Volleyball Hall of Fame's 2025 Induction Celebration, taking place Saturday, Oct. 18. This year's milestone event promises to be a weekend to remember, filled with inspiring speeches, historic moments, and the shared pride of honoring the sport's greatest contributors.

The Class of 2025 brings together nine exceptional individuals whose achievements have left an indelible mark on volleyball across the globe. They include Kent Steffes of the USA, a dominant force in men's beach volleyball; Laura Ludwig of Germany, one of the most decorated women's beach players in history; Dimitar Karov of Bulgaria, a trail-blazing men's indoor player;

Ivan Miljkovic of Serbia, a powerful and prolific scorer on the men's indoor stage; Rosa Garcia Rivas of Peru, a legendary women's indoor player; Francesca Piccinini of Italy, a beloved women's indoor star; Jürgen Wagner of Germany, an Olympic medal-winning beach volleyball coach; Barry Couzner of

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Mosher has been coaching at the Bay State Summer Games for the past five years. His teams have won two Silver Medals and two Bronze Medals.

Mosher was assisted by Laura Wray-Ramos, who's the longtime girls' varsity soccer coach at Agawam High School.

"It took Laura and I a game to find out which players play well together. We moved some players around to different positions," Mosher said. "A lot of the players have played on the same club teams. It's been a lot of fun coaching at the Bay State Summer Games."

Both starting goalies in last Thursday afternoon's match attend Agawam High School

Sullivan was the starting goalie for the West team, while Talia Oliveira was the starting goalie for the Central squad, which took home the Gold medal last year.

Because there weren't enough girls' soccer players from Central Mass. to fill the Central team roster, more than half of the players listed on their roster are from

Western Massachusetts.

"About five years ago, we noticed that the Central team didn't have enough players," said Central head coach Eric Wood, who also coaches the girls' soccer team at the MacDuffie School in Granby. "We now fill out the Central roster with the players who don't make the West team. We have 15 players from Western Mass. on this year's team. It's been a great situation."

The other members of the Central team, who are from the Turley Publications coverage area, were Rylee Joesph (Holyoke/Hampshire Reg.), Eleanor Szlosek (Granby), Taylor Bartosz (Wilbraham/Minnechaug Reg.) Filomena Stellato (Agawam), Brenna Moreno (Granby), Grace Sherman (Holyoke, South Hadley H.S.) and Kali White (Granby).

Even though the Central team went 0-4, it was still an enjoyable experience for the players.

"I just want my players to have a lot of fun here," Wood said. "I also keep in touch with the players throughout the year."

The Central squad took an



Hannah Haesaert, of South Hadley, plays the ball off her chest.



Talia Oliveira brings in a save for Central.



Rylee Joseph sends a pass away ahead of pressure.



Allison Fluey, of South Hadley, socks a shot away.

early 1-0 lead following an unassisted goal by White.

A couple of minutes later, White had another shot attempt that clanged off the post.

The West team tied the score at 1-1 with less than two minutes remaining in the opening half.

Willow Claps (Northampton) blasted a shot that deflected off the goalie's hands into the left corner of the net.

At the start of the second half, Warner put a shot into the upper left corner giving

the West squad a 2-1 advantage. She also scored the final goal of the match.

The other three second half goals scored by the West team during the second half were by Kate Mocchio (Longmeadow), Addison Perich (Westfield), and Haesaert.

Central would end up going 0-4 during the Bay State Games while the West prevailed in the Bronze Medal Game on July 12, defeating Southeast 3-0. Coastal won the Gold for girls soccer.

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## Athlete of the Month

### Nathan Kaczuwka Ware

Nathan Kaczuwka had a strong run this summer as one of the pitcher's on Monson Post 241's American Legion Baseball team. Post 241 played in three games in the double-elimination state tournament.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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## Players wanted for Quabbin fall league

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

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

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

The league is looking for at least one full team to join the league. If you play in an

adult league in the region and have most of your team comprising of players over the age of 28 and would like to enter the league, please get in touch as soon as possible.

The league is also attempting to bring in more players over the next two weeks before the projected start date of Sept. 7.

While the fall league schedule is still under construction, it will mostly feature Sunday morning games played with wood-bat only, which is customary for fall baseball. There could be some Saturday games added to the schedule depending on the completion of the spring/summer season as well as to makeup rain-outs, potentially. Games are nine-innings long and there is a small playoff and championship held at the end of

the season. Last year's fall season was eight games and that is the goal for this year. Free and low-cost fields are used as well as just one umpire in an effort to keep the costs lower for players. The cost to play will likely range from \$40 to \$60 for the eight-game schedule. Players from outside the Quabbin League may also pay a small fee for insurance as well.

An interest/registration form, will be forthcoming soon, but until then, to express interest in the league, you can email the coordinators of the league at either GScibelli22@yahoo.com or ikhandfield@gmail.com.

Schedule and team placement for unaffiliated players will be finalized in mid-to-late August. Please join in the fun this fall.

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on our team," Destapdo said. "Having to make cuts is very difficult. I wish we could've taken all 35 players."

The duo Henderson and Max Graham (Southwick/Pope Francis) combined to post the shutout against Central.

"They're different types of goalies," Destapdo said. "Chase is just tremendous with his feet. If he wasn't a goalie, he would be a very good field player. Max is a physical goalie."

Henderson, who's a rising senior, played the first half against the Central team.

Graham, who's a raising sophomore, played the second half.

The West goalies received plenty of support from a locked down defensive unit led by Fitzgerald, Supczak, Hamid, and Casey Bestler (Frontier Reg.).

The West scored four goals during the first half against Central.

Glodie Manyegezi (Springfield Central) scored two of the goals. The other two first half goals were netted by Brandon Barker (West Springfield), and Will Sean-McNally (Northampton).

The two second half goals were scored by Cajun Benson (Smith Academy). Sean-McNally was credited with both assists.

The following day, the West team won two more matches against Northeast, 2-0, and Southeast, 5-0.

The West team then captured the Gold medal by squeaking out a 2-1 win against Coastal last Saturday morning.

In their five Bay State matches, the West team outscored their opponents, 20-2.



Enrique Galfour heads up the field.



Evan Tyrrell looks up the field as he makes a pass.



Fikayomi Ankitan starts up the field after making a play on defense.

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the past four years," said Besaw, who's also an assistant coach for the indoor and outdoor track teams at Quabbin. "I thought he would be coaching here for a while, but he was hired by his hometown high school. We're just looking to keep the momentum going. I'm very excited to have this coaching opportunity."

Page, who's coaching the Quabbin Middle School baseball team this spring, has a tremendous amount of respect for Besaw, who had only been an assistant high school football coach for the past 35 years.

"Coach Besaw has coached at many schools over the past 35 years, and I guarantee you that he has had a lasting impact on every single athlete that he has coached," Page said. "He is extremely knowledgeable, organized and motivated. He has had great success everywhere that he has coached, and I don't see that changing here at Quabbin."

Besaw has had some other opportunities to become a head coach in the past, but the timing was never right for him or his family.

"I was an assistant coach at Worcester North when the head coach position was opened after Mike Ross left, but my own kids were still young at that time," he said. "I was also taking classes to become a teacher. It would've been very difficult to juggle everything. This job is a perfect fit for me."

Besaw is also an intervention tutor at Quabbin Middle School.

"I was already teaching here for one year before Wayne offered me the coaching position," Besaw said. "It was the first time during my coaching career that I could walk out of a school building and onto a practice field."

When Besaw was a senior at King Phillip Regional High School, which is in Wrentham, he didn't play football because of a knee injury. He stayed involved with the football program by helping to coach the Warriors freshman team.

That began his journey as an assistant football coach.

After graduating from UMass-Amherst, Besaw returned to his alma mater as the freshman coach from 1990-94.

Besaw has also been an assistant football coach in

Central Mass. at Shrewsbury High School, Marlborough High School, Worcester North, and Burncoat.

"I've learned a lot about football from all of the head coaches that I've worked for over the years," Besaw said. "We have a great coaching staff here at Quabbin and we work very well together. I learned a lot about the offensive side of the ball from coach Page."

While Besaw isn't allowed under MIAA rules to start coaching the football team until late August, he's planning to hold a meeting with the returning players.

According to Besaw, assistant coach Jay Bergman will be in charge of running the offense.

The Panthers football will be opening the regular season at Gardner before facing North Middlesex in the home opener the following week.

"I just want us to be able to compete in every game that we play," Besaw said. "I can't wait until the season starts."

Grafton will be joining the Mid-Wach League in the fall, but they probably won't be on Quabbin's football schedule for several years.

# Meservey, Riendeau, Farnum win at Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, N.H. - Third-generation open-wheel ace Brett Meservey dominated Saturday night's 75-lap MRS Modified main event at Monadnock Speedway, as the Bay State blaster - last summer's series' Rookie of The Year - led 63 of the last 64 laps en route to his first career MRS win.

With Saturday's breakthrough victory, Meservey stayed atop the series' airtight 2025 championship points race - he came into the night's event only four markers ahead of Brian Robie, third in Saturday's 75-lapper - and, with the win, secured a guaranteed starting berth in Thompson Speedway's Race Of Champions biggie set for later this season at the Nutmeg State oval.

Other winners at the Aug. 16 event on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway included Chris Riendeau, the quarter-mile speed-plant's reigning Super Street champion, who put his sluggish 2025 campaign back in high gear by soaring to his first win of the summer, and four-holer star Gordon Farnum, victorious for the second time this month.

Aaron Thompson rebounded from a mid-race drubbing to top the Pro V8 Sportsmen,

Young Gun dominator Hunter Duquette earned his sixth victory lap of the summer, and Hayden Kingsley won the visiting 603 Mini Cup series Saturday night feature.

Ryan Doucette and Joey Jarvis led the thundering Modified Racing Series field to the green Saturday, with Doucette immediately taking charge. Previous series winner Matt Kimball, from row two, was close behind and rocketed up to second on lap five.

Meservey, who'd started alongside Kimball, blasted the duce spot four laps later, but Kimball wasn't

done. Meservey took command on lap 11, with Kimball blasting back to second six circuits later. And the chase was on.

While the 24-year-old Meservey would be strongly tested most of the way, he never wavered en route to his first MRS feature win. Kimball inched ahead on a lap-18 restart but Meservey was soon back at the point and, once in clean air, was unbeatable on this Saturday night.

Brian Robie, the points leader in Monadnock's weekly 604 Modified division, was up to third on lap 28 aboard a new tour car completed only earlier in the day but could advance no further as he settled for Saturday's bronze medal finish behind Meservey and Kimball. Joey Jarvis, strong all night, finished fourth at his 2025 home track, and Brad Zahensky was fifth.

Michael Lashua, stronger and better every week, led the first five go-rounds of Saturday's 30-lap Twin State Truck Services Super Street main event. Chris Riendeau, though, firing from row three, took charge on lap six and quickly opened a huge lead.

While Riendeau, fully shaking off his summer-long slumber, raced all alone, points leader Dylan Zullo, from way back in row five, passed Zach Zilinski for second but ran out of laps pursuing the blazing Riendeau.

With Zullo padding his 2025 championship points lead in second, Zilinski impressed in third, just ahead of Hillary Renaud. JD Stockwell, second in points entering Saturday's event, finished the night as an infield spectator, credited with a disappointing 11th.

There were two levels of competition in Saturday's Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock feature. There was Gordon Farnum, and then far behind him, everyone else, with

some terrific battles for position waged from green to checkers in the one-caution 25-lapper.

Farnum, from row two, took charge on lap three and rocketed off into another time zone to win for the second time this season. Behind him, early leader Addison Brooks, bidding for her first win, held a perfect line until being bumped aside on the final lap.

Andrea St. Amour finished second, with Brooks inches behind in third. Jimmy Zellman, the winner a week earlier, was fourth, and points leader Kyle Kenny completed the top five.

Mikey Bollinger took the lead on lap four of the Pro V8 Sportsman feature, with Aaron Thompson soon glued to his bumper. Thompson, though, was ushered to the outside lane on lap 14, his hope for victory then suddenly in doubt.

Thompson low-lined back to the front on lap 17, taking the lead from Seth Lamotte and sailing off into the sunset to score a popular victory at his former weekly track. Lamotte held strong for second, and Wollinger finished third.

Racers in the speedway's youth division Young Guns don't compete for points but if they did, Hunter Duquette would be well on his way to the 2025 title town, The Thorndike, Mass. teen led all the way Saturday to score his track-high sixth win of the summer. Maya Bell, victorious a week earlier, was second, and Sofia Rego, shaking down a new ride, came home third.

In the visiting 603 Mini Cups, a division equally powered by motors from Harbor Freight, Hayden Kingsley won by six lengths over Jacob Raby, who rebounded from a mid-race thumping to come home second. Kendall Whitehill was third on the night.



## VETERANS DAY SALUTE

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# public safety

## Ware Police Log

During the week of Aug. 18-26, the Ware Police Department responded to 39 miscellaneous calls, 13 administrative calls, 14 traffic violations, eight emergency 911 calls, four motor vehicle accidents, six harassments, four thefts/larcenies, two trespasses, one safety hazard, 13 animal calls and 47 motor vehicle stops in the town of Ware.

**Monday, Aug. 18**  
1:20 p.m. Trespass, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered  
3:41 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**  
2:45 a.m. Theft/Larceny, North Street, Investigated  
7:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
12:59 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Prospect Street, Dispatch Handled  
3:29 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Main Street, Investigated  
3:42 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, Pulaski Street, Services Rendered  
8:51 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Pulaski Street, Advised

**Wednesday, Aug. 20**  
3:22 a.m. Theft/Larceny, Babcock Tavern Road, Report Made  
6:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
7:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Old Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
7:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Vehicle

Towed  
1:50 p.m. Theft/Larceny, Vigeant Street, Services Rendered  
5:50 p.m. Safety Hazard, Church Street, Services Rendered

**Thursday, Aug. 21**  
7:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Fourth Avenue, Citation/Warning Issued  
1:48 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Investigated  
2:12 p.m. Vehicle Fire, East Street, Investigated  
6:01 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, High Street, Services Rendered

**Friday, Aug. 22**  
7:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
10:35 a.m. Trespass, Otis Avenue, Services Rendered  
11:22 a.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, West Street, Report Made

**Saturday, Aug. 23**  
1:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Arrest Made  
5:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
12:23 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
6:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Main Street, Arrest Made

**Monday, Aug. 25**  
8:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Warren Road,

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Citation/Warning Issued  
3:24 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Investigated  
3:29 p.m. Traffic Incident/Crash, Palmer Road, Investigated  
4:20 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, North Street, Services Rendered  
5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
5:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, West Street, Citation/Warning Issued  
5:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Belchertown Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
6:08 p.m. Harassment/Stalk/Threat, West Street, Advised  
6:33 p.m. Warrant Service, Doane Road, Arrest Made  
8:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Palmer Road, Citation/Warning Issued  
9:30 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call, Sky View Drive, Services Rendered

**Saturday, Aug. 23**  
4:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patrill Hollow Road, Patient Refusal  
2:06 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
4:18 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Greenwich Road, Report Taken  
4:46 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Summit Road, Patient Refusal  
5:25 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To  
5:59 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
6:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Referred to Other Agency  
6:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, East Street, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, Aug. 24**  
3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
4:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Patient Refusal

**Monday, Aug. 25**  
4:27 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Patient Refusal  
7:44 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Carlson Road, Patient Refusal

## Warren Police Log

During the week of Aug. 10-16, the Warren Police Department responded to 118 building/property checks, 17 community policings, eight emergency 911 calls, one safety hazard, two frauds/forgeries, two parking issues, two complaints, two trespasses, two threats, one property damage, one illegal burn, two structure fires, one motor vehicle accident, seven animal calls and 28 motor vehicle stops in the town of Warren.

**Sunday, Aug. 10**  
2:44 a.m. Breathing Difficulty, Chapel Street, Transported to Hospital  
6:03 a.m. Parking Issues, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued  
8:28 a.m. Noise Complaint, Sarty Road, Officer Spoke to Party  
1:28 p.m. Noise Complaint, Bemis Road, Call Transferred  
5:28 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Quaboag Street, Officer/Chief Advised  
5:58 p.m. Trespasser, Southbridge Road, Report Filed  
7:27 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital  
8:17 p.m. Illegal Burn, Old West Brookfield Road, Fire Extinguished  
11:08 p.m. Parking Issues, High Street, Citation Issued

**Monday, Aug. 11**  
5:52 a.m. Knee Injury, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital  
7:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Street, Written Warning  
8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

10:44 a.m. Gunshots, Southbridge Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
11:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
11:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Main Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
1:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
4:15 p.m. Fraud or Forgery, Milton O. Fountain Way, Report Filed  
4:50 p.m. Trespasser, East Road, Information Given  
4:57 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial, Columbus Avenue, Officer/Chief Advised  
5:31 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial, South Street, Officer/Chief Advised

**Tuesday, Aug. 12**  
9:28 a.m. Safety Concern, Yankee Drummer Drive, Report Filed  
12:40 p.m. Falls, Winthrop Terrace, Transported to Hospital  
4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Bacon Street, Written Warning  
11:52 p.m. Choking, Old West Brookfield Road, Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, Aug. 13**  
3:07 p.m. Property Damage, Old West Warren Road, Report Filed  
4:01 p.m. Threats, Old West Brookfield Road, Report Filed  
7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written

Warning  
8:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
9:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
10:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Thursday, Aug. 14**  
1:52 p.m. Structure Fire, Main Street, Fire Extinguished

**Friday, Aug. 15**  
12:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
5:58 a.m. Sick/Unknown, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital  
9:29 a.m. Structure Fire, Elm Street, Fire Extinguished  
7:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
7:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Ware Road, Citation Issued  
9:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
10:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning

**Saturday, Aug. 16**  
2:10 a.m. Stroke, Southbridge Road, Transported to Hospital  
4:01 p.m. Threats, Keys Road, Call Transferred

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Aug. 18-25, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 79 building/property checks, 29 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, four traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, two citizen assists, three assist other agencies, one motor vehicle investigation, one investigation, two larceny/theft/shopliftings, one property damage, five complaints, three motor vehicle accidents and 14 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, Aug. 18**  
1:30 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Sullivan Avenue, No Action Required  
2:12 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Police Department, Officer Handled  
2:21 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Sullivan Avenue, Report Taken  
11:34 p.m. Property Damage, Church Street, Officer Handled

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**  
2:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Barre Road, Services Rendered  
10:18 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Hardwick Road, Services Rendered  
10:53 a.m. Investigation, Church Street, Officer Handled  
2:06 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, Aug. 20**  
7:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Written Warning  
8:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning  
11:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Written Warning  
1:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued  
1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued

**Thursday, Aug. 21**  
2:15 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Turkey Street, Services Rendered  
1:10 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Main Street, Services Rendered  
1:55 p.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Greenwich Road, Services Rendered  
5:20 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Services Rendered  
5:58 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Services Rendered

**Friday, Aug. 22**  
1:43 a.m. Medical Emergency, Jackson Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:52 p.m. Complaint, Mechanic Street, Unfounded  
8:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Barre Road, Dispatch Handled  
8:26 p.m. Parking Complaint, Upper Church Street, Services Rendered

**Saturday, Aug. 23**  
4:42 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patrill Hollow Road, Patient Refusal  
2:06 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
4:18 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Greenwich Road, Report Taken  
4:46 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Summit Road, Patient Refusal  
5:25 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Spoken To  
5:59 p.m. Parking Complaint, Main Street, Officer Handled  
6:19 p.m. Assist Citizen, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Referred to Other Agency  
6:55 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, East Street, Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, Aug. 24**  
3:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
3:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Petersham Road, Written Warning  
4:45 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Church Lane, Patient Refusal

**Monday, Aug. 25**  
4:27 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Patient Refusal  
7:44 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Crash, Carlson Road, Patient Refusal

### INDUCTION from page 12

Australia, a transformative leader in ParaVolley; and Guillermo "Willy" Paredes of Argentina, a respected international referee.

In addition to this extraordinary class of

inductees, five special award winners will also be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the sport. Joop Alberda will receive the Mintonette Medallion of Merit Award, Peter Diamond will be presented with the Mayoral Award for Excellence,

Paul Sunderland will be honored with the Award for Media Excellence, the Court of Honor Award will go to PAVO – Professional Association of Volleyball Officials, and Elegant Affairs will be recognized with the William G. Morgan Award.

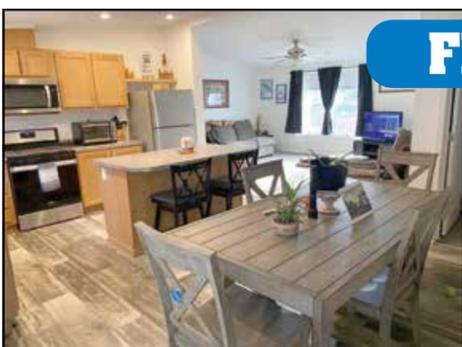
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Taxis
  - Space Systems Command
  - Plant seed by scattering
  - Alliances
  - Fiddler crabs
  - Heroic tale
  - Yemen capital
  - Misleading gesture
  - Cain and \_\_\_
  - Simple shoe
  - Hundredweight
  - Children's toy in the snow
  - Gets rid of
  - Free of deceit
  - Performed a dance
  - Chinese philosophical principle
  - Exaggerated
  - Refrain from inflicting

- A doctrine
- Can be subdued
- A place to bathe
- Land used for pasture
- Curved piece of iron
- Automobile
- Fencing sword
- Breezes through
- Child
- NBA legend
- Iverson
- Horsley and Iacocca are two
- Midway between northeast and east
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- U.S. leader during much of WW2
- Lair
- Fibrous material

- CLUES DOWN**
- Home of "60 Minutes"
  - Expression of sorrow or pity
  - \_\_\_ fide: legitimate
  - Immune response
  - Assistance and support
  - Spanish saloon
  - Pitch black
  - S-shaped lines
  - Statistical test
  - \_\_\_ Paulo, city
  - Graduation garb
  - A way to record
  - Not good
  - Weather events
  - A pituitary hormone
  - Jamie Foxx film
  - Rocker's accessory
  - One point east (clockwise) of due north

- One who obtains pleasure from another's pain
- Consume
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Sick
- Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- Removed the husk
- Mass of rocks and sediment
- Two-year-old sheep
- Area units
- Prison overseer
- Walked
- Wartime escort aircraft carrier
- Tax
- 50 percent
- Swiss river
- Tattle
- Actor Idris
- Resist authority (slang)
- Egg of a louse



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Terry Vaill ran the bake sale during the Ware Grange Fair.

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An adorable dog was about to receive a ribbon after participating in the fun dog show.



The Fun Dog Show returned to the Ware Grange Fair.



There were Lego exhibits in this year's Ware Grange Fair and were made by youth.

## Paul R. Gauthier

HARDWICK – Paul R. Gauthier, of the Gilbertville section of Hardwick, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, at his home.

A retired foundry worker, Paul was a happy and sociable guy, and could often be found hanging out at Cumby's drinking coffee and chatting with everyone, or tending to his many beautiful flower gardens with his amazing green thumb for growing things. He was an avid Red Sox fan.



He leaves behind his brother Richard (Mary), nieces: Tammy, Lynn, Christine, Michelle, Naome, and Katie, and great nieces and nephews: Nathan, Tiffany, Matthew, Adam, Corey, Dustin, Jolene, Nadine, Bridgette, Hillary, Shawna, Marc, Ashley, Michael, and Brayden. He was predeceased by his parents, Roger and Solange, his sisters, Rita and Shirley, and brother, Robert.

He will be greatly missed, and he was dearly loved.

## Death notices

**Gauthier, Paul R.**  
Died Aug. 9, 2025

**Larzazs-Supczak, Lori**  
Died Aug. 11, 2025

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## Lori Larzazs-Supczak, 63

WARE – Lori Larzazs-Supczak, 63, of Ware, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, Aug. 11, 2025, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born in Ware, daughter of George Larzazs and Mary Ann Porter.

While attending Ware High School, Lori worked as a waitress at Crystal Springs Dairy Bar, then at Salem Cross Inn for several years. Lori was the office manager for the plumbing business owned by her father and brother Glenn, then moved on to work at Kanzaki Papers for many years.

She loved to travel and would often pick different destinations to meet up with different family members, including Florida, Vegas, Virginia Beach, and California. But Lori's favorite place since she was a little girl was Hampton Beach. As recently as last year, she

would spend a week there with family, especially her grandchildren, and anyone who wanted to join.



Lori leaves behind her mother, MaryAnn Boucher of Ormond Beach, Florida; her two daughters, Beth Garceau and Kara LeDoux; her grandchildren, Alexander, Riley, and AJ, who had special relationships with their MiMi, and by whom she will be greatly missed; her two sisters, MaryEllen Larzazs and Susan Boucher, both of Florida; her two brothers, Keith and Glenn Larzazs, both of Ware; as well as her many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Jesse Supczak; by her father, George Larzazs; by her brother, Michael Larzazs; and by her stepfather, Norman Boucher.

A special thank you to her best friend, Missy Wallace, who helped Lori during her time of need.

### ZBA from page 1

ties for review for a better understanding of what the property is seeking. The Zoning Board of Appeals has to deliberate and decide upon petitions for Zoning Variances and Administrative Appeals of decisions by the Building Inspector and the Planning Board in accordance with the Town Zoning Bylaws and the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A.

David Dufresne of the Board of Selectmen described the Zoning Board as an important board to the community because it gives people a chance to appeal. Board members have to be impartial and have to be familiar with the bylaws. The board believes Kondrat will be a good member of the ZBA and will keep an open mind.

The board moved forward to appoint Kondrat to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term. Kondrat will be sworn in soon.

The board would then discuss the possible appointment of Christopher Kopacko to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Kopacko expressed interest in getting involved as the Board explained the appeals process just as they did when talking to Kondrat.

The board decided to table the discussion and appointment until the next meeting as they want Kopacko to contact state ethics and check if there is a conflict of interest due to having a relative on another town board or commission.

### Conservation appointments

The board voted to appoint Sandra Camburn to the Conservation Commission for a one-year term. Camburn was not in attendance at the Selectmen's meeting, but the board did

receive a letter from the Conservation Commission Chairperson, Joyce Eichacker and it said the applicant did express interest in wanting to join conservation and did attend meetings and the commission explained the process and responsibilities of the role as a conservation commissioner.

Camburn was appointed as the Selectmen moved on to discuss the appointment of Gabrielle McKenna to the Conservation Commission for a one-year term. McKenna was in attendance and introduced herself to the board and feels she has a good understanding of the town's bylaws and responsibilities of being a conservation commissioner.

Dufresne spoke on the conservation commission and its importance to the Town. McKenna did say she plans to take courses to better understand conservation. Dufresne recalls taking courses and describes them as "eye opening" and encourages McKenna to learn as much as she can.

The board appointed McKenna to the Conservation Commission.

Fire Truck One discussion Fire Chief Adam Lavoie spoke to the Selectmen during a discussion of declaring Fire Truck One as surplus property and to authorize its sale through an auction. The truck is set to be replaced as the Fire Department is expecting a new truck.

Lavoie did some research on what to do with Fire Truck One and found an outlet that would help benefit the Town. There is a website called Garage that is an online marketplace used for buying and selling emergency vehicles, equipment and more.

The board shared the website on the screen for the record and to see what they have to offer.

"I think this is an excellent choice for the Town," Lavoie said.

The Garage website advertises nationally and is a third-party vendor. The old fire truck is listed on the website and an offer was made by one vendor to purchase the truck for \$60,000. Lavoie directed the board to view different pages on the website, including the one that lists the Warren fire truck.

Lavoie reminded the board that this process will not cost the town any money. The buyers pay for the shipping of the vehicle. For a testimonial, Lavoie had a video played by someone from the Auburn Fire Department, who explained the process of how Garage works and how it helps departments with emergency vehicles.

Lavoie believes it makes more sense for the town to declare the fire truck as surplus property prior to the new firetruck coming in. The buyer is based out of Louisiana and may have found a new use for the former Warren Fire Truck.

The board was pleased with what Lavoie had presented and declared the firetruck as surplus property. The board also voted to accept the offer from Franklin Parish to purchase the fire truck.

### Contract with GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc.

The Selectmen talked about entering into a contract with GZA for the Cutter Park Design Improvement Project. Town Administrator James Ferrera talked about getting six consultants expressing interest in doing this kind of design work.

The committee reviewed all the proposals and selected GZA to do redesign work for Cutter Park. Ferrera said their background in park work is superior. The company has

a niche in dealing with communities in central and western Massachusetts.

Ferrera wanted to bring this subject to the board for consideration and is being paid through CDBG funding. There will be public meeting and engagement with the public as part of the process to come up with the design of the improvement project for Cutter Park.

The board approved the contract with GZA.

### Elm Street property listing agent

The Board discussed the consideration of making Deborah Deschamps from Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Realty the official listing agent for the property of 38 Elm St. in Warren. This would be a six-month contract and Ferrera hopes to sell the property in that time frame. If they don't hear any interest in that time, the board can move in a different direction, such as auctioning the property.

Ferrera did inform the board that the property has to be listed with a real estate agent or broker for at least a year before it can be listed at auction. The Selectmen approved the contract with Deschamps.

### Follow up on Chair Lift inspection

The board revisited their discussion on the recent chair lift inspections at the Shepard Municipal Office. Ferrera did some research to find other vendors that could do the installment or repairs to the chair lifts. United Elevator reached out and mentioned that the business model has changed within the business where they are only selling and installing the lifts and no longer servicing.

The company is working on a price quote to present to Ferrera and see what the overall project cost would

be for the chair lift at the Shepard Building. To rip everything out and install the chair lift it would cost around \$92,000-\$93,000.

The building has to have access to the second floor as handicap accessibility is needed for the building. The board could wait until the Special Town Meeting and may request the purchase or the repair of a new chairlift.

### Overhead structure of Police Department

The board received a correspondence from Building Commissioner, Bill Cantell, and involves the condition of the overhead structure on the north side of the building that currently houses the police department (the old town hall).

The building commis-

sioner says the area of the structure has been compromised. Ferrera mentioned he reached out to Weston & Sampson to possibly do an analysis on the structure.

Dufresne wondered why it should be reviewed again when the town already hired an engineer to do the review. A while back, the town did spend money on the report. Veliz throughout the idea of the structure possibly being removed safely. The board also wants Ferrera to look for the report that has already been done.

The board will wait to get quotes from Ferrera and hear back from Weston & Sampson. Based off the correspondence, the building inspector thinks this structure project should be done as soon as possible.

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## Quabbin Days to be held Oct. 10-13

Celebrating the beauty and heritage of the Quabbin Region

**BELCHERTOWN** – This fall, the Friends of the Quabbin invite residents and visitors alike to discover the beauty, history, and importance of the Quabbin Reservoir during Quabbin Days (www.quabbindays.org), a celebration of the region's role as both a critical drinking water supply and one of New England's most scenic outdoor destinations.

Quabbin Days will be held the holiday weekend of Oct. 10-13.

Taking place in the Quabbin Region (www.quabbindays.org/quabbinregion), which is made up of the dozen towns in the Quabbin Watershed, Quabbin Days is a community-driven initiative designed to raise awareness about the Quabbin as the primary water source for 2.7 million Massachusetts residents, and a breathtaking landscape that offers world-class hiking, fishing, birdwatching, and photography opportunities.

"Most people don't realize that one of the most pristine and carefully protected water supplies in the country is also an incredible place to explore," said Ed Comeau of the Friends of the Quabbin. "Quabbin Days is about encouraging people to connect with this resource as a place of remarkable natural beauty and cultural history by exploring the Quabbin Trail(www.quabbindays.org/quabbintrail) that connects these towns."

Held during the peak

of fall foliage season, Oct. 10-13, Quabbin Days encourages towns, businesses, and organizations within the Quabbin Region to host events, walks, tours, and open houses that spotlight what this area has to offer.

Participation is informal and flexible: anyone can contribute an event, and visitors can plan their own adventures through www.QuabbinDays.org, which offers a growing calendar and interactive map of the region.

The Quabbin Reservoir, created in the 1930s, is one of the largest man-made public water supplies in the United States. Managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the reservoir and surrounding lands form a protected ecosystem that supports wildlife and clean water while offering miles of trails and stunning vistas.

Whether you're a hiker, angler, nature photographer, or history enthusiast, Quabbin Days is your invitation to rediscover, or discover for the first time, this extraordinary region.

To learn more, plan your visit, or submit an event, visit www.QuabbinDays.org.

### About Friends of the Quabbin

The Friends of the Quabbin is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the natural, cultural, and historical significance of the Quabbin Region. Through advocacy, education, and community partnerships, the organization works to protect the watershed and share its stories with future generations.

### Ware Conservation Commission LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 10th, 2025, at 6:30 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** by Sean Astle, 76 Beaver Road, Ware, MA to clear some vegetation on the north side of driveway due to safety concerns pulling in and out of driveway along with leveling out maintained lawn on the south side of driveway to widen driveway for safer entry and exit also. Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648. 08/28/2025

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS25C0131CA

In the matter of: **Joshua Arthur Berube CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

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

### Joshua Arthur Wood IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampshire Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/10/2025.**

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 11, 2025

**Mark S Ames**, Register of Probate 08/28/2025

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court 15 Atwood Drive Northampton, MA 01060 (413)586-8500 Docket No. HS25P0521EA

Estate of: **Lucille Mattison Date of Death: 06/01/2025 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Christine A. St. Laurent of Warren, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Christine A. St. Laurent of Warren, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain

a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. **You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/17/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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A **Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 18, 2025

**Mark S Ames**, Register of Probate 08/28/2025

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **PATRICIA A. SWISTAK to SPENCER SAVINGS BANK**, dated August 21, 2013 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 51404, Page 158 (the "Mortgage"), of which Mortgage the undersigned (the "Mortgagee") is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at the mortgaged premises located on or near 2186 Main Street, West Warren, Massachusetts (the "Premises"), all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:

"The land in Town of Warren, Village of West Warren, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

#### FIRST PARCEL

BEGINNING on the northerly line of Main Street in said West Warren at a corner of land now or formerly of Cornelius Mahoney;

Thence easterly on line of said street 50 feet to land now or formerly of The Thorndike Company;

Thence northerly by land now or formerly of said Company 127 feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Frank F. Marcy;

Thence westerly by land of said Marcy and land now or formerly of William Clark 50 feet to land of said Mahoney;

Thence by land of said Mahoney, southerly 127 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

#### SECOND PARCEL

BEGINNING on the northerly line of the Warren Cotton Mills at a point situated N. 79° 15' W., 42 feet from a stone point at the northeast corner of land of said Company;

Thence on line of land of said Company and other land of Lorraine T. Methote northerly 79° 15' W., 128.5 feet;

Thence by land of said Company N. 3° W., 104 feet to an iron pin;

Thence easterly by land now or formerly of Charles Guilette 85.5 feet;

Thence by land now or formerly of Jeremiah Sheehan southerly 160 feet, more or less to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to Peter F. Swistak and Sibyl T. Swistak by deed of Lorraine T. Methote dated July 20, 1960 recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 4136, Page 266, Peter F. Swistak having died on March 7, 2008. BSPC in Bk 42817 253"

The description of the Premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The Premises, together with all improvements encumbered by the Mortgage, are to be sold and conveyed subject to all leases, tenancies, occupancies, mortgages, restrictions, covenants, orders of conditions, easements, encroachments, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, federal and state tax liens, other liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances recorded prior to the Mortgage and/or otherwise having priority over the Mortgage, if there be any.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable deposit of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS is to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check and deed to be taken by purchaser within thirty (30) days of the sale at the offices of Seder & Chandler, LLP, 339 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, attorneys for the Mortgagee.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the adjourned sale.

In the event of the failure or inability of the purchaser to perform and to purchase the Premises in accordance herewith, the Mortgagee reserves the right (but is not obligated) to accept, subject to the Memorandum of Sale, the second highest bid for the Premises, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons. In the event that the Mortgagee offers the Premises to the second highest bidder and such person declines either to purchase the Premises at the second highest

bid price or to sign the Memorandum of Sale, then the Mortgagee may elect (but is not obligated) to exercise the rights of the second highest bidder under this paragraph and to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons.

Other terms to be announced at the time and place of sale.

CORNERSTONE BANK f/k/a SPENCER SAVINGS BANK Present holder of said Mortgage

Jennifer L. Conrad, Esq. SEDER & CHANDLER, LLP 339 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 757-7721 Attorneys for the Mortgagee

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### TOWN OF HARDWICK BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 31, the Hardwick Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 6:45 P.M.** at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on proposed Regulations Prohibiting Smoking in Workplaces and Other Public Places. These regulations are intended to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke in Hardwick and to better protect the public health of its residents.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend. Copies of the proposed regulations may be requested at Town Hall or by emailing boh@hardwick-ma.gov. 08/21, 08/28/2025

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**Applicants:** To be considered for this vacancy, please submit a cover letter and resume by no later than **4 pm on Thursday September 4th, 2025.** Resumes will be accepted via email to Jeremy Olson at olson@warren-ma.gov, or dropped off to: Town of Warren Highway Dept., 87 Brimfield Rd, Warren, MA 01083 or mailed to Warren Highway Department, P.O. Box 628, Warren, MA 01083.

For a complete job description please visit the Town's website [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov)

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